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Society Officers 1985-86

President:	J.B. Fell (staff 1934 - 73)
Chairman:	C.J. Wood (1966 - 71 staff 1976 -)
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Hockey secretary:	Matthew Archer (1977 - 83) 2 The Wharfings, Kempsford, Fairford, Glos.
Cricket secretary:	Mark Webb (1972 - 79) 26 Edgeworth, Yate, Bristol.
Girls' secretary:	Fiona Wilkins (1983 - 85) The Chippings, Southam Lane, Southam, Cheltenham, Glos.
School representative and newsletter editor:	W.J.D. White (staff 1961 -) 9 Rendcomb, Cirencester, Glos. GL7 7HB

Chairman's Report

I feel that I must open with the sad news that our president, Jack Fell, died in December. Not only was he a dedicated teacher to many of us but also he was a great support to those who worked with him in the society from 1974 until 1985. Personally, I will remember him as the teacher with an endless supply of ideas and an uncanny way of producing equipment for physics projects, the villager who was always smiling and waving and the president who gave so much good advice in and out of committee meetings. In memory of Jack, the society made a donation of £100 to the Cobalt Unit at Cheltenham Hospital.

The travel bursaries for 1985 were taken up by two of the three groups. Matthew Cordeux cycled 627.4 miles (just over 1000 kilometres) around northern France with a friend from Monmouth School. This was achieved in nineteen days with a maximum on the fifteenth day. "We couldn't believe that we'd broken the 50 mile barrier - 53.2 miles shattered us, especially since we had arrived at a camp site after about 44 miles but it was so repulsively dirty, small, cramped and dusty that we chose to head for a three-star site at Andoville. That meant cycling until about 9 p.m., which allowed us to see a magnificent sunset whilst at the top of a panoramic hill. A very satisfying day and a lovely camp site." In conclusion Matthew writes "the bikes, full laden, weighed well over 70 pounds and needed a totally new sense of balance. Although experienced in cycle maintenance, and fit enough to cycle over 30 miles per day, we had no experience of "self-contained" camping and cycling abroad but we encountered no difficulties. I would, therefore recommend this experience to anyone who enjoys exercise and wants a physically and mentally satisfying holiday."

Nicholas Badcott and Richard Moss walked the paths of Cornwall until poor weather conditions brought their expedition to a close. An informative and amusing account of their journey was submitted, of which the following is an extract:-

"Sunday 1st September - We walked around the pleasant village of Tintagel with its 'tourist-catching' antique shops and were suitably caught. The castle, resounding with echoes of King Arthur, was enshrouded with atmosphere. The entrance fee seemed a pittance for the feeling which was conjured up when walking the ruined walls and ramparts. On top, a kestrel provided us with a flying display that any RAF fighter would find very difficult to parallel. The church was somewhat disappointing though, despite its age (900 years?). We returned to the site, dismantled the tent and headed in the direction of Boscastle, along the coast. 'Rugged' has become a cliché when describing Cornwall's coastline but it seems to be the only suitable adjective to represent its impressive topography. Miles and miles of little bays followed little headlands etched in rock. We arrived at the village of Boscastle, which appeared an extremely well protected natural harbour with a particularly narrow entrance. Despite this, the sea still rocketed up at an alarming rate. While waiting for the hotel to open we sampled some of the famous Cornish ice cream and caught the area's rocky beauty on film. The hostel itself proved excellent, its greatest strength being the friendly atmosphere."

Nine applications were received for the 1986 bursaries (including one to investigate the reported strange phenomena occurring within the area known as the Bermuda triangle!) and after great deliberation the committee awarded the following:-

John Shaw (form 5a)	"Alpine Climbing"	£50
Katharine Conway (Form 6A)	"Jumbulance for the handicapped to Lourdes"	£100
Alex Hayes and Adam Pallant (Form 6A)	"Contrasts in European Cultures"	£100

As nearly fifty sixth formers leave each year, it has been decided to appoint a "year representative" to hold a list of addresses and telephone numbers (home and temporary) in order to improve communication. If you wish to update or to have access to information, please contact the 1985 rep, Andrew Hall, at The Paddock, Middle Lane, Cherhill, CaIne, Wiltshire. Telephone: 0249 812448

Finally, I would like to appeal to "sports O.R.s" once again to contact the sports secretaries in good time so that we can field strong teams against the school.

Notice of the 53rd Annual General Meeting

The 53rd AGM of the O.R. society will be held at the college at 7.00 p.m. on Saturday 12th July 1986. Matters for discussion under item 10 should reach the secretary, in writing, before 5th July 1986. A nomination paper is included as an insert with this newsletter.

AGENDA

1. To receive apologies for absence
2. To receive minutes of the AGM held at the college on 13th July, 1985
3. To deal with matters arising from the minutes
4. Election of Officers:
 - a. President
 - b. Chairman
 - c. Secretary
 - d. Treasurer
5. To receive hon. secretary's report
6. To receive hon. treasurer's report
7. To set the amount of the travel bursary fund for 1987
8. To review level of life subscription
9. Report from London branch
10. Any other business
11. Vote of thanks to the college and adjournment to the buffet.

The Friends of Rendcomb

Last February Sir Louis Le Bailly relinquished the chairmanship of the Friends' trustees, remaining as a trustee. After recording a most cordial vote of thanks to Sir Louis for all his services to the Friends, the trustees elected in his place Mr. M.D.C. Jenks, a governor of the college and a very generous benefactor to the Friends. I am sure that all Friends will wish him 'good hunting' in the fund-raising field.

At a meeting on 10th February, the trustees voted unanimously to call the next Friends' scholarship the 'Jack Fell Scholarship'. This proposal was then put to Vera Fell who, with her family, approved it. We hope to be able to award this scholarship next spring, so that from then on there will always be a Jack Fell scholar at the school. I am sure that this step will meet with wholehearted approval from all old Rendcombians.

I am glad to be able to tell you that the first Friends' scholar has settled down well in the junior house and that his housemaster is very pleased with his progress.

The Friends now have £26,000 invested for income and capital growth and £4,000 on deposit, bringing the total of funds received and promised to something over £63,000 (allowing for the most unfortunate reduction in the basic rate of income tax!) If we are to realise our aim of seven Friends/old Rendcombian places in the school, we shall clearly need more funds.

There are now 31 old Rendcombians among the Friends. Allowing for the fact that we do not canvass members of the O.R. Society until seven years after they have left the college, this is still a somewhat slender proportion of the society's membership. Once again, I would ask O.R.s who have not so far become Friends to consider seriously the idea of helping in this way to preserve the original character of the school. If you can covenant, we can reclaim tax, and forward planning is made easier. Contributions may be large or small, they all help.

David Sells, Trustee
17, Rendcomb

The Annual London Dinner 1985

The second of the revived series of annual London dinners, held on the 31st October 1985 at the Brewery, Chiswell Street, was again a delightful and successful evening, greatly enjoyed by those present. As in January, the staff at the Brewery looked after us very well and provided excellent fare. When I left at midnight the drinks were still flowing and I am told that the party actually continued at a subsequent venue well into the early hours. As can be seen from the list of those in attendance, numbers were not as strong as had been hoped, but this was mainly due to the clash with Halloween. For this year's event there is no such excuse. With the change of venue to give much better value for money, and with this early notice I do hope that those of you who have attended before will continue to support this gathering and will encourage others to join us.

