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The Presidents Letter

Dear O.R.,

Our chief news item must still be the progress of the college appeal and its three main projects.

The sports hall, which constitutes the second stage of the development, is now complete apart from the clearing up operation and will be in use at the beginning of next term. This building replaces the old bothy at the lower end of the walled garden and forms an impressive addition to our facilities. The curious excrescencies on the exterior of the east end wall will provide basic training for our growing band of enthusiastic mountaineers.

No date has yet been set for work to start on the third stage which will convert the present gym into an assembly hall, but the governors are keen to proceed with this as soon as possible.

Now to finances. The total given or covenanted from all sources to date will provide £117,524 after allowing for tax refunds. Of this total £23,968 comes from members of our society. You will find included in this bulletin an up to date list of those who have contributed. There have been quite a number of very generous contributions and a particularly good response from those who joined the college in its early years. However several O.R.s have expressed disappointment with the relatively small proportion of our numbers included on this list. Can you help to correct this, for example by reminding any of your friends whose names are not included? If your finances have improved since you made your own contribution, you might feel that some increase is possible - it would certainly be very welcome. All those who have contributed to the appeal will receive an invitation to this year's founder's day.

Two more fund raising events in the college are planned before the appeal closes in July: a fête on May 12th and a grand ball on July 11th. Details appear elsewhere in this bulletin. Please support one or both of these functions if you possibly can, we hope that they will both be thoroughly enjoyable as well as profitable.

Many thanks to all who have written during the year to provide the material for this bulletin; do keep up the flow of information. I should also like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. White on your behalf for all the work involved in collecting and editing. From the appreciative letters and comments we have received, this annual letter is proving very popular.

Yours sincerely,
Jack Fell

Society Officers 1978 - 79

President:	J.B. Fell (staff 1934 - 73)
Chairman:	J. Gilchrist (1944 - 51)
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Secretary:	F. Glennie (1959 - 67) 10 Mount Street, Cirencester, Glos.
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Hockey Secretary:	J.D. Whiteside (1968 - 74) 90 The Bassets, Cashes Green, Stroud, Glos.
Cricket Secretary:	D. Pearce (1969 - 74) The Old House, Maisemore, Glos.
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Lt. Colonel John Godman C.B.E

We record with deep regret the death of Colonel Godman on October 1st 1978. He joined the governing body of the college in 1943 and became its chairman on the death of Canon Sewell. To all Rendcombians who were at the college during this time he was a familiar figure whether on founder's day or on less formal occasions. His dedicated interest in the school and wise guidance contributed much to the continuing success of Rendcomb, particularly during the phase of expansion and development since 1961.

The college choir sang at his funeral service at Longborough and many people connected with Rendcomb were also present.

Rendcomb College Appeal

Donations have been received from the following O.R. contributors, as at 26th March 1979:-

1920 - 1939

P.S. Alder	Lt. Col. Coles	P.G. Forrest	J.W.H. Neads	C. Sidgwick
W.E. Bardrick	R.G. Collett	A.E. Godsell	E.G. Neal	N. Slade
F.J. Batten	H.P. Dainton (wife)	K.A.C. Gross	V.D. Page	A. Smith
Major J.C. Beck	R. Daubeny	C.E. Hartland	N.A. Perkins	C.E.H. Tuck
E.D.H. Boulding	J.H. Dixon	C. Jones	E.J. Powell	A.R.R. Tenty
R.G. Betterton	D. Dakin	F.J. Jones	H.J. Phillips	C.G.V. Taylor
A.E.A. Brain	Rev. Ensor	F. Luffman	J.H. Quick	W.M. Tugwell
R.F. Butler	J.B. Fell	D. Montgomery	F.C. Raggatt	D.C. Vaughan
A.P. Browning	D. Field	N. MacGregor-Wood	Rev. Granston Richards	E. Webster
M.A. Bullen	P.L. Field	A.R. Margetts	M.C. Richardson	J.R. Wheeler
D.D. Christie	M. Fisher	O.G. Morel	D.C. Richardson	G.M. Wilson

