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#### Society Officers 1986-87

At the annual general meeting of the society on 12th July 1986 the following officers were elected:-

President: A.E.A. Brain (1929-37)

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

 Vice-chairman:
 M.C. Jones (1956 - 62)

 Secretary:
 Mrs. J. Gunner (1975 - 77)

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

 Committee member:
 B.L.M. Smith (1965 - 72)

 Rugby secretary:
 A.D. Payne (1979 - 84)

Hockey secretary: B. Branston (1982 - 87) to be elected

Cricket secretary: M.R. Webb (1972 - 79)
Tennis secretary: J. Allen (1975 - 80)
Girls' sports secretary: F. Wilkins (1983 - 85)

School representative

and newsletter editor: W.J.D. White (staff 1961 -)

## **Chairman's Report**

In 1986 all three travel bursaries were taken up although it is now clear that tighter control is required for use of such monies. John Shaw made very good use of his bursary and it was only bad weather which prevented him from achieving his goal. Katharine Conway was unable to gain a place on the Jumbulance to Lourdes so she travelled around Europe for a month and she submitted an excellent report to the society, extracts from which follow:-

"We travelled down to Salzburg passing the most gorgeous dreamlike castles and what we called 'Heidi Houses'. We were very lucky because that week they were celebrating Mozart. As we wandered through the beautiful town we came across singers in the archways and string quartets playing in the squares. At about ten o'clock we saw couples in evening dress making their way to the open air operas. The town was almost magical in its beauty and is one of the places I would most like to visit again. The next morning we left to travel across Austria, down into Italy. We had decided to travel by day so that we would not miss the beautiful Austrian countryside. It was absolutely spellbinding - a landscaped garden fit for a giant. On our way back to Italy we stayed a couple of days in Athens, and we decided to visit the Acropolis. The Acropolis was the reputed site of Athene's contest with Poseidon. The God of the Sea struck the rock of the Acropolis with his trident and water, as well as a fiery steed, sprang forth, and yet the patronage of Athens (the prize for the contest) was awarded to the goddess of wisdom for her olive tree, symbol of peace and prosperity. It was from the western battlements below the royal palace that King Aegeus flung himself when he saw the black sails of the ship returning from Crete, which erroneously proclaimed his son Theseus killed by the Minotaur. The workmanship put into the buildings of the Acropolis is quite staggering. It took over a hundred years to build. The Propylaea (entrance to Acropolis) is the most perfect and characteristic of all the surviving specimens of Athenian art. The 24 columns were built in a slight curve so that they would appear to be in a perfect line. The Parthenon may be considered to be the most perfect and most magnificent ruin in the world, although Lord Elgin carried a whole museum away to England. It was built to the Virgin Athena. Its principal form was turned to the east, in contrast with all other ancient temples. This was so that the statue of the goddess might appear as if hovering over the city at the dawn of the day. For more than 2000 years the Parthenon remained perfect, until 1687 when it became used as a storage place for gunpowder magazines. The whole lot exploded and so the eastern side of the Parthenon was overthrown, and of the southern side only a mutilated and unrecognisable head of one of the Sun's horses was saved."

The following awards have been made for 1987:

| John Shaw (Form 6B)          | "Alpine Climbing II"                | £50        |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Daniel Beales (Form 6A)      | "Photographic Project in Yorkshire" | £50        |
| Corrin Adshead (Form 6A)     | "Walking on Exmoor"                 | £50        |
| Edward Webb et al. (Form 6B) | "Denmark"                           | £50 + £50* |

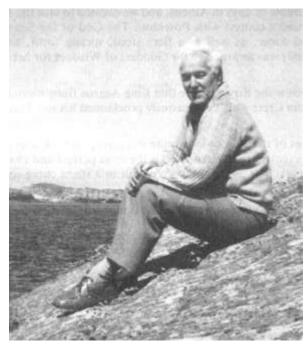
(\* An excellent travel project was poorly presented so the second instalment will be paid on receipt of a first class report.)

As you will have seen above we now have a new president in the person of Arnold Brain and he is taking a great interest in the society and its affairs. Changes "at the top" are not just limited to the society because September 1987 will see a new headmaster installed at the college. Details of this change appear later in this issue.

Unfortunately, news has reached the committee that in the past year there have been several instances of inconsiderate behaviour on the part of some young O.R.s when visiting the school, watching matches and driving through the village. I am particularly concerned that the reputation of the society should not suffer from such embarrassing incidents and I appeal to all O.R.s to advise our younger members when necessary or let us know in more serious cases.

In 1982 1 had this office thrust upon me and, although I have enjoyed acting for the society during the last five years, I have decided to step down and allow new thought and inspiration to guide the society for the next three years. While I am at Rendcomb I will continue to help the school representative.

Finally, may I ask you to support O.R. functions and to send in your news or news of other O.R.s.



Arnold Brain, the new President

# Notice of the 54th Annual General Meeting

The 54th A G M of the O. R. society will be held at

7.00 p m on Saturday 11th July, 1987 Matter for discussion under item 10 should reach the secretary, in writing, before 4th July, 1987.

#### **AGENDA**

- 1. To receive apologies for absence.
- 2. To receive minutes of A.G.M. held on 12th July, 1986.
- 3. To deal with matters arising from the minutes.
- 4. Election of Officers:
  - a. Chairman
  - b. Treasurer
  - c. Sports secretaries
- 5. To receive hon. secretary's report.
- 6. To receive hon. treasurer's report.
- 7. To set amount of travel bursary fund for 1988.
- 8. To review level of life subscription.
- 9. Report from London branch.
- 10. Any other business.
- 11. Vote of thanks to the college and adjournment to the buffet.

## **The New Headmaster**

The governors have appointed Mr. John Tolputt as headmaster from September 1987. Mr. Tolputt is at present head of English and drama at Cranleigh School, Surrey, where he also plays a large part in the selection of girls for entry to the school. He is a graduate of St. John's College, Cambridge, where he read English and was a university prizewinner. His wife is an able musician. They have two children, a girl aged twelve and a boy aged nine.

## **The Friends of Rendcomb**

O.R.s will perhaps be interested to know that John Webb (1954 - 63) has joined the Friends' trustees. He is now engaged in recruiting new Friends from among his contemporaries, and I hope that some others will follow his example.

The Jack Fell Scholarship has been awarded to Julian Wilkie, from Cold Aston Church of England School. When he arrives next September, there will be two Friends' scholars at Rendcomb.

On 12th July the trustees gave a luncheon, inviting all O.R.s who left between 1957 and 1976, and their wives. About 50 people attended, and it was a very pleasant occasion, showing a very satisfactory profit for the trust fund. My cordial thanks go to all those who came and who took the plunge of covenanting on the spot. We now have £40,000 invested for income and capital growth and a further £5,000 on deposit. Our total funds received and promised, sadly at the mercy of an unreliable basic income tax rate, very nearly reach £80,000. Last year the trustees decided to wait for ten years after O.R.s had left before inviting them to become Friends; thus those of you who left in 1979 will not be invited to join until 1989, and so on. There is, of course, no objection to your joining earlier.