For details, and the reply slip, for the 1986 dinner (to be held on Thursday 30th October 1986, at St. Stephen's Constitutional Club) please see the enclosed sheet.

Those present:

D. Beanland	R. Law	N. Price	D. Williams
P. Walton	P. Cam	J. Allen	J. Sinclair
Mr. & Mrs. I. Read	M. Bitner-Glindzicz	P. Cockell	J. Fonseca
A. Larcombe	F. Hughes	N. Hall	A. Hillier
R. Barrett	M. Curtis-Hayward	M. Van den Driessche	P. Callaghan
R. Sumsion			

Apologies were received from:

S. Hussey	F.C. Raggatt	C. Wood	N. Dakin
T. Daniels	R. Betterton	N. Wapshott	T. Nicholas
N.A. Perkins	N. White	R.H. Jones	J. Archer
C. Grieves	Sir Louis Le Bailly	J. Taylor	M. Boase
D.L. Vaughan	M. Webb	C. Franklin	S. Brennan
M. Twinning	J. Gunner	J. Quick	

My sincere thanks to all who attended or replied.

DCB

O.R. Reunion 13th July 1985

There were many O.R.s from varied generations at the cricket match. The early start of the match allowed some to bring a picnic lunch and spend the afternoon 'on top'. This experiment was regarded as a success and the match will now start at 11.30 a.m. as a regular arrangement. The A.G.M. attracted, as usual, only a few supporters (more would be most welcome in 1986!), many others preferring to stay in the bar before taking part in yet another excellent buffet supper, the last to be organized by Mrs. Mezo as the college now employs a catering firm.

Among those present were:-

1920 - 1930

J. Eyles and guests	R.F. Butler	Mr. & Mrs. D. Dakin	C.E. Coles
Mr. & Mrs. D. Field	F.H. Ashe-Jones	Mr. & Mrs. R. Bolton-King	Mr. & Mrs. R.G. Betterton
Mr. & Mrs. F. Nevel	C. Hartland	Mr. & Mrs. F.C. Raggatt	Mrs. M. Drake
A.E.A. Brain			

1931 - 1940

Mr. & Mrs. J.B. Fell

1941 - 1950

R.J. Van den Driessche	Mr. & Mrs. M.J. Miles and guest	Mr. & Mrs. P. Griffiths	J.W.J. Reed
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1951 - 1960

D. de G. Sells	M. Van den Driessche	Mr. & Mrs. F. Glennie	
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1961 - 1970

Mr. & Mrs. D.S.J. Price	A.R. Wilson and guest	T. Patrick	Mr. & Mrs. S. Hicks
N. Dakin and guests	W.J.D. White	Mr. & Mrs. N. Green	Mr. & Mrs. B. Smith
Mr. & Mrs. D. Essenhigh	Mr. & Mrs. N. Powell	T. Nicholas	

1971 - 1980

N. Smith	C. Acocks	M. Uglow	Mr. & Mrs. R.M.A. Medill
G. Thomas	A. Maslin	A.H.M. Simmins	Mrs. J.R. Gunner

1981 -

C. Draper

Dates of Future Reunions

Cricket: Saturday 12th July 1986
Rugby: Saturday 13th December 1986
Hockey: Saturday 21st March 1987
Cricket: Saturday 11th July 1987

The cricket match will begin at 11.30 a.m. O.R.s are invited to bring a picnic lunch and spend the afternoon watching the cricket. The AGM will take place after the cricket match at approximately 6.30 p.m. The bar will be open from 6.30 p.m. and the buffet will be at 8.00 p.m.

1986 Reunion - All O.R.s who left in 1976 are especially invited to attend. Steve and Tessa Hicks are organising a 'tenth anniversary' reunion.

Any O.R.s who would like to arrange a reunion for their years are welcome to contact Bill White if they need help over addresses.

At Rendcomb

The following members of the society have sons or daughters at Rendcomb:

A.O.H. Quick	R. Ellis	R.C. Hannaford	J.M. Astill
A.K. Bowley	M.J. Miles	R. Sumsion	

O.R. Register

There is no record of members of the O.R. society other than the address list. As a result, consideration is being given to the idea of compiling an O.R. register, which would include details of careers, etc. A circular may be sent round later in the year and O.R.s are urged to complete this fully and return it promptly as directed.

O.R. Address List

If you change your address, please complete the form at the end of the newsletter and return it to Bill White. The society continues to be grateful to David Hawkswell for the computerised address list.

Addresses wanted:

D.E. Barbour	1948 - 53	C. Dendy	1969 - 76	J.D.R. Paine	1952 - 57
J.A. Barclay	1941 - 47	A.C. Fidler	1974 - 78	W.I. Prime	1947 - 53
G.S. Bartlett	1955 - 62	H.A. Gough	1949 - 57	T.W. Rowley	1948 - 56
M.J. Bartlett	1957 - 63	D.G.R. Griffiths	1953 - 58	C.B. Stillwell	1956 - 63
T.C. Bass	1955 - 63	R.T. Lindsay	1940 - 44	M.J. Tarrant	1938 - 41
S.C.D. Baynham	1971 - 76	J.D. Menzies	1940 - 44	R.D. White	1950 - 57
M.R. Bircher	1970 - 72	W.S. Monroe	1940 - 46	R.P. Sherratt	1969 - 76
M.J. Dawson	1960 - 67	N.E. Hance	1966 - 73	P.S. Alder	1933 - 38
A.W. Medhurst	1968 - 75	K.D. Warren	1964 - 70		

If you are in touch with any of the above, please send their addresses to Bill White.

O.R. Sport

Cricket - 13th July, 1985

This year we managed to have a very good game enjoyed by all; it was very tense at times as the game finished with an exciting tie. The college batted first and managed to score 160 against some very tight bowling - the most successful being Guy Healey (4 wkts for 24) and Roger Page (3 wkts for 15). For the college M. Hammond (41), G. Veale (22) and A. Brealy (41) all played well. The O.R.s looked to be in trouble at 63 for 6, but R. Page (47), R. Newman (28) and I. Bishop (31) pulled the score up to 160, when, trying to score the winner, R. Newman was very well run out to end an enjoyable day.

Scores:-

College 160 all out: Hammond 41; Brealy 41; Veale 22.

Bowling: G. Healey 4 wkts for 24, R. Page 3 wkts for 15, A. Hedderwick 1 wkt for 9, G. Brealy 1 wkt for 31
O.R.s 160 a11 out: R. Page 47; I. Bishop 31; R. Newman 28

Bowling: Binder 5 wkts for 73, Webb 2 wkts for 45, A. Brealy 2 wkts for 37

O.R. Team: B. Smith, A. Payne, G. Brealy, R. Page, A. Hedderwick, N. Green, D. Tanner, R. Newman, I. Bishop, R. Deacon, G. Healey

D.E.

