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Society Officers 1980-81

President:	J.B.Fell (Staff 1934 - 73)
Chairman:	M.Whittering (1956 - 61)
Vice Chairman:	C.J.Wood (1965 - 71)
Secretary:	F.R.Glennie (1959 - 67)
Treasurer:	G.F.Smith (1960 - 67)
School Representative:	W.J.D.White
Rugby Secretary:	J.D.Sinclair (1972 - 78)
Hockey Secretary:	J.D.Sinclair (1972 - 78)
Cricket Secretary:	D.Pearce (1969 - 74)
Girls' Sport Secretary:	Jane Watson (1975 - 77)

O.R. Reunions

The informal meetings after the rugger and hockey matches were well attended and provided a good chance of meeting O.R.s unable to attend the main reunion after the cricket match.

The Buffet supper in July was, as always, first class and all O.R.s were most appreciative of the work and time which Mrs. Mezo and her staff had given to this.

Those present included:-

Mr. Mrs. Francis Nevel & 3 guests	K.L. James	Clifford Coles
J.B. Fell	John Falconer	Major R.I.G. Hale
Julian B. Campbell & guest	Ian Read	J.H. Dixon
Richard Betterton & 2 guests	Julian Gray	Richard Tudor
G.F. Smith & guest	D. Dakin & guest	R.M.A. Medill
Richard M. Sumsion	J.K. Comrie	Claire Comrie
C.G.V. Taylor	N.A. Perkins & guest	F.R. Glennie
Mr. Mrs. F. Batten	D.J.A. Rose	Roland Thompson & guest
Alisdair R. Wilson	J.C. Smith	Anthony Hillier & 2 guests
Peter R.P. Walton and guest	Nicholas Dakin	Richard Law
Hamish J.A. Wilson & guest	W.J.D. White	Nigel Green
F. Colin Raggatt & 2 guests	Michael Veasey	Philip Taylor

Dates of Future Reunions

Cricket:	July 11th 1981
Rugger:	December 12th 1981
Hockey:	March 27th 1982

The a.g.m. will be held at 7.15 p.m. in the library after the cricket match.

It is hoped that the improved support for the a.g.m. in 1980 will be continued!

After the rugger and hockey matches there will be an informal gathering in the library or Park House common room and the chance for a chat over a glass of beer or cider.

Old Rendcombian Ties

The new society tie, in a choice of colours: Oxford blue or maroon, can be obtained from C.J.Wood, Churn House, Rendcomb, Cirencester, Glos. GL7 7HD

The tie costs £3.95 including postage. Cheques should be made payable to the 'Old Rendcombian Society'

The Chairman of the Governors

Vice-Admiral Sir Louis le Bailly has taken over as chairman of the governors of Rendcomb College, on the retirement of Major P.D.Birchall.

Sport

Cricket: The match was on July 12th 1980.

O.R. Team: M. Miles; B. Smith; M. James; D. Pearce (capt); P. Callaghan; A. Hillier; J. Gray; N. Green; R. Law; S. Wormleighton; P. Harris.

The O.R.s batted first and, despite losing M.Miles in the first over, reached 66 for 2 wkts - B.Smith 34; M.James 20; D.Pearce 20; all batting well. Then they collapsed to 109 all out: M. Burchell 3 for 45; S. Knapp 4 for 21; bowling very well.

The college struggled against the O.R.s bowling and never really came to terms with scoring enough runs to win, but they did hold on for a draw, finishing at 81 for 8 wkts. Only J.Gotley (21) and C.Brealy (13) reached double figures.

It was good to see S. Wormleighton back at his best and his figures show how well he did:-

18 overs; 12 maidens; 11 runs; 4 wkts

Rugger: The school won the match on December 12th 17 points to 4.

O.R. Team: J. Sinclair; P. Evans; T. Evans; A. Sergison; J. Duncumb; K. Nunan; J. McGill; N. Roberts; D. Beanland; J. Archer; J. Gray (capt); D. Sayers; J. Allen; R. Roberts; D. Mackonochie

Hockey: The matches against the school were played on March 28th.

