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## School Notes

### A WELCOME TO THE SCHOOL GOVERNORS

The School would like to express a warm welcome to its new Governors appointed to look after our interests and generally assist us with any problems that may come our way. Their Chairman, Mrs. B. Bicknell, and Vice-Chairman, Mr. H. Buttery, need no introduction, having served together for so long in the days of the old Bournemouth Education Committee. Also well known to us all is Mr. B. Newman, a recent Chairman of our Parent-Staff Association, and its present Secretary. Other members are Mr. L. N. Amos, Mr. W. Hamer, Mrs. M. F. Newman, Mr. P. J. Parr, Dr. J. Hill, Mrs. D. M. Porter, Miss F. M. Elliott, Mrs. V. H. Moulton and the Rev. W. F. Thorpe. Within their number we have Magistrates, a Doctor, a Minister, a Journalist, a Pharmacist, a retired Headmistress, a present parent, several ex-parents, a retired Assistant Mistress from Bournemouth School for Girls, and a Banker. One common interest brings them together — the welfare of Bournemouth School and Bournemouth School for Girls.

The Governors have been appointed at a challenging time for them, and the School, threatened as it must be by the recent circular from the Department of Education and Science. Their fund of goodwill and expertise can only be of great value to us. We look forward to a long and happy association.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

With inflation sending the cost of silver soaring it has become evident that our

Challenge Cups were under-insured despite a relatively recent revaluation. We were therefore especially grateful when Mr. A. D. Randle came forward with the presentation of a cup for Athletics and Mr. B. Green offered to make a shield for Basketball.

Most sincere thanks are also due to all those other parents who have continued to respond with calls upon their time, e.g. for committee work and catering, or calls upon their cash as in the parents' minibus appeal. This last venture came at a very poor time and despite much generosity the target was not reached. Even so the sum collected could be an excellent starting point for another effort in due course.

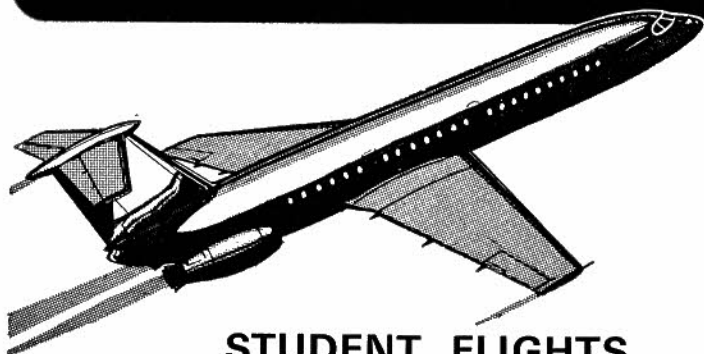
An appeal for typewriters has brought in only a very few machines, but we do thank those who have helped us in this. If any parent has an old typewriter going spare we should much appreciate it, as several sixth-formers have expressed a desire to learn typing as an aid to their note-taking at university.

### REBUILDING

At last the work has started and most of us are suffering badly from the noise. Bearing the inconvenience is easier now that we can see something happening. Perhaps by this time next year our new Hall will be nearing completion. Those who have seen the plans will know that it should be a great improvement upon the old. It will be shorter but wider and in fact slightly larger than the old Hall. The stage will have ample under-floor height for storage. Behind the stage we shall have greatly improved facilities for Drama and the Cadet Force, plus a completely new provision in the form of a modern Biology Laboratory — something we have long needed. Your son will doubtless keep you in touch with progress as it occurs.



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## SPEECH DAY

The Parent-Staff Committee know of my decision to abandon Speech Day proceedings in the Winter Gardens. There are many reasons but the principal problem relates to obtaining the services of the Mayor, a Guest Speaker, and the Winter Gardens all on the same day. A difficulty made worse by the fact that it seems almost impossible to do this at a time when old pupils are free to return for their prizes.

I propose that in future we shall have a less formal ceremony in a School Hall (we must borrow one this year) for prizewinners, their parents, and any other parents or pupils interested enough to join us in the evening. This general pattern is becoming quite widely established, but obviously the detailed arrangements will be our own, and not just a copy of what happens elsewhere.

## CHANGES OF STAFF

This year will have seen many changes of staff. Mr. C. W. Legg left us at Easter, to take up an appointment at the Bournemouth College of Technology. At the end of the Summer Term we shall be saying goodbye to Mr. S. Bursey, who is going to St. Edward's School, Poole; Mr. G. W. Dudley; Mr. G. Roseblade, who is going to Cambridge to train for the Methodist Ministry; Mr. E. Smith, who is to teach in Bristol; Mr. M. Stannard; Mr. D. P. Williams, who is going to teach in Bedford. We wish every happiness and success to all these members of staff, and to their families, in their future lives, and we thank them for the multitude of school activities in which they have helped while they have been with us.

