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HEADMASTER'S NOTES

One of the problems in writing these notes is the knowledge that by the time they are published what has been written may be out of date. At the time of writing the future of the School is still uncertain. The notices have been published, objections have been made and commented on by the Education Authority and the decision of the Secretary of State for Education and Science is awaited. Until he gives his approval the proposals for re-organisation cannot be implemented. The date for re-organisation, 1982, is in jeopardy in any case from the Government's cuts in public expenditure. So the saga of uncertainty about the School's future continues. What is clear is that whatever form the School is to have in the years ahead one of the principal concerns of all involved in it will be the maintenance of academic standards.

It always seems of great significance to me that two of the greatest rulers in medieval Europe, Charlemagne and Alfred the Great, were intensely interested in learning and scholarship. They founded schools, they attracted scholars to their courts and Alfred translated major Latin works into English. The profound achievement of each ruler was to transform a barbarian state into a great kingdom. Although Charlemagne himself could never master the art of writing, he and Alfred each believed that without a respect for intellectual achievement a kingdom could be neither civilised nor strong.

To be concerned with academic standards is to be concerned with intellectual honesty, with truth. Ultimately man's freedom from tyranny depends on this. The totalitarian states of modern times have depended on the dissemination of propaganda and lies and the suppression of truth. Among the first to seek exile from the Nazis were scholars. We may not face the threat of total state control, in the immediate future at any rate, but there are hosts of petty tyrants around eager to exploit ignorance and the fear and vulnerability that are its product. The unscrupulous politician, the media men, the advertiser and the salesman, the person with vested interests, all threaten the undiscerning and those unable to distinguish between the true and the false.

A rigorous academic training will develop enquiring and critical minds. It will teach people to think clearly and distinguish between the honest and dishonest statement, claim or argument; and it will enable them to perceive the false assumption or the erroneous deduction. Intellectual honesty is essential to the survival of civilisation. That is why every school, whatever its form, has an absolute responsibility to be concerned with academic standards.

A.R.D.W.

STAFF NOTES

"And so, from hour to hour we ripe and ripe,
.....

And thereby hangs a tale."

At the beginning of the academic year, two of our part-time teachers - Miss Watkins, who had taken over from Mrs. Mitchell in March 1978, and

Mrs. Simmonds - were replaced by a full-time resident master, Mr. William Franklin. He made quite an impact upon us in his short time here: by his lively support of theatre trips and the Sixth Form Discussion Group; by his enthusiastic games play and his jogging - involving at least one rather less youthful colleague; and, perhaps most of all, by the House Play competition, which he inaugurated. Dorset, however, obviously proved too dull for him and, after his one year here, he decided to travel further afield - to Libya, in fact. He will not, though, be completely severed from things Shastonian; we learn from the Daily Telegraph that he and Fiona Sheridan, from the High School, are engaged to be married. We wish them both well.

It was confidently intended that this magazine would include an account of how we thrashed Ashmore at cricket, but things did not turn out quite as planned. Our batting let us down against a combined U15 and Fifth Form team, too. Come to think of it, our attempt to give the boys a drubbing at squash was not entirely successful, either. In fact our sporting reputation was saved only by our rugby players - brave men! - who convincingly defeated the U15's. It has been disrespectfully hinted that it is high time several of us turned to more gentle pursuits and perhaps the Mikado's enthusiasm for fishing is one we could imitate.

That eponymous gentleman could be heard in full voice on the Arts Club Theatre stage earlier in the year. Quite a number of us were involved in that highly successful joint production, not only well-known Thespians like G.J.H. but also G. and S. novices like our delightful Sophie. W.F. and A.R. were positively petrifying, as the H.M.'s guards and we must be grateful that they were not allowed to join in the actual singing. P.D.J. and H.L. looked convincingly noble in the men's chorus, whilst an elegantly dressed B.G.B. successfully moved his baton in time to the singing. Backstage, P.J.R. superintended the make-up chaos. Needless to say we all enjoyed ourselves and staff meetings ever since have been enriched by appropriate Gilbertian quotations.

In July we sadly said goodbye to Mr. Ballam, Mr. Franklin and Sophie. We shall miss that exquisite uncertainty of not knowing exactly how many verses the Assembly hymn contained; the older ones among us can relax slightly now that the example of W.F.'s energy is no longer reproachfully before us; and none of us will forget Sophie's charming French smile and remarkable command of English.

P.J.R.

BOARDING HOUSE NOTES

The Christmas Term began with a number of changes. The system of 'late prep', whereby there was a break between 8.50 p.m. and 9.00 p.m. and then half-an-hour of prep until 9.30, was abolished because of its inefficiency and was replaced by the 'House prefect' system, whereby prep was continued to 9.20 p.m. without a break, allowing twenty-five minutes of free time until 9.45 p.m. for fifth and lower sixth formers. The new system was very successful in comparison to the old one.

Mr. Franklin joined us at the beginning of the Christmas Term to replace the 'just-married' Mr. Jacques, who had left the boarding house to go and live next to 'The Old Two Brewers', becoming a day master. Mr. Franklin introduced the brilliantly successful inter-house drama competition, and although there was not much in the way of drama, the plays were enjoyed by all.

The Matron, Miss Barnish, after her second stay with us, left at the beginning of half-term. Miss Haines became the Matron, and we welcomed Mrs. Mears to the School, and she has proved to be an excellent assistant to the Matron.

Mr. Webber and R. Andrews rejoined us at the beginning of the term, the former having been in hospital throughout most of the summer holidays, after being involved in a serious car crash.

Soon after arriving back at School after the Easter holidays, the fifth and sixth forms were plunged into the traumas of trial 'O' and 'A' level exams. As had been the case in the previous year, heavy snowfalls and icy conditions were the cause of some disruption to School life, though not quite to such an extent as in 1978. School football matches were decimated in the first half of the term because of this weather, though as the weather improved in the latter half of the term, there were matches most Wednesdays and Saturdays.

The term closed with an excellent 'inter-School' production of Gilbert and Sullivan's 'The Mikado'. The main parts, with the exception of Nanki Poo, were taken by the staff of the three schools. The girls' chorus consisted mainly of High School girls with two girls from Christy's School and the French assistante. The men's chorus, with Mr. Jacques and Mr. Lipscombe, consisted of Grammar School boys. The play, produced by Mr. Brooks and Mr. Wickson, was staged at the Shaftesbury Arts Centre, and was so successful that it attracted a capacity crowd every night. As was said of 'Wild Oats' last year, although the play was well produced and was successful - the Shaftesbury equivalent of a Hollywood epic - it has lost 'Ye Olde Schoole Playe' feeling; a deficiency accentuated by the fact that members of the schools had to pay to see the dress rehearsal!

The Summer Term, for the fifth and sixth formers, was dominated by the 'O' and 'A' level exams and the prolonged revision they involved. For the juniors the first half of the term could only be called disappointing because of the continual bad weather. In the second half of the term, just after most of the 'O' and 'A' levels had finished, as the amount of good weather increased, so did the 'frivolities' associated with the summer term. At the end of the term we said goodbye to Mr. Franklin, who has left after only one year to go and work in Libya.

A. Robertson.

SALVETE ET VALETE

AUTUMN TERM, 1978

Prefects: M.D. Cook (Head Boy); A. Robertson (Senior Boarder);
L.R.K. Rickard; R.P. Lodge.

Sub-Prefects: C.D. Chapman; A.J.R. Johnson; J.P. Larcombe;
P.S.N. May; G.R. Moore; N.J. Seymour.

Salvete

<u>Corinthians</u>	<u>Romans</u>	<u>Spartans</u>	<u>Trojans</u>
P. Angell	C. Kirby-Williams	P. Alford	M. Briggs
S. Conway	R. Avery	N. Bidgood	G. Cooper
R. Fell	S. Avery	S. Hussey	P. Edwards
R. Gulliver	W. Blamey	S. Jeffery	P. Henstridge
D. Hill	K. Eaglestone	P. Johnson	K. Kirk
Q. Hill	C. Findlay-Wilson	R. Kerley	P. Leighton
M. Laing	M. Foster	P. King	G. Munday
J. Leach	W. Gay	A. Miller	S. Pitkin
I. Palmer	B. Gray	D. Parkinson	M. Ritchie
P. Steele	A. Joynson	J. Perry	S. Stickley
K. Thomas	W. Lofthouse	R. Sargent	R. Wilson
S. Thomas	I. Osborne		
	O. Spencer		

House Captains

A.R. Johnson	M. Waterson	A. Gill	A. Robertson
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Valete

J.H.J. Penny	U.VI Sc.	Entered Term III 1975.	"0" Level 1976.
		"A" Level 1978.	
C. Kirby-Williams	L.VI Sc.	Entered Term III 1978.	Rugby 1978.
		House Colours.	
D. Bone	L.VI Gen.	Entered Term III 1973.	"0" Level 1978.
M.C. Johnson	L.VI Sc.	Entered Term III 1973.	"0" Level 1978.
J.R. Rendle	II R.	Entered Term III 1977.	
P.E.J. Dowdall	II F.	Entered Term III 1977.	

SPRING TERM 1979

Salvete

M.P.F. Banting (Trojans); N. Greenhall (Corinthians)

Valete

M.A. de Nett	V B.	Entered Term III 1976.
M.A. Gregory	IV B.	Entered Term III 1977.
N. Woodcock	IV A.	Entered Term III 1978

SUMMER TERM 1979

Salvete

J. Cater (Romans); K. Fogg (Spartans); W.J.D. Woodrow (Corinthians)

Valete

M.G. Armstrong	U.VI Sc.	Entered Term III 1972.	'0' Level 1977.
		'A' Level 1979.	
C.D. Chapman	U.VI Arts	Entered Term III 1974.	'0' Level 1977.
		'A' Level 1979. Rugby 1979. Sub-Prefect.	
M.D. Cook	U.VI Sc.	Entered Term III 1973.	'0' Level 1977.
		'A' Level 1979. Rugby 1978. House Colours. Head Boy.	
M.J. Findlay-Wilson	U.VI Sc.	Entered Term III 1974.	'0' Level 1977.
		'A' Level 1979.	

A.J. Gill	U.VI Arts	Entered Term III 1972. 'O' Level 1977. 'A' Level 1979. Soccer 1978, 1979. Cricket 1977, 1978, 1979. Cricket Cap. Rugby 1978, 1979. House Captain (Spartans). House Colours.
S.J. Howarth	U.VI Arts	Entered Term III 1972. 'O' Level 1977. 'A' Level 1979.
A.J.R. Johnson	U.VI Sc.	Entered Term III 1972. 'O' Level 1977. 'A' Level 1979. Soccer 1978, 1979. Cricket 1978, 1979. House Captain (Corinthians). House Colours. Sub-Prefect.
J.P. Larcombe	U.VI Sc.	Entered Term III 1972. 'O' Level 1977. 'A' Level 1979. Sub-Prefect. Head Librarian.
D.J. Lawson	U.VI Arts	Entered Term III 1974. 'O' Level 1977. 'A' Level 1979.
R.P. Lodge	U.VI Arts	Entered Term III 1972. 'O' Level 1977. 'A' Level 1979. Prefect.
P.S.N. May	U.VI Sc.	Entered Term III 1975. 'O' Level 1977. 'A' Level 1979. Sub-Prefect.
T.D. McLeod	U.VI Arts	Entered Term III 1975. 'O' Level 1977. 'A' Level 1979.
G.R. Moore	U.VI Sc.	Entered Term III 1974. 'O' Level 1977. 'A' Level 1979. Cricket 1978, 1979. Rugby 1978, 1979. Rugby Captain 1979. House Colours. Sub-Prefect.
L.R.K. Rickard	U.VI Sc.	Entered Term III 1972. 'O' Level 1977. 'A' Level 1979. Soccer 1978, 1979. Cricket 1978, 1979. Rugby 1979. House Colours. Prefect.
A. Robertson	U.VI Arts	Entered Term III 1972. 'O' Level 1977. 'A' Level 1979. Soccer 1978, 1979. Rugby 1978, 1979. House Captain (Trojans). House Colours. Head Boarder.
N.J. Seymour	U.VI Sc.	Entered Term III 1972. 'O' Level 1977. 'A' Level 1979. Sub-Prefect.
A.S.S. Walby	U.VI Sc.	Entered Term III 1972. 'O' Level 1977. 'A' Level 1979.
C.J. Craig-McFeely	L.VI Sc.	Entered Term III 1975. 'O' Level 1978.
R. Gulliver	L.VI Arts	Entered Term III 1978. 'A' Level 1979.
S.D. Jackson	L.VI Sc.	Entered Term I 1976. 'O' Level 1978.
A. Joynson	L.VI Gen.	Entered Term III 1978.
N.A. Poulton	L.VI Gen.	Entered Term III 1977. 'O' Level 1978. Soccer 1978. Rugby 1979. House Colours.
P.J. Rennie	L.VI Gen.	Entered Term II 1976. 'O' Level 1978.
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R.B. Andrews	V B	Entered Term III 1974. 'O' Level 1979.
S.R. Barnes	V A	Entered Term III 1974. 'O' Level 1979.
P. Dowell	V A	Entered Term II 1977. 'O' Level 1979.
I.R. Green	V A	Entered Term IEL 1974. 'O' Level 1979.
M. Greenland	V B	Entered Term III 1976. 'O' Level 1979.

C.E. Hall	V A	Entered Term III 1974.	'0' Level 1979.
A.M. Hiscock	V B	Entered Term III 1974.	'0' Level 1979.
A. Jennings	V A	Entered Term III 1976.	'0' Level 1979.
P. Roberts	V B	Entered Term III 1974.	'0' Level 1979.
G.M. Somers	V B	Entered Term III 1974.	'0' Level 1979.
M. Chapman	III B	Entered Term III 1976.	
M. Jennings	II F	Entered Term III 1976.	

G.C.E. RESULTS

NOVEMBER 1978

ORDINARY LEVEL (Grade A, B or C)

The following boys added subjects to Certificates already gained:
P.A.B. CALCOTT: p; b. R.J. CULLEN: el; b. S.D. JACKSON: el. M.C. JOHNSON: el; g. A.H. JOYNSON: b. M. MANSBRIDGE: m. C.N. TAYLOR: h.

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JUNE 1979

ADVANCED LEVEL (Small letters indicate 0 Level passes)

M.G. ARMSTRONG: PM; PMS; AM; P; PS; C. C.D. CHAPMAN: E; B; gp.
M.D. COOK: M; B; gp. M.J. FINDLAY-WILSON: M; c; B; gp. A.J. GILL: gp.
R.S. GULLIVER: SP. S.J. HOWARTH: E; H; M; gp. A.J.R. JOHNSON: E; h; M; gp. J.P. LARCOMBE: M; B. D.J. LAWSON: e; m; gp. R.P. LODGE: E; H; G; gp. P.S.N. MAY: G; M; P; gp. T.D. McLEOD: H; HS; F; gn; gp.
G.R. MOORE: M; P; C. L.R.K. RICKARD: PM; AM; P; gp. A. ROBERTSON: H; G; m; gp. N.J. SEYMOUR: M; C; B; gp. A.S.S. WALBY: G; B; gp.

A. LEVEL RETAKE. O.M. BROCKWAY: P.

AO LEVEL (grade A, B or C)

M.C. BAKER: adm. D.V.E. BLAKE: adm. A.B. BURD: fes; adm; adc.
I.C. CUNNINGHAM: fes; ffs; adm; adc. S.D. JACKSON: fes. T. JOHNSON: fes. A.R. LEACH: fes; adm; adc. D.J. LOCKE: fes; adm. M. MANSBRIDGE: fes. D.B. RABBITTS: adm. J.E. RANKIN: fes. C.C. WYATT: adm; adc.

