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Society Officers 1979 - 1980

President:	J.B. Fell (staff 1934 - 73)
Chairman:	M. Whittering (1956 - 61)
Vice chairman:	C.J. Wood (1965 - 71)
Secretary:	F.R. Glennie (1959 - 67) 10 Mount Street, Cirencester, Glos.
Treasurer:	G.F. Smith (1960 - 67) Church End House Longney, Glos.
Rugby secretary:	P.R. Rose, (1968 - 75) 394 Eccleshall Road, Stafford.
Hockey secretary:	J.D. Sinclair (1972 - 78) 320 Albert Drive, Glasgow G41 5D2
Cricket secretary:	D. Pearce (1969 - 74) The Old House, Maisemore, Glos.
School representative:	W.J.D. White, 9 Rendcomb, Cirencester, Glos.
Girls sport secretary:	Jane Watson Baunton Corner, Baunton, Cirencester, Glos.

Society Membership

The Life Subscription will be £15 from 1980. This will include a copy of the first college magazine after leaving and an annual newsletter, usually sent out in May.

O.R. Reunions

There were a large number of O.R.s at the rugger and hockey matches against the school, and many stayed on for a drink at the bar afterwards. As usual, Mrs. Mezo provided an excellent buffet supper after the cricket match, but the number of O.R.'s who were able to attend was surprisingly low compared with recent years.

Those present included:-

1920 - 1930	1950 -1960	1970 -1980
Mr. & Mrs. F.Nevel	F.R. Glennie	H. Wilson
Mr. & Mrs. S.C. Raggatt	A..Rose	J. Ratcliffe
R.G. Betterton	N .Green	Jane Watson
C.G.V. Taylor	Mr. & Mrs. R. Thompson	Tessa Wolferstan
D. Dakin		
1940 -1950	1960 - 1970	Staff
K. Shepheard	J. Tyler	Mr. & Mrs. J.B.Fell
Mr. & Mrs. G.H.D. Herbert	J. Falconer	C.C. Burden
	J.C. Smith	W.J.D. White
	S. Hicks	Mr. R. Medill
	J .Campbell	Mrs. K.L. James
	Mr. & Mrs. A. Hillier	Mr. & Mrs. D. Essenhigh
		D. de.G. Sells

Dates of Future Reunions

Cricket:	July 12th 1980
Rugger:	December 13th 1980
Hockey :	March 28th 1981

The A.G.M. will be held after the cricket match in the library at 7.15 . Members of the society are encouraged to attend the A.G.M., which will be followed by a buffet supper at 8.15 p.m.
After the rugger and hockey matches, held on the last day of the respective terms, there will be an opportunity for a chat over a glass of beer or cider in the library.

The Summer Ball

On July 11th a ball was held at the college in aid of the appeal. The occasion, the first of its kind in Rendcomb history, was highly successful and those who were able to attend found the evening most enjoyable. Not only was the decoration of the interior of the college most attractive, but the lights on the terrace and flood-lighting of the tower provided an impressive and memorable spectacle.

Unfortunately not many O.R.s were present, perhaps because the ball was held on a mid-week evening, but those who did come were enthusiastic, and some felt that there might be support for an O.R. ball in a few years time.

Old Rendcombian Ties

A local firm has specially made a new O.R. tie. The design shows a griffin's head in gold which appears at 5 cm. intervals. The tie is 11 cm. wide at its base. There is a choice of two background colours - Oxford blue or maroon and the price is £3.95.

Ties can be obtained from C.J. Wood, Churn House, Rendcomb, Cirencester, Glos. GL7 7HD. Cheques should be made payable to the Old Rendcombian Society.

Please note that this is a very attractive tie and a great improvement on the previous one!

Staff News

Mr. A.C. Potts joined the staff last September as head of biology, following Mr. Swaine's retirement.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. M.J. Newby on the birth of a daughter (Sarah);

to Mr. and Mrs. C.J. Wood on the birth of a daughter (Philippa);

and to the Rev. and Mrs. J. Heales on the birth of a daughter (Claire Victoria).

