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Society Officers 1992-93

At the annual general meeting in June 1992, the following officers were elected:-

President:	Ted Jones (1940 - 48)
Chairman:	Brian Smith (1965 - 72)
Vice-chairman:	Neil Lumby (1968 - 73)
Secretary:	Mrs. Jane Gunner (1975 - 77) 9 Shepherds Way, Cirencester, Glos Tel: (0285) 658627
Treasurer:	Robert Barrett (1969 - 76) Hillylands House, Weston Park, Bath BA1 4AL
School representative:	Chris Wood (1965 - 71; staff 1976 -)
Committee members:	Douglas Payne (1940 - 48) Simon Wormleighton (1968 - 75)
Hon. auditor:	Keith Winmill (1972 - 79)
Girls' secretary:	Justine Platt (1988 - 90) Cotswold, Amberley, Stroud, Glos, GL5 5AB
Rugby secretary:	Graham Lawton (1985 - 92)
Hockey secretary:	Philip Moore (1980 - 87)
Cricket secretary:	Julian Fellows (1981 - 88)
Newsletter editor:	Bill White (staff 1961 -) 9 Rendcomb, Cirencester, Glos Tel: (0285) 831372

Notice of AGM

You are invited to attend the 60th annual general meeting of the old Rendcombian society on Sunday, 4th July 1993 at 2.30 p.m. in the library at Rendcomb College.

Agenda

1. To receive apologies for absence
2. To receive minutes of the a.g.m. held on 28th June 1992
3. To deal with matters arising from the minutes
4. To receive hon. treasurer's report
5. Elections of officers: chairman, vice-chairman, school rep. and hon. treasurer
6. To set amount of travel bursary fund for 1993
7. To review level of life subscription, currently £40.00.
8. Any other business: Publication of register
9. Vote of thanks to the college.

Minutes of the 59th Annual General Meeting

Held at the college on Saturday 28th June 1992

Present: Austen Magor, Philip Quick, John Tolputt (headmaster), Dick Smith, Douglas Payne, Roger Kendal, Julian Comrie, John Muirhead, Philip Griffith, Nigel Keane, Austin Caverhill, Robert Wood, R. Butler, D. de G Sells, Miles Thompson, Jon Tyler, Chris Wood, Bill White, Sally Morris, Brian Smith, Ted Jones, Neil Lumby, Rob Barrett.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from David Williams, Joe Maslin, Justine Platt, Stuart Smith, Fred Batten, Keith Winmill.

The chairman welcomed everybody to the 59th annual general meeting of the old Rendcombian society

2. The minutes of the a.g.m. held on 6th July 1991 had been published in the newsletter and were approved by the meeting.

3. Matters Arising

The treasurer reported that Keith Winmill had audited the accounts and had found everything satisfactory.

4. Election of Officers

The position of hon. secretary was up for election. There had been no nominations so, proposed by Brian

Smith and seconded by Ted Jones, Jane Gunner was re-elected unanimously by the meeting. However she undertook to look for someone who might take on some of the work. The post of president had become vacant during the year - Ted Jones was proposed by Austen Magor, seconded by Miles Thompson and voted in unanimously.

5. Treasurer's Report

The treasurer presented the balance sheet for the year. Bill White and Chris Wood reported on how they had effected the changes proposed last year for the level of subscription to be charged to new members. They had used an interim figure of £40 but as yet had no knowledge of what the take up would be. It was agreed that in the future, the percentage of the fees would be rounded to a whole number but would remain as a single payment on the last bill and not after all be distributed across the last three terms' bills. The meeting was reminded that the subscription included the cost of the following edition of the school magazine.

The committee was asked to review bar costs.

The final £50 of the travel bursary was to be directed to the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme.

It was reported that cost of stamps had been reduced because there had only been one mail drop during the year.

The adoption of the accounts was proposed by Chris Wood and seconded by Austen Magor.

6. Travel Bursary

The chairman reported on the applications for the year. A figure of £500 was proposed (for the forthcoming year) by Julian Comrie and seconded by Sally Morris.

7. Regional Representatives

Those who had worked as regional reps during the year felt that the system had not proved as successful as had first been hoped and that decade and year reps would be more likely to succeed. As a preliminary move the meeting appointed the following:-

Sally Morris 1976 - 85

Julian Comrie 1946 - 55

Douglas Payne 1941 - 45

Fred Batten 1920 - 30

There were renewed calls for the publication of a society address list. It was proposed by John Tyler and seconded by Julian Comrie that notification should be sent out in the 1993 newsletter that the address list would be published the following year and a slip would be enclosed for those to return who did not wish to have their address revealed. It was also still felt by some to be worth holding lists of addresses for different areas.

8. Any Other Business

Ted Jones reported on the response to the questionnaire. He suggested that a small working group should look at these in more detail. The headmaster reported that he had visited a reunion of another school and that the address had been a sales pitch. He felt that there was a need to circulate the register as not only would it benefit the O.R. members but it would also publicise the college. The committee undertook to discuss ways of helping the college. Chris Wood thanked Ted Jones for coming to the society's rescue and acting as president throughout 1992. David Sells thanked the chairman for the publicity given to the F.O.R. in the newsletter. He explained that there were just over 100 active covenants of which about 45 were O.R.s. He said that it was increasingly important to maintain the scholarships as the Gloucestershire Foundation Scheme had died and it was ever more difficult to get low-income pupils in as school fees continue to rise. He said the solution was to widen the net of possible benefactors and any help would be gratefully received.

The meeting closed at 3.45 p.m. with the chairman expressing his thanks to the college.

The Old Rendcombian Address List

The committee is considering printing the society's address list in the 1994 or 1995 newsletter. If you do not wish your name and address to be included, please inform the secretary, Mrs Jane Gunner on the appropriate insert.

O.R. Reunion - 28th June 1992

Large numbers of O.R. s and their families supported the summer reunion. The weather was superb and quite a few groups with small children enjoyed picnics under the trees in the park. The buffet was well attended and many O.R.s spent the afternoon watching the cricket match or visiting the new school buildings. The committee felt that the change to a Sunday and to a lunch time buffet was well received and the same programme will be used in 1993.