There are now 42 O.R.s among the Friends, an increase of eleven on last year. The need for more Friends in order to keep alive Rendcomb's essential character is emphasised by the fact that the Gloucestershire County Council is supporting only one place next September. If you valued your experience at Rendomb, both in the classroom and out of it, do consider making a convenant, be it large or small; if all ORs were to covenant even a small sum, we should be rich indeed. A sound education is perhaps the finest gift that you can give to the young; your money will not be wasted.

David Sells, Trustee 17. Rendcomb

## O.R. Reunion - 12 July 1986

The annual reunion of the society was held as usual in the Dulverton Hall where O.R.s and their guests enjoyed an excellent buffet supper. Among those who attended were:

#### 1920 - 1930

| Mr. & Mrs. C. Raggatt  | Mr. & Mrs. R. Betterton<br>E. Webster<br>Mr. & Mrs. R. Bolton-King       | C.E. Coles<br>Mr. & Mrs. A.E.A. Brain<br>N.A. Perkins             | F.H. Ashe-Jones<br>J.C. Maslin<br>F. Nevel    |
|--|--|---|---|
| 1941 - 1950  |  |   |   |
| R. Kendal<br>P. Quick  | Mr. & Mrs. Griffiths   | G. Benson   | Mrs. V. Fell                                  |
| 1951 - 1960  |  |   |   |
| D. de G. Sells   | Mr. & Mrs. J.R. Dennis   | Mr. & Mrs. K.J. Knapp   | Mr. & Mrs. G. Smith                           |
| 1961 - 1970  |  |   |   |
| D. Williams<br>Mr. & Mrs. N. Green<br>Mr. & Mrs. D. Essenhigh    | Mr. & Mrs. B. Smith<br>Mr. & Mrs. D.S.J. Price<br>Mr. & Mrs. C.C. Burden | A. Wilson & guest<br>W.J.D. White<br>Mr. & Mrs. I. Reid           | R. Deacon<br>D. Knox<br>N. Lumby & Guest      |
| 1971 - 1980  |  |   |   |
| S. McIntyre<br>S. Newell<br>Mrs. T. Hicks<br>D. Beanland & guest | Mrs. J. Gunner<br>Mr. & Mrs. F.J. Barr<br>M. Webb<br>T. Wilson           | D. Marshall<br>K. Winmill<br>M. Raven<br>Mr. & Mrs. R.M.A. Medill | Miss S. Joel<br>N. Burgess & guest<br>C. Dick |

#### 1981 -

Cmdr. E. Thring

## **Dates of Future Reunions**

Cricket: Saturday 11th July, 1987
Rugby: Saturday 12th December, 1987
Hockey: Saturday 20th March, 1988
Cricket: Date for 1988 to be announced later

## 11th July, 1987

The cricket match will begin at 11.30 a.m. O.R.s are invited to bring a picnic lunch and spend the afternoon watching the cricket. The A.G.M. will take place in room E at approximately 6.30 p.m. The bar will be open from 6.30 p.m. and the buffet will be at 8.00 p.m. All O.R.'s who have left since 1971 are particulary urged to attend, as this will be Roger Medill's last reunion as headmaster.

## **At Rendcomb**

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

R. Ellis J.M. Astill M.J. Miles R. Sumsion

#### O.R. Sport

Cricket - 12th July, 1986

The college batted first and by lunch were in real trouble at 65 for 5 wickets. The O.R.s bowled very well, with Roger Page (3 for 41) and Ian Bishop (I for 26) moving the ball around and causing the batsmen many problems. After lunch A. Brealy (43) and T. Burns (33) played very well during a stand of 47, which helped the college to declare at 160 for 8 wickets.

The O.R.s soon lost Richard Woof but then Mark Webb (50) and Giles Brealy (45) had a stand of 95 which turned the game. Although N. Webb and A. Brealy caused the O.R.s some nasty moments, Roger Page steadied things to score the winning runs with the O.R.s 164 for 8 wickets.

O.R.s won by 2 wickets.

College: 160 for 8 dec: A. Brealy 43; T. Burns 33 n.o.; M. Cordeau 20; I. Whittaker 20

Bowling: R. Page 3 for 41, G. Brealy 3 for 39

O.R.s: 164 for 8 wickets: M. Webb 50; G. Brealy 45; I. Bishop 23

Bowling: N. Webb 4 for 44, A. Brealy 2 for 56

O.R. Team: M. Webb; R. Woof; G. Brealy; D. Webb; R. Deacon; I. Bishop; R. Page; A. Hedderwick; R.

Wakeham; T. Paton; G. Barthakar

Hockey

1st XI: Draw 2-2

Team:R. Brown, M. James, S. Oliver, J. Sinclair, J. Webb, A. Hall, A. Hedderwick, M. Cordeux, A. Jenkins, K. Stuckey, M. Archer

2nd XI: Draw 3-3

Team: M. Uglow, M. Whittering, R. Evans, D. Lee, S. Hawkswell, J. Quick, A. Paton. T. Daniels, G. Moore, T. Parfit, A. Phelps

Rugby

Result: O.R.s won 22-4

Team: C. Jones, D. Edwin, R. Hayward, D. Scarlett, B. Jenkins, T. Brealy, M. Uglow, A. Trowern, G. Brealy, A. Payne, S. Jenkins, T. Branston, J. Healey, A. Paton. M. Newman

# Rendcombian Magazine

It has been suggested that a number of O.R.s would like to receive a copy of the school magazine, Rendcombian, which is now published annually in September and, the editors believe, gives a vigorous and interesting account of the school's activities during the year. For two years now the cover has been in colour, and this year it is proposed to include some colour photographs inside. Any O.R.s who wish to receive a copy next September should send a request with a cheque for £4.50 (payable to Rendcomb College), to the editor, Rendcombian, Rendcomb College, Cirencester, Glos. GL7 7HA. Requests must reach the editor by 31st July, so that extra copies can be ordered.

## Roger Medill

Roger Medill retires in July after sixteen years as headmaster. It has been a period of considerable change at Rendcomb. The school has more than doubled in size; accommodation has been increased and improved and many new facilities have been provided. All of this has meant that Rendcomb has been able to compete strongly in the now competitive world of independent education and yet has been able to retain its academic reputation and its unique informal atmosphere. This transformation has come about largely because of the energy and dedication of Roger Medill, and in itself indicates the success of his headmastership. Everyone connected with Rendcomb over the past sixteen years has a debt of gratitude to Roger Medill for his work for

the school and will want to extend to Roger and Mary their very best wishes for a long and happy retirement. The following tributes from old Rendcombians attempt to express from a personal point of view what being at Rendcomb has meant to so many during this period.