Sport

Cricket:-

The match was on July 7th.

School: 149 for 3 declared, O.R.s: 151 for 2

Team: S. Wormleighton, D. Pearce (capt), R. Pearce, R. Edy, A. Hillier, N. Green, M. James, P. Graham, B. Smith, F. Glennie.

Rugger:-

The school won the match on December 15th by 12 points to 10.

Team: P. Rose (capt), J. Archer, T. Clarke, P. Gready, J. Tyler, S. Tyler, R. Thompson, N. Longworth, A. Mackonockie, D. Mackonockie, I. Forrest, S. Galtress, J. Sinclair, D. Sayers and 1 guest player.*

(* rugger players please note - the rugger secretary did not have enough O.R. applications to field a complete team - Ed. *)

Hockey:-

The matches against the school were played on March 29th.

1st XI result: O.R.s won 4 - 0

Team: S. Bushell, N. Taylor, N. Green, B. Lawson, K. Stuckey, R. Powell, D. Sayers, J. Sinclair (capt), A. Jenkins, R. Thompson, N. Longworth

2nd XI result: school won 1 - 0

Team: S. Galtress, C. Hitchcock, D. Beanland, W. Gotley, D. Mackonockie (capt), T. Evans, R. Page, D. Wiggall, P. Harris, A. Mackonockie

Mixed XI result: Draw 1 - 1

Team: Helen Packwood, Sarah Robinson, Elizabeth Adams (capt), Jane Watson, J. Falconer, J. Watson, S. Hewitt, P. Curtis-Hayward, T. Parfit

The 2nd XI and Mixed XI were made up to full strength by some school players.

Engagements

William Whatley (1969 - 72)
Annabel Goodenough (1973 - 75)

Marriages

Timothy Stroud (1967 - 74) - 27th October 1979
David Bell (1968 - 75) - 22nd September 1979
Anthony Rose (1965 - 71) - May 1979

At Rendcomb

The following members of the society have sons or daughters at the school:-
M.J. Miles, J.K. Comrie, I. Airey, A.E.A. Brain, A.O.H. Quick

Obituaries

We have learnt, with deep regret, of the deaths of the following:-

W. Smallwood (1924 - 29) Date unknown

Rev. J.P. Hart (rector of Rendcomb, 1959 - 67) 25th October 1979

J.R. Wheeler (1927 - 34) C.G.V. Taylor writes:-

"After a period of deteriorating health, Richard Wheeler died on September 21st 1879 at Ludlow, to which he had recently moved from Clun. He was cremated at Shrewsbury, I was present on this sad occasion".

Of **Christopher Sidgwick**, whose death was reported in the last issue of the newsletter, Tony Perkins (1924 - 31) writes:-

"I particularly wanted to say how sad I was to hear of the death of Christopher Sidgwick. He shared with me one of the major adventures of my youth - a cycle camping tour of Southern Ireland in 1931. It was quite tough in those days when even the main roads in the south west were untarred and electricity had not yet arrived. But we had a fortnight of adventure and good fellowship which we both recalled with pleasure. More recently we spoke by telephone and he told me something of the historical background of his exciting novel 'Manhunt in Dalmatia' We planned to meet but it didn't happen, and I lament the loss of a good friend, someone who somehow was a little larger than life."

Ernest James Miller M.C. A.R.I.B.A. (1926 - 31) His brother, Howard (1929 - 31) writes:-

