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Society Officers 1981 - 82

President:	J.B. Fell (Staff 1934 - 73)
Acting chairman:	C.J. Wood (1965 - 71: Staff 1976 -)
Secretary:	F.R. Glennie (1959 - 67) Upcott Cottage, Latton, Swindon, Wilts,
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Cricket secretary:	Roger Page (1973 - 78) Firing Close Farm, Wickwar, Glos.
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The J.H. Simpson Memorial Trust

The present trustees are:-

Mr. R.M.A. Medill	Headmaster - ex officio
Mr. D. de G. Sells	Librarian - ex officio
Mr. J.B. Fell	President O.R. Society - ex officio
Mr. W.J.D. White	Staff representative, nominated by headmaster
Mr. P.J. Callaghan	Nominated by O.R. society
Mr. C.G.V. Taylor	Nominated by O.R. society
Mr. J.B. Fell	acts as secretary and treasurer

At a meeting of the trustees on 13th November, 1980 it was proposed that a substantial donation from the trust should be made towards shelving and other furnishings to improve the facilities of the library when the present assembly hall becomes available as a reading room. The treasurer explained that the trust deed allowed any part or all of the capital of the trust to be used for purposes in connection with the library. He also pointed out the difficulties of maintaining the real value of a small trust with the investment limitations set by the Charity Commission. In these circumstances it might be more appropriate to devote the whole of the capital and accumulated interest to the library improvement and close the trust. This was approved in principle but it was agreed that before any final action was taken the treasurer seek the opinions of some of the older members of the O.R. society who had contributed to the fund.

At a further meeting on 25th February 1982, at which all the trustees were present, the treasurer reported that he had discussed the proposal with a representative selection of early members at the O.R. gathering in the summer of 1981, and at other times. All had expressed approval for the use of the capital of the trust for the projected extension of the library facilities and the subsequent winding up of the trust, provided that a suitable memorial plaque was fixed on the new bookshelves. The following resolution was then proposed and agreed unanimously:-

"In accordance with clause 7 of the trust deed, all the accumulating funds of the trust will be transferred to the college to meet expenditure on extending the library facilities, in particular the purchase of furnishings such as bookshelves and tables. The donation will be commemorated by a suitable plaque attached to the bookshelves. The trust will then be terminated."

Mr. P.J. Callaghan offered to donate a suitable plaque for the bookshelves. This was unanimously approved and Mr. Callaghan was thanked for his generous offer.

The remaining investments of the trust have now been sold and our deposit account closed, A total of £2,400 has been paid to the college. There remains a small current account and one more dividend to be received in the next few weeks which will permit a final payment of about £40 to close the account. It is felt that the use of the trust funds in this way is a worthy method of perpetuating the memory of our first headmaster.

J.B. Fell

O.R. Reunions 1981 - 82

Heavy snow in early December prevented the annual rugger match from taking place, though a few adventurous O.R.s did make their way to Rendcomb. After the hockey matches in March, there was the usual lively gathering for beer and cider in Park House.

The cricket match against the school in July provides the occasion for the main O.R. reunion. Last year a large number of O.R.s of many vintages visited the school during the afternoon, and many stayed on for the A.G.M. and buffet supper in the evening. Once again everyone was most appreciative of the work done by Mrs. Mezo and her staff and of the excellent food which they provided.

Those present at the buffet included:

I. Cummings	Mr. & Mrs. G. Smith	W. Gotley	Mr. & Mrs. A.E.A. Brain
Mr. & Mrs. B. Smith	J.E. Allen and guests	Jane Watson	Mr. & Mrs. A. Wilcox
Mr. & Mrs. N. Perkins	Victoria Powell	Ondine Glanville	A. Wilson
Mr. G. Scudamore	D. Beanland	J. Falconer	Mr. & Mrs. C.J. Wood
Mr. & Mrs. C. Raggatt	Mr. & Mrs. C.E. Hartland	Mr. & Mrs. R. Jones	J. Goodborn and guest
Mr. & Mrs. P. Griffiths	Mr. & Mrs. J.D. Williams	J. Campbell and guest	Mr. & Mrs. J.R. Dennis
C.H. Moore	Mr. & Mrs. A.E. Shield	J. Steed and guests	D. de G. Sells
Tessa Wolfertan	N. McGregor-Wood	W.F.J. Jones	C.C. Burden
S. Hicks	N. Dakin and guests	D. Dakin and guests	Mr. & Mrs. R.M.A. Medill
T. Nicholas	R. Sherratt and guest	Mr. & Mrs. J. Alder	Mr. & Mrs. D. Essenhigh
P.G. Anden	T. Steed and guests	R. Butler and guest	W.J.D. White
Mr. & Mrs. J.B. Fell	P. Smith and guest	Mrs. K.L. James	
D. Shield	E. Webster	Mr. & Mrs. J. Comrie	
N. Green	C.G.V. Taylor	D. Mabblerley	

Apologies to those who attended the 1980 buffet and whose names did not appear on the list. We hope this is more accurate!

Dates of Future Reunions

Cricket	10th July 1982
Rugger	11th December 1982
Hockey	26th March 1983

The A.G.M. will take place after the cricket match at 7.15 p.m. in the library. There will be a bar open from 6.30 p.m.