Rugby

Team: G. Healey, C. Ekin, M. Archer, A. Phelps, A. Paton, M. Uglow, J. Hutton-Potts, S. Hazell, S. Powell, A. Payne, R. Smith, M. Binder, M. Holland, E. Roberts, R. Copley, A. Wilcox

Results: O.R.s lost 11 - 33

Hockey

1st XI: R. Bown, M. Binder, S. Oliver, T. Brealy, M. Archer, A. Hall, A. Hedderwick, K. Stuckey, A. Payne, A. Jenkins, D. Mackonochie

Result: O.R.s lost 2 - 4

2nd XI: M. Whittering, C. Carpenter, R. Hayward, J. Sinclair, J. Allen, A. Phelps, S. Hazell, I. Bishop, M. Holland

Result: O.R.s won 4 - 3

Congratulations to:

Kevin Barraclough (1969 - 76): 1st class hon. medical sciences, London University.

Olivia Hanscombe (1980 - 82): Exhibition, Brasenose College, Oxford, biochemistry.

Mark Burchell (1974 - 81): 1st class hon. geology, Oxford.

Andrew Pitt (1974 - 81): 1st class hon. chemistry, Bristol.

Richard Stibbard (1975 - 82): University scholarship for further studies in Germany.

Richard Dunwoody (1975 - 81): Winner of the 1986 Grand National on West Tip.

Marriages

Robin Webb (1974 - 81) to **Rebecca Norman** (1979 - 81) at Rendcomb, July 1985.

Robert Weston (1968 - 75) to Kari Barnard August 1985.

Ian Taylor (1968 - 75) to Janie Pothier August 1985.

Paul Harris (1972 - 77) to Christine Whitaker September 1985.

Michael Bailey to **Victoria Powell** (1977 - 79) June 1985.

Norberto Da Luz to **Danielle Shrimpton** (1976 - 78) in Portugal October 1985.

Kevin Barraclough (1969 - 76) to Jennifer du Toit January 1986.

Adam Roake to **Caroline Brett** (1972 - 74) June 1984

Neil Lumby (1968 - 73) to Victoria Edmondson February 1983.

Nick Vivian to **Dawn Mackonochie** (1974 - 76) October 1985.

Lindsay Haslett (staff 1985 -) to Marie Boneham December 1985.

Tom F.C. Denny (staff 1983 -) to Benita Kevill-Davies April 1985.

Births

To Anne and **Fraser Glennie** (1959 - 67) a daughter, Alexandra Diana, August 1985 - a sister for Sarah Victoria.

To **Elaine** (née **Finney**, 1972 - 74) and **Nick Roberts** (1969 - 74) a son Christopher Layard, July 1985.

To Dorothy and **Colin Burden** (staff 1963 -) a son, Richard Antony, September, 1985.

To Ruth and **Bob Edy** (1959 - 67) a daughter, Charlotte.

To Rosie and **Andrew Stafford** (1966 - 71), a daughter, Emma, May 1985.

To Lesley and **Owen Rhys** (1964 - 70), a son, Thomas, June 1985.

To Anne and **Richard Pearce** (1966 - 72) a daughter, Emma, July 1985. a sister for Claire Victoria.

To Helen and **Peter Little** (1960 - 67) a son, Angus Stafford, November 1984.

To Bridget and **David Mackonochie** (1967 - 72) a son, Christopher, April 1985.

To Victoria and **Neil Lumby** (1968 - 73) a son, Thomas, September, 1984.

To Helen and **Martin Jones** (1956 - 62), a daughter, Annabel Fleur Angharad, November 1985.

Obituary

We have learned with deep regret of the following deaths:

Arthur Ensor (1926 - 31) on March 5th 1986.

John Manifold, husband of Kate, who taught French at Rendcomb, in Queensland.

Angus Little, baby son of Helen and Peter Little (1960 - 67). who died suddenly on 25 January, 1985, aged nine weeks.

Old Rendcombians of all generations will be saddened to learn of the sudden death of Jack Fell (staff 1934 - 73) on December 2nd 1985. Apart from his distinguished war service, Jack spent all his teaching life at Rendcomb and continued to live in the village after he retired. He was elected president of the Old Rendcombian Society in 1974, a fitting tribute to his long service to the college. A number of old Rendcombians were in the congregation at the funeral service at St. Peter's, Rendcomb. The lessons were read by Arnold Brain (1929 - 37) and the headmaster. Bill White (staff 1961 -) gave the address. The college choir's singing of Faure's 'In Paradisum' provided the climax of a moving service.

The following tributes attempt to express the respect and affection which we felt for Jack:-

"Jack Fell was born at Flamborough on the east coast of Yorkshire, and at the age of 10 he won a scholarship to Bridlington School. From there he went on to win a scholarship to Cambridge University when 17 and he was awarded a 1st class honours degree whilst still not 21. In his final year, 1934, he applied for the post of science teacher at Rendcomb and I would imagine that the headmaster (Dennis Lee-Browne) would have been very pleased to welcome such an outstanding graduate to his staff.

At that time Rendcomb had about 65 pupils and a full-time teaching staff of 8. The science 6th forms totalled not more than 3, and so of course those of us concerned virtually had personal tuition from Jack; even the junior forms were no larger than 15 in number. The two oldest laboratories in the stable block were newly opened that year, and this combination of facilities and staff/pupil ratios provided ideal conditions for a young science graduate starting out on a teaching career that was to produce many science university candidates of high merit.

Jack was not one of those teachers whom pupils would regard with a degree of awe and a little fear that is customary in that age-old relationship. Rather, he was a little diffident, but this was more than made up for by his obvious mastery of his subject, displayed particularly when answering questions. In short, he was not an obvious disciplinarian, but, with a mixture of encouragement for the less able and of the ability to create an inquisitive interest among the remainder he consistently produced better than expected results for his pupils. In the pre-war years he lived first in the main building and later at the old rectory. He presided at his table in the dining hall and participated in the sporting activities of the school although this was not one of his natural interests in life. Jack, instead, liked to spend his non-teaching time 'usefully' and wherever possible he would be found making up apparatus or improving the facilities in the laboratories - besides being a brilliant scholar, he was also extremely talented with his hands.

He was always disposed to be friendly, although a little reserved at the start. One of the high points of my time at Rendcomb was to be invited to join him on a fortnight's cycling tour of Scotland; others no doubt appreciated similar invitations in other holidays. I find it difficult to visualise Jack making enemies; that was not in his nature. Certainly, I have never heard any serious criticism during the 50 or so years that I knew him

and I count it my privilege to have continued to be one of his friends."

A.E.A. Brain (1929 - 37)

"During the early 1940's at Rendcomb one became conscious of occasional references to Jack Fell, who had been a member of the staff for a period before joining the RAF at the beginning of the war. As an example, Jack's contribution to the design of the stage lighting system was mentioned whenever the footlight boxes were deployed for a new production in the 'big school'. More rarely, mention was made of his distinguished service career, at the end of which he was serving as a wing commander on the staff of the air attaché at the British embassy in Washington. For his contribution in this role he was awarded the MBE.