"My Brother, Jim, died very suddenly on December 7th 1978 at his home in Esher. He had retired early in June of that year, from his position as an architect with the Greater London Council. He leaves a widow, but there were no children. We were pleased that one O.R., **Joe Maslin** (1925 - 31) was able to attend the funeral. On leaving Rendcomb in 1931, he spent 4 years as pupil and assistant to a well known local architect, Eric Cole in Cirencester. He left in 1935 to broaden his experience and became a technical assistant in the architects' department of the London County Council, working primarily on new hospitals. He returned to private practice in 1937 as assistant to a distinguished architect, P.D. Hepworth in Chiswick, and worked on plans for Walthamstow Civic Centre and Wilts County Hall at Trowbridge. War came and he was a member of the St. Paul's Cathedral watch for a year before joining the Royal Artillery in 1940. He was commissioned in 1943 and went on active service overseas in Burma, Malaya and Java, as a captain in 5th Indian Field Regt. R.I.A. He was awarded the M.C. in 1946. He rejoined Mr. Hepworth, who was principal architect to the War Graves Commission, and they collaborated on the plans for 60 cemeteries in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. and three memorials to the missing at Bayeux, Groesbeak and Dunkirk. He became an A.R.I.B.A. in 1951. Rendcomb was a lifelong influence on my brother, and in London he was a regular visitor to the Chelsea home of **J.H.Simpson** (headmaster 1920 - 32). **D.W.Lee-Browne** (Headmaster 1932 - 60) asked him to design bookcases for the college library; these were made in Cirencester by C.H.Uzzell, father of Denis Uzzell (1926 - 34)."

Alison White (1976 – 78). **Deborah Harrison** (1976 - 78) writes:-

"Alison White and her mother, Margaret, died tragically in a car accident on January 14th 1980. Alison was 19 and studying history at Royal Holloway College. Her sudden and tragic death is a great shock to all who knew her. Alison was always a kind and gentle person, immensely understanding and true as a friend. She will be sorely missed, for she meant so much to so many people. She will be cherished in our hearts for the rest of our lives. On behalf of all Old Rendcombians, I should like to send our deepest sympathy to the White family."

It was a special tribute to Alison that so many of her contemporaries attended the funeral at North Cerney church, many having come considerable distances to do so.

Old Rendcombian News

Miles Thompson (1939 - 43) is working in New York at the U.N. H.Q. as an internal management consultant. His main task is to try to improve the organisational structure and the clerical procedures and documentation.

Charlotte Brain (1973 - 75) graduated last June in biology and chemistry and is now working as a technician for the Medical Research Council at Leeds General Infirmary. The work involves research into bone formation and the factors responsible for bone disease. She is also studying for a Ph.D.

Robin Bowen (1963 - 70) has passed the accounts examination of the solicitors finals and was admitted as a solicitor early this year.

Ian Read (1969 - 76) has graduated at Nottingham and is with Rendel, Palmer and Triton as a civil engineer.

S. Trayhurn (1935 - 42) has been appointed as a Bristol County Court registrar. He was president of the Bristol Law Society (1969-70) and has been a member of the council since 1964.

Andrew Jordan (1972 - 77) is studying agriculture at Newcastle University where he has met **Stephen Hewitt** (1971 - 77) who is in his second year.

Stephen Hawkins (1971 - 78) spent part of last year working as a barman at Butlins in Minehead before going to Reading University last October.

Phillip Graham (1968 - 73) who is on the staff at Beaudesert School, Minchinhampton played in the county golf team in October.

Roger Brain (1937 - 45) is still with U.N.E.S.C.O. in Paris.

Antony Rose (1965 - 71) qualified as a doctor in 1977 and is now an anaesthetist in Liverpool.

B.R. Ferguson (1960 - 65) is married and permanently based in Australia. He says he is still playing some hockey and squash.

R.G.E. Hutton (1926 - 28) wrote to the secretary as follows last July:-

"When I left Rendcomb in December 1928 I joined the Royal Air Force and remained in that service until May 1962. During that time I was in the aircraft engineering branch, and completed my last 10 years with the rank of warrant officer. In May 1962 I joined a local engineering firm engaged in the manufacture of machine tools. My position with them was production planner, and I finally retired in May this year."

Peter Sumsion (1942 - 49) retired as head of art at Eton College in July 1978, after 19 years there. He is now teaching as a full time teacher in the department of first year studies at the Glasgow School of Art. He has built a new house on the shore of Loch Fyne and would welcome contact with any of his contemporaries in the area,

A.E.Godsell (1933 - 38) is still farming near Tetbury.

Louis Webb (1957 - 66) is married with a two month old son (Tomos) He is in general practice as a vet.