#### From **Ruth Beckett** (1972 - 74)

I remember Mr. Medill for many reasons... I remember him firstly in his capacity as headmaster of the school. He rapidly invigorated the primary purpose of Rendcomb as a centre of academic achievement. He showed himself to be a man of wisdom and I recall on many occasions his ability to evaluate clearly and quickly a situation or event and prescribe a solution in the same breath.

All this was not however at the expense of other school activities. Mr. Medill continued to improve the school's sports facilities culminating in the opening of a new sports hall in the grounds. He supported fully all extra-curricular drama and musical projects within the school and expended time and effort encouraging groups and individuals in their endeavours. "Absolutely marvellous" is a phrase I remember well. I personally remember Mr. Medill as the first person I ever met at Rendcomb. For better or for worse, the decision was made to admit "young ladies" at sixth form level and I was one of the first twelve! It fell upon the headmaster to make the decision as to which of the first batch of young hopefuls were right for Rendcomb. Perhaps the dozen finally chosen were another manifestation of Mr. Medill's wit and sense of humour - as mixed a bag of individuals has probably yet to be repeated and we had a wonderful time educating a boys' school about girls!

I also remember Mr. Medill as a generous man. When the girls arrived, he was happy to share his house with three of them, share his horses with several of them and share his larder with all of them! His dinner parties for the sixth form were much-heralded events and seats at the table were hotly contested. Not only were there the delights of the best food around at his table, but Mr. Medill and his wife could also engage their young guests in the best after dinner conversations for miles! Perhaps I can note here the affection still held by many of the "first" girls for Mrs. Medill - vivacious, exciting, always charming, incredibly amusing and, like her husband, generous to a fault with her house, possessions and family life.

And perhaps most importantly to a headmaster, I remember Mr. Medill as an approachable man. For these and many other reasons he was a man liked, respected and understood by all. During his time at Rendcomb he has overseen many exciting projects and several really major ones to keep the school in tune with the rapidly changing expectations and demands on education and private educational establishments. I hope that I speak for the girls past, present and future of Rendcomb when I say thankyou to Mr. Medill. May his retirement be as happy, full and rewarding as our time at Rendcomb was and for future generations I am sure will be.

(Ruth Beckett read zoology at Aberdeen University, and is now a marketing manager with 3M Health Care in Loughborough.)

#### From **Paul Rose** (1968 - 75)

I was very pleased to be asked to write this article, although to write about events that happened twelve years ago and do justice to all concerned is far from easy. I am however glad to be able to thank Mr. Medill and all the staff for the work they put in on my behalf and for my contemporaries. Perhaps the best tribute to Mr. Medill would be to talk of the strengths of Rendcomb as I saw them at the time under his guidance. As senior prefect in 1974-5 I came into regular contact with Mr. Medill in all kinds of different situations. Brief rehearsals of the morning's reading for assembly was the most regular, although Mr. and Mrs. Medill hosted several meals for the prefects in their house as well. These occasions, always potentially difficult, were always very friendly and relaxed, as indeed was the school, although with a generally accepted business-like flavour in everything. The feeling that I had was of a school where there was not too much pressure but where it was understood that if you were going to do something you really ought to do it properly. I very much appreciated the small classes for A level subjects, and the feeling that the staff were fully involved in the work we were doing. A great deal of the success enjoyed by many people was due to the gentle but persistent encouragement of the staff. School plays were also a regular feature. I remember appearing in 'A Man for All Seasons' and 'A Comedy of Errors' in particular, the latter enlivened by Mr. Jackson's pyrotechnics. The hall always seemed to be full of parents and friends, which was very impressive for a fully boarding school. The enthusiasm of the staff concerned reflected the interest of Roger Medill for the activities. There were several changes at Rendcomb during my time there. The main one was the building of Park House for the 6th form, which was a great improvement, although I never stayed there, as the cabinet (why was it pronounced like that?) was my base in 6A and 6U. Life in general proceeded fairly quietly, with the occasional smoking raid into the wilderness, and much agitation when the school barber came. The abolition of the old rulebook was a change for the better, as its 120-odd regulations at least seemed largely petty, and therefore a challenge. New pitches were added to 'top' - are people still stone picking?

This is a very incomplete account of what Rendcomb was like, but others could surely better use the space

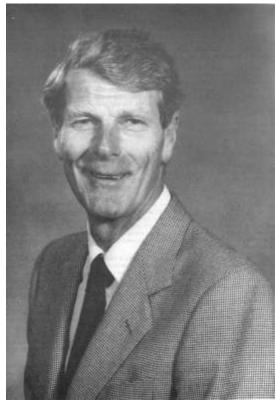
available. In conclusion, then, may I add my best wishes to Mr. Medill for a long and happy retirement, and thank him and the staff for making Rendcomb a very happy place to be.

(Paul Rose read History at Oxford University and is now teaching at Plymouth College.)

#### From **Nick Miles** (1975 - 80)

It has been Rendcomb's good fortune to have been under the leadership for so many years of Roger Medill, in

my opinion one of the world's natural gentlemen. He was a perfect 'front man' who could provide the right image of the school in all academic, commercial and social circles. This allowed him to raise for the school new resources in the form of pupils, equipment, finance, publicity and good will. To be the headmaster of any school is an onerous responsibility, let alone of an institution as unique as Rendcomb. What kept Roger Medill so young throughout his headmastership was his unrelenting enthusiasm for all aspects of school life, from the pomp and ceremony of founder's day to the internal politics of the general meeting. Rendcomb has always been a 'practical' school in that emphasis is given to non-academic pursuits alongside the mainstream of the examination curriculum. Luckily, Roger Medill shared this ideal and promoted its attainment through his enthusiastic sponsorship of all kinds of pursuits ranging from the traditions of rugby, cricket, music and woodwork to the lesser-known thespian readings, bridge, golf and computers. Lest I have conveyed a picture of Roger as being a rather serious person, let me correct this by reminding everyone of his natural loud, warm laugh and inimitable but instinctive gesture of clasping his hands together when 'tickled pink' by a story, whether told by a parent or impudent third former. Also it is a testimony to his open-mindedness that he never took our caricatures of him at the Christmas party to heart.



You always knew how far you could go with Roger; you knew exactly where he would draw the line between acceptable and unacceptable behaviour. He was a man of high principles and saw things strictly in terms of right and wrong with very little grey area in between. He tried to convey this perception of life to all of us, but sometimes we were probably not bright enough to appreciate his wisdom. Personally I owe a large debt to Roger and his wife Mary, who took me into their family as one of their own whilst I was recuperating from a serious illness while in the third form. I spent the best part of two terms living with them while my parents were abroad; their hospitality, warmth and caring will never be forgotten.

