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Society Officers 1988-89

At the annual general meeting in July the following officers were elected:-

President:	A.E.A. Brain (1929 - 37)
Chairman:	M.C. Jones (1956 - 62)
Vice-chairman:	B.L.M. Smith (1965 - 72)
Secretary:	Mrs. J.R. Gunner (1975 - 77)
Treasurer:	R.B. Barrett (1969 - 76)
Committee member:	C.J. Wood (1965 - 71, staff 1976 -)
Rugby secretary:	A. Payne (1979 - 84)
Hockey secretary:	B. Branston (1982 - 87)
Cricket secretary:	J. Healey (1981 - 86)
Girls' secretary:	F. Wilkins (1983 - 85)
School representative and newsletter editor:	W.J.D. White (staff 1961 -) 9 Rendcomb, Cirencester, GL7 7HB

O.R. Reunion - 9th July 1988

The annual reunion of the society was held after the cricket match and A.G.M. An excellent buffet supper was provided in the Dulverton Hall. Among those who attended were:

Staff & ex-staff

Mr. & Mrs. J.R. Dennis	Mr. & Mrs. J.N. Tolputt	Mr. & Mrs. D.S.J. Price	Mr. J.W.R. Willson
Mr. W.J.D. White *	Mr. D. de G. Sells	Mr. & Mrs. D. Essenhigh	

1921 - 1930

Mr. & Mrs. C. Raggatt & guests	Mr. & Mrs. C.E. Hartland	Mr. & Mrs. R.F. Butler	Mr. J. Maslin
Mr. & Mrs. A. Brain *	Mr. & Mrs. F. Nevel	Mr. R. Betterton	

1931 - 1940

Mr. C. Coles & guests

1941 - 1950

Mr. & Mrs. M. Miles	Mr. & Mrs. D.J. Payne	Mr. & Mrs. P. Griffiths
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1951 - 1960

Mr. & Mrs. M. Jones *

1961 - 1970

Mr. & Mrs. C.J. Wood *	Mr. & Mrs. D.J.A. Rose	Mr. & Mrs. B.L.M. Smith *	Mr. & Mrs. N.J. Green
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1971 - 1980

Mr. E. Blencowe	Mr. & Mrs. J. Watson	Mr. & Mrs. N. Hall	Mr. T. Nicholas & guest
Mr. M. Cannon	Mrs. J. Gunner *	Mr. I. Pengelly	Mr. D. Marshall & guest
Mr. R. Edwards	Mr. A. Simmins	Mr. N. Miles	Mr. N. Burgess

1981 -

Mr. J. Penneck

* committee

O.R. Reunions

Summer Reunion 1989

The committee decided in November to discuss with the college the possibility of changing the arrangements for the summer reunion and also the date. Because of major building work which has to be carried out in the main building during the summer holidays, the term has to end a week earlier than previously planned, and it would not be possible to hold the reunion on the first Saturday in July. The reunion will take place this year on Sunday May 14. There will be the usual cricket match against the school starting at 11.30 a.m. As an experiment, a buffet lunch will be held at 1.00 p.m. in place of the evening buffet, and the A.G.M. will take

place after the lunch. Tea will be served in the pavilion and the reunion will end at close of play. A circular was sent out in March informing O.R.s of these changes and the committee will be interested to have comments on the new arrangements. It is regretted that there was such short notice, but no decision could be reached until the cricket fixtures were confirmed. The date of next summer's reunion will be decided after the A.G.M.

Dates of Future Reunions

Rugby: 9 December 1989
Hockey: 17 March 1990
Cricket: To be decided after the 1989 A.G.M.

At Rendcomb

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

M.J. Miles R Sumsion S.R. Merrett

Rendcombian 1989

The bursar has kindly agreed to continue his subvention for copies of the magazine ordered by members of the O.R. society. If you would like a copy sent to you in September, please send a cheque for three pounds, payable to Rendcomb College, to: The Editor, Rendcombian, Rendcomb College, Cirencester, Glos. GL7 7HA.

Letter from John Willson (staff 1967 - 88)

I should like to express my most profound thanks to the O.R. Association for the very handsome gift of a Pentax 200M-70 on my leaving Rendcomb last summer. I took it to the Himalayas last autumn, where its versatility earned the admiration of those with ordinary compacts and its size and lightness was the envy of others lugging around large s.l.r.s! I was rewarded with a fine set of slides, including a superb shot of Everest from the summit of Lobuche East Peak (6119m). I am now living about as near to the top of Wintour's Leap as is possible and I am organist and choirmaster at Chepstow parish church, so although my lifestyle has changed somewhat, the basics remain constant! We give regular concerts at the church with an augmented choir and orchestra. I have already recruited one O.R. singer and one player for my first concert and I would very much welcome the participation of other O.R. musicians, in any capacity, in future events. If anyone is interested, on an occasional or regular basis, please drop me a line and I will keep you informed about future dates and programmes (the repertoire will doubtless have a familiar flavour!). A number of climbers have, of course, already been over to keep me up to the mark. But any O.R. who cares to call can be assured of a warm welcome and traditional hospitality.