John Goodborn (1954 - 62) writes to say that he has had a variety of occupations - carpenter, Max Jaffa orchestra, Royal Ballet orchestra, insurance agent, musical instrument repairer, reading maths at Aston

University (failed), and teacher of music. He has now settled to scraping(!) a living as a freelance double bass player. He still has the double bass he made at Rendcomb.

C.G.V. Taylor (1925 - 32) sent the following details last July:-

"While at Rendcomb I was secretary of the general meeting (with R.J. Butler as chairman) during the term when the founder died. I had the sad duty - rather a responsible one for a fourth former - of writing the letter of condolence on the meeting's behalf to Mrs. Wills. I am indebted to Mr. S.G. Shimmin for developing an interest particularly in Bach, which has deepened as the years have gone by. I was the first boy organist at Rendcomb and as such I used to play for alternate morning services; Miss L.M.C. Inge played for the others. I maintained contact with Mr. and Mrs. Shimmin until their deaths. I was also the first of Mr. James' pupils to win an open award, an exhibition at New College, Oxford. I should add in fairness that Mr. James himself gave much of the credit for this to his predecessor. Mr. E.G. Hensing. I taught history and some geography at Wycliffe College and its associated Junior School from 1937 to 1944. In 1939 on the outbreak of war, the school moved to its wartime quarters at Lampeter, Cardiganshire, as the Meteorological Office occupied the Stonehouse premises. In 1944 I became history master at Thetford Grammar School in Norfolk. This position I held for 101 terms until my retirement in March 1978. In later years the school became known (from one of its founders) as Thetford Fulmerston School and amalgamated with the Girls' Grammar School on the opposite side of the road. Dating possibly from the 7th century, it is one of the oldest schools in England. During all these years I used my home in Southrop for holiday periods and to it I have now retired."

David Henshaw (1940 - 49) has been chairperson of dance at the Middlesex Polytechnic and his main work has been in establishing the first B.A. performance arts course in Britain. He is at present on a year's study leave in Washington D.C. at the Department of Performing Arts, American University.

A.G. Ensor (1926 - 31) was ordained deacon and priest in 1939 (Gloucester diocese). Between 1939 and 1945, he held curacies at Winchcombe, Wooton-under-Edge and Westcote. From 1945 to 1952 he was in South Africa, returning to the diocese of Ipswich in 1953. Subsequently he was rector of Newton Green and Homersfield. He retired in 1976 and now lives in Woodbridge, Suffolk.

J. Archer (1938 - 45) wrote last July:-

"...it may be a little easier for my wife and I to get across to Gloucestershire now that our family is growing up. Our elder son and eldest daughter are now both married and our younger son and middle daughter are working away from home. Only one daughter remains at home. We became grandparents last December.

Simon Wormleighton (1968 - 75) is at the Institute of Higher Education in Weymouth, studying English as his main subject. He hopes to teach at the secondary age range when he qualifies. He says that **Mike Finlay's** (1969 - 74) group played in Weymouth early last year.

A.G.B. Wallace (1949 - 55) who teaches in Ontario, is hoping to come to England on an exchange visit.

John Garvie (1971 - 76) graduated at Leeds last summer and has been teaching English at a language school in Italy at Ancona. His sister Elizabeth played a leading role in the recent television production of 'Pride and Prejudice'.

Hamish Wilson (1971 - 78) who is going to Sussex University in October spent some of last year in Paris:-
"...we, that is various Rendcombians, rented a tiny 'Chambre de bonne' at the top of an office block in the rue de la Chaussee d'Antin. Situated in close proximity to l'Opera, we were right in the centre of the Paris hive of activity. **Joe Watson** (1971 - 78) and I were extremely lucky to witness such a truly Parisian event as a demonstration: cars were burnt out, but the celebrated 'pave' remained just about intact. The riot police turned out in force armed with tear gas - the scene resembled a twentieth century version of a Victor Hugo creation. Later in the summer I returned to France, this time without Rendcombian companionship - then decided to go to Italy and Corfu. Beginning in Milan, travelling down to Genoa, crossing the border to Monaco, I followed the south coast as far as St. Tropez. From there I headed north through Provence and finished my holiday in Geneva".

