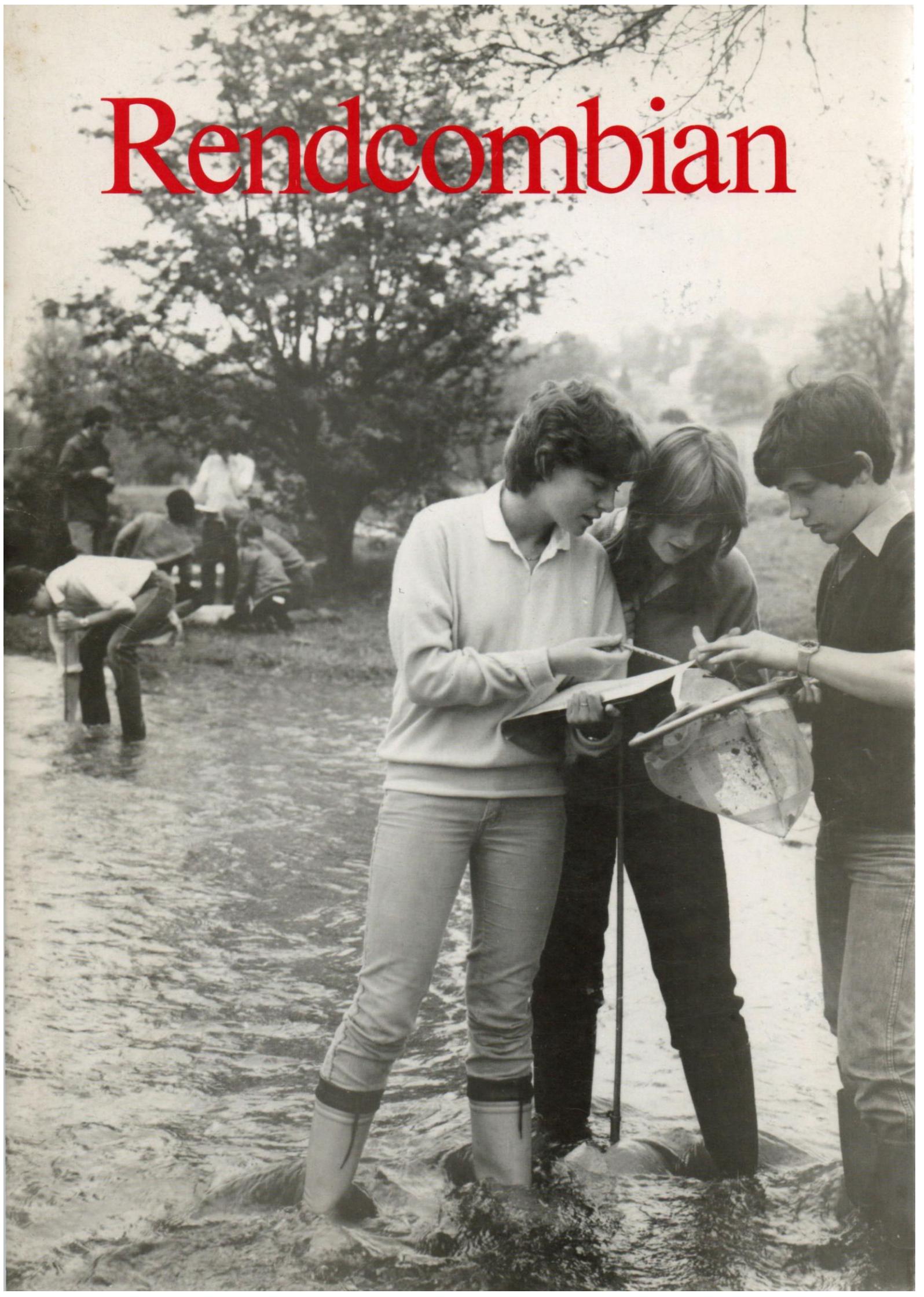


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## Editorial

With the continuing development of Rendcomb as a school apparent in such things as this “new-look” magazine, it is worth remembering some of the principles on which Rendcomb is based.

Perhaps the most important of these came from the first Headmaster, J. H. Simpson: that individual achievement should be measured only in the context of the individual. When put into practice, this should have the effect of ensuring that the praises of an individual are never sung in front of his colleagues, especially those of lesser ability. A boy or girl who achieves success in his or her particular field is to be congratulated in private, and this success is to be measured in terms of effort and determination rather than simply in comparison with the achievements of others. The cross-country run, reintroduced this year, was seen by some to be contrary to this principle, and undoubtedly it is important that such events are kept firmly in perspective so far as individual achievement is concerned. It may also be held that drawing attention to the successes of our sporting stars in the Founder’s Day Programme is not in accordance with this principle.

J. H. Simpson was a man of foresight who today might be termed “progressive”. Certainly he recognised the need for change and for constant scrutiny of existing orders and institutions. The clarity of his message was indisputable, and the success of Rendcomb so far is ample testimony to its wisdom. There are those who say this fundamental principle on which Rendcomb has been organised leads to a lack of competitiveness. This may be so but, to my mind, it also reduces maliciousness and is largely responsible for the peculiar warmth and friendliness which I have always felt at Rendcomb. In any case, the standards achieved by the school as a whole speak for themselves.

The school has to compete in the real world, and for this a degree of realism is obviously vital, shown at present in the careful expansion of publicity for the school. Nevertheless, in this expansion we should aim for a blend of new ideas and fundamental values.

DAVID WEBB

It would hardly be appropriate for me to begin with “and this has been another splendid year for Rendcomb College” when I have been here only for a year, and am therefore unable to make any comparisons. Life in a boarding school is probably a unique experience, yet one which encompasses the excitement, tedium, colour and drabness of life elsewhere. The view of a girl here will be different from that of a first former or a pupil who has been here for five or six years or, for that matter, a member of staff.

It is clear that in a small Boarding School outside influences are particularly important if the atmosphere is not to become stale; one of the benefits of entrance at both the first and third year levels, and of the influx of girls and some new boys into the VIth form, is the introduction of fresh ideas, attitudes and opinions.

Schools must move with the times, and Rendcomb seems to be doing so. Pupil participation in the decision-making processes cannot, of course, be taken to extremes, but the General Meeting, at which all pupils are invited to have their say, is an attempt at democracy. Debating skills need further encouragement, but pupils have a wide selection of magazines and newspapers at their disposal in order to gain a balanced view of political and social issues. Rendcombians are also extremely fortunate in having the freedom of the countryside if the pressures of community living become too great.

The role of the magazine is to reflect as fully as possible the activities that take place within the school, and the encouragement of the student contribution helps to develop powers of self-expression. It must be admitted that its task is also one of public relations, of attracting prospective parents and reassuring current ones, and of showing the school in the best possible light, but this seems only reasonable in an increasingly commercial age.

This year has certainly taught me a great deal, with the special Rendcomb atmosphere being particularly apparent. One of the school’s outstanding qualities is the vitality and variety which spring from the pupils’ widely differing backgrounds.

It is with a sense of anticipation that I look forward to another school year.

ALISON SMITH

## A Plea for Thought

“Man is but a reed — the weakest thing in nature — but he is a reed that thinks. It is not necessary for the whole universe to arm itself to crush him. A vapour, a drop of water, is enough to kill him. But if the universe should crush him, man would still be nobler than that which slays him, for he knows that he dies; but of the advantage which it has over him the universe knows nothing. Our dignity consists, then, wholly in thought. Our elevation must come from this, not from space and time which we cannot fill. Let us, then, labour to think well: that is the fundamental principle of morality.”

BLAISE PASCAL.

In these days, when minorities and threatened species inspire such vociferous champions, I would like to enter a plea for thought.

As well as placing our dignity in thought, Pascal tells us that man's tragedy is that he cannot remain alone in a room without becoming wretched. The frequent sorties from studies during non-teaching periods that one notices at Rendcomb would seem to support this theory. A chair is for reading; a walk is for thinking. It seems that the locomotor action of the limbs acts as a stimulant to the brain. Jogging, that scourge of the late twentieth century, is not the same thing at all. One might imagine that it promoted faster thought, but it is quality rather than speed that is important.

As a young army officer one was told “any decision is better than none”. It may be true that it is better for morale, but such rapid thought by an untrained mind has also engendered many a disaster. The truth is that our minds are commonly so cluttered with emotions, desire, envy, ambition, vanity and

so on, that rapid, dispassionate thought is difficult to achieve. We may admire the skill of our calculator in producing a square root in less than a second, but the instrument has nothing else on its mind; it simply does what it is designed to do. When computers achieve emotion they will become as unreliable as human beings.

Speed of thought therefore, though clearly desirable, is not of prime importance. Relevance, honesty, discipline and courage are of far greater value.

We take great pains nowadays to develop the bodies of the young; their minds receive attention, it is true, but too often this is confined to satisfying the pragmatic demands of a syllabus. We do not seem to grasp that in *mens sana in corpore sano* paramount necessity resides in the former of the two. Yet we understand that a man with a crippled leg knows that he limps and other people walk properly, whereas a man with a crippled mind believes that everyone else is wrong and that he alone holds the truth.

Today moreover, when we are hourly bombarded with specious rubbish by the media, our only hope of sanity rests in the power to think for ourselves. Yet how often we hear, from rostrum or pulpit, a discourse which defies rational thought, becomes deluded by its own metaphor and blandly arrives at a wholly unjustifiable conclusion. This mental sloppiness is seldom reflected in the speaker's physical appearance or behaviour.

Thought is adduced by Descartes as proof of man's existence; in the nuclear age it may well prove his only passport to survival. The corollary to *je pense, donc je suis* is perhaps *si je ne pense pas, je ne serai plus*. Taking thought may not add one cubit to our stature, but it may prevent our reduction to a small heap of ash.

D. de G. S.

New Staff: R. C. Hannaford B. M. J. Dennis C. P. M. Wing

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## News in Brief

Last year was a very successful one in all non-academic activities, with numerous concerts, theatre trips, school plays (both Junior and Senior) and some very memorable lectures.

In the Christmas term, the Sixth Form enjoyed a visit to **Longleat House and Safari Park**, and at the end of the term the girls did some of their Christmas shopping during a trip to Oxford.

On October 9th, 1982, Rendcomb had an **Open Day** attended by many visitors and prospective parents. A variety of displays were on view and there were many appreciative comments.

There were visits to the **Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford**, to see "King Lear" and "The Tempest," and the third form went to **Berkeley Castle**, which the girls in 6B later visited, at the end of the Summer Term, to allow 6A to work in peace.

On October 22nd/23rd 6A Boys played a **24 Hour Sponsored Five-a-side Football** match, which raised over £600 in aid of research into multiple sclerosis.

The school play, "**Dr. Faustus**", was well attended on successive evenings both by parents and pupils, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

A lecture given by **Mr. J. R. Sandy**, formerly the Governor of Parkhurst Prison, on "The Challenge of Imprisonment", was both instructive and disturbing, and also shed a little light on the current debate over capital punishment. The term was rounded off by the Christmas party and Carol Service.

The Lent term began with a talk by the **Royal Air Force Presentation team**, and others included one by **General Sir John Hackett** — "An Insecure World" and by Mr. D. S. J. Price on Gloucestershire farming in the eighteenth century.

The fourth form went to the theatre in Cheltenham to see "Flare Path" by Terence Rattigan and "How The Other Half Loves" by Alan Ayckbourn and there were two recitals by the Choir, Choral Society and Orchestra, in which the emphasis was placed on maximum participation rather than the brilliance of a minority.

During the Easter holidays, a school party travelled to **Rome** and 6A Biologists profited from a field trip to the **Leonard Wills Field Centre**.

The second half of the Summer Term was mainly concerned with examinations, but nonetheless extra-curricular activities flourished. There was a **Public Affairs Conference at Bristol University** for 6A, trips to local historic houses for the artists, a visit by the second form to some **Welsh Castles**, and the first form enjoyed a day at the **Cotswold Farm Park** and at the **Corinium Museum**.

The **Michael Wills** lecture was given by **Professor R. V. Jones**, and **Founder's Day** was very successful in spite of the awful weather. The final week was taken up with cricket, the leavers' party and the termly sixth form dance.

On a more personal note October 30th, 1982, saw in **Rendcomb Church** the marriage of Mr. Timothy Price to Miss Sheila Hendry. The reception was held in the college. Also on May 21st, 1983, Mr. Christopher Terrill married Miss Isabel Weeks in Purton Church. A large number of Rendcombians were present at each occasion.

**We welcome on to the staff in 1983** Miss Belinda Dennis who will be teaching French, Mr. Christopher King, the new Head of Geography and Mr. Charles Hannaford, the new Head of Biology.

At the end of the summer term **we said goodbye** to Mr. David Barlow, who taught Geography and Mr. Colin Buchanan-Dunlop, who taught Mathematics. Among the secretarial staff we said goodbye to Pamela Jeans, Pierina King and Carol Newman.



Chris Terrell and Isabel Weeks Photo: C. J. Wood

## College Officers

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*Snooker Committee:* B. Hatcher, J. Suffolk, C. Harris

*Dance Committee:* B. Syrett, K. Taylor, R. Copley,  
E. Thomas, L. Thaxter, R. Deacon

*Paperman:* R. Khosrowshahi

*Broom Warden:* G. Veale

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*Dance Committee:* B. Syrett, K. Taylor, R. Copley,  
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*Paperman:* C. Hudson

*Broom Warden:* G. Veale

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## General Meeting

On the whole this has been a quiet year for the General Meeting, with few major proposals but also with few dissenting voices. The establishment of the General Meeting, which has often been questioned by members in the last few years, now seems ensured for some time to come. The new 6A have a keen interest in it, and I expect it to thrive in the coming year.

Once again the issue of Peasant Lunches has been discussed, and we have arrived at the figure of two a term. The money from these goes towards the upkeep of the two Indian children sponsored by the Community Services group.

Coffee was spilt on the big snooker table and the application of talcum powder to get rid of the stain was unsuccessful, necessitating the reclothing of the whole table. This was the Meeting's biggest expenditure of the year and we had to meet the whole cost, which came to £320.

The Debating Society, which had all but disintegrated, with no debates in the winter term, was brought inside the Meeting and a minimum of two debates a term was fixed. This has been successful and we now have a busy Debating Society once more.

Leaving presents were bought for Mr. Potts, Mr. Terrill and Mr. Sells, who at his departure received a tremendous ovation from the whole Meeting.

The main Meeting activities continue to be the work of the various committees, notably the Food Committee, who hold regular meetings with Mrs. Mezo to put forward our preferences, and the Entertainments Committee, who every week buy records for the Park House Common Room, run the Amp Room and organise other entertainments.

DAVID WEBB.

# Headmaster's Founder's Day Speech May 28th, 1983

MR. CHAIRMAN, MY LORDS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

Firstly a warm welcome to you all on this Founder's day when we are fortunate to have as our guest speaker Professor Laurence Martin, Vice Chancellor of the University of Newcastle on Tyne. Our candidates to Newcastle have been few but of high quality, selecting courses in Accounting, Agriculture and Agricultural Engineering. Newcastle is one of the largest Universities in the country, whereas Rendcomb is one of the smallest H. M. C. schools, but I noted the final words in Professor Martin's foreword to the Undergraduate Prospectus, words which seemed to form a bond between us: "the University has a strong sense of identity and of duty to its student body. Teaching comes first. If you study here, you will find challenge and opportunity". In addition, I was interested to note only last week that the University had just awarded its first sport scholarship. We offer no sporting scholarships at Rendcomb, but I regard our sporting record this year as quite exceptional and I shall say more of that later.

It was in January that General Sir John Hackett spoke to the Sixth Form, choosing as his title "An Insecure World". His talk, appropriately for an intelligent audience, was quiet and undogmatic; but he made some interesting comparisons between Soviet armaments and attitudes and those of the West, leaving us to draw our own conclusions. His main reference to C.N.D. was to quote from a Greenham Common woman who had written to accuse him of a "totally emotional approach". Anyone who has watched the recent scenes on television would recognise the irony of that remark.

I mention this because it is part of the education here to ask distinguished people to come and broaden our horizons with their wisdom and experience; and because the title "An Insecure World" summed up so accurately our present situation; it is also the field of study to which Professor Martin has made such an exceptional contribution; and perhaps I may draw his attention to our winner of a University Scholarship in International Politics and Strategic Studies.

In the face of world insecurity we, as individuals, feel powerless, but at least each one of us has the responsibility to think rationally, to understand the arguments and to hold a positive point of view. So much for world insecurity.

How about work insecurity? Here surely one's experience at school is crucial. 'O' and 'A' levels are at the forefront of everyone's mind at present and they may be the key to your first door into the future, but of course they are significant only for the qualities of mind they reflect. Valuable academic qualities indeed, and it is these that a

University is primarily concerned to develop. As Louis Pasteur said 'Fortune favours the prepared mind'. But let's not forget those aspects of character which are more important still. It is not the *prime* function of a University to develop these. It is at home and at school that they are nourished, and it is our joint task, ladies and gentlemen, to support each other in the common purpose of providing a firm moral framework within which the young can develop the best of which they are capable. I believe that a boarding school in close contact with home may provide a better environment for developing these qualities I have referred to than any other. Challenges and opportunities abound — and not just for Prefects, valuable though their work is, but at every level of the school — for responsibility, for example and for service. Employment will continue to be difficult; but for some people there will always be a demand, regardless of their academic ability.

Sympathetic people, with initiative and enthusiasm.

Energetic people who work willingly and just a bit longer than others.

Committed people, prepared to take trouble and put themselves out.

You have only to get in touch with the School office whether on the secretarial or bursarial side to know what I mean. You feel immediately that you matter, and that you are dealing with courteous friendly, helpful people.

And just to give an example from a former pupil whom I met only a week ago — not one of our great academics 'I'm going up to University in October', he said, 'but I've got a temporary job as a salesman and I'm finding it absolutely fascinating. Business machinery, the top price model is £58,000 — and as an afterthought 'and the money is really amazing'. Note the order there:

First, the interest of the job.

Second, the money.

So in spite of all the problems, I am still confident that anyone with a good all round education who has responded to challenges and seized opportunities at school will not be unemployed for long. And to give Fifth formers at least a fleeting taste of what earning your living means, we are hoping to provide a week's work experience after 'O' levels for the first time this year. We are most grateful to all those firms in Cirencester who have responded so generously to our requests.

One last point on this is best illustrated by quoting from a report I wrote last term which concluded; 'Far too much is made of academic work and examination results — within a couple of years they will be totally forgotten.'

Now please don't misunderstand me: I don't say this very often, but there can be a slight danger of examination hysteria and, in spite of a modest pride in our academic attainments, we have never viewed them in isolation. It is the individual that matters and what he or she is capable of achieving and of contributing.

May I mention a third source of insecurity?

It is the firmly declared policy of one political party to abolish all Independent Schools, ignoring the undertaking signed in 1976 by that same party, the United Nations Covenant which guarantees that parents must be free 'to choose for their children schools other than those established by the public authorities'. Set against the other major problems I have mentioned this may seem at first sight of minor importance, but it is not the only freedom at risk and, if this destructive action were carried out, Britain would be the only developed country in the free world to ban Independent Education. We owe it to our Founder, Noel Wills, whose memory we honour today, and to future generations to maintain our right to choose. Extreme solutions are alien to the spirit of this country and I hope you would agree with me that we should do all we can to preserve the freedoms we have, whether these lead you to protest at Greenham Common or to send your children to Rendcomb. And if anyone attacks me for mentioning Politics, I reply by quoting from the *Times*' first leading article last Monday: —

'Without a sure sense of self-preservation, an individual will bend to every whim. So it is with societies and nations. The will to survive has to be cherished and replenished in a dangerous and unpredictable world'.

Speaking of preserving our freedoms reminds me of the memorable address given a fortnight ago by Professor R. V. Jones, F. R. S., whose wartime career in Scientific Intelligence saved many thousands of lives. The inaugural lecture in memory of Michael Wills was full of interesting ideas and illuminating examples.

Two fundamental principles which emerged struck me as directly relevant to the school:

1. The importance of scale; things will work well at one size, less well or not at all at another. Too many of our institutions have grown beyond their optimum size, but Rendcomb is not one of them.
2. If you have a good design, change the parts around and you may get a better one. Our independence enables us to change rapidly in response to new ideas and requirements and the Governors' 'Future Policy Working Party' with Staff representation meets regularly to examine our present practice and advise on future plans. And we are always open to suggestions.

I've touched on academic results and the details are printed in the Programme, but before leaving them, it's worth recording that our Advanced level pass rate was just under 95% and of the passes, over one third were 'A' Grade; more than 75% of Sixth Formers went on to University, and a glance at the programme will show a varied and interesting range of courses. It's not surprising that a girl from here is studying Equestrianism, while a stroll

past the study bedrooms any day will show where an intimate knowledge of Electro-acoustics may be acquired. And in case anyone should raise an eyebrow at the word Sociology let me say that the student concerned, having played a central part in our Community Service work is now spending a year in India, studying the problem of the Third World at close quarters. He has already written to suggest a course of 'Third World Studies at Rendcomb'.

We had hoped for two or three more places at Oxford and Cambridge, but our experience this year emphasises how important is the choice of College. And it is agreed that this is a subject of Byzantine complexity. Efforts are at last being made to simplify the method of entry, but not, alas, the entry itself.

You may have heard about the Tutor for Admissions at a certain College who had to break the news gently to a wealthy former member and potential benefactor that his son had failed to gain a place:

'I'm so sorry' he said, 'but we felt that your son might be happier in a smaller College or,' he added, 'in a larger one'.

The 'O' level pass rate remained steady at between 8 and 9; most Sixth Formers have 9 and pick up another one or two before they leave. It's not that isn't enough, it's simply that any serious course of study may benefit from having a measurable goal. As you may know, it's now impossible to pass through the School without a course of instruction on Computers and nearly half the Sixth Form attempt this 'O' level. But I believe that it's valuable still to have some Sixth Form work that is not examined and to find interest and pleasure in the subject itself. The continued popularity and excellence of the woodwork and art courses among others are evidence of that, and you may have noticed the variety and vitality of the Pottery on show today under the guidance of Mr. Griffiths, from the Cirencester Craft Centre.

We put on a display of one of the three main sciences each year, Chemistry this time. It goes without saying that no exhibition can really display what goes on in a year's teaching, but I'd like to point out that Rendcomb has been in the forefront of recent 'A' level curricular changes in Chemistry. In 1979 it was decided that a core syllabus should occupy 80% of the time, supplemented by two options, each accounting for 10% of the course. We were asked to be a trial school for the first three options, one of which was chemical engineering. Mr. Kelsey, among others, was invited to submit a syllabus, and his was the one adopted by the Cambridge Examinations Board. British Petroleum then asked to be involved in the second batch of options, particularly petrochemicals and polymers. Again, Mr. Kelsey was asked to provide syllabuses for these options.

For a number of years we have sent able Chemists to work in the I. C. I. Laboratories prior to University, and our industrial liaison has now further increased

so that we have boys working in both B.P. and I.C.I. research laboratories before going up to Oxford in October. For the first time this year I.C.I. have accepted a girl for a full year. And you may notice in your programme that a boy and a girl are going up to Oxford to read Chemistry, and a girl to Salford for Chemical Engineering — a pretty good performance, especially with girls outnumbering boys by two to one in this male dominated field. One final achievement only just announced is that two boys about to take their 'A' levels have been awarded two out of the four sponsorships offered by Raychem, a very go-ahead specialist firm based in Swindon.

In conclusion, last year Mr. Kelsey was elected to be a Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry for his contribution to the Science, an honour for him and also for Rendcomb.

Sport continues to interest quite a few people and we are always glad to welcome the increasing number of parents who come to home matches. Rugby gets the school year off to a good start and I can say without fear of contradiction that this year's team was the best we have ever had: 2 matches lost, a draw and 12 wins. It was our Captain's 3rd year in the XV and I think it's the first time one of our players has been selected to play for the South of England.

For me, watching the team play was like a tonic — with a very large gin in it.

Hockey is more dangerous than ever, now they have abolished the sticks rule; it's like magnified, mobile team golf, but few serious injuries were reported and the season was highly successful. It was particularly good to have one of our girls playing for Gloucestershire as well as the Captain of the 1st XI.

And then cricket: I haven't searched the records, but the chances of two 1st XI batsmen having scored centuries in school matches in the first fortnight must be small and, again, our 1st XI is potentially the best we have ever fielded, ably coached by Mr. Essenhigh who has been appointed a national cricket coach, the highest coaching honour that there is. Another rare distinction is for two members of the XI to be selected for West of England trials, one a batsman and one a fast bowler. The trouble is that our neighbouring farmer has planted a field of fodder growing waist high, so every time a six goes soaring into the air on the leg side it costs us £7 for a new ball. £35 in two matches. Perhaps we should ask the Bursar to field on top of the wall at mid-wicket.

Talking of fast bowlers reminds me of Freddie Trueman's crisp comment to a young opening batsman whom he had just clean bowled. 'A very good ball Mr. Trueman', said the youngster on his way back to the pavilion; 'Aye lad', said Trueman 'and it were wasted on thee'.

What a pity it was though, to miss so much cricket through incessant rain. By the end of 4 weeks, disgruntled cricket masters would have

welcomed being labelled like a Swan Vestas match box 'Keep in a dry place and away from children'.

Finally, I draw your attention to the County Sporting Honours in Squash and Golf and the National Honours in tennis.

A remarkable record, and seeing it written down does remind you that although our pupils are drawn from places as far away as Jamaica and Hong Kong — and Newcastle — Rendcomb is and always has been a Gloucestershire school with firm and friendly relations with the County.

My personal links with the locality were given a boost the other day when I received a letter from a foreign gentleman living in Wiltshire addressed to 'Mr. North Cerney'. Not quite the same as Miss World, but you have to start somewhere.