1940 - 1959

J.R. Alder	K.J. Foley	R. Jones	B. Plenderleith	R.W. Taylor
W.J.. Alder	F.R. Glennie	R.J. Kendal	J.W.J. Read	T.J. Tudge
M. Ashe-Jones	P.M. Gerrard	Cdr. Lawrence	Dr. M.G. Richards	D.G. Vaisey
C.J. Brisley	J. Gilchrist	R.S. Lowe	P.S. Rose	Rev. Vere Wheeler
P.J. Callaghan	D.A. Hogarth	T.R. Morris	P.D. Quick	M. Whittering
L.V. Crawford	A.P. Hayes	J. Mitchison	K.M. Shepheard	A.G.B. Wallace
R.A. Cockrell	M.C. Jones	M.J. Miles	J.W. Sumsion	J.C. Waterton
J.K. Comrie	R.H. Jones	D.R. Page	R.M. Sumsion	C.J. Webb
P.K. Dale	E.A. Jones	G.E. Page	D.J. Tovey	J.M. Webb
M.J. Edward	M. Van der Driessche	J.D. Painter	P.A. Trier	L.A. Webb
F.A.C. Ferguson				

1960 - 1976

R.H. Arkell	C. Dendy	Miss Joel	O.G. Rhys	J.M. Tyler
D.J. Bell	G.J. Dorey	G. Jordan	R.P. Sherratt	J. Wilson
Miss C. Bourne	J.P. Fletcher	P.J. Lyons	J.C. Smith	J.D. Williams
D.J. Brennan	N.G. Green	K.P. Margetts	D.P. Stratton	C. Wood
N.M. Collins	M.R. Griffiths	T.W. Nicholas	P.W. Taylor	T. Wolferstan
Miss J. Crowhurst	S.D. Hicks	R. Pyecroft	D.A. Tyler	
N.J. Dakin	L.W.H. Hull	R.J. Read	R.J. Van der Driessche	

The Newsletter

As there have been a number of enquiries about communications from the society, it seemed a good idea to explain the present system. At the last a.g.m. it was agreed that the life subscription would cover the cost of the first two college magazines after leaving school, and in addition an annual newsletter, published in April. The high cost of producing the magazine makes it impossible to send a copy to all O.R.s and in addition it contains only a minimum of O.R. news, the newsletter now being the main vehicle for this.

History of Rendcomb College

Copies of the college history are obtainable, price £3 plus 50p for postage and packing, from Mrs. K.L. James, The Garden House, Rendcomb.

Cheques should be made payable to "The Rendcomb College Memorial Volume".

C.M. Swaine

Mr. Swaine is retiring in July after 27 years as head of biology at Rendcomb. All O.R.s who have been at the school during this time will want to wish him and Mrs Swaine many years of happy retirement in Anglesey, where they will be delighted to see any O.R.s who happen to be in that area. Their address from August will be: Tremorfa, The Drive, Malltraeth, Anglesey.

It is impossible to summarise briefly the contribution that Mr. Swaine has made to Rendcomb over this long period - but the following extracts from letters from some of his former pupils may do something to illustrate the respect that O.R.s have for him as a schoolmaster:-

Bob Lawson (1949 - 57) writes:-

"My memories are not of lessons or particular incidents, but of Chris Swaine's supreme interest, fascination and knowledge of natural history. He spent a great deal of time with small groups and with individuals, showing them rather special plants and animals. He collected, kept and photographed enormous toads and adders and tinted most beautiful colour slides on glass. One special visit was to Dowdeswell reservoir to see and time in its dives a Great Northern Diver blown hundreds of miles off course by gales. I will be one of many who subconsciously absorbed much of Chris Swaine's nature lore and we must thank him for the basis of a lifelong interest."

Paul Heppleston (1956 - 62), head of biology at Kirkwall Grammar School in the Orkneys, writes:-

"Some schoolmasters are unaware of their nickname, but I'm sure that CMS knew (and will not mind me saying) that his was 'Chaps' a word that he often used when addressing a class (mine is 'Juicy' - I tend (-ed!) to say "d'you see?"). CMS rests assured, I hope, that there were far worse ones attached to some other masters whilst I was at Rendcomb. It seems to me to be some measure of a master's stature that he has a friendly nickname (I hope 'Juicy' is friendly!) and this was, and is, a real reflection of CMS's worth. Schoolboys tend to judge masters on two levels: the personality level - particularly when young - and then later on, when awareness dawns, on the level of 'examination results'. For me, and I know for countless others, CMS was a gem on both counts - his examination record is terrific, as you will know from reading previous newsletters. And as for personality, one just has to accept the subjective appraisal of those whom he taught. My own feelings are very special, for when I entered the sixth form biology class, I was (for three years) that class. Lessons consisted of CMS and me, so our relationship had to be something special - which it was. Amidst the smell of formalined dogfish and safranin in light green there arose in me a deep appreciation of biology and all that it involves. So much so that I eventually gave up my career in ecology research and entered teaching myself. I carry CMS around with me; I recall the ways he did things when I am dealing with my pupils. So the greatest tribute I can pay him as he leaves for his naturalists' paradise on Mona's Isle, is that CMS is still teaching - in the far flung islands where I live at present; I'll carry 'him' around to whichever lab I inhabit and hopefully may pass on some of the pleasure of Rendcomb biology to my pupils, as he did so abundantly to his, through his gentle and encouraging presence. We wish Chris and Eileen very many years of happiness in the future and thank him for all that he has done for us over so many years in the past."