His brother, **Alistair** (1969 - 76) is working at the museum in Stroud, and their sister Fiona has just joined the sixth form.

Richard Pearce (1965 - 71) is a senior medical laboratory scientific officer at Hereford hospital. He is to be married in July.

Nicholas Marlow (1973 - 78) is taking his 'A' levels at Cheltenham Technical College in June. He intends to make a career in banking, after visiting Australia this summer.

Christopher Beeby (1948 - 49) was New Zealand ambassador in Tehran until recent events lead to his hasty departure. There was a brief glimpse of him on BBC2.

Christopher Gray (1962 - 69) has been awarded various study prizes at the Bramshill Police College. According to 'The Times' he was considered one of the two most outstanding cadets of the year. He is now back in Llanelli as a uniform sergeant with promotion to inspector likely at the end of the year. Before joining the police force, he graduated at Trinity College, Oxford and played hockey for West Wales. His brother **Julian** (1965 - 71) recently qualified as a solicitor and is with a city firm specialising in marine law.

Oliver Morel (1930 - 34) has some of his work illustrated in 'Handmade Woodwork of the Twentieth Century' by A.E. Bradshaw. Mr. Burden took a party from the college to visit him last year.

Michael Morgan (1941 - 49) works as an accountant in Leeds, but is still very interested in Gloucestershire. He is married with four sons.

Nicholas Dakin (1962 - 68) is head of the English department at Wrekin College. He produces and acts in school plays, recently as Lord Fancourt Babberley in 'Charley's Aunt'. He had an 'extended spell' in Italy in the summer and has become a persistent traveller. His father **Douglas** (1920 - 26) claims to have retired but is still working on Foreign Office documents with Professor Medlicott whom he brought to Rendcomb recently.

Kenneth Shephard (1944 - 47) went to Haiti with John Julius Norwich on an assignment for the BBC just before Christmas. Presumably this is to gather material for another "Chronicle" programme.

Richard Winter whom O.R.s of pre-war days may remember as Mr. Lee-Browne's secretary, visited Rendcomb with his wife and some friends and admired the various additions to the college. He is now education officer for Buckingham.

David Vaisey (1945 - 54) gave a talk to the sixth form at Rendcomb on March 8th. He is the keeper of western manuscripts at the Bodleian library.

David Godfrey (1947 - 56) visited the school in March this year. He is director of the Rossing Foundation in Namibia.

Roger Alder (1947 - 56) wrote last June:-

"I am a lecturer in the school of chemistry at the University of Bristol and run an active research group in the field of organic chemistry. I recently spent 14 months as a visiting professor at the University of Wisconsin. My wife, Judy, and I have 3 children, Julian 15; Ruth 14 and Stephanie 11. We very much enjoy living in Winford, a village about 8 miles south of Bristol. I still manage to keep fairly fit on a diet of squash, and until this year have played cricket regularly with the University Academicals side. My brother **John** (1950 - 58) has been in Malawi for 8 years where he runs courses training students in agricultural advisory work.

Hartley Moore (1964 - 71) is with Edmund Nuttall, currently working on a tunneling project in Oxford.

Andrew Jenkins (1968 - 76) is now married and living in Hertfordshire working for Hambro Life.

Sue and **John Hiscox** (1960 - 67) are now living near Usk in Gwent. They were recently seen near Rendcomb at the dedication of Winstone church bells.

Brian L.M. Smith (1965 - 72) is moving from Cambridgeshire to Cirencester to join Rylands & Co., land agents. He plans to get married in September.

Keith Winmill (1972 - 79) is helping his father run "the Greyhound" at Siddington near Cirencester.

Richard Powell (1946 - 55) is still going strong on the hockey field and played in a very good game for Bristol YMCA when they narrowly defeated Cirencester in February.