2 Sunnyside Cottages, Woodcroft, Nr Chepstow, Gwent. NP6 7JA Telephone 0291 625433

Rendcomb Salad Days

Douglas Payne (1940-48) would like to collect (and possibly publish in some form) O.R.s reminiscences of their time at Rendcomb. Please put pen to paper and send your contributions to:
Douglas Payne, 13 Burfield, Lydiard Millicent, Swindon, Wilts SN5 9NF

O.R. Register

The committee is grateful to all O.R.s who have returned the register form. It has enabled Mr. Hawkswell to produce what we hope is a fairly accurate address list and it is also both useful and interesting to have information about O.R. careers.

About 700 forms have been returned, including about 70 marked 'address not known'. In due course consideration will be given to the question of producing an O.R. address booklet similar to that circulated in 1970.

Addresses out of date:

R. Akers	K.A. Foley (née Harmon)	L. Lake	T. Parfit	R.L. Short
M. Bauer	D. George	J. Lane	S. Pendell	S. Simkin
A.M. Bennett	J. Gooch	J. Kennear	V. Penney	R. Slee
N. Bradbury	J.F. Harris	R. Laycock	S. Perkins	J.D.M. Smith
M.J. Brown	H. Hartley	C.P. Maberley	C. Price	P.W. Smith
W.J. Buckingham	B. Hatcher	D. Mackonochie	J.D. Ratcliffe	J. Stephenson
J. Bull	S. Heath	A. Mackonochie	S. Ratcliffe	J. Teague
P. Cam	A. Hedderwick	C. Marsack	P.S. Rose	L. Thaxter
C.D. Cannon	W. Henniker-Gotley	N. MacGregor Wood	B. Russell	C.H. Thomasson
P. Chivers	A. Heppleston	M. Morris	J.L. Russell	A. Tong
J.S.G. Cooper	W. Hewitt	P. O'Brien	J. Sayers	N. Townend
T. Crowe	S. Hicks	J.D. Painter	C. Schreiber	S. Trayhurn
K.J. Crowhurst	J. Kitto	S. Palmer	R. Sherratt	S. Trigger
M.J. Curtis-Hayward				

Please would anyone who knows the whereabouts of any of the above get in touch with Bill White.

Travel Bursary

The 1989 bursary has been awarded to Justine Platt (6B) for a visit to America. In an excellent application she wrote:

"Firstly, I have arranged to work on a summer camp designed specifically for muscular dystrophy victims. I will be working as a volunteer counsellor, working with the campers on a one-to-one basis. I have past experience in this area through involvement with the Riding for the Disabled Association. Following the camp, I will spend time researching a project I am undertaking for an art 'A' level entitled 'The development of and the influences on the painterly approach of the American impressionists'. I hope to study the works of American impressionists by visiting museums and galleries and interviewing artists who have adopted this style."

The Friends of Rendcomb

I did not write for your newsletter last year, as Arnold Brain was kind enough to give the Friends prominence in his letter. During the last two years, four more O.R.s have joined the Friends. Among the 135 Friends there are now 46 O.R.s. Of these 26 left the college between 1920 and 1960, and 20 between 1961 and 1988. Bearing in mind the relative size of the school during these two periods, (12 in 1920 and 91 in 1960) it is clear that relatively little interest has been aroused among the younger members of the society. While at present committed to supporting the primary school entry, which we consider vital if Rendcomb is not to lose its distinctive character and become just another minor public school, the Friends' trust deed allows us a catholic range of activity, provided it be to the benefit of the college. Once we have achieved sponsorship of seven primary school entrants therefore, we shall look to other ways in which we can be useful. Independent schools rely to a considerable extent on the success and generosity of their alumni. I have to confess that among the younger O.R.s I have met more of "what can the college do for me?" than "what can I do for the college?". It is possible, if not probable, that I have gained a false impression. As I noted in 1987, I shall be writing shortly to all of you who left the college in 1979, in the hope that an appreciable number of you will become Friends. We are not seeking to ruin you, covenants made by O.R.s so far range from £10 to £300; if a sizeable proportion of the thousand-odd members of the society would covenant somewhere in this range, our prime aim would be rapidly achieved and we could move on to other fields. Meanwhile, if any of the older O.R.s are interested in this simple and generous way of keeping in touch with the college, the address is below.

David Sells, Trustee, The Friends of Rendcomb College, 17, Rendcomb, Cirencester, Glos. GL7 7HB

O.R. Sport

Cricket - 9th July 1988

The weather was overcast and rain held up play for a short time in the afternoon. The college won the toss and elected to bat, but soon found runs very hard to come by, because of the tight bowling of Brealy and Hammond. The college soon lost J. Fellows for 8, and although J. Carroll and W. Sherwood stayed at the wicket for long periods, they never got on top of the bowling. But then G. Hughes and N. Suffolk played well and took the score to 166 all out. For the O.R.s, M. Cordeaux (4 wickets for 10) and M. Hammond (3 wickets for 33) were the most successful bowlers. The O.R.s also found it difficult to score runs and only a very good stand between M. Webb (50) and D. Webb (36) kept the O.R. innings going with any chance of winning the

game. Once D. Webb was out, wickets fell quickly and the O.R.s were all out for 145. The best college bowlers were C. Huck (3 wickets for 33) and C. Bannister (2 wickets for 18).

The college won by 21 runs.

College: 166 all out.

G. Hughes 44; N. Suffolk 38; W. Sherwood 29; J. Carroll 15.

O.R.s: 145 all out.

M. Webb 50; D. Webb 36; T. Bums 14; R. Webb 12; J. Healey 12.

O.R. Team:

R. Webb, N. Miles, J. Healey, M. Webb, D. Webb, A. Breal, M. Cordeux, T. Burns, M. Hammond, M. Faulkner, I. Whittaker.

D.E.