1st XI - Lost 1 - 3

N. Taylor; S. Bushell; N. Lumby; R. Powell; N. Green; D. Sayers; J. Sinclair (capt); A. Jenkins; J. Portch; C.J. Wood; D. Mackonochie

2nd XI - lost 1 - 3

P. Harris; A. Mackonochie; R. Tudor; J. Quick; D. Beanland; B. Hatchwell; J. Allen; J. Gotley; C.J. Webb and 2 school players.

Mixed XI - lost 1 - 2

J.Falconer; Joe Watson; Jane Watson; J. McGill; T. Parfitt; E. Adams; H. Packwood; P. Hooley; S.Culverwell; I. Weeks and one school player

The sports secretaries would appreciate more response from O.R.s to play in the teams against the school.

The Appeal and Recent Developments

As a result of the money obtained from the appeal, the science laboratories were reorganised as a first priority. This has resulted in a better grouping of facilities by subjects and improved accommodation. In recent years the old coach house was converted into a junior physics laboratory and a senior chemistry laboratory (to a design by Mr. Fell). The chemistry laboratory has now been extended to include the old rick-yard. Last summer the 'general lab' was completely gutted and then re-equipped.

The second phase of building provided the sports hall, sited at the bottom of the Estate Garden. This has proved to be a tremendous asset and is in almost constant use. The founder's day assembly is also held in it.

The last phase, to be started this summer, is the conversion of the old conservatory into an assembly hall. This is the result of many months of discussion, and some considerable publicity in the local press, as an earlier plan to remove the conservatory and rebuild on the same site was vetoed by the Department of the Environment, despite an appeal. The interior is now to incorporate the existing ironwork in the new hall, which should produce an attractive, and also unique, school hall.

An inaugural concert is planned for March 21st 1982. Any O.R.s who would be interested in either singing or playing in this concert are asked to get in touch with the director of music, John Willson, at the college as soon as possible. They will then be sent further details in due course.

It will be evident that the sum raised by the appeal could not cover the total cost of this building. The college has been fortunate in securing loans from various sources, in particular a most generous interest free loan from the Dulverton Trust, which over a period of 27 years will produce a substantial sum for the appeal.

Engagements

Paul Curtis Hayward (1970 - 1977)
Bruce Mann (1967 - 1974)
Fraser Glennie (1959 - 1967) to Anne Chambers
Claire Bourne (1972 - 1974)
Paul Smith (1971 - 1974)

Marriages

Andrew Medhurst (1968 - 1975)
Graham Jordan (1966 - 1973), 1979
Ann Rickards (1974 - 1976)
Peter Sayers (1968 - 1975) to Jackie Crowhurst (1973 - 1975), 1980
Brian Smith (1965 - 1972)
Nick Roberts (1969 - 1974) to Elaine Finney (1972 - 1974)
Amanda Jones (1974 - 1976)

Obituary

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

Norman B.C. Lucas (Staff 1927 - 1932) 1980

Lester Frank Stradling (1920 - 1924) June 1980

Mrs. M. Huntley Sinclair September 1980

The following appreciation by Mrs. James appeared in the September edition of the magazine:-

Mrs. Sinclair's connection with Rendcomb College began 60 years ago when, as Mrs. Noel Wills, she interested herself in her husband's founding of this unusual boarding school for Gloucestershire country boys. As the school developed, she gave hospitality at Miserden to the many boys whom Mr. Wills brought there on College half-holidays, and she became increasingly aware of the growing success of the little community and the happy nature of the whole venture.

Her husband's tragically early death in 1927 checked, for a while, any plans for the further development of the College. Mrs. Wills herself was appointed to the governing body and proceeded to carry out with remarkable determination the responsibilities and obligations of this office. Of the 34 governors meetings between 1927 and the end of the war, she was absent from one only and in addition she attended many finance committee meetings. On Founder's Day she was, until the last 10 years, always to be seen on the platform and she took pleasure in making contact with many parents and old Rendcombians. In other, and more informal, ways she showed her affection for the college community. The whole school was privileged to see the Aldershot Tattoo of 1935, at her expense; and many will remember the enormous boxes of chocolates, which were her regular Christmas gifts after the carol service. College and staff gardens benefited from her generous gifts of shrubs and roses and her keen interest in college life led to the informal giving of many kindnesses to boys and staff. The war was to bring her much personal sadness. Her eldest son, Captain Michael Wills, was killed in North Africa and other members of her family suffered severely. She was, however, able to retain her keen interest in life in Rendcomb College and Mr. D.W. Lee-Browne (who was then headmaster) gave her regular accounts of college activities.