David Maberley (1959 - 67) writes from Wadham College, Oxford:-

"Firstly 'Chaps' Swaine was responsible, through his dedicated teaching, particularly after 'A' level, for my getting a scholarship to Oxford: of that I have no doubt. It is true that much of the biology he taught us was not then 'fashionable', that is not very strong on the experimental side, but it certainly gave me a good basis for my university career. Part of the problem at Rendcomb was the old lab with its distinctive aroma of formaldehyde and old fir cones: it was so small that Friday afternoon lessons with half a dozen dogfish carcasses in various states of mutilation made the place almost uninhabitable. Nevertheless, we struggled on. 'Chaps' was as good with a scalpel on the neck dissection of a rat as he was with a cutthroat razor on a lime twig. Above all, I will remember his strict teaching of biological drawing - not art, I know, but the craft of portraying clearly and cleanly the intricacies of plant and animal structure.

"Double Bios" was never approached (by me) with the sinking heart prefatory to double almost-everything-else and, although 'Chaps' had no obvious features to mimic or mock, there were one or two endearing habits -

as the slow rocking from side to side when dictating (very soothing, this) and the juggling of bits of chalk, lenses etc., which inevitably found themselves on the floor.

I had almost forgotten a most important rite which would certainly have raised a classical eyebrow or two back at college. This was the ceremonial burial of the mutilated corpses accumulated on Fridays on a catafalque in the lab. We took it in turns, sometimes with 'Chaps' leading the cortege round the back of the lab, under some sad yew trees, to excavate the last resting place, with a spade especially reserved for the purpose, of cockroaches, worms, dogfish, frogs, rats and, once, even a snake, to the jaunty knell of the stable's clock."

Peter Little (1960 - 68), now at Harwell, writes:-

"Between 1966 and 1968 I had the privilege of being taught botany and zoology 'A' levels by Mr. Swaine - in the good old days when they could be done as separate subjects. The excellence of his basic classical teaching combined with his insistence on honest observation and accurate drawing provided a sound start to any career in natural sciences. Not only did he teach extremely effectively but his enjoyment of his subject generated interest and enthusiasm in his students - how else could he have persuaded us to keep taking notes with a temperature of two degrees C in the laboratory when the heating had failed in the days when even the 6th form wore shorts? In my seven years at Rendcomb I don't remember his being unable to teach us because of illness. Perhaps these Spartan conditions and the daily walk up the village hill from his house to the college kept him so fit? In fact he didn't seem to make much use of 'The Tank' as we called his huge, elderly, battleship grey car. The one ride I do remember in 'The Tank' was only half way down the Cheltenham drive with nets, poles and buckets hanging out of the windows, for a half-day field course in the river Churn.

He has always found the time and patience to help you understand how, for example, Mendel got his 9:3:3:1 ratio with his genetic experiments on peas - even if he didn't tell you that Mendel fiddled his results! The proof of Mr. Swaine's teaching ability is reflected in the number of university places obtained in botany and zoology over the years. When he retires the college will be losing a first-rate teacher and naturalist."

Henrietta Hooper (1973 - 75) writes:-

"Rendcomb will, no doubt, be sorely aware of its loss when Mr. Swaine retires this summer. It will affect former and present pupils alike for I include those of us whom Mr. Swaine, with the utmost tact, has guided through the biology course in the past. Schools are moulded by (and in memory largely comprised of) a few outstanding and sympathetic personalities who imprint their characters on the place, and, in leaving, withdraw something fundamental from it. That Mr. Swaine's retirement will for many of us have this sort of effect on Rendcomb, which itself produces such a distinctive impression by its memorable buildings and surroundings, is no mean achievement.

During my two years at Rendcomb I cannot recall Mr. Swaine ever losing his patience. He always encouraged our enthusiasm. Few biology masters would have countenanced, for example, installing an antique bath in the stable grounds as a home for displaced crayfish! There were expeditions to wildlife sanctuaries and to the Forest of Dean, and ecology lessons conducted while wading the Churn. There were extra-curricular treats such as supper parties at the Mill House where we always did justice to Mrs Swaine's delicious cooking. Indeed it is Mr. Swaine's kindness and unfailing interest in his students that we were most privileged in having, and that is something not forgotten with one's final exams. That alone would justify the sincerity with which we send our heartfelt good wishes to Mr. and Mrs Swaine when they leave Rendcomb."