They say that no publicity is bad publicity and there is certainly some truth in the statement because it can be read in two ways. To receive no publicity is bad for business. Schools have a natural reluctance to trumpet their achievements, and I sometimes feel that the kind of record in today's programme should be more widely known. By far the most effective way of spreading the news is by personal recommendation, and I do hope that all parents and former pupils and friends will pass the word that you don't have to look very far for a good education.

In a brief survey of this kind there is much that I have to leave out, but I must refer to the fresh and vivid performance of Dr. Faustus which reminded us that great drama didn't actually start with Shakespeare. And as the year has been full of fine music, chamber, orchestral and choral, we thought we would perform two works today. One was the charming *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik* which you may have heard in the main building.

The long process of building is, I believe, drawing to a close, but we should record the considerable projects completed this year. Godman House now provides good accommodation for the Third Form all under one roof; the second computer room has been opened and equipped; and extensive modernisation has produced three excellent new classrooms in the Stable Courtyard.

In addition to this, the Governors have decided to build a further eleven study bedrooms in the Main Building — a statement of faith in the future.

Now I must speak of the saddest moment of the year when we heard of the sudden death of Mr. Keith Thorne, who had been Art Master for 13 years. He was a dedicated schoolmaster who contributed fully to many aspects of school life, but particularly to the Art and Craft which has been for so many years a central part of the education and recreation here. We remember him with affection, respect and gratitude and we send our best wishes to Mrs. Thorne and her family in their new home in Cheltenham.

We were lucky that Mr. Denny was able to step in to fill the gap, and I am glad to say that he will be with us for next year.

I am delighted also to see Mr. and Mrs. Swaine back at Rendcomb — it's just as though they had never left. Mr. Swaine is helping us out until next term when our new Head of Biology, Mr. Hannaford, arrives. Out of a strong field we selected the best Biologist available; the fact that he has also played Rugby for England and the Barbarians is, of course, a considerable bonus.

Finally, I come to speak of Mr. Sells who is retiring this term after 29 years.

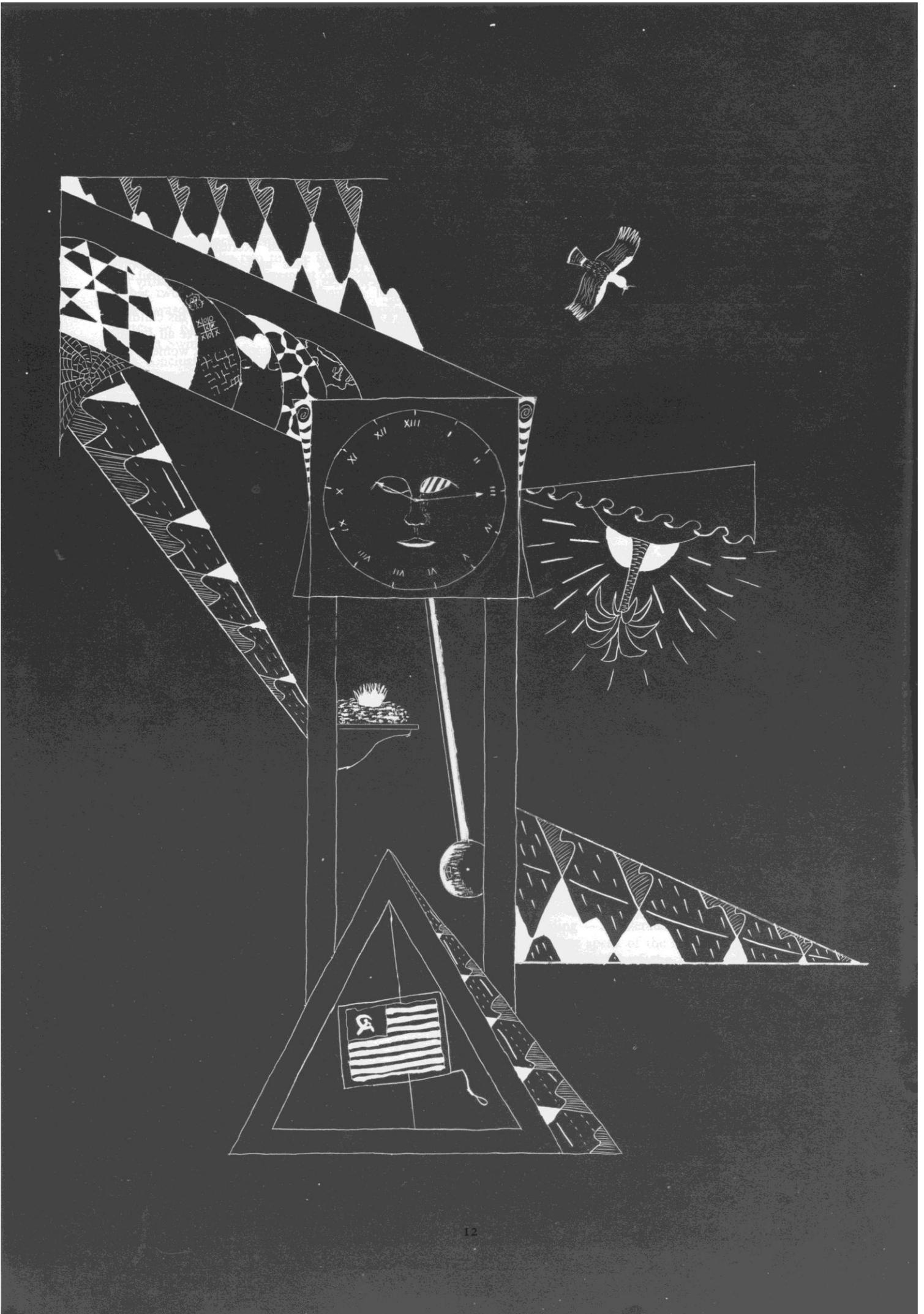
A Major in the Airborne Division in the 50's he realised that war was unlikely and therefore promotion might be slow, so when he parachuted out of the regular Army, some favourable wind blew him towards Gloucestershire.

I am a strong believer in Providence and I know that generations of former pupils would agree that this was an auspicious moment for Rendcomb.

A Cambridge Exhibitioner, Head of French and later Modern Languages; organising Hockey, from which came our only Hockey Blue, in charge of the Main Building, Director of Drama, running the Literary Society and the Library, spanning three or four Headmasters, Mr. Sells has done it all, and through it all he has retained a point of view both critical and generous. Refusing to be bamboozled by passing fads and fancies but always ready for new ideas and with a warm sympathy for the young.

When a parent was asked why he sent his children to an Independent School he said 'Above all I want them to be influenced by men and women of quality'.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I end with a final thank you to David Sells and to the Staff for all they do for me and for your children.



## Chairman's Speech

VICE CHANCELLOR, SIR DAVID WILLS, HEADMASTER,  
MY LORDS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I am always conscious on Founder's Day that there are a number of people facing me who, as they should be, are anxious to get home.

Nevertheless, I think we owe it to our Founder for what his vision has done for several generations of the young, to recall his generosity as well as that of his widow, his brother, the first Lord Dulverton, as well as their respective sons and daughters and now grandsons and granddaughters.

As I have tried to say before and as I think the new form of Founder's Day Programme amply demonstrates, Rendcomb not only produces outstanding academic and physical achievement but also provides a mix of backgrounds which interact on each other for the good of all. In reality I think we carry on the great British Grammar School tradition, now so sadly being lost. It doesn't matter where you come from. Its how you equip yourself for your journey through life that really matters.

But looking at the Founder's Day Programme there is one bad omission. I know of no other school that has entered a competitor as young as Rachel Medill in the Badminton Three Day Event. And if she fell at the worst fence on the Course at the very end of the Cross Country after so successfully completing the Dressage, the 'Roads and Tracks' and the Steeplechase, it was more her concern for her horse than herself which caused her to abandon. Happily both are unscathed. But it was a great effort.

One of my many happy experiences of Rendcomb is sometimes to receive letters of appreciation for what has been done for a boy or a girl here. And I had one particularly agreeable one a short while ago; and what made it even more appreciated was a very substantial cheque to the 'Friends of Rendcomb' Fund which I happen to know the family concerned could ill afford. The letter read as follows: —

"Much of .....s academic success must be attributed to the quality of teaching at Rendcomb. The way in which young people are given the opportunity to grow to maturity in a happy yet disciplined atmosphere has given me cause for gratitude, as there has been no conflict between the values of home and school".

Somehow I believe our Founder would particularly have valued that last phrase. And the letter concludes "Mr. Medill and his staff must surely take credit for engendering such an atmosphere".

And that is a sentiment which I and my colleagues on the Governing Body most strongly endorse. And I must take this opportunity, on their behalf, of expressing to the Headmaster and ALL the Staff both teaching and administrative, if those two categories can cover everyone at Rendcomb, and

their wives and husbands, for what they do for Rendcomb and the support they give the College.

In passing may I record my personal thanks to David Sells for his kindness and consideration to me since I joined as a very green Governor. The fact that he is retiring from teaching does not mean that he is leaving us, and I hope we shall be able to collaborate to get 'The Friends of Rendcomb' off the ground.

Now I must turn to more difficult problems. Some of you will recall that over the last couple of years the Headmaster and I have warned of the political threat to independent schooling. A type of schooling which in Britain is already of a smaller proportion of the general school population than almost any other country in the Western world. Recently, carefully conducted polls by established and reputable polling organisations have shown that 75% of the population opposes the abolition of independent schooling and that this view is shared by 59% of the Labour Party and 63% of Trades Unionists. But make no mistake, the threat is very real and very close.

Your Governors have of course in conjunction with the Trustees taken Counsel's Opinion, and very briefly the position is this. As regards Charitable Status, that great British heritage which education has enjoyed back into the mists of history, we can do little. What Parliament has allowed, Parliament can withdraw. And it is sad that Mrs. Shirley Williams of the Social Democratic Party has undertaken to support the withdrawal of Charitable Status. Such withdrawal would mean not only the loss of rates and taxes remission which Charities such as we are enjoy but, much more important and hurtful, it would mean that we should no longer be the recipients of the substantial income we receive from the Founder's Endowment. All the comfort I can give is that Rendcomb, statistically, within the Headmaster's Conference, appears to have the lowest fees, high though they must seem to you. So we are in a better position than most to absorb such a blow.

As for charging VAT on fees, such action is against E.E.C. Law. Nevertheless such action is intended, notwithstanding that in 1977 the Labour Party agreed to a Community Directive which reads...

"VAT is prohibited on the provision of non-profit making education or the supply of ancillary goods and services".

As to the right of such schools as Rendcomb to exist, there can be no doubt of the sanctity of that Right under the European Convention of Human Rights and the United Nations Covenant signed by the Labour Government in 1976.

But this is not the first time in the Western World that an attempt has been made to abolish independent education. For those interested in history, it was in 1925 that the State of Nebraska tried to do exactly what the Socialist and Social Democratic Parties now threaten, and it is heartening

to read the judgement of the United States Supreme Court. It reads as follows: —

“The fundamental theory of liberty, upon which all governments in this Union repose, excludes any general power of the State to standardize its children by forcing them to accept instruction from public teachers only. The child is not the mere creature of the State; those who nurture him and direct his destiny have the right, coupled with the high duty, to recognise and prepare him for additional obligations”.

But I must be frank with you. Although of course the question of VAT and the making of fee paying illegal will be fought through the Courts, if a government should be elected on June 9th committed to flouting the United Nations and the European Convention on Human Rights and taking us out of the European Economic Community and abolishing the House of Lords, then I apprehend that Rendcomb and 2006 other independent schools will cease to exist. . . . and so, I fear, would much else of our great national heritage.

Thus the future of Rendcomb and of your children is in the hands of the electors on June 9th.

When we discussed all this at a recent Governors’ Meeting I reminded my colleagues that Noel Wills founded Rendcomb as an act of faith at a moment in history when many thought that the world was falling apart. Noel Wills’ family, by their generosity since, together with the parents and Staff and, not least, those who have gone from here out into the world have helped to create an imperishable tradition by their belief in the system of education which our Founder devised and Rendcomb perpetuates . . . . I am fond of calling it ‘The Rendcomb Experience’.

Ladies and Gentlemen, these are sombre days. But I think we must all take courage from the fact of which I am certain that, even amongst all the tawdry glitter and the demagoguery in the Media and the brutish intimidation of which we so often read, there is still not too far down, the great solid sea of our Nation, as simple in its aspirations and as traditional in its virtues as it always has been since Magna Carta or before.

But when optimism falters, as I sometimes find it does, one can do worse than read the inscription placed by a ruined Royalist over the doorway of a little Leicestershire Church in the bitter aftermath of the English Civil War. It reads:

“In the year 1653, when all things sacred throughout the land were either demolished or defaced, Sir Robt. Shirley, Baronet, founded this church whose singular praise it is to have done the best things in the worst times, and hoped them in the most calamitous. The righteous shall be held in everlasting remembrance”.

## Summary of Guest Speaker’s Speech

Professor Lawrence Martin, Vice-Chancellor of Newcastle University gave a most interesting and stimulating speech. He outlined the problems which universities faced in a recession, laying particular stress on education cuts. He emphasised the importance of universities’ remaining independent from doctrinaire influences and political control and advised all Rendcombians to pursue their choice of course at university whatever obstacles might be placed in their path.

## Keith Thorne

Keith Thorne's death last December shocked the Rendcomb community all the more deeply as was a man of such vitality and wide-ranging talents which were reaching fulfilment in many fields and which had so much still to achieve.

Keith always spoke deprecatingly of his own talents as an artist and craftsman, but those who knew him could see in his landscapes so many elements of the man — his love of nature, his care and methodical attention to detail, his sincerity of purpose where each field was defined with heavy bold outline and each scene made its sure and determined pattern. Every work of Keith's was unmistakably A Thorne, stamped with his own artistic vision.

Like his art, Keith's life itself was founded on a sureness of purpose. At the core lay his joy and pride in his family, around which lay the circles of his activity. I know little about his extraordinary skill at gun-dog training, except that he had achieved a national eminence, almost a national pre-eminence, in the sport. We have all seen and marvelled at Keith's handling of his beloved gun-dogs — and here was a typical example of his unending patience, method, and kindness. Part of his skill, too, lay in his understanding of the countryside, and in his being a friend and trusted companion of all sorts and degrees of countrymen.

It is impossible to over-estimate the value of the work of a schoolmaster such as Keith. One could point to the obvious — how he developed his department into the calm and precisely-planned cultural centre of the College it now is. This achievement will become part of the tradition of the place, to be taken for granted by the next generation who did not know him. So perhaps the greater achievement lies in the hearts of Rendcombians whose lives have been enriched by his love of art; and especially, perhaps, in the hesitant and the un-glamorous, whose spirits were lifted by Keith's smiling encouragement, and who discovered more of themselves and of their own capabilities under his patient guidance at the easel or the wheel.

To many who saw him only as the elegant, handsome schoolmaster, Keith could appear stern and unbending, as awesome as an Old Testament prophet.

Certainly Keith would not tolerate sloppiness of thought or action, and even less, shuffling, evasiveness, double standards. Half-measures and half-truths he detested. Keith was above all an honest and a courageous man; but beneath these rock-like principles lay a warmth and wisdom and humanity which Rendcombians will always treasure. And I shall treasure, too, my typical memory of Keith, with his arched eyebrows and quizzical smile, unfolding some outrageous tale to keep the whole of the common room about him helpless with laughter

D. S. J. P.



## David Sells

A Cambridge graduate, David Sells retired from the regular Army in 1954; decided to begin a career as a schoolmaster after a short spell in a Suffolk grammar school, and came to Rendcomb in January 1955. The arrival of a former Airborne Gunner officer was in itself invigorating, bringing as it did the experiences of the war in Africa and Italy, but, more importantly, it provided a view of the outside world which was invaluable in a small country community of ninety pupils.

David rapidly developed French into an 'A' level course and a few years later introduced German into the curriculum. For twenty-eight years Rendcombians have appreciated his outstanding ability as a teacher, and have been inspired by his wit, his scholarship and his high standards, which required them to think for themselves and not to rely on other people's ideas. Yet he was just as successful in motivating scholars as he was in helping lesser linguists, or enlivening lessons with the junior forms with such mysteries as the game of 'Pong'. Early in his time at Rendcomb, he founded the Literary Society, providing Sixth Formers with an opportunity to broaden their cultural horizons and share in his own wide scholarship.

David brought many talents to Rendcomb life outside the classroom. For twelve years he ran the school's Hockey, coaching the 1st XI when it had many players in the West of England and County teams, including our only Hockey Blue. His passion for the theatre resulted in many outstanding productions both in the congested conditions of the old Assembly Hall and on the outdoor stage in the Wilderness. Despite the limited number of potential actors, he achieved a remarkable standard of production, which was further seen in the lively and amusing sketches at the annual Christmas Parties. In more recent years, as Local Secretary for the G.C.E. examinations and as Librarian, he has made use of his meticulous administrative skill. As valuable, but in a different sphere, has been his work on the school Prospectus.

Such, in outline, is David's contribution to Rendcomb; from it can perhaps be seen something of his character. Essentially a generous and affable person, he had a clear understanding of the problems of the pupils in his charge and, as Senior Resident Master (or what is now known as housemaster of the Senior House), he guided and controlled many generations of Rendcombians with firmness, understanding and tolerance. Nor was his advice available only to his pupils, but also to young and inexperienced schoolmasters whom he tactfully steered through their early days at Rendcomb, helping them to accept and be accepted.

But perhaps what has always been most striking about David is his strong belief in Rendcomb and what it stands for. He has worked energetically to uphold the standards and principles inherent in the school's tradition, ready to give his views on any

object and often injecting sanity into heated discussions or defusing arguments with a timely and humorous rejoinder. And it is this combination of wisdom and humour which has earned him a special place in the affections of pupils and colleagues alike. Rendcomb has indeed been fortunate to have had the benefit of David's many gifts. Everyone will want to wish him many years of happy retirement in the village, only regretting that both classroom and Common Room will be deprived of his sharp intellect and 'bons mots'.

W. J. D. W.



Photo: C. J. Wood

"In 1955, French Master 'Bos' Austen, that 6ft. 7ins. of leaning Pisa, was replaced by the contrasting figure of chalk-throwing D. de G.

The St. Lawrence and Light Blue education shone through the organised discipline of the military Major. He knew how to teach, how to motivate, and to reward effort as well as skill.

Apart from French, David taught us German and hockey, directed plays, ran the Christmas Party, and actively encouraged our appreciation of music, art, and literature. During the interregnum after Lee-Browne's death, he commanded the College as Senior Housemaster. He gave us a responsibility before our time; when we failed him, the ash on his cigarette hardly flickered.

A non-driving, private, and single man, David admirably executed that role "in loco parentis". Like them, he did far more than was (presumably) required. Like them, he received few thanks. Yet underneath, we wanted to do well for *him*. Rendcomb's first 'Blue' certainly belongs to David Sells.

John Webb (1954-1963).

## Christopher Terrill

In his four and a half years at Rendcomb Chris Terrill put his many gifts at the service of the school. As Head of Geography he was a fertile source of new ideas and methods. His research was often used for the benefit of those he taught. He led Field Trips with infectious enthusiasm. But Chris' achievement was not confined to his subject. He coached hockey and rugby, directed plays and pantomimes and led school trips to Iceland, Russia and Greece. He helped with Community Services and the Armchair Thespians.

Above all this, in some ways, Chris was always ready to give help or advice to those who needed it. His sensitivity and awareness will not be easily forgotten by the many Rendcombians who knew him.

P. M. E.

## Andrew Potts

When Andy Potts left us after less than three years, there were few people who did not feel a sense of loss. A self-critical expert in his subject, he also touched the life of the school in other important areas.

The chief impression I retain is one of overflowing vitality, a force apparent in all his activities and in his prejudices. Hating prevarication and insincerity, he has a simple, direct approach to life, yet is wholly aware of its subtleties. He brought to his games the same passion which inspired his teaching, the same care for the individual and the same tireless energy aimed at high standards.

In spite of his great enthusiasm for Rugby Football, he is a man of culture, particularly in the field of music. He made a signal contribution to our music, both as a baritone and as a trombonist. I have a vivid memory of his singing the "Dichterliebe" accompanied by John Willson one Sunday evening. He had never sung in German before but managed a virtually perfect pronunciation while coping with the much greater complexities of Schumann's Lieder. It was a remarkable performance by any standards.

An exceptionally gifted schoolmaster, remembered with affection both as a teacher and as a colleague, Andy has now gone off with his cry of "écrasez l'infâme" to the land of Voltaire, where we wish him and Anna and Sophie and Barbara every success and happiness.

D. de G. S.

## The Michael Wills Lecture

It was an inspired choice of the Chairman of Governors to invite Professor R. V. Jones to visit Rendcomb on Thursday, May 12th, to give the first of the Michael Wills Lectures.

His brief was to speak on some scientific or engineering topic to as wide an audience as possible, a task well suited to someone who is not only a distinguished scientist but also a born communicator. He chose as his title "Some Common Principles in Engineering and Life" and, with the aid of a fascinating selection of slides, he elaborated upon three main themes.

### 1. *The Importance of Scale.*

The Scientist's task has always been the same as Napoleon's in bringing sufficient force to bear upon the right point at the right time; and to perceive why, for instance, a model engine will work while a full scale machine will not.

### 2. *Flexibility in design.*

If you have a good design, change the parts around and you may get a better one. Examples to illustrate this valuable maxim were drawn from things as diverse as a wheelbarrow and a space capsule's orbit.

### 3. *Ironies of design.*

Here again, it was the originality of the illustrations that held the attention; why is it that a golf ball has dimples? Photographs from a wind tunnel show that, contrary to expectations, the dimples set up eddies that lubricate the ball's flight and diminish turbulence so that it goes further.

Throughout his talk Professor Jones emphasised the ability of great Scientists not merely to work analytically and methodically, but to show imagination and flashes of inspiration; Newton, Watt, Rutherford, Barnes Wallis in differing degrees all showed searching insight and the power to think fundamentally in order to achieve the profound simplicities of scientific invention.

The Royal Society, of which Professor Jones is a Fellow, in its Charter of 1662 exacted of its members 'a close, naked, natural way of speaking, positive expressions, clear senses, a native easiness'. We are deeply indebted to our speaker both for the absorbing subject matter of his lecture and for the style in which he conveyed it to all ages.

Among a number of guests we were glad to welcome Mrs. T. Gibbs, the widow of Michael Wills in whose memory the lecture was founded, the Lord Lieutenant of Gloucestershire and Sir Jack and Lady Macleod.

Finally, to add an unusual interest to the occasion there was the reunion after 30 years of Professor Jones and Mr. Harold Jordan whose courageous initiative as radio operator in a Wellington bomber acting as a decoy for German night fighters helped to win the "Battle of the Beams", an action for which Mr. Jordan was awarded the D. S. O.

R. M. A. M.

## Two Talks by Mr. J. R. Sandy

On Sunday, October 17th, 1982, Mr. J. R. Sandy visited the School and gave two exceptionally interesting talks, the first to Forms I to IV entitled "The Challenge of Imprisonment" and the second to Forms V and VI, "Problems in the Prison Service".

Mr. Sandy had administrative experience at Borstal and at other prisons before becoming Governor of Parkhurst maximum security prison on the Isle of Wight. He has now just moved to London where he has responsibility for thirty-eight prisons in the South of England.

His talks were very well matched to the different ages of his two audiences and were full of interest. He spoke of the problems of overcrowding because of the increasing crime rate and the lack of money and resources. The average cost of keeping a man in prison was £175 per week, while for a high security prisoner the figure was £300. Both political parties had failed to tackle the problem, but at last in Mr. Whitelaw there was a Home Secretary prepared to argue strongly for a better deal, and he was having some success.

Statistics showed that Prisoners tended to come from large families with low intelligence and low income levels, particularly if the parents were inadequate or had a criminal record themselves. Twenty per cent of prisoners were unable to read the *Daily Mirror*, a paper aimed at a reading age of 10J.

Most juveniles offend only once or twice, but of those imprisoned between the ages of eighteen and thirty some 65% would be returning for a second sentence.

With a mixture of information and anecdote, Mr. Sandy emphasised that men and women (in the proportion of ten to one) are sent to prison *as* a punishment, not *for* punishment. While in prison they should be treated as fairly and humanely as possible, with the aim of training and rehabilitation. In spite of the loss of freedom, dignity and privacy and the problems of monotony and depression for the individual, the general impression of prison life revealed a surprising amount of good humour and laughter, a close relationship between prison officers and prisoners and genuinely humane intention.

R. M. A. M.

## Bursar's Report

During the past year we have seen the completion of Godman House with its twenty additional spaces for third form boys. The rather attractive desks and lockers were built by the father of Robert Akers at his furniture factory in Cirencester. The extension was commissioned in January and blends in well with the rest of the third form house.

We have also provided three new classrooms by converting part of the Stable Block which used to be used by the Oxbridge candidates for their seventh term, and part of which was used for storing furniture. I think most would agree that the architect has made a very good job of this conversion, which also includes a small two-bedroomed flat. This does of course create, in its wake, another problem — that of housing the Oxbridge candidates. For next term they will be going into the small flat, and it seems that this seventh term requirement is likely to be phased out by the Universities soon, much to the relief of all Bursars! The material used on the staircase and on the corridors to the classrooms is that used at some major airports and it seems to be both easy to clean and, I hope, very long-lasting. The third classroom which is now being used by the Physics Department has made available an additional space below, which is being converted into a library and quiet room for science subjects. This will be ready at the beginning of the Autumn Term. We also now have a Laboratory Technician on the Staff who will be helping Mr. Hawkswell in the Physics Department.