Amongst the many changes taking place at that time, Jack's return to Rendcomb in 1947 was the subject of lively interest, especially to those fifth and sixth formers with an interest in science subjects. Coincidentally, knowledge of wartime advances in engineering technology was becoming available to the public, albeit in a somewhat garbled manner, for the first time. The lucid explanations that Jack Fell was able to give, of such diverse subjects as radar and atomic energy, were particularly valuable and will always remain fresh in the memories of sixth formers of this period.

Expertise of a much more practical nature also became evident, in the form of an almost unique knowledge of the equipment that was just then becoming available as government surplus. Shrewd purchases in this field facilitated the construction of bargain price contributions to the general stock of laboratory apparatus.

Units and components so obtained played their part in many an inspired piece of homemade experimental apparatus. Founder's Day exhibits ranged from oscilloscopes built from radar components, particle counters, clocks, steam engines and an oil can apparently supported only by a constant stream of oil. Of particular note was the Wilson cloud chamber built from a bell-jar, a toy balloon and a cork mat liberated from the dining hall. Using this apparatus and his elderly Leica, Jack produced excellent photographs of



alpha particle tracks and collisions. Similarly, unprecedentedly powerful permanent magnets from radar magnetrons were used to bring a new dimension to the otherwise dull experiments described in electromagnetic text-books.

However, Jack's major contribution during those years was probably the reintroduction of chemistry teaching, which had been abandoned at Rendcomb for the war period. In 1948 materials were scarce and there were many conflicting calls on the limited college budget. In spite of these problems, a disused portion of the stable block was allocated to the new chemistry laboratory. The basic building work was completed and Jack Fell took over, with the help of Gilbert Greaty and the first chemistry lower VIth. Benches and lockers were built using elm from the estate. Plumbing and electrical systems were installed with the help of the college maintenance staff and Calor gas was provided to avoid the chore of winding the petrol gas plant.

Teaching started in the new lab. in the autumn of 1948. The design and layout proved to be excellent, avoiding all the problems of the physics labs, which had been built in the '30's at many times the cost. Jack Fell brought all his discipline and drive to the teaching of VIth Form chemistry and was rewarded with excellent examination results for the first 'A' Level set in 1950.

To all these activities Jack brought standards of achievement and integrity which were evident not only in his teaching but in his contribution to many other college activities, his conduct of personal relationships and to his achievements as a skilled craftsman. These qualities will serve as life-long examples to all who enjoyed his company at Rendcomb."

T. T. Walters (1940 - 49)

"My years at Rendcomb spanned the period from 1955 to 1963. During this time, Jack Fell was teaching physics and chemistry at sixth form level only, physics at more junior level being taken by Frank Hayward and

later Roy Dennis. Chemistry was not in the curriculum until the sixth form.

Thus it was not until later in my schooling that Fell had a major influence. Nonetheless, he was it seems, immediately well-known and well-respected as the principal scientist at the college, from one's first days. Initial impressions may have indicated a certain learned eccentricity, from which, no doubt, stemmed the well-intentioned nickname 'Boff', by which he was universally known.

Such was the eminence of his background, and, as I later learned, the academic style of his teaching, together with his ability to develop his pupils routinely to levels far higher than their expectations, that it was easy to imagine that he was simply an intellectual.

But this would have been far too narrow a view. He was immensely practical; whether working on his lathe in the stable workshop, or restoring antique china - his favourite hobby, or organising PW, he was every bit as down-to-earth as he was a scholar. It was this combination of talents through which he made such a tremendous contribution to the school.

Perhaps most important of all, he was an exceptionally kindly person - devoted family man, always with a smile for everyone, and a willing adviser on virtually any topic. All of us who knew Jack Fell will remember him with great respect. Those who knew him well will also remember him with great affection."

K.H. Stimson (1955 - 63)

"Like all those who knew him, I remember Jack Fell with great affection and great respect. When I arrived at Rendcomb in 1961 I was amazed at how much work we did. He taught all the sixth form physics and chemistry; in chemistry he had to teach pupils who had not taken 'O' level, as at that time it was not possible to offer 'O' level chemistry. In addition there was not at that time or any time during Jack's reign as head of science a laboratory assistant; he did all the preparation work himself. At Rendcomb Jack did the work that would have been shared at my previous school between two, or more probably three, members of staff. His approach to the teaching of science was thoughtful, scholarly and enquiring. He was never afraid to innovate and in 1962 he reorganised the science teaching with the arrival of Ronnie Caves. In the mid-sixties we went down to Sevenoaks School to see the work of Gerd Sommerhof, who was pioneering the study of electronics in schools. Jack was enthusiastic about the idea, converted space in the stable block into an electronics room, and launched its study with a scheme suitably adapted to the conditions at Rendcomb.

Jack also played a big part in the planning of Rendcomb's expansion in the sixties, and in the running of the college buildings and estate which the trustees of the college purchased from the Miserden Estate in 1959. At this time much of the stable block, with its loose boxes, coach house, cart sheds and manure yard, still stood in its original form. The planning and the equipping of the new lab., on the west side and the electronics room and the conversion of the coach house were all entirely in his hands, and a considerable amount of the fittings and equipment were made by Jack. It was because of his work too that Rendcomb had received a grant from the Industrial Fund for an earlier conversion of part of the stable block into a laboratory. I always sought his advice on any project, and I remember his horror when I showed him the estimate from a Berkshire firm for the installation of a water supply to the playing fields on 'top'. He immediately said he would organise it. He did it as a post 'A' level project for less than a tenth of the price that the firm had quoted.

On John James' retirement, Jack succeeded as second master. His great knowledge, his love for Rendcomb, his judgement, his loyalty, his imperturbability were great assets and a reflection of his character. He was a highly intelligent man with none of the stock attributes of the intellectual. Apart from science he had other interests that were deep and abiding: his family, the garden, fishing (he was one of the few people I know who actually caught fish in the Churn), the village, the church, his quiet manner sometimes belied the strength and depth of his convictions.

He was always generous about the contribution and motives of others and always played down his own efforts and achievements. Jack and Vera were the most hospitable of people, and it was always a great pleasure to be entertained by them. As a second master, I found him a wise counsellor and totally discreet, and as a friend a man on whose understanding, sympathy and interest I could always rely and in whom I had total trust. There is no doubt that Rendcomb was immensely fortunate to have secured his services and I often think that he and John James were the two pillars on which Rendcomb rested in its first fifty years."

A.O.H. Quick, headmaster 1961 - 71, governor 1985 -

As only a limited number of O.R.s were able to attend the funeral, it has been decided to include the text of Bill White's address:-

"I am very honoured to be asked to say a few words about Jack Fell, but although I had known him since 1961, I know that some of you here today had known him longer. So I would ask you to add to my remarks your own particular personal memories of Jack.