Among those who came to the excellent lunch provided by the catering staff were:
1920 - 1930

Mr & Mrs Colin Raggatt and guests Mr & Mrs Raymond Butler Austen Magor
Mr & Mrs Arnold Brain and guests Austen Caverhill

1940 - 1950

Roland Wood Philip Quick Mr & Mrs Philip Griffiths Robert Comley
Mr & Mrs Julian Comrie Roger Kendall Ted Jones Mr & Mrs Peter Gerrard
Miles Thompson R.W. Smith Douglas Payne

1960 - 1970

Mr & Mrs Robert Barrett Mr & Mrs John Mitchison Chris Wood Mrs Jane Gunner
Mr & Mrs Brian Smith Desmond Knox Neil Lumby Stuart Honeyball
Derek Wiggall and guest Mr & Mrs Nigel Green Richard Hunt Mr & Mrs Jonathan Tyler
Mr & Mrs Edward Taylor

1980

Gill Bell Alex Brealy Simon Kingscote Raquel Hughes
Annalisa Heal and guest Iain Whittaker and guest Juliet Hasler and guest Simon Reichwald
Polly Nicholls Sue Maton and guest Daniel Beales Justin Rosa

Staff and former staff

Rev. & Mrs Peter Sudbury Mr & Mrs Roy Dennis Mr & Mrs David Essenhigh Bill White
Mrs Vera Fell Mr & Mrs John Tolputt David Sells

Each year the committee tries to arrange for particular 'years' to return for the reunion. Des Knox (1975), Jackie Sayers (1976) and Annalisa Heal (1987) must be congratulated on their highly successful efforts. It was good to see many O.R.s who had not returned to Rendcomb for some time.

A Post-War O.R. Dinner in London



The president has identified some O.R.s. Can you name the others?

Dates of Future Meetings

Sunday 4th July 1993 Cricket and tennis reunion
Saturday 11th December 1993 Rugby match
Sunday 13th March 1994 Hockey matches

If you wish to play in any of the above, please fill in the insert. Support for all the reunions in 1992 was most

encouraging. Please come in 1993!

O.R.s with young families are welcome to picnic in the grounds and use the swimming pool but are responsible for supervising their own children.

Area Representatives

W. Langdon Davies (1925 - 30) 2366 Clarke Drive, Abbotsford, British Columbia

Peter Binks (1935 - 41) 2 Tamaroo Court, Croydon Hills, Victoria 3136, Australia

Miles Thompson (1939 - 43) London Tel: 071 607 1646

Year and Decade Representatives

Sally Morris 1976 - 85 Tel 036785 248

Julian Comrie 1946 - 55 Tel: 0823 69370

Douglas Payne 1941 - 45 Tel: 0793 770293

The secretary would be pleased to hear from volunteers for the periods: 1920-30, 1931-40, 1956-65, 1966-75

At Rendcomb

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

Dr. G.J. Smith; J.G. Williams; J.M. Webb; L.V Bragg; R.C. Elliott

1973 and 1983 Leavers

Christopher Horton, Richard Deacon and Nicki Scott should be in touch with you to encourage you to come back for the summer reunion on July 4th. If you do not hear from them please contact Bill White or Chris Wood.

Congratulations to:

Dominic Clark (1980 - 87) on obtaining first class honours in mathematics at Birmingham University.

Susan Waddington (1987 - 89) on obtaining first class honours in natural sciences at Durham University

Christopher Moody (1980 - 87) on obtaining first class honours in politics and economics with European studies at Exeter University.

John Carroll (1983 - 90) on being awarded his blue for cricket at Cambridge.

Nicholas Smith (1984 - 91) Domus Scholarship, chemistry, Brasenose College, Oxford.

Mark Twyman (1978 - 80) D. Phil Oxford, chemistry.

A.R. Pitt (1974 - 81) D.Phil Oxford, chemistry.

Daniel Maslen (1984 - 91) Sports scholarship, Cambridge University

Rendcomb Recollections

R.O.J. Cooper (1931 - 37) resumed contact with Rendcomb last May and although very ill, started to write down some thoughts about the school. Sadly he died before he could complete his project. Here are his observations on some of the staff:

James Simpson: Formerly on the staff of Rugby School. Brilliant classicist. Kindly but firm. Good hockey player. Wept when saying goodbye. Could lay it on with the whippy cane. Was sadly missed.

Denis Lee-Browne: My 'Beau Ideal' of a headmaster. Enthusiastic; good sense of humour; good organiser. Athletic; not very academic. Came from Gresham's School; charming wife, Freda.

J.C. James: Joined the school when I did. Splendid teacher; gave me a love of history which has lasted all my life. Disciplinarian - unless one could turn the topic towards cricket. I believe he played for Hampshire.

A.G.G. Richards: Mathematician. Flamboyant in exposition. Very dusty gown thrown in corner; battered ladies' bicycle. I was slow but got 80% in school cert. thanks to A.G.G.R.

Mr Hoskins: French and Latin. Marvellous accent. Looked French; very sound teacher; no sense of humour,

but good, solid citizen.

Clifford Fogden: Taught new Latin pronunciation. A kind, patient man who took great pains with everyone. Left to become head of a school in the midlands. We were devastated to hear of his suicide a while later.

Mr Gross: Taught Latin. Enthusiastic, unconventional. Had taught English in Japan. Drove big sports car, good type.

John Woodroffe: Biology. Young and earnest. Previously in marine biology. Excitable. Best blackboard drawing I have ever seen.

Chairman of the Governors

Mr Torquil Norman resigned in September after eight years as chairman. He presided over a period of exciting development in the college, especially the building of the new boarding houses. Without his energy and enthusiasm Rendcomb would not have flourished as it has done in recent years. Mr Allan Wyatt succeeds him. Mr Wyatt was educated at Oundle. After national service in the Royal Tank Regiment, he went to Queen's College, Cambridge, where he read classics and took a double first. In 1953 he entered the civil service and, after two years in the ministry of education, was transferred to the treasury. In 1978 he and his wife fulfilled a lifelong ambition when he was appointed headmaster of Cranleigh Preparatory School, a large boarding and day school linked to the nearby public school. He retired in 1989 and now lives in Herefordshire.

Marriages

Lt. Christopher H. Morshead (1974 - 77) to Lynnette Hallam, August 1992.

Ben Morris to **Sally Horne** (1978 - 80)) April 1992.

Duncan Boyd to **Mrs Anne Purdon** (headmaster's secretary) October 1992.

Births

To **Nigel** (1967 - 74) and Catherine **Powell**, a son, Frederick James. June 1992.

To **Michael** and Anne **Slark** (staff 1991 -), a son, Edward. January 1993.

Obituary

With deep regret we announce the deaths of the following old Rendcombians:-

Tom Tucker (1958 - 63) was killed in a road accident some years ago.

Roy Margetts (1942 - 47) died in May 1992. In recent years he had established himself as a breeder and judge of quality sheep, especially Charolais.

John Marks (1962 - 65) died of leukaemia in November 1992.

Richard Betterton (1922 - 27) died in November 1992. Until recently he had been a regular visitor to Rendcomb and also presented the college with a number of trees and shrubs, which he planted as a token of his affection for the school. His wife writes: "Richard was very happy at Rendcomb and owed much to it, especially to the headmaster, James Simpson, and his wife and family who remained lifelong friends." Richard attended the Institute of Agriculture at Northampton and Ruskin College, Oxford. He was a civil servant and latterly a landscape gardener.