ORDINARY LEVEL (grade A, B or C)

M.D. ALLEN: el; elit; h; g. R.B. ANDREWS: el; elit; m. M.A. ARMSTRONG: el; elit; h; g; f; c; b. R.A. BALDOCK: c. S.R. BARNES: el; elit; h; g; f; p; c; b. N.J. BASFORD: elit; h; m. M.A. BLACKHAM: el; elit; h; l; f. J.R.J. BLAKE: el; elit; rs; h; g; f; c; b. P.J.S. BULLEN: el; elit; h; g; m; p; c; b. D.P. CLEWS: el; elit; h; g; f; gn; p. c. B.H. DENCHFIELD: el; elit; h; g; f; gn; p. c. P. DOWELL: el; elit; h; g; m; p; c. J.D.H. GRASBY: el; elit; h; g; m; b. I.R. GREEN: el; elit; h; g; p; c; b. M. GREENLAND: elit. C.A. GRIFFITHS: el; elit; f. C.E. HALL: el; elit; h; g; b; ps. A.C. HARRIS: el; elit; h; m. A.M. HISCOCK:

el; elit; h; m. F.J. HOPKINS: el; elit; h; l; f; p; c; mus. A.D. JENNINGS: el; elit; h; g; f; p; b. S.D. JACKSON: a; gmd. A.L. KEATING: el; elit; f. S.J. KELSON: el; elit; g; m; b; a. T.A. KITCHING: el; elit; h; f; p; c. M.J. LANHAM: el; elit; h; g; m; p; c; b. I.J. LISHMAN: el; elit; h; f; m. D.J. LOCKE: gmd. M.J. LOCKE: el; elit; h; g. J. MACASSEY: el; elit; m. D.J. MARSH: el; elit; h; m. b. M. MILES: el; elit; g. C.I. NORMAN: el; elit; h; f. D.B. RABBETTS: a; gmd. P.J. RENNIE: g. C.A. ROBERTS: el; elit; h; g; f. P.D. ROBERTS: elit; h; g. m. G.R. RUSSELL: el; elit; h; g; f; b. M.A. RUTTER: el; elit; h; f; p; c; mus. M. RUTTER: el; elit; h; g; f; p; c; b. G.T. SOMERS: el; elit; h; g; b; ps; a. C.T. SQUIRE: el; elit; h; g; f. P.E. THICK: el; elit; h; f; b. L.F. VAUGHAN: el; elit; h; g; b. S.J. WAGSTAFF: el; elit; f; g; i; m. D. WINCKLE: el; elit; h; g; m; b.

KEY: "A" Level subjects

AM Applied Maths; B Biology; C Chemistry; E English; F French; G Geography; GN German; H History; L Latin; M Maths; PM Pure Maths; SP Spanish; S Special Paper.

"AO" and "O" Level subjects

adc Additional Chemistry; adm Additional Maths; a Art; b Biology; c Chemistry; el English Language; elit English Literature; f French; ffs Further French Studies; fes Further English Studies; g Geography; gn German; gmd Geometrical and Mechanical Drawing; gp General Paper; h History; hb Human Biology; i Italian; l Latin; m Mathematics; mus Music; p Physics; ps Physical Science; rs Religious Studies.

SPEECH AND DRAMA EXAMINATION

1979

<u>GRADE ONE:</u>	P.J. Angell, <u>Pass</u> ; C. Findlay-Wilson, <u>Pass</u> ; Q.W. Hill, <u>Pass</u> ; S.D. Hussey, <u>Distinction</u> ; K. Kirk, <u>Pass</u> ; P.D. Leighton, <u>Merit</u> ; P.J. Steele, <u>Pass</u> ; S.C. Thomas, <u>Pass</u> .
<u>GRADE TWO:</u>	D.M. Burd, <u>Pass</u> ; S.J. Humberstone, <u>Merit</u> ; G.N. Shaw, <u>Merit</u> ; J.A. Wrench, <u>Pass</u> .
<u>GRADE THREE:</u>	M.B. Freemantle, <u>Pass</u> ; A.S. Jones, <u>Pass</u> .

PRIZE GIVING. 1979

Prize Giving was held on the evening of Thursday, 8th March, in the School Hall. The Chairman of Governors, Mr. H.F.W. Holmes, T.D., M.A., presided. After commenting briefly on the movement towards comprehensive education in Shaftesbury, particularly the change in School status from Voluntary Aided to Voluntary Controlled, Mr. Holmes welcomed the chief guest, General Sir Hugh Beach, K.C.B., O.B.E., M.C., and then invited the Headmaster to give his resumé of the school year.

Mr. Wickson first also welcomed Sir Hugh Beach, stressing the close links between the School and the armed services. He went on to describe the present strength of the boarding house and his confidence

that boarding would still flourish even after re-organisation. He was glad to say that the Senior Boarding Master, Mr. Webber, - despite the severity of his accident - had been able to return at the beginning of the school year, after spending almost all the summer holiday in hospital.

The Headmaster went on to describe recent and forthcoming changes in teaching staff - commented on elsewhere in this magazine - and in the boarding house.

G.C.E. "O" Level results had again been good and Mr. Wickson stressed the School's commitment to traditional maths. The fourth and fifth form curriculum had been broadened by the introduction of a new subject, Economic and Public Affairs, and by the opportunity for more boys to take "O" Level Art. Christmas examinations for forms one to four were another innovation, intended to familiarize candidates with examination techniques, particularly the writing of good, clear, continuous prose.

"A" Level results had been pleasing, with a high percentage of A and B grades. Although no Oxbridge places had been obtained, many of the previous year's Upper Sixth had been accepted at university and several at polytechnics.

Mr. Wickson then briefly dealt with proposed changes in the national examination system; he felt that there was little support for N. and F., suggested replacements for "A" Level, but that the recently proposed Common Examination at 16-plus presented a more serious threat to academic excellence.

On the games field, fortunes had fluctuated, as was perhaps inevitable in a small school. Other out-of-school activities had been well supported, such as the Brionne visits and the Sixth Form canal holiday. Co-operation with the other Shaftesbury secondary schools continued to be enjoyed and the fruits of this would be seen in the joint performance of "The Mikado" at the end of term.

Finally, the Headmaster believed that, although Voluntary Aided status had been lost - to many people's regret -, re-organisation would not mean a destruction of Shaftesbury Grammar School but an enlargement and shift of emphasis. Its essential values would remain. Morale amongst staff and boys remained high and all were determined that it should continue to be so in what could be a difficult future.

After presenting the prizes, General Sir Hugh Beach, in a witty and anecdotal speech, talked about the military life and the way it shapes the individual. It was not right, he claimed, to suggest that the Forces bred mindless subordinates and elitist commanders. On the contrary, although the Services could be justifiably described as hierarchical and paternalistic, men and women learned within this unique structure the importance of discipline, self-respect, trust and loyalty - and thus were better equipped to serve society as a whole.

After a vote of thanks to Sir Hugh by the Head Boy the evening's proceedings came to an end.

P. J. R.

PRIZE-WINNERS 1977-78

FORM PRIZES

IA	R.L. Fawn, M.A. Cole
IB	G. Shaw, J.A. Pickard
IIA	S. Griffiths
IIIA	R. Fressanges, S.C. Pratley
IIIB	R. Letts, R.A. Juett
IVA	M. Blackham, M. Rutter
IVB	P. Bullen
VA	I. Cunningham
VB	D. Foster, A. Stevens
VI Arts	R. Foster
VI Science	D. Manley

SPECIAL PRIZES

Headmaster's Prize	J. Romanillos
Divinity Prize	Not Awarded
Old Shastonian Mathematics Prize	M. Casemore
Old Shastonian Science Prize	A. Rutt
Old Shastonian History Prize	D. Hewison
Macklin English Prize	C. Baldwin
Nicolson Engineering Prize	M. Casemore
Parents' Association Languages Prize	J. Romanillos
Parents' Association Geography Prize	D. Andrews
Parents' Association	D. Blake, A. Burd,
Fifth Form Arts Prize	G. Saunders
Kathleen Steadman	I. Cunningham,
Fifth Form Science Prize	C. Wyatt, D. Locke,
	A. Leach, S. Kilburn
Music Prize	C. Wyatt
Art Prize	C. Baldwin
University Prize	G. Bingham

CUPS AND SHIELD, 1978-79

Minchin Inter-House Cricket Trophy	Spartans
Johnson Batting Cup	P.A.B. Calcott
Genge Fielding Cup	A.J. Gill
Windebank Bowling Cup	C. Griffiths
Daniel Under-14 Cricket Cup	S. Griffiths
Ramshaw Rugby Cup	G.R. Moore
Overington Inter-House Rugby 7-a-side	Spartans
Roussell Football Cup	R.J. Cullen
Watmough Inter-House Football	Spartans
Spry Squash Cup	Trojans
Scalbert Junior Squash Cup	S. Griffiths
Hallett Swimming Cup	Trojans
Sportsman's Cup	A.J. Gill
Drew Cross Country Cup	A. Rutter
Davis 1500m. Cup	A. Rutter
Senior Champion Athlete	A. Rutter & A. Robertson

Intermediate Champion Athlete	M. Robertson
Junior Champion Athlete	G. Shaw
Cole Athletics Cup	Trojans
Veale Cup for Athletics Standards	Corinthians
Rodgers House Tennis Cup	Trojans
Dennis Tennis Cup	C. Griffiths
Johnstone Cup for Outstanding Sporting Achievement	M. Robertson
Tovey House Shield	Spartans

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE ENTRANCES, 1979

M. Armstrong	University College, London	Electronics
S. Howarth	York University	Economics
R. Lodge	Bristol University	Theology
T. McLeod	Warwick University	Languages
G. Moore	Royal Holloway College, London	Chemistry
A. Robertson	York University	Economics
C. Baldwin	University of Kent	English & Drama
N. Seymour	University of Salford	Computer Science

CHAPEL

Among the lessons that I have learnt as Lay Chaplain is the vital importance of team work. The success of this year's ministry has arisen entirely out of the co-operation I have received from many people. It is difficult to quantify the success of any one year, but there are some boys whose lives have been given a new direction, there are boys who honestly say that they have enjoyed services of worship (even though attendance is compulsory), and there are about sixty boys who are involved directly in services and the weekday groups.

My thanks are offered to the Chapel Committee, on whom much of the routine administrative work rests. They also lead a Sunday service once a term. This year the Committee has been D. Locke (Head Sacristan), C. Yeatman (Deputy Sacristan), M. Waterson (Head Sidesman), A. Burd (Head Server) and J. Blake (Deputy Server). M. de Nett, who left in February, was the Deputy Sidesman, and was succeeded by N. Basford.

The Schools Service Committee had a busy year and worked well together and led some fine services. G. Moore, N. Seymour, P. Calcott and D. Locke served on this Committee in addition to four senior girls of the High School.

I am grateful to the clergy and laymen who have preached at the Schools Services this academic year:

Sept. 17th	"Christian Leadership"	The Headmaster
Oct. 8th	Harvest Thanksgiving	Brother Barry Alban, S.S.F.
Nov. 12th	Remembrance Sunday	Revd. R.J.W. Morris
Dec. 17th	Christmastide Service	Revd. Canon I.G.D. Dunlop
Jan. 21st	"Christian Unity"	Revd. J. Younger
Mar. 4th	"The Generation Gap"	The Headmaster
Apr. 1st	Easter tide Service	Mr. C. George
May 6th	"Joy"	The Headmaster
June 17th	"The Call of God"	Brother Geoffrey, S.S.F.
July 8th	Old Shastonian Service	Revd. P.G. Vamplew

The weekday groups have continued to meet and both the study and worship have proved valuable and instructive. Of those who have helped in specific roles, I thank R. Lodge, C. Wyatt, M. Blackham, A. Selwood and M. Robinson.

After one false start, a joint Grammar and High School Fellowship has now been established for pupils in fourth forms and upwards. The group meets fortnightly with the main emphasis on worship and Christian joy.

The service of Confirmation took place in the School Chapel on Sunday, 20th May. It was conducted by the Rt. Revd. G. Tiarks, formerly Bishop of Maidstone and Senior Chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury. Six boys in School were presented for confirmation.

Grateful thanks are offered to staff wives and parents who have worked to keep the Chapel finely graced with flowers.

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

A termly Communion service for the whole School has now become an established part of the worship of the Chapel. In addition to the joint Carol Service, four Upper Sixth Formers prepared a service including non-biblical readings and a modern calypso carol for the staff and boys of School held in the Chapel on Thursday, 14th December.

No Christian ministry is ever finished and it will be through the loyalty and support of members of the School that the foundations already laid will be built upon in the service of God.

W.T.R.

S.G.S. CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Since I wrote my last article for this magazine, the Christian Fellowship has enjoyed a most exciting year. So much so, that at first it seems difficult to know where to begin. Much has been achieved, and many important lessons have been learnt.

The year began with a fairly quiet September while everybody was adjusting to the resumption of school life. During October we received a visit from a friend from a local church, who told us that he had a strong feeling that we were on the verge of a great work. At the time, with a somewhat scanty membership, some of us did feel a little doubtful. However, despite our lack of faith, within a week or two, attendance at meetings grew rapidly, as did apparent sincerity. Meetings became large enough almost to fill Mr. Ridding's study to overflowing point. The response came mainly from the lower school, and, while I do not intend to drop names, there were some pleasant surprises. Since then the Parable of the Sower has worked out in practice in the group, and attendance became more patchy as spring approached. The Summer Term, however, has seen a further unexpected response; this time from the upper school, where new faith has been found in a most wonderful way, and there is the potential for much more.

A new move during the year has been the establishing of links with missionaries working overseas. Mr. Ridding regularly shares news of his parents' work in Malaysia, and we also hear from John and Jane Moure,

who visited the School last November on behalf of the Wycliffe Bible Translators, and who are now working among the people of the Ivory Coast.

During the Christmas holidays we recognised a need for a few changes of emphasis in some of the meetings, and we opened 1979 with a fresh presentation of the Fellowship.

The Tuesday Bible Study became the Tuesday Fellowship, which we thought would imply the additional worship that was needed. A passage from the Bible is still read and studied in detail as our main teaching session. While open group prayer is a very important aspect of worship, we felt that we needed some formal prayer and intercession led by the speaker, although this is often set aside for small gatherings.

The Thursday Evening Worship became the Thursday "Prayer & Praise" and now provides less teaching and more worship. It is still our main outreach meeting, and a Bible passage is usually chosen with this in mind.

Our Friday Fellowship is now called "Koinonia" (the Greek word for fellowship). As before, this is a time of worship and an opportunity to share the joys and the difficulties that we meet in our Christian lives. The Sunday Prayer Fellowship has also remained unchanged during the year.

An entirely new group was formed to serve those day boys who find it difficult to attend any of the meetings held after school. This is the "Come Together" group which meets in the Chapel to explore the Christian faith through worship, discussion and reading the Bible. Being the only person available to run this group, I have been able to learn many lessons in group leadership, including the need for prayerful preparation as a background to the whole meeting, and not just the 'sermon'.

Christian fellowship with the High School has been achieved on a regular basis, although certain difficulties with conflicting activities caused a brief suspension of the meetings just before Easter. Better response on both sides might have prevented this, but despite a slow start, a change of emphasis from study to worship has presented the prospect of better patronised and more successful meetings.

In addition to the wide range of meetings during term time, local day boys continue to meet at Mr. Ridding's home on most Thursdays during the holidays for a conference on some aspect of the Christian Faith. Enmore Green has also been the venue for a number of successful Sunday afternoon conferences during term-time.

Finally, Chris Wyatt and I would like to thank Mr. Ridding once again for the privilege of being able to help with the organisation and ministry of the Christian Fellowship. I have found this work a valuable experience; an experience which has helped me to recognise a call to the ordained ministry. Most of all, I have enjoyed the personal side of the ministry, and seeing the joy and happiness of people coming to know Jesus Christ as a living saviour in their lives. God has blessed the Fellowship gloriously in the last year, and I shall be sorry to leave it this summer because I believe that He wants to bless it again in the next. Let us pray that they will let Him.

R.P. Lodge.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

This year has been another busy one for the Association, with several functions taking place.

In October we held our Annual General Meeting followed by a very appetising Cheese & Wine Buffet party where parents were able to mix socially. At the A.G.M. it was unanimously decided that subscriptions to the Parents' Association be discontinued; thus all parents automatically become members of the Parents' Association and are most welcome at all our functions.

We were very grateful to Mr. Bill Norman, one of our parents and a teacher at Bryanston, who during the Spring Term - at the second attempt, because of snow - came to give us a talk and slides on his 'Travels in Nepal'. This we all found most interesting and were able to continue discussion over coffee and biscuits afterwards.

The main social event of the year took place in April when we held our Annual Spring Supper Dance. This was a most enjoyable evening, and especially appreciated was the excellent meal served by members of the committee before the dancing started.

In July we were asked by the Old Boys' Association to arrange a games and social evening after the Old Boys v. School cricket match. This was attended by Old Boys, parents and staff, who engaged in games ranging from netball to darts, energy being supplied by a Ploughman's Supper and plenty of cider!

During the year there has been much speculation about the future of the schools in Shaftesbury and in June we were asked to hold an Extraordinary General Meeting to discuss the future of the Grammar School in the light of the newly elected Conservative Government's policies on education. This proved to be a very informative meeting and resulted in an independent action group being formed.

Our fund-raising activities during the year have resulted in over £200 being raised - the profit of two jumble sales held in the Spring and Summer Terms and the profit from the Spring Dance. Because of the success and profitability of the sponsored walk last year it was felt this year we could restrain our fund-raising activities, yet we have been able to present several gifts to the school. The most advantageous of these has been the termly calendar of School events which we hope has helped the parents as well as the boys to keep in touch with events at School. We have also presented the School with a cup for cross country running, volley ball equipment, cricket balls, rugger and soccer shirts, art equipment, £25 for Vth Form Arts Prizes on Speech Day and a video cassette recorder plus accessories. It was possible to purchase the last item mainly because of the success over the years of the secondhand clothes shop. This provides a valuable service for parents and boys and a considerable profit for the School and is run by the Parents' Association.