The last major building project in the pipeline given the go-ahead by the Governors will be begun during the summer holidays and continued during the Autumn Term. This is to provide a further eleven study bedrooms in the Main Building, primarily for 6B boys, which will be on the site of the present visitors' changing room and taking in a larger area. In this complex we will include a new visitors' changing room, and each study bedroom will have an outlook. As much as possible of the furniture will be built in. It is hoped to complete the project by the beginning of the Lent Term 1984, but provision has been made to run on for a week or two into that term if necessary. In the meanwhile we will be accommodating about seven 6B boys in part of the Stable Block accommodation for the Autumn Term.

We are also, during the summer holidays, making much needed improvements to the fire precautions in the Main Building and in the Junior House. We have had to rely on torches scattered around the walls for emergency lighting in the past, and one can imagine the difficulties, if there was a lot of smoke, in finding these torches and switching them on; and I doubt very much whether the glimmer of light they produce would enable people to find their way out. The Governors have decided that they must improve the situation and that the two buildings most in need of improvement are the Main Building and the Junior House. In addition to proper emergency lighting we plan to provide heat and smoke detectors situated in strategic areas which will be wired in to an alarm system which should be sufficient to wake even the deepest sleeper. We are installing these precautions up to the current British Standard and in close consultation with the Area Fire Prevention Officer.

You will also find that we have installed a new

Language Laboratory. The old one is now seventeen years old, and keeping it running is becoming an impossible task because of the lack of availability of spares. The new one is being installed by Messrs. Cybervox, who installed the original one, and is up to date so far as the technology is concerned.

We have, at last, decided to retire our old British Leyland mini-bus after twelve years yeoman service. There are recent and fairly strict regulations for mini-buses now and, with the new one, which will be another Ford Transit, both will fully comply so far as these regulations are concerned. It is expected to be delivered early next term.

In his most fascinating lecture last term Professor R. V. Jones remarked upon some of the ironies of scientific endeavour. You may remember that in the past we always had difficulty with the hot water in the Main Building running out just as everyone was having his post-rugger shower. The cause of this was the lack of height between the hot water tanks at the top of the roof in the Main Building and the reservoir up in the Wilderness. We solved this problem by installing a powerful pump alongside the water softener in the bottom of the Main Building to create a much faster flow into the hot water tanks. The trouble is that this now takes so much water from the reservoir that on occasions the cold water tanks fail to fill up fast enough, resulting in the cold water running out. I suppose the moral is that you can't please everybody all of the time!

E. T. T.

## Church Notes

Last year's Harvest Festival was organised slightly differently as far as the School's contribution was concerned. Instead of individuals' simply placing items in the church each year-group or House, the week before, collected money with which their representatives bought goods. These were then brought up and presented during the church service. The produce was later taken to the Sue Ryder Home in Cheltenham and some to the pensioners in our own parish. This was greatly appreciated by the recipients. Collections in church that day were given to Christian Aid Harvest Appeal. The giving by the College on both counts was extremely generous.

The confirmation of eighteen members of the College by Bishop Cuthbert Bardsley, a Governor of the School, took place on the 13th March, 1983. They were: Jessica Richards, Michael Airey, Robert Anderson, Thomas Branston, Charles Carroll, Darren Denby, Robert Draper, David Edwin, Paul Grainger, Richard Hardy, Roderick Hill, Matthew Houseman, Karl Knight, Philip Matson, Richard Moss, Angus Trowern, Iain Whittaker and Christopher Wood.

Our thanks to the retiring team of ushers who have served during this past academic year: Adrian Stephenson, Sian Alexander, Lisa Lake, Simon Beales, Neil Stewart. Welcome to their successors: Anthony Maton, Alison Young, Jessica Richards, Angus Waddell and Richard Bendy.

As the School has grown, so too has the problem of how best to organise Sunday Services. The Parish Church is too small to accommodate the whole School in any kind of comfort, and a Working Party met in the Summer Term to look into the whole question.

A split as at present by age was regarded as convenient but not beneficial, since it failed to give the Juniors a sense of belonging to the whole school family. In addition, the best singers were creamed off to sing at the main service, further weakening the Junior Service, which in any case has a small congregation.

We agree that, in theory at least, a better division would be according to the type of service and, after much discussion and considering various suggestions, propose having two services on Sunday instead of the present three:

- (i) a Communion Service with hymns and short address,
- (ii) a service whose form might be similar to that used at the present 10.15 service, but not necessarily so. This service offered scope for varying the form on occasions, and it would be to this service that visiting preachers would be invited.

For the proposed system to work we would need approximately 75 attending the earlier service on a regular basis.

The Parochial Church Council has given its approval for a change in service times for an experimental period., and as from September it is hoped to reduce the present three services to two — Holy Communion at 8.45 a.m. and Morning Service at 10.30 a.m.

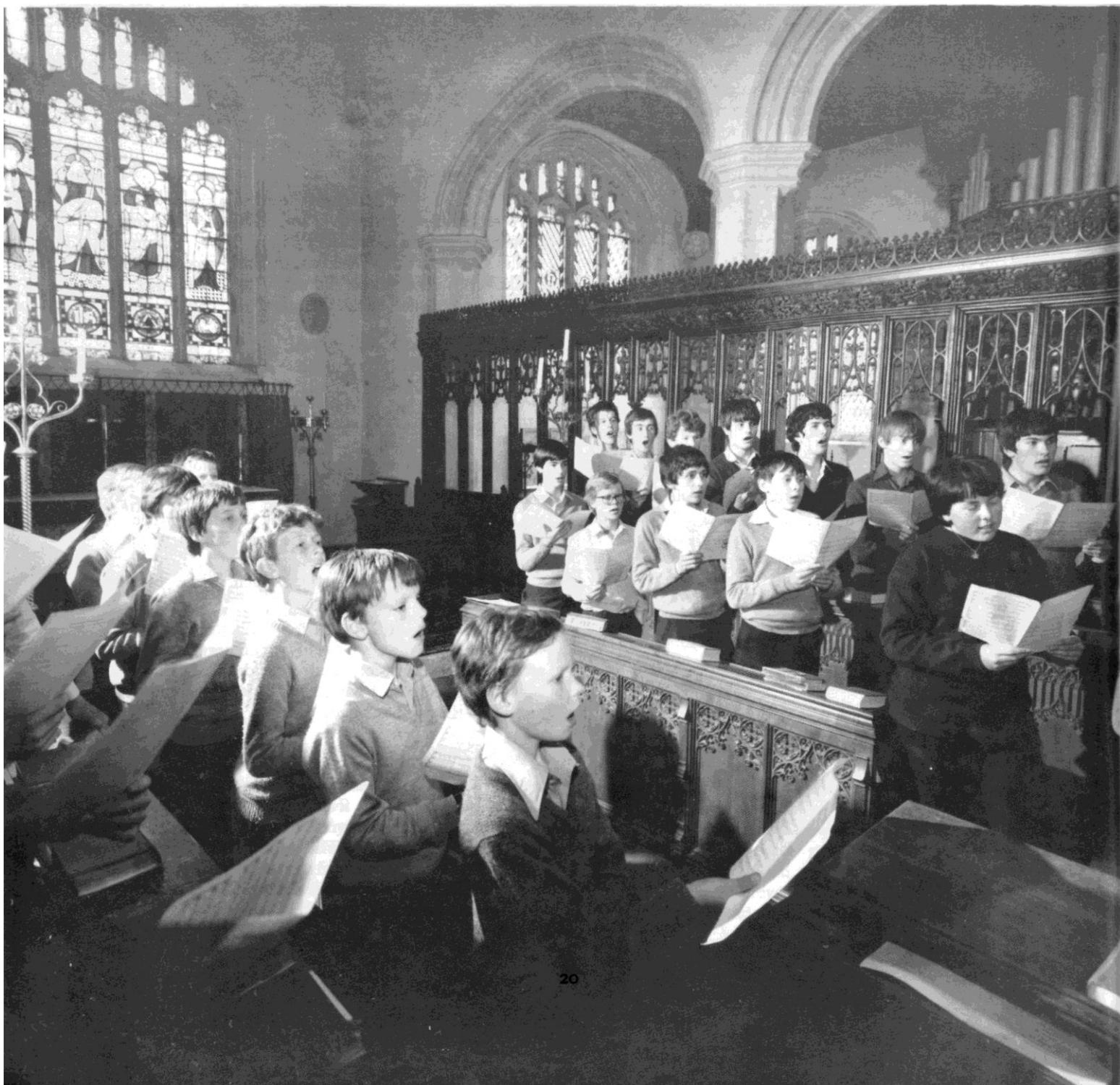
Although the Junior Service tends to lose out on visiting preachers, many of those who come to the main school service being unable to stay on to address the Juniors, they did in fact have a special occasion all to themselves on Whitsunday. A group of talented musicians from the Gloucester Salvation Army came over to take the service and,

with a mixture of singing, music, reading, interviewing, question and answer, and acting, all spiced with a marvellous sense of humour, made it an occasion to remember. We hope to invite them back next year.

One of the most appreciated aspects of the main school service has been the appearance of the orchestra on one or two occasions. We hope this can happen more frequently in the future. The continued support and lead of the choir deserves mention too.

As a personal footnote may I add that during this first year I have found Rendcomb pupils to be amongst the friendliest, pleasantest and most natural that I have ever taught.

T. O.



## Choir and Choral Society

There has been a change in the administration of both the Choir and Choral Society over the past year. For the first two terms the Choir was under the direction of Mr. John Willson and was then taken over by the recently appointed director of music, Mr. Tim Lane. The Choir has performed its usual role by singing at the Sunday services, but one small selection of the Choir chosen by Mr. Willson also sang in the recital in the Easter Term which was Mr. Potts' last performance at the college.

The Choral Society under the direction of Mr. Lane has sung only twice during the past year. In the Christmas Term the Choral Society and Orchestra performed "Blessed Pair Of Sirens" by Parry and in the Easter Term a more modern piece, "I Write The Songs", accompanied by Mr. Tim Lane on the piano and Ben Freeman on the electric bass guitar. We hope to perform a major work at some stage during next year.

We would like to thank Mr. Willson, as former director of music, for all the hard work that he has put into the Choral Society and Choir over the years. We would also like to thank Mr. Lane for taking on these responsibilities and we look forward to his continuing success in the future.

CHRIS WALTON AND STEVE SIMKIN.

## Bell Ringing

Unfortunately there seems to have been a lack of interest over the past year. We have been unable to ring at the Sunday Services because we do not have enough experienced ringers.

Towards the end of this last term though, we have had some success in encouraging learners to come along.

We would like to take this opportunity to ask any member of the 3rd Form and upwards to attend on any Friday evening to see what Bell-ringing is all about and then, hopefully, decide to join our rather depleted band.

Thanks are due to Miss Bliss for instructing us and also to Philip Chivers for returning once or twice to make up the numbers. We hope that Bell-ringing will once again be an active and important part of the Sunday Service.

CHRIS WALTON     Tower Captains  
ANDY MILLS

## PHAB Holiday 1983

This year 3 boys from the college attended the annual Sussex Association of Youth Clubs' PHAB holiday. The theme of the week was New Technology — how it can help both disabled and able bodied people.

We arrived in Birmingham on Saturday evening and after a meal got to know one another. The following morning we split into 3 groups and started our study sessions: learning about video, computers and electronic music. When each group had done a session on each topic, we specialised on the one we had enjoyed most and did this for the rest of the week — in all there were seven study sessions.

During the week there were outings to The Ironbridge industrial museum, the Unimation industrial robots factory, Coventry, and the West Midland Safari park. These were enjoyed by all as we began to work as a group.

After the evening study sessions we could do whatever we wanted; there was a Pool table and several computer games; though generally the time was spent socialising.

Towards the end of the week we all went to the "Nightout" night club in Birmingham, where we had a meal and saw several live acts. The following evening we organised a Barbecue, and on Friday night there was a farewell dinner dining which we displayed the week's work and a video to promote PHAB holidays. This was filmed by the people who had studied video and contained film of the study sessions as well as our leisure time activities.

All in all it was a week in which people could forget their handicaps and be on equal terms with one another. The accommodation was good, the staff superb and the people charming.

ALEX PATON.

## Community Services

This has been a mixed year for the Community Services Group. In the Spring Term especially we encountered problems over prior bookings of the mini-bus and alternative engagements which prevented us from going in to Cirencester.

However, we appear to have put these problems behind us. The mini-bus is now automatically booked for us on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and we hope this arrangement will continue next year. Mr. Ball has become the regular Thursday driver, and efforts have been made by the new Committee to ensure that the privilege which Community Services offers is not abused. Similarly we are looking to ensure reasonable tidiness and sensible conduct in Cirencester next year. Thus we seem to have successfully consolidated our position and we are now looking to expand our activities.

Suggestions for such an expansion were stimulated by the Windmill House Conference in May. Four of our group gave up their seats to attend and found the event very productive. Some schools have a very impressive range of Community Services

activities extending into areas such as conservation and "speaking newspapers" for the blind. Rendcomb is, of course, limited by size, but we hope we can incorporate such things into our activities. At the moment these consist of sending 14 people every Tuesday and Thursday afternoons into Cirencester. Two of these visit Mr. Sims, a 95-year-old who lives on his own. We also send people to Paternoster House and to the Paternoster School for mentally handicapped children, where our visits seem to be particularly appreciated and successful. On Tuesdays four or five of us, mainly girls, help at the Disabled Riding School in Siddington, and on Thursdays we send a similar number to the Querns Geriatric Hospital. We are also responsible for financing the upbringing of two children in India, and this summer three of us are going on a "PHAB" holiday — that is for the Physically Handicapped and Able Bodied.

So, happily, Community Services are thriving at Rendcomb once more, and we hope that we can expand them over the coming year.

DAVID WEBB.



## Careers

The main departure from the usual careers' programme has been the introduction of work experience for the fifth year during the last week of their school year. This involved leaving College at 8.15 each morning and travelling into Cirencester to enable the participants to try their hand at a variety of jobs. These included experience with a bank, library, museum, hospital, garage, solicitor, accountant, building society, estate agent, vet, pharmacist, photographic supplier, agricultural engineer, tennis club, travel agent, retail foodstuff's supplier, shop-fitter, farmer and engineer.

It was clearly apparent that the majority of the 'workers' enjoyed their experience and many have been offered further opportunities by their employers, who have provided very favourable responses to the scheme. The preliminaries included choosing an activity, writing a letter of application and, where possible, attending an interview. At the conclusion of the course was a letter of thanks, a report on the course and a reference from the employer.

The following comments have been selected at random to illustrate the general reactions of those participating. All are in agreement that it is well worth while repeating the work experience next year.

"I totally enjoyed the week and would advise anybody to go if they have the chance."

"We set out for Avonmouth and picked up cattle and pig feed."

"Found the week very interesting indeed."

"By the end of the week I was not only considerably more knowledgeable of building societies, but also discovered what it is really like to have a job."

"At first I was rather apprehensive — However, I found it great fun and really enjoyed it."

"Went to court where I heard a traffic offence case."

"Drove Massey Ferguson — Fetched new-born calf."

"During the week I was involved in the servicing and repair of tractors, balers and combine harvesters."

"The week was very interesting and also very profitable."

"Sold an expensive lens"

"I definitely benefited from this work experience and what I enjoyed most was meeting new people."

"Did an MOT and 5,000 and 20,000 services."

"Hard work, but very interesting — ice creams every afternoon."

"Made a lovely meal, which the nurse put through the liquidiser — strict diet control!"

"I spent a lot of time visiting houses for valuations."

"At the end of the week I was able to show a family around a house and even managed to sell one."

"My duties greatly varied."

"This was a very enjoyable use of a week, and I was sad to leave on the Friday. I strongly recommend this company for work experience."

R. K.

## Another View of "Work Experience"

An idea conceived by Mr. Kelsey, as Careers Master, "Work Experience", gave a large number of the fifth year the chance to tackle a week's labour outside Rendcomb, mainly in Cirencester, to work on behalf of a firm in order to gain work experience. The organisation had begun early in the term, with many companies contacted and asked to take on a student; we were then allowed to choose which job we would like to take, according to our possible careers after school. On the whole, each job was allocated in this way, and we left after our examinations for the short holiday eager to return.

One notable feature of the project was the great variety of jobs available: numerous building societies, banks and garages offered employment, as did a supermarket, a pharmacy and the hospital, a veterinary surgery, the library, museum, an estate agent, a firm of agricultural engineers, a farm, a company of design engineers and even a squash club.

We arrived at our respective posts on Monday morning, anxious to impress. Most worked through until lunch at around one o'clock, when we met in the Abbey grounds for a packed lunch: it should be mentioned here that these were not as substantial as they might have been, and this point should be noted for next year. Needless to say, the chip shop did some good business, and we returned to a full afternoon's work. From that first lunch hour we gained some impression of the amount of work the others were doing, as well as the type of work: manual, clerical, mechanical or medical. Gavin Boyce was the centre of attraction that lunch hour, covered from head to toe in thick, black oil, having been under a car all morning: Spencer Hannam at the pharmacy's photographic department was on the counter selling films. Simon Noyes, at the Abbey National learnt to answer the telephone correctly, and David Harber (at another garage) was trained in the fine art of making tea!

However, for most it was a week of hard work, although interesting and profitable: the employers were very co-operative and willing to help and teach. We were also given experience of all departments of the job we were in: for example, at the

hospital I spent a day at physiotherapy, another on medical wards and so on. The school ferried us to and fro each day in a coach, and entertainments were provided each night of some type: video films, swimming and the "sports evening" were all enjoyable.

There is no doubt that everyone gained "work experience" however tiring! A worthwhile "school week." It made a change from the usual routine and also provided an opportunity for 'real' jobs later: many students were told they could return in the holidays or after school to work if they wished.

Lastly, Mr. Kelsey must be praised for his hard work in the organisation: over many weeks he contacted a large number of firms and obtained around thirty jobs providing us with a worthwhile experience. Therefore many thanks to Mr. Kelsey, and the employers, and congratulations on the success of his project; it will be interesting to see if it is continued in the future.

BEN UGLOW.

## The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

"This scheme is intended to help both the young and those people who take an interest in their welfare. It is designed as an introduction to leisure time activities, a challenge to the individual to personal achievement, and as a guide to those people and organisations who are concerned about the development of our future citizens". (H. R. H. The Duke of Edinburgh).

The award scheme is not an organisation to which people may belong, like the Scouts; nor is it a kind of Royal Outward Bound, with gongs for the hardest adventurers; it is rather a programme of spare-time activities which can be undertaken by anyone between the age of 14 and 25. It is non-competitive, and so anyone with the necessary energy and perseverance can be successful in it, but it is

structured so that each participant has to prove himself or herself in four distinct areas. These are:

(1) SERVICE — participants choose a form of service and either undergo training or give practical service to others,

e. g. Community Service, First Aid, Conservation.

(2) SKILLS — participants choose from a range of activities in which they must show continued interest and progress,

e. g. Pottery, Cookery, Chess.

(3) PHYSICAL RECREATION — participants take part in organised physical recreation outside the requirements of the school curriculum,

e. g. Judo, Swimming, Archery.

(4) EXPEDITIONS — participants train for, plan and undertake a journey across country in small, unaccompanied groups, spending at least one night under canvas or in a youth hostel.

There are three levels of award, bronze, silver and gold, the last being very demanding, but those who complete it successfully are invited to Buckingham Palace for the presentation ceremony.

The aims of the scheme are so well in line with those of the school that it is perhaps surprising that we have not been operating it for all the twenty-five years of its existence. As it happens, we launched it at Rendcomb in the Lent Term, with an illustrated talk in the Dulverton Hall attended by a hundred interested pupils. At about the same time, the entire Third Form started a First Aid course which they have now successfully completed. This is likely to become an annual fixture. In the Summer Term the same group of boys started on their "skills", to which they must devote at least six months. Photography, bridge, model-making, cookery and computing have proved particularly popular in this section of the bronze level award. Silver level has attracted twenty aspirants. Five Fourth-formers have undertaken a Fire Service course, including a visit to the Gloucestershire H.Q. and the chance to play with hoses. A Police Service course is planned to begin in September, and several people will be starting Community Service at the same time. Clare Newth is halfway through her gold award, and Ben Almond, aiming at the same level, has started a club in Cheltenham for those who share his interest in "Dungeons and Dragons".

Several members of staff are kindly acting as instructors and assessors in fields in which they have a particular interest, and they will no doubt be called upon increasingly as we start work on physical recreation and expedition training. My thanks to them. I hope that next year's article will be written by a boy or girl who has successfully completed an award.

G. R. B.

## Rome Trip - Easter

A school 'cultural' trip presents certain immediate problems. Are studying culture and having 'a good time' synonymous? If not, how can one make them so? One answer lies perhaps in lowering the will to resist: in so seducing traditional scepticism that culture is finally as much experienced as viewed. Walking proved our manna. No one who has walked through Rome for eight hours a day, day after day, can ever forget; nor can they remain immune from the glories Rome has to offer: timeless marble columns, crumbling Renaissance palaces stumbled upon amidst the bustle and confusion that is modern day Rome. Past and present merge into an excitement that proved difficult for even the most reticent Rendcombian to resist.

Dividing our time between Ancient, Renaissance and Modern Rome we covered most of the city. Although inevitably lured to the tourist highlights — the Colosseum, the Forum and the Trevi Fountain, we also explored the major Basilicas of the city — San Pietro in Vincolo, (home of both Michelangelo's Moses and the chains in which St. Peter was allegedly brought to Rome), Santa Maria Maggiore, and San Giovanni in Laterano.

The Vatican City itself demands a week's attention. Limited by time we spent two days exploring the Crypt of St. Peter's, the Dome, the Sistine Chapel, and the vast array of treasure which is the Vatican Museum. Other days were spent exploring the Campidoglio, the Borghese Gardens, the Catacombs of Santa Cecilia, Castel San Angelo. . . .

In the evenings we returned, tired but stimulated, to traditional Italian food and a well earned rest. Culture, after all, proved as palatable as pasta.

S. H. J.

## The 6b London Trip

When Mr. Lane first suggested taking a party of 6B to listen to a concert in the Royal Festival Hall in London, he doubted that he would be able to fill a coach. However, the idea proved so popular that the only problem with the trip, officially labelled the '6B Trip', was that not all 6B who wished to go could.

We were told that the transport would be by luxury coach, but none of us was quite prepared for the gleaming black and chrome monster which appeared on the Sunday morning. The inside resembled an airliner with reclining seats, televisions to show videos, and an array of buttons to adjust the air or summon the hostess (this button was discovered very quickly).

On arrival in London we had lunch in Hyde Park and we were duly impressed by the school kitchen's improved packed lunches, although there were a few technical difficulties to solve, like how to eat yoghurt without spoons. It soon became apparent that almost the whole party was allergic to cameras

and scuttled behind the nearest tree at the sight of one, leaving the photographers in disgust.

Next on the agenda was a trip to the Tate Gallery to view the best of the Nation's art, and this proved rather confusing. Just a stone's throw away from the placid landscapes of Constable was the modern art collection, a bewildering selection of wooden saw-horses, slashed and splattered canvas and roadmaps. After seeing this assortment it was very difficult to decide if a large stack of boxes parked on a trolley in one of the halls was an exhibit by a "talented young British Artist". The Picasso and Cubism exhibition turned out to be composed of hundreds of strange, mucky blue and brown, vaguely geometric paintings. However this was compensated by the sighting of a famous actor eyeing the pictures in one of the galleries. As the party had entered the exhibition as a group it was very cheap and, as Mr. Barlow said, "It's not much to pay to see Michael York".

From the Tate Gallery, it was then on to St. Katherine's Docks and Tower Bridge. Thanks to God's gracing us with that rare commodity called sunshine, it was pleasant to stroll across the bridge and peer down into the murky-grey water below. Later we were confronted by a group of Chinese men trying to figure out how to use a camera and passing it round from one to the other to see what could be made of this contraption.

Once we had assembled back at the coach we made our way to the Barbican and the Royal Festival Hall. Now there was just enough time for us all to change into our best clothes.

Although originally it was decided that the boys should change first, Mr. Lane realised that we would be hanging around for the girls, thus making us late for the concert, so the girls were given five minutes in which to change while the boys were forced to wait 'patiently' for their turn. But we realised our folly straight away; we still had to hang around. Mr. Newby put on a brave face and clambered back on board to see what progress was being made (very little! ). The girls filed off and then it was a mad rush for the boys to change — the girls were still putting on make-up when we had finished.

The concert consisted of Rossini's Overture to the Barber of Seville, Handel's music for the Royal Fireworks, Grieg's Piano Concerto in A and Dvorak's New World Symphony, played by the London Philharmonia Orchestra, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who went. The whole thing lasted about two and a quarter hours. After the concert we made our way back to the coach and sat down to a horror film called "The Changeling" while we sped in luxury back to Rendcomb to face another Monday morning. It was a long and tiring day but well worth it.

It was a shame that the whole form could not go, but thanks to Mr. Lane, Mr. Newby and Mr. Barlow from all those who did. It was a superb trip!

SIMON BADCOTT AND CHRIS WALTON.

## Third Form Outing

The Summer Term's Godman House outing, on Sunday, 12th June, was to Stratford. After a picnic lunch en route we first of all went to "The World of Shakespeare", a permanent audio-visual performance in a building close to the Royal Shakespeare Theatre itself. The performance spectacularly evokes the life of court and people in Elizabethan England, using a bewildering array of lighted tableaux linked with appropriate quotations from royal speeches and Shakespeare's plays. Following this we went on a trip in an Edwardian barge on the Avon, enabling us to see at leisure the beauty of Stratford and its environs — and to check at close quarters on the progress (or otherwise) of various water-craft. An enjoyable day out for all concerned.