Tony Perkins (1924 - 31) died in August 1992. He was a regular supporter of the summer reunions until ill health made the visits too difficult. He won a scholarship to St. John's College, Oxford, obtaining first class honours in mathematics and economics. He was a member of the Institute of Statisticians, a part-time tutor with the Open University and played chess for Scotland. He spent his career working for the Post Office.

R.O.G. Cooper (1931 - 37) died in August 1992. He had only recently resumed contact with the school and his family were sad that they were unable to bring him back to Rendcomb, of which he was very proud. Despite his very ill health, he had begun to write down a few reminiscences of his time here, some of which

appear elsewhere in the newsletter.

Rev. J.R. Bateman (staff 1928 - 31) died in September 1992. **M.H. Coombe-Martin** (1926 - 33) writes: "He was appointed as master in charge of English in 1928 and left in 1931 to take holy orders. In 1933 he became curate of St. Margaret's, Ipswich, moving then to Oxford to become chaplain and lecturer at Ripon Hall for a year and thence as chaplain to the Cathedral Church, Coventry until 1939 when he became chaplain to the forces with a stint (1945 - 47) with the Control Commission in Germany. On his return to England, he taught at Sir William Turner's School, Coatham, and then at Worcester College for the blind. After a spell at teacher training colleges, he became rector of a church in Sutton Coldfield. O.R.s will remember him for his teaching of English literature and for his expertise in producing plays for the outdoor theatre. He encouraged a number of boys who showed an interest in writing - including Graeme Wilson, Richard Wheeler, Dick Field, William Willetts and Christopher Sedgwick and kept in touch with many O.R.s until he fell ill a few years ago.

Francis Nevel (1925 - 29). **Raymond Butler** has sent this tribute: "Those of you who were at Rendcomb with 'Franz' will be saddened to know that he died on the 5th February after a painful illness lasting some months. I went to see him both at his home and in Cheltenham General Hospital, and also attended the memorial service at the small church in Wyck Rissington. The address was ably given by his Godson, Julian White, whose father was none other than **L.B. White**, one of the very first batch of boys who came to the college back in 1920. For some reason, he was always known as 'Ching', and it was he who made the massive eight-legged oak table which still stands in the hall of the main school building. Thinking back over the sixty-odd intervening years, I must have spent about three years at the college with Franz, but he was in a class two years younger than mine. We were both fond of creative work, and spent many happy hours in the manual workshop together. I would not say that he shone academically, but he was responsible for a constant stream of original ideas. For instance, when he was one of the 'shopmen', he cycled into Ciren for a supply of ice, so that the shop could sell ice cream. He started a form news sheet - a kind of early tabloid, which not only had topical narrative, but also a primitive coloured strip cartoon. I believe that the construction of the gravel path linking the drive to the churchyard gate was his idea too. At any rate, the work was carried out by his form under the able supervision of their form-master, H.C. Ferguson, whom some of you will remember with pleasure. Franz was that rare thing - a being of entirely independent thought - you could never imagine his quarrelling with anyone. On leaving Rendcomb, Franz tried his hand at the hotel business - at the Waldorf. But, after a couple of years, he left and set up in the furniture business at a workshop in the Regent's Park area of London. I recall that I went to an 'indoor picnic' once in that workshop, and when I married early in the war, my wife and I received a cruet and a fruit bowl in black walnut, made in that workshop, by way of a wedding present. They are still in daily use today. In 1952, Franz married a charming young lady from Switzerland, called Marianne Koch. How well I remember meeting the happy couple at a founder's day gathering at Rendcomb shortly afterwards. They were blessed with two sons and two daughters. One of the sons is continuing to run the business, which now includes the purchase and felling of timber. Yes, Franz lived a full and constructive life. He had an enviable personality He was always hospitable and helpful to me and many other people, and I am happy to have known him."

J.E Alder (1938 - 45) died in July 1992 after a short illness. On leaving Rendcomb, he went up to Emmanuel College, Cambridge where he obtained first class honours in the mechanical sciences tripos, obtaining a Ph.D in 1952. After a career in the ministry of defence, he retired in 1987 to be a self-employed chartered engineering consultant. In 1988 he was commissioned by the bishop of Reading as the lay pastoral assistant serving a local ecumenical project in Wokingham.

J.H. Quick - his son, Lt. Cmdr Neville Quick, has sent the following addition to last year's brief notice: John Hellins Quick, BSc(eng), CEng, FIEE, a pupil at Rendcomb College from 1937 to 1941, died in September 1991, aged 67. Born in New Tredegar, South Wales in 1923, his initial schooling was at Dulwich College Preparatory before going to Rendcomb College in 1937. He was involved to the full in all school activities. Canoeing was his particular interest, having built a 2-seater canoe in the college 'manual' (woodwork shop), he was one of the key participants in the Rendcomb canoe regatta of 1939. A repeat performance of the synchronised displays appeared in the British Gaumont News. He always had a sense of humour: as 'cycle Man' he once rode backwards all round the college buildings on a fixed-wheel bicycle! In 1941, he started the first part of a student apprenticeship with the former British Thomson-Houston Company in Rugby whilst also studying at the Rugby College of Technology and Art. Then in 1942 he started full-time study at University College London. UCL at that time had been evacuated to Swansea due to the Second World War. He graduated with a BSc honours degree in electrical engineering in 1944. During his time at UCL he joined the Institution of Electrical Engineers, an organisation to which he was to devote much energy during his lifetime. From 1944 - 1945 he served with the Admiralty in Bath as an electrical engineering assistant in the machinery

design section. After his wartime service he returned to the British Thomson-Houston Company to complete his student apprenticeship. He was then subsequently employed by BTH in Coventry in their aero and auto engineering department. He joined W.D. & H.O. Wills (later to become Imperial Tobacco Ltd) in Bristol as assistant electrical engineer in 1949. As assistant chief engineer in 1970 he was one of the principal project team members responsible for the construction of W.D. & H.O. Wills' factory at Hartcliffe, Bristol which at that time was the largest cigarette manufacturing plant in Europe. After retiring from Imperial Tobacco in 1982 he moved to Weston-super-Mare, and he used his experience and skills as a consulting electrical engineer. He was elected a fellow of the Institution of Electrical Engineers in 1972. He held many posts within the organisation, both nationally and locally. Besides his involvement in the IEE, he was an active member of the Bristol Association of Engineers and had been their president three times. His most significant recent success was as chairman of the Bristol Imperial Pensioners Association, which later became known as IMPAC, the Imperial Pensioners' Action Call. This group was rapidly formed to fight Lord Hanson's attempts to detrimentally alter the conditions of existing pensioners' benefits as a result of the takeover of Imperial Tobacco. The resultant successful High Court action made legal history as not only a victory for the Imperial Pensioners, but also to safeguard the rights of members of all occupational pension schemes when the parent company is subject to a takeover. John Quick was a man of immense vitality and humour. He remained as active as ever during his retirement and his desire to contribute to society and to help others was considerable. He died peacefully in Frenchay Hospital, Bristol following surgery for stomach cancer. He is survived by his wife Gwynyth, a son Neville and daughter Anna.