The best way to review Roger's stewardship of Rendcomb is to compare the school on his arrival with the school on his departure. A small, introverted establishment has been transformed into a forward-looking college which can provide a whole range of up-to-date facilities needed to equip today's youngster to face the world with confidence and a well-rounded personality. Yet this transformation has been achieved without harming the essential character of the school: a warm, friendly and relaxed "home from home" set in the most beautiful countryside of England. Such progress is a testimony of Roger's vision and expertise.

My losting memory of Roger will be that of his count, graybound like from striding the toughling "up ton".

My lasting memory of Roger will be that of his gaunt, greyhound-like frame striding the touchline "up top" totally immersed in the performance of the 1st XV, oblivious to the entanglement of his dog's lead round his legs, yelling encouragement and revealing instinctive delight when the team scored a try.

(Nick Miles graduated from Loughborough University and is now with the British Bank of the Middle East in Abu Dhabi.)

## From **Isobel Nicholas** (1980 - 82)

My memories of Rendcomb are many and varied, and I think it must be a great tribute to the school and Mr. Medill that, whenever we meet as a group of O.R.s, we always end up reminiscing. Snow. Snow dominated the two years I was at Rendcomb. Out of six terms, the start or end of three were delayed. In 1981, not only was the carol service cancelled, but the cricket nets were buckled under the weight of snow and the start of the summer(!) term was delayed. The Dulverton Hall was opened in Spring 1982 by the Prince and Princess Michael of Kent. This was the culmination of years of thought and planning as to how and whether the

conservatory should be converted to provide an alternative to the assembly hall. It is a magnificent building and I'm sure its conversion has been a great asset to the school. The first of several 'open days' was also held during this time, when the school was thrown open for public perusal. It was a novel and successful idea. Rendcomb days will always be remembered with affection and I hope Mr. and Mrs. Medill enjoy a happy and peaceful retirement.

(Isobel Nicholas went to Birmingham University to study for an M.Sc. in Toxicology after graduating from King's College, London. She is now an assistant editor for IMS World Publications.)

#### From **Karl Knight** (1981 - 86)

Many changes have taken place at Rendcomb during Mr. Medill's term as headmaster - none more so than in the early 1980's when not only industry but also schools had to diversify in order to cope with the onset of the 'high tech' age. Perfect evidence of this is the daily migration of juniors to the new stable block computer labs. And now when entering the secretaries' office you are no longer greeted by the chatter of manual typewriters but the quiet tapping of word processors, together with the usual friendly smile of course. Sport plays a major part in every Rendcombian's life and the completion of the golf course has added a new slant to the choice of extra-curricular activities. The resurfacing of the old rectory courts was a welcoming sight to Rendcomb's aspiring tennis players, as was the new cricket bowling machine to the cricketers. On a more relaxing note the renovation of the swimming pool now provides endless pleasure to every member of the school in the summer. Expansion at Rendcomb has not been confined solely to sporting facilities and, with the extension to Godman House, gone are the days when half the third formers live and run riot in the stable block. The old orangery is now an assembly hall and every 6th former now has his own study - one wonders what will happen next!

Still, the importance of a school does not lie solely in the hands of computers and various other material improvements but in the personal attitudes of the people who live there, and who run it. I hope that despite whatever changes may take place at Rendcomb it will never lose the close friendly atmosphere which makes it so unique, and which I remember so vividly. Such advances and transformations are the result of Mr. Medill's tireless efforts for the school. For this, and for many instances of personal help and advice, Rendcombians owe Mr. Medill a deep debt of gratitude and will wish to join me in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Medill a long and happy retirement.

(Karl Knight is at present working for Midland Bank before taking up a bank sponsorship at Bangor University.)

## Jack Fell

The following personal reminiscences of his friendship with Jack have been sent by Rev. A.G.G. Richards (staff 1931 - 45).

"I read the tributes to Jack Fell with great pleasure because they all said something about Jack as I knew him, especially in the later years. What was missing, and could not be supplied by any of your contributors, was Jack as I knew him in contact with his roots in the fishing community of Flamborough. Jack came to Rendcomb in 1934 to take the load off me. I came in 1931 to teach both maths and physics up to scholarship level, but a slight expansion achieved by Browne made this impossible; so it was decided I should give up physics. We were pretty close from 1934 - 41 and I learned a lot about him at secondhand, so to speak, from his accounts about his boyhood and his continuing contacts with the Flamborough community and his family. In Easter 1941 I went up to Flamborough and stayed in his father's house for a week or two (his mother had died some time earlier) and shared what had been his usual holiday pattern ever since he left home, meeting his family and some of the fishing community in which his father, then retired, had been something of a legend. The whole lifestyle was so remote from anything that happened to him anywhere else: but I still believe that the reserves of reflection and good judgment on which he drew while serving Rendcomb were in early days in part stocked by Flamborough."

#### **Congratulations**

**Ben Uglow** (1978 - 85) on winning the Susan Mary Ralph Memorial Prize in psychology. He is at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford.

David Denby (1975 - 82) on obtaining 1st class honours in philosophy at University College, London

David Vaisey (1945 - 54) on being appointed librarian of the Bodleian at Oxford

**David Webb** (1977 - 84) on being awarded a Domus scholarship in English at Pembroke College, Oxford **Jonathan Pedley** (1975 - 82) on being awarded a Domus scholarship in chemistry at Pembroke College, Oxford

Simon Wormleighton (1968 - 75) Ph.D. English, Exeter University

Philip Evans (1972 - 79) D.Phil. chemistry, Oxford University.

Lindsay Haslett (staff 1985 -) D.Phil. French literature, Ulster University.

#### **Marriages**

Jeremy Stupple (1972 - 76) to Carol Stuart, July 1986 Shaun Brennan (1972 - 79) to Jill Dingley, September 1986 Nigel Powell (1967 - 74) to Catherine Newbould, September 1986 Alisdair Wilson (1969 - 77) to Rebecca Rose, October 1986 Simon Howell (1972 - 79) to Ann Kshirsagar, August 1986 Philip Chivers (1975 - 82) to Sara Norcott, June 1985 Martin Graham (staff 1985 -) to Aileen Smith, August 1986 David Mackonockie (1967 - 72) to Bridget Mortimer, April 1983 Nigel Burgess (1974 - 77) to Bernice Taylor, March 1987 Richard Pitt (1973 - 80) to Pamela Massey, April 1987

## **Births**

To **Tessa** (1974 - 76) and **Steve** (1969 - 76) **Hicks**. a daughter, Gemma Katherine, April 1986 To **Sally** (1975 - 77) and Jonathan Ede, a daughter, Olivia Catherine, September 1986 To **Jane** (1975 - 77) and Richard Gunner, a son, Luke Joseph, April 1987

## **Obituary**

We have learnt with much sorrow of the deaths of the following:-

Christian Lee (1972 - 77) following an accident in Hong Kong early in 1986.