Rugby - 10th December 1988

O.R. Team: C. Jones, A. Payne, D. Kenney, N. Badcott, D. Edwin, P. Griffiths, J. Leigh, G. Carter, S. Jenkins, R. Draper, P. Moore, B. Jenkins, R. Matson, M. Rann, J. Healey.

Result: O.R.s won 16 - 15

Hockey - 18th March 1989

After last year's double win it was most disappointing when only eleven players turned up for the matches against the school. The pitch was extremely wet but the ball ran quite well and the skill level was very high. At first the O.R.s left many gaps and the school was able to press hard gaining a succession of penalty corners, one of which was converted by John Carroll and another became a penalty stroke which was placed over the bar. In the second half the O.R.s looked more organised and accurate passing, especially between John Webb, James Quick and the forward line, combined with incisive runs led to three goals by John Webb, Matt Archer and Phil Moore.

C.J.W.

O.R.s won 3 - 1

O.R. Team: M. Archer (capt.), P. Moore, A. Hall, G. Veale, S. Kingscote, M. Whittering, J. Webb, J. Quick, J. Barnett, C. Pope, R. Matson (GK).

Church Chairs

A letter from Peter Sudbury (chaplain 1986 -)

Some of you may have heard that during the 1989 summer holidays we shall be redecorating St. Peter's Church for the first time since 1932. We are also removing the organ and replacing it with a high quality Allen organ as this will allow us to re-open the Lady Chapel and achieve the dual aim of providing more seating for Sunday services and school assemblies whilst also providing a more intimate setting for smaller and less regular services. The seating in the chapel will be provided by wooden chairs, rather than pews, and a suitable design is being considered jointly by the college and by the parochial church council. It has been suggested that old Rendcombians might like to record their time at college by purchasing one of these chairs and having their names and the dates during which they were at college engraved on a small metal plate to be fitted to the chair. We estimate that the total cost of chair and engraved plate will be £60 and if you would like to purchase a chair, would you please send a cheque for that amount, made payable to 'Rendcomb P.C.C.', to the Chaplain, Rendcomb College.

Obituary

We have learnt with sadness of the deaths of the following O.R.s and send our sympathy to their families:-

M.J. Morgan (1941 - 49) October 1988

M. Peel (1924 - 31) 1988

J. Shaw (1953-61) 1978 (not confirmed)

B.V. Harris (1920-24)

Tony Perkins (1921 - 31) wrote in January: "It is more than a year since B.V. (Bagnall) Harris of Saffron Walden died, but I only heard recently from his widow. He was one of the first to come to Rendcomb after the initial group of twelve boys in 1920, and he had left before I arrived in 1924. But I met him afterwards when we were both working in Edinburgh in 1939. He was with the Howard and Wyndham theatre company as a stage designer. He was a man of refinement and artistry and had lived in the Saffron Walden area since the

fifties. He was over 80 when he died."

Marriages

William Scott to **Nicola Agius** (1984 - 86), July 1988

Simon Young (1971 - 76) to Katherine Barraclough, September 1988

Christopher Hart (1970 - 77) to Caroline Goldsmith, October 1988

Mark Webb (1972 - 79) to Sarah Kew, April 1988

Jonathan Morris (1978 - 85) to Alison Maycock, April 1987

Peter Uglow (1974 - 81) to Nikki Spencer, August 1987

Births

To Aileen and Martin Graham (staff 1985 -) a daughter, Amanda Claire, January 1989.

To Catherine and Nigel Powell (1967 - 74) a son, William Stephen. May 1988.

To Tessa (née Wolferstan, 1974 - 76) and Stephen Hicks (1969 - 76) a daughter, Fiona Xanthe.

To Ann and Anthony Flambard (1971 - 78) a daughter, Nicola Claire, November 1986.

Rendcomb Founder's Day 1939

O.R.s may find it interesting to be reminded of how founder's day was celebrated 50 years ago. The material was provided by Miss. F.E. Wheeler, sister of J.R. Wheeler (1928 - 34) who died in 1979.

From the Cheltenham Chronicle and Gloucestershire Graphic, Saturday June 24, 1939:-