I should like to say a few words firstly about Jack as a schoolmaster, for it was his appointment to the college in 1934 that began his long connection with Rendcomb. He came here straight from Cambridge, where he was a scholar of Emmanuel College, with a first-class degree in the natural sciences tripos. I cannot help thinking that for such a small school to obtain such a highly qualified scientist must even then have been a remarkable coup. Many Rendcombians have been indebted to him for his patient and scholarly teaching, his ability to inspire the talented and his sympathetic urging-on of the less proficient, and for the hours he spent working with them on projects in his and their free time. The outstanding results in physics and chemistry and the awards at Oxford and Cambridge bear witness to Jack's skill as a teacher.

But, great as was Jack's contribution in the laboratory, it was perhaps because this was combined with a remarkable contribution to other aspects of college life that it has earned him our particular respect as a schoolmaster. Today, when you go into the stable block courtyard, it is perhaps hard to visualise it as an overgrown wilderness, with piles of rubble, and with most of the stables unconverted and such teaching accommodation as there was of a primitive nature. One of Jack's great achievements was the transformation of the stables into a science department: it was a legacy from which hundreds of future Rendcombians have benefited and will continue to do so. The pre-war and immediate post-war years were a time of self-help; there was little money and development depended on individual skill and effort. To have had a person of Jack's resourcefulness at Rendcomb was exceptional. For Jack was not simply an outstanding scholar; he was also an immensely able practical man and craftsman. So it was from his designs and expertise that the stable block was gradually converted into classrooms and laboratories, and not only was much of the conversion done under Jack's supervision, but also benches, cupboards and much apparatus were made by him. Those may have been more leisurely days; there may have been more free time, fewer pressures, but such an undertaking also demanded hours of hard physical labour from Jack himself and from his helpers. Nor should we forget that this included the planting of the trees and shrubs that still make the courtyard attractive. It was an exceptional contribution from a man of exceptional talents. I like to think that just as many old Rendcombians are indebted to Jack for their scientific education, so many too in later life have been grateful for the practical skills of building, joinery and design to which he introduced them in many other schemes at the college. Apart from the stable block, the steps up towards the outdoor stage are a simple example. I have dwelt at length on Jack's career at Rendcomb because I feel it is important that such a unique contribution should not be forgotten by the passing of time - and that this is the right moment to recall it.

I must now turn to Jack as a person, and here again, on reflection, I find that Jack was remarkable, because, unlike most of us, he was always the same whenever you met him. There was about him a warm friendliness, which coupled with a gentleness and courteous manner, immediately earned him the respect and affection of all those he met - whether in the classroom, in the staff common room, in the village, on parish councils or at home. You instantly felt that here was someone of real humanity and sympathy; someone to trust, whose advice and help were always available and always based on sound common sense and understanding - which was so much valued when he was second master.

He was by nature a quiet and retiring man, with a gentle sense of humour, a man of great modesty who disliked any form of ostentation, a man of deep loyalty and integrity, and yet someone who, when the occasion demanded, could express himself in forthright terms. It was these qualities that won him a place in the hearts of all who met him.

He was too a devoted family man. During his distinguished war service in the RAF he met Vera in Washington, and after they were married they returned to set up their first home in the stable flat in 1946. In Vera Jack had found a perfect partner and the happiness he found in life and spread to others sprang without doubt from the great support he had from Vera and from the many interests they so obviously shared. His love of family life, his devotion to his children - and grandchildren - were understood all the more by those of us who shared in the generous hospitality which Jack and Vera have always given - to friends, colleagues, prefects and 6th formers alike. No one who visited Wilderness House and went round their marvellous garden could fail to be struck by the depth of Jack's love for his home and by the devotion of Jack and Vera to each other and to their family.

Lastly, I must mention Jack's connection with the village. Both Jack and Vera have been mainstays of village life for many years. Jack's familiar figure striding down the village street with a cheery wave and word to all whom he met had become part of the Rendcomb scene. He enjoyed living in Rendcomb and joining in village activities. To those of us who knew him in more recent years it may be slightly difficult to envisage him as the pianist at the village dances in the old hut under the walnut tree before the war, more natural perhaps to remember him as a supervisor at the jumble sales or joining in a whist drive, although card-playing was not something with which he felt at ease. For many years he was on the parish council, the village hall committee and representative of PCC on the Deanery Synod. But perhaps it is as a churchwarden that he will be best remembered. His love for this church, his meticulous attention to his duties at services, his work on the fabric of the church and the time he devoted to all kinds of church administration gave him great pleasure; it was his service as a deeply committed Christian. I do not say his work was taken for granted; it certainly was not; but it

will certainly be hard to find a replacement.

I hope I have said a few of the things you wanted said about Jack: I know much has been left unsaid. In conclusion I should like to express the sympathy of all of us here and many who are not - to Vera, to Judith and Geoffrey who have been such a tower of strength, and to Rosemary and Arthur. We have all lost a good friend for whom we had deep affection, and whose qualities we admired. We are numbed by the shock and suddenness of Jack's death, but I do not believe that Jack would want us to end on a sad note - but rather to remember him as he was to the end - a warm, cheerful, family man who had enjoyed living at Rendcomb, enjoyed his career and enjoyed his life to the full. He was an example to us all."

Acknowledgement

I and my family - Rosemary and Arthur, Judith and Geoffrey, would like to thank the members of the O.R. society for their generous donation to the Cheltenham Cobalt Appeal Fund in memory of my husband Jack. With the exception of the war years, he devoted the whole of his working life to teaching at the college. He enjoyed these years immensely, and was particularly pleased to take part in the teaching of Rendcomb's first girls before his retirement. He was very honoured to be elected president of the society and took a keen interest in the various meetings. As president, he was able to keep in touch with a wide cross section of O.R.'s, including one or two of his original pupils.

Vera Fell
March 1986

School Sport

Cricket

The last XI enjoyed a most successful season in 1985. Although the majority of the matches were drawn, none were lost, and the most pleasing aspect of the whole term was the growth in maturity and ability of several members of a young side. J. Healey captained the side well and was the major batsman, scoring 677 runs. The batting was greatly strengthened by the improved form of M. Binder and M. Cordeux. The bowling depended largely on four team bowlers, N. Paterson-Fox, A. Brealy, M. Binder and N. Webb. They have contrasting styles and no side batted with confidence against them.

Played 16; won 4; drew 11; tied 1.

The 2nd XI were unfortunate in that, due to weather and other factors, only five fixtures were played. Nevertheless, the side approached each match with great enthusiasm, and several players will be in contention for 1st XI places next season. The team was very well captained by C. Harris, who had the difficult but pleasant problem of having a side of whom almost all were all-rounders.

Played 5; won 4; drew 1.

The U.15 XI was a weak team. However, there was a marked improvement over the season. The side found scoring difficult, as only four players had any real batting skills: A Binder was the most consistent, scoring 151 runs in eight innings. S. Green proved to be a good opening bowler, taking 32 wickets. J. Fellows was a competent captain; he was selected to play in two county U.14 matches.

Played 9; won 2; drew 2; lost 4.

The U.14 team can look back on the season with considerable satisfaction; the semi-finals of the Lords Taverners competition was reached, more matches won than lost, and some excellent performances registered with bat and ball.

Played 9; won 4; drew 3; lost 2.