J. N. H.

## Girls' Trip to Oxford

One Wednesday in early December there was a curious absence of girls around the school. The reason was that they had invaded Oxford for that afternoon and had disappeared at around 12.00 taking with them lunch and as much money as they could muster for Christmas shopping.

Oxford was extremely crowded, it being so near to Christmas, and the girls were soon swallowed up as they dispersed in small groups, the faint cry of Mrs. Holdaway "Back at the coach at 5" only just registering.

The afternoon seemed to fly, and 5 o'clock soon came around. Tired but happy girls assembled at the meeting place, and the trip back to school was strangely quiet. Our thanks to Mrs. Holdaway for all the trouble she went to in arranging this very enjoyable day out.

JULIET RUTHERFORD.

## Does Democracy Work?

As a title for the sixth form conference this may seem rather restrictive, however, as the majority of 6B were to find out, it included such a wide range of topics to discuss that most people were interested in some way. Basically the conference aimed to help us gain some insight into the way Britain is governed both nationally and at local level.

On arrival at Wycliffe College it was found that everyone had been designated to one particular group along with other pupils. The two days had been carefully designed to enable each small group of sixth formers to think and argue together. Each group had to stick to the precise time-table in order to fit in the many videos, debates and speeches.

The conference was lucky enough to hear Dr. David Butler, a leading psephologist, asking "what really happened to Britain on June 9th? How will it affect us all?" Then he gave an analysis of the June General Election and its outcome, with a look into the future. The following day, speeches were

made by leading local councillors describing their jobs thus "bringing the text-book to life"!

After the conference it was found that those who had benefited most from the two days were those not studying P.A. 'A' level, thus being completely ignorant of the topics under discussion. In contrast perhaps those studying P. A. in fact knew too much to draw any real benefit from the two days. Nevertheless, the conference was a opportunity to listen, learn, think, question and discuss the role you must play as a citizen of a democratic nation.

CAROLINE GRIEVES.

## "Red Ken"

Ken Livingstone is the politician who auctioned his official nuclear bunker for a fire brigade charity. He is the man who talked to the leaders of Sinn Fein and he is also the leader of the G.L.C. He has had a remarkable impact on national politics in the last two years and has been labelled as a revolutionary, a communist and as an opponent of parliamentary democracy. Listening to him speak none of these labels seemed appropriate, for he appeared not only reasonable but convincing, a man quite prepared to listen to points of view and to accept democratic procedures.

He spoke about and answered questions on all of his most controversial policies — Ireland, public transport, Gay Centres, the S.D.P., nuclear missiles, job location schemes, housing and the economy. He spoke fluently and all the questions asked were answered efficiently and not dodged. He talked about the move away from "fudged centre" policies. He outlined where the money would come from to invest in industry — from defence cuts and by stemming the flow of capital out of the country. He used government figures to show the money wasted on unemployment pay (£15,000 million) and said that this would be put back into industry to stimulate employment.

Mr. Livingstone then talked about public transport and the economic reasons for cutting fares, the House of Lords and the need for its eventual abolition, Ireland and the need to take the chance of reconciliation before it is too late, and the freeing of Europe from nuclear weapons before it becomes a lethal battleground for the superpowers.

The two policies of the previous Tory council he vigorously criticised were those on jobs and housing. Before the July 1981 victory for Labour the Conservative council had built 35 houses whilst 250,000 people waited for a home. There are now 1,000 houses a year being built.

I came away with the impression not of a revolutionary communist but of a committed socialist who believes Labour's policies can and must work. The image the press paint of him seemed to me a caricature and his ideas and policies have, perhaps, received too little serious attention.

TONY MATON.

## “Twelfth Night”

On Tuesday, May 3rd, a party of 30 sixth formers and staff went to Stratford to see “Twelfth Night”. Due to the pressure of ‘A’ levels there were some unfilled places and these were eagerly taken by 6B scientists. We were fortunate in having a fine evening and Stratford was at its most attractive, providing an ideal setting for this comedy of mistaken identity and romance.

The production had received favourable reviews, and, indeed, turned out to be very enjoyable. The main criticism was of the set which was dominated by a rather cumbersome box-tree, thus, unfortunately, reducing the stage area available to tire actors. One also felt that the poignancy of the play, particularly as regards Feste and Viola, was not fully emphasised, and it was only really in his final song that the loneliness of Feste could be appreciated. The strength of the production lay, undoubtedly, in the comedy, and the box-tree scene and the duel scene were performed to their fullest potential,

leaving much of the audience helpless with laughter. Olivia’s entourage of Maria, Sir Toby Belch and Sir Andrew Aguecheek were particularly popular; it will be difficult for any of us to forget the bemused, drooping lower jaw of Daniel Massey as Sir Andrew, especially when he became unintentionally entangled in the alarmingly ferocious duel between Sir Toby and Sebastian. Malvolio’s transformation from puritanical steward to yellow-stockinged, cross-gartered dandy was delightful, although some felt that he could have placed greater emphasis on the humourless strictness of his puritan image.

However, any criticisms become merely minor points when faced with the whole splendour of the play and its performance. To be within reach of Stratford is a great advantage of Rendcomb, and there can be no other company whose wealth of talent is such that it can afford to cast an actress of Gemma Jones’ renown in the role of the gentlewoman Maria. Thanks to Mr. Holt for another most enjoyable outing.

DAVID WEBB.



*Photo: Ian Bishop*

## “Dr. Faustus”

I had never seen a performance of “Dr. Faustus” before this year’s school production, but after attending this one I was impressed. I am sure that this feeling was shared by the audience who seemed to laugh in the appropriate places and appreciate the efforts of the players.

The Chorus (Georgina Walker) was the first to speak and served to give an insight into the character

of Faustus (Kennedy Taylor) and to sum up the beliefs of the time. It was an extremely difficult role to play, as it relied solely on the versatility of the voice; nevertheless Georgina managed it well.

The first sight of Faustus was of a figure hunched over a desk, picking up and finally discarding several books and papers. The beginning was rather inaudible due to the clattering and turning of pages, but this quickly improved. The impulsiveness and enthusiasm of the character were immediately apparent

and one could not help but feel sympathy for his naiveté at not fully comprehending the enormity of his actions. Ken was very convincing in this role; his portrayal of Faustus was of a simple man, blinded by thoughts of worldly achievements, who had not the strength of character to struggle against the force of evil. His simple-minded delight in snatching food from the lips of Pope Adrian (Adrian Stevenson) seemed similar to a small child's delight in deceiving an adult. This continued until the major soliloquy at the end of the play, in which all Ken's acting ability was needed to bring out the anguish and terrible realisation of eternal damnation. The blood-curdling scream as Mephistopheles (Richard Smith) finally thrust the dagger into his chest summed up the awful consequences of his deeds. Perhaps this act was merely the outward evidence of his condemnation, and the mental torture, endured in the final speech, was far greater than any physical pain. Ken managed to balance artlessness with Faustus' need for intellectual satisfaction.

The entrance of the devils was greeted with surprise by the audience, and it provided light relief from the ominous plotting of Faustus and his companions. Wagner (Matt Hadley), Faustus' manservant, was played to the full, and he managed to stand out amongst the smaller parts.

The Good and Bad Angels (Ben Syrett and Liz Scarlett) were an example of good casting as their voices complemented each other well. Credit must be given to the make-up department for reflecting the two completely different characters.

The part of Mephistopheles was very well interpreted, and his "dead pan" tones contrasted with Faustus' simple vivacity. His silver make-up and long white robe were surprisingly apt — one expected a spirit from Hell to be dressed in scarlet or black. His tempting of Faustus and final triumph were subtly performed. The different statures of Lucifer (Mike Uglow) and Beelzebub (Nicola Agius) and the white make-up contributed to the terrifying effect. Their voices were both strong and clear, and the two blended together very well to provide "a voice from the darkness".

All of the sins, from Pride and Lechery to Sloth and Gluttony were acted with relish and provided a break from the main plot and illustrated the awful consequences of extreme behaviour. A special mention must be given to Pride (Jon Suffolk), who quite possibly gained the loudest laughter in the whole play. The four monks (John Awdry, Gautom Barthakur, Simon Noyes, Jo Soutter) whose dedication in the face of adversity was hilarious are not to be forgotten. The Pope's entrance, in a similar way to his modern counterpart, was very striking.

Each of the smaller parts was well acted — the King of Hungary (Simon Beales), the Rural Pope (Calum Dewar) and the Scholars (Claire Newth, Gareth Thomas and Chris Walton). It was unfortunate that the Scholars often stood in a line and obscured one another. Valdes (Calum Dewar)

and Cornelius (Simon Beales) were suitably devious, and the Old Man (Simon Powell) provided Faustus with his last dire warning.

Finally, a word for the lighting and scenery. The lighting, in places, was rather unimaginative (although admittedly resources were limited), but the flame-like images at the entrance to Hell were excellent. The scenery was plain but well done. The two sides of the painting — the Madonna and the Devil — were perhaps unnecessary as the play as a whole produced the desired effect. The final changeover was clumsy and rather spoil the otherwise smooth production.

Over all, the audience appeared to enjoy the play, and the team effort and spirit were evident. Thanks must go to Mr. Johnson who directed the enterprise and to all who contributed in any way.

ALISON SMITH.



*Photo: C. J. Wood*

## Junior Plays

The junior plays this year consisted of "A Whole Lotta Grief", a dramatised documentary on the career of Al Capone, and "The Blue Carbuncle" a melodrama in which Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson proved, yet again, that right will eventually prevail.

The set for "A Whole Lotta Grief" was simple; two huge flags depicting the Chicago skyline being the only constant feature. This austerity enabled the audience to concentrate on the acting and on the short, snappy dialogue delivered in the Second Form's best Bronx brogue.

"The Blue Carbuncle" provided an entertaining combination of dazzling deductions and delightful discoveries, as our two heroes traced the missing diamond, via the crop of a goose, to the guilty villain.

The most encouraging feature of the show was that the props, scenery and even the lighting were all managed by members of the junior forms. If coping with responsibility is an important part of maturity, then all concerned can feel well pleased.

S. H. J.

## "Educating Rita"

"Educating Rita", written by one of the emerging Liverpool playwrights, Willy Russell, tells of a provincial don whose view of life is shaped by a broken marriage and a general disillusionment with both job and environment, and is reflected by the ever-increasing number of bottles secreted in his study, which forms the set for the whole of the play. He is lifted from this depressed, drunken mire by Rita, an effervescent Liverpudlian fed up with the restrictions of her lower-class lifestyle. He tutors her on an Open University course in Literature, and the play shows their developing relationship.

Russell attacks the problems of working class life in the fearless manner which only one brought up in such an environment could do. The delight of this production lay in the rapport between Ken Farrington and Kate Fitzgerald, her bubbling, irrepressible humour being skilfully foiled by his dry, but never quite cynical, wit. Although there were only two characters and the set remained the same throughout the performance, one was never bored; much of the play's attraction lay in its simplicity. Both actors took the wonderful opportunity for characterisation, and played off each other extremely well. The result was captivating; Rita combined her Liverpool humour with some telling comments on the predicament of the working-class, which made the play far more than just an evening's entertainment.

JANE MERRETT.

## Music Report

This year has seen a wide variety of musical activities in the school, with concerts by members of the school orchestra and choir, the school string quartet, brass groups, woodwind groups and the string orchestra, a staff music concert and several solo concerts.

My intention at the beginning of the year was to get as many of the musical pupils in the school involved in performing as possible, and we have gone a long way towards achieving this.

The Spring Term saw the arrival of two much needed new pianos which have given considerable help to the more advanced piano pupils. I am hoping that more pupils will be able to make use of them in the future.

There have been several changes in the peripatetic music staff this year. Mrs. Roma Foster, who has been teaching the piano, 'cello and double bass at Rendcomb for twenty-three years, retired at the end of the Spring Term. We were all very sorry to see her go and we wish her the very best for her retirement.

Miss Julie Adams has joined the staff to teach the flute; Mr. Peter Wood joined us to teach the 'cello and double bass and Mr. John Evans joined us to teach the piano for two terms but has moved on to pastures new in the cigarette trade!

Concert visits this year have included:

The Cheltenham Ladies' College Subscription Concert series which included a sparkling performance by Anna Markland (Winner of the Young Musician of the Year award).

The Cheltenham Sunday Players Concerts which displayed a wide variety of Solo and Orchestral works.

The Sixth Form visit to The Royal Festival Hall to hear the Philharmonia Orchestra play a varied programme of works by Rossini, Handel, Grieg and Dvorak.

Among the many concerts that have taken place this year were:

A Choral and Orchestral Concert in November last year. The programme consisted of the Peer Gynt Suite by Grieg, the first movement of the Violin Concerto in A Minor by Vivaldi (soloist Ben Rees), the first movement of Brahms' Cello Sonata (soloist Serena Latham) and "Blest Pair of Sirens" by Parry.

A Chamber Concert in February which took place in the church and included a varied programme consisting of the Bach Double Violin Concerto (soloists Lesley Hunt and Adrian Lewers), two unaccompanied motets and "Come ye sons of Art" by Purcell (soloists: Lesley Hunt, Graham Ball and Justin Noyce).

A String Orchestra and Ensemble Concert in March where a large proportion of the school's

musicians played. The programme was very varied and consisted of the String Orchestra playing Eine Kleine Nachtmusik by Mozart and the Violin Concerto No. 1 in D by Stanley.

The Brass group played Five Mediaeval Pieces, the Junior Wind Group played a Sarabande by Bach and a Rigaudon by Rameau, the Senior Wind Group played the Suite for Seven by Hanmer, the Woodwind Trio played the Trio in C Minor by Telemann and finally the Choral Society sang "I write the Songs" by Johnson.

A Staff Music Concert in May where the String Quartet played quartets by Haydn and Dvorak, the wind Quintet played "Beethoven's Fifth Bossa Nova" by Greaves, John Evans played the Scherzo in B minor and the Ballad in G minor by Chopin, Julie Adams played the Fantaisie by Fauré and the evening finished with a piano duet arrangement of "Marigold" by Billy Mayer I.

A Soloists' Concert in July performed by Adrian Lewers who played Beethoven's "Spring" Sonata, and Katherine Prynne who played Dvorak's 'Cello Sonata.

Finally I would like to thank John Willson and all the Peripatetic Music Staff for their hard work and help this year and for making my first year at Rendcomb so enjoyable.

T. J. L.

## The Library

During the past year the Library has undergone a radical change of character. The conversion of the old Assembly Hall into a Reading Room has allowed the Library to find a new identity, far more compatible with its name.

Until recently a regular meeting-place before meals, where the newspapers were dismembered critically and physically, the latest scandals discussed and the furniture abused, the Library has now become a place where people can work in peace with books of reference at hand.

Almost as though to launch it on its new career, we have received the magnificent gift of £1,000 from Major Birchall. Such remarkable generosity is a great encouragement to those who run the Library; it has allowed us to buy, among other works, the brand-new edition of the "Dictionary of National Biography".

D. de G. S.

## Art

This last year has been a productive one in the Art Department. An attempt has been made to strengthen the subject as a real choice for Rendcombians, and it would be satisfying to see some Art School candidates emerge among our university entrants. By introducing 'O' level Art as an option one hopes to bridge the rather inhibiting gap between fourth and sixth year art studies. Some of the current fifth year are making a brave effort to cope with the extra work load that this involves.

Painting and drawing have dominated the programme, some outstanding work being done throughout the school. A particularly committed approach has been shown by Nicola Tinto and Richard Hayward in the Sixth Form, though much talent has emerged at various levels.

The range of media used has been extensive. In experimenting with fairly high quality materials, such as gouache, tubes of watercolour, pastels and oils as opposed to the old powder paints, pupils have gained broad experience of the possibilities available in painting. In drawing there has been a move away from pencil on white cartridge and into Conte crayons, charcoal pencils, ink, collage, oil pastels and papers of all sorts of colour and textures.

Various subjects have been stressed, figure drawing especially becoming an important exercise in coming to grips with observation. Some interesting ventures into abstract painting have also been made, in hard edge and expressionist modes.

Other activities have included glass engraving and graphic design projects, while extensive use of the sculpture room has begun, with pupils of all years engaged in stone carving and metal work.

It will be exciting to see how the next year develops.

T. F. C. D.

## Woodwork

The workshop has once again been very busy. Pupils from all years have made good use of the facilities to produce a number of items ranging from the ever popular adjustable lamps and cassette racks, at junior level, to a walnut desk and stick- back chair at senior level. These advanced jobs may take over one hundred hours.

In these days of equal opportunity the girls too have continued to put in their share of hours. They often come up with new ideas which widen the scope of jobs undertaken.

Recently a number of foreign timbers have become available in this country. We now stock a selection of these. Brazilian freijo and mahogany are popular because of their good working qualities, and American cherry and oak are a challenge for senior work. However we buy home-grown hardwoods whenever possible and butts are often left to season in the wilderness.

We have purchased two Lervad German-type benches. These have two rows of metal dogs which hold work securely to the bench.

In Public Work periods hand-picked craftsmen have refurbished many chairs, desks and tables. This not only saves the school money but also teaches new skills and encourages a more caring attitude.

A representative selection of finished articles were on display on Founder's Day and on Open Day. I am always grateful for the co-operation of pupils and parents in the staging of these exhibitions.

C. C. B.

## Pottery

The pottery department has been very active during the last year, helped by regular Sunday afternoon classes and much enthusiastic free time work.

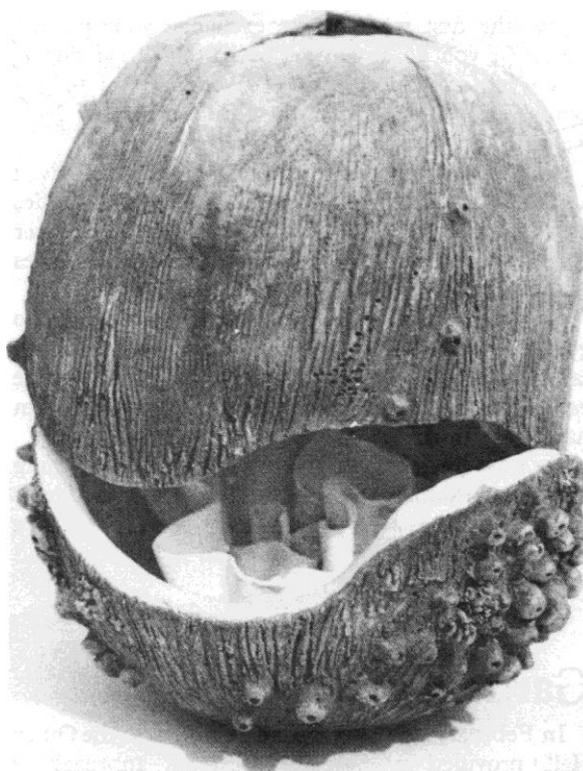
Nicki Tinto was successful in passing her 'A' level art which included a large pottery project, and several boys will be taking a pottery/art exam this November.

Many of the objects produced during the year were on show during the Founder's Day exhibition, and parents and guests were able to see a wide range of work showing diversity of techniques.

Particularly impressive were the various animals made by the first and second years which showed imagination and a colourful technique. The model of a cleaning lady, made from a coil pot by C. Eames was much admired. Many pupils tried hard and some developed a good technique of throwing pots on the wheel; others were less successful.

J. Shaw, R. Johnson and C. Hoare (Form II) produced prodigious amounts of lively work; numerous fourth formers and several sixth formers including L. Squire, J. Richards and J. Goldie all did notable work and made encouraging progress.

M. G.



**Sculptured Pot by Nicola Tinto** Photo: M. Griffiths

## The Annecy French Exchange

I enjoyed my visit to France very much. If you are lucky, as I was, you are paired with a family whom you like and who will understand any problems you have in speaking to them.

For the first week of the exchange your partner might (if you go at Easter) be at school, so during this week an opportunity is given for you to go- skiing; it is not in fact downhill skiing but Norwegian skiing which is much easier.

At the beginning of the exchange you are given a card which enables you to use the sports facilities at Annecy free of charge. When your partner comes to England it is difficult to use the facilities card for Cheltenham if you don't live nearby.

It is also possible, when you are in France to go to school with your French partner, as skiing takes place only four days out of five. Life is made easier for pupils at French schools since each form has its own room.

It was definitely a good experience, learning French in a different way instead of in a stuffy classroom. It also enables one to get a good idea of how the French live and eat and how they spend their free time.

ROBERT DRAPER.

## Gardening

In February, the pots of indoor bulbs in the Outer Hall provided a welcome sign of approaching Spring. In early March, there was a fine display of daffodils in the College grounds, continuing until the beginning of May. Particularly successful were the newly-planted Carlton daffodils in the tennis- court field. Wet weather in April and May made routine maintenance almost impossible, and it looked as if the bedding-out would not be done before Founder's Day. However, conditions improved sufficiently to allow the formal beds to be stocked with nemesias, asters, antirrhinums, petunias and cosmea. These have provided an attractive show, together with the geraniums in the terrace urns.

Although the amount of gardening to be done has been reduced over the years, much work is still needed to provide some colour in summer and autumn. I would like to thank those who have worked so willingly during the year, often in adverse conditions: E. Roberts, D. Harber, P. Attwood, J. Baker, K. Cloutman and R. Bendy. I am particularly grateful to R. Copley, the senior gardener, for his hard work and loyal service over a number of years.

Unfortunately, in the summer term it proved impossible to recruit the usual number of volunteers to form an extra group on Wednesdays. As a result, much of the routine summer work has not been done and in some areas there are already signs of neglect. It will be sad if the Rendcomb tradition

of looking after the College gardens comes to an end through lack of support, and I hope there will be renewed interest next year.

W. J. D. W.

## Cooking

Cooking this year was an activity which attracted both sexes, but the girls laboured in vain to reveal their supposed talents. They quickly discovered the pitfalls involved in making pancakes and it was suggested that J. Merrett and C. Grieves might have a future in the design of floor tiles. Danish pastries were made with mixed results and other dishes attempted. The term's work came to a climax with a meal cooked and consumed at The Penrith Hilton and including Prawn Cocktail, Moussaka and Baked Alaska.

I would like to thank Mrs. Newby for tolerating our incompetence and the kitchen staff for the provision of ingredients. The girls should also be thanked for trying so hard to cope with the high standards which we set.

ANDREW PAYNE.

## Visits to Local Historic Buildings

In the summer term, Mr. Denny and Mr. Price began a new venture which they hope will become a regular feature of the VIth Form Art group's course. Mr. Denny organized visits to local houses of outstanding architectural interest, beginning with his own family house at Daneway.

The body of Daneway House (set in the steep Sapperton countryside) dates back to the 13th Century; and the attic spaces of the arch-braced roof still serve for a unique bedroom full of romance and the cobwebs of history. Mr. Denny showed us the unusual Stuart Tower, with its original plaster moulded ceilings. We then walked along the nearby Sapperton canal and returned to the house to sample some of the home-brewed Daneway cider...

We could not hope to cap such a start; but our visits to Chastleton, a 1603 manor house completely unaltered in its exterior since its construction and still with its Charles II topiary gardens, and to Snowhill Manor, could not have provided greater contrasts. Chastleton was simple, grand and elegant; Snowhill (architecturally a hotchpotch of Queen Anne, Tudor and Victorian) was not a house at all, but rather an enormous box crammed to the lid with all kinds of bric-a-brac, ranging from a set of Japanese armour to a collection of leather fire-buckets.

No doubt there are equally interesting houses still to be explored in Gloucestershire; but the 15 sixth-formers who went on the visits find it difficult to imagine them. So we look forward to Mr. Denny's expeditions next year with great anticipation.

D. S. J. P.

## Computing

The two Computer Rooms are now equipped with 4 BBC Micros, Disc Units and Epson printer, 5 PET Micros, Disc Unit and Commodore printer and a Phillips Accounting Machine, which has recently been donated to the College. In addition, several boys have their own computers here, mainly Sinclair Spectrums.

A glance at the booking lists or into either of the rooms during free time will testify to the enthusiasm in the College. Courses are now well established in 3rd, 4th, 6th and 7th years.

Word-processing and use of the Micronet tele-software system, which is linked to Prestel, are two of the latest uses of our computers.

After two provisional meetings last year, it is intended to introduce a regular programme of meetings for parents who may be interested.