Once again we organised a Coffee Morning on July 7th for new boys who would be joining the School in September and their parents. This gives everyone a chance to see round the School and meet the staff, some of the boys and other parents. We were very pleased to see so many people on this occasion.

Thank you all for your support during the past year and we look forward to welcoming new parents and organising some interesting functions in the future.

Anita Squire.
Hon. Secretary.

MUSIC NOTES

As usual a variety of musical events took place this year. In the Autumn Term, we joined forces with the High School for the annual carol services. The choirs sang well and the senior Grammar School gentlemen added much to the volume of the congregational items.

Music in the Spring Term was highlighted by the performance of the "Mikado", which proved a great success, with a full house for every show. It was greatly enjoyed both by those taking part and, we hope, those in the audience.

It seems that most people interested in music in the School are also avid cricketers and so in the Summer Term music tended to take a back seat. However, we did see the first ever concert of the newly formed "Shaftesbury Youth Orchestra" and a small choir sang at a wedding.

On a final note, Mr. Ballam left us at the end of the academic year. We are sorry to see him go and we wish him a happy retirement.

The following boys were successful in their A.B. examinations, all obtaining Pass level:

Piano: J. Dodson (Grade 1), S. Bradley (Grade 1), M. Foster (Grade 3), J. Pickard (Grade 3), K. Eaglestone (Grade 4), P. Field (Grade 4), P. Kitching (Grade 4), T. Kitching (Grade 5).

Violin: K. Eaglestone (Grade 3), P. Field (Grade 4), F. Hopkins (Grade 5), A. Rutter (Grade 5).

Oboe: J. Pickard (Grade 4).

Trumpet: A. Fox (Grade 5).

Theory: J. Dodson (Grade 2).

C. Wyatt.

" THE MIKADO "

PRESENTED BY SHAFTESBURY SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Members of staff and pupils of all three Shaftesbury Secondary Schools combined under the direction of Mr. A.R.D. Wickson and Mr. B.G. Brooks to give four outstanding performances of The Mikado at Shaftesbury Arts Theatre at the end of the Spring Term.

Delighted audiences expressed unqualified appreciation of the high standards set by the producers in this co-operative production: there was animation from the choruses as well as movement - the use made of the fans was particularly interesting; there was confident singing by the principals and great attention had been paid to clear diction; there was assured acting to exploit the wit of W.S. Gilbert's lines and the humour in the intricacies of this popular light opera.

David Blake and Christine Appleby were entirely charming and sweet-voiced as Nanki-Poo and Yum Yum, the young romantic lovers. Mrs. Jacqueline Dobbs and Mrs. Helen Perry brought intelligent vivacity and singing to the parts of Pitti Sing and Peep Bo, the sisters of Yum Yum.

Mr. Graham Hough, an experienced singer and actor, took the role of Pooh Bah, the Lord High Everything Else; he was proud, disdainful, corrupt and utterly comic, a striking contrast to the mercurial, light-footed Mr. Anthony Selwood, who in a memorable performance as Ko Ko, the Lord High Executioner, reached into the pathos of the part as well as the comedy. Mr. John Kitching, another experienced singer, added distinction to the quartets and trios, as Pish-Tush, the leading nobleman.

The unsympathetic role of Katisha was performed by Miss Helen Fraser, who sang and acted with notable style and sensitivity. As the Mikado, Mr. Roger Wickson was imposing and authoritative in appearance and bearing, in voice and gesture.

Martin Jennings was the axe-carrier for Ko Ko; Mr. William Franklin, Mr. Andre Renaudo, Mark Findlay-Wilson and Alistair Walby were impressively feudal as Japanese guards.

The chorus of nobles consisted of Mr. Philip Jacques, Mr. Hugh Lipscombe, Mr. Richard Morgan, Mark Blackham, Francis Hopkins, Simon Kelson, Toby McLeod, Geoffrey Moore, Nicholas Seymour, Martin Sutton, Christopher Taylor and Christopher Wyatt.

The Chorus of Schoolgirls consisted of Mrs. Susan Wilkinson, Mlle. Sophie-Oudin, Lucinda Cox, Lorraine Fiander, Geraldine Harishorne, Emma Hazel, Hazel Kanaar, Denise Marshall, Sarah Mayo, Rowena MacKenzie, Nicola Selman, Susan Stokes, Anna Wentworth and Ruth Whitting.

Another of the many fine qualities of this production was the very attractive set, designed and painted by Mr. Hugh Lipscombe and Mr. Peter Loosemore and constructed by Mr. Andrew Oldale, assisted by the Stage Gang, consisting of Lee Rickard, Colin Chapman, Robert Cullen, Jon Rankin, Christopher Charlton and Alex Robertson.

The lighting was capably controlled by Michael Waterson, assisted by David Locke, Philip Calcott and Nicholas Basford, under the direction of Mr. Harold Hart of the Arts Theatre.

The make-up for such a large cast presented a problem successfully solved by Mr. Peter Rolfe, assisted by Mrs. Jill Hunt and the make-up group, consisting of Alison Brooks, Lesley Cross, Katherine Gowing, Nicole Gracey, Anna Hill, Penny Hill, Karen Jones, Tina Tattersall, Richard Andrews, Jeremy Blake and Trevor Kitching.

The pianist, on whom so much depended during long hours of rehearsal as well as in four public performances, was Mrs. Alison Johnston, assisted by one of her pupils, Ian Cunningham, and by Clare Cardozo. Mr. Brooks conducted the singers and the accompaniment firmly yet unobtrusively.

The Heads of all three schools wish to express their gratitude to the members of the Shaftesbury Arts Club for permission to use the Oldmarket Theatre, for help with the lighting and for undertaking all the box-office arrangements.

This production was important and enjoyable in itself and the producers are to be congratulated, but it was also important as marking an unofficial stride towards the re-organisation of secondary education in Shaftesbury. Cooperation has already begun: two headmasters, two deputy headmistresses, fourteen other members of staff and about fifty pupils from Christy's School, the High School and the Grammar School were all involved either on stage or behind the scenes. The result was very much worth their combined efforts.

F.C.H.

THE HOUSE PLAYS, DECEMBER 1978

The House Play Competition was devised basically to give some acting opportunity to first to fourth formers who would not normally be selected for the main School production.

The first play was performed by Corinthians and called "The Grand Sham's Diamond". It was set in a suburban home of a working-class family who suddenly have a stolen diamond deposited on them. Sadly the cast had not learnt their lines too well and this afforded moments of agonising hesitation and unintentional humour. Sean Martin did his best to keep the performance alive but was not supported to the full.

The second play on the bill was "The Stowaway" by Romans. Mike Waterson and Mark Blackham did a most commendable job directing a young cast in this story of piracy on the High Seas. There were admirable individual performances from Christopher Findlay-Wilson and Christopher Saynor. Barry Gray amused us all by the uncontrolled behaviour of his headgear.

The third play was a fantasy story called "Nothing But the Truth" by the Spartans. There was a wealth of individual performances, notably Richard Sargent, Graeme Cardy and Stephen Humberstone. The direction was polished and the emphasis on making the individual characters "shine" came off very well.

The final play was Trojans' "Aladdin and his Terrible Problem" by the Monty Python Crew, with additions by Bob Cullen. A bizarre conglomeration of the zany was enhanced by the shining performances of Martin Jennings as the Depraved Rat and Ralph Larcombe as Danziggar. Simon Lancaster was an effective Aladdin, suitably mute to the cavortings of his fellows on stage. An entertaining musical accompaniment by senior members of the House caused much hilarity.

At the end of the final play, the suave and competent master of ceremonies, Martin Sutton, called on the judges to give their decisions. Spartans were first, Romans second, Trojans third and Corinthians fourth. A most enjoyable afternoon's entertainment was thus concluded and one hopes many more such competitions will be seen at the School in future.

W.F.

THEATRE VISITS

1978/79 was the busiest year for theatre visits that I can remember. The joint High School/Grammar School sixth form trip to Stratford was probably the social highlight of the theatre-going year, though "Antony and Cleopatra" disappointed many of us, largely because the eagerly awaited Peter Brook production turned out to be so cynical that it was difficult to feel involved with the characters. Personally, I would not have sacrificed a fiver, let alone half the world, for Glenda Jackson's Cleopatra! Still, the annual visit to Stratford offers much more than just the performance.

"Much Ado About Nothing", at Salisbury Playhouse, was entertaining enough, with an attractive Beatrice and a dashing Benedict wittily fighting the battle of the sexes. A mixed party, fourth to sixth, High School and Grammar School, found plenty to enjoy, which is perhaps more than can be said for those who suffered a brilliantly produced (but oh, so tedious!) "Murder in the Cathedral", also at the splendid new Playhouse. It is rumoured that even a near-ecclesiastic fell asleep during Thomas a Beckett's sermon!

A much less religious occasion was the "punk" drama, "Riff Raff Rules", at Shaftesbury Arts Club. Even the youthful audience was slightly shocked by some of the linguistic eccentricities, and the management committee members were, I was told, "not amused." But though the play was crude, it posed some interesting questions, and we had an intriguing discussion with the intelligent, highly articulate and Left Wing actors and author after the performance.

There was a touch of "punk", too, about the Frome College production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" that the fifth form attended. Titania and Oberon appeared to be wearing black plastic bin-liners and rustled rather disturbingly. On the other hand, Theseus and Hippolyta would have been perfectly at home at a Buckingham Palace garden party. The "mechanicals" kept us in fits of laughter, though, and there were plenty of imaginative touches in a well-received production.

Again we deserted Shakespeare for visits to see "The Gondoliers", at Salisbury Town Hall, and "The Thwarting of Baron Bolligrew", at Frome once more. A small party went to see "She Stoops to Conquer" at Shaftesbury Arts Club and loudly applauded the performance of Chris Baldwin, so recently Rover in our own production of "Wild Oats".

For me, though, and I know for many others, the most memorable evening was at the Coade Hall, Bryanston, where Upper and Lower Sixth, boys and girls, saw the R.S.C. touring company's "Twelfth Night". I had seen the same production earlier in the tour, at Poole, and went to Bryanston initially out of a sense of duty. But we all found ourselves gripped by a brilliant and magical performance that was immeasurably superior to what I had seen before. To my mind this is the best of Shakespeare's comedies and Ian McKellan and company did it full justice, with romance, humour and pathos capturing us in turn. Viola, Olivia, Malvolio, Sir Andrew and Sir Toby, and the sad clown, Feste, all came vividly to life in those brief two-and-a-half hours. It was one of the great theatrical experiences. Let us hope there are others to come in the year ahead.

P.J.R.

THE LIBRARY

I took over from George Bingham as "King of the Keys" in the Summer Term. Over the last year the number of missing books has been a large one. The Autumn Term was very disappointing, with nearly thirty books missing. Initially it looked as though the Spring Term would be as bad. However, after a search of the Sixth Arts classroom, next to the Library, we managed to reduce the total number of books missing to an acceptable level. Please remember that the system exists to keep the Library efficient, which must be in all readers' interests. ALWAYS sign the card. It takes little effort and saves everyone a great deal of work.

On the positive side new books during the year have included a number of very good natural history books, some physics books and a new 'Junior Encyclopedia of Science'. During the year the Library has been collecting 'World War 2', which will build up into a complete history of the war. Next year it is hoped to increase the number of novels in the Library; this section has been rather neglected over the last few years.

The librarians during the year have been: A. Johnson, R. Lodge, S. Howarth, M. Waterson, C. Taylor, A. Burd, P. Rennie and J. Blake. During last term I handed over to Mick Waterson and I wish him, and his band of brave librarians, luck.

J. Larcombe.

SIXTH ARTS REVIEW - "A YEAR IN PERSPECTIVE"

Since last year's bulletin on their exploits, the "men of letters" in S.G.S. have managed to maintain their high reputation in our School through diligence, unstinting devotion to their studies and impeccable discipline and exemplary behaviour at all times. Whether engaged in the pursuit of History, Geography, languages foreign or our own, the Artists remain, as always, superior examples of that ubiquitous breed, the Sixth-Former.

The Upper Sixth, besides counting amongst their august ranks three house captains and eminent sportsmen, enjoy the company of the pillars of the two most flourishing school hobby-societies. This formidable tally is only matched in the whole School by the Lower Sixth, who made an excellent transition from 'O' to 'A' level work in a comfortable and smooth manner, at the same time accepting a new face amongst them in a very friendly way. Without doubt, they hold great promise for the next school year, and not least among their accomplishments is that they also include three outstanding athletes and a house captain.

In extra-mural activities the same high standard of achievement is at once apparent. Besides providing two expert if amateur editors for the school 'rag', Rhubarb, they also provided much sterling material for this magazine - some of which is of such a high standard that it has been decided by the powers-that-be to hold it in reserve for Rhubarb IV. We also have a keen photographer in Sixth Arts and musically we enjoy both performing and listening to our own particular tastes.

Turning to the magnum opus of the Spring Term - I am referring of course to Gilbert and Sullivan's "Mikado" - Arts people furnished no fewer than six able-bodied young men, three of whom served as stage-hands (one was actually wounded for his pains), and three others who donned Samurai robes and contributed with verve and gusto to the male chorus. Here too, Artists were in the front line again, putting their erudition and poise to good use as oriental noblemen, despite the fact that one blond-haired singer adopted a rather occidental style of footwear in rehearsal; his compatriots were so disgusted that he had let the Artists' side down that a Tea-Bag was attached to him to mark him out. Vengeance is swift and terrible, in true Japanese tradition, for any Artist who falls out of line.

In the November canal excursion, Artists were again naturally among the foremost participants. Six in number, the Arts contingent contributed to the success of the trip by lightning-fast lock-opening and deadly accurate barge-steering, neither of which tasks was particularly easy. When off-duty, Artists took unrelenting and enthusiastic interest in the most fascinating industrial archaeology of the Midlands and made full and competent use of the waterside facilities in true boatsman fashion.

Yet again in the field of day excursions Six Arts were active. Our trip to Stratford, to which the Scientists were also invited to leaven the quota of learning displayed, was yet again successful in both respects, literary and liquid. Shakespeare's "Antony and Cleopatra" was received with varying degrees of warmth by the Artists; however, the Scientists were baffled by a subject which they found difficult to quantify and apply a convenient formula to.

The Elite of the Artists - our crack troops, so to speak - were invited to Southampton University to discuss the causes of the Great Rebellion of the 17th century. Our four-man squad, accompanied by three fellow Artists from the High School history set, gleaned much useful information for their 'A' levels, and even found a spare hour in which to enjoy luncheon at a convenient hostelry, which only goes to show our facility for combining serious business with light-hearted relaxation in a most beneficial manner to all concerned.

The House Drama in the Autumn Term was almost entirely the preserve of Artists. In fact the winning play was written by an Artist and even the illustrious National Health choir was composed of 66% Artists, the attendant spectacle of course having been expertly spotted and adapted for a family audience by a Sixth Arts house captain cum budding producer.

In conclusion, there is no little justification for the claim that the School Year 1978-1979 has undoubtedly been a most successful and at times highly entertaining and profitable one for Shaftesbury Grammar School Sixth Form's "men of letters". One can only hope that the Lower Sixth will shoulder the awesome burden of maintaining such a high reputation successfully.

Toby D. McLeod
with valuable assistance from Colin Chapman.

SIXTH SCIENCE REVIEW (OR "THE ELITE")

The Sixth Forms, especially the science departments, of modern grammar schools represent the future leaders of industry and science, and possibly some politicians (J.L.?); these people are those who will decide the future of technology, this country and maybe even the world...

Meanwhile, in a cold, windy hilltop town surrounded by fog, in the bottom left hand corner of nowhere in particular, the Vith form scientists of Shaftesbury Grammar School, specifically the U.Vith, had not realised the enormity of their destiny. The gloomy shadow of imminent 'A' levels was brooding menacingly over us, akin to a certain maths master. Until this, the crux of our career opportunities, we had been 'encouraged' actively to participate in, support rousingly, or just stand and watch various athletic, dramatic, operatic or theological events. Although these duties were performed with some enthusiasm; some members either wandered off in disgust or just went to sleep.

Also, most of us have been encumbered with sundry disciplinary duties, presiding over junior forms and the like, so it came as rather a shock when the information was passed on to us that we also had to take some exams. However, some members of the infamous 'Black Tie Club' who had not been too anxious about the honour of their house or their school had deviously been studying on the sly.