With the end of the war came a great renewal of happiness for her in her marriage in 1942 to Wing Commander Huntley Sinclair of the Royal Canadian Air Force, an old friend of the family. With his help and encouragement she continued to give devoted attention to college affairs. Her particular interests were naturally the continuation of Mr. Noel Wills' projects. An instance of this was her interest in the choice of Founder's Nominees, most of whom were taken to Miserden for an interview with her.

With increasing years, she delegated much of her college responsibility to her son, Sir David Wills, and her daughter, Mrs. Audrey Gibbs, both of whom had joined the governing body. She took a keen interest in the compilation of the Rendcomb College History and provided much of the material for the chapter on the founder, in conversation at Miserden with the authors.

Many Old Rendcombians and early members of the staff will remember Mrs. Sinclair with affection and respect.

Angus Primrose (1938 - 1944) - October 1980

The following article is reproduced from 'The Times' with due acknowledgements:-

Mr. Angus Primrose, a British yachtsman, was presumed drowned last night after being swept from his sinking yacht in heavy seas off the United States. The last person to see him alive was Miss Erica Dodson, a British dental surgeon, who said he sacrificed himself for her. Mr. Primrose, aged 53, made sure she was safely on a life raft as his 33ft yacht, the 'Demon of Hamble', was caught by a storm. "He went for another raft, which fell on top of him", she said yesterday. "That was the last I saw of him. The yacht then went down." Miss Dodson, aged 34, from Redhill, Surrey was spotted by a United States navy ship yesterday, drifting 180 miles off the South Carolina coast after four days on the raft. The tragedy happened as severe gales swept the area, which is close to the 'Bermuda Triangle', a region renowned for mysterious disasters.

Mr. Primrose, an experienced ocean yachtsman, and a well known yacht designer, sailed the Demon of Hamble across the Atlantic this summer in the Observer single handed race, finishing thirty fourth. He was joined by Miss Dodson and intended selling the boat once they reached Florida, according to Mr. Bill Dixon, an assistant at Hamble, Hampshire boatyard.

The following account, by the yachting correspondent of the 'Daily Telegraph' is reproduced with due acknowledgements:-

Angus Primrose was one of Britain's leading yacht designers and an experienced ocean-racing yachtsman. He was married with two young children and lived at Burlesdon near Southampton. He had spent several weeks in Newport after the single-handed transatlantic race because of his involvement with the Lionheart Challenge for the America's Cup. During the 1976 transatlantic race, Mr. Primrose was forced to retire after his yacht capsized and was dismantled. He was co-designer, with the late John Illingworth, of several internationally successful ocean racers, including Sir Francis Chichester's Gipsy Moth IV.

At Rendcomb

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

J.K. Comrie	I. Airey	A.E.A. Brain
A.O.H. Quick	P.A. Trier	K.J. Knapp
D.A. Hawkswell	R. Medill	

O.R.'s who are interested in sending their sons or daughters to the school are asked to contact the headmaster or his secretary at the school.

Staff News

R.K. Holland joined the staff in September to replace P.J. Rhodes as assistant to the director of music. T.D. Dyke will be leaving in July 1981 to join the staff of Blundell's School, Tiverton.

Congratulations To

Robert Sherratt - 1st class Hons, Electrical engineering - Bristol University
Philip Lyons - 1st class Hons. Theology and English - Bristol University
Mark Twyman - Exhibition (chemistry) Pembroke College, Oxford
Patrick Lorenzen - National engineering scholarship

Old Rendcombian News

The editor is grateful to all O.R.'s who have sent news to him or to other members of staff.

Andrew Medhurst (1968 - 1975) now lives in Eastbourne. He is married and has a daughter, Kerry, born in September 1980.

Peter Wyon (1926 - 1930), on sending the address of **Walter Langdon Davies** (1925 - 1930) writes:-
"He was a friend of mine at school and, when he left, he went to British Columbia with his mother who was blind. He has twice been over here with his wife, including last year, and then he stayed with **F.J. Batten**

(1926 - 1930) before he came on to stay with us.