REDCOMB COLLEGE FOUNDERS DAY

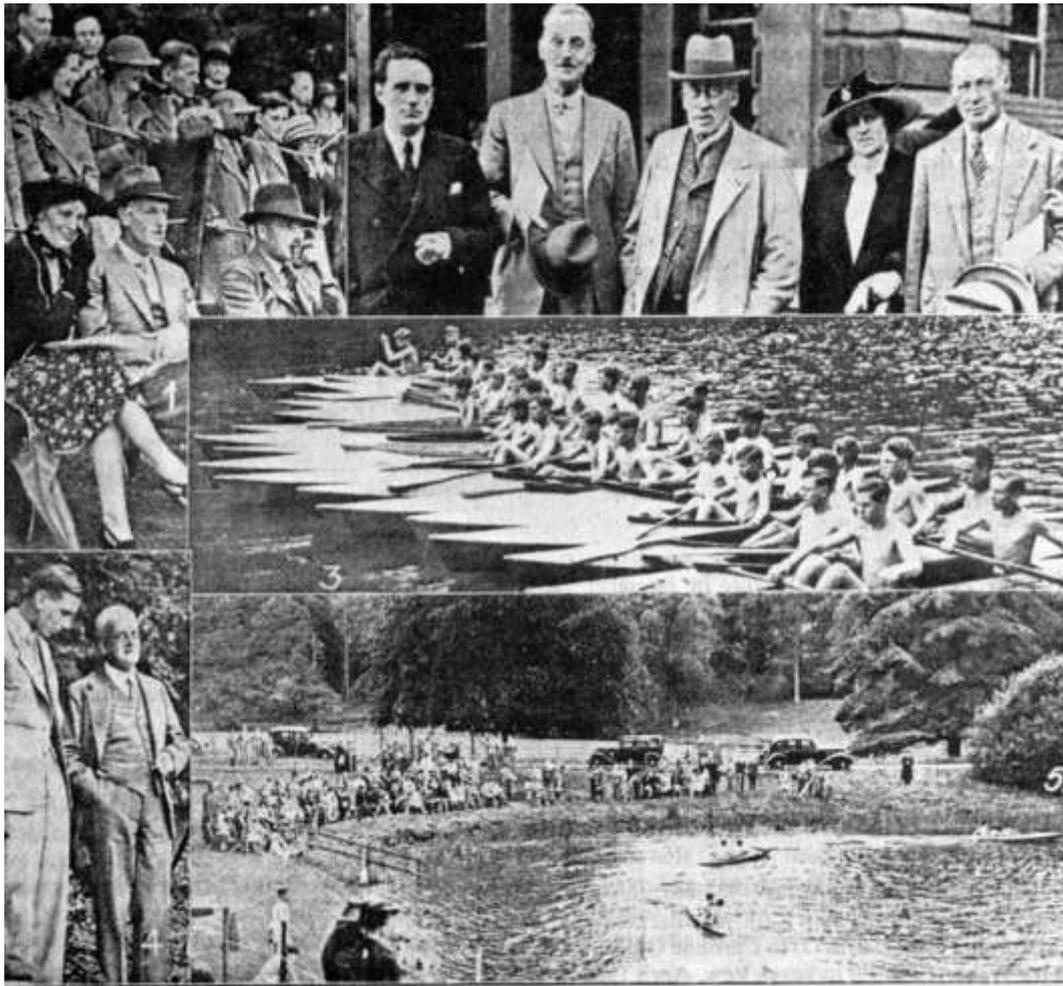
REPORTS OF SPLENDID PROGRESS

Saturday was Founder's Day at Rendcomb College, near Cirencester when a large assembly of parents and friends gathered in the gymnasium to hear the annual report of the headmaster, Mr. D. Lee-Browne, and an address by Mr. Frank James, a housemaster at Harrow School. Canon H. Sewell, chairman of the governing body, presided, and he was supported by Lord Dulverton, Mrs. Noel Wills, Sir Russell Kerr, Mr. Frank James, Mr. D. Lee-Browne, and members of the staff. After a few introductory remarks by Canon Sewell, explaining the unavoidable absence that day of Mr. P. C. Vellacott, Mr. Lee-Browne gave his annual report. He stated that under the care of Dr. Gladstone and Miss Lister, the health of the pupils during the year had been very good.

FINE GAMES RECORD

Speaking of the games side of the college, Mr. Lee-Browne stated that he did not wish to blow their own trumpet or to make it seem that they were a 'game school'. They were not, but the facts were that during the past four years they had played a total of 78 matches of all kinds and had won or drawn 49. He went on to speak of the performances of some of the boys, mentioning in particular, the displays of E.R.S. Gillham at the Public Schools' Athletic Sports, and added his thanks to the members of the staff who gave up so much time to coach the boys. Referring to the academic side of the school, the headmaster spoke of the re-organisation of the library and the fact that the 3,000 volumes were being increasingly used each year, and added that every department in the college had been in a healthy condition. Mr. Lee-Browne said that the scope for the annual science expedition to the Gower Peninsula has been widened, and members of the sixth form were not able to carry out some of the ecological work which was necessary for higher school certificates and scholarship purposes. With the middle and lower forms, Mr. Wright had been doing some work on the direct method of teaching French - already, he believed, with beneficial results. Talks on current affairs had been continued by Mr. James, and they would all agree no doubt that such talks were a valuable contribution to the life of the college. He declared that the position about the number of boys in the school was in a very satisfactory state, and applications had already been received for the known vacancies. After the speeches, tea was served in the college, and manual and science and art exhibitions were opened to the visitors. Later there was a canoe regatta on the college lake, the competing craft being the handiwork of scholars.

RENDCOMB COLLEGE FOUNDER'S DAY



There was a large gathering of parents and friends of the pupils at the annual founder's day of Rendcomb College, on Saturday.

1. Some of the spectators at the canoe regatta.
2. The headmaster, speaker and college governors. Left to right: Mr. D. Lee-Browne. Mr. Frank James (who gave an address), Sir Russell Kerr, Mrs. Noel Wills, and Lord Dulverton.
3. The boys all massed in canoes at the canoe regatta.
4. Mr. J. Simpson, the first headmaster of the college (on right).
5. A general view of the canoe regatta in progress.