Surprisingly, lessons have carried on amongst these other time-consuming events. The Biology classes have been held at two different schools, and in multitudinous different rooms, but with the same illustrious master. In between their dissections of rats, cockroaches and grass-hopper stomachs; they have still managed to maintain their record of requiring the greatest number of files for an 'A' Level subject; filled with notes, diagrams, essays, doodles, and various caustic comments and rhymes composed when the lesson became too boring or too difficult to learn.

The Maths department must come a close second for 'file-filling', thanks to an infinite number of practice examples accomplished on subjects such as addition, division and even fractions, with the double subject people attempting such difficult subjects as algebra and geometry.

Physics has suffered many interruptions throughout the year, largely because the Physics Lab. also passes for the Sixth Science form room, common room and even cloak room, while some cheeky Artist even held his war-games in there. However, even with all these disruptions, along with the occasional ceiling cave-in, the Physics progressed reasonably well and we had some very interesting practical lessons and discussions on many diverse subjects - not always concerned with Physics though!

The Chemists, other than those involved in "more important" musical and dramatic activities, went to a lecture at Bryanston School on light and chemistry, which proved to be very interesting, being accompanied by several spectacular demonstrations.

Those pseudo-scientists, the Geographers, have had a busy year producing projects, performing some amazing feats with soil samples and temperature inversion. They then had to compose a thesis of approximately 4,000 words on their chosen subject, which inevitably caused some to burn the candle at both ends.

At this point it would seem apt to mention the girls of the High School Vith form, whose pleasure it has been to work with us through the year. They have helped considerably in breaking down what some would consider to be a male chauvinistic atmosphere, and they have provided us with a great deal of entertainment, not to say unbridled hysteria, through the course of all our "A" Level lessons, although perhaps in Biology and Geography the boys have had the greatest enjoyment at the girls' expense.

As ever, the Library has provided the main facility for private study periods, when not closed for book-checking. The prevailing mood, and thus the amount of work done, has been largely dependent on the master in charge and the number of Lower Vith form students present. However, it is the warmest place in the School in winter, and it seems worthwhile to sacrifice a little work to be comfortable.

To conclude this short resume, we would like to present a roll-call of this year's Vith Form Science: within our ranks we are proud to have the Head Boy, one other School Prefect, four out of six Sub-Prefects, the Captain and Vice-Captain (now departed) of Rugby, Vice-Captain of Football, Captain of Cricket, the Head Librarian and sundry other people who have obtained notable responsibilities in the School, too numerous to mention.

Finally we would like to thank all the masters, present and past, for all the time and effort they have contributed to try and make our passage through this School as pleasant as possible; also of course, our gratitude to all our form-mates, even the Upper Vith Artists, for the many enjoyable times of the past seven years. We hope that they are all successful in their chosen courses.

L. Rickard and M. Armstrong

HOUSE NOTES

ROMANS

Romans suffered from a lack of talent in the senior school as there was a mass exodus at the end of the year. Despite this handicap, the team fought hard in the rugby season but was overwhelmed by Trojans and Spartans, who both fielded superior teams composed of 1st and 2nd XV players alone. We did manage to beat Corinthians by thirty-four points, with C. Griffiths scoring four tries.

In the football season the lack of talent was most apparent, with all our teams being ignominiously thrashed by everyone. The seniors had eighteen goals scored against them in three matches and the juniors did not score a goal.

In the cricket season the senior teams seemed to work very well together despite fielding the weakest side. All credit must go to the players, who fielded and bowled very well, and their hard work was rewarded by their beating Trojans by one run and Corinthians by three wickets.

The cross-country also went to Spartans, with Romans coming a poor third after the previous year's victory. G. Shaw won the junior event and within the week he was representing Dorset at the All-England Trials at Leicester, coming thirty-second in the under-thirteen age group.

In the minor events, tennis and squash, Romans came third and equal third, with C. Griffiths making his presence felt on the squash court by winning all his games. We were unlucky in our tennis match against Spartans, eventually losing it 5-6, 6-5, 5-6.

A new event was introduced this year, House Plays, but unfortunately they did not count towards the House Shield. They were the brain-child of Mr. Franklin, who organised and directed them with enthusiasm and vigour, with the result that all participating thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Congratulations to C. Kirby-Williams, N. Poulton and C. Griffiths, who were awarded their colours in this school year. Better luck to all Romans next year.

M. Waterson.

CORINTHIANS

The Autumn Term began with only very optimistic Corinthians dreaming of the House Shield. The rugby results were reasonable with the junior team, led by S.P. Wagstaff, doing better than expected. The rugby did put us ahead of Romans in House Points, well on the way to avoiding 'our' wooden spoon.

With the arrival of Mr. Franklin we had a new competition, House Plays. As it was their inauguration, the House Plays did not count towards the shield, but they did produce a great deal of fun for all concerned. For the statistically minded, Spartans came first and we came fourth.

The Spring Term was rather crowded. In the squash, Kelson, Vaughan and Pratley did extremely well against the might of Trojans and Romans to come second. In the cross-country, both the junior and intermediate teams ran well, but the seniors were disappointing except for a marvellous run by A. Walby. The football was easily our most successful event. The seniors produced outstanding results to draw with Spartans, defeat Trojans and thrash Romans. A very young junior team did well to remain unbeaten. Unfortunately Spartans just pipped us to the 'goal-post', the Watmough cup.

The Summer Term proved very disappointing. Expected to do well in the cricket, the seniors were easily beaten in all three games. Lack of effort? or was it just the feeling of freedom after exams! The juniors did manage to win a few games.

In the tennis, Kelson and Vaughan were well beaten and as usual in the swimming we came last, despite L. Vaughan being in charge of the team.

In athletics we came third on Sports Day despite some excellent individual performances. In the five star awards, thanks to fine efforts by the juniors, we managed to come first and win a cup.

The House will be left in the capable hands of S.J. Wagstaff who - along with J. Macassey, L. Vaughan and S. Kelson - received his colours during the year. Prospects for next year look bright.

A. Johnson.

TROJANS

The year 1978/79 began well for Trojans. A distinct rivalry quickly developed between us and last year's runner up, Spartans. This has continued as a theme throughout the year.

The first inter-House clash was in the rugby: Our excellent senior side routed all its opponents. We totalled over a hundred points for, with only three against. The juniors, though, despite their enthusiasm, lost two of their games while Spartans won all their junior games. Spartans won the Rugby Cup.

Also in the Christmas Term, the inter-house drama competition made its debut. It became extremely popular and was very successful. The Trojan play, perhaps the most popular among the pupils, only came third because, although funny, it lacked a story, and also had Sixth Formers in it. There were no rules against members of the upper part of School taking part, and we felt that having points knocked off for this reason was a bit unfair. So the powers-that-be were not impressed with us, but rather favoured Spartans and Corinthians, who came first and second respectively. Fortunately for us, House points were not awarded for this event.

The cross-country was the next inter-House event. Trojans were fielding potentially good teams. Although Mr. Fay had unexpectedly and cruelly lengthened the courses, the indomitable Trojan spirit was in no way lowered by this show of sadism. However, the new gargantuan marathon took its toll. Trojans clinched third, fifth and eighth places in the senior race. Our other placings are best not recorded. M. Robertson won the intermediate cross country race and we came third overall in the juniors. Trojans came second overall, behind - yes, you guessed it - Spartans.

The inter-House football competition began well for our senior side when we beat a weak Roman side by 6-0, but then disaster struck: with one of the best sides on paper we managed to lose by 1-2 to both Corinthians and Spartans. Our junior side fared slightly better by beating Romans, drawing with Corinthians, but losing to Spartans, who won the Football Cup.

It seemed that the Tovey House Shield, for three years having been held by Trojans, was slowly slipping out of our grasp to be taken from us by our arch-rivals for those three years, Spartans. The House points at this time were as follows:-

Corinthians 14½; Romans 9; Spartans 29½; Trojans 18.

Our winning of the inter-House squash raised our hopes slightly. Captained by N. Seymour the Trojans put up a brilliant display by winning eight out of their nine games and gaining the maximum five points toward the elusive House Shield.

Sadly cricket sealed our fate. Our juniors put up an absolutely excellent show. Being the supposed underdogs, they played with worthy enthusiasm. They thrashed Romans in their first game and then beat Corinthians: after being all out for 19, they then took all the Corinthian wickets for just 15 runs. The favourites, Spartans, then marginally beat our juniors. The senior story was far less impressive, for after having convincingly beaten Corinthians, we then lost to both Romans and Spartans. We now needed to win all the remaining inter-House sports, with Spartans coming third in all the events, if we were to retain the House Shield.

Sports Day went very well for Trojans. Our athletes excelled themselves and we won the day convincingly by fifteen points, with Spartans coming in second. This, the most important of the inter-house sports, had not been won by Trojans since 1971. As well as our winning the Cole Athletics Cup, a number of personal trophies were won by Trojans, the most notable being the Johnstone Cup, which was won by M. Robertson for reaching international standard in the 400m. hurdles.

The Swimming Sports were a great success for us, but although we won with apparent ease thanks to some splendid racing, our efforts were not enough to gain us the House Shield, which, after a hard-fought battle throughout the year, was won by Spartans by only two points. Congratulations to them and to all those people who participated for Trojans and tried so hard.

A. Robertson.

SPARTANS

Spartans were determined to get a good start to the new School Year in their bid to clench the precious House Shield, which Trojans had held for the past three years.

The first House clash was rugby and every senior player except one had played in the 1st XV at one stage or other of the season. The juniors also seemed reasonably strong but it seemed unlikely that they would be able to beat the strong Corinthian contingent, who had six U15's. The seniors beat Corinthians and Romans but lost to the strong Trojan side, who won all of their matches comfortably. The juniors surprisingly had more success, winning all three of their matches, beating even Corinthians, and helped Spartans win the first cup of the year.

The Inter-House Drama Competition - the first of its kind - was the next event on the agenda, an interesting and very successful brainwave of Mr. Franklin. The actors were mainly 1st-4th formers although Trojans contributed their sixth form "National Health Choir". The whole School watched the plays, each lasting about twenty minutes. Spartans won, with Trojans a miserable third. After the positions were announced we were told that no points would go towards the Shield.

The third meeting between the Houses was cross-country, a sport in which Spartans have not exactly excelled over the past few years. The courses had been lengthened this year by an extra mile or so (probably why the Corinthian House Captain declined to run) and each House had to produce eight runners from the seniors, intermediates and juniors. In the juniors our best placings were 3rd, 4th and 6th, coming first overall; the intermediates were more disappointing, finishing third

overall; finally the seniors with placings of 1st, 2nd, 4th, 6th, 7th, 13th, 18th and 19th finished overall first and Spartans for a third time this year finished top.

Football was the next event to be resolved. All of the junior sides looked evenly matched but in the seniors, Trojans seemed to have an unbeatable team. However, they did not play as well as they were able and were beaten by both ourselves and Corinthians, who finished top together. The juniors were unbeaten and finished first so Spartans won the much-coveted 'Watmough Cup'.

After this large number of victories we thought we would let Trojans have a chance of glory, giving (1) them the squash cup, with ourselves second and Romans and Corinthians equal third.

In the inter-house cricket we were let down for the first time by our juniors, who won only one match. However, it was against TROJANS (Good on you!) so it was up to the Seniors to do all of the work and that is exactly what we did, beating ALL three Houses easily and winning the 'Minchin' Cup.

In the 'Athletic 5-Star awards' most people were expecting Trojans to win with ourselves second. However, it was Corinthians who won, with Trojans second and ourselves third. Romans were last.

Tennis was the next House event and we needed to finish at least second if we were to win the House Shield outright. Both we and Romans lost to Trojans but beat Corinthians so whoever was to win between ourselves and Romans would finish second. We eventually beat them 6-5, 5-6, 6-5. Trojans won the Tennis Cup.

During School Sports the only two Houses that looked as though they might win were ourselves and Trojans. It was, I am afraid to say, Trojans in the end who won with ourselves in second place. Corinthians were third and Romans fourth.

By the time the Swimming Sports came along the House points were: Spartans, 50 pts; Trojans, 46 pts; Corinthians, 28 pts; Romans, 15 pts. Trojans needed to win, with ourselves coming third, to share the shield with us. If we came second or first we would win it outright. After the first few races it looked as though Trojans would win with Romans second and Spartans third. However, we eventually pulled away from Romans, finally finishing second to - dare I say it? - TROJANS! Therefore we won the HOUSE SHIELD, two points ahead of Trojans.

I would like to congratulate and thank every Spartan who was connected with this glorious achievement. We all worked very hard and I think we deserved it.

Best wishes to all of you and I hope you will do your best to keep the shield next year.

Final House Points

1st	Spartans		53 pts
2nd	Trojans		51 pts
3rd	Corinthians		28 pts
4th	Romans		16 pts

A.J. Gill

SHAFTESBURY - BRIONNE

The Visit to France

We arrived at Christy's School at 8.15 a.m. on Sunday, 29th October 1978, and boarded the coach at 8.30 a.m. The journey to Southampton took two hours on that beautiful morning.

At Southampton we lounged in the waiting rooms while our luggage was embarked on the "Dragon". After showing our passports, we followed the baggage aboard. We left port at 12.00 noon. The sea was calm and seven hours later (8.00 French time) we put in at Le Havre. When we had collected our bags we boarded a coach which was to take us on the hour's journey to Brionne. It was very uncomfortable as there was no boot to the coach.

On reaching Brionne we were all hustled into classrooms where we would be paired up with our penfriends. Once we were organised we parted and were compelled to speak French all the time. There was not much left of the evening and this was spent eating and getting to know our French families.

The first full day, Monday, was spent with the family. Those living close to or in Brionne mostly went for a tour of the town, visiting the main features such as "Le Vieux Donjon", which is Brionne's ruined castle.

On Tuesday we all met at the school, got on buses and drove to the cheese factory. On entering the building, we all met with an utterly disagreeable smell. We were then shown over the factory, seeing how the cheese was made. The cheeses were also packed in thin, circular, wooden boxes about eleven centimetres in diameter and two centimetres deep. Once we had been around the factory we had a short, pleasant walk to a local mill, which was very old and did not look very safe. We returned home in time for lunch. The rest of the day was free for us to do whatever we wished.

The next day, Thursday, was almost an entirely free day except in the evening when we had a disco at the Youth Club. On Friday we all assembled at the school and coaches took us to Paris. We had a swift general tour of Paris, including driving up the "Champs Elysees", under the "Arc de Triomphe" and past the Eiffel Tower. We also visited a massive modern library. When we returned home the rest of the evening was spent packing cases and checking to see if we had our passports.

At last Saturday came; all our luggage was taken to Brionne school and loaded on to the awaiting coaches. We got on - the holiday was coming to a close.

The ship left Le Havre at 12.00 noon and we arrived at Southampton at 7.00 p.m. We collected our luggage, boarded the comfortable coaches and set off for home with, perhaps, a little regret at leaving France behind. We arrived at Christy's School at 9.00 p.m. It had been a very enjoyable holiday.

J. Cox.

The Return Visit

On Wednesday the 11th of April 1979, sixty French pupils arrived at Christy's at about eight o'clock, where they were all collected.

On the next day my penfriend, Nicolas Fruchard, got settled in in the morning and we took him around the area in the afternoon.

The activities organised by the School began with a disco at Berwick St. John from 6.30 to 10.30 p.m. The next day was also free with a disco in the evening. This time it was held in Motcombe village hall from 8 to 11 p.m. Saturday was used for a trip to London. The places we visited were Westminster, Buckingham Palace, Horseguards Parade and the area around the Tower of London and Tower Bridge. We had our packed lunch near Westminster.

Sunday was completely free but as nearly all the visitors were catholic and because it was Easter Sunday we went to church. Monday was the Bank Holiday and our family went to the coast near Poole for the day. Our last day was spent in a trip to Poole and Bournemouth. In Poole most people visited the Arndale centre and in Bournemouth we were allowed to go where we wanted.

On Wednesday the 18th of April the French pupils left Christy's for Southampton at 8.30 a.m.

P. King

HOW TO ENJOY THE CANALS OF BRITAIN

We met at Gas Street Basin, in Birmingham, on the 29th October, 1978; in Half Term. We were slightly apprehensive at first ("Gas Street Basin" is not an exhilarating name!) and first impressions of the narrow boat supported this feeling. It was seventy feet long, with a six foot beam, and was a converted freight barge with a viewing well, a canvas roof, a kitchen, a toilet, twelve bunks and a helmsman's cabin, where Mr. Wickson slept. The eleven-man crew, Jon Rankin, Bob Cullen, Dave Locke, Mike Waterson, Phil Calcott, Dave Blake, Chris Taylor, Toby McLeod, Charlie Craig-McFeely, Simon Howarth and the irrepressible Mr. Ridding, found themselves bunks and settled in. Mr. Ridding kindly volunteered to empty the toilets, cook and clean.