During the Summer Term Mr. R. Tucker has been with us, temporarily, teaching History. Thanks and good wishes go with him as he now leaves. In September we shall be welcoming Mr. J. R. Child and Mr. R. P. Hocart into the History Department; Mr. Whitby into the Geography Department, taking the place of Mr. Maxted, who will be away on a special Careers Course for a year; Mr. R. C. Youngs into the Modern Languages Department; and Mr. E. G. Gibson into the Mathematics Department. Other masters have yet to be appointed.

**We congratulate the following on gaining Scholarships and Exhibitions to Oxford and Cambridge in last November's examinations:**

### OXFORD:

D. Gunner, Open Scholarship at Balliol, to read Modern Languages.

A. C. Pemberton, Open Exhibition at St. Peter's, to read English.

*And congratulations to the following on gaining admission to "Oxbridge" Colleges:*

### OXFORD:

K. P. Coplan, Christ Church, Oxford, to read Mathematics.

R. M. Kimber, Exeter College, Oxford, to read Natural Science.

M. J. Little, Balliol, Oxford, to read History.

P. K. McGregor, Magdalen, Oxford, to read Zoology.

J. F. Pavey, Balliol, Oxford, to read Engineering Science.

A. C. Patterson, St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, to read Engineering Science.

R. J. Sutherland, St. Peter's, Oxford, to read History.

A. Warner, Christ Church, Oxford, to read Engineering.

### CAMBRIDGE:

R. P. Stern, Churchill College, Cambridge, to read Mathematics.

S. D. M. Tapping, Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, to read Modern Languages.

W. G. Thorpe, Jesus College, Cambridge, to read History.

## BRITISH HIGH JUMP RECORD

We congratulate Colin Boreham (Bournemouth School 1965-1972) on setting a new British Record for the High Jump by clearing 6 ft. 11 ins. (2.11 metres) in the contest between Great Britain and East Germany at the Crystal Palace on June 20th.

In this event he came second, and beat the Munich Olympic Silver Medallist into third place.

We congratulate J. F. Money-Kyrle on gaining a Foundation Scholarship to Eton.

Seven boys, accompanied by Mr. Rogers, eventually succeeded in making their trans-Atlantic pilgrimage for three weeks this Easter holiday. They spent two weeks in session at Fordham Prep School in the Bronx of New York City — and we hope that this is only the first of annual exchanges with Fordham, whose boys are due to visit us in July. We are much indebted to the Bournemouth Branch of the English-speaking Union for sponsoring us.

### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

#### AUTUMN TERM 1974

Begins Monday, 9th September, 1974.  
Ends Friday, 20th December, 1974.

HALF TERM: One week from Monday, 28th October to Friday, 1st November inclusive.

#### SPRING TERM 1975

Begins Monday, 6th January, 1975.  
Ends Wednesday, 26th March, 1975.

HALF TERM: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 10th, 11th and 12th February.

#### SUMMER TERM 1975

Begins Monday, 14th April.  
Ends Wednesday, 16th July.

HALF TERM: One week from Monday, 26th May to Friday, 30th May inclusive.

#### AUTUMN TERM 1975

Begins Tuesday, 2nd September, 1975.  
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HALF TERM: One week from Monday, 27th October to Friday, 31st October inclusive.

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### THE SCHOOL MAGAZINE

#### (Some facts and figures)

I was tidying up old copies of *The Bournemouthian* this term, and offered some for sale in the Junior Library. The interest this aroused prompts me to write a little about the magazine, to tell present members of the School something of its history.

The School itself, of course, goes back to 1901. The first day it was opened was, in fact, the very day of the death of Queen Victoria, 22nd January, 1901. Alas, five years elapsed before the first issue of *The Bournemouthian*, in March, 1905, but ever since then there has been a regular issue of the magazine either three or, in recent years, two times a year.

There are several complete sets of these magazines. The Headmaster has one "official" set; the Sixth Form Library has another; and the Editor has another. I believe the Lansdowne Library has another complete set, but should be pleased if someone could confirm that this is so, and that it is genuinely complete.

If you look at the front page of this magazine you will find that it has a Number (the present one is 188) and a Volume and Issue Number (this one is Volume XVI No. 11). The point is that for convenience sake twelve issues of a magazine make up a "Volume", which is then bound in book form. As each issue is printed we keep back a copy for eventual binding. So, you see, there are now 15 bound volumes, and after one more issue after this one it will be time to have Volume 16 bound.