**Dick Field** (1924 - 31) died in October 1986. On leaving Rendcomb, he studied at the Royal College of Art. After war service in the middle east, he became art adviser to schools and colleges in the West Riding. From 1953 to 1962 he was head of the school of art education at Birmingham College of Art: from this post he went on to become senior lecturer and head of the art department at the Institute of Education, London University. He was also an examiner in art at a number of universities and was chairman of the board of studies in art at the Cambridge Institute of Education. He was the author of a number of works including "Change in Art Education" and "The Study of Education and Art" (1972). In 1983 he published his account of his schooldays at Rendcomb, entitled "Champagne Days" and in 1986 a slim volume of poems ("Troop-Ship") written in 1941 on a ship bound for the Middle East. Old Rendcombians will wish to extend their deepest sympathies to his widow, Molly, and their family

## **Staff Common Room News**

**Graham Bell** (1982-86) left in July to become head of modern languages at Ellesmere College. He had been head of French at Rendcomb since 1983. In a short time he made a very real contribution to the school. He was respected for his scholarly but often light-hearted teaching of French and German, and took part in many of the school's musical activities - he was a highly accomplished alto soloist. He ran the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme and was on the editorial committee of the "Rendcombian".

Lindsay Haslett (1985 -) has become head of French.

**Rev. P.J. Sudbury** took over as chaplain in September 1986. A former army officer, he has been vicar of Preston and Siddington (Cirencester) since 1983.

**D.E.** O'Connor joined the staff in September to teach history and English. He graduated from St. Andrew's University.

Mrs. B.M. Tyler who was on the staff from 1974 to 1982, has returned to help in the French department. In July 1987 John Holt will retire from being housemaster of Godman House. The difficult transitional year, with the merging of the 'old' pupils from form two and the 'new' ones from preparatory and other schools, has been managed with remarkable success for the past twelve years thanks to John and Anne Holt's particular sympathy with and understanding of the problems of third-formers. Each year, the form of forty has blended quickly together and has become a happy and active unit, with those who have already been at Rendcomb for two years rapidly striking up friendships with the new arrivals. All old Rendcombians who have passed through Godman House owe a great debt of gratitude to John and Anne for their tireless efforts to ensure that their year was successful and enjoyable. Mr. and Mrs. M.J. Newby will take over Godman House in September.

**Mrs. C. A. Holdaway** was seriously injured in a car accident in March. She is recovering well but will be in hospital for some weeks. She has been most touched by the large number of cards and letters she has received from O.R.s and wishes to express her warmest thanks for these.

## **School Sport**

#### Cricket 1986

The hard work in the indoor nets this year was given a tremendous boost by the donation of a bowling machine by the parents' association. This created more interest and enthusiasm from the boys and was a great help from the coaching point of view. On the whole 1986 was another successful year for most of the college elevens, with a good standard of cricket played at all levels. The start of the season was disappointing in that many fixtures were cancelled, but with the wet weather behind us our usual successes started to come.

The first and second elevens between them were beaten only once by another school and although some of the more experienced players didn't realise their true potential, good performances were given by most of the squad. Paterson-Fox led the first eleven and was also the main strike bowler. Webb and Brealy and the spin of Elderfield ably supported him, yet one of the main problems this year was actually bowling sides out. Healey never really found his true form, but the batting on the whole looked solid with Cordeux and Astill forming a good opening partnership and Brealy looking a very useful middle-order batsman. Once again some of the younger players made useful contributions, which augurs well for next season.

The U.15 eleven was probably our most successful team showing depth in all aspects of the game. The U.14 eleven must be congratulated on reaching the county final of the Lords Taverners competition, knocking out a very good Cheltenham College team on the way.

J. Healey was selected for the county U.19 XI, W. Sherwood and J. Fellows for the county U.15 XI and J. Carroll for the county U.14 XI.

Overall results: Played 42, Won 17, Lost 10, Drew 15

1st XI Squad: N. Paterson-Fox, M. Cordeux, M. Astill, I. Whittaker, J. Healey, P. Spackman, G. Veale, A. Brealy, T. Burns, K. Elderfield, N. Webb, M. Hammond, W. Sherwood, D. John, D. Edwin, T. Branston, C. Huck. A. Binder.

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#### **Rugby 1986**

Good weather allowed a full fixture list to be completed with a total of 90 matches (well over double the number played 10 years ago) shared with 9 teams; an under 16 group replacing the 3rd XV, 'A' and 'B' teams at both U15 and U14 levels (with only 40 boys in each year) and junior U13 and U12 sides. During the season over 170 boys represented the school.

The 1st XV, although a mediocre side 'on paper', proved that the goods can be produced if the attitude is right. An open, running style of play developed well and proved successful with six impressive wins in consecutive matches after half-term; including an outstanding handling performance against Kingham Hill in very wet, muddy conditions, a thoroughly deserved victory over a Dean Close team with an excellent season's record and a satisfying win over the old enemy Bloxham (the first time during Mr. Medill's reign and the first time he was not actually there to support!). The only disappointment of the season was a dismal performance and result against a talented Monkton Combe side.

The old boys' match produced some good rugby; up front the school held their own despite opposition players like 6'6" **Mike Uglow** (captain of rugby at St. George's) and **David Edwin** (Cheltenham Colts). In the backs the O.R.s had a great deal of talent with ex-school captains **Andrew Payne** and **John Healey** (Bexley and Cirencester Colts respectively) along with **Simon Jenkins** (Cheltenham Colts) and **Giles Brealy** (R.A.C.)

proving too strong for the school.

Captain of rugby this season was Iain D. Whittaker who was directly responsible for the success of the XV. Vice captain in his third year playing for the 1st XV was David Aylott. Notable successes this year included Mr. R.C. Hannaford becoming Glos. county coach, Christopher Huck playing for the Glos. County U.16 side and Mark Astill reaching the Glos. U.18 final county trial.

The rugby club dinner this year saw David Essenhigh, head groundsman, as guest speaker (stepping in at the last minute for ex-England player John Fidler who was ill). Guests included society referees and ex-school captains **David Woof** (1982) and **John Healey** (1985).