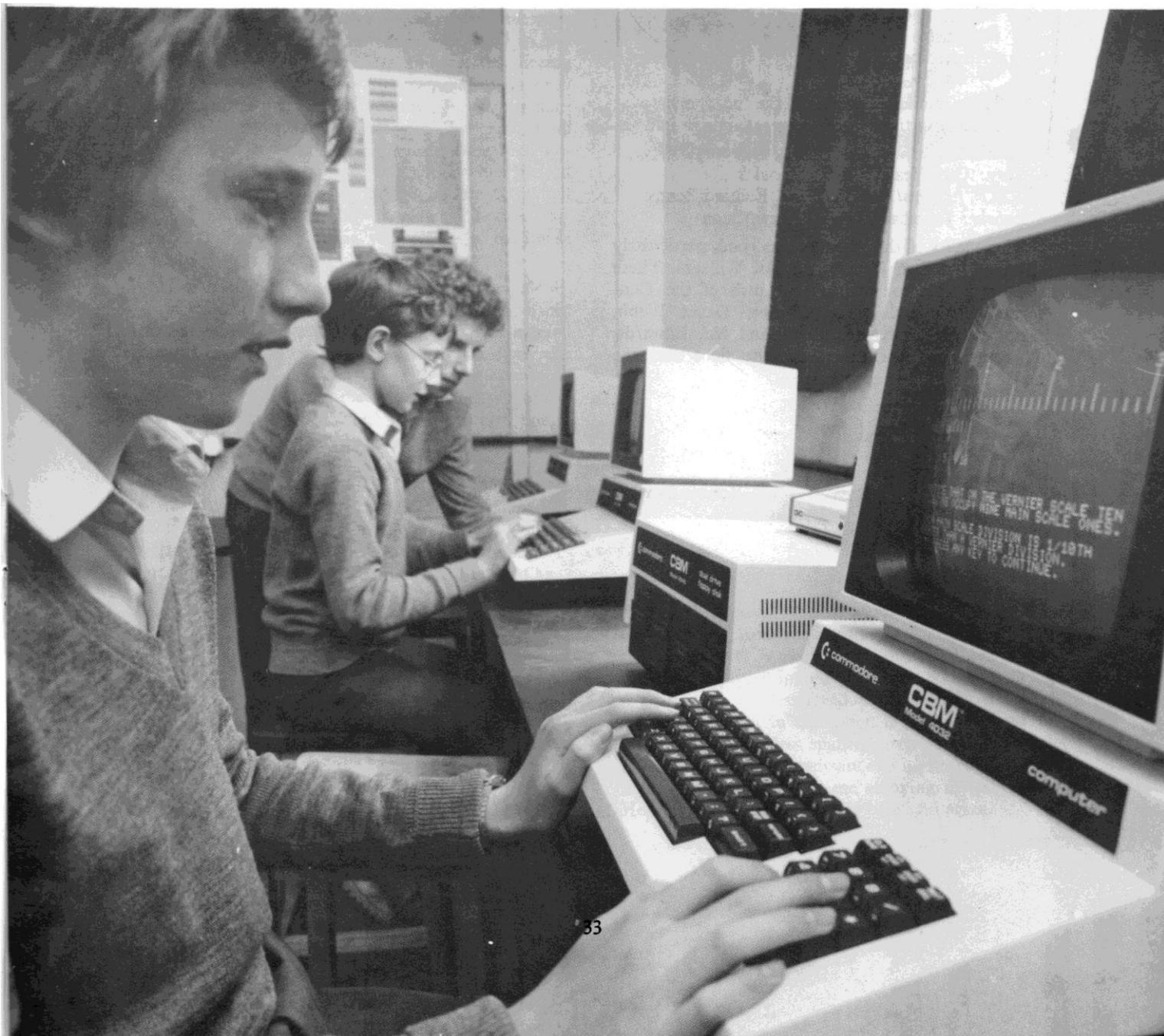
D. A. H.

## Photography

Although the annual competition was not well supported the quality of the prints was high. The black and white categories were won by Oliver Medill and the winning colour photographs were taken by Tamsin Morgan, Liz Scarlett and Oliver Medill.

There is more interest being shown by the lower forms and six boys are learning the practical and theoretical aspects of photography for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Unfortunately we are still limited by the size of the dark room but, due to Mrs. Pedley's generous donation, we are now in a position to buy some more equipment.

LIZ SCARLETT



## The Debating Society

It was decided that the corpse of last year's debating society should be exhumed and brought back to life. The Society is now under the chairmanship of Mr. Lane and the president and secretary for 1983/4 are Dore Green and Robert Prynne respectively. Members of the committee are David Webb, Tony Bailey, David Wilson and Charles Hudson.

There were two debates in the Summer Term, the first on the subject of conscription, the second on the forthcoming election.

The first motion was: "This house believes in the reintroduction of National Service for all British residents". It was proposed by Alison Smith and Jessica Richards and opposed by Chris Mansfield and James Kinch. Unfortunately for the girls, the floor seemed to have made up its mind against them before the start of the debate and they were unable to make much headway. When the house divided the votes were cast as follows: —

For:	3
Against:	37
Abstentions:	5

A large audience attended the next debate at which the political parties were represented as follows: —

*Tory:* Guy Healey, Al Hedderwick

*S. D. P. / Liberal:* Mr. Willson, Richard Bendy

*Labour:* Jonathan Morris, Tony Maton

The quality of the speeches was good, particularly those of Jonathan Morris and Mr. Willson. These two were able to wean away much of the Conservative support. Simon Beales, David Webb, Gautom Barthakur, Mr. Medill and Mr. Edwards, all contributed speeches from the floor and the house then divided as follows: —

Conservative:	31
S. D. P. / Liberal:	29
Labour:	10
Abstentions:	8

ROBERT PRYNNE

## Junior Debates

Two debates were held this year. At the first of them Dominic Clark and Edward Crowther proposed the motion that "This House believes in unilateral disarmament". They were opposed by Barnabas Branston and Simon Kingscote. The debate was lively and many contributions were made from the floor. The motion was heavily defeated.

For:	1
Against:	7
Abstentions:	7

The second debate discussed the motion that, "This House prefers the horizontal system to the vertical system of organising boarding-school houses". Daniel Beales and Roderick Hill both spoke well in proposing the motion but they were very adequately opposed by Robert Anderson and Darren John. The conservative views of the House were revealed when the motion was carried.

For:	13
Against:	0
Abstentions:	1

ROBERT DRAPER

BARNABAS BRANSTON

## Nightlife

Aeons ago, in the mists of unrecorded time when I was about seven years old, as the sun plopped behind the hills in the West, I plopped into bed or in front of the television. The darkness was not just night then, it was Darkness with a capital "D". My night was peopled with demons and devils, doppelganger and dragons; it was no safe place for a probing youngster! Going out to the shed to fetch a hammer for my working father was a major expedition, and walking right up the garden to lock up the hens was an experience so terrifying that, even with the huge flashlight, stout stick and bounding dog, I only occasionally ventured out so perilously.

With growing age and, with luck, maturity, my material fears slipped into the realm of childish imagining. A golden age of night-time ventures lasted from my tenth to thirteenth year. I would roam far into the fields and smile at my previous folly. Then, on a starry night, wandering at will along a silent road, I looked up. I was terrified! I suddenly realised how fantastically big space was. I searched my memory for star names and in my imagination I sped past Mars and Jupiter, fleeing the Solar system, passing Sirius and Capella until the final infinity yawned before me. It was horrible; my atheistic beliefs sparred with disbelief at all creation's being a fluke, and my megalomaniac fantasies diminished in stature to a speck when viewed against the cosmos. I continued on my walk, but with a new apprehension. I glanced round restlessly, and the comforting yellow light of the house windows was welcomed gladly on my return.

Now I walked again at night. The demons, devils, doppelganger and their friends began to haunt me once more. Omens of portentous doom clustered around me as I shuffled nervously through the woods. Without fail every night a black cat would cross my path, making me swallow in superstitious worry at the great misfortune which was now bound to befall me; owls' hootings prophesied the death of all my family; trees creaked ominously, and dropped branches as I passed. This was a time of fear beyond all reasoning, and yet I walked. My motives were obscure, perhaps I sought witchcraft or the devil, maybe I enjoyed being petrified nocturnally. I do not honestly know, but I carried on.

As this continued I grew to know the night. No hideous doom overcame me; all my family is intact, except the odd grandparents; I never discovered Satan or Hecate and my nightly petrification never turned me to stone. When I became aware of this miraculous immunity to danger I took to the roads and fields with renewed vigour every night.

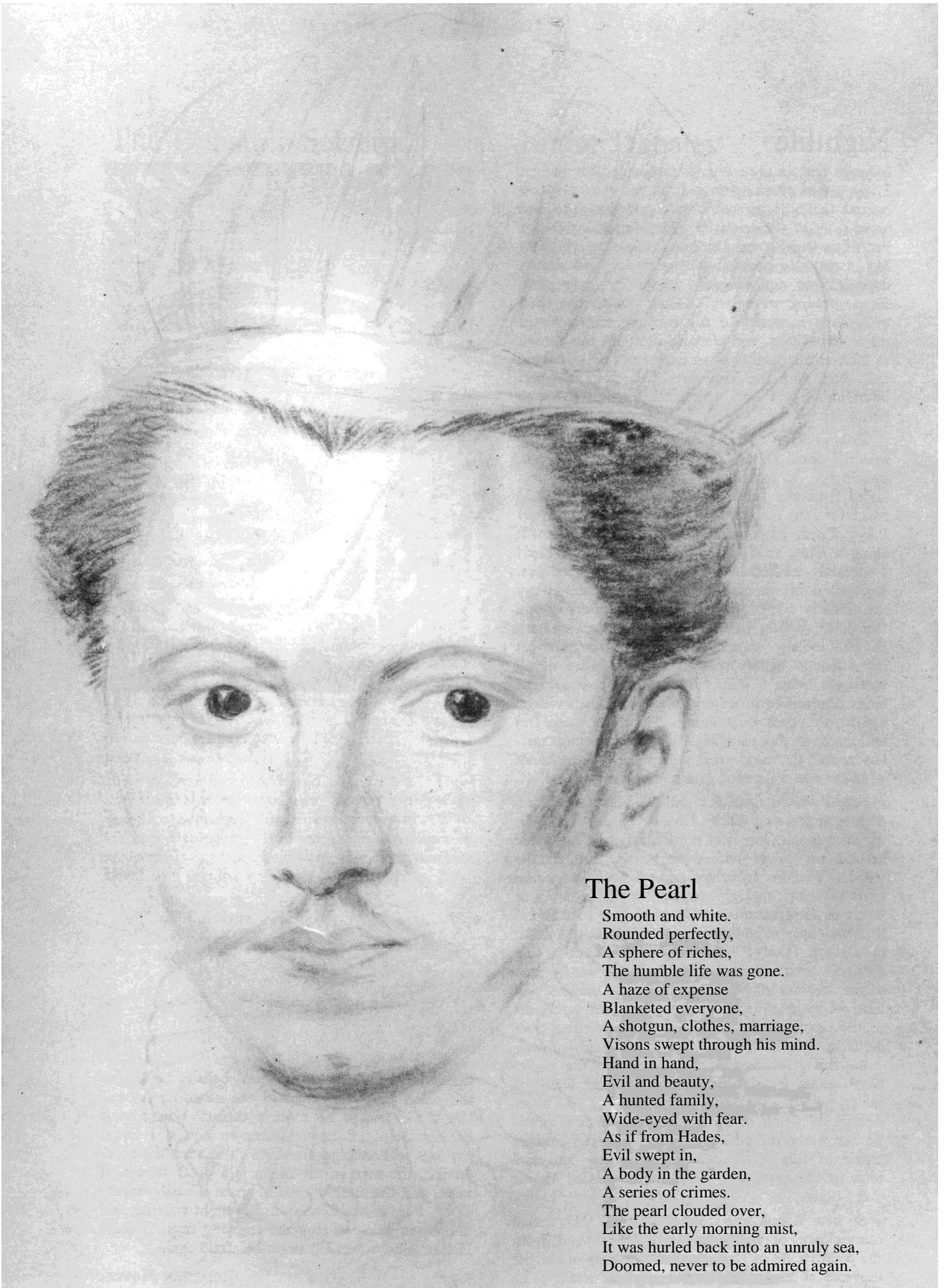
So now I walk free from all anxiety. My virtual omniscience of night-time sounds, gleaned from the countryside in eight years of strolling under the universe at night, stands me in good stead. The



*Neil Patterson-Fox*

distant tintinnabulation of rural bells is no longer the chink of cauldrons, and the haunting hoot of the Wood Owl is no more a threat. I let myself breathe deeply, I ignore unknown noises, I swing my legs with careless freedom. The stars are spectacular, the man in the moon is a good friend of mine, and the endless span of space is easily understood. I am in my Renaissance of night walking, and nobody is going to stop me enjoying myself; come Hell or high water, I'll never be afraid again.

JONATHAN MORRIS.



## The Pearl

Smooth and white.  
Rounded perfectly,  
A sphere of riches,  
The humble life was gone.  
A haze of expense  
Blanketed everyone,  
A shotgun, clothes, marriage,  
Visions swept through his mind.  
Hand in hand,  
Evil and beauty,  
A hunted family,  
Wide-eyed with fear.  
As if from Hades,  
Evil swept in,  
A body in the garden,  
A series of crimes.  
The pearl clouded over,  
Like the early morning mist,  
It was hurled back into an unruly sea,  
Doomed, never to be admired again.

## A Deed Without A Name

The featureless, peeling walls of the bathroom are the only witness to his misery. He crawls desperately through the battle-scarred corridors of his mind to a great open space. A huge windswept plain is calling him— 'There's room enough for lonely people here'. The rough moorland grass and birdless trees wave to him, trying to catch his eye as he peers through thick grey clouds into an eternal dusk.

His tortured imagination collapses and he is left to look at himself. Just him — without love, without friends, without use. Without self-respect. Self-respect is gone, one issue remains to be resolved. Like battling Viking gods, self-preservation and self-disgust fight furiously for the upper hand. The final confrontation. He stretches out a hand to something shiny on the windowsill.

For many months, bitterness has been his only motivation. For a few seconds now, he drives it all back home, from whence it came, and justice is done. A few seconds is all it takes. He sinks back against the side of the bath — exhausted, martyred, contented in the shadow of a momentous decision. The hazy, uninteresting scene before him fades to complete darkness. Then, no less impenetrable than the dark, a great radiant gold, a light like a million suns.

He opens his eyes to a new inscrutability, finds himself floating, weightless. A tiny circle of light way above gives the impression of enclosure — yes. he is in a shaft, cut in rock, about twenty feet across. Invisible beings all about him are shouting in confusion, but there is something else, a living fear, more real perhaps than the disembodied voices. He opens his mouth to call out to them, but can make no noise.

He feels afraid. And, serving an affinity to him, the icy wind of fear seizes him, spins him around. He wants to struggle, but cannot move. Again he tries to shout, but he is denied the luxury of a shriek of panic, or even of surprise. The wind tears at him, bites him, bores holes through his body...

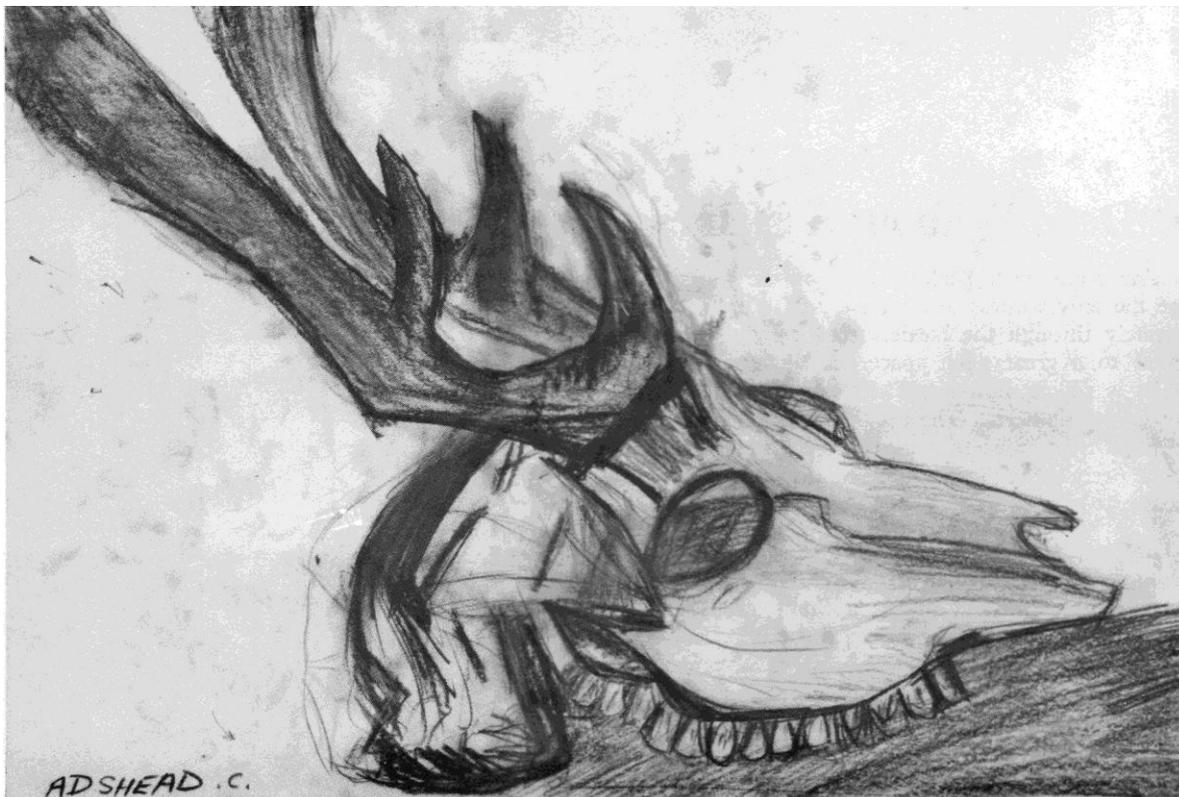
His body? He looks down, in amazement at first, but the aspect beneath him quickly sets all into its terrible focus. Not thirty yards below his gaze meets a menacing red glare: its heat pulls on him, draws him in from the freezing wind. He hears the roaring of the hungry fire, soon deafeningly loud, but not loud enough to stifle the anguished cries pouring out of the darkness. Nothing can stifle those cries.

Only now, too late, is this revealed to him. Only now, as he adds his own voice to the screams of the damned, can he see his awful mistake.



*Photo: Ian Bishop*

ANDY RONTREE.



*Drawing: Corrin Adshead*

## Sunset on Armageddon

A crack breaks the stillness and a blackened bough peels away from its dead host, falls, lingering with indecision above the unwelcoming ground and finally landing in a billowing brown cloud of ash. A human hand, stripped of flesh, skeletal and black like a wire model, reaches up as if clutching desperately at the last scraps of life dissolving in the poisoned air, but it is only the wind that plays, child-like, among the ruins.

The landscape is cratered, pock-marked like its minion the moon, and the great dust-bowls, miles deep and vastly wide, are all that remain of the royal blue and majestic green seas that formerly swept grey crags and golden beaches. From these hollows erratic trenches twist wildly this way and that upon the dry and cracked surface. Where soaring forests and woods once speared the skies, fertile and vibrant with life, there are now only charred spines, the bones lying in crumbling heaps on the ground, already coated with a powdering of the dust that was grass and earth only a short eternity ago. Mountains, before snow-bound and purple-capped, now stand ashamedly in tumbled-down piles, some split down the middle and oozing rock made molten by the heat of the apocalypse. Their sisters, the hills, are scraped raw of their green skins and cratered like the flat earth. Their hollow cavities stare like death's eyes, blindly horrified, upon the world-wide battlefield in all hell's glory of still, silent, barren desolation.

But while Nature stands thus uncomprehending, every testimony of man has been ground to dust. Proud steeples that once lauded The Creator were the first to fall, desperate to avoid humiliating ironies, and the tower-blocks of a twentieth century Babel followed, their whiteness peeling away with the

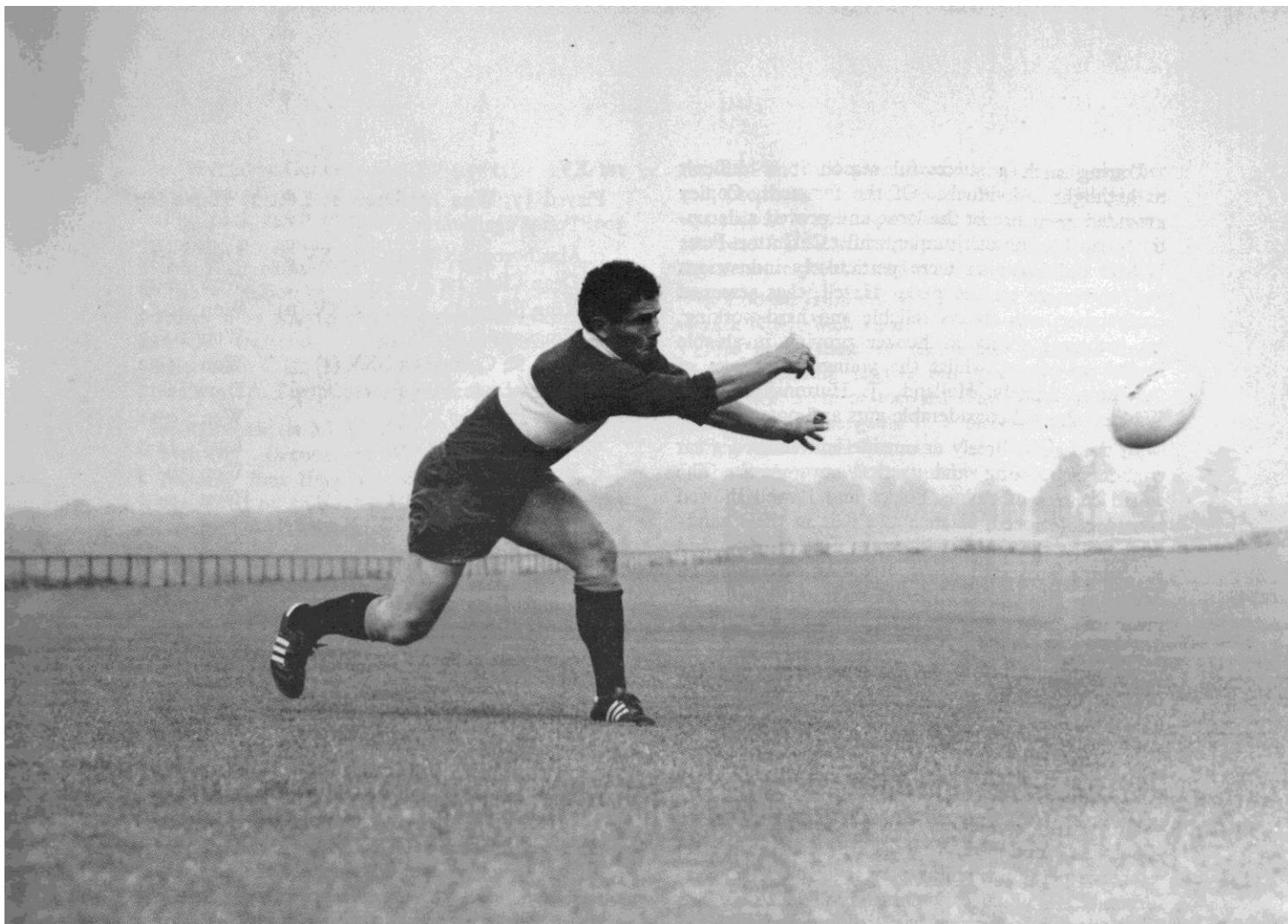
first wave of heat, then their stones toppling and crumbling; finally they were beaten to jagged shards and crushed to fine powder whence they came. Man has vanished so completely that it is as if he had never cursed the planet with his leprous touch.

Now the sun inclines his face towards his favourite subject with soft golden pleasure of anticipation, squatting low upon the eastern hills. Not until then does he see what has happened since he last descended. There is a moment of stunned disbelief. Then the sky around him flashes red in anger, furious colours shooting along the horizon with electric speed. The fiery orb at last pales with grief and, as he sinks into night, he bids his last farewell in sorrowful, gilded tears that spread like rivers over the naked hills.

The skies darken through deepening hues of blue to sinister blackness. The shy stars, fearful of what they might see, appear one by one to gaze upon the awful spectacle and remain blinking in consternation, while the moon rises like the lighter counter-balance to the fallen sun and stares, coldly fascinated, at her master; for though the beast is dead, it still holds such power, intangible but inescapable, that she cannot break free. She does not weep as the sun has, for she alone has been intruded upon by man and has recoiled, irrevocably tainted.

With the night come cool mists that sink into every chasm and cavity of the surface of the planet, filling the newly vacated bowls that were the seas, slipping silently through the tunnels recently bored into the highlands. The coldness buries itself in the dust and ash, extinguishing the remaining glowing embers. And with the mists, obscurity finally engulfs the culmination of man's achievements.

STEVE SIMKIN.



David Woof

## Rugby

The kind weather during the term allowed us to complete a very full programme of rugby fixtures at all age levels.

Some new fixtures were organised, including several for the U15B and U14B XVs and, although the junior teams were again faced with the toughest task, playing sides from much larger schools, a few notable victories were achieved. The U14 team showed particular talent and the enthusiastic Junior House sides show considerable potential. One commendable feature of the junior squads this term was the great zeal with which the game was played whether in practices or matches, and most boys seemed to enjoy their rugby.

When contemplating the “spirit of the game” one memorable and very enjoyable occasion during the season springs to mind: when the “old campaigners” managed to don cobwebbed rigger boots and ancient, well chewed gum shields, leave the shelter of the Staff Common Room and play in a Boys and Staff rugby match.

It was envisaged that the 1st XV would have a sound side, but to break the playing record of the previous year’s 1st XV shows the great depth of talent in the present 6A. The commitment and

industry of the team were evident from the start, and throughout the season the side developed the perfect approach to the game with enjoyment being an essential element.

The backs were probably the best that the school has ever produced. They showed great willingness to experiment with and meticulously practise new set moves. Once perfected, these moves, coupled with their individual natural talent and awareness in the game, led the division to produce some exhilarating running-handling rugby with often devastating results. This open play was a pleasure to watch from the touch-line and was certainly commented upon by numerous spectators. Objectively this is borne out by the following impressive statistics — 68% of the total points scored by the team were from tries, with 82% of the tries being scored by the backs and 60% of these being achieved by the wingers!

The forwards deserve a great deal of credit for their part in the season’s success. Man-for-man smaller than most opposition packs, they played with tremendous spirit and tenacity. Not only did they gain considerable quality possession from set-pieces and the loose, but they were particularly strong in support when attacking or going backwards.

During such a successful season it is difficult to highlight individuals. Of the forwards, Copley provided great fire in the loose and proved a deceptively capable line-out jumper, whilst C. Hutton-Potts, Wilcox and Freeman were particularly industrious and aggressive on the park. Hazell, that seasoned campaigner, was always reliable and hard-working, his technical ability as hooker proving invaluable in the set-pieces, whilst the younger members of the unit, namely Holland, J. Hutton-Potts and Waddell showed considerable guts and potential.