Girls' 10th Anniversary Buffet Lunch

This will be held on Sunday 27th June at the college. Invitations have already been sent out and any girls who have not yet replied are asked to do so as soon as possible. If there are any problems, please telephone Mr. Price.

Village Speed Limit

It would be much appreciated if O.R.'s would drive slowly through Rendcomb village and in the school grounds. O.R. reunions mean a considerable increase in the traffic in the village and we are anxious to avoid an accident.

Sport

Cricket

The match was played on 11th July.

O.R. Team: B. Smith (capt.), N. Green, S. Wormleighton, J. Falconer, R. Page, N. Miles, R. Tudor, M. Webb, T. Steed, A. Grainger and 1 school player.

The college won the toss and batted first on a good batting wicket. With R. Webb scoring 100 not out, the college were able to close their innings at 158 for 5 wickets declared. Although the O.R.'s bowling was at times wayward, except for S. Wormleighton who again bowled well, R. Webb really did play well and was in

complete control - it was his first hundred of the season. The college then bowled the O.R.s out for 44 in just over an hour, Brian Smith being top scorer.

College 158 for 5 declared. R. Webb 100 not out, R. Woof 22, R. Page 2 wickets for 36
O.R.s 44 all out. B. Smith 17, G. Healey 3 for 8, M. Burchell 2 for 5, S. Knapp 3 for 1.

Hockey

For the first time the O.R.s fielded four XIs against the school on 27th March.

1st XI: O.R.s lost 1 - 3

Team: J. Quick, D. Beanland, R. Powell, N. Taylor, K. Stuckey, A. Martyn-Smith, T. Horton, J. Sinclair (capt.), A. Jenkins, M. James, P. Harris.

2nd XI: O.R.s lost 0 - 7

Team: J. Allen, J. Portch, N. Townend, N. Hall, M. Cannon, M. Webb, J. Gotley, D. White and 3 school players.

3rd XI: O.R.s lost 1 - 2

Team: P. Uglow, A. Pitt, S. Paris, C. Dick, C. Breal, T. Burkham, R. Webb, I. McCulloch, A. Harris, R. Collins, T. Paton.

Mixed XI: O.R.s lost 1 - 2

Team: W. Gotley, M. Curtis-Hayward, T. Parfit, Jennifer Watson, Jane Watson, Victoria Powell, Sarah Culverwell, Sally Horne, Carol Franklin, Francesca Hughes, Patricia Cam

Magnificent spring weather and a good crowd of supporters made this a memorable day, despite the unflattering results for the O.R.s! Please would O.R.s who sign on for a team make every effort to play; the 2nd XI was severely affected by non-arrivals.

The O.R. Address List

Mr. Hawkswell has very kindly agreed to computerise the address list for the society, using the college computers and employing some pupil labour. The society is most grateful for this help and it will mean not only that address labels are readily available for O.R. correspondence, but also that other information, such as supplying addresses of O.R.s by years and regions, can be provided.

The addresses of the following are out of date and the editor would be glad to know of their current addresses:

D.E. Barbour	M.J. Bartlett	M.J. Dawson	D.G.R. Griffiths
J.A. Barclay	S.C.D. Baynham	A.C. Fidler	N.E. Hance
G.S. Bartlett	M.R. Bircher	H.A. Gough (1949 - 57)	R.T. Lindsay
J.D. Menzies	T.W. Rowley	C. Dendy	B. Russell
W.S. Monroe	M.J. Tarrant	C.B. Stillwell	R.D. White
J.D.R. Paine			

Congratulations to:-

Julian Campbell	1st class hons, School of Engineering Sciences, Oxford University
Mark Burchell	Exhibition in natural sciences, Exeter College, Oxford
Jonathan Lane	Ph. D. Reading University
Catherine King	Scholarship in modern languages, St. Hilda's College, Oxford
Sean Hughes	Exhibition in natural sciences, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge
Andrew Carter	Hardwicke entrance scholarship to Lincoln's Inn
Clive Probert	Ph. D. University College, London

For Sale

The college history.

Copies of the Rendcomb College History (price £3 or £3.50 post paid) can be obtained from Mrs. K.L. James at the Garden House, Rendcomb, or from W.J.D. White at 9, Rendcomb.

Old Rendcombian ties.

O.R. ties, in Oxford blue or maroon, can be purchased from C.J. Wood, Churn House, Rendcomb, Cirencester, Glos. GL7 7HD, The price is £3.95, including postage. Cheques should be made payable to the Old Rendcombian Society.

At Rendcomb

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

A.O.H. Quick	The headmaster	J.M Astill
J.K. Comrie	K.J. Knapp	P.A. Trier
D.A. Hawkswell	I. Airey	A.K. Bowley

O.R.s interested in sending their sons or daughters to Rendcomb are asked to contact the headmaster or his secretary (Mrs. S. Taylor) at the school.

The college offers the following scholarships and places:

7 Gloucestershire and Rendcomb foundation places - value according to parents' income

The Noel Wills scholarship - one free place at 11 years

2 junior scholarships at 11 years

2 open scholarships at 13 years

1 music scholarship at 13 years

1 girls' scholarship

Marriages

Simon Baynham (1971 - 76) September 1981

Gregory Dorey (1967 - 73) to Alison, September 1981

Paul Curtis-Hayward (1970 - 77) to Edwina Maple, July 1981

Fraser Glennie (1959 - 67) to Anne Chambers, July 1981

Births

Cindy and Graham Jordan (1966 - 73) a son, Nigel

Helen and Derek Wiggall (1966 - 73) a daughter, Fiona

Helen and David Mabblerley (1959 - 66) a son, Marcus Rupert

Sharon and David Tyler (1965 - 70) a daughter, Sarah

Sally (née Hall) (1975 - 77) and John Eade, a son

Obituary

It was with great sorrow that we learnt of the sudden death on 5th February, 1982 of **Alistair Graham Munro** (1974 - 81) at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge.