O.R. Reunions

There was good support at the annual O.R. rugby and hockey matches and many O.R.s stayed on for the bar afterwards.

In the summer, after the cricket match, there was the usual excellent buffet supper provided by Mrs Mezo and her helpers.

Among those who attended were:

Mrs F. Drake	P.G. Cockell	A. Wilson	R. Allen	Mr. and Mrs. M. Whittering
C.C. Burden *	T. Nicholas	T. Wolferstan	J. Watson	Mr. and Mrs. F. Glennie
Mr. and Mrs R. Betterton	A. Ashmore	J. Campbell	J.C. Smith	R. Sherratt
Mr. and Mrs. T. Perkins	C.G. Taylor	D. Brennan	R. Butler	Mr. and Mrs. R. Edy
Mr. and Mrs. A.E.A. Brain	J. Falconer	P. Maguire	N. Green	D. de G. Sells *
Mr. and Mrs. F.C. Raggatt	R. Hunt	Mr. and Mrs M. Miles	J. Webb	B.J. Hembry *
Mrs. K.L. James	S. Smith	R. Lawrence	R. Pearce	Mr. and Mrs. P. Callaghan
S.D. Hicks	S. Young	J. Gilchrist	M. Jones	Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Fell

Mr. and Mrs. K. Bowley

Mr. and Mrs. M. Barnes R. Law

W.J.D. White *

R.M.A. Medill *

* Members of staff

Dates of Future Reunions

Cricket: July 7th 1979
Rugger: December 15th 1979
Hockey: March 29th 1980

The a.g.m will be held at 7.00 p.m. in the library following the cricket match, after which there will be a buffet supper, beginning at 8.15 p.m.

After the rugger and hockey matches, held on the last Saturday of the respective terms, there is an opportunity for a chat over a glass of beer or cider in the library.

A separate notice is enclosed about the ball to be held on July 11th at the college to mark the end of the appeal.

On May 12th a fête will be held in the college grounds beginning at 3.00 p.m., in connection with the appeal. Any O.R.s and friends will be most welcome.

Obituary

With deep regret we have learnt of the deaths of the following O.R.s since the publication of the last newsletter.

C.Sidgwick (1929 - 33) died on September 28th 1978 in Brussels aged 63. His brother, J. Sidgwick, writes as follows:-

"Christopher Sidgwick came to Rendcomb in 1929 and left in 1933. Thereafter, he travelled in Europe, and published a book about his experiences in pre-war Germany. He served as a gunner in the UK during the war and, after being commissioned, he went into Movement Control. After demobilisation, he was in Germany with the Civil Control Commission helping to get the railways operating again. He then returned to London and a career in the Travel Agency business, in which, as a courier and cruise director, he travelled widely in southern Europe, particularly Yugoslavia. During these years he published travel guides and a novel with a Yugoslav background. He retired early, and lived in Corfu for eight years before settling in Brussels, where he was owner and manager of a restaurant patronised by many Common Market personalities. He leaves a widow with two young children, a daughter and three sons by former marriages."

P.O. Ryman (1943 - 51) died on March 23rd 1978. He was a chief engineer with Rolls Royce's aero engines division and played an important part in the development of a number of new engines including the RB199 for the Tornado. A lengthy obituary notice appeared in the South Avon Mercury.

Air Vice-Marshal B. Plenderleith (1940 - 45) died in December 1978. We reproduce the following obituary notice from the Daily Telegraph, with due acknowledgements:-

"Air Vice-Marshal Brian Plenderleith, who has died aged 51, at the height of his R.A.F. career, graduated from Cambridge with a mechanical engineering degree and received his wings two years later. He flew Canberras in Bomber Command after being a flying instructor, and helped introduce the Bloodhound air defence missile. In 1962 he returned to Bomber Command, commanding 139 Sqn. From 1967 he was CO R.A.F. Topcliffe and later group director, R.A.F. Staff College. In 1973 he became Air Commodore (Plans) at Strike Command H.Q. before moving to Cranwell as head of the Department of Air Warfare. He was made Air Vice-Marshal in 1977."