In the backs, Brealy at outside-half showed great confidence, timing and tactical awareness. The squad centres of Payne, Phelps and Powell showed considerable speed, balance and flair in their handling, whilst the squad wingers of Healey, Ekin and R. Smith possessed great attacking strength and defensive awareness. Special mention should be made of Archer whose contribution as full-back was vital. Not only did his goal-kicking help us on many occasions, but in attack when 'coming into the line' he showed an uncanny judgement which, when linked to a deceptive turn of speed, allowed him to slice through opposition threequarters with great ease. These talents helped him gain a place on the County U19 squad.

Great tribute must of course be paid to D. J. Woof. As Captain of Rugby he proved the perfect reference point for junior players through his performances in practices and matches. Not only was he the 'complete' scrum-half, in terms of skill and experience, but his attitude to the game was exemplary — a tough customer on the park but totally fair. With these qualities, he secured a place in the South of England U19 side and should, I am sure, go on to play for a top club.

The 1st XV in 1983? The reduced numbers of present 5th Form players may cause problems, but next year's 6A and 5th Form look to have considerable potential. Even if the results are not quite up to the '82 XV's, if the spirit is right, it should be an enjoyable season.

I feel I must make a brief comment on the departure of Andrew Potts to foreign shores. During his years here he contributed greatly to the success of the senior rugby sides. His 2nd XV teams always reflected his personal ideals of the game, performing with great commitment but always remembering the essential elements of "camaraderie and good humour". The British School in Paris have certainly gained an excellent rugby coach.

May I take this opportunity to thank all the rugby staff who spent so much time and energy with their sides, the rugby committee for their efficiency off the park and Mr. Essenhigh for his efficiency on the park.

Finally, may I thank the 1st XV who provided me with one of the most enjoyable and rewarding seasons of my coaching career.

M. J. N.

## 1st XV

Played 17; Won 14; Drew 1; Lost 2; Points for 309; Points against 108.

- v. Marlborough College 2nd XV (A) Lost 17-10
  - v. Dean Close 1st XV (A) Won 6-23
- v. King Edward's, Bath 1st XV (H) Won 21-15
  - v. Kingswood 1st XV (A) Won 10-12
- v. Wycliffe College 2nd XV (A) Won 4-22
  - v. Rednock 1st XV (H) Drew 12-12
  - v. Deer Park 1st XV (A) Won 0-51
  - v. Bloxham 1st XV (A) Lost 14-3
  - v. Burford 1st XV (H) Won 30-3
  - v. Monkton Combe 1st XV (A) Won 0-6
- v. Old Saltians Colts XV, Birmingham
  - (A) Won 3-38
  - v. Chosen Hill 1st XV (H) Won 14-4
  - v. King's Gos. 1st XV (A) Won 10-13
  - v. Prior Park 1st XV (H) Won 13-10
  - v. Sir Thomas Rich's 1st XV (A) Won 3-11
  - v. Dauntsey's 1st XV (H) Won 18-7
  - v. Old Rendcombians XV (H) Won 12-0
- v. MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE 2nd XV (Away)
  - 11th Sept. Lost 17-10.

Against a very strong pack we struggled to control the game. Although 'outgunned', our forwards fought well allowing the backs some good possession from which we scored probably the best try of the season. Despite the disappointing result the team performance was pleasing with the threequarters showing particular potential.

- v. DEAN CLOSE 1st XV (Away)
  - 14th Sept. Won 6-23.

A sharp contrast from the previous match, with the team producing an outstanding performance that was to set the standard for the rest of the season. Ample quality possession from the forwards allowed the backs to decimate their opposite numbers. A satisfying result with C. Ekin and R. Copley playing particularly well.

- v. KING EDWARDS, BATH 1st XV (Home)
  - 18th Sept. Won 21-15.

Both sides were evenly balanced and produced an exciting high-scoring match. The forwards showed considerable 'fire', especially E. Wilcox and S. Hazell, whilst the backs showed great fluidity in their running and handling. A sound complete team performance and a pleasing result.

- v. KINGSWOOD 1st XV (Away)
  - 30th Sept. Won 10-12.

The 'big match' of the season with conditions perfect for running rugby. Our backs never allowed theirs to establish any offensive pattern, despite the ample possession that their huge pack gave them. The match was finely balanced until, ten minutes from the end, D. Woof took a quick penalty and steamrolled his way over the line, the great tenacity of our forwards allowing us to hang on to the lead. M. Archer and G. Healey had a very sound game.

v. WYCLIFFE COLLEGE 2nd XV (Away)  
7th Oct. Won 4-22.

The pack again overcame bigger opposition to establish a sound platform for the backs to run their various set moves. Only hard tackling by the opposition kept the score down. The pleasing features were the forwards' aggression in the loose and the tremendous close-support play by the whole team. C. Hutton-Potts, A. Waddell, S. Powell and A. Phelps played particularly well.

v. REDNOCK 1st XV (Home).  
15th Oct. Drew 12-12.

For the first time this season the backs were really tested by an opposition that we have learned to respect. The match was as close as the score suggests with the two well organised sides producing some exciting flashes of rugby. M. Archer slotted a penalty in the last minute to give what was probably a very fair result. G. Healey, R. Smith and R. Copley had a particularly good game

v. DEER PARK 1st XV (Away).  
20th Oct. Won 0-51.

From the start our well organised team played with great discipline to establish a handsome early lead. We proved stronger in all departments and the avalanche of possession that our forwards gave meant the backs could attempt their full repertoire of set moves to demoralise a younger less experienced opposition.

v. BLOXHAM 1st XV (Away).  
3rd November. Lost 14-3.

A poor performance by the whole team in rather dismal weather conditions led to a very disappointing result. The score alternated through penalty kicks until after some unlucky decisions we lost the lead on the stroke of half-time. In a scrappy second half poor tackling allowed our opponents to consolidate their position.

v. BURFORD 1st XV (Home).  
10th Nov. Won 30-3.

A handsome victory helped by an excellent performance in all divisions. The rearranged pack worked well together and were complemented by a confident, attacking set of backs with the moves "Bath Tub" and "Sock 3" leading to some impressive tries. E. Wilcox and A. Payne played very well.

v. MONKTON COMBE 1st XV (Away).  
13th Nov. Won 0-6.

The cloudbursts and hail storms early in the match ruined any chance of an open game. Our forwards performed well against a larger pack who were spurred-on by a sizeable and particularly partisan crowd of spectators. M. Archer gave us victory with two penalties.

v. OLD SALTIAN COLTS XV, BIRMINGHAM (Away).  
14th Nov. Won 3-38.

This proved a pleasing first taste of Club rugby for many of the team. Our side was a mixture of

1st, 2nd and 3rd players who played well together and produced an impressive victory. The match was played in good spirit and the superb hospitality provided by the Birmingham club helped make the day a very enjoyable and memorable one.

v. CHOSEN HILL 1st XV (Home).  
24th Nov. Won 14-4.

The early stage of the game produced some exciting running rugby, but gradually the 'Old- Gloucester' style of forward play from the opposition reduced the game to a monotonous series of rolling mauls and scrums. An unenjoyable game for both players and presumably spectators.

v. KING'S GLOS. 1st XV (Away).  
27th Nov. Won 10-13.

The confident smile of the O. R. Rugby captain who appeared on the touch-line to scrutinize the 'future opposition' said it all! The atrocious conditions underfoot and the rearranged back division prevented our playing with our usual open style, and we had to struggle to win. An excellent handling try by the opposition motivated us to greater work in the second half. Our frequent encampment on their line was rewarded with a good try by C. Ekin and three converted penalties from G. Brealy.

v. PRIOR PARK 1st XV (Home).  
4th Dec. Won 13-10.

This new fixture provided us with some impressive opposition. They were well organised and stretched us in all aspects of the game. A committed performance by both sets of forwards and a genuine attempt to run the ball by both sets of backs led to an excellent game and a very pleasing result for us.

v. SIR THOMAS RICH'S 1st XV (Away).  
8th Dec. Won 3-11.

We dominated the game from the start and created many scoring chances; but the spirited performance by a younger opposition kept the score to a respectable level. M. Holland, with his remarkable strength for a 5th former, had an excellent match and was rewarded with a classic prop's try.

v. DAUNTSEY'S 1st XV (Home).  
9th Dec. Won 18-7

At this stage of the season the forwards were playing with machine-like efficiency and the backs were attacking with great confidence and flair. These features were very apparent in this match. Despite the dismal weather, both sides produced some exciting rugby, but our strengths led to a resounding victory.

v. OLD RENDCOMBIANS XV (Home).  
11th Dec. Won 12-0.

A hard, exciting and enjoyable match, providing a most fitting end to an outstanding season. Despite a very strong and very confident Old Boy's team, the school XV rose to the occasion, playing with great guts and determination. D. Woof scored in the first half after both the forwards and the backs

combined to produce a series of surging handling moves. Despite losing B. Freeman and G. Healey through injury we continued to quell everything the O.R.s could produce and counter with our own well disciplined attacks. Further tries gave us a deserved and memorable victory.

DAVID WOOF.

## 2nd XV

1982 will not be remembered as a great 2nd XV rugby year. The results were, as can be seen, disappointing. However, at times we played much better than a record of 5 wins and 10 defeats would seem to indicate, losing many of our games through decisive mistakes at critical moments, and also due to the inexperience of some members of the team. This coupled with niggling injuries unsettled the side, and made it impossible to find a winning team until the second half of the season. Despite the poor season, mention must be made of the consistently fine performances of Simon Powell at fly-half.

Thanks must go to all who played, and I hope they enjoyed themselves. Thanks also to Mr. Potts for 4 years' service as second's coach, it was a pity we could not give him results for his last season, as he deserved success for his perseverance and hard work.

**Results:** Played 15; Won 5; Lost 10.  
Points for: 145; Points against: 187.

Marlborough (A)	Lost 0-14
Dean Close (H)	Lost 11-14
King Edwards, Bath (H)	Lost 4-15
Prince Henry's (H)	Lost 4-22
Kingswood (A)	Lost 10-19
Wycliffe (A)	Lost 0-12
Rednock (H)	Won 15-3
Bloxham (H)	Lost 3-22
Burford (H)	Won 28-0
Monkton Combe (A)	Lost 4-6
Cokethorpe (H)	Lost 3-32
Chosen Hill (H)	Won 26-0
King's School, Glos. (H)	Won 26-6
Kingham Hill (A)	Lost 0-18
Sir Thomas Rich's (A)	Won 11-4

RICHARD DEACON AND ADRIAN STEPHENSON.

## 3rd XV

Although on paper the results do not appear as good as in the last two seasons, in the circumstances the team performed remarkably well. Apart from the first match, all the games were closely contested and, with more stability in the team, several of the narrow defeats could have ended as victories.

Because so many fifth formers opted out of Rugby and also due to the many injuries in the senior teams, there were many enforced changes which enabled a lot of boys to gain match experience, but of course this also meant that no settled style of play could be developed.

As usual several boys played their first Rugby for Rendcomb in this team, often with great success. If more boys could be encouraged to continue playing Rugby after the fourth year, there would be more competition for the 3rd XV and thus better practice games for everyone and eventually a higher standard.

D. A. H.

## Results:

v. Dean Close School 3rd XV (H)	Lost 4-27
v. Kingswood School 1st XV (A)	Lost 0-10
v. Wycliffe College 4th XV (A)	Won 7-0
v. Bredon School 1st XV (A)	Lost 4-12
v. Bloxham School 3rd XV (H)	Lost 3-6
v. Farmor's School U16 XV (A)	Lost 3-4
v. Monkton Combe School 3rd XV (A)	Lost 6-7
v. Kingham Hill School 2nd XV (A)	Won 15-0

Played 8; Won 2; Lost 6.

Points for 42; against 66.

The following played for the Third XV:

A. Maslin and A. Paton (Capts. ), S. Beales, E. Roberts, M. Smith, D. Stewart, N. Stewart, C. Acocks, D. Appleton, S. Badcott, A. Bailey, T. Brealy, N. Green, C. Mansfield, R. Newman, P. Paterson-Fox, R. Wakeham, G. Boyce, J. Butling, C. Carpenter, B. Jenkins, J. Kinch, D. Wilson, J. Awdry, M. Binder, S. Hannam, B. Hatcher,  
R. McIntyre, M. Newman, R. Prynn.

## U15 XV

Played: 11 Won: 4 Lost: 7

### Results:

v. Dean Close (A)	Lost 0-24
v. King Edward's School, Bath (A)	Lost 0-20
v. Kingswood School, Bath (H)	Lost 0-32
v. Rednock School (H)	Won 4-0
v. Bredon School (A)	Won 19-18
v. Bloxham School (A)	Lost 0-16
v. Monkton Combe School (H)	Lost 4-12
v. Cokethorpe School (H)	Lost 0-28
v. Deer Park School (A)	Won 16-4
v. The King's School, Gloucester (H)	Won 10-6
v. Kingham Hill School (H)	Lost 6-18

Team from: N. Badcott; R. Bown; A. Brain; T. Branston; M. Cordeux; D. Denby; D. Edwin; K. Elderfield; J. Healey (Capt. ); C. Hudson; S. Jenkins; N. Blackshaw; R. Khosrowshahi; K. Knight; S. McIntyre; R. Moss; T. Needham; N. Paterson-Fox; D. Scarlett; M. Stitt; A. Trowern; G. Veale; N. Webb.

In a long and demanding season the squad played with character and determination and, with a little good fortune, could have improved considerably on the results they achieved. The forwards, although usually smaller than the opposition, often managed to win a clean ball and played soundly in defence. The backs however were disappointing with only N. Webb and J. Healey showing any attacking flair.

T. Needham and M. Stitt are to be congratulated for their courageous tackling and bravery.

S. H. J.

### Under 14 XV:

Results:  
Played: 8 Won: 5 Lost: 3

King Edwards, Bath	Lost	42-18
Kingswood School	Lost	16-10
Sir Thomas Rich's	Lost	26-0
Bredon School	Won	58-0
Bloxham School	Won	12-10
Monkton Combe	Won	23-12
King's, Glos.	Won	10-0
Kingham Hill School	Won	20-0

After a slow start, the team produced some extremely good results, notably our victory over Bloxham. The early losses against King Edward's and Kingswood were due to the team's lack of practice and, in the case of King Edward's, terrible weather conditions and injury to D. Aylott.

We had a strong scrum, and D. Aylott and S. Kingscote played some good attacking rugby which provided the majority of the tries scored. We had a strong front and second rows, which provided plenty of ball possession in scrums and line-outs.

The backs improved throughout the season producing some very good rugby and a large number of tries. R. Draper, B. Branston, D. Clark were safe in defence and quick to attack. A. Breal at fly-half produced excellent penetrating kicks. P. Moore proved himself as a good runner and the wingers, A. Cayton in particular, were quick on the offensive; G. Davies strengthened the line still more when he played for us.

The following played: R. Hill, M. Walters, I. Whittaker (Capt. ), M. Astill, C. Moody, T. Burns, S. Kingscote, D. Aylott, M. Reid, D. Clark, A. Breal, B. Branston, P. Moore, J. Kook, R. Draper, G. Davies, A. Cayton, N. Blackshaw, D. John.

IAIN WHITTAKER.

### Under 13 XV:

Played: 6 Won: 2 Drawn: 1 Lost 3

v. Kingshill (A)	Dre	12-12
v. Dauntsey's (H)	Won	38-4
v. Farmors (H)	Won	24-20
v. King's School (H)	Lost	4-20
v. Deer Park (A)	Lost	8-10
v. Kingham Hill (A)	Lost	4-6

The following played: J. Barnett, A. Binder, P. Bowley, C. Eames, J. Fellows, S. Green, M. Hastings, C. Hoare, R. Johnston, R. Kolb, R. Matson (Capt.), C. Sainsbury, J. Shaw, S. Taylor, E. Webb, J. Williamson, G. Davies, E. Crowther, A. Rollo.

### Under 13 XV

Despite the fact that only 25 boys were eligible for selection, some very good rugby was played by the U13S and enjoyed by many parents who gave valuable support throughout the season.

Although often matched against much larger sides, the boys gave some spirited performances and only against King's School Gloucester were they outplayed.

Matson led the side well and made fine breaks from the base of the scrum. I shall remember Davies' strong running and devastating tackling; Taylor's and Hastings' opportunism and elusive running; Binder's reliable hooking and Green's ability to stifle opponents' attacks and create offensive second phase.

I wish them well next season when the side should be strengthened by the third year entry.

C. C. B.

### Under 12 XV

Dauntsey's School	Won 16-0
Kingshill School	Won 12-0

For many of the first form this has been a new sport in which the intention was to teach and develop the necessary skills by playing in a variety of positions, prior to producing a team unit.

It was particularly encouraging to see a group of novices playing in an unselfish manner and obviously enjoying their ruggie, as illustrated by the enthusiasm shown in gaining their two victories.

Already a number of individuals have shown considerable promise and, as long as they are keen to learn and improve, they should go far and derive much enjoyment from the game.

R. K.

# Hockey

The indoor skills sessions in the Christmas term followed by practices on grass for the first three weeks gave everyone's technique and confidence a significant boost. The snow, frost and rain then kept us to the tarmac surfaces and the Sports Hall for most of February and, overall, we used the top field a mere thirteen out of twenty-eight possible games days! Only sixteen boys opted out of this sport and consequently there were times when the staff were under considerable pressure to occupy over two hundred hockey players. However, there were compensations in that we were able to run four senior elevens as well as the usual junior and girls' teams. The analysis of all ten XI's results shows that Rendcomb players can score goals but, inevitably, it cannot reveal the enjoyment shared by so many.

Played: 47, Won: 22, Lost: 19, Drawn: 6.

Goals for: 121, goals against: 76, Cancelled: 29.

Several players attended the county trials in the Christmas term and the following should be congratulated on reaching Gloucestershire team standard: Matthew Archer (U19), Jessica Richards (U19, 3rd), Philip Moore (U14).

## 1st XI

With the necessary introduction of new backs and a new goalkeeper it was decided that the team would start each match with four forwards, three mid-field players and three backs and, in fact, rarely did they revert to the more conventional 5 : 3 : 2 formation. Simon Powell was moved up to the forward line, and it transpired that his incisive dribbling and passing was very necessary with only four forwards. His determination on the field was an example to everyone. Alistair Hedderwick and Richard Smith on the wings made good use of their chances by striking the ball firmly, but there were times when they were starved due to the backs' not taking advantage of their square positional play. Andrew Payne scored many goals; however his inability to move his feet round the ball and his tendency to obstruct led to many chances' being missed. With careful thought about his play he should develop into a key player next season.

The mid-field trio played very well individually but were often slow to link together via square passes. David Woof tackled well and worked extremely hard, as always, and Giles Brealy demonstrated some very good stickwork which was good enough to beat John Webb (OR) in the Cheltenham Wednesday match. In addition, Giles' stopping and hitting at penalty corners was crisp and accurate. Matthew Archer captained the side quietly but effectively, to the extent that the team played as well as he did. His break away dribbles

from the half way line into the circle always devastated the opposition, but I will remember him particularly for his excellent reverse stick tackles.

David Webb and Richard Deacon, although often caught "square", generally played a solid game. It is very easy to criticise backs, but it must be said that they often watched the opposition line up for a shot and hence our goalkeeper was tested more than was necessary. In their defence, they did have to put up with the 'floating' centre back, Charles Hutton-Potts, who covered more of the field in a game than anyone else! He did move very rapidly, strike the ball well and build up attacks and his enthusiastic approach will be missed next season.

The first match saw the 1st and 2nd XI goalkeepers on interview, so Michael Uglow stepped in somewhat hesitantly and yet did a very good job. With some coaching he should prove to be a useful keeper for 1984. Stephen Hazell kept goal for the rest of the season and when he concentrated he made excellent saves due to his sensible positioning and good reactions. It was rather fitting that he should "retire" after playing extraordinary well against the OR's who put considerable pressure on him at times.

I must thank the whole team for their efforts throughout the season, and their clean style of play and quiet acceptance of decisions added much to their game. The latter proved to be an example to many of our opponents.

*Forwards:* A. Hedderwick, A. Payne, S. Powell, R. Smith.

*Midfield:* M. Archer (Capt.), G. Brealy (Vice-capt), D. Woof (R. Hayward, A. Hall).

*Backs:* D. Webb, C. Hutton-Potts, R. Deacon.

*Goalkeeper:* S. Hazell (M. Uglow).

## Results:

v. Glos. College of Arts and Technology	(H)	Draw 1-1
v. Cheltenham College 2 (A)		Won 2-1
v. Prince Henry's, Evesham (A)		Won 4-3
v. Marlborough College 3 *(A)		Won 1-0
v. Colston's School, Bristol (A)		Won 2-1
v. Cheltenham Grammar School (H)		Won 6-0
v. King's School, Gloucester (H)		Lost 1-3
v. Dean Close School 2 (H)		Won 6-0
v. Bloxham School (A)		Draw 0-0
v. King Edward's School, Bath *(A)		Lost 0-2
v. Cheltenham H. C., Wednesday *(A)		Lost 3-4
v. Old Rendcombian Society (H)		Draw 0-0
v. Marling, Prior Park, Crypt, Cirencester H. C.		cancelled.

\*All weather pitch.

C. J. W.

NORTH GLOS. COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY (home).  
Drawn 1-1.

We were under pressure for most of the first half and through lack of marking were one down by half time. An early goal by Matthew Archer, after a solo run in the second half, lifted the team spirit and we applied pressure for the rest of the game but were unable to score.

v. Cheltenham College 2nd XI (away)  
Won 2-1.

Alistair Hedderwick put us ahead. Cheltenham equalised just before half time. We dominated play in the second half and Simon Powell scored the winner after a well constructed move.

v. Prince Henry's, Evesham (away).  
Won 4-3.

Playing on a heavy, uneven pitch, the quality of hockey was poor. Two quick goals by Giles Brealy and Andy Payne put us ahead. Simon Powell and Richard Smith increased our lead in the second half, but major defensive errors allowed Evesham to score.

v. Marlborough College 3rd XI (away).  
Won 1-0.

Playing on an all weather pitch we took far too long adjusting to speed and conditions. Andy Payne scored our goal after a rebound at a short corner and we had a goal disallowed due to obstruction. Our defence was sound and kept out numerous attacks.

v. Colstons (away).  
Won 2-1.

One of our best performances of the season. Still asleep from the coach journey, we conceded an early goal. Lack of finishing in the first half let us down, but in the second half we controlled the game; two goals by Simon Powell and Alistair Hedderwick put us ahead.

v. Cheltenham Grammar School (home).  
Won 6-0.

An easy game in which we controlled from start to finish, showing ball control and team work. Andy Payne had a good game, scoring four of the goals.

v. KING'S SCHOOL, GLOUCESTER (home).  
Lost 1-3.

A rearranged match which could have easily been won. Andy Payne scored our first and only goal from a short corner. Two quick goals by King's School shattered our confidence. We never showed any sign of fighting back, and this was a disappointing result.

v. DEAN CLOSE SCHOOL 2nd XI (home).  
Won 6-0.

Back on form again showing skill and determination, the forwards had an extremely good game, putting away any chances they had. Giles Brealy scored a hat trick and Richard Smith scored two.

v. BLOXHAM (away).  
Drawn 0-0.

A fairly even game played on an unrolled pitch; we lacked the final finishing touches. Simon Powell hit the post twice after two impressive runs.

v. KING EDWARD'S, BATH (away).  
Lost 2-0.

Playing on their all weather pitch we missed an open goal in the first few seconds. We lost because we played as individuals not as a team. The halves and backs committed themselves too much, thus allowing King Edward's to score two goals.

v. CHELTENHAM WEDNESDAY XI (away).  
Lost 4-3.

We played at Stratford Park all weather pitch An enjoyable game but a disappointing result. Play was controlled by John Webb, an old Rendcombian. Despite our fine goals by Giles Brealy, Richard Smith and Alistair Hedderwick our opponents managed to score the winner.

v. OLD RENDCOMBIANS (home).  
Drawn 0-0.

Playing on a rather wet pitch both teams seemed unable to score, lacking the final touch. An enjoyable game to finish the season.

The following played regularly: M. Archer (Capt.), S. Hazell (goal), C. Hutton-Potts, D. Webb, G. Brealy (Vice-Capt.), S. Powell, R. Smith, D. Woof, A. Payne, A. Hedderwick, R. Deacon. Also played: A. Hall, E. Wilcox (goal).

In summary, a very successful season with enjoyable games. I would like to thank Mr. Wood for his coaching and our groundsman Mr. Essenhigh.

MATT ARCHER.

## 2nd XI

The season started poorly for Rendcomb, and the obvious cracks in the defence were exposed by the better teams. However the team began to work as a unit later on, and the matches won were the result of good distribution from Hayward to the main strikers, Smith and Akers. The team enjoyed their hockey, and got through the season with three captains due to injury. Overall it was a mixed season. Many thanks once again to Mr. Potts in his last term for his perseverance in making the team work hard.

Results:	Cheltenham College (A)	Lost 4-1
	Marlborough College (A)	Lost 2-1
	King's Gloucester (H)	Draw 2-2
	Marling (A)	Match cancelled
	Prior Park (H)	Won 2-1
	Colston's School (A)	Lost 4-3
	Dean Close (H)	Won 3-1
	Bloxham (A)	Draw 1-1
	Crypt (H)	Won 3-2
	King Edward's, Bath (A)	Lost 3-1

The following represented the 2nd XI: E. Wilcox, M. Binder, R. Wakeham, C. Acocks, R. Hayward, T. Brealy, A. Hall, A. Paton, M. Smith, R. Akers, P. Paterson-Fox, A. Waddell.