All told, including this issue, there have been 190 numbers of *The Bournemouthian*. "Why isn't this one numbered 190 instead of only 188?" you may ask. Well, the answer is that, owing to Editorial error (not mine!) there were in fact TWO issues both numbered 139 (Vol. XII No. 8, Autumn 1951; and Vol. XII No. 9, Spring 1952), and also TWO issues both numbered 146 (Vol. XIII No. 4, Summer 1954; and Vol. XIII No. 5, Autumn 1954). Thus, although this is No. 188, in actual fact it ought to be numbered 190. If you divide this by 12, to find out how many volumes there should be, you still find an oddity, and that is because, again owing to Editorial error (again not mine!),

Volume 10 had only 11 issues in it before it was bound! Therefore, next December's issue will complete Volume 16, with only 191 issues instead of 192, and numbered only up to 189!

I hope you like the cover on this issue. It is a photograph taken by Ian Byrne who wins a prize in the Photography Society's competition with it. It would be interesting to have different views of the School on future covers, so anyone with a camera and some spare film, time and patience is welcome to have a go at producing a cover-picture for next December.

If you look at the old magazines, the covers have changed considerably. Plain green at first, and then it changed to blue at issue number 70, in March, 1928 (though it was wrongly printed as 1927, owing to Editorial error (once again, not mine!!!)). Blue continued until issue No. 135, Spring 1950, and it was changed again, to turquoise, at issue No. 162, in Summer, 1961.

Mr. J. M. Swain, a former English Master at the School, was Editor for several years until issue No. 167, and then, in the summer holidays 1963, he was tragically killed in a car accident, a great loss to the School and to all who knew him. Quickly a new Editor had to be found, and the change of Editorship led to a change in format. Mr. K. Caswell, another former English Master, undertook the change, and the larger sized magazine began at issue No. 168, which contained advertisements for the first time. I took over at issue No. 169, and so the last twenty issues, since 1964, are mine, including all the Editorial errors. Covers have changed with varying designs and varying reactions to those designs.

Freak among them all was issue No. 95, in Summer, 1936. It has a *yellow* cover! I was once told that this was met with such rage and consternation that a special meeting of the Old Boys was assembled to denounce it! Is this true? Can any Old Bournemouthian give me the true story? Enough to say that the next issue, No. 96, was smartly brought back to the more congenial blue.

Last December's issue equally caused bewilderment and perhaps even stronger emotions. Richard Sparks' cover was certainly a "collector's piece".

Sometimes quite a number of copies are



left over, and I have spare copies of old *Bournemouthians* if anyone is very keen to complete a set. Please ask me.

Equally, some issues are very rare. If anyone has spare copies of 1-48, 67, 68, 73 (very rare indeed), 173 and 185, and would like to donate them to the School, we should be most grateful to receive them.

All this is simply about the magazine and its production. I haven't written about the contents at all. But, if you are interested in the history of your School, there is only one place where the truth is to be found — and that is, of course, *The Bournemouthian*! (Except, that is for errors.) (Editorial errors.)

D. G. Hilliam.

## PARENT STAFF ASSOCIATION

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Annual Dinner Dance is definitely being held on Saturday, 15th March at the Heathlands Hotel, and we have been fortunate to obtain the services of Michael Toone and his Dance Band for this function.

Provisional dates for the remainder of our meetings are as follows: Barn Dance and Supper at the School on Saturday, 12th October; Annual General Meeting 17th October; Thursday, 28th November — talk by some Heads of Departments; Wednesday, 5th February — talk and discussion on some specific problems concerning young people in the 1970's; Thursday, 6th March — School Outings with boys we hope participating in addition to staff.

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## Combined Cadet Force

It is most encouraging to see that the foundations of the new Assembly Hall and Orderly Room have been well and truly laid. The completion date for the building is, obviously, a long way off and all the inconveniences of reconstruction, noise, dust and vibration will be a part of life in the temporary Orderly Room for a considerable time. Although conditions are not as one would wish, the NCO's and Orderly Room staff continue to work with interest and enthusiasm for the benefit of the Unit. It is pleasing to report "Progress satisfactory".

The Annual Inspection paperwork preliminaries and preparation took the usual course during the Autumn and Spring terms. Owing to accommodation problems, particularly for a wet weather programme, the Inspection was cancelled and the Unit granted a "free" year.

Service and band equipment continue to arrive in increasing quantities to replace the fire losses. Our storage facilities are strained to the limit and we look forward with eager anticipation to the completion of our new accommodation.

A successful re-allocation of floor space was made in the CCF Huts last term. The D4 Link trainer was moved into the adjacent room and the Army section took over the larger room for the expanding signals and M.T. section.