As on the following three days, we encountered an early problem. We left five hours after our 6 a.m. awakening for Atherly Junction via Wolverhampton. Although en route Jon Rankin hit a stray bridge and Chris Taylor flooded twenty-one locks, little exciting happened and we arrived in one piece. However, we soon moved on, looking for a health-giving liquid.

Mr. Ridding participated in dangerous gymnastics the following day, trying to remove a tyre from the propeller. Once this had been removed we carried on for the Trent, where, after Mr. Wickson had hit the opposite bank, we turned around. (One local was heard to say "I've never seen anyone do that without hitting, in sixty years!") We stopped in Milford, a small village, for the night.

The next day, our return to Wolverhampton and then up the Shropshire Union was uneventful apart from Jon and Phil doing an early morning dash in their pyjamas to open lock gates, and Bob getting left behind and falling in - the first victim - whilst chasing us. We made for Audlem, the following day, Thursday, where we stayed for the night.

On Friday we returned to Wheaton Ashton, and tragedy struck. Mr. Wickson set fire to a cupboard in his cabin. Buckets of mud and water were used, as well as bad language, to extinguish it. Mr. Ridding, as usual, took it in his cool, calm way and dismissed it as a minor disturbance.

We returned to Birmingham the next day, although the frequent change in helmsman provided great entertainment for the crew, especially when Toby took control. We made Gas Street Basin by sunset on Saturday, where we returned the boat the next day, before we left for School.

We, the crew, would like to offer our thanks to Mr. Wickson for taking us, Mr. Ridding for being reduced to a skivvy, and to the silly man who hired us his narrow boat. A great time was had by all.

J. Rankin and R. Cullen.

DORSET SCHOOLS SKI COURSE 1979

This year there were several changes from the previous years: first we were travelling to Le Mont Dore by coach and ferry; secondly Mr. Jacques was not going (Mr. Ridding was ably deputizing for him); and, last but not least, we were going with the High School.

We left Shaftesbury at 7.00 p.m. on a Tuesday night, and left Southampton on the ferry at 10.00 p.m., arriving at Le Havre, after a choppy crossing, at 7.00 a.m. We boarded the coach and drove on to Paris, where we had a river trip down the Seine and a trip up the Eiffel Tower. We then ate in a Paris restaurant. When we finally arrived in Le Mont Dore, one hour late and very tired, we sat down to a welcome and hearty meal. Then we had the chore of sorting out our rooms and checking skis. The latter was done at 11.00 p.m. on Wednesday night in the car park opposite our hotel. When we finally got to bed it was almost midnight and most of us had hardly slept for forty hours.

Once again we met up with old friends, Lord Digby's School, and immediately noticed yet another change: we had two hotels, the St. George's and the Richelieu, both very close to each other. The evenings' entertainments were arranged in conjunction and proved very successful as Mr. Ridding will no doubt testify.

The skiing, this year, proved very uninviting, especially for the beginners, except on the first and last days, which were very warm and sunny. The rest of the week was wet and foggy, even to the extent that one whole day's skiing had to be cancelled for all except the most advanced.

The return journey proved even more tiring than the outward journey. We had a coach breakdown and then a two-hour guided tour of Paris, visiting the Sacré Coeur, and the Monnâtre. We then boarded the ferry, each having a cabin to sleep in instead of the reclining seats on the outward journey. This journey across the Channel was very rough indeed and most people had great difficulty in staying still for very long. On arrival at Southampton we noticed it was snowing. After praying for snow all week in France we returned to England and the snow was waiting for us!

The following gained English badges at the end of the week:

One Star: J. Calcott, D. Hiscock, K. Goodman, N. Brown,
S. Humberstone.

Three Star: P. Bullen

P. Calcott.

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

D. Locke, Waterson, Wyatt and P. Calcott have been working towards the Gold Award. Advanced First Aid training completed, practical work with the local St. John Ambulance Brigade is currently under way. Locke, Calcott and Waterson undertook the 'Residential Experience', doing conservation work for the National Trust at one of the Trust's "Acorn Camps" at the end of the summer term.

Earlier in the year, Station Officer Burton conducted a successful course in Fire Training for the Bronze and Silver levels at Shaftesbury Fire Station. Some boys elected to attend the Adult First Aid classes at the Health Centre instead. Led by Riley (Vb), a small group are doing Bell-ringing at St. Peter's as their Pursuit. Spurred on by Mr. Fay and Mr. Jacques, several boys have qualified in the Physical Activity section by gaining A.S.A. Personal Survival awards and awards for Athletics in the '5-star' Scheme run by the A.A.A.

It proved very difficult to negotiate the usual loan of expedition equipment for the summer term and little expedition work was possible until the holidays. The backlog of camping and trekking will have to be dealt with in the coming Autumn Term.

The range of activities attempted by candidates for awards continues to grow. Early in the year P. Calcott's skiing prowess qualified him in the Physical Activity section at Gold level; and in the Autumn Term 1979 boys will have the opportunity to learn Judo as their Pursuit.

M.J.W.

ROAD SAFETY, 1979

This year a performance very worthy of our School was made in the heat at Christy's School by our team of M. Blackham, R. Calcott, G. Sage and P. Walker, with B. Davison as reserve and Mr. P.D. Jacques as team coach. We recorded the highest team score in the heats in Dorset, doubling the runner-up's score. We also had the added competition this year of two teams from Gillingham Comprehensive School.

Because the first night of 'The Mikado' was on the same night as the final at Dorchester, the team had to be re-arranged, having lost Mr. Jacques and M. Blackham to 'The Mikado'. P. Dale took Blackham's place in the team and Blackham continued to coach them, with Mr. Jacques adding wise support from long experience. On the night of the final, Mr. W.T. Ridding accompanied the team to Dorchester. Unfortunately the competition was very stiff and the team came third, being beaten by two girls' schools, Oakmead and Parkstone Grammar.

Nevertheless, we hope that next year the School dramatic production will not clash with the Road Safety final and we will have another chance to win back the trophy.

M. Blackham.

THE FILM CLUB

The first film of the year was "The Poseidon Adventure", shown on Saturday 9th September 1978, at the usual time of 7.30 pm. It went down very well and pointed the way to a better standard of films for the coming season, under the careful administration of Mr. P. Jacques.

Our revolutionary double bill began with "Thunderbolt and Lightfoot" for the senior school and "Shout of the Devil" for the junior school. This was run on Saturday 7th October, not without its "teething troubles", of course.

"Raid on Entebbe" on Saturday 11th November was followed by "The Eiger Sanction" on Saturday 2nd December, both first class productions.

The Christmas Film, on Sunday 17th December, for the boarders and staff, was "The Pink Panther Strikes Again!", starring Peter Sellers, a great success.

The New Year began with another double bill, "The Enforcer" starring Clint Eastwood, especially for the seniors, and "Reason to live, Reason to Die" for the juniors, which went out on Saturday 13th January 1979. On 3rd February "Airport '75" came to our screen and added a dramatic note to the season. A month later, on 3rd March, we saw "The Day of the Jackal" and to end the year we had a double bill of "Marathon Man" and "Bullitt" (23rd March) at the slightly later start of 7.45 p.m. to allow the School tuck shop to open for business before the performances.

Our double bills utilize both the School hall and the Physics laboratory and allow the seniors and juniors to indulge their varied tastes. Thus came the end of a good season of films which, we hope, catered for all.

Already the new season has begun with the thrilling film "The Wild Geese" and promises greater support from our day boys.

The Film Club is run with generous support from the School, under the management of Mr. P. Jacques, assisted by projectionists S. Griffiths, M. Sutton, Chris Taylor and myself.

David Locke.

ANGLING CLUB

After a lapse of a year or so, weekly meetings have begun again and attendance has been quite good, with a number of new junior members. We have talked about techniques, and Jon Perry has told us how to fish the local waters. Also we have examined and discussed the contents of several members' tackle boxes.

Thanks to the Parents' Association's generosity in buying some aquatic herbicide, the School pond has been fishable this year and several good carp have been landed - and many lost! The three tench we put in with the carp have multiplied exceedingly and their offspring are growing well. Sport should be good next summer.

The highlight of the year was the week's holiday at Throop, near Bournemouth, in July, fishing the lower Stour for barbel, chub, pike, bream, roach and bleak. The river was very much weedier than it was in 1977 and the fish were less co-operative, but Gary Somers and Jon Perry both had specimen barbel of over eight pounds. Ian Lishman at last caught his first

barbel, after his disappointment in 1977, and Andrew Wyatt and Marcus Goulding both learned a great deal. Paul Stickler became desperate enough to fish for the rather easier bream, as did the writer after losing a big barbel early in the week.

In 1977, a certain vet's son discovered which end of a horse kicks. This year, he and his companion found out that drinking river water - just downstream of a sewage-treatment plant - can lead to a confused and rebellious stomach. Another member of the party quickly gained a reputation for long-distance walking, marching smartly and rhythmically up and down a three-mile stretch of river several times each day, and for wading without waders; bankside bushes were seldom without some item of his saturated clothing. It was noted that a more senior gentleman spent some fishing time dozing in the sun.

The guest-house was comfortable, the food ample and the hostess, Mrs. Barnes, hospitable and good-humoured. Add trouble-free transport, thanks to Mr. Wyatt, Mr. Perry, Mr. Stickler, Mr. Goulding and Mr. Stoaate, and tolerable weather and you have the main ingredients for an enjoyable holiday - and that is what we all had.

P.J.R.

THE RAILWAY SOCIETY

The much-needed revival in the Railway Society that I expressed hope for in the last issue of "The Shastonian" did in fact take place during the Autumn Term 1978. Certainly, the reduction of the termly subscription from 35p to 20p was popular, and I am sure that it made a significant contribution to the peak of eleven fully paid-up members that we enjoyed during the Spring Term 1979.

The Autumn Term opened with a display of railway photographs and postcards, as well as the first baseboard of the new Mk.IV club layout. Initial difficulties were experienced with finding a venue that was free or not "double-booked", although these were soon resolved when we were given permission to use the gallery in the Hall as a permanent club-room, now that 5B, whose formroom it had been, have moved elsewhere. We are now able to have all our equipment immediately on hand, and do not now have to make tedious journeys to and from the cellar at the beginning and end of each meeting. Despite these improved conditions, security became a problem on several occasions through the year, and it was found necessary to place the gallery outside bounds to prevent casual callers from meddling with expensive equipment.

Although no programme of construction was set for the new layout, most of the society's activities in school during the year were concerned with modelling. There seemed to be little support for the provision of other railway paraphernalia, although that side of our hobby has not been forgotten entirely.

From the beginnings of the Railway Society in 1975 our layout work has been very much based on a policy of "make-do and mend". This has been partly due to financial difficulties, and partly due to near-impossible deadlines to meet if we were to produce a presentable layout for summer exhibition seasons. The result has been three expensive failures, so we set out to build Mk.IV determined not to make the same mistakes again. We decided that the new layout should be of a more solid construction, and that no reasonable expense should be spared in making it so.

Like the prototype, Addison Road Station, the model, which we re-named Hanwell, has two through lines with loops to two platforms. There are also a short siding and a fictitious locomotive yard. All track in the station area has been laid, including a length of dummy conductor rail for the electric trains. The basic work in the station area has been completed, and only scenery, signalling and buildings remain to be fitted. Even so, in some ways the most difficult work is yet to come.

We have also enjoyed a number of slide shows organised by M.J. Lanham, who very kindly showed us his extensive collection of slides of South African and preserved British steam railways.

Finally, as this is the last time I shall be writing on behalf of the Railway Society, I would like to thank all those who have helped with its organisation in any way. Special thanks are deserved by the committee, especially Philip Roberts, who has been a most helpful and encouraging adviser since he joined us in 1977. David Silvey is also to be thanked for organising the modelling work, and Mr. Ridding for being our treasurer. Together with Mark Lanham, it is in David's hands that I leave the leadership of the Railway Society. Leading any society can have its problems, and we have certainly experienced many, but I have found the task a very interesting and valuable experience, and I wish both Mark and David luck in keeping the society alive for some years to come.

R.P. Lodge, UVI Arts.

CHESS CLUB

The Club was re-formed in late February and immediately stepped onto the right foot with over a dozen members. This soon reached nineteen, at which number it now stands, and though it may strike you as being rather surprising, everyone manages to play plenty of chess during the one and a half hours or so on each Chess Club evening.

Indeed, there seems to be considerable chess potential in this small school. Coaching was intended to be part of the Club's policy and this has been achieved to a small degree at least. In one game a player had a choice of taking either his opponent's pawn or his queen. As you may have guessed, he took the pawn! Instruction in the value of pieces quickly followed.

Enthusiasm was partly sparked off by the T.V. series 'Master Game' and it is not surprising that some of this keenness has disappeared, since the end of that series. A competitive element was introduced in the Club from the start in the form of a League Championship. Unfortunately the delay in the start of the Club has meant a last minute rush to play as many games as possible before the finishing date.

Nevertheless, the Club has been worthwhile, as is shown by continuing attendance, and it has been quite amusing at times. If chess enthusiasm is not shortlived then there will undoubtedly be a Chess Club ranking high with Wargames and Subbuteo Clubs next year.

P. May UVI Sc.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

On Friday evenings in the autumn and spring terms the sound of arguing voices could be heard in the vicinity of the Geography Room. These voices belonged to members of Staff and the sixth forms engaged in debate about the past, present and future of mankind.

The first debate of the season began shakily but developed into a controversy about the role of women in society. The High School girls who were present made sure there was no bias. Unfortunately the next few debates had no set subject and finding one took half the time; the temptations of John Peel's cafe took their toll on numbers and we were left with only a faithful few. The staff in all their wisdom decided that we should choose subjects for the next week and in this way several memorable and thought-provoking debates developed under the chairmanship of Mr. Rolfe.

A debate on religion was perhaps the most heated; Mr. Morgan put his religious training into practice to defend his faith and the atheists came out with somewhat battle-scarred opinions. The education debate, a scaled-down version of 'The Great Debate' on education, brought forward several valid and interesting points - perhaps we could tell the politicians a thing or two! The question of the need for war provided an interesting debate: Mr. Renaudo and myself took the pacifist side and those who believed armies will always be essential put up strong arguments. Mr. Rolfe and Mr. Hopton used diplomacy, perhaps the answer to the question of war, to avert the beginning of World War III at our meeting!

Conclusions were rare at the debates as we found answers led only to more questions. We soon discovered how difficult it is to express ourselves convincingly. To help us with this problem Mr. Hopton suggested that we should use examples, both topical and historical, to support our arguments. When one's argument seems to be accepted it is extremely good for one's confidence. The meetings were far more interesting than the bottom of a tea cup and I look forward to the next season of debates in the Autumn Term.

M. Mansbridge.

SUBBUTEO CLUB

The Club has had a most successful third year and has almost paid off the £30 loan for the initial purchase of equipment and printed certificates. Membership has continued to hold above 30 members. The Club Committee (W.T.R., M. Allen, A. Davis, D. Rabbetts and D. Blake) ran five League divisions for each of the two winter terms. The three senior 'League' Divisions are for members who have already played in School. The two junior 'Club' Divisions are run for new members.

The Autumn Season 1978 winners were:

League Division One	Tottenham Hotspur	(D. Rabbetts)
League Division Two	Chelsea	(J. Rabbetts)
League Division Three	Semley Rovers	(L. Romanillos)
Club Division One	Durban City	(O. Spencer)
Club Division Two	Manchester City	(S. Jeffery)

The Spring Season 1979 winners were:

League Division One	Tottenham Hotspur	(D. Rabbetts)
League Division Two	Semley Rovers	(L. Romanillos)
League Division Three	Bournemouth	(M. Antell)
Club Division One	Southampton	(S. Pitkin)
Club Division Two	Smithfield Rangers	(R. Kerley)

The Charity Shield Match was played on September 13th and Tottenham Hotspur (D. Rabbetts) beat Plymouth Argyle (M. Allen) 2 - 1.

The Subbuteo Challenge Cup 1978 - 1979 was won by Tottenham Hotspur (D. Rabbetts) beating Plymouth Argyle (M. Allen) 5 - 2.

The 5-a-side Ladder Competition, run in the Summer Term, was won by Leeds United (M. Allen). Manchester United (A. Davis) came in second place.

I thank the members of the Committee who have helped and coached the younger players. The enthusiasm of many members has contributed to this successful Club, which meets three evenings a week and has every reason to look forward to a lively and entertaining new season.

W:T.R.