I was at school from 1926 to 1930 and enjoyed it very much, especially the country surroundings - it was there I was to get my understanding of nature and a great love of open spaces. I knew **Mr. Simpson** (headmaster 1920 - 1932) well and used to stay with the family in Chelsea when he lived there. I came to Rendcomb a year before **Mr. Lee Browne** (headmaster 1932 - 1960) I think I was the first Rendcombian to qualify in medicine. I enjoyed every minute of the 40 years of work, including over 30 years as a G.P. in Thirsk. Now I have been retired from G.P. for five years and seem busier than ever in other activities - as a county naturalist included. It is sad that **Wally Smallwood** (1924 - 1929) has died. He was a great goalkeeper and centre forward in the 1st team; a quiet, modest chap, but a great humourist."

Ken Gross (Staff 1934 - 1939) sent the following details last July:-

"After five years in the army I came, on demobilisation, to the King's School Canterbury, to teach classics and English. I became a housemaster in 1947, until 1952 when the rooms occupied by my family were required for boys, when we moved to our present address. I ran the Cadet Corps from 1946 to 1954, retiring then as Lieutenant Colonel. I also ran the hockey for some years. I left Kings in 1959, but was secretary of the old boys' association - and still am. I then went into programming computers, which I did first in London and then with the Kleenex firm, Kimberley Clark in Maidstone. In 1974 I moved from there to IBM typesetting, which is the first stage of litho printing, and I run my own firm, Fordwich Typesetting, from my house and thoroughly enjoy it. If any O.R. farmers read Shell Chemical leaflets they are all my typesetting. My greetings to all who were at Rendcomb during the five years before the war".

Tony Perkins (1924 - 1931) noticed that a memorial service was to be held for **N.B.C. Lucas** (staff 1927 - 1932), headmaster of Midhurst Grammar School. He remembered him as a compelling personality with a staccato manner, but, as he claims he was somewhat apathetic to history, he thinks other O.R.'s may remember him more clearly.

(The editor would be happy to receive an appreciation of Norman Lucas for the next issue from any O.R. of that time).

Amanda Jones (1974 - 1976) is now married, after graduating from Bedford College, London. She lives in Sutton and has joined a Mothercare management training scheme.

Graham Jordan (1966 - 1973) wrote as follows last September:-

"I thought you might be interested to know where I have eventually settled. We're putting down our roots in a subtropical area 500 miles north of Sydney and only 30 miles from the coast. We have applied for residential status in Australia under a special amnesty programme that the Australian government is now operating, so we expect to be able to stay. Further north it is too hot and wet in summer; further south too cold in winter, and westwards the mountains quickly diminish and dry out into the vast Australian bush and desert. Here there are still a few frosts in the lower valleys but up the hill it's frost-free hilly land with lots of permanent creeks and good soil. Land at £500 per acre means anyone can buy and build themselves a house - which we're presently looking for. My wife Cindy has grown a good garden. We also have a banana plantation with avocados, papayas and nut trees behind the house. I'm renovating an old house and helping on the farm; we've installed a wood stove and a gravity water system. The area is very rural, and therefore the wages are low and the pace slow, but there are many young people moving into the area, living off the land. We supplement with furniture renovating and other woodwork jobs - the hours I spent in the 'manual' at Rendcomb being continually beneficial. We left England a year ago, and travelled to Greece, then Egypt, India, Malaysia and Singapore, seeing some of the great wonders of the world. We then stayed in Perth for 6 months. We are very happy here and hope to settle for a few years to build a home and a family.

Lester F. Stradling (1920 - 1924) whose death is announced elsewhere was area sales manager for the office equipment firm, Roneo. On retirement, he took up farming at Wrington and for seven years was vice-chairman of the Wrington branch of the N.F.U. On moving to Congresbury he became a popular figure in the village, serving on the parish council and as a manager of the Glebe County Infants School. His wife, writing to tell us of his death, said "Lester was a wonderful husband and a good father; a great reader and a prolific writer of short articles. I think many of these attributes stemmed from his early training at Rendcomb and I have much to thank the school for".