Tribute to Lewis Hull

Nicholas Walter (1945 - 52) has sent the following addendum to the obituary notice which appeared in the 1992 newsletter:

In his obituary of Lewis Hull (May 1992), Martin Richards re-tells the anecdote of him saying to a boy who had felt hungry during an examination: 'Had I known, Jones, I would have provided a bag of oats.' Martin Richards was not present on this famous occasion, and I was; his version should be clarified a little. The exchange took place not in 'about 1952' but in March 1949, immediately after Lewis Hull's first school examinations. The occasion was a fifth form mathematics lesson in 'big school', and the boy in question was R.H. 'Bob' Jones (1944 - 52). Lewis Hull was the main figure in another such anecdote: At his first fifth form lesson, in September 1948, he misread the class list and called Martin Boase (1948 - 51) 'Bease', a name which stuck. As a non-mathematician to whom Lewis Hull showed great patience, I must endorse Martin Richards' tribute to an altogether charming man."

Rendcomb College 1931



Michael H.C. Martin has sent some photographs including The Shoemaker's Holiday - Thomas Dekker
Produced by John R. Bateman, M.A. English Master 1928 - 31 (Photo: Dennis Moss, Cirencester)
Left to right, back row: J.R. Bateman, D. Boulding, A.R. Curtis, A.G. Ensor, P. Dixon, E.J. Miller, P. Harding, P. Dyke. Centre row: A.E. Shield, C.G.V. Taylor, A.E. Browning, A.M. Wilson, D. Field, M.H.C. Martin, G.M. Wilson, C. Wells, C. Sedgwick. Front row: A.E. Brain, D.A.J.K. Richards, D.C. Richardson, V. Pullen, H.E. Miller

O.R. Travel Bursary

In December 1992 Sonya Naish flew out to Bombay in India. There she spent two months working voluntarily in hospitals in the city. Paid work is impossible to find, so she has had to finance her own board and lodgings plus all day-to-day costs from her own funds. Her stay and work in Bombay were organised by her contact, Dr Baman Daver. During February she travelled northwards to Karachi where Professor Ata Khan organised a similar programme for her in hospitals where he works. During April/May she is travelling onwards to Australia and the west coast of Canada. The O.R. Committee awarded her £350 towards the cost of the trip. A further £50 each was awarded to Christopher Carmichael and Alex Faiers for an inter-rail tour of Europe.

Staff News

Mrs C.A. Holdaway has decided to resign from her post as housemistress of Park House in July. She will continue to teach German. **Dr. L.J. Haslett** will take over as head of modern languages.

Dr. G.J. Smith will take over as head of physics in September and **Mr. I.G. Patterson** will run information technology.

Mr David Hawkswell is retiring in July. He took over from Jack Fell as head of physics in September 1973. David Hawkswell's expertise and versatility have been felt in many varying areas of life at Rendcomb, both at the college and in the village. In addition to the continuing development of the physics department, he built up a thriving computer laboratory paving the way for information technology as a major subject in the G.C.S.E. syllabus and as a minority time study in the

sixth form. With his passionate interest in books, he was the driving force behind the setting up of the highly successful bookshop in the old physics rep. room and recently has turned his hand to printing the curriculum guides for G.C.S.E. and 'A' level together with running the library. School teams at all levels have benefited from his coaching of rugby and hockey, though perhaps his most valued contribution to sport has been the hours spent training young tennis players, recently using the fearsome tennis ball cannon. For many years too he was a tutor in the main building, coping fairly with the problems of the old fourth form common room and study block. In the village he has played an active part in jumble sales and other fund-raising events as well as being treasurer of the parochial church council.



The O.R. society owes him a particular debt

of gratitude for his endless and time-consuming work on the computerised address list. All O.R.s will want to send him and his wife, Joan, who has often taken part in the college choral society concerts, a long and happy retirement in the Lake District.

Two O.R.s have sent in the following tributes:

Shaun Brennan (1972 - 79) writes:

David Hawkswell came to Rendcomb in 1973, and immediately became part of the college community. He built on the work of Mr Fell, and developed the science department throughout my time at Rendcomb. His 'no nonsense' approach to teaching was founded on enthusiasm for his subject, and genuine interest in the progress of his pupils. On the receiving end of his classes, he sometimes seemed a hard taskmaster, but he was always a fair one, and he had the knack of introducing humour at exactly the right moments. His contribution to Rendcomb life was typified by his involvement in the sports activities of the college. Fully involved in rugby, hockey and tennis he spent a lot of time coaching the college teams, and took great delight in their success. He encouraged everyone to get involved, and made sure that winning was never allowed to be the only thing that counted. Above all, David Hawkswell was interested in people, and that shone through in his enthusiasm and dedication to his work at Rendcomb. He will be greatly missed.

Linda Eklof (1990 - 92) writes:

I am sad to hear Mr Hawkswell is leaving after twenty years in Rendcomb and hope every Rendcombian, past and present, appreciate his great contributions to Rendcomb life. In case you have forgotten or have never had the privilege to know him I would like to remind you. Above all Mr Hawkswell was and so far still is the head of physics in Rendcomb. Even when I remind him of what we, his students, were like he claims to have enjoyed it! I know this year he has been teaching maths instead of physics. As he always says, dare I repeat this, maths is easy: when you can do one problem you can do them all. On the other hand, as all of his students know, physics is mere common sense! I'm not sure if he ever quite convinced us. Still, we will always remember Mr Hawkswell's devotion to the word 'symmetry'. Many a time did 'symmetry' and the famous 'random thermal motion' save us when we were stuck for an answer to some question, and weren't we always. Then there were the written practicals, nightmare of every 'A' level physicist. Mr Hawkswell seemed to have endless patience to 'remind' us (repeatedly) to hand them in on time, which we rarely did, and in the end he would win. Computing has in the past years become increasingly popular in Rendcomb and this is partly due to Mr Hawkswell's interest and efforts to make the facilities increasingly better. Whether attending a lesson or 'working' in our free time, we could always rely on Mr Hawkswell's help and trust. What I consider one of Mr Hawkswell's greatest contributions to Rendcomb is the time and love he gives to improving the library. However, as a former librarian and fellow bibliophile, I am probably biased. Few know of the time it takes to keep a library updated and organised. It takes someone like Mr Hawkswell with the knowledge and love of books to do it well. His enthusiasm is contagious and encouraged us librarians to do our best. I have many fond memories of times spent in the library working, laughing and having discussions, and outside Rendcomb looking for books for the library. There are many stories to be told, I'm sure all librarians agree with me. On the subject of books you should not forget the bookshop run by Mr Hawkswell, with the help of Derek. Not only has it always been a good place to meet people and hear the latest 'news' but it also supplies us with England's cheapest pens etc, and a wide range of books. I have told you of the aspects of Mr Hawkswell's life in Rendcomb as I knew him. I am sure all those that have been coached by him in tennis or some other game, help with the church, work with him or know him through something else have their own thanks to express and stories to tell. I wish the best of luck in his 'new' life to Mr Hawkswell, who is to me not only a teacher but a dear friend. Thank you, Mr Hawkswell for what you have given so many of us.