Interest in shooting has been maintained and a good standard achieved, particularly in the 22 Empire Tests. Several 303 shoots have been organised and fairly well supported by cadets. We are grateful for the assistance of the Officer Commanding Cowes High School CCF, who loaned the Unit equipment, organised the range and range personnel at Newtown Range, Isle of Wight for our shoot on Sunday, 20th January.

The Ten Tors team, led by L/S R. S. A. Penel, are congratulated on their determination, willingness to train and the successful completion of the arduous Dartmoor Tors course.

R. Sephton, Sqn.Ldr. O.C.

### PROMOTIONS

#### R.N. Section

To be A/B: V. Barrington-Cook, B. Baldwin, M. Channing, A. Earney, R. Heydon, K. Rogers, R. Seabrook, G. Warner, M. Stimpson.

#### Army Section

To be Cpl.: D. L. Ridyard.  
To be L/Cpl.: C. E. Murphy.

#### R.A.F. Section

To be W.O.1: J. H. Geare.  
To be W.O.2: N. M. Keleher.  
To be Flt/Sgt.: P. A. Hobby, P. J. Rosenorn-Lanng, G. Meadows, S. A. Tattum.  
To be Sgt.: M. Burden, N. H. Jones, K. Loureance, N. Simpson, A. W. Tyler, S. J. Williams.

To be Cpl.: A. R. Cheesman, G. C. Fathers, J. S. Goodridge, P. Hunter, P. R. Jones, A. K. Martin, A. W. Simons, M. C. Smith, A. D. Steele, O. Zamora.

### CAMPS AND COURSES ATTENDED

R.N.A.S. Cuddestone, Air Rotary Wing Course: G. Warner, M. Lander.

H.M.S. Cochrane, Range Firing Course: R. Seabrook, B. Baldwin, K. Rogers, D. Bush, C. Knight.

R.A.F. Gliding Courses: Manston — M. Burden, K. Loureance; Swanton Morley — N. H. Jones, C. K. Knight.

R.A.F. Luqa, Malta: J. H. Geare, A. W. Tyler, D. J. F. Smith.

R.A.F. Section attended Easter Camp at R.A.F. Chivenor.

### TEN TORS

Map reading and self-reliance exercise, Dartmoor: R. S. A. Penel, D. Bush, P. King, C. Knight, M. Lennon, K. Loureance; Reserve N. H. Jones.

### THE PENTATHLON COMPETITION

Seniors — 1st Army.

Juniors — 1st R.A.F.

### DRILL COMPETITION

Seniors — Army

Juniors — R.A.F.

### SHOOTING RESULTS

303 R.A.F. Marksman: W.O.2 N. M. Keleher, Sgt. C. K. Knight, Cpl. A. R. Cheesman, Cpl. G. C. Fathers, Cpl. M. C. Smith, Cpl. A. D. Steele.

303 C.C.F. Marksman: S/Sgt. D. A. Bush, Cpl. O. Zamora, Cdt. S. Fuller.

#### 22 Empire Test —

Marksman: A/B R. Seabrook, Sgt. C. K. Knight, Cpl. A. R. Cheesman, Cdt. J. V. Skiller.

First Class Shot: A/B B. Baldwin, A/B G. Warner, L/Cpl. C. E. Murphy, Cdt. C. Roberjot, Cdt. C. P. G. Robertson, Cdt. B. Todd, Flt/Sgt. P. J. Rosenorn-Lanng, Flt.Sgt. C. P. Nash, Sgt. S. J. Williams, Cpl. P. Hunter, Cpl. P. R. Jones, Cpl. A. K. Martin, Cpl. A. W. Simons, Cpl. M. C. Smith, Cpl. A. D. Steele, Cdt. J. A. Cuff, Cdt. M. Geldart, Cdt. I. M. Saunders.

### EXAMINATION RESULTS

#### ROYAL NAVY SECTION

Naval Proficiency: V. Barrington-Cook, B. Baldwin, M. Channing, A. Earney, R. Heydon, K. Rogers, R. Seabrook, G. Warner, M. Stimpson.

#### ARMY SECTION

Army Proficiency Certificate: C. E. Murphy.

Army Proficiency Certificate Part Completed: B. G. Arblaster, W. A. Bignell, N. E. Burr, A. M. Ennever, N. J. Gray, A. D. Henthorne, A. J. E. Hicks, G. J. R. Legg, R. J. Lovell, P. McMullen, N. C. Payne, C. P. J. Robertson, D. J. Stoneham, G. D. Sutton, B. Todd.