Timothy Nicholas (1969 - 1976) joined the Royal Navy, after graduating from Reading University last April, as a supplementary list pilot. In the autumn he passed out at Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth as an Acting Sub-Lieutenant. He has subsequently been successful in his flying grading course at Manadon and will go on to do flying training in Yorkshire.

F.D.Humphries (1942 - 1947) is farming at Leigh Farm, Westerleigh.

David Little (1957 - 1965) is still with the N.H.S. as a district personnel officer in Nottingham.

Colin Maberley (1961 - 1969) is curator of the Mander and Mitchenson Theatre Collection at Beckenham Place. He writes: "We have a great many problems to overcome, but are very fortunate in enjoying the support of the profession, many of whom I can now claim as intimate friends - this is very important, of course, exemplified in our recent acquisition of the entire archives of the Forbes-Robertson family. His brother **David** (1959 - 1966) is Dean of Wadham College, Oxford and has been in touch with various O.R.'s at Oxford.

A.J.Cattermole (1958 -1965) is married with a daughter aged 8. He works for Sears Holdings - Lewis's - department store group as a project manager in business systems. He tells us that **P.N.W. Osborne** (1962 - 1964) is a partner in a firm of quantity surveyors in Natal, and is married with a daughter aged 2.

Trevor Morris (1940 - 48) is a reader in the department of agriculture at Reading University.

Major R.I.G. Hale (1939 - 1946) is currently in London, but will be returning to Germany this year to finish his last two years in the army.

Donald Christie (1922 - 1925) writes:-

"Last summer (1979) on June 21st I visited the College. I gave Mrs. James a copy of my book 'French Revision and Practice', an O level French textbook. Whilst I was at Rendcomb last summer I looked at my old editorial office, now a single sick room on the top floor (side towards the woods). Also my bed in the dormitory over the library (sorry the door of fake books has gone!) was still there where I left it. The house itself was much the same, except that the dining room and music room have been knocked into one and the statue of Saul turned around. The room next to the library is no longer the headmaster's study, where it was possible to convince 'Jimmy' (J.H. Simpson) that a lie was a truth by looking him straight in the eye - he had a theory that a boy who told lies was always the first to turn his eyes away (a theory I proved wrong, I fear). Although healthy and active, I no longer have a car, so I am not too mobile and Rendcomb is difficult to get to, but I retain a warm affection for the school."

Chris Hart (1970 - 1977) has spent the last nine months in Australia before going to the Royal Agricultural College in September. After a stay in Perth, during which he went gold prospecting, in vain, for two weeks, he drove across to Melbourne and despite the unemployment situation managed to find a job as a hotel barman and worked there for three and half months. During that time he saved for a trip to Malaysia and Thailand. He says he is surprised that no school news is included in the O.R. newsletter. (If any O.R.'s would like an annual bulletin, perhaps they would let the editor know).

Ian Pengelly (1972 - 1978) wrote as follows in March:-

"At the moment I am teaching English in a school in Germany, near Bremen, as an optional part of my German language degree course at St. Andrews University. I will be here until August and am enjoying very much the opportunities here to travel, and am frequently away at weekends, seeing the country. Teaching is interesting both with the whole class and with small groups (12 - 17 year olds), and it is interesting to compare the different atmospheres of English and German schools. Here, for example, it is quite normal for girls to knit during lessons as well as for pupils to eat sandwiches. In all it is a real experience to live in another country and learn the language."

He also gives news of **Stella Joel** (1974 - 1976) who will be graduating this summer at St. Andrews in medieval history and fine arts.

Nicholas Smith (1971 - 1975) sent the following information last year. The editor apologises for failing to include it in the 1980 newsletter:-

"After leaving Rendcomb in December 1975, I went to Welbeck College near Worksop. I spent two years there, working towards 'A' levels in pure maths, applied maths and physics, which I sat in November 1977, and in which I achieved three 'A' grades. I very much enjoyed my time at Welbeck. It, like Rendcomb, is an old country house and has many interesting walks to offer. Unfortunately there is a marked lack of female company to take along. On December 9th 1977, the last day of my last term, I signed on for the army and was given a month's unpaid leave, before attending Sandhurst in 1978. On August 4th 1978 I completed the standard military course and was commissioned, given a month's leave and told to report back for the regular careers course. Whilst on this course, I joined the Royal Corps of Transport and passed the Civil Universities Board, which meant I could try for Cambridge. At the end of the R.C.C. I joined the R.C.T. for two months

before returning to Sandhurst for the pre-university studies course, which culminated in the Cambridge college's examination in November 1979. I was then posted to the 4th Armoured Division Transport Regiment R.C.T. in Germany. Just before Christmas, I had a telephone call to tell me that I have been elected to an Exhibition in Engineering at Corpus Christi College and will start there in October 1980."