Tim Lane

More recent O.R.s will be surprised to learn that Tim Lane, who was director of music from 1982 to 1988, has decided to pursue a career in industry and resigned from the staff last December. Tim's enthusiasm for all aspects of his subject inspired many Rendcombians to derive pleasure from music whether it was singing in the choral society, playing in the orchestra or informal concerts, or simply practising on the guitar or the drums. Together with John Willson he staged a large number of ambitious choral and orchestral concerts, and also gave great pleasure leading the orchestra for Gilbert and Sullivan operas. Tim also devoted much energy to other aspects of Rendcomb life. He enjoyed working with the hockey 2nd XI, taking groups sailing or wind surfing in the summer - and of course he also ran the swimming! Sudden moments of inspiration or enthusiasm drove him to take parties to concerts or operas far afield and to organise 6B's annual Sunday outing to London. He also gave valuable supervisory help in Park House and the junior house. All O.R.s will want to send their best wishes to Tim and Hilary, together with Stephanie and Philip, for their new life and will hope to see them at O.R. reunions from time to time. They will be missed both in the college and in the village.

W.J.D.W.

Rendcomb in 1929

A further instalment from the diary of Tony Perkins (1924 - 31)

DECEMBER, 1929		DECEMBER, 1929	
<p>Rec 0978-2 15 SUNDAY [349-16] 3rd in Advent. Ember Week Matins.—Isaiah 25, v. 1 to 9. Luke 3, v. 1 to 17, or: Timothy 1, v. 18 to 2, v. 7 Evening.—Isaiah 26, or 28, v. 1 to 22. Matthew 25, v. 1 to 30, or Revelation 21, v. 9 to 22, v. 5 1899. Battle of Coleston</p> <p>Played chess in the library before church and afterwards went over to the factory and met Mr. Durn. It was a beautifully fine and warm afternoon and I cycled to Towcester with G. T. M. to see the flood which will repair our visit. Brought back some music to make the day first.</p>	<p>Rec 0987-6 19 THURSDAY [353-12] 1851. Turner, painter, died</p> <p>Shop accounts were brought up, being far short of the ideal profit, they were reconsidered, and the error found to be still larger. Hence steps were taken to eliminate the recurrence of the business but we (the shopkeepers) were exhausted. Played a game of football at midnight and passed time. Had my reports gone through in the evening.</p>		
<p>Rec 0979-0 16 MONDAY [350-15] 1914. Germany shelled Whitby, Scarborough and Hartlepool O Full Moon, 11.38 a.m.</p> <p>Helped to wash out cycle shed after lunch for pound work, and afterwards played two rounds of putting with Robinson and Batter which lasted until school. Had a very good fire upstairs in the evening and attended end of Auction. Revision of mechanics completed.</p>	<p>Rec 1000-0 20 FRIDAY [354-11] Ember Day 1908. Prince George born</p> <p>Did most of my packing in the morning. Cycled to Circus in the afternoon with Widdell. There was a Christmas market on with very many things to be won. Won 1st prize at the Whist Drive at the end of term party. There was afterwards dancing and presents on the Christmas tree, so well as a certain amount of fun afterwards.</p>		
<p>Rec 0980-6 17 TUESDAY [351-14] 1907. Lord Kelvin, scientist, died</p> <p>Got up early and went for a very pleasant walk in the dawn and moonlight to Chelt. Lodge and village. Played in a rather weak second game of football on a frosty ground. Had a very good fire, and attended hobbies club meeting in the evening.</p>	<p>left cycle at school.</p> <p>21 SATURDAY [355-10] S. Thomas, Ember Day Michaelmas Law Sittings end 1375. Boccaccio, Italian novelist, died S.R. 2.3. S.S. 3-53</p> <p>Came up to London on the usual train and had lunch with Mr. H. at the Clifton Hotel. Then we went to see The Michelle Watch, at the Shaftesbury, an amazingly funny take-off of the Marx afterwards we had tea and party at Baker Street. Father met me at the station but the car broke down, and we had to train home.</p> <p>MEASURING AIR-MOISTURE.</p> <p>Although a proper Mason's hygrometer is an expensive instrument to buy, quite a good one can be made if you get two ordinary thermometers, and fix them side by side on a small piece of board. Round the bulb of one of them you must fix a small piece of muslin, and allow this to dip into a bottle of water, so that the bulb is kept constantly moist. The drier the air at any time becomes, the greater will be the difference between the readings of the thermometers.</p> 		
<p>Rec 0985-7 18 WEDNESDAY [352-13] Ember Day 1773. War of Independence of America begun</p> <p>Accounts and elections were mostly finished before prayers. Went out with G. T. M. cycling with air gun but the expedition was a total failure on account of the publicity it received, subsequently I was told off for not having a cap during it. Large service in church this evening was making out of the ordinary.</p>			

Staff News

Miss B.M. Goldsmith, who was on the staff of Wells Cathedral School, has taken over as head of biology. Mr. J.G. Williams has joined the staff to teach mathematics and Mr. A.P. Bradfield to teach physics and technology. In September Mr. C.P.M. King and Mr. M.J. Newby will become housemasters of the new boarding houses and Dr. L.J. Haslett will be housemaster of the house based in the main building. Mr. P. Sykes will take over Godman House.

College News

The construction of the two new boarding houses has continued steadily during the past year and they will be ready for use in September this year. Already the new buildings are accepted as part of the scene. It is interesting to see how quickly one can adapt to change! It says much for those involved in the advance planning that such a major building programme has caused no serious inconvenience.

Following the restructuring of the curriculum for the fourth and fifth years, a change has now been made for the sixth form. A four-block system will be introduced in September, providing a wider choice for 'A' level candidates, but necessitating the removal of the current option groupings.