There were some notable individual performances in the U.13 side, and a lot of effort and enthusiasm from the team as a whole. K. Holmes led the team well and J. Carroll's innings against Cheltenham was one of the best of the season. The bowling and fielding were sound, and generally the team shows a lot of promise.

Played 6; drew 4; lost 2.

Rugby 1985

1985 proved to be a successful year across the board with all age groups making good use of the kind weather

and full fixture list. New to the coaching staff were Lindsay Haslett from Marling, Martin Graham, who was involved in rugby in Merchiston School, Edinburgh and Old Rendcombians Stephen Hawkswell, who stepped in at the last minute to cover for Ron Kelsey who was 'off-games' this season.

The 1st XV had a particularly good season under the able captaincy of John M. Healey (brother of Guy Healey 1978 - 1983); not only was their record excellent, but the attitude and style with which they played was admirable. Despite a disastrous first match against Dean Close, most encounters proved successful, with five wins over Wycliffe, despite having only a 2nd XV pack, Rednock, Whitefriars a new fixture, and of course against the Old Rendcombians Under 21 side (the age restriction due to R.F.U. ruling), where the teamwork and fitness of the College XV helped them to a notable victory in a hard fought match with both sides keen to throw the ball about. The 'big matches' against Kingswood, Monkton Coombe and Bloxham were most enjoyable, competitive affairs although frustrating in that crucial mistakes allowed the opposition to take the honours. A peculiar match was the high scoring draw against Dauntsey's, which was governed almost totally by errors on both sides; the opposition scoring with the last move of the first half and the last move of the game.

This year's pack was light, mobile and aggressive, showing particular strengths in line-out play thanks to locks D. Scarlett and M. Astill (son of J.M. Astill 1947- 1956) and in well-drilled loose rucking. The backs showed a keenness to run and handle the ball; their skill and efficiency leading them to 22 out of the 34 tries scored. J. Healey as full back achieved a notable milestone scoring over 100 points during the term; a just reward for leading the XV through such a fine season.

Results:

v. Dean Close School (H)	Lost 6 - 33
v. Rednock School (A)	Won 22 - 0
v. Kingswood School (H)	Lost 7 - 20
v. Wycliffe College 2nds (H)	Won 7 - 0
v. Prince Henry's School (H)	Cancelled
v. King's School, Gos. (A)	Won 14 - 4
v. Dauntsey's School (A)	Draw 24 - 24
v. Bloxham School (H)	Lost 9 - 12
v. Monkton Coombe School (H)	Lost 4 - 14
v. Cokethorpe School (A)	Won 27 - 9
v. Deer Park School (A)	Won 25 - 0
v. Kingham Hill School (H)	Won 17 - 0
v. Sir Thomas Rich's School (H)	Won 19 - 7
v. Whitefriar's School (A)	Won 21 - 11
v. Old Rendcombians (H)	Won 33 - 11

Played 14; won 9; drawn 1; lost 4. Points for 235; Points against 145.

1st XV Players:-

Props: C. Jones, I. Whittaker

Hookers: D. Edwin, D. MacDonald

Locks: M. Astill, D. Scarlett, T. Branston

Back row: N. Badcott, N. Hannaford, S. Kingscote, R. Moss, A. Trowern

Scrum halves: N. Webb, N. Wharmby

Fly halves: N. Breal, T. Needham

Centres: K. Elderfield, S. Jenkins, N. Paterson-Fox

Wingers: A. Aylott, A. Brain, B. Branston, R. Draper, M. Stitt

Full back: J. Healey

Coaching Staff:

Senior XV: M.J. Newby, C.P.M. King, L.J. Haslett, R.C. Hannaford

Under 15 XV: C.C. Burden, M. Graham

Under 14 XV: P. Sykes, M. Griffiths

Under 13 XV: S. Hawkswell

Under 12 XV: D.A. Hawkswell

Hockey

The start of the season was too good to be true and a great deal of useful practice took place 'on top', the new pitch on landage not being suitable for play yet, but unfortunately bad weather arrived just before the first fixture and very few matches took place before March. The sports hall was used heavily and the purchase of a pair of indoor goals made a big difference to the level of skills, the goalkeepers benefiting particularly from

indoor coaching. Although we could not persuade senior sides to play us at indoor hockey, the juniors did play a couple of their matches indoors at Rendcomb and Cirencester.

The first XI proved to be a determined and skilful side this season, when matches were eventually played. The win at Colston's School, Bristol, was their first game on a full-size pitch for weeks and the victory over Dean Close was an impressive performance with very strict umpiring and slight confusion over interpretation of the aerial ball which was used against us in the circle repeatedly. The Bournside (a Cheltenham comprehensive) fixture was new this season and clearly this will be a 2nd XI game next year. Fortunately the goalkeeper, a back, a half and a forward remain for next year's 1st XI, so we hope to produce another able side.

Overall: Played 41; won 20; lost 17; drawn 4. Goals for 133; Goals against 84.

1st XI Results:

v. King Edward's Bath (A)	Lost 1 - 3
v. Colston's (A)	Won 2 - 1
v. Dean Close (A)	Won 3 - 2
v. Bloxham (H)	Drawn 0 - 0
v. Crypt (H)	Won 6 - 1
v. OR Society (H)	Won 4 - 2
v. Bournside (H)	Won 11 - 1

C.J. Wood

Staff Common Room News

Simon Johnson (1981 -) left in July to take up a post at St. Dunstan's College, Catford. He had, in a short time, become very much a part of the Rendcomb scene. In addition to teaching English and some history, he produced some notable dramatic performances, took parties abroad and coached teams in all three major sports. **Belinda Dennis** (1983 -) has also left to join the modern language staff at Mill Hill School. Recent OR's will want to wish them both every success in their new posts.

In September we welcomed to the staff **Martin Graham** to teach history, **Michael Craddock** English and drama and **Lindsay Haslett** to teach French. During **Ron Kelsey's** absence in the Christmas term, Mr. M. Cooper came to teach chemistry; from September Mr. E.J. Phillips has taught some mathematics and Mrs. A. Lovett-Turner some religious studies.

In October **Kaye Knapp** took over as second master from **Bill White** who gave up the post, at his own request, after twelve years.

Trevor Oldroyd, our chaplain for the past four years, has been appointed chaplain of Wrekin College, Shropshire from September. Recent O.R.'s will be grateful to him for his help in running the community services and his quiet leadership of their religious life. We all hope Trevor, Margaret and their family will be happy at Wrekin.

College News Bulletin

The computer laboratory in the stable block is now in use. The redesigning of the area on the left of the arch also involved putting in a new staircase and replanning the staff flat.

Mr. John Garnett, C.B.E, gave the address on founder's day.

In the summer term, form two visited some Welsh castles and the third year went to Big Pit Coal Mine, Blaenavon. Musical events have included a string quintet in the reading room; a concerto concert by two old Rendcombians who played Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 23 in A and the Violin Concerto in E Minor by Mendelssohn, and a piano recital by Claire Ellis (daughter of **R. Ellis**).