Stephen Richards (1945 - 52), the son of **Rev. A. Granston Richards** (staff 1931 - 45) died in October 1978 after a long illness. After a short period in the scientific civil service, he joined the C.E.G.B.'s H.Q. computing service. For the past two years he was head of the computing networks section of the computing, planning and development department. A detailed obituary notice appeared in 'Power News', the newspaper of the Central Electricity Generating Board.

O.R.s will wish to join in expressing their deepest sympathy to their families.

Engagements

The following Q.R.s have announced their engagements recently:

A.M. Jenkins (1968 - 74)
R. Lawrence (1942 - 45)
T. Stroud (1967 - 74)
M. Stallard (1967 - 70)
R. Pearce (1966 - 72)

Marriages

Norman Crowe (1968 - 75) to Teta Hennessy (1972 - 74)

Births

To Derek (1966 - 74) and Helen Wiggall - a daughter

At Rendcomb

The following O.R.s have sons or daughters at Rendcomb:-

M.J. Miles, J.K. Comrie

Staff News

B.J. Hembry (P.E. and biology, 1974 - 78) left last July to join a comprehensive school in Devizes.

Rev. W.K.A. Hussey (Chaplain, 1974 - 78) left in July to become chaplain at Berkhamstead School.

In their places we welcomed **M.J. Newby** and **Rev. J. Heales**.

Additional appointments to the staff for last September were **C.F.F. Terrill** to teach geography - the course is now taken to 'A' level - and **P.L. Rhodes** as assistant musician.

Congratulations to **Dr. G.J. Smith**, (staff 1974 -) end, his wife, Hilary (née Jones, matron 1975 - 77) on the birth of a son, James Graham.

Old Rendcombian News

We are grateful to all O.R.'s who have sent in news during the year; we include some below.

Please continue to keep in touch and send us information about yourself or O.R.s with whom you come into contact.

F.C. Raggatt (1920 - 26) wrote as follows in 1977:-

"You mention an article to be produced on J.H. Simpson under the auspices of the University of Ghent. It may be of interest to know that he and Rendcomb are quite frequently mentioned in Vol. 2 of 'The Educational Innovators' by W.A.C. Stewart, published by MacMillan in 1968. **Eddie Tullett**, whose death you mention, was a contemporary of mine at Rendcomb. We were among the first twelve, most of these have kept in touch, but nothing appears to have been heard of **Arthur Wilcox** or **Robert Newport**. Wilcox and I came from the same village. As for myself, after being a headmaster for nearly 25 years, I retired owing to health factors somewhat early in 1969. During these years I was head of three different schools, the last being among the 30 largest in the country at that time. In retirement my main activities are gardening and working in wood. The former hobby has been with me most of my life - in fact at Rendcomb the pupils had individual plots, if they so chose, on the site on which the head's house now stands. Woodworking, again, though I had no time to pursue it, dates back to Rendcomb and in the years of retirement has given me infinite pleasure..."

(The editor apologises for failing to include this in last year's newsletter)

Ian Boothman (1970 - 77) is at the University of Salford reading chemical engineering, not at Aston University as stated last year (apologies - ed.).

David Tyler (1965 - 70), writing to give his new address last year, also sent news of **Kim Warren** (1964 - 70). He was married in 1976 and he and his wife Christine are expecting their first child. Kim was then about to graduate from the London Business School where he has been taking an M.B.A.

Tony Perkins (1924 - 31), says that he is once more a part-time course tutor for the Open University. He wonders how many O.R.s have joined.

Alan Masters (1973 - 77) went to Hereford Sixth Form College on leaving Rendcomb and is doing 'A' level courses in geography, biology and chemistry. He has also been playing rugby for Hereford Rugby Club.

Neil McGregor-Wood (1939 - 45) wrote last June:-

"After National Service largely spent in a very quiet Northern Ireland, I went up to Trinity College, Cambridge in 1948 to read history, economics and law, the sort of course ex-soldiers could do in those days! **John Sime** (1939 - 42) and **John Carus-Wilson** (1940 - 46) were among my contemporaries and the latter was my best man in 1952 when I married a Cambridge physician's daughter after coming down. Rosemary and I well remember listening to **Powys Thomas** (1939 - 44) whom we invited to talk to a drama society in Cambridge. He was a dear fellow and I was so sorry to hear of his death. In 1952 I took my bar finals, got married and started a career in insurance. I am now managing director of one of the J.H. Minet insurance companies. Over 16 years I have been chairman of two corporation of insurance broker committees, served on its council, been chairman for 7 years of a preparatory school trust and been a borough councillor for 3 years. Currently I am a parish councillor, member of a parochial church council and on a deanery synod. My wife, Rosemary, a practising speech therapist throughout our married life, took time off to give me four beautiful children - two girls and two boys. In ascending order, one aged 13 is at Bradfield, one aged 20 is a 3rd year medico at Charing Cross; the girls are a 21 year old third year student nurse at Middlesex hospital and a 24 year old ex-air hostess in advertising. In between times, Rosemary writes poetry and prose and produces 'words and music' concerts locally, cares for a labrador, a cairn and a 16 year old cat - and does meals on wheels."