Callum Dick (1974 - 81) has sent the following tribute:-

"All Alistair's friends are still feeling the shock and dismay that they had when they heard of his sudden death on February 5th this year. He had been a pupil at Rendcomb until last summer, and had left with three Grade A 'A' levels (with S levels), a place at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge to read engineering, and a rare navy sponsorship to see him through university. This academic image, though, is not primarily how he really should be remembered or how he would have liked to be remembered. He was a man who involved himself in all Rendcomb life. The day before he died, I am told, he played rugby for his college, and later helped organize a disco for his team's funds - this is, perhaps, a truer reflection of how I remember him. In sport, his rugby at Corpus was an extension of his Rendcomb interest (he also played for the hockey and tennis first teams). Socially, from holding more meeting offices than I care to remember, to being the prefect with the unenviable task of controlling the third year, he was a success (just ask the present fourth year what they thought of him). When I heard that he had died, of course, I was shocked and saddened. Everybody who knew him was. But while writing these few words in affectionate memory, I must admit that I've been smiling again - just thinking

about times shared in an all too brief friendship."

We learnt with regret last July of the death of **Frank Nash** at the age of 80. He was for many years one of the college gardeners and used to live in the cottage in the park. His skill in the greenhouse was much admired by the members of the college gardening groups.

Early O.R.s may wish to know that Mrs. James has recently been told that **Mr.E.C. Hessing** died in 1971. He taught history at Rendcomb and later, on his return from India, was ordained, with a parish near Dover. Also **Miss Davies**, an assistant matron in the early days of the college, died recently aged over 90.

Staff News

J.R. Dennis

Roy Dennis is retiring in July after 23 years at Rendcomb. All O.R.s who have been at the school during this time will want to wish him and Mrs. Dennis a long and happy retirement and will hope that they will continue to be able to attend the O.R. reunions each year. It is impossible to summarise briefly Roy Dennis's contribution to Rendcomb over so many years, but the following appreciation by **Fraser Glennie** (1959 - 67) shows the respect and affection in which he is held by O.R.s of this time:-

"Roy Dennis joined the staff in 1959 to teach physics and maths when I was in a first form of only 5 pupils. While I cannot claim to have been his best pupil in the physics lab, our shared interest in hockey has brought us together from time to time over the years. Settling with his family in a draughty flat in the stable yard, Roy brought a quiet and assured firmness to his teaching, which was always effective. His control of cricket and hockey games was equally unassuming, but dependable, and his interest in Gloucestershire schools hockey encouraged several of us into representative hockey. It is pleasing to know that his family have grown up in Rendcomb and settled close by. With Mary his wife he is a keen member of Cirencester Golf Club and has been a loyal supporter of Cirencester's newly formed hockey club. Never seeking to be in the limelight, Roy Dennis has been an invaluable member of the Rendcomb team, through his family and interests using an external viewpoint to broaden his contribution. Not many Rendcombians have come close to him for long, but many will remember him as a man to be relied on."

Mrs. Barbara Tyler is retiring this summer. She has been teaching French (and also Latin for a time) to the first four years since 1975. More recent O.R.s will have been grateful for her encouragement and clear explanations of the early stages of French grammar. She has also organised the Rendcomb part of the highly successful Annecy exchange, run by the Borough of Cheltenham. A number of pupils have taken part in this each year, and owe their first visit to France to Mrs. Tyler's careful administration. All recent O.R.'s will wish her a long and happy retirement in Winchcombe.

Our chaplain, **John Heales** is also leaving in July. Mr. and Mrs. Heales have been very much part of Rendcomb life, both at the college and in the village, and they will be missed by everyone still at Rendcomb and by O.R.s who have left in the last four years. The society extends to them very best wishes for the future.

College News Bulletin

The past year was made unique in Rendcomb history by heavy snowfalls. The start of the summer term 1981 and of the spring term 1982 had to be delayed by several days, involving a massive telephone operation by housemasters and tutors. The Christmas term had to be curtailed and Rendcombians went home on the Sunday morning in an attempt to beat the blizzard forecast for the afternoon. In the event, despite very difficult conditions, everyone managed to leave. A small group travelling by train from Kemble station was given overnight hospitality by a local parent, thereby avoiding being marooned overnight at the station when the train failed to get through. This also caused the cancellation of the carol service in Cirencester parish church. A carol service was held instead in Rendcomb church, a memorable occasion with frost and deep snow covering the countryside.

This month has seen the completion of the conversion of the conservatory (the old gym.) into an assembly hall. The result is most impressive and O.R.s will be able to inspect it during the summer reunion. The O.R. society has presented the college with a new projection screen for the hall. An inaugural concert was held on 21st March. The programme consisted of:-

"The Heavens are Telling" - Haydn

Kyrie, Gloria and Agnus Dei - Mozart Mass in C

Fantasia in C major - Beethoven

Symphony No. 5 - Beethoven

Several O.R.s took part in the performance:-

Jeremy French, Fiona Jane Wilson, Stephen Hawkins, Richard Pitt, Mark Burchall, Alastair Pitt, Peter Uglow, Adrian Bell and Hamish Wilson.