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*Proficiency Part 2:* J. I. Barrington-Cook, J. A. Cuff, I. R. Duddridge, S. Fuller, D. P. Gale, M. Geldart, P. J. Lewis, G. A. Muir, J. J. B. O'Donnell, I. M. Saunders, J. V. Skiller, D. P. Sinclair, D. J. F. Smith, M. C. Smith, J. E. Turner, S. J. Watts.

*Gliding A and B Certificates:* M. Burden, K. Lourence, N. Simpson, A. W. Tyler, S. J. Williams.

*Advanced Gliding Certificate:* K. Lourence.

## R.N. SECTION VISIT TO H.M.S. DOLPHIN

Friday, 8th March

A party of twenty cadets had an exciting day at H.M.S. *Dolphin* — the Submarine School at Gosport. They were shown around the establishment including the Submarine Escape Training Tank which is over a hundred feet high. A mock firing of the Navy's latest torpedo took place, complete with deafening hisses and bangs from the water pumps and rams.

In the afternoon the Station museum (open to the public at week-ends) was toured. Later the submarine *Alliance* was boarded and the visit completed with free rides on its periscope.

Thank you, C.P.O. Exley, for arranging this extra exercise.

L/S C. P. Lothian.

## EAST HOLME SHOOTING DETAIL

Thursday, 25th March, 1974

During the Easter holidays some twenty-five cadets attended a .303 shooting detail at East Holme Ranges, near Wareham.

Every cadet fired at least two details — one at one hundred yards and one at two hundred yards. The shooting was, on the whole, good, despite the fact we were using rifles which are regularly abused during fieldcraft training in the copse below the School.

The weather held good, and everybody enjoyed themselves whilst at the same time acquiring useful shooting experience.

Thank you, 2/Lt. Thomas, for organising the detail. We all appreciated your efforts.

C. K. Knight, Sgt.

## EASTER CAMP — R.A.F. LUQA (MALTA)

Three of us, all members of the R.A.F. Section, bade our farewells to Bournemouth at 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 3rd April. Our joining instructions were explicit and simple, our execution of same not quite so straightforward. However, Cdt. W.O. Geare, Sgt. Tyler and Cdt. Smith D. J. F. departed in good humour, which was to prove well justified with due thanks to the Officers and N.C.O.'s of our host, R.A.F. Luqa.

At Waterloo Station a wallet count did not come up to expectations — one was missing. Unfortunately this particular wallet held some significance in that it contained three railway passes, one air ticket and a passport. Prolonged and frustratingly

unproductive conversations with police and many other officials ensued. We decided to join our party at Gatwick Airport and hope for the best, a rewarding course of action as it turned out. A very helpful airline hostess and the R.A.F. officers present had soon replaced or improvised the necessary documentation, and we were ready to depart on our flight BR 625 to Malta.

Three hours and approximately thirteen hundred miles later we arrived at Luqa Airport. We can only assume that the greeting of "... eeeeeee chicken soup!" as imparted to us by a Maltese airport worker was indeed typical. At 2.00 o'clock in the morning we were given an hour long brief and told that the week's training programme was to start five hours later.

Our first day in Malta was devoted to introductions to persons and places. In the morning the 70 cadets and 10 officers attending the camp were given a talk by the Officer Commanding R.A.F. Luqa, Group Captain Armitage, and members of his staff. The afternoon was spent on a round-trip of the island. This trip was also our introduction to Malta's public transport system, a collection of vintage, suspensionless charabancs.

Friday was the first "full-programme" day. The daily routine was: 06.00 — Thirty minutes P.T.; 07.00 — Breakfast; 07.30 — Billet inspection; 08.00 — Day's training programme commenced, Service activities; 12.30 — Lunch; 13.00 Afternoon programme commenced, sightseeing; 18.00 — Evening meal. The rest of the day was for recreation of our own choice — playing Monopoly in the billet; visits to the cinema or outings to local beaches or towns.

The week's training programme was intensive, apart from the station visits to R.A.F. Luqa and sightseeing trips around the island there were many visits to other military establishments. We visited Fort Madelena which is the island's main radar site. Here we were shown the multitude of radar displays that a radar operator has at his disposal — for distinguishing between friendly and enemy aircraft, identifying meteorological conditions, and radar being used in its familiar navigation-aid mode. A few of us were treated to a session on the radar simulator, on which trainee radar operators gain experience in tracking and guiding aircraft.

Another fort visited was Fort Mosta, where most of the pyrotechnics belonging to H.M. Forces on the island are stored. During our visits many interesting facts and figures were imparted to us, but like so much that an active cadet will be told and taught it is not for communication to unauthorised persons. It is worthwhile to note that during our stay in Malta one cadet did indeed have a clash with a naval security officer.