Peter Sumsion (1942 - 49) has left Eton after 19 years teaching painting and is going to be a full-time lecturer in the dept. of first year studies at the Glasgow School of Art.

Michael Miles (1943 - 51) is in the U.K. until July 1979 undergoing management training with the Commercial Union Assurance Co., including a course at Cranfield School of Management, Buckinghamshire. (His son, Nicholas, is in the first year sixth at Rendcomb - Ed.)

Alice Parshall (1974 - 76) is very happy reading medicine at St. Mary's Medical School. She was awarded a Martin Scholarship in 1978 and is using 1978/9 to do a B.Sc. in comparative anatomy before starting clinical medicine.

W. Jones (1924 - 31) retired in February 1978 and is working part-time as a quantity surveyor for Ernest Ireland Construction Ltd., concerned with the restoration of Georgian buildings in Bath. He has been in touch with **Dick Field** (1924 - 31) and also **Jack Allen** (1925 - 31)

Richard Pearce (1966 - 72) went to Trent Polytechnic after leaving Rendcomb, to take a course in applied biology, graduating in 1976. As he was unable to find a suitable job immediately, he worked for a time at a paper mill outside Cheltenham. In March 1977 he joined the blood bank at Walsgrave Hospital, Coventry. ..."the job is very interesting and rewarding - blood groups are a great deal more complicated than I had always believed. At the blood bank we supply the blood required by all the hospitals in Coventry. The blood is supplied to us by the Blood Transfusion Service in Birmingham, and we cross-match it for each patient as required. The job also requires on-call services for night-time, weekends and Bank Holidays, and I have recently been trained in that respect. At present I am a scientific officer; having been upgraded from a junior scientific officer simply through length of experience. To progress further through the grades, I have first to pass the special examinations set by the Institute of Medical Laboratory Sciences. I thought I had seen the last of exams!

A few weeks ago, I became engaged. My fiancée, Ann, has just sat her exams at St. Mary's Teacher Training College in Cheltenham."

Elaine Finney (1972 - 74) wrote at Christmas:-

"Having wandered round the Sudan, we returned broke and so **Nick (Roberts 1969 - 74)** is off to Kenya as a V.S.O. and I am working as scientific coordinator for Operation Drake - an exciting expedition round the world. **Toby (Roberts 1971 - 76)** is going on it and Nick's mother is registrar."

David Vaisey (1945 - 54) came to Rendcomb in March to talk to the sixth form about manuscripts in the Bodleian Library at Oxford, and in January **Mark Collins** (1963 - 69) gave a lecture to the school entitled 'The R.G.S. Expedition to Gunong Mulu National Park, Sarawak'.

Jonathan Dixon (1968 - 75) was with the Bristol Revuenians at the Edinburgh festival, where he met **Nicholas Wapshott** (1963 - 70), drama critic of the Scotsman, who had come across **Michael Garland-Collins** (1967 - 72). **Niven Boyd** (1966 - 72) was also at the festival and is currently in Manchester with the university theatre.

A.R.R. Tenty (1934 - 39) is a member of the governing body of Rendcomb.

Phillip Graham (1968 - 73) is on the staff of Beaudesert School.

Kim Stuckey (1967 - 73) is with IBM in Bristol.

Michael Denley (1968 - 74) after graduating from High Wycombe College of Further Education, spent one year as furnishings officer at University College, London ("So I got to a university after all", as he says) and then moved to Trust House Forte as a buyer for their furnishing side. Unfortunately, since getting the job, he has been at work for only 6 weeks as the result of a rugger injury suffered in the first two minutes of a trial game last August. He has now had two operations and hopes to get fit again gradually. The day after his first operation he went up to **Norman Crowe's** (1968 - 75) wedding, driven by **Ian Taylor** (1968 - 75) who was best man.

John Millard (1967 - 73) is with the Metal Box company's research and development department. His brother **Richard** (1964 - 70) is with the Post Office Quality Assurance, and **Peter** (1968 - 75) has just graduated with a 2:1 at Leeds University and is intending to work for a Ph.D.