Work has now begun on the completion of the third form house (at the bottom of the estate garden), in order to provide full boarding accommodation for 40 boys, which the earlier extension did not do. Plans are also going ahead for two classrooms in the rooms above the physics laboratories in the stable block.

The present assembly hall (big school) is to become a reading room and the library will now revert to being used only for private study. A generous gift from the Simpson Memorial Trust has provided two new bookcases for the library, enabling the English section to be housed in the library again after its exile in a room on the first floor.

Last summer the cycle shed was dismantled and has been resited (in part) at the far end of 'top' as an extra cricket pavilion. In its place a portakabin has been installed, providing offices for the new bursar Commander Thring, and his secretary.

At the start of the Christmas term ill health compelled the matron, Mrs. Alice Keane, to leave us, and Mr. Ron Fry to retire, after 18 years in charge of the dining room and servery. Ron and Kath Fry are now living in a flat in Cirencester.

Two new members of staff joined the school in September: S.H. Johnson to teach English, and P.M. Edwards to teach history. R.K. Holland, the assistant to the director of music, left at the end of the summer term 1981. This year John Willson has again run the music department single-handed.

Last autumn, the second form, under Chris Wood's guidance, entered the Department of Energy's school's competition coming second in the south and south west region, winning £250 for the school and £5 per pupil.

Although the stage in 'big school' will be left intact for the immediate future, it has probably seen its last two dramatic productions - 'St. Joan' produced in November by C.F.F. Terrill, and 'The Insect Play' produced in March by S.H. Johnson.

In early March the governors kindly gave a small luncheon party for Mrs. James to mark her fifty years in Rendcomb. At this, the chairman Sir Louis Le Bailly, presented Mrs. James with a colour television set. It was a memorable occasion, made especially so by the charming speech that Mrs. James made in reply to the chairman's remarks.

More recent O.R.s may like to know that **Tim** and Sally **Dyke** (staff 1976 - 81) are now happily settled in Tiverton where Tim is on the staff of Blundell's School. His main responsibility is for drama. In his five years at Rendcomb, Tim made a name for himself firstly as a successful teacher of English and history. He also won praise for his play productions and ran the community services, developing this extensively and introducing a new dimension to life for many Rendcombians. He was in charge of tennis and provided entertainment for sixth formers at the folk club on Sunday evenings. Tim and Sally hope to be able to return to Rendcomb for O.R. reunions when commitments at Blundells permit.

O.R.s will be interested to know that the girls continue to field teams in all sports, with the recent addition of badminton. Our squash V has had an exceptionally good season, losing only one match. A notable result was our win over Marlborough. The netball VII has also kept up the good tradition of winning most matches, although Dean Close School unfortunately beat us. It was disappointing that last terms O.R. netball game was cancelled owing to bad weather. Jane Watson must be thanked for her hard work and enthusiastic efforts in the organisation of the girls' fixtures during the last few years.

The senior rugby teams had an extremely successful season, despite a more difficult fixture list - against Kingswood 1st XV, Dauntsey's 1st XV and Marlborough 2nd XV. Tim Daniels played for the Gloucestershire Schools U19 team v Gloucestershire Colts and in the G.S.R.F.U. 75th Anniversary Match (floodlit at Kingsholme) v Glamorganshire Schools U19.

Results:

	P	W	D	L	Pt.s for	Pt.s against
1st XV	14	10	2	2	225	87
2nd XV	13	12	0	1	357	56
3rd XV	10	8	0	2	172	75

The squash teams have also done well in their matches, including a 5 - 0 win over Cheltenham College. Simon Knapp has been unbeaten in 20 matches for the school, and has played for the county U19 team for two years. Archery and badminton are now established minor sports.

Hockey is still a popular sport in the school and we are able to run four senior XI's and a girls' XI, as well as under 15, under 14 and under 13 XIs. Even the first formers have a couple of matches per season. The sports hall and tennis courts beyond Park House enable us practise when 'top' is wet and this has improved the standard of play. This year's 1st XI, which currently contains only four members of 6A, has had a good season. They have played particularly well on all-weather surfaces and are beginning to show more control on grass. With only four leaving, next season's XI should be fairly strong.

Old Rendcombian News

Guy Beattie (1975 - 78) is at Nottingham University studying Latin and archaeology. During a free year after his 'A' levels, he started up his own window cleaning service in the Windsor area. The venture was so successful that he is still able to return to it during the vacations. He included a contract for cleaning some of the Eton College windows.

Dick Field (1924 - 31) wrote recently to say that he retired in 1973 from being head of the art department at the Institute of Education, London University. He studied at the Royal College of Art after leaving Rendcomb.

Jonathan Scawin (1967 - 74) is a toxicologist at the Chemical Defence Establishment near Salisbury.