RUGBY, 1978

First XV

Results

v. Clayesmore School (A)	Lost	13 - 29
v. Bournemouth School (A)	Lost	3 - 56
v. Blandford Upper School (A)	Lost	4 - 19
v. Sherborne School (A)	Lost	0 - 16
v. Wells Cathedral School (H)	Lost	9 - 17
v. Wadham School (A)	Won	12 - 10
v. Old Boys (H)	Drawn	15 - 15
v. Foster's School (A)	Lost	0 - 35
v. Bournemouth School (H)	Lost	6 - 14
v. Bryanston School (A)	Lost	6 - 34
v. Foster's School (H)	Lost	15 - 18
v. North Dorset XV (A)	Won	30 - 19
v. Milton Abbey School (H)	Lost	4 - 57
v. King's School, Bruton (H)	Lost	12 - 37
v. Poole Grammar School (A)	Lost	14 - 28

As you can see, the results were not very impressive and, to be truthful, generally the rugby was not all that impressive either. I think that the reasons for this are that the First Club was weak this year and that there were not very many rugby enthusiasts. Basic skills, too, were lacking.

Although on occasions the play was good, with three- or four-phase rugby, these occasions were few and far between and unpredictable in occurrence. Of course, it was a young side and many of the team will be available in 1979/80. They will be older and wiser, and I look forward to playing against them as an Old Boy.

It may be of help to the younger players if I make some points about their game:

C. Wyatt: a good hooker and scrummager, though his lack of size remains a handicap.

D. Locke: a useful prop, who in club games showed considerable talent. However, he needs to overcome his nervousness in school matches.

J. Rankin: some of his play in mauls and rucks was good, but he must remember to go in low and hard, and push with his shoulders. Also he could use his height advantage to better use in line-outs. If he keeps up his enthusiasm and puts on weight he will be a good forward.

J. Macassey's play was at times brilliant, but sometimes he wasted valuable opportunities, for example the drop-kick-cum-grub-kick against North Dorset. Remember? Though he is highly enthusiastic, sometimes he should slow down and think instead of rushing around like a March Hare.

M. Waterson could use his height more in the line-outs and also be more aggressive.

C. Griffiths should make sure he organises and lets his backs know what he is going to do. Half backs are very important and he needs to think hard about what he is doing.

R. Cullen should try early in the season to get a settled set of backs. This needs practice! If he can achieve this and get plenty of ball from the forwards, he will be able to score many tries - but he must not get greedy!

N. Poulton was a greatly improved player by the end of the season and P. Stickler is a young, talented player who needs to think about his positioning. This is something that no-one else can work out but him. P. Calcott played well.

I should finally like to thank the Upper Sixth players: A. Robertson, L. Rickard, A. Gill, C. Kirby-Williams (Vice-captain), A. Johnson and N. Seymour.

G.R. Moore (Captain).

Under 15 XV

On paper we had a fairly talented team but in practice we won only five of our thirteen games. Team spirit was good but tackling was our main weakness. At the beginning of the season the team was full of holes: Robertson, Marsh, Lundqvist and Pratley were regular absentees through injury. Once in our stride, however, we managed to win - and lose! - quite convincingly.

The scrum certainly did not lack courage but almost all our tries came from the backs. Perhaps the scrum was too busy providing the ball for the backs - or should we have sent them to Mr. Fay for more fitness training?

Regular players were: Marsh, D.J.; Laing, C; Fell, D.; Selwood, A.; Robertson, M.; Symons, L.; Cash, J.; Brown, N.; Lundqvist, W.; Hiscock, D.; Fayers, T.; Lloyd, P.; Wagstaff, S.; Pragnell, N.; Pratley, S.; Johnson, P.

Results

v. Clayesmore	Won	51-10
v. Bournemouth	Lost	4-32
v. Blandford	Won	26-8
v. Sherborne	Lost	16-24
v. Wells Cathedral	Won	26-0
v. Wadham's	Lost	12-16
v. Foster's	Lost	0-20
v. Bournemouth	Lost	17-18
v. Bryanston	Lost	6-34
v. Milton Abbey	Won	65-0
v. Foster's	Won	36-7
v. King's School, Bruton	Lost	8-31
v. Poole Grammar School	Lost	

We would like to thank our coach, Mr. Webber, who somehow managed to put up with us for the whole of the season.

M. Robertson
L. Symons.

Under 14 XV

The year's team was always up against much bigger opposition but showed spirit and determination in both games. The side, captained by S. Lancaster, played above themselves against King's, Bruton, but were overwhelmed by the sheer size of their opponents. G. Cardy was outstanding at full back and P. Johnson always looked dangerous. The following boys played: S. Lancaster (Captain), R. Sargent (Vice-captain), M.P. Stevens, D.J. Thrussell, J. Cox, P.R. Collis, P. Johnson, T.D. Cowley, D. Walker, R.N. Locke, M. Greenhall, S. Griffiths, G. Shaw, G. Cardy, D.M. Harrison.

S. Lancaster.

Under 15½ XV

In the Clayesmore 7-a-side tournament, our seven - who had trained hard for the event - came fourth, losing by one point to Port Regis in the semi-final and by one point to Clayesmore in the third-place final. Our outstanding players in this tournament were M. Greenhall and L. Romanillos.

The team consisted of: T.D. Cowley, J. Cox, R.N. Locke, M. Greenhall, S. Lancaster (Captain), L. Romanillos, D. Walker. Reserve was S. Humberstone.

S. Lancaster.

CROSS-COUNTRY

The cross-country season started well with fine weather and a promise of some good running.

For some time our athletes trained hard and were keen to do well. This was shown by a few good early results. However, towards the end of 1978 the weather deteriorated and we had snow. Matches were cancelled and the outlook was dismal.

In a match against Port Regis the First form showed themselves as a strong team. Parry came first, Kirk second and Jeffery third, with other School runners in sixth, seventh and eighth places. This, the "A" team, won the match, scoring twelve points for their first four home to Port Regis's thirty-two. Also the "B" team had a convincing victory.

The weather got worse through the holidays and cross-country running came to a halt. Early in the year of 1979, Shaw finished first in the Dorset A.A.A. Championships at Bournemouth. He was picked to represent Dorset at the A.A.A. Nationals at Shrewsbury, where he came twenty-eighth.

The North Dorset Schools Championships had some creditable results for the School. In the First Year Boys events J. Perry finished fourth, K. Kirk seventh and S. Jeffery ninth and they were picked to represent North Dorset in the Dorset Championships. The First Year boys came second out of nine schools in the team competition. Also D. Luxton finished eighth in the Junior Boys and A. Rutter fifth. On the same day G. Shaw ran in the South-West Championships and came fourth.

The Dorset Schools Championships saw Perry come third and Shaw fifth in the First Year Boys and Junior Boys respectively. Also Rutter finished ninth.

Shaw went on to represent Dorset in the National Schools Championships at Leicester and in a hard race came 231st out of over 360. He was the third Dorset runner to finish.

On the 23rd of March it was the Inter-House Cross-country Races. For these races the course was lengthened to make the run harder!

The individual results were as follows:-

SENIOR

1.	A. Rutter	(S)	12m. 18
2.	P. Calcott	(S)	
3.	N. Seymour	(T)	

INTER

1.	M. Robertson	(T)	11m. 04
2.	C. Laing	(C)	
3.	M. Taylor (4b)	(T)	

JUNIOR

1.	G. Shaw	(R)	8m. 50.5
2.	J. Dodson	(R)	
3.	J. Perry	(S)	

The overall result was that Spartans won both the Seniors and the Juniors and Trojans won the Intermediates. The final positions were:-

1st	Spartans	178 points	3rd	Romans	269 points
2nd	Trojans	231 points	4th	Corinthians	285 points

These results differed greatly from those of the previous year when Romans were 1st, Trojans 2nd, Spartans 3rd and Corinthians 4th.

On the whole 1978/79 was a year of achievements for the School and I hope this will be so next year. The enthusiasm for the sport has increased as has the will to win. With hard training and dedication the School may find a cross-country runner representing England, the ultimate aim of the cross-country runner.

G. Shaw

TABLE TENNIS

After a year's regrettable retirement from the Shaftesbury and District Table Tennis League, S.G.S. returned with amazing enthusiasm. Although we entered only two teams, we had enough support from both juniors and seniors to field four.

The season's results were very encouraging. After early defeats the "B" Team, strengthened by the late registration of Craig Griffiths, gradually climbed towards the top of Division Three, finishing in third position. The "A" Team ended the season third from bottom, quite a good performance for relatively inexperienced players.

The following played for the School:

"A" Team: C.C. Wyatt (Captain), A. Jennings, S. Pratley, M. Robertson, P. Dale, C. Laing, M. Sutton.

"B" Team: D.V.E. Blake (Captain), C. Griffiths, S. Griffiths, W. Lundqvist, P. Riley, M. de Nett, L.F. Vaughan.

In the Handicap Tournament organised by D. Blake and open to the whole School, D. Marsh (VB) beat A. Gill in the Senior final and M. Greenhall beat P. Leighton in the Junior.

D.V.E. Blake..

SQUASH RACKETS

There was certainly a mixed bag of players, the regulars being C. Griffiths, M. Sutton and myself. We received a lot of support from other people, especially P. Stickler and S. Griffiths.

The first event in the squash year was a slightly light-hearted match against the masters. Not to say that the game was not taken seriously; it was just that the masters did not want to show that they minded losing. The opposition consisted of: Messrs. Simmonds, Rolfe, Fay, Hough, Jacques and Franklin. I do not want to give the impression that the boys had a walk-over, but Mr. Rolfe was the only one of the opposition who consistently won.

The next on the squash calendar was a match against Pyt House, whose team consisted of four men, including Mr. Rolfe, who was not the youngest, by any means. I think their many years' experience, on this occasion, showed through, and they won quite convincingly, losing only one match. The match was probably one of the most educative ones of the year, showing us that one does not have to hit the ball as hard as possible each time to win; indeed, their number four seed barely ever hit the ball harder than a lob. It was somewhat embarrassing! However, that was not all we learned; we found how social the game can be afterwards, and how generous the opposition can be.

Third on the agenda was a match against Warminster School, away. Their splendid facilities did not make them the best team in the world, and they won only narrowly, 6:4. We fielded two teams on this occasion, that is ten players, and considering all the other events on that night, that reduced our choice of players, I think the match was quite successful.

The return match against Warminster, in our own courts, was by far the most uplifting for our players. Again, there were two teams and ten matches played overall, eight of which we won.

The House Squash matches took place after half-term in the Spring Term, during "The Mikado", so the competition went on for rather a long time. However, Trojans won quite convincingly, losing only one match.

I suppose the longest running event was the Senior Squash Competition, starting in the Autumn Term, finishing after examinations in the summer. I am not sure whether this shows lack of interest this year, although I think that some people put their names up and then forget to play their matches. However, as was to be expected, C. Griffiths won the event, who, as my predecessor prophesied, has come on in leaps and bounds.

The Junior Squash Competition, which managed to span the whole school year, with the final being played off in the last week of term, was won by a third-former, S. Griffiths, thus giving lie to the myth that the cup is always carried off by the fourths.

This year has been quite good for squash, and people always tried hard to do their best. I think that in a year or two, the squash team could be quite something, with players like M. Sutton and S. Griffiths, who by then will be far more competent.

I must now hand over to next year's captain, C. Griffiths, whose skill at the game could inspire improvement amongst both juniors and seniors.

N.J. Seymour.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL, 1979

This was a year for rebuilding. Cullen took on the difficult task of leading a very young XI. Apart from himself, the Lower Sixth contributed only Calcott, the goalkeeper. Half the side were Fifth formers who, promising players though they are, took time to gain confidence in their own ability and produce the performance of which they were capable. A great deal thus depended on the skills of Gill and the spirit of Cullen in midfield: between them they scored half the XI's goals. Adding to the side's difficulties was the wretched weather which utterly disrupted the early match programme and team practices. Some matches were fortunately re-arranged but the matches in mid-term with Warminster and Gillingham were washed out. The XI was at its best in the game against Downside, where on a waterlogged pitch in high wind and torrential rain it mastered the conditions and gave a fine exhibition of controlled football, in which Gill, Rutter, Griffiths and Lundqvist excelled. In the final matches with Foster's and Frome College, Cullen was rightly disappointed that the side proved unable to hold on to two-goal leads - a mark of the team's inexperience. A great number of young players have been 'blooded' in 1st XI football this season: they must see to it that they capitalise on this experience in the 1980 season.

Results

v. Bishop Wordsworth's	Lost	2 - 3
v. Fitzmaurice G.S.	Won	6 - 3
v. Foster's	Lost	1 - 2
v. Old Boys' XI	Drew	3 - 3
v. Blandford Upper	Lost	1 - 3
v. Bournemouth School	Lost	0 - 5
v. Warminster		Cancelled
v. Gillingham		Cancelled
v. Sexey's, Bruton	Lost	2 - 7
v. King's School, Sherborne	Won	8 - 4
v. Downside	Won	3 - 1
v. Foster's	Drew	2 - 2
v. Frome College	Drew	2 - 2

The following played regularly for the XI: P. Calcott, J. Macassey, P. Stickler, L. Rickard, A. Robertson, *A. Johnson, *R. Cullen, *A. Gill, A. Rutter, C. Griffiths, N. Basford.

N. Poulton, S.J. Wagstaff, M. Locke, W. Lundqvist also represented the 1st XI.

* Awarded colours.

2nd XI

The XI took a terrible drubbing in their opening match against Bishop Wordsworth's: lost 1 - 10. G.R. Moore, the captain, called his players in for a training session on the following Saturday afternoon, which he conducted himself. Such leadership paid off. Although his team lost 2 - 4 to Foster's, all who saw the match voted it 'the best 2nd XI match seen for years': very high skill level, wonderfully contested in a fine spirit, and impressive performances from goalkeeper Kelson, A. Rutter, Jennings and Vaughan. In the following game, Blandford Upper were seen off 4 - 1 and Moore scored a hat-trick. It was a pity therefore that the weather interfered with the team's match programme and its continued progress, and the final two games at the end of term proved rather disappointing, lost 0 - 4 to a strong Sexey's XI and 0 - 3 away to Foster's.

S. Kelson, L. Vaughan, D. Clews, J. Rankin, S.J. Wagstaff, M. Locke, A. Jennings, D. Blake, G.R. Moore, M. Rutter and M. Greenland formed the core of the side, aided by M. Waterson, N. Poulton, P. May, N. Basford, and M. Robertson.

Under 15 XI

Potentially the most competent side the School has had at this age group for many years, the 1979 XI suffered in match-play from the inevitable problems of meeting opponents who play soccer in both winter terms. We proved too strong physically for Dunworth School and won too easily by 7 - 1; Blandford beat us 1 - 0 in an undistinguished match but a week later, in the Harry Martin Cup competition, we gained a 2 - 0 lead at Blandford and had the character to hold out to win through into the next round. In like manner, we lost 1 - 6 and then won 6 - 2 in matches against Christy's School. Waterlogged pitches caused the cancellation of the Warminster match. The season ended with two matches against Sturminster

High School in the Harry Martin Cup. Away, we conspired to concede three goals and then against the run of play clawed our way to a 3 - 3 draw and a replay at Shaftesbury. After a run of House matches and inter-school games on consecutive days, a very leg-weary Under 15 side succumbed 1 - 3 and Sturminster won through to the final tie. Throughout the term D. Marsh, S.P. Wagstaff, C. Laing, W. Lundqvist, J. Cash and M. Robertson proved the 'giants' of the XI, supported by N. Pragnell, A. Selwood, S. Pratley, P. Lloyd, P. Johnson, J. Perry, L. Symons, and B. Davison.

Inter-House Football, 1979

As usual, the House matches were keenly contested and brought out the best in many of the players. In its present format, the competition is very much a 'sudden death' affair, and any team that falters in even one match is liable to lose all hope of gaining the trophy. The much-fancied Trojan senior XI failed to live up to expectations, and the competition became a close-run thing between Spartans and Corinthians.

Results

			Seniors	Juniors
Romans	v.	Trojans	0 - 6	0 - 1
Spartans	v.	Corinthians	1 - 1	1 - 1
Trojans	v.	Corinthians	1 - 2	0 - 0
Spartans	v.	Romans	6 - 2	1 - 0
Trojans	v.	Spartans	1 - 2	0 - 3
Romans	v.	Corinthians	0 - 6	0 - 4

Winners, Watmough Cup: Spartans.

M.J.W.

Under 14 XI

Not a season of success although each match was keenly contested.

We started well, continuing our run of victories against Dunworth School. It was a different story, though, at Fitzmaurice Grammar School, where we forgot to take our climbing ropes and got soundly thrashed nine goals to nil on a pitch that made Ben Nevis look like a bowling green.

The scores in our other matches were more respectable, the highlight being the one-nil loss at Bournemouth in a match that produced an exciting hour of football with each team making many chances, only to be thwarted by excellent goalkeeping.

S. Lancaster proved to be a capable captain on the field and excellent administrator off it.

Regular members of the XI were: S. Lancaster (Capt.); S. Griffiths (Vice-Capt.); D. Harrison; J. Wrench; S. Thomas; K. Eaglestone; G. Candy; P. Johnson; J. Calcott; L. Romanillos; M. Cole; J. Love; M. Greenhall; G. Shaw.