The parents' association held an auction sale in the autumn as part of their scheme to provide funds for the conversion of the grass tennis-courts to hard courts. The work on this is now being completed.

The major musical event of the past year was John Willson's final concert in which a number of O.R.s played. There have also been further informal concerts on Sunday mornings involving junior members of the school.

Michael Craddock produced 'Much ado about Nothing' as the play in the Christmas term, while the headmaster has produced a number of short plays mainly with the juniors.

School Sport

CRICKET 1988

Senior cricket at Rendcomb is in a very healthy position at the moment following yet another session. The first XI played thirteen matches of which six were won and only one lost, and furthermore all members of the present XI will be available next year - they show the potential to be one of the more successful sides in recent years. The side was well balanced with strengths in all departments. Fellows, Carroll and Sherwood could be relied on to score a number of runs between them, and if necessary the lower order batsmen could also do their part. With Huck, Bannister and Suffolk the pace attacks showed a lot of variety, and all three made valuable contributions. We had two slow bowlers in Jones and Le Fleming who complemented the pace bowlers well - indeed Jones was the leading wicket-taker for the season. The fielding was keen throughout the season and there was a wonderful spirit in the side. Finally it must be said that the efforts of Fellows as captain were impressive. Apart from scoring runs, he kept the spirits going and always seemed to make the right decisions on the field - he has matured into a fine skipper. Congratulations down the school go to Milner and Head on their selection for the county U15 squad, and to Head for selection in the U14 squad. Other happenings include Lawton achieving a hat-trick in an U12 match, and the performances of many of the boys at 'B' team level - notably Norman's eight wickets for six runs. Indeed having said that senior cricket was in a healthy position, I believe that Rendcomb cricket in general is maintaining its own high standards. Finally, the first XI enjoyed another successful tour to the Channel Islands and it now looks as though this is going to be an annual event. The hospitality we receive was very welcome. It is something the seniors enjoy a great deal and perhaps something the juniors can look forward to.

1st XI squad:

J. Fellows (capt.); R. Tate; J. Carroll; W. Sherwood; K. Holmes; A. Jones; P. Grimsdale; C. Bannister; N. Suffolk; C. Huck; H. Le Fleming; R. Matson; G. Hughes; R. Milner
P.S.

HOCKEY 1989

Despite the mild winter we were unable to use the pitches on several occasions due to overnight rain but it certainly made a change not to have to make decisions based on whether the frost would come out of a pitch by 2.30pm. A real bonus came in the form of the Royal Agricultural College's artificial surface in Cirencester which was obtained by the headmaster for use on Monday afternoons. All groups had a session on this surface which definitely helped with individual skills, team practice and fitness. This facility proved to be invaluable because most teams had to play some of their matches on artificial surfaces which now seem to be common in this area. Grass pitches at many schools were noticeably poorer this year and some of ours were too, increasing the gulf between grass and artificial surfaces, and consequently special treatment of certain pitches on 'top' field will be carried out before next season. If the amount of asphalt hockey played in free time is any measure of the popularity of this sport then it must be near the top of the scale at present and it was refreshing to observe the former practice of juniors and seniors playing alongside each other even if certain styles of play raised a few eyebrows in the staff room! On the county scene four boys attended trials and Graham Lawton (4) and Nicholas Smith (5A) deservedly played several games for the U16 XI, an experience which undoubtedly benefited them and Rendcomb.

Overall this must be regarded as a successful season: played 90; won 48; drew 16; lost 26; goals for 175; goals against 127; cancelled 22.

The first XI started well by playing inspired hockey in the forward line, and, quietly encouraged by the captain, Julian Fellows, they always seemed able to recover from an unfavourable situation such as being 0 - 3 after a few minutes at Prior Park and then pulling back to 3 - 3 at full-time. As a result of this they were unbeaten at half-term but there were some difficult fixtures to come. As the season progressed gaps were not covered, passing became too delayed and most of the momentum at the front was lost. This, combined with the system being used, produced some disappointing results and matches which were not good to watch. Hopefully several lessons have been learned for next season. For the last fixture of term a possible 1990 XI was fielded against Bournside School 1st XI and, although the boys were tired, it was encouraging to see so much talent and determination in the players who will be available next year. At this point it must be said that there was great depth in the senior XIs: the 2nd XI players could easily have stepped in to relieve 1st XI players, the 3rd XI were unbeaten despite several games against U16 sides and the 4th XI were clearly unbeaten and it was difficult finding strong enough opposition for them. There were even two 5th XI matches. This was only achieved through the dedication and enthusiasm of the coaching staff and the assistance of many other staff whose flexibility was greatly appreciated.

C.J.W.

Old Rendcombian News

Christopher Morshead (1973 - 78) recently joined Ark Royal as an assistant air engineering officer.

C.M. Swaine (staff 1952 - 79) called into Rendcomb with his wife in the summer en-route for a holiday in the Vanoise National Park. They are both enjoying retirement in Anglesey.

Tim Dyke (staff 1976 - 81) who is head of English at Blundell's School, has been producing 'The Caucasian Chalk Circle' together with **Hamish Wilson** (1971 - 78) who is now on the staff at Blundell's. Tim and Sally have two children - Kit who is 5 and Richard 1.

David Mabblerley (1959 - 66) has ended his stint as a proctor at Oxford and is looking forward to sabbatical leave in Australia and New Guinea.

James Quick (1975 - 80) runs a boarding house at the Dragon School, Oxford.