Ian Forrest (1972 - 77) is in his final year at Oxford. He writes:

"I played a certain amount of university rugby (only for the Whippetts even then) in my second year. Last year I was just getting going when I broke my hand in the trial. This year I have taken the more leisurely option of playing for the college. I have also managed to play quite a lot of college hockey which I must say I have enjoyed enormously. The only drawback is the variable standard - the college mixed XI is not renowned for its talented players! Sarah and I spent some of the summer touring around France on my old Triumph motorcycle, including a very enjoyable drive along the Dordogne valley from beginning to end. We still keep in close touch with various other O.R.s. **Norm** and **Teta** live very close to Sarah's flat in Shepherds Bush, and **Sally Blyth** has just bought a flat with Mark in Fulham. **Mike Denley** left for Australia in the summer (stopping off to see **Lilli** and **Ian Taylor** in Los Angeles en route)..."

Graham Jordan (1966 - 73) wrote in October from Australia:

"Cindy and I had a son last Tuesday; he was born in the stone cottage which I have finished building on 18 acres of steep rocky land we bought last Christmas. Our land is like a huge amphitheatre running down to a large creek and natural brook. We have a good vegetable garden and have started thousands of trees for windbreaks, timber and fruit."

Julian Gray (1965 - 71) is with a firm of solicitors in Hong Kong for a contract of two and a half years.

Nick and **Elaine Roberts** (1969 - 74) have moved to another school, still in Kenya, but in the remote northeast on the Ethiopian border. To travel there they had to go with an armed convoy in case of attacks from bandits.

Greg Dorey (1967 - 73) was married last September. He is now on a two year posting to Brussels,

David Tyler (1964 - 70) wrote in December:

"Sharon and I visited the far east on holiday this summer and spent a few days in Thailand, where, with the aid of a little detective work, I made contact with **Jo (Tansit) Yuvaboon** (1965 - 67) and his wife whom he married recently. Jo was apparently in the car accident with his brother (**Chansil**), who was killed. Jo was very seriously injured as well; sadly he still walks with a limp and cannot make full use of his left arm as a

consequence of the accident. He now works with the immigration department of the Thai police, where he has the rank of lieutenant. He says he has good memories of Rendcomb - particularly of cooking sausages and beans in the wilderness! Sharon and I now have a little daughter, Sarah, born in October. I am now working for Unilever at the company's headquarters in Blackfriars. I have been with the company for 7 years since joining their management development scheme on leaving Cambridge. I didn't imagine it would be for such a long period, but in my six years with Birds Eye (a Unilever subsidiary) I had a succession of interesting jobs, ending up with one which involved a lot of work in planning and carrying out part of the merger between Birds Eye and Walls Ice Cream. I am now working in a small head office team that looks after Unilever's animal feeds interests, which include BOCM Silcock and others around Europe. My two brothers are both working in London now. Jonathan works for Burroughs, the computer firm; Simon is working as a life assurance salesman, which he combines with a lot of rugby with Kingston Rugby Club. **Dick Millard** (1964 - 70) got married this year and recently moved to Birmingham; he works for British Telecom. **Kim Warren** (1964 - 70) is now living in Hampshire where he works for Whitbread. He has two small sons, aged four and two."

W. Jones (1924 - 31) of Bath came to the reunion in the summer and brought news of **Lance (Billy) Cooper** (1967 - 70) who is working as a carpenter in Bath.

Norman Slade (1929 - 36) retired in April 1981. After obtaining his M.B. Ch. B, at Bristol in 1942 he spent 11 years in the Sudan, returning to the U.K. in 1955. He was then Consultant Urologist for Southmead Health District until his retirement. He was president, urological section, Royal Society of Medicine 1979 - 80, and became F.R.C.S. in 1951. He has retired to a smallholding at Failand where he is making an attempt at self sufficiency and is an enthusiastic about organic gardening. He also does some part time locum work.

C.G.V. Taylor (1925 - 32) wrote as follows about **Norman Lucas**, whose death was reported in the last newsletter:

"I was sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Lucas, who was in charge of history at Rendcomb from 1925 to 1927. Mr. Lucas was the first of the history masters who taught me at Rendcomb. He it was who first stimulated my interest in the subject - an interest developed by his successor, Mr. B.C. Hessing (1927 - 31), and, during my last year at Rendcomb (1931 - 32) by Mr. J.C. James. I particularly recall being fascinated by a lesson on the then current advance of the knomintang in China; perhaps this is significant because, when I myself became a history teacher, I always managed to devote a term or so to the history of China. I can still recall being reproved by him for eating an ice cream in one of the streets of Swindon, whither he had taken some of us on a visit to the G.W.R. works. We travelled there on the former M.S.W.J.R. line from Cirencester (Watermoor) - an experience which present Rendcomb boys cannot enjoy. He had a habit of stressing certain conjunctions and some of us used to pretend that the N.B.C. in his initials stood for 'Nevertheless, Because, Consequently'. The last time that I saw him was at an O.R. dinner in London. He told me that he had once suggested to Mr. Simpson that a certain unsatisfactory contemporary of mine be expelled. J.H.S. had replied: "Anyone can teach a willing boy: it takes a schoolmaster to deal with X."

Cedric Hartland (1928 - 29) also wrote about Norman Lucas:

"Norman Lucas taught me history at Highgate School from 1927 - 28 and it was because of his previous experience as a teacher at Rendcomb that he advised my father to transfer me to Rendcomb for my last year at school. Norman Lucas had had early teaching experience in Egypt, and while teaching at Highgate, came to live with us and there wrote an autobiography. He also ran a legal battle, aided by my father, with the governors of Highgate School who were proposing to alter the school constitution. This led to a temporary breakdown of Lucas's health and estrangement with my family. I always feel deeply indebted to Norman Lucas for recommending Rendcomb because I had never seen all the seasons in the country before, and Jimmy Simpson put me on the right lines for my subsequent career. Only once did I see Lucas since and that was on my honeymoon in 1944, when he was married and headmaster of Midhurst Grammar School.