#### Season's Result:

|             | <u>P.</u> | W. | <u>D.</u> | <u>L.</u> | <u>P.F.</u> | <u>P.A.</u> |
|-------------|-----------|----|-----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| 1st XV:     | 14        | 9  | 0         | 5         | 226         | 175         |
| 2nd XV:     | 11        | 5  | 0         | 6         | 193         | 168         |
| U16 XV:     | 11        | 7  | 1         | 3         | 116         | 131         |
| U15 'A' XV: | 11        | 10 | 0         | 1         | 193         | 78          |
| U15 B' XV:  | 8         | 3  | 0         | 5         | 36          | 132         |
| U14 'A' XV: | 14        | 11 | 0         | 3         | 344         | 134         |
| U14 'B' XV: | 8         | 4  | 2         | 2         | 70          | 94          |
| U13 XV:     | 9         | 5  | 0         | 4         | 60          | 108         |
| U12 XV:     | 4         | 1  | 0         | 3         | 10          | 80          |

## Overall Record:

Played 90; Won 55; Drew 3; Lost 32; Points for 1,248; Points against 1,120

#### 1st XV Players:

Props - J. Chappelle, M. Houseman, C. Moody

Hooker - I. Whittaker

Locks - M. Astill, J. McMonigall

Flankers - G. Davies, D. John, P. Moore

No. 8 - S. Kingscote, R. Matson

Scrum-half - N. Wharmby

Fly-Half - M. Hastings

Centres - A. Brealy, T. Burns, G. Carter

Wingers - D. Aylott, D. Beales, R. Draper

Fullback - B. Branston

Coaching Team:

1st and 2nd XVs - M.J. Newby and C.P.M. King

Under 16s - R.C. Hannaford and L.J. Haslett

Under 15s - C.C. Burden and D. O'Connor

Under 14s - P. Sykes and M. Griffiths

Under 13s - M.S. Graham

Under 12s - R. Kelsey

## M.J.N.

## Hockey

Of 27 games days we were able to use 'top' fully on only 11 occasions, however 74 matches were played against other schools, colleges and clubs partly due to the increasing number of all weather surfaces in the area. The 1st XI experienced artificial grass pitches at Marlborough College and at the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, but they played their best games on the older redgra surfaces, especially under floodlights in Cirencester against the hockey club.

Once again very few boys opted out of hockey and it was encouraging to see a renewed interest in the former practice of asphalt hockey during free time. New fixtures were made with Monkton Coombe (which was not played due to snow), King's Worcester, Christ College Brecon (U13), Cirencester H.C. (1st) and The Downs, Malvern (U13 and U12). The "ghost" fixture with Prior Park College was played for the first time since it was first made in 1983!

The senior games consisted of a large number of talented players who needed to be placed in the correct environment to produce their best. Consequently, there were several changes in the 1st XI before a really effective team evolved. This was well led by the captain, Barnabas Branston (brother of T. Branston) and the vice captain/goal keeper, Mark Astill (son of J.M. Astill). Excepting the match against Prior Park in which we were clearly outclassed, the 1st XI were well matched against their opponents and played very well as a team

unless they had travelled a long way - coach lag?

The old Rendcombian match was obviously going to be a close and hard fought game from the opening few minutes of play. Matthew Archer scored for the O.R.s after 6 minutes and the XIs offside trap was very vulnerable to John Webb's excellent through passes and aerial balls. Just before halftime Andrew Cayton scored for the school but a minute later Matthew Cordeux put the O.R.s back in the lead from an unmarked position. Shortly after half time Giles Carter sent the ball high into the net to equalise and although both sides had several opportunities to score again neither were able to do so.

Overall: Played 74; Won 30; Lost 28; Drew 16; Goals For 143; Goals Against 156

#### 1st XI Results:

| v. Cheltenham College 2nd Xl (A)         | Won 3-2  |
|--|----------|
| v. King Edwards School, Bath (A)         | Lost 1-2 |
| v. Marlborough College 2nd Xl (A)        | Drew 0-0 |
| v. Prior Park College (A)                | Lost 0-5 |
| v. King's School, Gloucester (A)         | Won 3-1  |
| v. Cheltenham H.C. Wednesday XI (A)      | Won 6-5  |
| v. Colston's School (H)                  | Drew 2-2 |
| v. Royal Agricultural College 2nd XI (A) | Drew 2-2 |
| v. Dean Close School (A)                 | Won 4-2  |
| v. Bloxham School (A)                    | Lost 2-3 |
| v. King's School, Gloucester (H)         | Won 2-1  |
| v. Old Rendcombian Society (H)           | Drew 2-2 |
|  |          |

1st XI Players:

Goalkeeper M. Astill

Backs B. Branston, M. Walters

Halves T. Burns, A. Brealy, J. Fellows, R. Draper, S. Reichwald

Forwards P. Moore, K. Hewston, M. Hastings, A. Cayton, G. Carter, M. Reid

#### Coaching Staff:

Senior XIs - C.J. Wood, T.J. Lane, D. Essenhigh, D. O'Connor, M. Graham

Under 15 XI - J.N. Holt

Under 14 XI - W.J.D White, D.A. Hawkswell

Under 13 XI - M.J. Newby

Under 12 XI - P.J. Sudbury

Girls XI - Mrs. J. Manners

C.J. Wood

### **Old Rendcombian News**

**Timothy Daniels** (1975 - 82) joined the Royal Marines after graduating at Nene College of Further Education. Last May he wrote about his experiences of the first stages of officer training: "My time is taken up by extremely hard work, 'though a lot of it is gratifying in meeting the extremely high standards set. After many Februarys spent playing hockey on 'top' in driving blizzards, Dartmoor held no evils, 'though I admit that one exercise at Sennybridge training area when the temperature did not rise above -19°C for the ten days we were on the ground was a stultifying experience. Training has been every schoolboy's dream with regard to excitement - abseiling from helicopters, tearing about in Land Rovers, landing from raiding craft in the dead of night, cliff assaults, etc. - it is this which, coupled with the intense 'esprit de corps', makes life worthwhile. All efforts are now concentrated on passing the commando phase of training which culminates in a week of intense physical effort - the ultimate test being a 30 mile run across Dartmoor, carrying kit and rifle, to be completed in under six hours..." He now has his green beret and is on secondment to the Scots Guards.

**John Quick** (1937 - 41) retired from W.D. & H.O. Wills in Bristol in 1982. Since then he has set up as a consultant electrical engineer. Although he has enjoyed this he wants to find time for more voluntary activities locally and is running the business down. He is chairman of the Bristol area of the Institution of Electrical Engineers for 1986/87.

Desmond Knox (1970 - 75) has completed with distinction an M.Sc. conversion course in computer science at

Hatfield Polytechnic. As a result he was offered a research post at the Polytechnic which he has been doing for two years. This is, as he says, quite a change after four years on the dole. His brother **Bill** (1973 - 78) together with **Alan Fidler** and **Kevin Nunan** all work as dispatch riders and part-time musicians in London.

**Nigel Powell** (1967 - 74) works for Tandem Computers. He specialises in providing European consultancy services and his wife is manager of customer education in the same firm.

**Nigel Wren** (1977 - 80) has graduated in economics at Portsmouth Polytechnic and is a trainee accountant with Bowater.

**Anthony Rose** (1965 - 71) is a consultant anaesthetist in Blackburn.

Philip Cutts (1934 - 42) is chairman of the Cotswold District Council.

**Niven Boyd** (1965 - 72) visited the school in November. He is enjoying his acting career and was recently seen in some episodes of "The Singing Detective".