Robert Edy (1959 - 67) continues to enjoy teaching history at the Henry Box School, Witney. His wife, Ruth, teaches Latin to "small but enthusiastic groups outside the main timetable".

Chris Brealy (1976 - 81) is a builder and draughtsman with Cantifix Conservatories in London. He has also been racing in his Laser dinghy regularly.

Deborah Purdon (née Harrison) (1976 - 78) is working as a solicitor in London.

Peter Little (1960 - 67) has recently been appointed head of marketing and sales in the northern research laboratories of the U.K. Atomic Energy Authority at Risley near Warrington. Peter, Helen and their three children (ages 6, 4 and 2) moved from Reading to Stockton Heath just before Christmas 1987. Apart from moving "the right way" so far as house prices are concerned they are very much enjoying the benefits of being within about an hour's drive of the Pennines, the Lake District and Snowdonia. Peter would be interested to hear from any O.R.s in the Manchester, Liverpool and Chester area.

Robert Stimson (1949 - 57) has been appointed governor and Commander-in-Chief of St. Helena and its dependencies. After gaining first class honours at London University in 1962, he joined the home civil service and spent four years with the Ministry of Health as an assistant principal. He transferred to the diplomatic service in 1966 and served in the north and east African department of the foreign office, later moving to Saigon and Singapore. On returning to London in 1970, he was seconded to the cabinet office for three years and then went to Mexico City as first secretary (commercial). After a period of full-time German language training in Bonn he was appointed counsellor in East Berlin, returning home in 1981 to become head of the Home Inspectorate. In 1984 he moved to Dublin as counsellor and head of chancery. (With acknowledgements to the St. Helena News.)

Andrew Hall (1980 - 85) has left the R.A.F. and started an Accountancy and Finance degree at Plymouth Polytechnic.

Simon Badcott (1977 - 84) completed his degree last summer and is now doing a year of training and work experience at St. George's Hospital in Tooting before becoming a fully qualified pharmacist in August.

Karl Cloutman (1980 - 85) is now 'on the beat' in Andover and at college in Yeovil. He met **Stuart McIntyre** (1978 - 85) who will be policing Cirencester shortly. Karl hopes to do some climbing with **John Shaw** (1981 - 88) this year.

Jason Bowerman (1978 - 81) has completed his course at the Royal Agricultural College and is a land agent with Humberts on the Goodwood Estate.

Alison Young (1982 - 84) read international history at Leeds University and is now private secretary to the junior minister of trade. She lives in Dulwich.

Jon Dixon (1968 - 75) has been playing at the Duke's playhouse in Lancaster as Cassio in 'Othello' and hoped to go to Yugoslavia in February to do ten weeks' filming on 'Outlaws' - another version of Robin Hood. He writes that the last ten years have been relatively successful - periods of unemployment have not been as

frequent as they might have been, and by developing 'second strings to his bow' in writing and illustration he has managed to keep the wolf from the door.

W.K.A. Hussey (staff 1974 - 78) has had to retire early from his living at Gorran in Cornwall and has moved to Falmouth.

Jonathan Morris (1978 - 85) writes: "After leaving Rendcomb in 1985, I went to study French and philosophy at Merton College, Oxford. After two terms I changed to French and English. I left Oxford at the beginning of my second year, thoroughly fed up and with no clear idea of why I was there. In April 1987 I married Alison Maycock who is now a mature student at St. Catherine's College, Oxford, studying human sciences. In June 1987 I started work at Blackwell's Bookshop, where I can still be found in the classics department. I wear a shirt and tie and look thoroughly respectable. I am the shop steward (T & GWU) for the shop and sit on the local union executive committee. I see various O.R.s at Oxford who come into the shop. I am happy."

Andrew Mills (1977 - 84) writes: "I joined Castrol Limited at their research laboratories in Pangbourne immediately after the 'A' level results came out. I completed a H.N.C. in chemistry in 1986. In June 1987 I passed the part 1 examinations of the Royal Society of Chemistry and take my final exams for part 2 in June. Although I enjoyed the work for Castrol, the career laid out for me was too lab-oriented with little scope for external contacts; in addition the money was comfortable so that I felt if I didn't move soon, I never would. I applied last September for the post of production lubricants specialist at Century Oils, somewhat smaller lubricating specialists based in Stoke-on-Trent, and was appointed. I have been given the largest territory in the U.K. - the South East from Bournemouth through Newbury and Oxford to the Wash. In that area I am required to provide technical support and problem solving expertise to any of our sales team who requests it - that's 21 reps. at the last count."

Tessa Hicks (1973 - 75) writes: "We are still based at R.A.F. Gutersloh in Germany where Steve is flying the Harrier. However we return to the U.K. in March 1989 in the first step towards 'civvy street', as Steve leaves the R.A.F. in June, when he will take up a position flying the new jumbo jet (747-400) with British Airways from Heathrow. Our two girls keep us busy, but I have also managed a little part-time teaching (maths and shorthand - would you believe it?!) to adults at the R.A.F. Education Centre."

Peter Evans (1963 - 67) has left Biggin Hill in Kent after 21 years and has changed from branch banking with Lloyds to their personnel division which is now based in Bristol.