Results

v.	Dunworth School	Home	Won	5-1
v.	Fitzmaurice G.S.	Away	Lost	0-9
v.	Foster's G.S.	Home	Drew	2-2
v.	Bournemouth G.S.	Away	Lost	0-1
v.	King Arthur's School	Away	Lost	0-2

v. Downside School	Away	Lost	3-6
v. Foster's G.S.	Away	Lost	0-3
v. Christy's School	Home	Lost	0-1
v. Frome College	Home	Lost	0-4

P.D.J.

CRICKET, 1979.

First XI

This season we fielded a very young side and the inexperience was always visible. Although the team was so young and inexperienced there was a great deal of skill and promise to be found but these did not come out in play until the later matches. By the end of the season a solid foundation for the next three years had been laid. P. Stickler and S.P. Wagstaff proved themselves to be very competent openers and both were only in the fourth year. R. Cullen did not quite live up to last season's reputation with the bat but occasionally proved that he could be a useful bowler. J. Macassey bowled badly at the beginning of the season but then, after several nets, proved to be a very valuable bowler, ending the season by bowling nineteen overs for just 25 runs against a touring school from Burnley and then finally getting a hat-trick and six wickets in the match against the Old Boys. Unfortunately he did not live up to his early promise with the bat, after a very workman-like forty against the Agrarians.

P. Calcott, the captain, improved tremendously on last season with the bat, scoring an unbeaten century against Wells Cathedral School, earning himself a bat and cricket blazer from the School. It was plainly obvious, until the last four matches, that without his batting the team slightly floundered. Perhaps as a result of his better batting his bowling suffered greatly. C. Griffiths bowled very well and consistently, had one very good knock of 47 not out and was rewarded by gaining his Cricket Cap. A. Gill, the vice-captain, supported the captain very ably but was not able to repeat his bowling performances of last season, except on one occasion. It was not until the end of the season that his full batting potential was realised. P. Stickler improved enormously behind the stumps as the season progressed. M. Waterson, although only on the fringe of the team, showed some promise as an off-spinner for next season.

The old saying, "Catches win matches," can seldom have been more clearly proved than in this season. It is obvious that if a few more vital catches had been held in the excellent game against Wells Cathedral we could have come out victorious. Batting first on one of the best batting wickets a school could provide, we amassed a total of 176 for 7 declared. This total seemed to put the match safely in our hands and nobody expected them to go for the runs, especially as they needed eight runs an over. With the aid of some wayward bowling and bad fielding they won with ease. During the Headmaster's game a completely new character shone in the team; they fought like tigers to cut down every run in an attempt to defend a meagre total of 31 runs. A second innings was played and this time we batted very intelligently and a very timely declaration almost gave us victory but we could not remove the last two batsmen and so the result in the 1st innings stood. The second innings proved to be more exciting than the first, with even more determination being shown by the players.

The following played regularly: P. Calcott (Captain); A. Gill (Vice-captain); C. Griffiths; J. Macassey; M. Waterson; J. Rankin; R. Cullen; A. Johnson; S.P. Wagstaff; S.J. Wagstaff; P. Stickler; G. Moore.

The following also played: M. Greenland; S. Kelson; L. Rickard; G.J.H.; W.P.F.

During the season P. Calcott was awarded his Blazer and C. Griffiths was awarded his 1st XI cap.

Results

Played 15	Won 2	Drawn 4	Lost 7
v. Shaftesbury C.C. (A)	Lost by 7 wks		
School	33		
S.C.C.	34 for 3		
v. Clayesmore (H)	Won by 4 wks		
Clayesmore	58 for 5 (20 overs)	(Griffiths 2-17)	
School	59 for 6 (14 overs)	(Johnson 28, Calcott 22 not out)	
v. Foster's (A)	Match drawn		
Foster's	96 for 9 dec.	(Griffiths 6-24)	
School	79 for 9	(Calcott 19)	
v. Agrarians (H)	Match drawn		
Agrarians	160	(G.J.H. 4-49, Griffiths 4-37)	
School	147 - 9	(Macassey 40, Cullen 25)	
v. Frome College (A)	Match drawn		
Frome	123 - 4 dec.	(Calcott 2-22)	
School	46 - 3		
v. Milton Abbey (A)	Lost by 6 wks		
School	72	(Calcott 24)	
Milton Abbey	73 - 4	(Gill 2-21)	
v. Bishop Wordworth's (H)	Lost by 38 runs		
Bp. Wordworth's	71	(Gill 3-12, Griffiths 4-21)	
School	33		
v. Wells Cathedral (A)	Lost by 5 wks		
School	176-7 dec.	(Calcott 101 not out, Rankin 19)	
Wells	177-5	(Griffiths 3-53)	
v. Poole G.S. (H)	Lost by 66 runs		
Poole	139-5 dec.	(Cullen 3-27, Griffiths 2-18)	
School	73	(Calcott 34)	
v. Burnley G.S. (H)	Lost by 7 runs		
Burnley	120	(Cullen 4-24)	
School	113	(Gill 37, Stickler 25, Rankin 21)	
v. Headmaster's XI (H)	Lost by 3 wks		
School	31	(Calcott 23)	
Headmaster's XI	32-7	(Calcott 3-15, Griffiths 4-21)	
v. Q.E.S. Wimborne (H)	Match drawn		
School	137-8 dec.	(Griffiths 47 n.o., Wagstaff S.P. 24)	
Q.E.S.	88-4	(Waterson 2-19)	
v. Old Boys (H)	Won by 1 run		
School	145-8 dec.	(Calcott 32, Wagstaff S.P. 26, Gill 23)	
Old Boys	144	(Macassey 6-15)	

Under 15 XI

This was a rather disappointing season, I thought. The weather up to half term was appalling, the fixture list was shorter than usual, and there was not always great enthusiasm for practice. Consequently, team morale was lower than it should have been. S. Wagstaff, the captain and certainly the most experienced and talented cricketer in the XI, tried hard to lift the team's standard of performance and in the Frome College match seemed to be succeeding. Opposed by an excellent team, selected from a very large school, the XI bowled and fielded well to restrict Frome's total to 115-8. J. Cash (Vice-Captain) and S. Griffiths bowled particularly well, in marathon spells of 18 and 17 overs respectively. For once our batting was responsible and determined, with Wagstaff, Cash and S. Pratley at one time promising to win the game for us.

However, this game was followed by lack-lustre performances against Wells Cathedral School and Poole, though the latter game did see the promising Under-15 debut of L. Romanillos. The only victory of the season was against an Authority XI. This match was intended to be a social occasion but lacked something of the good humour one had hoped for. We look forward to a better season in 1980.

The following boys played: S. Wagstaff (Captain), J. Cash (Vice-Captain), N. Pragnell, R. Calcott, D. Marsh, N. Brown, S. Griffiths, W. Lundqvist, S. Pratley, P. Lloyd, A. Rabbetts, C. Laing, L. Fanner, A. Davis, J. Perry, P. Walker (also scorer), L. Romanillos.

Results.

v. Clayesmore (H)	Match drawn
Clayesmore	91 (S. Griffiths 4-27)
School	61-9 (Wagstaff 18, Pratley 16 n.o.)
v. Frome College (A)	Match drawn
Frome	115-8 (S. Griffiths 4-37)
School	84-6 (Wagstaff 28, Cash 14, Pratley 17 n.o.)
v. Wells Cathedral School (A)	Match lost
Wells	97 (S. Griffiths 4-20, Wagstaff 5-18)
School	46
v. Poole Grammar School (H)	Match lost
School	75 (Wagstaff 29)
Poole	76-2
v. Authority XI	Match won
Authority XI	58
U 15 and Vth Form	60-7

XI

P.J.R.

Under-14 XI

The season produced excellent cricket in all departments of the game from a team very competently led by their captain, S. Griffiths, who displayed a keen sense of the game, making many decisions altering the course of the matches in our favour. He also proved to be a most competent administrator off the field.

In our first match, at Foster's, Romanillos produced a performance unique in under-14 cricket by taking six wickets for thirteen runs and hitting fifty-six runs before being bowled. At Clayesmore, Romanillos was again player of the match, taking eight wickets for ten (including nine maiden overs from fourteen bowled). However, he "failed" in his batting by scoring a mere twenty-seven runs from a total of forty-five!

The toss was lost in the match against Bishop Wordsworth's and we were put in to bat. Woodrow batted sensibly to score twenty-one runs. Our opponent's innings was noteworthy for two reasons: first, excellent bowling by Griffiths, taking five wickets for nine runs; and, secondly, for a superb catch at extra cover by Cox, who took the ball very high over his shoulders whilst moving backwards - one of the finest catches seen in a S.G.S. cricket match.

In our last game we comprehensively thrashed Wimborne. Fogg batted maturely to score thirty-five runs, skilfully selecting his shots to strike six fours. Griffiths and Romanillos shared the bowling honours, both taking five wickets, Griffiths for four runs and Romanillos for six. A marvellous end to a super season.

In the final of the single-wicket competition, M. Greenhall beat G. Shaw to join the roll of winners.

1976	J. Macassey	1978	D. Marsh
1977	C. Griffiths	1979	M. Greenhall

And finally, congratulations to L. Romanillos on his selection to the County Under-15 team.

Regular members of the XI were: S. Griffiths; S. Lancaster; D. Thrussell; J. Cox; K. Fogg; M. Taylor; J. Calcott; M. Greenhall; D. Harrison; P. Virgo; D. Woodrow; L. Romanillos; M. Cole.

Results

v. Foster's	Won by 4 wickets
Foster's	76 (Romanillos 6-13)
School	78-6 (Romanillos 56)
v. Clayesmore	Won by 5 wickets
Clayesmore	44 (Romanillos 8-10)
School	45-4 (Romanillos 27)
v. Bishop Wordsworth's	Won by 31 runs
School	52 (Woodrow 21)
Bp Wordsworth's	21 (Griffiths 5-9, Romanillos 5-6)
v. Wimborne	Won by 63 runs
School	78 (Fogg 35)
Wimborne	15 (Griffiths 5-4, Romanillos 5-6)

P.D.J.

TENNIS

The Inter-House Tennis results were as follows:

Trojans	beat	Spartans;
Trojans	beat	Corinthians;
Trojans	beat	Romans;
Spartans	beat	Corinthians;

Spartans	beat	Romans;
Romans	beat	Corinthians.

So Trojans won the Rodgers Inter-House Cup.

Dennis Tennis

In the final, Craig Griffiths played Martin Sutton and won by 2 sets to 0: 6-1, 6-4, and thus won the Dennis Tennis Cup.

B.G.B.

ATHLETICS, 1979

Many of our early Athletics matches were cancelled because of "industrial action" by staff at other schools, and thus many of our athletes had to go into the North Dorset Championships without having competed in an official match. Nevertheless we had some very good results, first places going to M. Robertson (100m. Hurdles), D. Marsh (Javelin), A. Rutter (1500m.), G. Shaw (1500m.), D. Burd (Javelin) and third places for R. Cullen (200m.) and D. Thrussell (800m.).

All these boys and K. Fogg (800m.), who was a replacement, were selected to run at Bournemouth in the Dorset Championships, where R. Cullen (200m.), D. Marsh (Javelin) and M. Robertson (100m. Hurdles and 400m. Hurdles) all won their events to become County Champions. These results are remarkable because all three boys will be eligible to compete in the same age groups next year. At the same meeting A. Rutter was third in a 1500m. race of a very high standard with a superb time of 4 mins. 19s. and G. Shaw was just beaten for third place in the sprint finish of the Junior 1500m.

D. Marsh and M. Robertson both competed in the South West Championships and both were third.

Meanwhile, our School teams were enjoying some success. In a match at Purbeck School, where we competed against five other schools in a National Competition, we had some very promising individual performances, particularly those of L. Symons (High Jump), P. Johnson (Triple Jump), K. Fogg (800m.) and G. Shaw (High Jump and 1500m.). Both our teams achieved Competition Standards and were awarded Certificates.

The next fixture was against Warminster School. This match was notable in that we fielded teams with representatives from throughout our full age range, from Upper Sixth - still relaxing in mind and body after 'A' levels - to First Formers, who couldn't relax because of first match nerves. The Junior and Intermediate teams won, while the Seniors were second - of three schools.

Sports Day was again a very successful occasion, with a host of School records being broken. Congratulations must go to R. Cullen for equalling both Senior sprint records; to D. Marsh and D. Burd for beating five out of the six Intermediate and Junior throwing event records; and to G. Shaw for beating both Junior Middle Distance records and shattering the High Jump record. On the same evening four of our First Form were competing in the Dorset Championships: P. Leighton (High Jump) became County Champion, S. Jeffery (Triple Jump) was second and J. Perry (800m.) was third - all these boys having already won the N. Dorset event. S. Hussey (Shot) was also third.

During all this activity towards the end of the term, we were anxiously awaiting the hear the Dorset team to compete in the All-England Championships, the highlight of any young athlete's career. When the team was announced, there were nine boys considered good enough to compete at this level, and two of them, David Marsh and Max Robertson; were from S.G.S. Both boys travelled to Nottingham in early July and, competing in the highest standard athletics meeting in the country, David was placed thirteenth. Max, who had been improving with every race, excelled himself to come second in the 400m. Hurdles and was selected to represent England in a Junior International Match against Scotland, Ireland and Wales in Scotland. Max's International debut resulted in an easy victory, which gave him a ranking in the top three in Great Britain:

I hope that these superb individual performances by these two boys will show our Junior athletes, many of whom are County Standard or just below, that with enthusiasm, determination and dedication to training and competition, high levels of success can be gained in track and field athletics.

Athletic trophies were awarded as follows:

Junior Champion Athlete,
Intermediate Champion Athlete,
Senior Champion Athlete,
Davies Senior 1500m. Cup,
House Cup,
Johnstone Cup for Outstanding
Sporting Achievement,

G. Shaw;
M. Robertson;
A. Rutter and A. Robertson;
A. Rutter;
Trojans;
M. Robertson

School Records

	<u>Senior</u>	<u>Intermediate</u>	<u>Junior</u>
100m.	11.3 N. Johnstone 1975 *R. Cullen 1979	11.8 A. Stainer 1973	13.1 S. Pratley 1977
200m.	23.1 M. Goodchild 1971 *R. Cullen 1979	24.3 N. Johnstone 1974	27.4 S. Pratley 1977
400m.	54.2 N. Johnstone 1975	56.3 *M. Robertson 1979	63.9 J. Pike 1975
800m.	2.5.2 P. Deacon 1975	2.18.4 P. Deacon 1973	2.27.9 *G. Shaw 1979
1500m.	4.27.8 P. Deacon 1975	4.43.5 P. Deacon 1973	4.52.5 *G. Shaw 1979
Hurdles	14.9 (100m) S. Dennis 1975	12.1 (80m) A. Rutter 1978	12.0 (70m) A. Rutter 1976
Shot	11.80 T. Noyes 1960	12.20 *D.J. Marsh 1979	9.12 *D. Bird 1979
Discus	39.03 N. Burd 1976	34.32 *D.J. Marsh 1979	26.33 *P. Virgo 1979

Javelin	53.34 L. Aviss 1966	51.71 *D.J. Marsh 1979	31.47 *D. Burd 1979
Long Jump	6.15 R. Robinson 1962	5.46 C.S. Byford 1962	4.81 R. Strange 1958
Triple Jump	12.95 A. Stainer 1975	12.00 A. Stainer 1973	10.11 J. Hunt 1969
High Jump	1.68 M. Walby 1976	1.63 *L. Symons 1979	1.44 *G. Shaw 1979
Relay	47.5 Corinthians 1976	51.8 *Trojans 1979	57.7 *Romans 1979

* New Record

P.F.

SWIMMING, 1979

The programme of serious swimming to obtain the Personal Survival Awards of the Amateur Swimming Association was undertaken again this year with the following notable successes:

Gold Award: Michael Banting, Bruce Davison, Michael Kelson, Gregory Sage, Leslie Symons, Kenneth Symons and Andrew Wyatt.

Silver Award: Michael Banting, Warren Gay, Dean Harrison, Wain Lundqvist, Martin Sutton and Kenneth Symons.

Bronze Award: Mark Antell, Stephen Avery, Dominic Burd, James Calcott, Justin Cater, Kevin Fogg, Kevin Goodman, Nicholas Greenhall, Paul Harman, Simon Hussey and Martin Jennings.

Advanced Award (Speed Tests): Michael Banting and Wain Lundqvist.

Merit Award (Speed Tests): Michael Banting, Martin Chapman, Stephen Griffiths and Wain Lundqvist.

The following boys obtained the Bronze Medallion of the Royal Life Saving Society: Stephen Humberstone and Simon Lancaster.