**Peter Callaghan** (1956 - 61) has been made a member of the Worshipful Company of Clockmakers. The honour, which brings with it the Freedom of the City of London, has been conferred on him for his firm's work in repairing the Cirencester parish church clock.

**Christopher Hart** (1970 - 77) passed the chartered surveyor's exams in June and is now with Hampton & Sons "selling expensive houses in Esher".

Ann Pilgrim (née Rickards) (1976 - 78) works as an account manager for a sales promotion company.

Jennifer Lane (1980 - 81) is in her third year at Cologne Medical School.

**David Hogarth** (1958 - 64) is a managing consultant for Scicon Ltd. (computer systems, services and consultancy). He is now based in London after tours in Iran ('76- '78), Saudi Arabia ('80- '82), Oman ('83 - '85) and S. Korea! He is married with two children.

**Derek Tanner** (1978 - 81) obtained a distinction in the higher national diploma in tourism at Luton and is now with Aer Lingus as a reservations agent in London.

**Philip Chivers** (1975 - 82) has been working as a computer programmer in Redditch since 1984. In 1985 he married Sara Norcott whom some of his contemporaries may remember from Pate's Girls Grammar School.

Susan Stanhope (1972 - 74) is head of art at a comprehensive school in Truro.

**Peter Uglow** (1974 - 81) has joined the West Midlands police force. His brother, Michael, is a third year medical student at St. George's Hospital, London.

**Christopher Brealy** (1976 - 81) graduated in the history of architecture at Edinburgh and is now employed with a conservatory construction firm in London.

Andrew Hall (1980 - 85) has completed his initial training in the R.A.F. He is now a pilot officer.

**Philip Paterson-Fox** (1979 - 84) is at Southampton University reading politics and international studies - and also playing rugby. His brother, Neil, hopes to join him at Southampton in October 1987.

**Barny Hatcher** (1978 - 85) is reading business studies at Sheffield University.

**Jo Merrett** (1983 - 85) is at St. Andrew's University reading English.

James Hutton-Potts (1977 - 84) is reading politics at Hull University.

Richard Hayward (1978 - 84) is on a four year B.Ed. course at Birmingham University.

**Toby Brealy** (1978 - 85) is at Harrow Art College and is also studying accountancy.

**Penelope Green** (née Hooley) (1977 - 79) is with the personnel department of Schlumberger, an oil service company.

David Mackonockie (1967 - 72) works for Barclay's Bank in Reading.

**Keith Winmill** (1972 - 79) has been appointed branch manager of the Highworth office of the Stroud Building Society. He was previously assistant manager at Circnester.

**Christopher Morshead** (1975 - 78) graduated from the Engineering College at Manadon, Plymouth last summer. He then flew out to Singapore to join HMS Illustrious for the cruise back to the U.K., where he met **Timothy Nicholas** (1969 - 76). He has also been in touch with **Roy Edwards** (1972 - 79) and **Anna Hummel** (1977-79).

**Christopher Pulford** (1970 - 77) is at present a curate in Liverpool. In September he will take up the post of chaplain at Berkhamstead School.

**Duncan Taylor** (1972 - 79) wrote as follows last July: "As many of you will know I am no longer living in London but in Yorkshire, a move about which I am glad to say I have no regrets. I spent just over a year at J. Walter Thompson, the advertising agency, where I was initially negotiating the cost of television advertising time before moving into another department where I was involved with market research. I enjoyed it there and learned a lot about big businesses, but cannot honestly say that working in a large company and commuting by tube suited me. When my uncle phoned me, out of the blue, and asked if I wanted to be the manager of his company my initial reaction was to say 'no', but having visited the factory and looked at the longer term prospects I came to my decision and moved here last October. For those of you who don't know, Bob, my uncle, bought a small bacon factory here ten years ago and has since considerably expanded it. His intention is to retire within the next few years by which stage I will hopefully have learned enough to be able to carry it on. It is an exciting challenge and I am a lot happier than I would have been if I had stayed in a larger company. The staff here, who number about thirty, have been particularly helpful and we seem to have taken to each other. The factory is situated in a small village in the Pennines, and so is quite a contrast to the glamour of Mayfair where I worked previously."

**Karen Alder** (1983 - 85) spent a year with NEI Parsons before going up to Queen's College, Cambridge to read engineering. This is part of her letter describing her experience in industry:-

"My first three months were spent on the shop floor. I had to keep a log booklogbook of my experiences and technical data, in each factory department depending on my interest in the activities. There were fourteen students doing exactly the same thing as myself, and we were "controlled" and paid by the training department. Parsons make turbine generators, so the workshops include a blade shop, two machine shops, a pipe shop and a foundry, etc. Because of union restrictions, we were not allowed to use any machines or tools in the factory so unless we were lucky, we didn't do anything apart from observing and writing. However, I was able to do some casting, machining and welding. A lot of students got involved with the planning office work in the factory. I really enjoyed the shop floor, and people were very friendly and helpful. From January to March 1986 we all went to a local technical college for a "design and manufacture" course. The first half consisted of lectures and design activities, and the second half was given over to manufacture in the workshops. It was fun designing our own projects (we were in groups of three) and the manufacture was 'great'. We were then given all day on the machines and could learn a lot. The next stage was three months back at Parsons in the drawing office. In fact I spent only eight weeks in my office, as I found it rather boring after I'd done a fair amount of manual and computer-aided drawing. I fixed up to move into the computer-aided manufacture development department where I stayed until I left in September. It was very interesting as it dealt with the computercontrol of machines on the factory floor, and I am keen on the manufacturing applications for computers. I've been asked to go back to that department for a few weeks at Christmas; however I shall have to see what my Cambridge workload is like before I decide. Girls are well represented on our course: three of us out of fourteen. Apart from work, I had a good time socially in Newcastle, mainly with friends from Parsons. I have been playing a lot of squash, and doing plenty of swimming. The other weekend I started learning to fly a small motorised Falke glider! It was a marvellous experience, especially the views over the Northumberland coast and Cheviot Hills..."

**Simon Wormleighton** (1968 - 75) was awarded a Ph.D. in English at Exeter University last July for his thesis entitled "A Study of the Romantic Impulse in the Work of Wilfred Owen, with particular reference to the idea of the hero and images of darkness". He spent 1986 as teacher of English and boarding master at Magdalen College School, Brackley. He is now hoping to find a job in publishing.

**Isobel Nicholas** (1980 - 82) did an M.Sc. in toxicology at Birmingham University with a Medical Research Council award after graduating at King's College, London. She won the Fitch Pharmaceutical prize for the best research project of the year. She now works as an assistant editor for IMS World Publications which specialises in the pharmaceutical industry.