Neil Lumby (1968 - 1973) called in in March. He completed a B.A.(Hons) Course in Graphic Design in 1979 at Ravensbourne College of Art and Design. He is now working in a design studio in Somerset.

Richard Hudson (1969 -1974) has been working on a surveying trawler in the North Sea for the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Peter Binks (1935 - 1941) is still in Australia working with retarded adults. He has been on a pottery course recently, is in charge of the garden and instructs in woodwork, basketry, some domestic duties, sport and road safety. His son Chris runs his own interstate transport business, and his daughter Sarah is an adviser with an interior decor firm. He hopes to return to the U.K. this year.

Paul Smith (1971 - 1974) recently engaged, visited Rendcomb in March. He is with James Davies, timber merchants in Swindon.

Christopher Morshead (1973 - 1977) writes:-

"Early in July 1980 I joined 820 Naval Air Squadron, which had only four aircraft and so everyone was part of a close team. A day after I joined the squadron we invaded H.M.S. Invincible for a week of trials. I left Culdrose on October 31st to rejoin Daedalus for the last nine months of our course, which is mainly to do with component level equipment fault finding - quite a change from working on aircraft. I will be going on in September to do a full time 'A' level course with the navy in maths and mechanical engineering."

John Marshall (1956 - 1960) has been appointed regional manager for the south west for the Henry Boot group of companies.

Dick Smith (1942 - 1949) is the mayor of Chipping Campden.

Nigel Meakin (1956 - 1963) was the cameraman for two B.B.C.2 'Chronicle' programmes on China, produced by Ken Shephard (1944 - 1947).

Mark Collins (1961 - 1969) appeared in a 'The World About Us' programme in Sarawak.

Nicholas Wapshott (1963 - 1970) has been writing reviews for the Times and the Times Educational Supplement, and also some lighthearted articles for the Times.

Clarence Tuck (1935 - 1943) appeared in a T.V. programme about the civil service, called 'Mandarins and Ministers'

Max Fredy Fisher (1936 - 1940) has retired from his post of editor of The Financial Times, which he has held since 1975. He will continue to be a director of Pearson Longman and also of S.G. Warburg.

Stephen Merrett (1952 - 1958) has been elected to the ruling committee of Lloyds.

Contemporaries of **T. Willford** (1965 - 1968) and his brother **Noel**, and also very early members of the college, may be interested to know that Dr. Sanger, who was recently awarded the Nobel prize for physics for the second time, is the son of the old Dr. Sanger who was G.P. in Rendcomb before Dr. Gladstone. He is also the uncle of the Willfords.

John Gosden (1947 - 1954) spent some years as a planter in Malaya. On his return he took a diploma, and later a Ph.D. in genetics at Edinburgh. Since then he has published numerous articles on genetics. His wife Christine is also a geneticist.

Graeme McDonald Wilson (1930 - 1937) has been working in Hong Kong and the Far East for some years. He will return to England this summer and live in retirement in Devon. During his years abroad he has published five books and just under 3,000 poems, mainly in translation from Chinese or Japanese. He has also lectured for the British Council and written reviews for English journals and radio scripts for the Australian Broadcasting

Company. He was awarded a C.M.G. in the Queen's Birthday Honours 1975.

Ronald Daubeny (1920 - 1926) has sent the address of **B.J. Brooks'** (1920 - 1926) widow in case any O.R.'s would like to write: Mrs. Ena Brooks, Flat 1, 23a Cliff Road, Torbay, Auckland 10, New Zealand. He has also been following up his hobby of collecting police truncheons and medals. In connection with this he wrote to the historical section of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, mentioning that he was at school with Harry Irwin Barwell. He was sent back details of Constable Harry Irwin Barwell, engaged in the force on September 24th 1929 - he was 5' 9" in height, 145 pounds, with auburn hair and brown eyes etc... His last known address dates from 1952 when the British Columbia Forest Service employed him. Ronald Daubeny adds: "One detail of his appearance has been omitted, as he lost the tip of his first finger when it was caught in the geography (billiard room) door!."