ROBERT WAKEHAM.

### 3rd XI

A good season overall, continuing the success of recent third elevens. The team's confidence grew throughout the season, producing increased team sense and in the end more goals than a third eleven has ever scored before. At one stage during the season we had scored 23 goals and conceded none in three games.

Despite long periods between matches (due to cancellations) the team retained its coherence and fluency without becoming too complacent, thanks to Mr. Essenhigh's coaching and encouragement. He must also be thanked for the conditions of play up top — after playing at Prince Henry's we know better than to complain.

Results:

v. Cheltenham College (A)	Lost	2-6
v. Prince Henry's Evesham (A)	Won	9-0
v. Cheltenham Grammar School (A)	Won	11-0
v. King's School Gloucester (H)	Won	3-0
v. Bloxham School (H)	Lost	2-3
v. O.R.s XI (H)	Won	2-1

The following played: B. Almond, T. Brealy, C. Carpenter, C. Dewar, S. Hannam, G. Healey, M. Holland, J. Hutton-Potts, J. Kinch (Goalkeeper), A. Lewers, A. Maslin, R. Newman, R. Prynne, A. Stephenson, D. Stewart, N. Stewart (Captain), M. Uglow (Main Goalkeeper).

NEIL STEWART.

### Under 15 XI

Results:

15th Jan.: v. Prince Henry's Evesham (H)	Won 3-0
27th Jan.: v. Cheltenham College 'B' (H)	Won 1-0
1st Feb.: v. Marlborough College 'B' (H)	Cancelled
9th Feb.: v. King's, Gloucester (H)	Cancelled
19th Feb.: v. Prior Park (A)	Cancelled
26th Feb.: v. Colston's (A)	Drew 1-1
10th March: v. Dean Close (A)	Won 3-2
12th March: v. Bloxham (H)	Lost 2-4
19th March: v. King Edward's, Bath (A)	Cancelled

Team: R. Bown, G. Veale; S. Jenkins; N. Paterson-Fox; D. Edwin (Capt.); A. Brain; N. Badcott; N. Webb; M. Cordeux; R. Khosrowshahi; M. Bailey. Also played: J. D. Scarlett; M. Thompson; P. Grainger.

This was a heartening season, with three wins, one draw, and one defeat in the five matches allowed by the vagaries of Mother Nature. It looked very much, in fact, as though we would go through the season unbeaten when, in our final match, we led Bloxham 2-0 after ten minutes' play but we then, in a cumulative slide, lost discipline and confidence and eventually lost 2-4, an anti-climax after previous successes.

One would not like to single out particular areas of the side as being better than others; we were a reasonably good all-round unit and, at our best, were capable of constructive, briskly attacking hockey. Perhaps our chief need was to put more pressure on the opposition in and around the circles at both ends — it is fatal to give the enemy time and room at such critical moments. Though defenders must acquire the discipline and experience of not committing themselves to wild, injudicious tackles, they must go in determinedly when they do tackle — forwards relish apologetic, timorous sentinels. Again, a hockey attack inevitably depends considerably on the dual prongs of centre-forward and right-wing and here, with Matthew Cordeux only showing occasional glimpses of his best form and both our tried right-wings limited, we suffered so that we could seldom finish or sustain attacks, thus putting undue pressure on our own defence (clearly illustrated in the Colston's game).

The captain, David Edwin, kept the team busy and often performed very solidly at centre-half, though his positioning needs more thought, and the other halves, Neil Paterson-Fox and Alistair Brain, played with notable industry and effect over the term. The selected full-backs were eventually Graham Veale and Simon Jenkins, both promising players in their way; Simon probably showed as much potential as anyone in the side, but his best position is not yet clear and he needs to read a situation more quickly. The two inside-forwards, Nicholas Webb (keen, wild, ubiquitous) and Reza Khosrowshahi (discreetly elegant), contributed well, while Mark Bailey was perhaps the most improved and constructive forward, developing his left-wing skills and tactical sense noticeably. Matthew Cordeux displayed natural flair, especially in the first half of the Bloxham game, but must learn to graft, to beat his man on the reverse-stick side, and finish more cleanly in the circle. Richard Bown performed reliably in goal throughout until the last match's chapter of accidents.

Congratulations to all concerned and commiserations to Kevin Elderfield, who would almost certainly have been a team regular but whose injured leg kept him off games for the entire season.

J. N. H.

### **Under 14 XI**

Results: Played 6; Won 4; Lost 2.

Team from: M. Astill, D. Aylott, B. Branston, A. Brealy, T. Burns, A. Cayton, D. Clark, P. Moore, J. Penneck, M. Reid, S. Reichwald, A. Rollo, M. Walters, I. Whittaker.

The squad can look back on this season with some satisfaction. Although our training and preparation was limited by the poor weather considerable progress was made. The team improved considerably as the season progressed and some genuine promise emerged. The team suffered only two narrow defeats, both away from home, and recorded some thumping victories. My thanks to Philip Moore, who captained the side so effectively, and to all involved for their dedication and hard work under difficult circumstances.

S. H. J.

### **Under 13 XI**

1983 was a somewhat disappointing season for this age group. Bad weather and illness prevented much progress being made, and it was not possible to develop techniques satisfactorily. Nevertheless, the team played well in their two matches. Against King's School, Gloucester, they won 3-1: this was a fast, hard-hitting game, with both sides flagging well before the end. The King's team deserved credit for providing a good match despite their short experience of hockey. After a month with no opportunity to play as a team, we took to the field against Cheltenham College Junior School. The first half showed clearly that we had forgotten how to hit the ball; but the second half was exciting and keenly contested, with the home team winning 1-0.

The following played in the teams; C. Hoare, D. Hauton, R. Matson, J. Barnett, J. Fellows, P. Bowley, M. Croft, H. Nathan, R. Johnston, J. Shaw, N. Green, M. Hastings, A. Binder, J. Williamson.

Results:

- v. King's, Gloucester (H)                      Won 3-1
- v. Cheltenham College Junior School (A)    Lost 0-1

W. J. D. W.

# Cricket

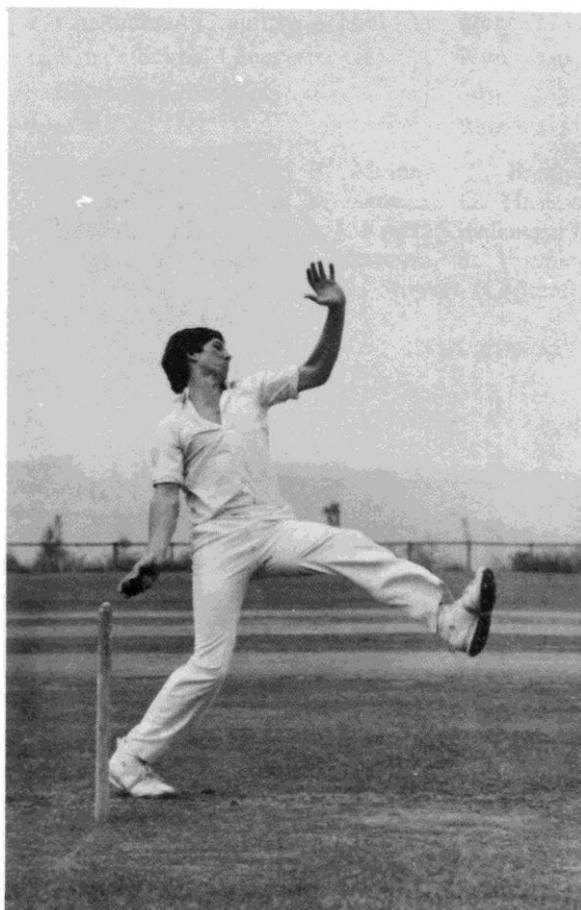
## 1st XI

1983 was a wonderful season for the 1st XI. After a very wet May the sun eventually shone and remained throughout the summer. The cricket matched the weather. Seven hundreds were scored, four by Giles Brealy and three by David Webb. Ian Bishop once again took over 50 wickets and was well supported by Guy Healey (21) and Richard Newman (13). However, more important was the team's achievement in remaining unbeaten in 1983 and doing so by playing attacking cricket. I rate the 1983 side as the best we have had at Rendcomb in my 14 seasons as coach.

For all this to be achieved, however, a lot of hard work has had to be put in, and our net sessions in the Sports Hall in the non-cricket terms have been extremely valuable. I would like to thank Paul Edwards for his support and for allowing me to have my way (at times). It was good to see the 2nd XI playing well, and many members of that team were pushing the 1st XI players for their places.

Finally, I must thank the girls who prepared the teas and lunches throughout the season.

D. E.



Ian Bishop

Results: Played 16; Won 10; Drawn 6; Lost 0.

- v. KING'S, GLOUCESTER — Match drawn. Rendcomb 174-2 decl. (D. Webb, 101 n.o., G. Brealy 45). King's, Gloucester 22-9.
- v. CRYPT — Rendcomb won by 118 runs. Rendcomb 185-6 decl. (G. Brealy 112, D. Webb 31). Crypt 67 all out (Healey 4-19).
- v. SWINDON WEDNESDAY — Rendcomb won by 83 runs. Rendcomb 134-9 decl. Swindon Wednesday 51 all out (Bishop 6-12).
- v. PRIOR PARK — Rendcomb won by 7 wickets. Prior Park — 45 all out (Bishop 7-9). Rendcomb — 46-3.
- v. SIR THOMAS RICH'S — Rendcomb won by 106 runs. Rendcomb 137-8 decl. (D. Woof 37 n.o.). Sir Thomas Rich's — 31 all out (Hedderwick 4-8, Barthakur 4-2).
- v. KINGHAM HILL — Rendcomb won by 10 wickets. Kingham Hill — 17 all out (Bishop 6-8, Healey 4-7). Rendcomb — 19-0.
- v. NORTH CERNEY — Match drawn. Rendcomb — 183-5 decl. (G. Brealy 102, I. Bishop 40). North Cerney 101-6 (I. Bishop 3-21).
- v. KING EDWARD'S, BATH — Rendcomb won by 90 runs. Rendcomb — 140-5 decl. (Hedderwick 34). King Edward's 50 all out (Bishop 4-6, Newman 3-2).
- v. COKETHORPE — Match drawn. Rendcomb — 147-6 decl. (G. Brealy 65 n.o.). Cokethorpe — 59-6 (I. Bishop 4-30).
- v. WESTWOOD'S — Rendcomb won by 92 runs. Rendcomb 183-4 decl. (G. Brealy 48 n.o., Bailey 39, Payne 35). Westwood's 91 all out.
- v. REDNOCK — Match drawn. Rendcomb 161-3 decl. (G. Brealy 61 n.o., D. Webb 37). Rednock 85-6 (Bishop 5-22).
- v. DIOCESAN XI — Rendcomb won by 133 runs. Rendcomb 272-4 decl. (G. Brealy 146 n.o., R. Newman 54 n.o.). Diocesan XI 139 all out (N. Webb 4-30).
- v. FORTY CLUB — Won by 119 runs. Rendcomb 289-5 decl. (D. Webb 141, G. Brealy 112). Forty Club 170 all out (G. Healey 3-33, G. Brealy 3-47).
- v. KELVINSIDE ACADEMY — Match drawn. Rendcomb 215-1 decl. (D. Webb 118 n.o. G. Brealy 56 n.o.). Kelvinside 12-1.

v. MARLING SCHOOL — Rendcomb won by 156 runs.

Rendcomb 173-6 decl. (D. Webb 60).

Marling 17 all out (Bishop 10-5).

v. OLD RENDCOMBIANS — Match drawn.

Rendcomb 162-7 decl. (G. Healey 58).

Old Rendcombiants 50-9 (G. Brealy 4-12).

The following played for the 1st XI: A. Bailey, G. Barthakur, M. Binder, I. Bishop, G. Brealy, R. Deacon, G. Healey, J. Healey, A. Hedderwick, B. Knapp, C. Mansfield, A. Maton, R. Newman, A. Payne, N. Paterson-Fox, D. Webb, N. Webb, D. Woof.

## 2nd XI

The 2nd XI once again enjoyed a most successful season, losing only one game and winning four. The batting was reasonably strong and deep, and Stephen Hazell, Chris Mansfield and Ben Knapp performed especially well. The bowling spearhead was undoubtedly Mark Binder, although he was well supported by the ever-enthusiastic Calum Dewar and Tony Maton.

The team's victories were often the result of collective determination, and it was only when careless and aimless cricket was played that the team failed to realise its potential. I should once again like to thank all members of the side, but particularly Stephen Hazell who was a most competent captain.

Played 8; Won 4; Drawn 3; Lost 1.

v. KING'S SCHOOL, GLOUCESTER — Match drawn.

Rendcomb 113-9 decl. (Knapp 37).

King's School 11-2.

v. BREDON — Rendcomb won by 74 runs.

Rendcomb 114-7 decl. (Hazell 29).

Bredon 40 all out (Binder 3-25, Dewar 4-7).

v. CRYPT — Rendcomb won by 119 runs.

Rendcomb 152-1 decl. (Mansfield 57 n.o., Knapp 56 n.o.).

Crypt 33 all out (Binder 4-2).

v. BLOXHAM — Rendcomb lost by 3 wickets.

Rendcomb 36 all out.

Bloxham 37-7 (Binder 3-10).

v. KING EDWARD'S, BATH — Drawn.

Rendcomb 165-5 decl. (Hazell 60, Knapp 25).

King Edward's 77-7 (Binder 4-20).

v. WESTWOODS — Drawn.

Rendcomb 160-5 decl. (Knapp 50 n.o., Hazell 31).

Westwoods 60-4.

v. REDNOCK — Won by 9 wickets.

Rednock 35 all out (Binder 5-14, Dewar 5-14).

Rendcomb 38-1 (Paton 20 n.o.).

Match v. PRIOR PARK was won but scores unavailable.

P. M. E.

## Under 15 XI

This was an excellent season. The side had the confidence to bat first, and good scores were always obtained. This gave the bowlers a much easier task, and they always rose to the occasion.

The batting was dominated by John Healey and Graeme Veale who scored seven of the eight half centuries between them — a record for a junior eleven. They were well supported by Kevin Elderfield, Nicholas Webb, Matthew Cordeux and Simon Jenkins.

Neil Paterson-Fox and Nicholas Webb opened the bowling and proved to be a very successful partnership, as they maintained such a good line and length. Towards the end of the season John Healey relinquished the wicket-keeping position and showed us what a good all rounder he is, with some outstanding bowling performances.

The team spirit was always good; the out-fielding was of a high standard, but more catches should have been taken.

A fitting end to the season was the selection of Healey, Webb and Paterson-Fox to represent Gloucestershire U15s.

C. C. B.

Results: Played 10; Won 6; Drawn 4.

v. KING'S SCHOOL. Home.

Rendcomb 114 for 7 decl. Kings 7 for 1.

Match abandoned.

v. BREDON. Home.

Rendcomb 138 for 7 decl. Bredon 22.

Cordeux 63, Elderfield 34. Webb 5 for 4.

Rendcomb won by 116 runs. v. BLOXHAM.

Away.

Rendcomb 119 for 7 decl. Bloxham 43 for 4.

Healey 61. Paterson-Fox 3 for 11.

Match drawn.

v. PRIOR PARK. Home.

Rendcomb 129 for 7 decl. Prior Park 56.

Healey 73 not out. Webb 6 for 18.

Rendcomb won by 73 runs.

v. KING EDWARD'S. Home.

King Edward's 142 for 9 decl. Rendcomb 142 for 6.

Webb 4 for 34. Veale 83 not out.

Match drawn.

v. KINGHAM HILL. Home.

Rendcomb 151 for 8 decl. Kingham 95.

Healey 40. Webb 5 for 27. Elderfield 3 for 15.

Rendcomb won by 56 runs.

v. COKETHORPE. Home.

Rendcomb 163 for 5 decl. Cokethorpe 60.

Healey 61, Veale 62. Healey 8 for n.

Rendcomb won by 103 runs.

v. REDNOCK. Home.

Rendcomb 145 for 3 decl. Rednock 89.

Veale 59, Healey 32. Webb 7 for 30.

Rendcomb won by 56 runs.

v. KELVINSIDE ACADEMY. Home.

Rendcomb 120. Kelvinside Academy 62 for 6. Healey 46. Webb 4 for 25.

Match abandoned.

v. BEAUFORT. Home.

Rendcomb 132 for 3 decl. Beaufort 129.

Healey 59 not out, Webb 36. Healey 7 for 45.

Webb 3 for 47.

Rendcomb won by 3 runs.

The following played: M. Cordeux, D. Edwin, K. Elderfield, M. Hammond, J. Healey, (captain), S. Jenkins, N. Paterson-Fox, R. Pitt, P. Spackman, G. Veale, N. Webb, A. Brain, T. Branston, P. Grainger, M. Faulkner,

### Under 14 XI

Played 8; Won 2; Lost 5; Drawn 1.

Team from: M. Astill, D. Aylott, B. Branston, A. Brealy, T. Burns, A. Cayton, D. Clarke, D. John, S. Kingscote, J. Kook, C. Moody, P. Moore, S. Reichwald, M. Reid, M. Walters, I. Whittaker (Capt.).

A rather disappointing season marked by a lack of application on the part of the senior cricketers of the side. Too often games were lost as a result of carelessness and lapses of concentration. The quicker bowlers tended to bowl too short, and the spinners found it difficult to maintain any form. Despite the occasional promising performance with the bat, on the whole players got themselves out unnecessarily. Next season must see a more determined attitude come to the fore if progress is to be made.

S. H. J. C. J. W.

### Under 13 XI

The U13S have had a very successful season, winning three matches, drawing one and losing only one. There have been many notable individual performances with both bat and ball, although it has been performance as a team which has brought the success. The side was captained very responsibly by J. Fellows who gained in confidence with his use of bowlers and field placing as the season progressed. Four members of the team were rewarded with a county trial, albeit unsuccessful, they were J. Fellows, A. Binder, W. Sherwood and S. Green.

This year's squad included four members of the first form, which augurs well for another successful season next year.

### Results:

v. PRIOR PARK. Won by 9 wickets.

Prior Park 44 all out (Binder 6-19).

Rendcomb 45 for 1 (Hewston 16 not out, Fellows 14).

v. KINGHAM HILL. Won by 7 wickets.

Kingham Hill 51 all out (Green 4-15, Binder 4-18, Sherwood 2-8).

Rendcomb 52 for 3 (Binder 16 not out, Fellows 13).

v. TOCKINGTON MANOR. Lost by 10 wickets.

Rendcomb 72 all out. (Sherwood 27)

Tockington Manor 73 for 0.

v. KING EDWARD'S. Drew.

King Edward's 123 for 8 (Binder 5 for 40). Rendcomb 74 for 6 (Nathan 27).

v. REDNOCK. Won by 6 wickets.

Rednock 36 all out (Green 8 for 5).

Rendcomb 37 for 4 (Binder 22 not out).

The following represented the U13 XI:

C. Bannister, J. Barnett, A. Binder, M. Croft, J. Fellows, S. Green, M. Hastings, G. Hewston, C. Hoare, G. Hughes, R. Johnston, R. Kolb, R. Matson, H. Nathan, C. Sainsbury, J. Shaw, W. Sherwood, J. Williamson.

P. S.

## Staff Cricket

Rendcomb Staff Cricket team, admirably guided by D. Essenhigh, won all their games this year. The influx of new players possibly helped achieve this and several members of staff discovered hitherto unrealized abilities.

The first match, against North Cerney, was played on a particularly wet evening which necessitated the tucking of trousers (I hesitate to call them whites) into socks. The evening was enlivened by the Bursar's running between the wickets, a feature of the season, which was particularly admired from the safety of the pavilion by all members of staff. M. Griffiths (Pottery) made a variable debut although he should have been used to the muddy conditions.

Beaufort School made a useful yet slow start under the restraining influence of M. Newby and P. Edwards but, with Deacon performing well behind the stumps, the tail was exposed. Wickets fell quickly to D. Barlow and G. Ball whose cunning use of flight and length claimed two wickets in successive deliveries. Chasing a score of 121 C. Burden produced a classic opener's innings of 45 and, with P. Sykes and D. Essenhigh batting strongly in the middle order, the total was achieved without undue worry.

A second victory was recorded over North Cerney despite playing on the village's own pitch. The Bursar, P. Edwards, M. Newby and P. Sykes all batted well, and in reply the home team had no answer to the school's rich depth and variety of batting.

The visit to King's School, Gloucester, saw a sensational game which took several twists and turns before being resolved. A solid start was successfully built upon with P. Edwards scoring a dynamic 24 and D. Essenhigh a promising 18. Rendcomb's bowling attack was hampered by the loss of M. Newby and despite numerous other mishaps the school came through with some enthusiastic fielding and a devastating bowling performance by Wakeham, who grabbed four wickets in four deliveries.

A strong Wycliffe team was hampered by some tight bowling by M. Griffiths and excellent fielding which included a running catch by D. Barlow. In reply Rendcomb made a steady start before P. Edwards hit out (28) and, with S. Johnson gathering a heroic 26, victory (and an unbeaten season) was achieved off the first ball of the last over.

BERNARD LEACH.

## Boys' Tennis Report

Over thirty boys opted for tennis this year and a number of matches took place, with varying success. We hope that more matches can take place next year now that the structure and possibilities of the game at Rendcomb have become clearer to the new 'junta'. Major problems are still the vastly varied standards of play within the club and, secondly, the unavailability of many good junior players for Saturday and Wednesday matches because of the demands of cricket — clearly we have to evolve the best arrangement within these and other necessary limits. Enthusiasm for the game is still the main requirement, whatever the degree of skill.

Our lack of match practice was manifest at vital moments in the early 1st VI defeat against Cheltenham College 2nd VI, though the Under 16 VI did better in a close encounter on the same day when we were 3-3 at the tea interval, only, disappointingly, to lose all the final rubbers. We were outplayed by Sir Thomas Rich's 1st VI at Gloucester, but then managed to defeat Marling School heavily in our first home game. An enjoyable mixed match with Cirencester School was comfortably won, before we lost, in warm Cheltenham sunshine, to Dean Close on fast grass in a match which, one felt, was tight enough to have gone either way and which reflected the team's progress. Some useful junior players should build on this basis next year but much work, both in and out of season, on fundamental skills and tactics will be needed.

It was heartening to see the courts in such abundant use in the better weather after half-term, and I hope this trend persists next summer. I would like to thank Messrs. Tony Partridge, Paul Kampe, Fred Toombs, and Frank Fry for their help on line-whitening, wire-repairing, grass-cutting, etc., over the term. Thanks also to David Hawkswell for his knowledgeable coaching and zealous help (and injury in the course of duty—never try to retrieve a deep lob in middle age?). Finally, thank you to all the boys, team members and others, for helping to make it an enjoyable summer.

### Results:

22nd May — 1st VI v. Cheltenham College 2nd VI (A). Lost 1½-7½.

Under 16 VI v. Cheltenham College Under 16 VI  
Lost 3-6.

25th May — 1st VI v. Sir Thomas Rich's 1st VI (A).  
Lost 2½-6½.

11th June — 1st VI v. Marling School 1st VI (H).  
Won 8½-½

15th June — 1st VI (mixed) v. Cirencester School (H).  
Won 6-3.

18th June — 1st VI v. Dean Close 1st VI (A).  
Lost 3-6.

The following represented the 1st VI: R. Akers; S. Beales; D. Stewart; M. Archer; A. Lewers; P. Jacobsson; E. Blencowe; S. Powell.

The following represented the Under 16 VI: D. Edwin; R. Khosrowshahi; M. Cordeux; A. Cayton; A. Brealy; M. Astill.

J. N. H.

## Boys' Squash

The 1st V this season was the strongest since the courts were built fifteen years ago. Unfortunately, Simon Knapp, who won the Gloucestershire Under 19 Championship in October, left at Christmas and was not eligible to play in the area semi-final of the National Schools' Tournament, and the match against Blundells was lost 2-3.

In the Gloucestershire Under 19 League it was not always possible to put out the strongest five during the Christmas term, but in the second half of the season the league matches were all won convincingly.

### TEAMS:

1st V (in playing order): Simon Knapp won 4 out of 4, Malcolm Dalrymple-Hay 7 (11), Ben Knapp 9 (10), Mark Smith 6 (11), Charles Hutton-Potts 7 (9), Giles Brealy 4 (6).

2nd V: Charles Ekin, Simon Beales, Stephen Hazell, James Hutton-Potts, Colin Harris.

### RESULTS:

1st V:	v. Sir Thomas Rich's (A)	Lost	2-3
	v. Cheltenham 1st V (A)	Lost	2-3
	v. Gloucester (A)	Won	3-2
	v. Cheltenham (H)	Won	5-0
	v. King's College, Taunton (H)	Won	5-0
	v. Tewkesbury (H)	Won	5-0
	v. Sir Thomas Rich's (H)	Won	4-1
	v. Cheltenham College 2nd V (A)	Won	5-0
	v. Blundells School (A)	Lost	2-3
	v. Cheltenham College 1st V (H)	Won	4-1
	v. Gloucester (H)	Won	4-1

K. J. K.

## Girls' Sport

Congratulations to all the teams for the effort they have put into the matches throughout the year. The girls at Rendcomb do not always win but they certainly play to win!

I am grateful to all the captains of the teams — Headier McColl (Netball), Nicola Agius (Hockey), Joanna Soutter (Squash) and Sarah Sherwood (Tennis) for their help and encouragement. I should especially like to thank Sarah Sherwood and Gaye Adamson for their hard work and for the efficient way they have carried out their duties as Games Secretaries.