Peter Uglow (1974 - 81) writes: "Last August I married Nikki, a combined science graduate I met during my time at Lanchester Polytechnic. **Francesca Hughes** (1979 - 81) was the sole Rendcombian to be with us on our big day! We have been living in a small flat in Moseley and will shortly be moving to a house in Redditch. I am still enjoying my chosen career in the West Midlands Police Force and recently won the Guy Alderman Award for the 'best Probationary Constable' 1986 - 87. **Michael** (1977 - 84) is similarly enjoying life to the full and is working towards his finals at St. George's Medical School in Tooting. He also enjoys rugby and was recently selected to play in a local game for the selection of an English Students' squad to tour this country and possibly Zambia."

Derek Wiggall (1966 - 74) visited the school in March. He spent six years working for Cavendish House in Cheltenham after leaving school. In 1980 he joined the home office computer unit, working in London for 18 months before moving to Southport on Merseyside. He was involved in computer programming and systems analysis. In 1987 he decided he should make a further change and joined Learmonth and Burchett Management Systems as a consultant systems analyst working throughout the U.K. and the continent and advising on information systems. He also lectures in systems analysis methods and project management. He is married with three children and lives in Southport.

Philip Evans (1972 - 79) has completed his course at Bath University and is with Roussel Pharmaceuticals in Swindon where he finds both his research work and the atmosphere very congenial.

Justin Rosa (1980 - 87) has set himself up in business as an antiques dealer before starting a course at the City University next September in business studies.

Stuart Shellswell (1957 - 66) writes: "In the first eleven years after graduating I was with Applied Research and Cambridge, a firm specialising in computer aided design software. I started as a programmer analyst and

progressed in various stages to being customer engineering manager responsible for installations world-wide. This gave me the opportunity to travel in Europe, but I was also able to visit Hong Kong and Singapore, the United States, The Gulf and South Africa. In 1983 I left Applied Research to join Cambridge Interactive Systems as a software development manager, later being promoted to software director. I was married in 1970 and have twin girls (aged 10) and a boy (aged 7). During this period I was also able to indulge my passion for sports cars (latent at Rendcomb, but they were in their infancy then!), progressing from a 'hot' Mini to a Lotus Esprit (low, yellow and very fast). In 1987 my company asked me to transfer to the United States to manage the operations group of a sales subsidiary here in Massachusetts..."
(Stuart has now remarried and visited Rendcomb last August with his new wife. Ed.)

Claire Ellis (1984 - 86) who is at Pembroke College, Oxford has won a blue for netball.

News of Recent Leavers

Alexander Andreis:	Southampton University: Electrical & electronic engineering.
Michael Attwood:	Nene College, Staffordshire: European business studies (1989)
John Barnett:	Christ Church, Oxford. P.P.E.
Michael Bews:	R.A.F. scholarship
Giles Carter:	With an insurance company in London
Jonathan Chappelle:	Oxford Polytechnic: Civil engineering
John Delaney:	Coventry Polytechnic: Engineering and French
Katherine Ellis:	Kingston Polytechnic: Music
Claire Flanagan:	With an accountancy firm in Cirencester
Alexandra Fletcher:	Retaking 'A' levels
Amanda Fry:	Guy's Hospital Medical School (1989)
Stephen Green:	Bristol University: English
Paul Griffiths:	Reading University: Business economics
Warren Hammond:	University College, London: Philosophy (1989)
Karen Harmon:	Christ's College, Cambridge: English & history (1989)
Mark Hastings:	Goldsmith's College, London University: Anthropology (1989)
David Hauton:	Surrey University: Toxicology
Finale Hicks:	Studying 'A' level law
Christopher Hoare:	Pembroke College, Oxford: Chemistry
Jane Kelly:	Edinburgh University: History
David Kenney:	Birmingham University: Mathematics
Richard Kolb:	Reading University: Land management
Mark Larroucau:	Birmingham Polytechnic: Estate management
Julian Leigh:	King's College, London University: Applied biology
Robert Matson:	Exeter College, Oxford: Chemistry
Sophia Michaelides:	St. Hilda's College, Oxford: Chemistry
James McMonigall:	In the retail trade
Esther McNeile:	UCCA 1989
Samantha Perkins:	Studying 'A' levels
Marcus Rann:	Bristol Polytechnic: Business studies
Benjamin Rees:	Plymouth Polytechnic: Biological sciences
Christina Rowe:	In America
Colin Sainsbury:	King's College, London: Pharmacy
Andrew Satterthwaite:	Sheffield Polytechnic: Computing mathematics
John Shaw:	Retaking 'A' levels
Emma Smith:	Working for 'Wilts & Glos Standard'. UCCA 1989
Ann Speakman:	Bristol Polytechnic: Land management (1989)
Lucy Stringer:	Edinburgh University: History of art (1989)
Hari Nathan:	Queen Mary's College, London: Electronic engineering
Anne Waddington:	Manchester University: Chemistry
Emma Warren:	Edinburgh University: German
Edward Webb:	Pembroke College, Cambridge: Oriental languages
Alexander Hayes:	Reading University: Land management
Andrew Cayton:	Plymouth Polytechnic: Geography
Susan Maton:	Plymouth Polytechnic: Humanities

James Williamson:	Manchester Polytechnic: Accountancy and finance
Andrew Roney:	Manchester Grammar School
Jonathan Roney:	Manchester Grammar School
Stephen Banks:	Abingdon School
Oliver Boatfield:	Bedford School
David Pearce:	Swindon Technical College
Kingsley Raffael:	Catering College
David Edwin:	Swansea University: Marine biology
Simon Reichwald:	Plymouth Polytechnic: Business Studies