Miss Bridget Goldsmith is also leaving at the end of the summer term to become second deputy at Taunton School. Her highly individualistic style, dynamic energy and frank comments hit us with hurricane force in September 1988. She has invigorated the biology department, coached girls' games, been an assistant in the junior house, taken part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award training, helped with the bridge club, sung with the choir and assisted with many other activities. All recent O.R.s will want to send her their best wishes for her new post at Taunton, while expressing their gratitude for her help and encouragement in so many spheres during her short time at Rendcomb.

An O.R. has sent this tribute:-

Bridget Goldsmith has got to be one of the most inspiring people I have ever met. From the day she started teaching me at Rendcomb, it was obvious that she lived and breathed biology and it was her enthusiasm for the subject that made me decide to take ecology as a degree subject. On the hockey pitch too, her 'hyperactivity' rubbed off on even the least athletic participants, making the girls first and second XI hockey teams a force to be reckoned with. Bridget's zest for life is apparent both in and out of Rendcomb. Having travelled extensively to places such as Brazil and Papua New Guinea, she has many interesting tales to tell, and these provoked me to apply for a place on an expedition to Iceland with the British Schools' Exploring Society. So, with the aid of an old Rendcombian bursary, off I went and joined the group studying botany, the leader of this group being Bridget. The work we were doing could have been very tedious, but Bridget's countless renditions of 'we're climbing up Sunshine Mountain' gave us good reason to concentrate on it in the vain hope that we wouldn't notice the noise so much! She kept the group together very well, morale was high, and her sense of humour never failed her, (except for those one or two occasions when 'breakfast in tent' didn't arrive on time!). I think it will be a tragic loss for Rendcomb when Bridget leaves. Her lightheartedness, energy and (lack of) colour-co-ordination, will be missed by all. (I say energy, but she always took shortcuts on Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, leaving us to navigate the crocodile infested swamps of mid-Wales alone). I'm sure I speak for us all when I say 'good luck in your new job, and DON'T CHANGE!'

Anon

College News

Last September ten day girls joined the junior forms. As a result of increasing demand from parents it was decided to allow a small number to join the school a year before the main intake year. Those who have come appear to have settled in quite easily and happily. They have their base in Park House, while being members of the junior house or Godman House during the day. They play netball, hockey and tennis and join in other activities such as drama, choir, orchestra etc.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme continues to attract many candidates. Most of the fourth year take the bronze award and in the last few years a record number of girls and boys have gone on to the gold award. Over the last 12 months or so, no less than 18 Rendcombians have qualified for this. Five of them were recently presented with their badge at a ceremony at St. James' Palace. Mr King directs this activity with help from Mr Newby, Mr O'Connor and Miss Goldsmith. John Willson (staff 1967 - 87) assesses the gold expeditions in the Black Mountains.

Drama productions during the year have included 'Bugsy Malone', 'Our Day Out' and 'Oliver'. The headmaster has taken over the direction from Michael Craddock. The choir and all things musical have again had a busy year. There have been informal concerts for individual performers on Sunday mornings, choral evensongs sung in Bristol as well as locally, Christmas and Advent carol services, a major concert in Cirencester Church with Paul Sumsion singing Stanford's Sea Songs and Eliza Duhmke playing Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 23, followed by the choral society's singing of Britten's 'St. Nicholas'. In March there was a performance of Schubert's Mass in C; a Haydn trumpet concerto (soloist - Roger Gorman) and Mozart clarinet concerto (soloist - Daniel Morris). A surprisingly fine weekend was much welcomed by the 400 or so pupils and parents who took part in the triennial sponsored walk in September. The event raised £4250 for the hydrotherapy pool at the Paternoster School, Cirencester.

O.R. Sports Fixtures

Cricket: college v. O.R.s, June 28th 1992

College: 184 all out: M. Valentine 36, C. Lawton 36, H. Pugh 30, M.Giggs 28, G. Lawton 20

J. Lutwytche 5 wickets for 47 runs

O.R.s: 74 all out: G. Lawton 5 wickets for 15 runs, C. Lawton 5 wickets for 38 runs

On a hot summer's day the college won the toss and batted first, on an easy paced wicket. However, the college soon lost M. Head to C. Bannister who, with C. Huck, formed a very good opening attack for the O.R.s. After some early problems, and missed chances, first M. Giggs (28) and H. Pugh (30), built up a useful score, when Pugh departed. M. Valentine came in and scored a very quick 36, with shots all round the wicket. After lunch J. Lutwytche joined the attack, to claim the wicket of Giggs, Valentine, Grafton and Hutson to leave the college in a difficult position, but then the Lawton brothers came together to add 50 very useful runs. Chris made 36 and Graham 20 not out. When the O.R.s batted they found runs very difficult against some very good tight bowling by the Lawton brothers. Graham bowled as well as he could to finish with the very good figures of 12.3 overs, 5 maidens, 15 runs, 5 wickets with Chris finishing with 13 overs, 1 maiden, 38 runs, 5 wickets. For the O.R.s only G. Davis reached double figures scoring 27 with 6 fours. The college played their best game of the season against the O.R.'s, everything went right for them.

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O.R. team: J. Lutwytche, N. Suffolk, C. Huck, W. Sherwood (captain), J. Bannerman, C. Bannister, R. Newman, G. Davis, N. Miles, D. Maslen

Rugby

The O.R.s fielded a strong team and won the match 23 - 15.

O.R. team: G. Lawton (capt), C. Paine, C. Daniels, J. Jehan, B. Marshall, H. Auld, D. White, W. King, M. Head, A. Palin, J. Gregory, R. Milner, A. Laine, J. Carroll, J. Wheeler.

Hockey 21 March 1993

Philip Moore's hard work as secretary resulted in a splendid afternoon of hockey despite continuous drizzle. With some help from Philip Paterson-Fox, the secretary arranged for four men's XI's to take the field and there was also a ladies' match. All the matches were played in an excellent spirit and the standard of play was high.