A few notes on my own career - qualified at the Architectural Association both in architecture and later in town planning. Learned to build later with Sir Lindsay Parkinson, where I became site agent and eventually contract manager. Worked for Miners' Welfare Commission, providing pithead baths. Later transferred to Middlesex County Council where I became the last county architect. Joined G.L.C. and retired in 1973 as schools architect to the Inner London Education Authority, a job and the people with whom it brought me in touch I loved. Happily married, with four daughters - born too soon for Rendcomb, though I did tell Jimmy Simpson when I was at school that girl pupils would have improved our education."

Neil McGregor-Wood (1939 - 45) wrote to say how sad he was to hear of Angus Primrose's tragic death. He has come across **Stephen Merrett** (1952 - 58) as he is a member of his syndicate at Lloyds. His son, Piers,

now 23, is a doctor doing his first house job at Charing Cross, married to a staff nurse who nursed him after he broke a leg! He has a daughter who is a staff nurse at the Middlesex and another daughter who is in art publishing. His younger son is at Bradfield (under **Anthony Quick**). He is still managing director of Minet Consultancy Services, apart from being on the local P.C.C., chairman of the parish council, on the deanery synod, and involved in the Wisley airfield appeal.

Jonathan Lane (1967 - 74) graduated as Ph. D, at Reading last summer, researching into organic photochemistry. In October 1980, he joined the Home Office Forensic Science Service as higher scientific officer. He is in the chemistry division, mainly concerned with crimes against property. He has been married for a little over two years and his wife, Christine, teaches maths at Newbury School.

Brian Glastonbury (1947 - 56) is a reader in applied social studies at Southampton University.

Martin Jones (1955 - 62) sent the following information for the newsletter last year:

"I married in 1979 and have a son, Adam James Sebastian, born on 7th April 1981. I hope that the boy may eventually be enrolled at Rendcomb if independent schools are still in existence at that time! I am the litigation partner in a firm of solicitors in Gloucester and have been with my present firm since 1972. I am a governor of Selwyn School in Gloucester and take a keen interest in local education. I have a 2 year old racehorse called Chicanery, in training at Lambourn, and am hopeful that he will win a race before the end of the current flat season."

John Mitchison (1957 - 63) is married and has two sons aged twelve and nine, He is working for Redland Roof Tiles as regional sales manager for the south-east. He lives in Cranleigh, Surrey.

Chris Higgins (1967 - 73) is now working for the department of agriculture at Nottingham University, carrying out research on dairy herds in Derbyshire and Staffordshire, and also studying for a Ph.D.

Jim Teague (1978 - 81) is working at Hatherly Nurseries in Cheltenham on a years practical training before going to Pershore Horticultural College in September for an O.N.D. in horticulture.

Michael Curtis-Hayward (1974 - 81) went to Australia early last year:

"I arrived in Melbourne and stayed there a week before spending a couple of weeks in Tasmania, hitch-hiking around. I arrived about ten years too late to catch it in the raw, but I still saw a beautiful, remote country, tailor-made for walking. It's rather like Scotland, but has a special feel of its own. After that I spent another week in Melbourne, then caught a train up to Sydney with a friend of the family, who used to live in Coberley and still hears from Rev. I. Pulford. Then I went on a safari through the outback of Australia on a coach. I've also spent considerable time in Queensland. Not surprisingly, I'm short of money and am now working at two jobs to be able to travel around a little more. The people are excellent and it's been a happy time."

Michael is now at the L.S.E. His brother, **Paul**, (1970 - 77) was married last July.

John Falconer (1969 - 76) is living in east Croydon and is a trainee computer operator with I.B.M.

Paul Rose (1968 - 75) is teaching history at Plymouth College and is very much enjoying living in the south west. He does canoeing and sailing with the Ocean Youth Club.

Julian Campbell (1969 - 76) obtained first class honours at the University of Oxford School of Engineering Science, Economics and Management last July. He also won the Lubbock Prize for his performance in engineering and management, and the joint award of the Deloitte, Haskins and Sells prize for economics. St. Catherine's College also awarded him their prize for the highest standard of degree. He now has an appointment with the Ministry of Defence as a professional technical officer at the Royal Aeronautical Establishment, Farnborough, conducting research and development of aircraft control systems.

Robert Barrett (1969 - 76) is with Scholl (U.K.) Ltd., as assistant to the management accountant. He is studying for his accountancy exams through day release and evening classes, He has successfully negotiated six of the eighteen exams.

Stephen Hewitt (1971 - 77) graduated in agriculture at Newcastle last year and is now a lecturer in agriculture at the Hertfordshire College of Agriculture and Horticulture. He visited Rendcomb recently and is enjoying the challenge of his new post.