**Ruth Beckett** (1972 - 74) writes: "I am marketing manager for 3M Health Care, based in Loughborough and living about thirteen miles away close to the site of the battle of Bosworth! At the moment I work exclusively on ophthalmic products but expect a change to a new product very shortly. I am very happy in the world of business management and industrial marketing and have no regrets at all about leaving a more academic background and the laboratory bench. **Rosie** (1974 - 76) works for a photographic agency in London and **Simon** (1970 - 76) continues as a cabinet maker. He has also become a fanatical coarse fisherman, winning competitions fairly regularly."

**David Mabberley** (1960 - 67) who is dean of Wadham College, Oxford, spent the summer teaching at a university in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

**Adrian Patrick** (1963 - 70) is in the oil exploration business. He returned to England from Canada in 1985 and is working at his firm's headquarters in London. He is married with two daughters.

Sarah Robinson (1975 - 77) has returned from Hong Kong and is working for Lloyds of London.

Richard Tudor (1973 - 80) is in charge of the vice and drugs squad in the Hong Kong police force.

**Nick Price** (1973 - 80) is currently looking after dollar Eurobond trading at Sogen Securities in Tokyo on behalf of S.G.S.T. London.

**Donald Pearce** (1969 - 74) runs his own agricultural contracting business in Maisemore and continues to play a great deal of cricket.

**Dominic Ind** (1973 - 80) runs a marine insurance agency, specialising in yachting insurance. **Tim Clark** is also in the insurance business in London.

**Peter Binks** (1935 - 41) has sent details of the Adult Training Centre at which he works in Doncaster, Victoria, Australia. This centre specialises in training staff to work with mentally retarded adults. He would be interested to hear from other O.R.s who have experience of this work.

**Philip Evans** (1972 - 79) has obtained a D.Phil. at Oxford and is now doing chemical research at the University of Pennsylvania.

Nick Marlow (1973 - 78) is with Walker Crossweller.

**Nick** and **Elaine Roberts** (1969 - 74) - and baby Christopher - are now working for a Catholic aid organisation in Juba, South Sudan. They are thoroughly enjoying a fairly adventurous life.

Christopher Mansfield (1977 - 84) is working in Tottenham with the psychiatrically ill.

Richard Bendy (1979 - 84) is with the Anthea Foote conference organisation as an assistant.

**Graham Moore** (1971 - 78) is running his own garden design and developing business in Henley-on-Thames. He studied horticulture at Cambridge Technical College and then spent three years with Kennedy's Garden Centres.

#### Letter from Hong Kong - May, 1986

Hong Kong has been the headquarters of the 'overseas branch' of the old Rendcombians society for so long now, it seemed fitting that we should put together a few words for the newsletter.

Our little clan comprises Sally Blyth (Patterson), Veronica Chan (née Thresh), Paul Curtis-Hayward, Taryn Nixon, Rory Thomson, Sarah Robinson (departed last year), and sometime visits from Ian Forrest via London, and Nick Longworth from Singapore. We've also seen Norman and Teta, and Sarah Oughton

here on holiday.

Sally began her HK media career as a news reporter on one of the two English television channels, and has now moved to a radio news department. Veronica is elusive, but apparently very happy; while Paul is wheeling and dealing admirably in stocks and shares. Taryn has been employed by the HK government as an archaeologist for the last four and a half years, mainly involved with a territory wide survey, and is due to return to England this coming August. Rory continues to convince the world that 'Coke is it', for a major Hong Kong hong. Sarah spent nearly four years here as the accountant and personnel manager of an engineering firm, and is now working in London for a firm of Lloyds underwriters. While Ian colludes with Paul from the London office, Nick continues to run the international magazine 'Petromin' from Singapore. Somehow those Rendcombian friendships, formed both at school and later, maintain a tenacious hold over the distances... We salute Rendcomb, and wish you all well.

## **News of Recent Leavers**

Nicholas Badcott: Lancaster University: History Mark Bailey: Working for British Airways

Amanda Baker: Nicholas Blackshaw:

Alistair Brain: Retaking 'A' levels

Thomas Branston: Cheltenham College of Art; B.Tech. in fashion design

Sara Butler: Kent University: Geography

Charlotte Carroll: Brighton Polytechnic: Chemistry & energy studies

Katherine Conway: Durham University: Geography
Matthew Cordeux: Leicester University: Law
Rachel Daniels: Retaking 'A' levels

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Darren Denby: Retaking 'A' levels

Alan Doyle: Reading University: Psychology

David Edwin: Retaking 'A' levels

Kevin Elderfield: Bath University: French and German

Caroline Eldridge: Gloucestershire College of Art: Foundation course

Claire Ellis: Pembroke College, Oxford: Chemistry Kristin Ewing: University College, London: English Catherine Faircloth: Cardiff Polytechnic, Law (1987)

Myles Faulkner:

Mark Hammond: University College, London: Philosophy Sarah Hassall: Lanchester Polytechnic: Modern studies

Alex Hayes: Baring Bros., Bankers

John Healey: Birmingham University: Law (1987) Simon Jenkins: Retaking 'A' levels in Cheltenham

Christopher Jones: Pembroke College, Oxford: History (1987) Reza Khosrowshahi: Royal Holloway College: French and History

Darryl King: Institute of Commercial Management: HND business studies
Karl Knight: Bangor University: Banking & finance (Midland Sponsorship)

Janet Larroucau: Edinburgh University: Biological science

Duncan MacDonald:

John Marland:

Richard Moss: Loughborough University: Geography

Timothy Needham: Silsoe Agricultural College: B.Sc. agricultural engineering

Adam Pallant: Bristol University: Biological sciences

Neil Paterson-Fox:

Jonathan Quick: Newcastle Polytechnic: Travel and tourism

Mary Reynolds: Secretarial course
Timothy Robinson: Exeter University: Law

Louisa Roseblade: Newcastle University: Engineering

Eleanor Rowe: Exeter University: English
Dominic Scarlett: Barclay's Bank trainee manager
Paul Spackman: Plymouth Polytechnic: Geography
Martin Stitt: Christ Church. Oxford: Biology

Mark Thompson: Civil Service: G.C.H.Q.

Edwina Thring: French Institute, London

Angus Trowern: Southampton University: Biology & oceanography

Jane Valentine Graeme Veale:

Katrina Walsh: Oxford Polytechnic: English & publishing (1988)

Nicholas Webb: Farming Alan Edwards: Farming

Christopher Eames: Marling School, Stroud Piers Bowley: Deer Park, Cirencester

Simon Bird: Boston College of Further Education

Mark Croft: King's School, Worcester

Edward Crowther: In business

David Paton: Hereford Technical College

Jonathan Suffolk: Trainee stage manager, Bristol Old Vic Anthony Maslin: Working for McDonald's in Oxford

Kerstin Waterloh: Southampton University: Biological sciences

Samantha Evans: Leeds University: Business studies Fiona Wilkins: Leeds University: Psychology

Darrell Adshead: St. Andrew's University: German and business studies

Andrew Rontree: Leeds University: History

Claire Newth: Bristol University: Dietetics (1988)