Michael Craddock and **Tim Lane** produced a much-appreciated performance of H.M.S. Pinafore. At the end of the summer term, the fifth form again took part in a week of work experience with firms in Cirencester, organised by **Ron Kelsey**. Dr. J.K. White of King's College, London, gave the Michael Wills Memorial Lecture. His subject was 'The Problem of Unwanted Water'.

Each year in October the college now holds an open day to allow people to look round the school in informal groups accompanied by a sixth former.

The recently formed parents' association has held regular meetings and has presented the college with a bowling machine, which has been much in use in the sports hall. Continuing the long-standing tradition, **John Holt** has taken parties to the theatre at Stratford and Bristol, and the geography and biology departments have

had their usual field trips. The fourth form has again taken part in the Duke of Edinburgh's bronze award, with some sixth formers taking the silver and gold.

Richard Dunwoody (1975 - 81), a National Hunt jockey, was interviewed by some members of 6B for the 'Rendcombian' in March.

Old Rendcombian News

Mrs. K.L. James has been delighted to receive news of the many OR's who have written to her during the past years.

Duncan Taylor (1972 - 79) is in the meat marketing business in Halifax.

Christopher Higgins (1967 - 73) is a senior lecturer in farm management at Derbyshire College of Agriculture.

Nicholas Prowse (1983 - 85) is studying history, law and geography at 'A' level at King James' College, Henley.

J.C. Beck (1939 - 43) moved to Banbury on his retirement, following his time in Ottawa on the staff of the British High Commission (1982 - 84).

Brian Hembry (staff 1974 - 79) is currently on a year's secondment to Reading University for a degree in education and society.

Richard Pitt (1981 - 84) started at the Royal Agricultural College in October last year.

Joanna Hobbs (1978 - 80) is now a teacher of the deaf in Rotherham. She trained at Manchester University where she studied English, drama, audiology and education of the deaf.

Richard Perrett (1976 - 81) went to Welbeck College after taking his 'O' levels. From there he went on to R.M.A. Sandhurst in 1983 and was commissioned in 1984. He joined the R.E.M.E. training battalion and depot at Arborfield as recruit platoon commander. After a short spell in Cyprus, he is now at R.M.C.S. Shrivenham studying electrical engineering.

Tim Longworth (1969 - 76) graduated in political science in 1980 at Birmingham University and is now working in the political science faculty at the University of Catania, Sicily, as a language assistant. He says he is particularly enjoying the political science slant to English language teaching at an Italian University and 'la dolce vita' in general! His cousin **Dawn Mackonochie** (1974 - 76) gained an H.N.D. in hotel and catering administration at S. Devon Technical College. In 1979 she left to work at the Regent Palace Hotel as employment officer in the personnel department, where she met her future husband. She was promoted to assistant manager, personnel and training at the Hampstead Post House. Following a robbery in which she was threatened with a machete, she decided on a change of career and joined Fidelity Plc., as a customer services manager. She was married in October and her husband is deputy manager of the Pengethley Hotel, Ross-on-Wye.

Andrew Rontree (1977 - 84) and **Adrian Lewers** (1982 - 84) were the soloists in a concerto concert at the college in September. Andrew played the Piano Concerto No. 23 in A (K.488) by Mozart and Adrian Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto in E Minor (op.64).

Matthew Cragoe ((1972 - 77) left Carmarthen Grammar School in 1978 without taking 'A' Levels and, after a succession of ill-paid jobs, joined the local museum on a government scheme. He was persuaded by the curator to take 'A' Levels and try for university entrance. Last year he graduated at Royal Holloway College where he met **Jon Portch** (1972 - 79) and **Nigel Hall** (1972 - 79). He had intended to do a Ph.D in Welsh history but did not qualify for a British Academy grant (he got a 2.1 instead of the required 1st) and so is now studying for an M.A. in Swansea, with a projected thesis of 'Borough politics in Carmarthen 1802 - 21'.

Nick Miles (1975 - 80) is now with the British Bank of the Middle East in Dubai. He expects to be there for two years.

Simon Badcott (1977 - 84) is at London University of Pharmacy.

Fiona Comrie (1980 - 82) graduated at Leeds in 1985 with a degree in mathematics and operational research. She is now a trainee actuary with Mercantile and General in Cheltenham.

Steve (1969 - 76) and **Tessa** (1974 - 76) **Hicks** now live in Wittering near Peterborough. Steve is on a harrier conversion course, which he is thoroughly enjoying. Tessa is still working with computers, running a Hewlett Packard machine for a local company, who manufacture carbon paper, typing ribbons, etc. They expect to move again later this year. They are organising a reunion for their year at the O.R. reunion in the summer.

Paul Smith (1971 - 74) is running Crown Timber Merchants on Cirencester Industrial Estate. The firm caters for every user of timber from D.I.Y. amateurs to full-scale construction projects. In its short life the firm has achieved a reputation for the quality of its products, expertise of its advice and promptness in fulfilling orders.

Miles Thompson (1939 - 43) has just retired after six years with the United Nations in New York. He has been appointed secretary and administrative director of the S.D.P. His son, Roland (1961 - 66), a major with B.A.O.R., is married with three children.

Stephen Hewitt (1971 - 77) has moved to Hadlow College of Agriculture, Tonbridge, after four years at the Hertfordshire College of Agriculture. He is a course tutor for the national diploma course and also a warden, so he and his wife live on the campus and are very involved in the college life.

Sean Hughes (1975 - 82) recently took part in the Cambridge University coral survey based in Manila.

Michael Richards (1947 - 56) is still teaching and researching in physics at the University of Sussex.

Claire Comrie (1978 - 80) writes: "After graduating from Durham in 1983, I worked for a year at Debenhams as an assistant personnel manager. Then in 1984 I changed jobs and now work for BUPA as an assistant personnel officer. I have recently bought a house in south-west London and am embarking on restoring all the rotten floorboards. By the time the next newsletter is published, I might have finished decorating."

Nicholas Dalton (1931 - 35) lives in Lyme Regis, having retired from being a Dental Surgeon. He says he is married with two 'big' daughters!

Paul Harris (1972 - 77) is an agricultural engineer fitter at R.A. Lister in Cirencester. He was married last September.

Andrew Stafford (1966 - 71) came to Rendcomb last summer during a visit to England from Prague, where he is first secretary at the embassy. His wife and young daughter accompanied him.

Robert McIntyre (1978 - 85) is at Bangor University. He writes: "The University is very small, about 3,000, and the town has only 15,000 inhabitants. The main problem is that every piece of literature or notice in the university or student union must be in English and Welsh, as well as all the local signposts. I am impressed by the quality of equipment here; most of the labs have several cameras and video screens. I am spending more time in lectures and practicals than I did at Rendcomb. The only mistake in the first weeks was in joining the sea fishing club. I had not realised that they were an unofficial branch of the mountaineering club, spending most of their time scrambling up and down cliffs with a lantern in one hand, rod in the other and a rucksack on their backs! As I reached the base of the cliff, I was told they like night fishing - ten hours later (11.30 p.m.) when it was very dark, we had to climb back!" He has also become involved in the bridge club!