O.R. Teams:

1st XI: won 3 - 0

A. Branston, B. Branston, N. Smith, M. Archer, M. Moody, P. Moore (capt), A. Mackinnon, J. Webb, G. Veale, T. Burns, A. Palin, C. Paine.

2nd XI: won 2-0

P. Paterson-Fox, N. Paterson-Fox, T. Brealy, A. Brealy, M. Cordeux, J. Hutton-Potts, A. Payne, J. Paton, D. Appleton, C. Acocks, M. Lynton.

3rd XI:

A. Clark, C. Horton, J. Wheeler, G. Moore, T. Evans, T. Parfit, A. Mackonochie, N. Lumby, J. Sawtell, J. Sinclair & guest

4th XI: won 3-1

M. Rann, B. Gallagher, J. Gregory, V. Tredwell, J. Fellows, P. Griffiths, G. Hughes, M. Hastings, A. Powell, D. Maslen, C. Huck, B. Maslen

Ladies XI: drew 2-2

R. Moser, A. Duguid, Z. Davis, S. Cato, C. Ravell, P. Renny, K. Hogkinson, C. Sinclair, R. Knightly-Brown & S. Vernon



Photo A. Giggs

School Sport

Hockey

This sport remains a very popular one at Rendcomb so postponement of the retirement from the game by several members of staff allowed the usual range of teams to be fielded and, apart from the first few weeks of practice, 'top' field was used fully. First pitch played extremely well, despite moans from schools addicted to plastic pitches, and the two pitches behind the pavilion, where many of you removed thousands of stones, survived the rugby season providing surfaces better than we have seen for some years. Pupils and staff speak of many close games, played in excellent spirit, and often requests were received for return fixtures with particular schools. The interpretation of the obstruction rule did cause some concern as some schools used it to shield the ball for relatively long periods of time - will it change for next season? Gloucestershire schools hockey is reviving slowly and one boy, Charles Barton, was selected for the under-14 squad. Rendcomb was represented in the Gloucestershire mini-hockey tournament at under-13 level and gained a creditable third placing. For the first time, girls played in the junior teams.

Mike Moody has taken the Rendcomb spirit to Corpus Christi, Oxford and the 1st XI played his team one Saturday in March. To my knowledge this fixture was last played in 1971 - does anyone remember playing in that team with me? **Charles Paine** must be the first O.R. to play three times against the 1st XI in one season. He played for Cheltenham Wednesday, along with **John Webb**, Cirencester Hockey Club, where **Phil Moore**, **Tom Burns**, **Paul Harris**, **Mark Binder**, **Chris Horton**, **Ashley Clark**, **Nathan Houseman**, **Robert Draper**

and **Mark Whittering** play regularly and, of course, the O.R. society. Incidentally the school greatly appreciated the turn out and quality of play on the 21st March and great thanks are due to **Phil Moore, Phil Paterson-Fox, Aubrey Powell, John Sinclair, Anita Duguid** and others for their organisation. You will see that the very experienced hockey coaches were persuaded by the boys and I to continue and this was much appreciated by everyone.

C.J.W.

1st XI results:

v. Colston's (H)	D 2-2
v. Cheltenham College (A)	L 1-4
v. King's Worcester (H)	W 5-2
v. King's Gloucester (A)	W 1-0
v. Monkton Combe (A)	L 0-2
v. Magdalen College School (A)	L 0-2
v. Kingswood (H)	W 2-1
v. Dean Close (H)	L 1-2
v. Corpus Christi (A)	W 4-0
v. Cheltenham Wednesday (H)	L 1-2
v. OR. Society (H)	L 0-3
v. Cirencester H.C (A)	L 2-5

Overall record: Played 95; cancelled 5; won 30; drew 13; lost 52; goals for 133; goals against 174

Coaches:

1st XI - Bobby Morgan

2nd XI- Martin Griffiths

3rd XI - Chris Wood

4th XI- David Essenhig

5th XI- Dominic O'Connor

U15 XIs - John Watson, John Holt & David Hawkswell

U14 XIs - Mike Newby & Bill White

U13 XIs - John Bannerman & Peter Sudbury

Out Of Date Addresses

If you can supply the current address of any of the following, please send it to Bill White. Our last correspondence was returned 'address unknown'

Mr P.S. Alder 33 - 38	Miss F.K. Carlisle 85 - 87	Mr J. Gilchrist 44 - 51
Mr D.E. Barbour 48 - 53	Miss A.J. Carter 87 - 89	Miss J. Goldie 82 - 84
Mr J.A. Barclay 41 - 47	Mr C.G Cattermole 58 - 66	Mr H.A. Gough 49 - 57
Mr C.S. Bartlett 55 - 62	Mr J.M.B. Chappelle 83 - 88	Mr D.G.R. Griffiths 53 - 58
Mr T.C. Bass 55 - 63	Mr P. Chivers 75 - 82	Mr N.E. Hance 66 - 73
Mr M.D. Bateman 33 - 37	Mr C.W. Clarke 22 - 27	Miss O. Hanscombe 80 - 82
Miss M. Bauer 72 - 74	Miss K. Conway 84 - 86	Mr R.P.S. Harrison 54 - 61
Mr S.C.D. Baynham 71 - 76	Mr J.S.G. Cooper 72 - 77	Mr H.A.C. Hartley 42 - 48
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Mr A.M. Bennett 76 - 78	Mr G.T. Cowie 84 - 89	Mr R. Hayward 78 - 84
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Mr J.N. Kook 82 - 85	Mr J.D.R. Paine 52 - 57	Dr K.L. Russell -43
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Old Rendcombian News

Ted Jones (1940 - 48) visited Canada in November and **Mike Shephard** (1944 - 47). He met **Walter Langdon-Davies** (1926 - 30) who is lively and retains a keen interest in Rendcomb. He spoke on the telephone to **Robert van den Driessche** (1943 - 52) and **M.D. Naish** (1952 - 60).

Dick Margetts (1935 - 43) has now retired after a career in fisheries research, followed by a successful five years as editor of the Journal of Fish Biology

Gill Bell (1985 - 71) writes "I went to Exeter College, Oxford in 1987 to read English. There I joined the officer training corps and was involved in various 'campaigns' including an expedition to Kenya, a visit to Hong Kong and hiking in Wales. I graduated in 1991 with a solid 2:2 and a T.A. commission, going on to do a PGCE in secondary school English. Having decided that I was not a teacher, I went to Sandhurst in September 1991, passing out 28 weeks later as a second lieutenant in the Royal Corps of Transport. I am stationed at Bunde, near Hannover, for two years, commanding a troop of 19 8-tonne trucks, three motor bikes, a JCB and their drivers - certainly a change from blackboards and exercise books!"

Nick Miles (1975 - 80) has completed his M.B.A. at Ashridge and is in the investor relations department of Gavin Anderson.