Christopher Handoll (1950 - 58) writes:

"For the past 14 years I have been with the Home Office Forensic Science Service, working in Preston, Chorley and Aldermaston. The Home Office employ about 550 forensic scientists and ancillary staff in seven laboratories distributed over England and Wales, and at a headquarters in London. At the moment I am temporarily attached to the London office as staff officer to the controller. Before this I have been stationed at Aldermaston since 1979. To my surprise I discovered last year that the staff of that laboratory included another O.R., **Jonathan Lane** (1968 - 75). On the personal front, I am possibly the only O.R. to be the parent of triplets. Stephen, Paul and Gemma were born in May 1978. In fact the family doubled overnight because we already had Gayle (now 12), Robert (10) and Elizabeth (6). We have set up home in a pleasant rural area of North Hampshire, 4 miles south of Newbury. The diverse activities of the children occupy my wife Jenny and myself to the almost complete exclusion of our own social life, but this won't always be the case, and I still manage the occasional game of cricket for the local club. Unfortunately I have long since given up hockey, which was an over-riding passion. Amongst many treasured memories of Rendcomb were the Sunday afternoon selection meetings in Mr. Sells' room during my last year when I was hockey captain. Mr. Sells' superb Cona coffee almost made up for the disastrous match results that season! We would love to send all six children to Rendcomb, but I fear the cost would put a slight strain on the resources! However, we will hopefully have more opportunity to visit for O.R. reunions when family commitments have eased a little. Amongst many friends made at Rendcomb were **John Alder** (1950 - 58) and **Paul Heppleston** (1956 - 62) and I would welcome any news of their current whereabouts."

Nicholas Walter (1945 - 52) recently sent the following notes about himself and his brother:

"During national service in the RAF learnt Russian and worked as a radio operator in Germany and Austria. At Exeter College, Oxford, read modern history. Since 1957 has done a variety of jobs in London, concerned with teaching, political research, publishing, and then journalism. A deputy editor of WHICH? from 1963 to 1965, and the chief sub-editor of the Times Literary Supplement from 1967 to 1974; since 1974 the managing editor of the Rationalist Press Association and editor of the New Humanist. Active in left-wing politics as an occasional member of Labour Party, member of London Anarchists since 1959, and member of various antimilitarist organisations such as the Committee of 100 and the Spies for Peace. Frequently arrested in civil disobedience demonstrations, and served two months' imprisonment in 1967 for part in Brighton church demonstration. Also active in humanist and other progressive organisations. Author of innumerable letters to editors and reviews in various magazines, and also of several political pamphlets; editor and translator of some political books and pamphlets. Married another member of the Committee of 100 in 1962; their two daughters are both at North London Collegiate School. Contracted cancer in 1974 but discharged as cured in 1979, Very little contact with other Old Rendcombians other than brother,"

Jeremy Walter (1951 - 1956): "After getting physics degree at North London Polytechnic, worked for a time on microwave research for the General Electric Company at Wembley, then went to Australia in 1965. Has done various jobs in various places for the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, and has done two tours as a physicist in Antarctica, Now a lecturer in the physics department at Sydney University. Married late, and no children. Very little contact with other Old Rendcombians other than brother."

D.F. Gallop (1933 - 40) has taught in the Birmingham area for 30 years and is at present in a sixth form college in West Bromwich. He says he has many scrap book type relics of his time at Rendcomb.

Christopher Pulford (1970 - 77) graduated in zoology at Oxford last summer and has now started his training for the ordained ministry at Trinity College, Bristol. He writes enthusiastically of his life in Bristol:

"Life at Trinity Theological College is considerably different from life in Oxford. I understand (at last!) why most ex-Oxbridge people look on their university days with such delight (and sadness that they are over). I felt very sad to leave Oxford - I got into the tune of the place quite quickly and feel that I have benefited enormously from it. My consolation is that I love life here and what greater joy is there than in pursuing a vocation such as ministering for Christ? We have started lecture courses on doctrine, old testament theology, church history, practical theology and Greek. When I sit back and look at my Greek grammar and vocab. I often think of you teaching us Latin. How I wish I had done more Latin! I love Greek and spend about an hour a day on it. The fellowship at Trinity is tremendous. A community of Christians all seeking to do the Lord's will for their lives is a remarkable place. Many have come from well-paid jobs to follow up their calling. Two Rendcomb friends **Dave Brennan** (1972 - 77) and **Paul Maguire** (1970 - 77) are now working abroad, Dave is in Trinidad and Paul in Abu Dhabi - both are with Schlumberger, a company specialising in advising oil companies."

(Paul Maguire is measuring geological parameters down the drill-hole during drilling - ed.)

Jo Pettitt (1979 - 81) went to work in India last September, She wrote from the Sera Samajam childrens' home in Madras:

"There are 307 children here, aged 3 to 12. The home is one of the many institutions under the 'Guild of Service', the administrator for the Save the Children Fund, as well as many other international organizations in Madras. My work is mainly teaching English at various levels to the different groups of girls here, but at the moment I am also writing and producing two short plays for the home's founder's day in November. I can also help with the administration of sponsorship which many girls receive. We have been treated with tremendous kindness and hospitality, but as we are the first to be sent by the project trust, we are very much the guinea pigs. The girls' home encompasses not only a school but also a housekeeper's training unit and an industrial unit. There is so much happening all around you that at first it seems rather unreal. It is surprising how quickly you can adapt, though. We have been here for only three weeks, but it seems much longer. I have seen so much which is totally removed from anything I have yet experienced."

A.J. Cattermole (1958 - 65) is now with Dixons Photographic U.K. Ltd. as a management accountant. This involves other responsibilities such as business systems, which he runs as a department. He has another addition to his family, a daughter born in October 1980.