Congratulations to Helen and **John Webb** (1954 - 63) on the birth of their son Rupert. John was in the

Gloucestershire hockey side that narrowly lost to Cheshire in the preliminary round of the Rank Xerox County Championships this year.

Since the last newsletter, Cirencester Men's Hockey Club has become a reality, and in its first season much of the work has been done by O.R.'s: **Mark Whittering** (1956 - 61) is chairman, **Chris Wood** (1965 - 71) is fixtures secretary, **Fraser Glennie** (1959 - 67) is secretary. The playing strength also includes **Peter Callaghan** (1956 - 61), **Mike James** (1968 - 75) and **Nigel Burgess** (1974 - 77). In a match against the school, the school won 4 - 1.

Treve Evans (1971 - 78) intends to go to Leicester Polytechnic for a two year H.N.D. course in business studies

Michael McKeown (1961 - 66) wrote recently from Toronto. It appears that he has been with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and may return to England next year.

Robert Barrett (1969 - 76) has graduated at Royal Holloway College and is now working for Scholl Shoes and living in London.

News of the **Roberts** family is that **Nicky** (1969 - 74) and **Elaine Finney** (1972 - 74) hope to be married in December. They are in Kenya at present and hope to continue their V.S.O. work for another spell. They are soon to be joined by their mother and **Kitty** (1977 - 79) who wants to teach English there. **Dicky** (1967 - 72) is in the army in Germany and **Toby** (1971 - 76), who is at Kings College London, expects to read for a doctorate in physics. We still have **Michaela** and **Teddy** at Rendcomb!

Alice Parshall (1974 - 76) has interrupted her M.B. course for 3 years to study for a Ph.D. on loach fish at the British Museum.

Caroline Brett (1972 - 74), when last heard of, was taking part in a scientific expedition in south America.

Sarah Pink (1972 - 74) has returned from Sweden where she was teaching English to adults and is now studying at London University.

Sally Blyth (1973 - 75) has recently returned from a visit to Japan and Thailand.

Annabel Goodenough is to be married on May 24th and is going to live in Germany where her future husband will be stationed with B.A.O.R.

Juliette Chapman (1975 - 77) is in her final year at Lanchester Polytechnic where she is reading for a degree in business studies. She hopes to join the diplomatic service.

Ken Jordan (1962 - 65) and his wife visited the school on March 30th. It was Ken's first visit to England since emigrating to New Zealand in 1965. He is a sales engineer in Auckland. His cousin **Nigel Parker** (1961 - 65) who went out to New Zealand at the same time is manager of a contracting firm dealing with interior decorating.

News of Recent Leavers

Elizabeth Adams:	Physiotherapy (1980)
Jeremy Archer:	Leicester University - Mechanical engineering (1980)
David Beanland:	Imperial College, London - Physics (1980)
Michael Cannon:	B.P. apprentice - engineering officer
Andrew Carter:	Downing College, Cambridge - Law (1980)
Roy Edwards:	Exeter College, Oxford - Chemistry (1980)
Phillip Evans:	Pembroke College, Oxford - Chemistry (1980)
Ondine Glanville:	Queens Secretarial College
Nigel Hall:	Royal Holloway College - Classics
Penelope Hooley:	Liverpool University - Political theory
Simon Howell:	School of Oriental and African Studies - Politics
Anna Hummel:	Canterbury College of Art - Architectural studies (1981)
Kim Knight:	Reading University - Modern languages (1980)

Jonathan Portch:	Royal Holloway College - Law (1980)
Mark Raven:	Royal Agricultural College (1980)
Ian Smalley:	Salford University - Civil engineering
Jonathan Steed:	With Bowrings of London. Aviation reinsurance
Duncan Taylor:	Balliol College, Oxford - P.P.E. (1980)
Philippa Young:	Applying for a post in the diplomatic service
Adrian and Alistair Johnston:	Strathallan School, Perth
Timothy Evans:	Technical College, Huntingdon
Robert Jacques:	Farming
Robert Shacklock:	Lord William's School, Thame
John Marson:	Canterbury College of Art - Architectural studies (1981)

Addresses Wanted

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