Air-Sea-Rescue is one of the roles of the Marine Craft Unit. We visited this unit of R.A.F. sailors at their base in Marsaxlok Bay. This unit operates high speed launches for a number of duties including target towing.

At R.A.F. Luqa itself we visited many sections and units; these included the Photo Reconnaissance Canberra P.R.9's of No. 13 Squadron, the Maritime Reconnaissance Nimrods of No. 203 Squadron, the Meteorological Section and the Photographic Interpretation Unit. A visit to the



Engineering Flight was one of the most interesting. The Engineering Flight test and service the computers and other intricate systems employed in the Nimrod aircraft.

One very enjoyable day was spent on a cliff walk, a rather subtle description for a very strenuous activity, which included scrambling up 300-foot cliffs. This exercise held particular significance for four of us; at the end of the walk we were to be driven the four miles back to our magnificent billets at Hal Far aerodrome—we missed the bus. However the ensuing walk gave us some of the best views of the island—and we didn't even miss our tea.

Three further visits were included in our programme—an afternoon's shooting with .303 rifles, a visit to H.M.S. *Hermes* and a visit to Fort St. Angelo. H.M.S. *Hermes* is a 28,000 ton Commando Ship, in effect an aircraft carrier devoted to soldiers and helicopters. At the time of our visit *Hermes* was revictualling after an exercise in the Med.

Fort St. Angelo is the Royal Navy's base on the island and dates back four hundred years to the days of the Knights of the Grand Order of St. John. The fort is carved out of solid rock, jutting out into Grand Harbour. It was designed to withstand prolonged sieges by raiding Turks, and indeed it did.

Of our non-military visits it is only true to say that we saw most of the island, with particular emphasis on Valetta, the capital. We had a ride in a horse-drawn carriage called a Karrozzin, we would recommend these rides to anyone—with a large wallet.

We left Malta at about 3.00 a.m. on Thursday 11th; nine hours later three shattered but thoroughly satisfied cadets arrived at their respective homes. Our week in Malta was behind us but we will remember our highly instructive and enjoyable visit for a long time to come.

W.O.I Geare S. H.,  
Sgt. Tyler A. W.

#### R.A.F. EASTER CAMP, 1974, CHIVENOR

After suffering a severe attack of British Rail and R.A.F. "coaches" we finally arrived on a cold, drab afternoon at R.A.F. Chivenor. After going into the huts we soon wished we were outside again, as due to the thermal insulation of the walls, it was colder inside the huts than it was outside. The evening was fairly uneventful apart from having to make our beds every five minutes or so. This phase soon passed but we were later to find out that it was only the quiet before the storm, which suddenly blew up with split second execution, Cdt. Cheesman's balloon and a little help from senior cadets at 23.00 hours. Once initiated, however, we survived the night quite peacefully.

The first morning was fairly typical, in fact all the days were fairly typical, starting with breakfast and continuing with talks, films, sports and exercises. All cadets from our School and Launceston School were then split up into six teams of five and from then on all the activities were marked on a competition basis. That afternoon Exercise "Spy Track" was embarked upon. This

involved selecting suitable weapons for Hunter fighters to use when attacking selected targets along a stretch of railway line near the camp.

The camp was very physical with four exercises in all and sport liberally smattered amongst the proceedings. Three sports were played: football, basketball and volleyball; the volleyball net looking remarkably like a target for air-to-air cannon practice. What is more, with the "Chop Chop" refereeing the results were as fair as could be expected. The net, however, was not the only thing out of place as the food on this camp actually tasted like food.

The next day offered more sport in the form of a swimming marathon for the R.A.F. Swimming Certificate. Exercise "Run Rabbit" in the afternoon endeavoured to demonstrate to cadets, through practical experience, that it was in fact possible to run across the Sahara Desert in under 50 minutes, even if you knew where to look for the orienteering markers!

Everyone was well into camp life by the Sunday and the "Moorland Stroll" exercise over Exmoor was enjoyed by all, including the team led by a certain F/Sgt. who had a small compass error to contend with, thus causing them to arrive two hours late at the first checkpoint!

By the time Monday morning arrived we were all poised ready for the inevitable assault course, which was enlivened by the following talk and demonstration of the self-loading-rifle (S.L.R.). A pleasant afternoon was spent on the range and many cadets were able to obtain classified shot status.

In the evening we were encouraged to use the cover of darkness to creep in on a rather large sand-dune, guarded by a number of officers involved with the camp. Needless to say, only five cadets out of all the teams that managed to find the dune reached the top. This number was lessened even further due to the fact that certain officers were impersonating a well-known senior N.C.O. in order to catch their victims. (Bad show indeed!)