Neil Townend (1975 - 80) spent four years in Nassau as a croupier. He returned to Cheltenham in 1990 and is now helping to run the family business - which he finds less enjoyable!! He is married, and has a young son.

James Quick (1975 - 80) became a housemaster at St. Edward's School, Oxford, last September.

Mark Walters (1980 - 87) went to Salford University from which he graduated in information technology in 1990. He is with Barclay's Financial Services as a systems analyst, liaising with the international stock exchange in London.

Marcus Holland (1980 - 85) writes: "After leaving Rendcomb, I went to Amersham College where I did a two year course in travel and tourism, gaining a national diploma. I started work shortly after leaving college with American Express travel as a business travel consultant in the office in Cirencester. After three years I was transferred to Swindon. In March 1992 I joined the firm of Galileo in Swindon. It is a large computerised reservation system which travel agents use for booking airline tickets. I am employed as a database analyst, sorting out bookings rejected by the system. During my time in the travel business I have been able to visit Hong Kong, Bangkok, Kenya, Paris, Amsterdam, Rome, Vienna and even travel on the Orient Express."

Nick Wood (1984 - 91) is reading history at Bristol University He has obtained an army university bursary and, being sponsored by a cavalry regiment, is playing an active part in O.T.C. life. He has represented the O.T.C. at hockey and in the inter-O.T.C. championship at Nottingham, where Bristol came second, and at cross country in the T.A. national championships in Edinburgh where he was 29th overall. His brother **Christopher** (1982 - 89) has finished the third year of his degree in aeronautical engineering at the University of Hertfordshire, which he spent on industrial placement with British Airways at Heathrow.

Edward Webb (1981 - 88) attended the final selection board for the diplomatic service last August, and was offered one of nine posts as an officer in the fast stream. He will be based at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London for two years.

Corin Adshead (1982 - 87) wrote in May last year from Hong Kong, where he is an officer with the Brigade of Gurkhas after passing out of Sandhurst. He was about to take his Nepali language qualification exam after a seven-week course. As he says: "Latin, German and French are now forgotten as this new language comes into use, I shall be speaking Gurkhali every day from now on! The Gurkhas face an uncertain future but the men seem to take everything in their stride and 'crack on' with things with unending enthusiasm. The opportunities for training, travel and adventure are marvellous and as a platoon commander I shall have every opportunity to put to good use what I learnt at R.M.A.S. and on the battle course at Warminster. I have seen **Ian Whittaker**, **Sue Maton**, **Kevin Hewston**, **Phil Moore** (at R.M.A.S. at the same time) and **Alex Brealy**."

Nick Wharmby is enjoying life as a 'chopper' pilot: "meantime I raise my lukewarm Tiger Beer in the direction of Rendcomb. Good luck to future enterprises there."

Sonya Naish (1990 - 92) has been making the most of her year off. She spent four months as a nursing auxiliary at Frenchay Hospital and then three months in India, working for a time in a rural hospital near Bombay. After her return via Australia, New Zealand and Canada, she plans to do more hospital work before starting her medical course in October.

Gregory Dorey (1967 - 73) writes: "We enjoyed living in Hungary very much and had an exciting time there, making many good friends. But we are glad to be home (apart from the commuting). I am working as a private secretary to the Minister of State in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office responsible for the Far East, Australasia and the Pacific Rim. This entails some stimulating (not to say life-threatening!) travel, Hong Kong, Cambodia, Vietnam, the Phillipines, Thailand. We've almost unpacked now. Kit has started school and Johanna kindergarten, both are happy. Heathrow is close - occasionally the flight path is directly overhead - but we scarcely notice it any more!"

Peter Little (1960 - 67) wrote in December: "Having worked for the Atomic Energy Authority for 16 years, first as a research scientist at Harwell, and latterly as commercial manager for their reactor services business, I decided to make a move back to biology. I am now working as commercial and marketing director for Horticultural Research International, based in Warwickshire, and thoroughly enjoying the change. My wife, Helen, works in Banbury hospital as a physiotherapist - we live in Bloxham! (I keep intending to find out when they're playing rugby against Rendcomb; I still remember them as arch-rivals! Our children, Anna (11), Abigail (9) and Andrew (6) go to primary school in Bloxham..."

Colin Hitchcock (1971 - 78) works as a computer systems consultant in Bracknell, specialising in systems for solicitors, newspapers and printers. Most of Gloucestershire's local papers are printed on their systems. He is occasionally in contact with **Steven Hawkins** who is at Heathrow. He has just bought a new house in which he has room to brush up his 'quality' woodworking skills gained at Rendcomb - and to make new furniture!

Nicholas Macartney (1987 - 90) is at Sparsholt College, Winchester doing a course for a national diploma in horticulture-decorative i.e. landscaping, having passed his city and guilds in horticulture with two distinctions.

Tim Daniels (1975 - 82) has done a second stint in Northern Ireland, then in the mountains of northern Iraq, Australia, Sardinia and Greece, followed by a secondment to the U.N. task force in Cambodia. After some (recreational) skiing in Norway he will be off to Belize. He says that **Chris Hodkinson** (1975 - 82) has had an equally hectic time. He was part of the H.M.S. Gloucester command team in the Gulf and has recently been combating the drug epidemic in the Caribbean. He will soon be in a position to command his own ship. Tim says that now he is helping to keep the Khmer guerrillas in step with the democratic processes evolving in Cambodia and ten years ago he was sneaking off into the wilderness to liberate a cunningly hidden bottle!! He ends by sending his best wishes to 'that special family' at Rendcomb.

Christopher Elliott (1963 - 70) had his career described in an article in 'The Engineer' last May. 'He is one of 50 visiting professors to U.K. universities, and is based at Bristol University. He is a director of high-technology consultancy Smith Associates of Guildford. His 'no nonsense' opinions have won him a prominent role lobbying the government on technology issues. He read natural sciences at Trinity Hall, Cambridge. "I never wanted to be a scientist" he claims "I wanted to apply physics to engineering, and to do that, you had to do research." With that in mind he did a Ph.D in turbulent gas flow, joining Smiths Associates in 1976. His

strongest interest lies in space where, as well as sitting on the U.K. Industry Space Committee, he is an entrenched critic of existing space programmes. He supports a radically different 'small is beautiful' approach to space projects. He finds that the responses to his innovative problems set to students in tutorials at Bristol is excellent. He attributes this to the new G.C.S.E. courses and their emphasis on problem solving, and is determined to help to fill the gap between the new practical methods in school courses and the traditional teaching in universities.'

(With acknowledgments to 'The Engineer').

Peter Lace (1970 - 75) works as an accountant for a Japanese company in London. He is married with two young sons.