Special thanks are offered to Mr. P.D. Jacques, Mr. M.J. Webber and to Mr. P. Fay for the long hours of coaching and supervising they spend so willingly to ensure that boys have both the opportunity of developing their swimming and testing themselves against national standards. Thanks are also due to Mr. B.G. Brooks, who organises the transport and the coaching of swimming for the 1st and 2nd forms so that all boys learn to swim during their time here.

The Swimming Sports were held at Gillingham Baths on Thursday, 12th July 1979. Five new records were established, that is to say new records since 1976, when we began using the Gillingham Baths for Swimming Sports.

Simon Jeffery set new times for the Under 13 Free Style, Breast Stroke and Back Stroke; Michael Banting beat the records in the Senior Crawl and the Senior Free Style.

The Senior Relay was a most dramatic race and Spartans were just leading Trojans for the last leg. There was an exciting finish to determine whether Nicholas Basford for Spartans could hold off the exceptionally strong challenge of Michael Banting. Basford held the lead and Spartans won the Senior Relay Race. However, Trojans won the Hallet Cup for Swimming with Spartans as runners-up.

F.C.H.

SWIMMING MATCH:

v. PORT REGIS SCHOOL

The match was held at Port Regis. It was a reasonably good day for swimming in their outdoor pool. The two S.G.S. teams were the under 12's and the under 14's.

Jeffery was the captain of the U.12's and Griffiths was captain of the U.14's. The U.12 team consisted of four swimmers, Jeffery, Osborne, Leighton and Spencer. The U.14 team had five swimmers, Griffiths, Cowley, Humberstone, Lancaster and Lanham.

Port Regis won the backstroke in the under 12's but Jeffery won the front crawl and the butterfly. We came second and third in the breast stroke but lost both relays. Griffiths won the U.14 front crawl and we also did well in the breast stroke and back crawl. Griffiths then won the individual medley in a new record time, but unfortunately we still lost the match 68-50.

S. Jeffery.

THE OLD SHASTONIAN CLUB

The 1978-79 Programme.30th September 1978. Committee meeting.

The second meeting of the year met at the School on the last Saturday of September, with a very good attendance. Details for the A.G.M. and Annual dinner were discussed, and the Headmaster reported on the latest events concerning possible changes at the School.

11th November 1978. Rugby v. School. 55th Annual General Meeting.

We were able to field two fifteens this year, and in fact had several players on the touchlines - so perhaps the third fifteen is not too far distant. We held the first fifteen to a 15-15 draw, whilst the seconds triumphed by 20-12.

After tea, members moved to the Chevy Chase Lounge at the Grosvenor Hotel for the 55th Annual General Meeting, which commenced at 5.15 p.m., with the President, M.J. COLE, in the Chair. He gave a most comprehensive resume of the past eight months, during which so much had happened which could have a marked effect on the School as it is now known. Enlargement and change of character, with a mixed non-selective entry from 13-18 was envisaged. The Club's financial standing was given a good review by D.W. TAIT, whilst the Hon. Secretary presented his annual report.

Elected as officers for the coming year were:- President, M.V. SUMMERS (1971); Vice-President, D.J. MULLINS (1959); Hon. Treasurer/Hon. Secretary, T.A. CORDERY (1932); Assistant Hon. Secretary, T.A.W. SAVAGE (1970); and Hon. Auditor, P.G. ROSS (1949). Group B of the Committee (to hold office for three years): P. BOMPAS (1966), N. BURD (1977), C.S.M. BYFORD (1966), I.T. JOHNSTONE (1972) and E.R. WAINSLLEY (1958).

Sdn/Ldr. K.C.B. FIELD (1939) did not seek re-election to the Committee and was sincerely thanked by the President for his long stint in office, which included being President in 1959-60.

D.W. TAIT reported on the O.S. Club Trust and the Jubilee Travel Scholarship Trust; whilst R.M. CONIBEAR (1954) told of the latest happenings with the London area members. J.W. SIMPSON (1939) reported on the O.S. Club Golfing Society.

The date of the 56th A.G.M., and the 51st Annual Dinner was fixed for Saturday, 10th November 1979.

In any other business the Hon. Secretary said he would shortly be attending a committee meeting of the Shaftesbury High School Old Girls' Association, in company with a member of the Christy's School Former Pupils' Association. This would be an initial meeting to explore what would be the future of all the clubs when changes at the School took place. He would be reporting back to the President, the sub-committee and the Headmaster immediately, and to the committee in March 1979.

11th November 1978. 50th Annual Dinner - The Grosvenor Hotel.

A gathering of sixty odd sat down to dinner, with our newly elected President, M.V. SUMMERS (1971), in the Chair, supported by the Headmaster, A.R.D. WICKSON, B. CROWTHER and D.A. PARHAM (1929), a former

Governor. An excellent meal was followed by a speech from the President, in his proposal of the toast, 'The School'. He urged younger members to make themselves heard, to participate, to be prepared to take office on the Club's executive. They were the ones who would be benefiting in the future; they were the ones who would have to help keep the Club active and strong in the next few years of change. The Headmaster responded in an outstanding speech in which he highlighted the problems which had beset him in his first year at the School. All that was good in the present School should be carried forward to the enlarged, mixed school, and the Club could play a big part in seeing this was carried out. M.C.W. JOHNSON (1925) proposed the Toast, 'Absent Friends'.

M. COOK, Head of School, and A. ROBERTSON, Senior Boarder Prefect, were the guests of the Club on this occasion. An interesting fact arising from numbers attending: 50% were younger members who had joined the Club in the last fourteen years.

12th November 1978. Remembrance Sunday.

There were more Old Boys at the Remembrance Service in the School Chapel than previous years to hear the Rev. John Morris preach. The lessons were read by the Headmaster and M.V. SUMMERS (1971), whilst in the Act of Remembrance at the finale of the service wreaths were laid on the two memorials to Old Boys by M.D. COOK, Head of School, and T.A. CORDERY (1932). The tribute to the fallen was said by the President of Shaftesbury Branch of the Royal British Legion, J.N. ARKELL, D.S.C. The Last Post and Reveille were played by one of the boys.

The Chapel was completely filled and the singing was outstanding.

10th February 1979. Soccer v. School.

After the trials of the weather the year before we hoped for better things in 1979, but we were doomed to disappointment. With snow falling on the Thursday and Friday nights we were in grave doubts whether the game could go ahead. Fortunately there was a thin coating of ice on top of the grass which saved the ground from frost, and running about on it soon broke it up. We fielded the following:- R.P. GRAY (1975), N. JOHNSTONE (1978), M.C. CRAIG-McFEELEY (1977), S. MILTON (1978), R. FOSTER (1978), J.D. ROMANILLOS (1978), M.V. SUMMERS (1971), A. CAROZZI (1977), A. ROBERTS (1978), G. STICKLER (1978) and A. DENNIS (1978). Under the most trying conditions, with a bitter wind, both teams were to be congratulated on their efforts and perhaps a 3-3 draw was a fitting result. Our goals came from G. STICKLER (2) and A. ROBERTS. Never was a warm cup of tea more welcome.

17th March 1979. Newbury Dinner; 1st Committee Meeting.

The first committee meeting of the 1978/79 year was held at the Chequers Hotel, Newbury, in the afternoon. The President, M.V. SUMMERS, was in the Chair, supported by a good attendance of members. D.I. ROSS reported on the recent meeting held with representatives of the County High School for Girls Old Girls' Association and the Former Pupils' Association of Christy's School. A further meeting is to be held in September. Details of the cricket weekend in July were made.

In the evening some 35-40 members sat down to dinner, with the President, the Headmaster and B. CROWTHER. A most pleasant evening was had by all: this dinner is more informal than the Shaftesbury dinner,

and most members are pleased to hear from the Headmaster the state of affairs at the School at the present time. Also the fact that many members come with wives and many stay the night in the hotel tends to lead to a more convivial evening.

18th May 1979. Annual Golf Meeting

We held our Annual Meeting on the 18th May, 1979, at Basingstoke Golf Club. The weather was reasonable and seven Members with four guests turned out for the day. The Thomas Cup went to Idris Kirby with 33 points played off 16. He therefore retained the Cup. Tom Hall followed up with 29 off a handicap of 18. Among the visitors, Peter Woolsey won the Captain's Prize off the last nine holes with 32 points off a handicap of nine against D. Squires with 32 points with a handicap of seventeen. Peter obtained sixteen points on the last nine, David Squires 15 points. The afternoon was spent playing betterball foursomes.

The Dinner in the evening was the usual good standard of the Club and during the Annual General Meeting Robin Hall-Smith was appointed Captain for 1980, providing he was still in the U.K. J.W. Simpson was reconfirmed as Secretary and Treasurer. The autumn meeting is again to be arranged by Idris Kirby on the 31st August, at Salisbury. Last year apparently there was a small turnout but was thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended. The Annual Meeting for 1980 will again be held at Basingstoke, possibly on the 16th May though this has still to be confirmed with the Club. We welcomed Brian Crowther, who joined us for lunch, but we would like to see far more playing (or non-playing) participants for the future.

J.W. Simpson (1934-39)

Hon. Secretary, O.S. Golf Society.

6th, 7th, 8th July 1979. Squash v. School, Cricket v. School, Joint Service in School Chapel, and 'At Home' with Mr. and Mrs. Wickson.

Enough members were present to play the School on the Friday evening at Squash.

On the Saturday we were only able to field one cricket eleven, but this one game provided some exciting play and an even more dramatic finish. The School batted first and ran up 145 for 8 wickets (declared). B. SMITH took 3 for 31, and G. STICKLER 3 for 28, with M. CRAIG-McFEELEY and S. TREVIS claiming one victim each. The total did not seem too difficult and the Old Boys went along quite steadily. B.A.T. BLEACH (36), B. SMITH (35), I.T. JOHNSTONE (16), M.V. SUMMERS (15) and A.J. PALMER (12) helped the score along and we had reached 135 for 5, then 144 for 7 - but, alas, 144 all out. We had been defeated by 1 run.

In the evening the Parents' Association put on an evening's entertainment - which can be best described as a mini-Superstars event. You paid 75p for an entry (score) card, and were then faced with some twelve events, all individually scored, and the highest seven scores counted, or you could miss an event which could be your weakness. There were prizes for the winning gentleman and lady. Events included knocking a six inch nail into a log, three balls at skittles, twelve darts at a dartboard, a putting competition, table skittles, shove-halfpenny, throwing a ball into a basket ball net, throwing the horseshoe and other varied games. A most pleasant evening - with a supper included after

we had finished the games. There was a good attendance of parents though not quite such a good one from our members, but it is an evening which could be persevered with for the future. All was completed by 9 p.m. It is understood the Parents' Association raised quite a useful sum of money on the evening.

On the Sunday morning was held the joint School/Old Boy service in the School Chapel. The President, M.V. SUMMERS, read the first lesson, to a congregation which included some twenty-odd members amongst the boys and staff.

After the service the Headmaster and Mrs. Wickson held their customary 'At Home' on the lawns of their home, and we must extend our sincere thanks to them both for their hospitality and kindness.

29th September 1979

The second committee meeting is due to be held at School.

OLD SHASTONIAN NEWS

B.W.A. JAMES (1967) is now with Post Office Telephones, and tells us news of the HURST brothers: P.J. (1968) is with a computer firm in S.W. London and S. (1967) is with Hawker-Siddeley at Stevenage. P. DRAYTON (1967) is with the Chase Manhattan Bank in the City. J.M. TAYLOR (1968) is now in Munich with Pan-Avia, an aircraft component firm. R.G. HALL (1971) was excused from Committee meetings this year for the very good reason of his being in Paris at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes Commerciales from July to December and then he moved on to New York University from January to May. Congratulations to Wing Commander E.R. COX (1957) on his promotion and his posting to H.Q., R.A.F. Germany. He has to take a six week crash course in German. We are grateful to E.A.G. MANTON (1926) for entertaining A.D. REINECKE (1976), one of the Travel Scholarship beneficiaries, who was able to snatch a brief spell in New York during his long vacation trip to the U.S.A. - he attended the University of Michigan, Detroit. Many faces at the Rugby weekend: Good to see D.S. HALPIN (1959), R.W.S. LAW (1952), N.C. DEAN (1971), G. BATEMAN (1971) and also G.M. ROBSON (1970) from the Falkland Islands.

M.R. JONES (1975) is with the Wilton Carpet Co., and M.R. PYRKE (1974) is with the Forestry Commission at Penrith, Cumbria. Two more members in Cornwall; to join P. HASTROP. T.S. FINDING (1972) is at the R.N.A.S. Culdrose, whilst N. JOHNSTONE (1978) is with the School of Mines at Camborne. We have since learned he has moved temporarily to Nigeria. J.F.C. NICHOLLS (1957) is Finance Officer with the Social Services Dept. of the Dorset County Council. G.C.J. APPS (1972) has left the Isle of Wight and is now on Motorway Patrol for the Hampshire section of the M3.

B.S. BATES is not exactly isolated in Taunton. He is watched over by P. FRANKLYN (1970), now with the Somerset and Avon Police, sees S.A. HICKIE (1964) frequently, also M. NOBLE (1972) and, whilst watching Somerset play cricket, has run across S. TREVIS (1976) and N. GREENWOOD (1972). S.H. BRALEY (1975), who is joining the R.A.F., reports his brother, N.J. BRALEY (1972), has recently married. G.G. MORSE (1974) writes from Sheffield, where he is working in Residential Child Care. At a more recent date he looked in on Shaftesbury. B.G. BAYLISS (1951-59), an ex-member of the Staff, was in Shaftesbury in February. He is now a Headmaster in Stratford-upon-Avon. L.S. MILLER (1946) has gone full

circle and is now working in Shaftesbury as project co-ordinator for Dorset Foods Ltd., who are building a factory at Stalbridge. A brief note from R. HALL-SMITH (1949) says he had just been evacuated from Teheran.

R.E.J. DAVIES (1938) moves around - the Hon. Secretary received a card from him from Peking. DAVIES also reports he has been signed up by Putnam to write his third book, 'Airlines of Latin America', due to be published in 1980. P. GLOYENS (1971) is practising as a solicitor in the City. A commendation to G.D. JOHNSON (1956), who in the May Parliamentary Elections again contested Eastleigh for the Liberal Party - albeit unsuccessfully. R.C. WYATT (1919) visited Shaftesbury a short while ago and his mark (in the visitors' book at St. Peter's Church) was duly observed. The Hon. Secretary received a visit from D.F. DANIEL (1944), now in New Zealand, and also C. WRIGHT (1959) who now lives in Victoria, Australia. J.L.N. CORP (1964) was another emigrant, from Canada, returning for a vacation. A surprise visit at the cricket weekend from M.G. PARSONS (1958) and R.J. DUNLEY (1956). The former is now an Inspector at Scotland Yard, whilst the latter is with a Security Engineering Firm. M.G. LILLIE (1958) is now Deputy Chief Architect for Fairclough Building Ltd., Manchester.

T.V. COLUMN

A.K. RODGERS (1965) will soon be suffering from over-exposure on the T.V. screen. He appeared in the Rugby Special report of the Gosforth v. Rosslyn Park John Player Cup game and then had an extensive run on the Independent Channels in a Chrysler Car advertisement. He was one of the four Rosslyn Park players who 'open up the 'spot', seated in the front passenger seat.

How many members saw C.P. LAWTON (1966) on T.V., coming third in one of the walking races at the A.A.A. Championships at the Crystal Palace? He has been an international since 1971.

How many Old Boys of the 1950's spotted one of their colleagues, now in Special Branch, following one of the Governmental Ministers into No. 10 Downing Street?

We offer congratulations to the following, who have married in the past year:-

G.S. ADCOCK (1971) to Miss Beverley Payne; J. MEREFIELD (1967) to Mrs. J. Crouch; N.J. HOPTON (1972) to Mlle. Maryvonne Blanchard at Liessies, France. Also S. DAVIES (1970), N.J. BRALEY (1972) and Capt. A.J. TREVIS (1972).

Also to be congratulated are C. COATS (1969), M.B. SIMS (1954) and Fl. Lt. T.G. HOWSON (1969), who have had additions to their families.

It is with deep regret we have to report the names of the following members who have passed away in the last twelve months:-

J.G. BUCKLAND (1897-1903)	W.P. BURROW (1903-03)	C.E.B. BUTT (1944-51)
F.A. CHUBB (1924-30)	R.E. DALZELL (1937-39)	R.S. GATEHOUSE (1925-27)
G.J. HISCOCK (1919-26)	L.E.B. JOHNSON (1912-18)	C. MOORE (1916-21)
D. SCAMMELL (1916-18)	P. SCAMMELL (1921-26)	F.E. SIATER (1927-28)
P.S. RICHARDS (1919-22)		

To all their families and relatives we extend our deepest sympathy.