Caroline Brett (1972 - 74) continues to work as a producer for Survival Anglia Ltd. She spent 1984 researching cranes in Sweden, Denmark, Germany, France and Spain.

Austen Magor (1931 - 36) wrote as follows to Jack Fell last October: "Following the war, I was chief estimator and contracts manager for a company which modernised coal mines. By the end of the '50s they had run out of coal mines to modernise, and so in 1961 I joined Bristol Aerojet, a Rolls Royce company involved in space research and the manufacture of rocket motors. Here I was head of management services. Then in 1971, Rolls Royce went into liquidation. I was then 54 and had to make a big decision. Do I remain in a fairly safe job or do I face a new challenge? I have been working for these last 11 years as commercial director with the British Hovercraft Corporation on the Isle of Wight. It has been a most exciting job which has taken me all

over the world, including Moscow. In the last couple of years I've spent long periods negotiating contracts in India, Australia, the U.S.A., Canada and in a number of European countries. BHC also manufactures the centre wings for Shorts' SD 330 and 360 commuter aircraft. Apart from work I was, until retirement, chairman of the Institute of Value Management; chairman of the management services division of the Institute of Administrative Management." He is now planning to move back to the west country to be nearer his relations and friends.

Owen Rhys (1964 - 70) has moved with his wife and young son to Perthshire to join Innovation Scotland Ltd. Describing his new job, he writes. "In essence, we have set up a small company with the aim of providing another mechanism for the transfer of new ideas from universities into manufacturing industry. It is an attempt to stop some of our better ideas going overseas, and to encourage improvements in the Scottish industrial base. It's easy to say, but somewhat more difficult to effect! Nevertheless, it is right up my particular street, and I'm enjoying it immensely."

Joe Maslin (1925 - 31) was craft master at St. Dunstan's College, Catford 1946 - 61 and principal lecturer and head of craft wing at De la Salle College, Middleton, Manchester 1961 - 74. Recently he moved to Cheltenham after living in a small village in the Yorkshire dales. He was able to attend **Jim Miller's** funeral.

Andrew Pitt (1974 - 81) is now reading for a D. Phil. in chemistry at Pembroke College, Oxford.

Richard Pearce (1966 - 72) has moved from Hereford to the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital where, as he says, he has the glorified title of chief medical laboratory scientist. He writes: "I am in charge of the coagulation section of the haematology department. The main part of the job is testing patients who are on anticoagulants to make sure they are taking the correct drugs. My section also tests for various conditions such as sickle cell anaemia and iron and vitamin B12 deficiency." He is married and has two daughters aged two and one. He says he hasn't seen anyone from Rendcomb for a long time; if any contemporary O.R.'s are in Shrewsbury, they will know where to find him!

Julian Campbell (1969 - 76), after graduating at Oxford, went on to take an M.Sc. in systems engineering at Surrey University. His present occupation is in research and development at the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough.

Ben Almond (1978 - 85) is greatly enjoying the combined French and Latin course at Bristol University. He also plays bridge regularly and has taken part in a production of Aristophanes' 'Lysistrata'.

Sally Patterson (née Blyth) (1973 - 75) lives in Hong Kong. She is a news reporter for the local t.v. and radio station. She presents the main evening news (a half-hour programme) on radio; it is the equivalent of radio four's "P.M." **Teta** and **Norman Crowe** (1978 - 75) stayed with them last year and **Ian Forrest** (1972 - 77) was going to be there at Christmas. They returned to the UK in January to go skiing with **Sarah Oughton** (1973 - 75). They also see **Paul** (1970 - 77) and Edwina **Curtis-Hayward**, **Rory Thompson** (1969 - 75), as well as **Taryn Nixon** (1975 - 77).

Angus Waddell (1977 - 84) is now studying medicine at Charing Cross and Westminster Hospital; he began an engineering course at City University and then retook his 'A' Levels to qualify to read medicine.

Ian Bishop (1978 - 83) has changed from the dentistry course at Birmingham University to medicine.

News of Recent Leavers

Darrell Adshead	Bournemouth College, photography
Karen Alder	Queen's College, Cambridge, engineering (1986)
Benjamin Almond	Bristol University, French and Latin
Vanessa Andreis	Southampton University, modern languages
Karen Arnold	Retaking 'A' levels
Paul Attwood	Sheffield University, environmental studies 1986
John Awdry	Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, 1986
Alexandra Aylott	In Australia
Claire Bichard	St. Hugh's College, Oxford, biochemistry
Mark Binder	Practical farming before going to Royal Agricultural College
Duncan Brown	Geneva University, modern languages
Jeremy Butling	University College, London, physiology 1986
Christopher Carpenter	Portsmouth Polytechnic, applied chemistry
Karl Cloutman	Retaking 'A' Levels
Samantha Evans	Retaking 'A' Levels
Victoria Finney	Southampton University, English
Beverley Foote	University College, London, law
David George	Birmingham University, German
Andrew Hall	R.A.F. entry candidate
Colin Harris	Seal Hayne Agricultural College
Barnaby Hatcher	Retaking 'A' levels
Sara Hawkswell	Royal Holloway College, biological studies
Michael Hicks	Cheltenham College of Art
Nicholas Hoare	Coventry Polytechnic, geography
Marcus Holland	Amersham Technical College, travel
Fiona Howard	Durham University, psychology
Blaise Jenkins	Exeter University, biological sciences
James Kinch	Exeter College, Oxford, chemistry
Juliette Loehry	Keele University, Arts 1986
Justine Loehry	Bournemouth College, business studies
Robert McIntyre	Bangor University, marine biology
Stewart McIntyre	Banking
Josephine Merrett	Retaking 'A' levels
Jonathan Morris	Merton College, Oxford, philosophy and French
Stuart Newell	Birmingham University, law
Matthew Newman	In Australia
Simon Noyes	Cheltenham College of Art
Paul Partridge	Birmingham University, psychology 1986
Jane Perkins	Royal Holloway College, history
Robert Pryne	Trinity College, Oxford, metallurgy
Kathryn Rowe	Surrey School of Hotel and Catering Administration
Sophie Rutherford	Keele University, philosophy and Greek studies
Diane Sercovich	University of St. Louis, medicine
William Tong	St. Anne's College, Oxford, engineering
Benedict Uglow	Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, P.P.P.
Suzanne Whybrow	St. Hilda's College, Oxford, geology
Fiona Wilkins	Retaking 'A' levels
David Wilson	Watford College, printing & packaging technology
James Kook	Westwood's Grammar School
Adrian Lamb	East Devon Technical College
Nicholas Prowse	Henley Sixth Form College
Matthew Lynton	Middlesex Polytechnic, hotel management
Daniel Appleton	Seal Hayne Agricultural College
Simon Barrow	Bristol Polytechnic, microelectronics
Richard Hayward	Trainee manager, Nationwide Building Society
Robert Wakeham	Trainee accountant, Walter Johnson & Partners
Andrew Payne	Thames Polytechnic, estate management
Toby Brealay	Working for Boots the Chemists
Charles Carroll	Huddersfield Polytechnic, engineering