Martin Brown (1966 - 72) wrote as follows last July:-

"I worked in Guyana for a total of 14 months; six months on a site in tropical bush, five months in a site design office engaged on a second project, and three months waiting for the local government to make belated arrangements to receive me. With paid and unpaid leave following the end of my contract period I was able to travel through Brazil, Bolivia and Peru for a brief but interesting 8 weeks. I am now back in Swindon with Sir William Halcrow and Partners. His brother, **Robert** (1963 - 70), after teaching chemistry at Illinois State University for six months, joined B.N.F.L. at Windscale in research and development. He is now with Alginat Industries Ltd. He also tells us that **David Simmons** (1963 - 70) is now married and is working in Bristol as a car salesman. He sends his regards to all who were at Rendcomb from 1963 to 1969.

Trevor Patrick (1964 - 70), when last heard of, was at Cape Kennedy, Florida, with a team preparing to launch the GEOS II satellite.

Peter Binks (1935 - 41) is still busily occupied with schemes to help the handicapped in Victoria, Australia. He sent a photograph of himself and **Bill Bardrick** (1921 - 26) for our records.

Kathy Harmon Folly (1972 - 74) is now stationed in the Netherlands where her husband is on a three year tour.

Alasdair Wallace (1949 - 55) still enjoys teaching at Lakefield, Ontario. He makes oak furniture as a part-time business hobby and is building a log cabin. He hopes to visit Rendcomb again in 1980.

G. Bye (1940 - 48) has recently been in England on holiday with his wife and four teenage children. He lives in Connecticut.

M. Butlin (1940 - 47) has been awarded the Mitchell Prize (value £10,000) for his catalogue of the paintings of J.M.W. Turner which he has compiled with the co-operation of Mr. Evelyn Joll, managing director of Agnews, the London art dealers. Writing to Mrs. James at Christmas, he added: "A nice girl called **Henrietta**

Hooper (1973 - 75) got in touch with me as a fellow old Rendcombian (that gave me a shock!) to see if we could give her a voluntary job at the Tate, but unfortunately she couldn't spare enough time from her medical studies to make it worthwhile."

M. Edwards (1948 - 54) is living in Liverpool and working in insurance. He and his wife have four children.

Wendy Hewitt (1975 - 77) is reading Law at Manchester. She is enjoying the social life there and finds the Law Course very interesting.

M. Morgan (1941 - 49) has a son at Durham reading archaeology.

A. Primrose (1938 - 44) is a member of the Royal Southern Yacht Club's racing committee. He is involved in preparation for the Southern Television sponsored 12 metre world championship. (Does anyone know his address? Ed.)

K.M Shephard (1944 - 47) writes from SS Rajah Brooke on the voyage, as sole passenger, from Brunei in Borneo to Singapore. He is on Grace Leave from the B.B.C. after 27 years and has taken a package deal in the Far East, visiting Hong Kong and the Philippines en route. His documentary 'Death of the Prince Imperial' will be shown by the B.B.C. on May 4th.

J.K. Comrie (1946 - 54) has a daughter, Claire, in the first year sixth at Rendcomb.

Jonathan Fletcher (1968 - 75), recently won a Casberd scholarship at St John's College, Oxford on the strength of his start of term exams. Writing in February he says he was pleased to have won, somewhat in contrast to his college award, a £5 book token for design of a balsa wood structure in a laboratory exercise. "... Despite my success as a civil engineer, my future is wholeheartedly electronic, much to the relief of the Post Office who are still paying me a handsome salary. I had a series of interviews with senior P.O. staff at Christmas, and have a fortnight's worth of visits to specific departments at Easter, looking for a 'me-shaped' job! Apart from the hard work of being an Oxford engineer and working for the P.O. in the long vacations (this last vacation's work consisting primarily of a three week, all expenses paid, trip to see the Swiss Post Office) and cycling tours round Europe, I find there are not many days in the year when I have little to do!"

Fraser Glennie (1959 - 67) has moved to Cirencester, still with the estate agents Hobbs and Chambers. He is trying to start a hockey club in Cirencester and would be pleased to hear from hockey-playing O.R.s in the area.

Paul Harris (1972 - 77) spent a year doing practical farming and is now at the Gloucestershire College of Agriculture.