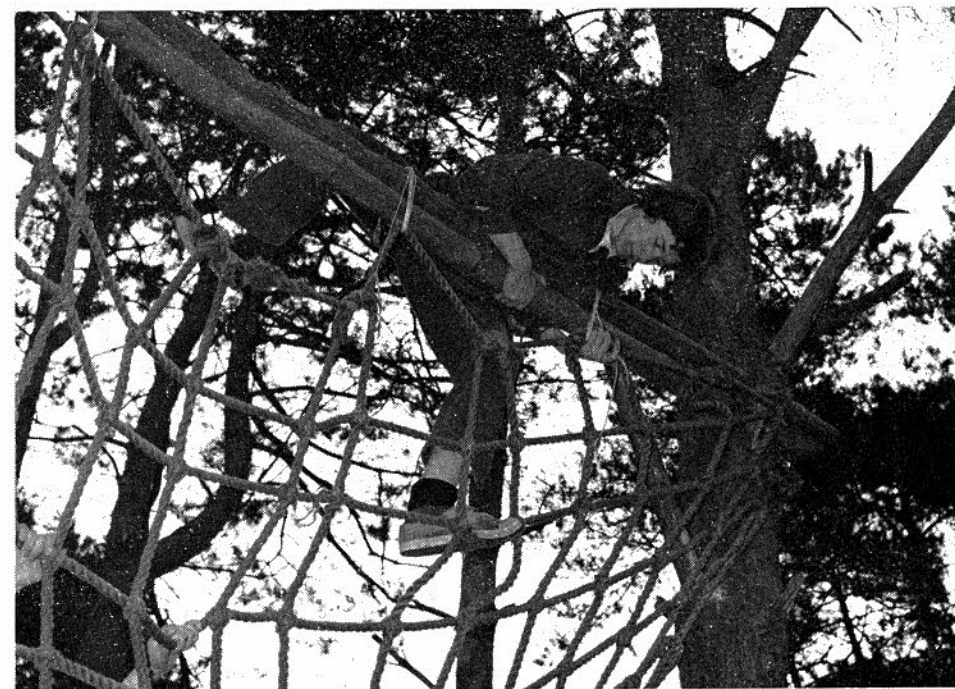
All nights were not, however, like this as on Tuesday we were manacled to our seats and forced to watch what is hopefully the last remaining print of "The Dambusters". It was a 100 per cent effort on all our parts not to drop off, or shoot ourselves, depending on temperament.

The station shield was then awarded to the winning team consisting of: F/Sgt. P. R. Lannig, Cdt. A. W. Simons, Cdt. J. I. Barrington-Cook, Cdt. P. J. Lewis, Cdt. I. M. Saunders and led by W.O.II N. M. Keleher. Team A3 "captained" by Cpl. N. H. Jones came a close second and, indeed, it was a great pity that all the teams could not win.

The helicopter trip scheduled for the winners was unfortunately cancelled due to instrument failure, but it was felt that a most enjoyable camp was prize enough for all.

We would like to thank all the senior N.C.O.'s and officers, particularly F/Lt. T. Nolan in his capacity as A.C.L.O. for making the camp a very enjoyable one for all concerned.

W.O.II N. M. Keleher i/c,  
Cdt. D. P. Gale,  
Cdt. J. I. Barrington-Cook,



R.A.F. CHIVENOR — ASSAULTING

Photo: Courtesy of R.A.F.

#### GLIDING COURSE, R.A.F. MANSTON

We were lucky enough to have two continuous gliding courses this Whitsun, one of which was at 617 Gliding School, R.A.F. Manston. Two cadets attended, M. Burden (Sgt.) and myself. The weather on arrival was ideal and this lasted for most of the ten days. The first launches were on our first full day's gliding, Saturday, 25th May. As the weather was good we had an early start. There were only seven cadets altogether on the course and so we did not have to wait long between each set of launches even though there were only two training gliders. These were Kirby Cadet Mk. III's.

M. Burden was the first to go solo on Monday after only three days' training. I was second on Tuesday morning, meaning that both Bournemouth School C.C.F. cadets were first. Both of us, I am proud to say, took a below-average number of launches before being soloed. As we had finished unusually early I decided to ask the C/O if I could continue my training to an advanced standard, and with little hesitation he said yes. This meant that I had to complete another thirty launches, ten of which had to be solo. I started as quickly as possible although making sure the cadets still training for their proficiency standard took preference. By Saturday lunch-time I had finished, thanks to every effort made by the instructors.

A very enjoyable time was had by both M. Burden and myself and we would like to thank all those concerned with making the course possible.