Stephen Bolt (1968 - 75) obtained a Ph.D in ecology and physiology of crustaceans in 1982. He has done 6 years of research fellowships and has worked for the Nature Conservancy Council for three years. He is a senior marine specialist with Anglian Water Plc.

Charlotte Kirby (née Brain) (1973 - 75) and her husband run a business which manufactures glass fibre products in Scotland. Her sister, Lucy, (1974 - 76) is a computer programmer in Swindon.

Suzanne Marston (1973 - 75) is doing an M.A. in art history at the Courtauld Institute.

Jackie Holmes (née Wilson) (1973 - 75) is married with a baby daughter. She is a partner in a firm which specialises in market research, customer care and sales force effectiveness.

Steve Pendell (1968 - 75) is a hotel manager in South Carolina.

Paul Rose (1968 - 75) was married in 1992. He is still at Plymouth College where he teaches history and coaches hockey and canoeing.

Admiral Sir Louis Le Bailly (former chairman of the governors) sent this rather touching comment on Rendcomb connections: "When I posted my last letter to you, I was on my way to Pencarrow House where the Molesworth-St. Aubyns permit my wife to sell her (rather lovely) pressed flower pictures. There used to be a charming girl, Jill Ashton, there who sadly left to get married. This morning Mrs Slee, who runs the Pencarrow Craft Shop, revealed that Jill had married her son Russell, an old Rendcombian now in the Royal Navy at Helson. She says he took Jill to Rendcomb 'for which he has great affection'."

Richard Kolb (1981 - 88) sent the following update on his career. He has graduated in land management from Reading University and has also succeeded in obtaining an M.A. in European property development from Newcastle University. He now thinks he is too clever by half, although everyone else knows he is really only too clever by about 3%. In the process of obtaining his M.A. he learnt to speak some German and spent 4 months working in Frankfurt for a not particularly German sounding company called Weatherall Green and Smith (chartered surveyors). He is now working for the same company, but this time in Edinburgh, and is thoroughly enjoying this beautiful city particularly now he has had a chance to invest in some thermal underwear.

Richard Pearce (1966 - 72) writes to say that he is now head medical laboratory scientific officer in the haematology department of the Shropshire Pathology Service. He is responsible for the haematology services throughout the county, taking in two major hospitals in Shrewsbury and Telford. He finds the job interesting and rewarding. His two daughters, aged 9 and 7, are getting on well at school.

Sally Patterson (née Blyth) (1974 - 76) has recently resigned from Radio Television Hong Kong which she joined in the mid 80's, following the birth of her third child. She had hoped to be able to continue working with Radio 3 but has found it impossible to cope with her young family and a demanding job.

Matthew Lynton (1979 - 84) and **Daniel Appleton** (1977 - 84) write: "Like many before us, Matthew and I left Rendcomb with little clear idea of what our careers might be. After a year off filled with the usual excessive behaviour of teenagers let loose on the 'real world'; we both entered vocational courses, Matthew in catering and myself in agriculture. These did not lead into conventional careers, for, after another couple of years off in London after college, 1990 found Matthew working as a barman in Sardinia, myself as a carpenter in Los Angeles. In December 1990 Matthew telephoned me in the States to ask whether I should like to accompany him on a trip to Asia. This seemed, as they say, like a good idea at the time and so two weeks later

we embarked upon a six-month tour of India and Thailand. This was to prove a fascinating and rewarding experience. Aside from the innumerable and indescribably beautiful 'sights' we saw, the chance to live in such a dramatically different culture, with social, spiritual and economic customs and values so far removed from our own was wonderful. Not only did it provide a refreshing change from our own society but it also gave us new insights and attitudes towards it. New Delhi is indeed a long way from North Cerney as is Rendcomb from Reishikesh! Moved as we were, though, by the Asian experience, we did not lose sight of our western values completely. We decided to buy (with money borrowed, incidentally from another O.R.) a variety of handicrafts and clothing in both India and Thailand to try and sell at a profit upon our return. This we duly did, initially at London markets and later at rock festivals and other events in Denmark and Sweden. Little did we guess that summer that we would become business partners and make five subsequent visits to the subcontinent (at time of going to press, Matthew is making our sixth!), or that two years later we would be trading in six European countries, and avidly pursuing careers in the rag trade! We consider ourselves extremely lucky to have found a business we love and allows us to continue travelling, and have many plans for the future. Perhaps the 'O' and 'A' levels we acquired at Rendcomb have proved to be of less value for doing business in Asia than dollars and sense (CORRECT), but the general education Rendcomb gave us, the 'preparation for life' which has been with us in business and on our travels has proved invaluable, and second to none."

News of Recent Leavers

Hamish Auld	Banbury College - Art foundation course
Alisdair Baker	Manchester Polytechnic - European language, 1993
Claire Boydell	Stirling University - English, 1993
Charlotte Carroll	Oxford Polytechnic - Politics & English, 1993
Samantha Cato	Retaking 'A' levels
Gareth Davies	Portsmouth Polytechnic - French & German, 1993
Zoe Davis	Coventry University - Equine studies
Anita Duguid	Retaking 'A' levels
Linda Eklof	UCL - Physics
Marcus Head	Retaking 'A' levels
Kate Hodginson	Cheltenham College of Art - Foundation course
Graham Lawton	Guy's & Thomas' Medical School - Medicine
Julian Madeley	In India
Ben Marshall	Falmouth College of Art - Foundation course
Dan Maslen	Girton College, Cambridge - Politics
Bridget Morrell	Loughborough College of Art - Textiles
Rosie Moser	Secretarial course
Sonya Naish	In India
Matthew Norman	Travelling in Malaysia
Antony Palm	Retaking 'A' levels
Andrew Pollard	Leeds University - Medicine
Jonathan Powell	Reading University - Agriculture, 1993
Cate Ravell	St. Hughes College, Oxford - Biochemistry
Patricia Renny	Cheltenham College of Art - Foundation course
Iain Richardson	Plymouth Polytechnic - HND Marine studies
Jonathan Roney	Imperial College, London - Biochemistry, 1993
Tom Shillington-Balfour	Sheffield University - Business management with French
Tanya Sayegh	Buckingham
Kristie Sellers	University of North Carolina
James Sleeman	Pembroke College Oxford
Jason Smith	Stafford Polytechnic - HND Computer studies
Matthew Smith	Banbury College of Art - Foundation course
Nicholas Smith	St. Anne's College, Oxford - Biochemistry
Paul Sumsion	Retaking 'A' levels
Emily Tabassi	Art foundation course
Sarah Thayne	Southampton Institute
Emma Thwaites	Southampton Institute - Sociology
Clare Watson	Teaching in Aberdovey
Petra Watts	Sussex University - French

Amy West	Christchurch, Oxford - English
John Wheeler	Bath University - Economics
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