Sally Hussey (1977 - 1979) will be going to Exeter University this year to study English and Commonwealth Arts.

Jo Hobbs (1978 - 1980) will be working in a kibbutz after April until she goes to Manchester.

Lucy Cullen (1975 - 1977) is in Colorado

Ian Taylor (1968 - 1975) is working in Los Angeles where he is a very prosperous sound technician. He came over to England in December for the wedding of **Elaine Finney** and **Nick Roberts**. Quite a number of O.R.'s were there (apart from the Roberts family!) including **Norman** and **Teta Crowe**, **Jacqui** and **Peter Sayers**, **Michael Finlay**, **Ruth Beckett**, **Nigel Powell**, **Chris Higgins**, **Sue Stanhope** (still teaching in Fowey), **Charlotte** and **John Holdaway**, **Ian Forrest**, **Sarah Oughton**, **Crispin Partridge**, **Robert Weston** and **Christine Marsack**.

Maxine Bauer (1971 - 1974) has a degree in law from the Independent University, Buckingham, and is working in the law department of a real estate office in Boston

Clive Mathias (1968 - 1975) has qualified as a solicitor and completes his articles in September.

Carol Robinson (1973 - 1975) is a director of an art export firm in London.

Suzanne Marston (1973 - 1975) is a public relations officer at Whitechapel Art Gallery.

Paul Rose (1968 - 1975) is teaching history at Plymouth College.

Adrian Bell (1969 - 1976) comes to play in the orchestra at Rendcomb and is working in a bank in Cheltenham.

Jane Lyons (1974 - 1976) came to Rendcomb to help with sixth form history teaching last autumn term. She also went with Denis and Mary Price to **Ann Rickards'** wedding at Radley.

Sally Hall (1975 - 1977) is now married and living in Oxford. **Juliette Chapman** was her bridesmaid.

Mary Harvey (1974 - 1976) has joined her family's firm of solicitors in Liverpool.

Alistair Wilson (1969 - 1976) is now studying for a masters degree at Leicester, still associated with work in museums.

Kevin Barraclough (1969 - 1976) is studying medicine at Clare College, Cambridge, after graduating in physics.

Jon Whiteside (1968 - 73) has completed his training course and is now working for Beaufort Computers in Gloucester. He plays hockey regularly for Stroud.

Paul Harris (1972 - 1977) intends to join the Royal Engineers for six years in June before starting as a farmer for which he has already completed the basic courses.

Steve Bushell (1967 - 1974) who is with the police force in Avon will shortly be taking his examinations for

promotion to sergeant.

Stephen Smith (1969 - 1977) has just been appointed to the staff of the outward bound school at Aberdovey.

David Marshall (1972 - 1979) is training as a local government officer in the housing department in Cirencester.

News of Recent Leavers

Jonathan Allen:	Sixth form college, Leicester
Susan Biffett:	Secretarial course in Oxford
Julian Bull:	Pharmacology, University College, London University
Claire Comrie:	Geography, Durham University
Michael Curtis-Hayward:	London School of Economics (1981)
Timothy Etherington:	Intending to join the army (1982)
Andrew Fisher:	Civil engineering, Glasgow University
Richard Funnell:	Chemistry, Pembroke College, Oxford (1981)
Andrew Grainger:	Mathematics, Birmingham University (1981)
Ben Hatchwell:	Biological sciences, Christ Church, Oxford
Joan Hecktermann:	Chelsea College of Art
Joanna Hobbs:	Manchester University, English and Drama (1981)
Sally Home:	French, University College, London
Dominic Ind:	with Dragon Yachts in London
Jane Ingleton-Beer:	Psychology, Leeds University
Mark Lewers:	Agricultural engineering, Newcastle University
Louise Lomax:	Zoology, St. Andrew's University
Patrick Lorenzen:	National College of Agricultural Engineering, Silsoe, Beds.
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