C. A. H.

## Girls' Hockey

1983 proved to be a creditable year for the girls' hockey team. It would be fair to say that the game was taken a little more seriously this season, as we were at last eager to prove that we were not totally incapable! There was indeed much enthusiasm and determination displayed by the players in the various matches, which was ultimately reflected in the results achieved.

All credit to our various coaches; Mr. C. Wood, Mr. S. Johnson and ever faithful Mr. D. Essenhigh, for the greater unity attained amongst the players, which together with the new hockey shirts, inspired the necessary team spirit to win.

The forwards proved to be a formidable combination, supporting each other well up the field. Jo Soutter was certainly kept on her toes on the wing by Alison Young, whose rather strong passes did tend to leave everyone standing at times! The defence also played extremely well, with Caroline Grieves delivering the team from many awkward moments with seemingly boundless energy. When all else failed, our county player Jessica Richards, and our very dependable goalkeeper Elizabeth Scarlett often saved the day.

Finally, we would like to thank Mrs. Holdaway for her continuous encouragement and unflinching support throughout the season, whatever the weather!

Players: Heather McColl, Lisa Lake, Clare Parfitt, Alison Young, Jo Soutter, Caroline Grieves, Nicki Agius (Capt.), Kate Johnston, Sian Alexander, Jocelyn Goldie, Jessica Richards, Elizabeth Scarlett. Reserve: Lyndall Squire.

Also played: Clare Draper, Gaye Adamson.

### Results:

v. Cirencester School	Drew	0-0
v. Hatherop Castle	Won	5-0
v. Marlborough College	Cancelled	
v. Cirencester School	Lost	0-2
v. Charlton Park Convent	Won	1-0
v. St. Clotilde's Convent	Drew	0-0
v. Wycliffe	Lost	1-2
v. Charlton Park Convent	Lost	0-3
v. Westwoods	Cancelled	
v. Old Rendcombians (mixed)	Won	2-1

Nicola Agius

## Girls' Tennis

This has been a successful term for the 1st Tennis VI. In spite of the wet weather in May, very few fixtures needed to be cancelled, and by the end of the term matches against Dean Close, Wycliffe and Charlton Park were played in the blazing sunshine.

This year we played Dauntsey's School for the first time and, although we lost the match, we thought we put up a good fight against a school much larger than ourselves. Our best match was probably against Dean Close, which we managed to draw.

The following girls played for the teams:

*1st Team:* Sarah Sherwood (Captain), Joanna Soutter, Lisa Lake, Nicola Agius, Heather McColl, Caroline Grieves.

*2nd Team:* Sian Alexander, Stephanie Heath, Clare Parfitt, Kate Johnston, Anthea White, Jessica Richards.

SARAH SHERWOOD.

### Results:

#### 1st Team:

v. Marlborough College (B)	Won	8-1
v. Cirencester School	Won	6-3
v. Wycliffe College	Lost	1-8
v. St. Clotilde's Convent	Won	5-4
v. Dauntsey's School	Lost	3-6
v. Westwood's School	Won	7-2
v. Dean Close School	Drew	4½ - 4½
v. Charlton Park Convent	Lost	3-6

#### 2nd Team:

v. Cirencester School	Lost	5-4
v. St. Clotilde's Convent	Lost	3-6
v. Hatherop School	Won	7-2
v. Westwood's School	Won	6-3
v. St. Clotilde's Convent	Won	5-4
v. Wycliffe College	Lost	3-6
Mixed doubles v. O. R. s	Won	8-3

## Girls' Netball

The Christmas term saw two successful Rendcomb Netball teams. We won most of our matches, the 1st team only losing to a strong Marlborough side in an exciting and very close game which was lost in the closing stages 18 goals to 21, and the 2nd team losing only to Marlborough and also to St. Clotilde's. We were helped considerably by our 7th term members, Olivia Hanscombe and Bev Hassall, whose excellent shooting abilities were missed in the Lent term; though it must be said that everyone played well, especially the new shooters who had had little opportunity for practice. The further distraction of hockey matches meant that the Lent term was not as successful as we hoped, but there were still several enjoyable matches, most noticeably the one against Cirencester Ladies, the somewhat one-sided score of which belies the laudable performance put up by Rendcomb against a strong adult team in an hour-long game.

HEATHER MCCOLL.

### Results:

	<i>1st Team</i>	<i>2nd Team</i>
v. St. Clotilde's	18-3 Won	6-9 Lost
v. Cirencester School	12-7 Won	8-3 Won
v. Hatherop	30-5 Won	41-0 Won
v. Chosen Hill	12-11 Won	
v. Westwoods	19-16 Won	
v. Marlborough	18-21 Lost	8-22 Lost
v. Wycliffe	18-13 Won	
v. Charlton Park	23-11 Won	
v. St. Clotilde's	14-4 Won	
v. Wycliffe	17-8 Won	15-7 Won
v. Old Rendcombians	10-13 Lost	
v. St. Clotilde's	9-4 Won	
v. Marlborough	13-17 Lost	
v. Cirencester Ladies	19-39 Lost	
v. Chosen Hill	8-18 Lost	

## Girls' Squash

The girls playing Squash this year have had to be fit, not only for the matches, but also for the weekly coaching recently introduced. This served to pull us out of occasional previous lethargy and has definitely improved the standard of our game, as was shown by the results.

As play improved, so did the level of enthusiasm, including that of the supporters, and so I thank everyone for making it a successful and enjoyable Season. Special thanks go to Mrs. Holdaway for her continued support.

The team included Joanna Soutter, Sarah Sherwood, Nicola Agius, Lisa Lake and Caroline Grieves, with Heather McColl and Elizabeth Scarlett as reserves.

J. SOUTTER.

### Results:

v. Marlborough College	Won	4-1
v. Kingswood School	Lost	1-4
v. Cheltenham Ladies' College	Lost	0-5
v. Charlton Park	Won	5-0
v. Wycliffe College	Won	4-1
v. County Junior Team	Lost	1-4
v. Wycliffe College	Won	4-1
v. Cheltenham Ladies' College	Lost	1-4
v. Marlborough College	Won	3-2
v. Charlton Park Convent	Won	3-2

## Golf

As expected, our teams were unable to make much of a showing in either the Aer Lingus competition or the Gloucestershire Schools' Championship. However, Mark Smith won the individual prize in the championship and captained the Gloucestershire team in the regional championships.

Teams: Aer Lingus: M. Smith, M. Dalrymple-Hay and G. Brealy.

Glos. Schools: M. Smith, O. Medill, and A. Rollo.

Although there is much enthusiasm for the game in the school, it is always very difficult to arrange for groups of boys to be available for coaching or play. Thus we have to rely on boys who play mainly during the holidays or who can manage to play locally.

D. A. H.

## Judo

Rendcomb Judo owed an enormous debt to Keith Thorne. His leadership and enthusiasm have been sadly missed.

Alan Davis has continued to coach on a Tuesday evening and has been able to merge the juniors and seniors as the groups have grown smaller during the year.

As a result, we have found competition in the Lynworth Judo League difficult, and results have been poor. However, we did enter five candidates in the Dowty Judo Championships. Nicholas Webb and Reza Khosrowshahi lost in the quarter finals and Simon Jenkins gained a bronze medal in the U70 kilos division. He was awarded the Keith Thorne Memorial Trophy which had been presented to the school by Mrs. Anne Thorne for the best Rendcomb performance in the championships.

There is a keen nucleus in the present fifth, fourth and first years. With new entries in September, we hope that numbers will rise and judo at Rendcomb will continue to flourish.

C. C. B.

## Badminton

There were more people wanting to play Badminton this year, and this undoubtedly contributed to the continuing success of the club. It was particularly good to see a large number of middle-school players who will be able to compete for places in the senior team in the next few years.

We held a doubles tournament this season and many senior members of the club have taken the Carlton Award Scheme. I would like to thank all our coaches for their unfailing support and encouragement throughout the year.

MIKE UGLOW

## Basketball

Thanks to Mr. Newby, Basketball has now become part of the school's curriculum, giving the habitual excuse for not doing an hour's work! This regular Friday afternoon practice has continued throughout the year, producing an all round improvement. The 'Griffins' had two matches against the staff which attracted a very good support from the school. The games proved rather varied, with Mr. Potts being unable to see the ball without his glasses and Mr. Ball unable to score unless the opposition obliged by moving out of the way!

The following played for the 'Griffins': Mike Uglow, Rich Newman, Andy Payne, John Adams, Rob Wakeham, Alex Paton, Angus Waddell, Dom Scarlett.

MIKE UGLOW.

## Windsurfing

At the beginning of the term both the weather and the water temperature were chilly — not the best conditions to start windsurfing as I found to my cost! However, helped by a wetsuit and many helpful and encouraging remarks from the learned pupils around me, I took my first tentative steps (plunges!). At the end of the first afternoon I dragged myself out of the lake, frozen stiff and wondering how I ever became involved in such a crazy activity. It always looks so easy when you are standing on the shore and watching someone else do it! Nevertheless, by the third week the other beginners and I were beginning to get to grips with the techniques and I could confidently cross the lake in a straight line — (steering and manoeuvrability were still completely out of the question!).

By the end of term most of us could handle a windsurfer adequately and some of the more advanced sailors (?) were managing extremely well. The season finished with a surprise invitation from the owners of the club for Rendcomb to put on a display for H. T. V. who wanted to film some windsurfing. Well, we arrived at the prescribed time all dressed in smart new T-Shirts with "Rendcomb College" emblazoned upon them to commence our "Rise to Fame". The filming commenced but there was one problem — there was not a breath of wind anywhere. However, this was overcome by some excellent "posing" by Gaye Adamson and Rupert Martin, and by the cameraman's tearing across the lake in a speed-boat while we tried to look as if we were in the teeth of a force nine.

We finally returned to Rendcomb tired, but looking forward to seeing ourselves in glorious Technicolor. I never did see the film — they didn't screen it when they said they were going to, but it made an excellent end to a most enjoyable term's sport. My thanks go to the staff at Cotswold Leisure for putting up with us. No doubt we will be back next year!

T. J. L.

## Climbing Notes

This year has been the most successful ever, with three boys, Doré Green, Charles Carroll, and Jeremy Butling, leading at Hard Very Severe standard and above. As well as the usual visits to Wintour's Leap, there have been more weekend and Sunday trips to other areas and three of the famous "Hard Rock" routes were climbed: "Right Unconquerable" at Stanage, "Suicide Wall" at Bosigran, and the best-known and most coveted rock climb in Britain, "Cenotaph Corner" in Snowdonia, which in July Carroll became the first Rendcombian to lead. Television has taken an interest: "Hunky Doré", a new route first climbed by Green, received a mention on a Blue Peter programme, and both BBC and HTV filmed Green and Carroll climbing at Wintour's Leap for their regional news programmes.

The Easter holiday trip by eight boys to Glencoe was a little disappointing, there being too much fresh snow for good snow and ice climbing; however, reasonable weather allowed a number of routes to be completed.

In contrast, the weather in North Wales in the first week of the Summer holiday was perfect, and this, combined with the most helpful and competent team of assistant leaders I can recall (two Old Rendcombians and four senior boys), gave the fifteen juniors an outstandingly enjoyable and productive introduction to mountaineering.

The superb weather extended to Switzerland for the next three weeks too, where Green and Carroll climbed three 4,000m peaks, including the Matterhorn and several other of that country's most beautiful mountains.

J. W.

Photo: J. W. R. Willson

Doré Green



## Bridge Club

There has been considerable enthusiasm for Bridge this year, particularly in the Fifth Form. As a result we were able to enter four pairs in the Gloucestershire Schools Duplicate Competition in November; out of eighteen pairs the placings were:

E. Blencowe and J. Morris	252 points 2=
N. Kinch and D. Wilson	236 points 4=
A. Hall and B. Almond	232 points 6
W. Tong and R. Pitt	205 points 9

In the Cheltenham heat of the *Daily Mail* Schools Bridge Competition, the Rendcomb team of E. Blencowe, B. Almond, R. McIntyre and J. Morris came 7th (115 points) out of a field of thirteen. We also had enjoyable duplicate matches against Marling School and Cheltenham Grammar School, in both of which Rendcomb was narrowly defeated.

A small group of beginners are improving their game as part of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. I hope that they will join the main group next year and that this will ensure continuing support for the Bridge Club.

W. J. D. W.

## Archery

Now in its second year, Archery has attracted quite a lot of interest this past year. During the summer term we were able to use our new ground at the top of the playing fields, which meant we could shoot while cricket matches were taking place. During the winter we had the use of the Sports Hall once a week, when quite often a Gloucestershire County Coach came to assist.

Towards the end of last summer some members took part in tournaments. Richard Stibbard won the Woodbow Trophy at the Gloucestershire County Championships. Richard Bendy won a trophy at his local club in Windsor. At Dowty Archers' Tournament in October, the National Round for boys was won by Chris Walton, with Gareth Thomas second. This July, Claire Newth came second in the National Round at Tockington.

In the new term, we would like to see some new members, and possibly enter a team for the British Schools Archery Championship at Bloxham School in October.

J. E.

## The Cross Country Run

During the Lent term the Cross Country Run was reintroduced. The senior course started by Mr. Medill's house and went past the Slip Way along the far Cirencester drive, turning right into Kennel Bottom. It then went up the hill and round the Jewish Letters and down to the Stable Block, up the side of the Wilderness and then down through the park up to the Cheltenham Lodge and over the flying fields to the finish on the asphalt.

Many competitors trained hard for the race and, indeed, it was a very physically demanding event. We were pleased to have the Geography Master, David Barlow, participating. He has run for Wales at 1,500 metres. The joint winners of the race were Ben Knapp and David Barlow, although Darrell Adshead of the fifth year did especially well to come fifth.

BEN KNAPP



Claire Newth

Photo: Ian Bishop

## Academic Results

The following results were obtained in GCE examinations at "A" Level this summer:

Nicola Agius, H, M  
 Robert M. Akers, E, H, PA  
 J. Sian Alexander, C, Z, Bot  
 Matthew D. Archer, M, P, C  
 Simon D. P. Beales, E, H, PA  
 Ian S. Bishop, P, C(M), B\*  
 Eric W. Blencowe, E, F, GN\*(M)  
 Giles R. Brealy, G  
 Russell J. Copley, M, P, C(M)  
 Malcolm J. R. Dalrymple-Hay, M, P, C  
 Richard D. H. Deacon, H, PA(M)  
 Calum M. Dewar, E., H\*, PA T.  
 Charles F. Ekin, F, C, B  
 Angela M. Eldridge, H, F, GN  
 Benjamin G. Freeman, GN  
 Stephen J. Hazell, G, C, B\*  
 Guy M. Healey, E\*, H\*(D), PA(M)  
 Stephanie A. Heath, G, B  
 Michael A. N. Hedderwick, E, H(M), PA(D)  
 O. Charles Hutton-Potts, M\*, P, C  
 Lisa O. Lake, F, GN  
 Heather J. McColl, E\*(M), H\*, PA  
 Robert C. Macdonald, C, B  
 Oliver D. Medill, E, F, GN  
 Tamsin S. Morgan, H\*, GN, PA  
 Lesley C. Newth, G\*(D), C, B\*  
 Simon D. Powell, E, H, PA  
 Katharine B. L. Prynne, M, P(M), C, Mus  
 Edward P. L. Roberts, M\*(M), P\*(D), C  
 Elizabeth C. Scarlett, G, C, Z\*, Bot  
 Sarah A. Sherwood, M, P, C\*  
 Mark A. Smith, M, P, C  
 Richard P. Smith, M\*, P\*(D), C\*(D)  
 Joanna E. Soutter, C, Z, Bot  
 Robert A. Stephenson, M, P, C(2)  
 Donald A. W. Stewart, E, H, PA  
 Benedicta M. L. Syrett, E, H, PA  
 Kennedy Taylor, E(M), H(M)  
 Lucy H. E. Thaxter, E, H, G  
 Emma L. Thomas, Z, Bot  
 Nicola Tinto, G, M, C\*, A  
 Georgina L. Walker, M, P, C  
 Edward G. Wilcox, M, P, C\*  
 Samantha J. Winter, F\*, GN

Key: \* - "A" grade, (D) - Distinction in special paper, (M) - Merit in special paper.

### Subjects:

E	English	H	History	G	Geography
Mus	Music	F	French	GN	German
M	Mathematics	P	Physics	C	Chemistry
B	Biology	A	Art	PA	Public Affairs
Z	Zoology	Bot	Botany		

The following results were obtained in GCE examination at "O" level this summer:

Charles C. Acocks, Cl. T  
 John E. Adams, Cl. T.  
 Darrell S. Adshead, E, EL, H, L, F, GN, M, P, C  
 Michael S. Airey, Cl. T, CS  
 Benjamin J. Almond, E, EL, H, L, F, GN, M, P, C  
 Paul A. Attwood, e, EL, H, G, F, m, P, C, B  
 John E. V. Awdry, E, EL, H, L, f, M, P, c, B  
 Nicholas D. Badcott, RS  
 Simon J. Badcott, Cl. T, CS  
 Mark H. Bailey, RS  
 Jonathan N. Baker, E, EL, H, L, F, M, P, C, B  
 Gautom R. Barthakur, e, EL, h, G, F, M, P, C, B  
 Simon K. Barrow, Cl. T, CS  
 Richard Bendy, cl. t, ffs  
 Kristian P. Benning, RS  
 Mark L. Binder, E, el, H, L, F, m, c, B  
 Nicolas T. G. Blackshaw, RS  
 Richard A. Bown, RS  
 Gavin J. Boyce, E, EL, H, G, F, GN, M, P, C  
 Alistair W. Brain, RS  
 Thomas O. B. Branston, RS  
 Toby S. Brealy, Cl. T.  
 Duncan M. Brown, E, EL, H, G, GN, M, P, C  
 Jeremy P. Butling, E, EL, H, L, F, M, P, C, B  
 Charles D. Carroll, cl. t, CS  
 Christopher Carpenter, E, EL, H, G, F, M, P, C, B  
 Karl D. Cloutman, e, EL, H, G, f, M, P, C, B  
 Matthew R. M. Cordeux, RS  
 Darren C. Denby, RS  
 Alan M. Doyle, RS  
 Clare L. Draper, Cl. T  
 David T. Edwin, RS  
 Kevin W. Elderfield, RS  
 Myles Faulkner, RS  
 David E. George, E, el, h, G, F, GN, M, P, C  
 Jocelyn A. Goldie, m  
 Jonathan Goode, E, EL, H, g, m, b  
 Paul A. Grainger, RS  
 Doré J. Green, Cl. T  
 Nicholas J. B. Green, Cl. T, CS  
 Jacquelyn D. Greenwood, CS  
 Matthew J. Hadley, Cl. T  
 Andrew C. Hall, E, EL, H, L, F, GN, M, P, C  
 Mark Hammond, RS  
 Spencer K. Hannam, E, el, H, g  
 J. David G. Harber, E, EL, G, F, GN, M, P, C, B  
 Colin A. Harris, e, el, H, G, M, P, C, B  
 Barnaby J. Hatcher, E, EL, H, G, F, M, P, B  
 Alex L. N. Hayes, RS  
 Richard Hayward, cl. t  
 John M. Healey, RS  
 Stephanie A. Heath, M  
 Tillman Henssler-Campbell, E, EL, H, g, F, M, p,  
 C, FGN  
 Michael J. Hicks, E, EL, H, G, F, M, P, C, B  
 Nicholas J. Hoare, E, EL, H, G, F, M, P, C, B  
 Marcus R. Holland, E, EL, h, g, F, gn, m, C  
 Charles St. J. Hudson, RS

James Y. Hutton-Potts, Cl. T  
 Carey B. D. Jenkins, E, EL, H, G, M, P, C, B  
 C. Blaise D. Jenkins, E, EL, H, G, M, P, C, B  
 Simon L. K. Jenkins, RS  
 Christopher P. Jones, RS  
 Reza Khosrowshahi, per  
 James A. Kinch, E, EL, H, L, F, M, P, C, B  
 Neil D. Kinch, E, EL, H, L, F, M, P, C, B  
 Karl A. Knight, rs  
 Adrian R. Lewers, FFS  
 Matthew J. Lynton, CL. T  
 Duncan J. MacDonald, RS  
 Robert D. McIntyre, E, EL, H, L, F, M, P, C, B  
 Stewart J. McIntyre, E, EL, H, G, f, M, P, C, B  
 Christopher J. Mansfield, Cl. T, CS  
 Antony J. Maslin, cs  
 Anthony J. Maton, Cl. T, CS  
 Jane C. Merrett, Cl. T  
 Andrew C. Mills, CS  
 Jonathan S. Morris, E, EL, H, L, F, GN, M, P, C  
 Richard A. Moss, mus  
 Timothy Needham, rs  
 Stuart C. A. Newell, E, el, H, G, F, M, P, C, B  
 Matthew G. Newman, E, EL, H, G, F, GN, M, P, C  
 Simon J. Noyes, E, EL, H, L, F, M, B  
 Adam Pallant, RS  
 Paul L. G. Partridge, E, EL, H, L, F, GN, M, P, C  
 Philip A. Paterson-Fox, Cl. T, A  
 Neil J. Paterson-Fox, RS  
 Alexander F. Paton, CS  
 Andrew D. Payne, e  
 Richard J. Pitt, RS  
 Robert J. Prynne, E, EL, H, L, F, M, P, C, B  
 Jonathan C. Quick, RS  
 Andrew C. E. Rontree, Cl. T, CS  
 Timothy P. Robinson, RS  
 J. J. Dominic Scarlett, RS  
 Stephen J. Simkin, Cl. T, CS  
 Paul K. Spackman, RS

Martin W. H. Stitt, RS  
 Jonathan F. Suffolk, E, el, H, g, M, p.  
 John B. T. Taylor, RS  
 Gareth D. Thomas, cs  
 Mark A. R. Thompson, rs  
 William C. W. Tong, EL, H, G, M, P, C, B  
 Angus R. Trowern, RS  
 Allison L. Twyman, Cl. T  
 Benedict E. Uglow, E, EL, H, L, F, M, P, C, B  
 Graeme Veale, MUS  
 Angus N. Waddell, cl. t, cs  
 Christopher R. Walton, Cl. T, CS  
 Kerstin Waterloh, FGN  
 David P. D. Webb, Cl. T  
 Nicholas G. Webb, RS  
 Anthea White, m  
 David H. Wilson, E, el, H, G, M, P, C, B  
 David J. Woof, E  
 Alison L. Young, Cl. T

*Key:* Capital letter denotes pass at Grade A - C;  
 small letter denotes pass at Grade D - E.

*Subject Key:*

E	English Language	L	Latin
G	Geography	GN	German
P	Physics	C	Chemistry
A	Art	Cl. T	Classics in
MUS	Music		Translation
PER	Persian	CS	Computer Studies
H	History	F	French
M	Mathematics	B	Biology
RS	Religious Studies	EL	English Literature
FFS	Further French Studies		
FGN	Further German Studies		

## 1983 Leavers Places of Further Education

Sian Alexander —  
Plymouth Polytechnic: Business Studies.

Matthew Archer —  
Loughborough University: Engineering Science.

Simon Beales —  
Essex University: American Studies.

Ian Bishop —  
Birmingham University: Dentistry

Eric Blencowe —  
Bath University: European Studies

Russell Copley —  
Birmingham University- Chemistry

Malcolm Dalrymple-Hay —  
The Middlesex Hospital- Medicine.

Calum Dewar —  
Edinburgh University: Politics and Modern History.

Angela Eldridge —  
Chippenham College: Secretarial Linguist.

Stephen Hazell —  
Nottingham University: Agricultural Zoology.

Stephanie Heath —  
Nene College: Geography.

Alistair Hedderwick —  
Aberystwyth University: Politics and Strategic Studies

Charles Hutton-Potts —  
Birmingham University: Business Studies.

Lisa Lake —  
St. Thomas' Hospital: Physiotherapy.

Heather McColl —  
Exeter University: English and Philosophy.

Tamsin Morgan —  
University College, London: Law.

Claire Newth —  
Wellington School of Equitation: BHSA Course.

Simon Powell —  
Manchester University: American Studies.

Elizabeth Scarlett —  
University College, London: Pharmacology.

Sarah Sherwood —  
Bath University: Pharmacy.

Richard Smith —  
Corpus Christi, Cambridge: Natural Sciences.

Joanna Soutter —  
Manchester University: Ophthalmic Optics.

Robert Stephenson —  
University College: Chemical Engineering.

Samantha Winter —  
Queen Mary College, London: European Studies.

Those who left in 1983 and are omitted from this list will be included in the next edition of Rendcombian.

## Old Rendcombian Society

The annual reunion of the Society was held at Rendcomb on July 9th. A large number of Old Rendcombians visited the school during the afternoon and watched the cricket and tennis matches. At the Annual General Meeting the Society Officers for 1983-84 were elected; this was followed by an excellent buffet supper, attended by 97 members of the Society and their guests. A presentation was made at the supper to David Sells to mark his retirement. As usual the Old Rendcombian Newsletter was sent out in March, containing the main news of the Society.

### **SOCIETY OFFICERS, 1983-84:**

*President:* J. B. Fell (Staff 1934-73)

*Chairman:* C. J. Wood (1965-71. Staff 1976- )

*Vice-Chairman:* M. C. Jones (1956-62)

*Secretary:* Jane Gunner (1975-77)

*Treasurer:* D. J. Williams (1966-71)

*Rugby Secretary:* D. Beanland (1974-79)

*Hockey Secretary:* J. D. Sinclair (1972-78)

*Cricket Secretary:* R. G. Page (1973-78)

*Girls' Secretaries:* J. Gunner (1975-77)  
V. Powell (1977-79)

*School Representative:* W. J. D. White  
(Staff 1961- )

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