News of Recent Leavers

Julie Alesworth:	Royal Holloway College, history. 1979
Alun Bennett:	Imperial College, physics. 1979
Charlotte Bonardi:	Clare College, Cambridge, natural sciences. 1979
Simon Buist:	Bath University, applied biology.
Graeme Connelly:	Bristol University, music.
Bridget Cross:	Secretarial course.
Kerry-Jane Crowhurst:	Exeter University, chemical engineering.
Ian Cummings:	Trinity College, Oxford, history. 1979
Anthony Flambard:	Bristol Polytechnic, accountancy. 1979
Deborah Harrison:	Exeter University, law. 1979
Sheila Greenfield:	Sorbonne, Paris.
William Henniker-Gotley:	Brasenose College, Oxford, natural sciences. 1979
Colin Hitchcock:	Reading University, engineering.
Penelope Jones:	Nursing, Oxford.
Jonathan McGill:	Southampton University, engineering.
Graham Moore:	Bath University, biological sciences.
Ian Pengelly:	St. Andrews University, German.
Ileana Porras:	Leeds University, philosophy.

Harriet Porter:	Foundation art course, Oxford Polytechnic.
Danielle Shrimpton:	Warwick University, law.
John Sinclair:	Reading University, law. 1979
Nigel Taylor:	Training as a helicopter pilot.
Christopher Troughton:	Royal Veterinary College.
Joseph Watson:	St. Johns College, Cambridge, natural sciences. 1979
Alison White:	Royal Holloway College, history.
Guy Beattie:	Sixth form college, Windsor.
Adrian Boon:	With a furniture firm in Tewkesbury.
James Duncumb:	Cheltenham Technical College.
William Edwards:	Agricultural college.
Allen Fidler:	Naval Training College, Bath.
Bill Knox:	Swindon Technical College.
Nicholas Marlow:	Cheltenham Technical College.
Roger Page:	Filton Technical College.
Edric Radford:	Cirencester School.
Jonathan Ratcliffe:	Hotel management.
Jonathan Stafford-Mills:	Comprehensive school in Chepstow.
Julian Walters:	Filton Technical College.
Graham Adams:	Farming.
Timothy Parfit:	University of Wales, history. 1979
Robin Swaine:	Reading University, history and politics. 1979
Peter Haynes:	Birmingham University, law.
Duncan Clarke:	Burford School.
Anthony Reynolds:	With a car sales firm.

Sport

Cricket:-

The match against the school was on July 8th.

O.R.s : 121 for 7 wkts declared

F. Glennie 35; J. Gilchrist 27; B. Smith 20

School : 118 for 5 wkts

The game ended in an exciting draw.

Team: D. Pearce (Capt.), N. Green, B. Smith, J. Gilchrist, F. Glennie, R. Edy, R. Law, R. Hunt, M. Miles, J. Whiteside, M. James.

Rugger:-

The match was played on December 16th.

O.R..'s won: 14 – 23

Team: S. Galtress, A. Jordan, A. Pearce, M. Brown, S. Pendell, I. Forrest, N. Longworth, G. Jordan, P. Rose (capt.), R. Thompson, C. Troughton, J. McGill, J. Tyler, S. Tyler, P. Everatt.

Netball:-

School won: 6 – 3

Team: J. Crowhurst, K. Crowhurst, D. Harrison, Jane Watson, Jennifer Watson, S. Morris, B. Cross.

Hockey:-

The matches were played on March 24th.

1st XI: O.R.s won 2 – 1

Team: S. Bushell, R. Lawson, P. Graham, R. Powell, F. Glennie, J. Whiteside (capt.), B. Fisher, I. Forrest, R. Thomson, A. Jenkins, N. Longworth.

2nd XI: School won 4 – 2

Team: S. Galtress, N. Green, N. Taylor, S. Smith, P. Haynes, M. Whittering (capt.), T. Evans, D. Wiggall, C. Wood, R. Page, C. Lee.

Mixed XI: School-won 6 – 0

Team: R. Beckett, B. Cross, J. Watson, A. Wilson, J. Falconer, T. Parfit, M. Weaver, C. Troughton, P. Hooley, A. White, W. Henniker-Gotley.

Addresses Wanted - March 1979

B.W. Langdon Davies	C.D. Whittle	H.A. Gough
J.C. Maslin	R.W. Muchamore	J.D.R. Paine
W.A.J. Caverhill	M.J. Dawson	J.R. Alder
M.J. Tarrant	M.R. Bircher	M.A.B. Forster
R.T. Lindsay	P.L. Waite	H.E. Gough
R.E. Hayward	D.E. Barbour	G.S. Bartlett
W.S. Monroe	O.S. David	M.J. Bartlett
D. Henshaw	D.J.B. Forster	S.H. Hook (1962 - 69)
M.R. Hancock		

The address list is becoming more accurate. Please ask any of the above to contact the editor if you know of their whereabouts.