David Bell (1967 - 74) has recently been promoted to factory manager at Glazin and Berry's clothing factory in Dunfermline. At the end of January he won the 'Young Manager of the Year' competition which is organised by the Glasgow Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by Caledonian Airways and Hilton Hotels International. His prize was £500 plus a holiday for himself and his wife in the Caribbean, staying at the Hilton Hotel in Puerto Rico. His brother **Adrian** (1969 - 76) has been promoted to group 3 by Nat. West and he has been moved to Wootton-under-Edge.

James Duncumb (1973 - 78) is studying botanical sciences at Clare College, Cambridge. He has also been rowing for the College.

Charlotte Brain (1973 - 75) graduated in biology and chemistry (B.Sc. hons) and joined a medical research council unit in Leeds as a bone histologist. She left in August 1981 and is now helping to run a small business manufacturing glass fibre mouldings - from boats to gutters.

Richard Hudson (1969 - 76) is working with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries as a computer programmer. He is stationed at Lowestoft.

Sarah Ratcliffe (1977 - 79) has started her S.R.N. course at Charing Cross Hospital, after visiting Kenya and Nigeria.

David Vaisey (1945 - 54) was on a lecture tour in America last autumn, speaking to groups of the American Friends of the Bodleian. He is returning to America this year with a visiting professorship at Los Angeles.

William Willetts (1929 - 37) is curator of the Museum of the Arts of Asia at the University of Malaya and has just published a book entitled 'Chinese Calligraphy'.

Robert Edy (1959 - 67) is head of history at the Henry Box School, Witney and is a governor of the school.

Eric Ewens who taught English at Rendcomb for a short time towards the end of the war has since then worked for B.B.C. radio and recently adapted Olivia Manning's Levant trilogy for broadcasting.

Charles Carus (1941 - 48) works as a historic buildings officer in one of the rural districts of Norfolk. He has been in touch with Mabel Carrell, who was secretary and also taught music at Rendcomb during the war.

David de Payer (1947 - 53) joined the civil service in 1960 and is currently under-secretary at the D.H.S.S. He was secretary of the Royal Commission on the National Health Service (1976 - 79).

Michael Petter (1944 - 52) is an assistant secretary in the Department of Trade.

Group Captain **Douglas Hague** (1934 - 38) is stationmaster at Redhill.

News of Recent Leavers

Mary Alexander	Natural sciences, Fitzwilliam House, Cambridge.
Frederika Altmiller	Kenyon College, Ohio University,
Maria Bitner-Glindzicz	Medicine, University College, London.
Joanna Brain	Biochemistry. St. Peter's College, Oxford.
Christopher Breal	Farming.
Timothy Burkham	Accountancy course, Kingston Polytechnic.
Patricia Cam	Radiography, Southampton General Hospital.
Christopher Cannon	Business studies, Plymouth Polytechnic.
Ralph Collins	Royal Agricultural College
Callum Dick	Civil engineering, University College, London (1982).
Mark Dibble	Agriculture, Reading University.
Elizabeth Fry	Art history, Sussex University (1982).
Andrew Harris	Shuttleworth Agricultural College.
Richard Hazell	Agriculture, Newcastle University (1982).
Alison Hockin	Law, Birmingham University.
Francesca Hughes	P.P.E., St. Hilda's College, Oxford (1982).
Alan Jennings	Royal Agricultural College.
Ian McCulloch	Royal Agricultural College.
Louisa Manners	Wye College (1982).
Adam Martyn-Smith	Teaching in a preparatory school.
Rachel Medill	Geography, Durham University (1982).
Cathy Miller	Sorbonne (1982).
Stephen Paris	Hotel management.
Joanna Pettitt	History and politics, Durham University (1982).
Susan Sherwood	Medicine, Southampton University
Antony Simmins	Computer science, Queen Mary College, London.
Richard Smith	Banking.
Peter Uglow	Applied biology, Lanchester Polytechnic.
Adrian White	Commerce.
Duncan White	Geology and chemistry, Plymouth Polytechnic.
William Wilkinson	Forestry.
Annabel Williams	Marine biology, University of Wales.
Fiona Wilson	Nursing, St. Thomas' Hospital.
Fiona Jane Wilson	Teacher training, Liverpool College of F.E.
Richard Woof	Medicine. London Hospital.
Jeremy French	Astro-physics, University College, London.
Mark Burchell	Geophysics, Exeter College, Oxford (1982).
Deborah Lee	Law, Christ Church, Oxford (1982).
Rebecca Norman	Geography, Edinburgh University (1982).
Andrew Pitt	Chemistry, Bristol University.
Charles Waddell	Law, King's College, London (1982).
Robin Webb	History, Pembroke College, Oxford (1982).
Richard Dunwoody	Working in stables at Wantage.
Andrew Aves	Swindon Technical College
Jason Bowerman	Millfield.
Nicholas Chesshire	Wroughton Comprehensive School.
Nigel Freeman	Antique furniture restoration.
Philip Needham	Horticulture
Richard Palmer	Swindon Technical College.
Richard Perrett	Welbeck College.
Derek Tanner	Shrewsbury Technical College,
James Teague	Horticulture.
Alexandra Watts	Emigrated to Australia.
Graham Bocking	Commerce.