K. Lourence (Sgt.)

#### H.M.S. COCHRANE RANGE FIRING COURSE Easter 1974

Despite a very tiring wait at King's Cross Station, we finally reached H.M.S. *Cochrane* after twenty-two hours travel!

The course proved to be excellent. It was well organised, and the minimum time was spent on preliminaries and the maximum time on shooting. Cadets on the course fired a total of nearly three hundred rounds each, with the 7.62 mm self-loading rifle, the Stirling 9 mm sub-machine-gun and the Browning 9 mm pistol.

At the end of the week we were each presented with a certificate, and on it were the Royal Navy shooting classifications we had achieved. S/Sgt. Bush was the best shot on this course—he came away R.N. Marksman with both the S.L.R. and the S.M.G.

We all enjoyed ourselves, and I learned from the C.P.O. in charge of this course that it always attracts many more applicants than it can cater for.

C. K. Knight Sgt.



TEN TORS TEAM — TIRED BUT HAPPY

Left to Right: K. Lourence, C. Knight, D. Bush, M. Lennon, P. King.  
Centre: R. S. A. Penel (Leader).

Photo: B. J. Sanders

### SLIGHTLY MAD BUT HAPPY 26-28 April, 1974

Working on the principle that the Mountain was not going to come to Mohammed, seven members of the C.C.F. Ten Tors expedition, L/S Penel, L/S Lennon (R.N.), Sgt. Knight, Cpl. Jones, Cpl. Lourence (R.A.F.), S/Sgt. Bush, Cp. King (Army), W.O.1 Sturdy (in the capacity of expert) plus three officers 2/Lt. Thomas, 2/Lt. Webb and Sub/Lt. Sanders, decided to go to Dartmoor for a crafty bit of practice for the actual expedition in May. Strange to relate we found the moor well populated with other groups who had precisely the same idea. Looked at in retrospect we had a strange plan of campaign, in that we drove to Tavistock on Friday so that we might drive to Okehampton on Saturday, to walk back to Tavistock again, and on Sunday we were to walk from Tavistock to Okehampton for the esoteric pleasure of driving back to Tavistock. In both cases we insisted on going the hard way, across the top of Dartmoor.

Friday night turned out to be somewhat chilly and the early Saturday morning air was punctuated by mutinous mutterings and questions as to whose lunatic idea all this was. Sanity and warmth was restored by Army bangers and beans. Transportation beetled back and forth and the expedition moved off into the golden light of dawn at 9.40! Proceeding at a constabulary pace along the military road for several miles formed a good introduction to the first venture on the actual moor as we moved up Hangingstone Hill at a brisk pace. Deeper in the moor your correspondent left his chewing gum on Sittaford Tor; "lunch" was taken on Beardown Tor and Princetown was negotiated without losing any members

of the party to be Her Majesty's guests. Ingra Tor was reached by the most uncomfortable public footpath I have ever found. The day finished with an unintended scenic tour of the locality of our campsite.

Sunday was not only one day later, it also rained upon us as only Dartmoor can. A quick dash up a mini-tor — Pew, and off to Great Mis Tor (second chewing gum dump established). Oh joy unbounded! Lynch Tor in the pouring rain — but it did stop at feeding time.

There are only two large holes on the eastern slopes of Amicombe Hill — no prizes are offered for estimating who fell in both! Dinger Tor followed Lints Tor — at which point I, at least, had cold running rain water in both boots. From there it was downhill all the way to Bournemouth. In retrospect I think I enjoyed it and I have a sunburnt nose as a memento.

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### TEN TORS EXPEDITION 1974

This expedition took place on Dartmoor during the weekend 17-19 May. The expedition, covering an arduous 45 miles, was a round trip to Okehampton. Our equipment consisted of two three-man tents, sleeping bags, manpacks, compo rations, emergency clothing and 180 miles of training.

We were awakened to the sound of a bright, breezy "Butlin"ian military music, on a warm, sunny, Saturday morning. We were fit and raring to go until we found ourselves picking our way through a large bog, in which Dave Bush sank down to his waist, on the way to the first Tor

(Steepterton). The way round Shilstone and Sittaford was just like the New Forest, quite flat but a wee bit lengthy.

It was becoming a walk like any other until it began to rain. This lasted for about two hours and d'd a great deal to reduce our resilience. When the rain did stop we were on our way to Gutter Tor. This was the longest journey but perhaps the easiest. Having cleared five Tors we were, you might say, doing overtime. We wanted to reach Pew Tor by 20.00 hours but narrowly failed to do so by 10 minutes. However, by that time we had covered 35 miles.

Here I must commend the effort made by everybody in the team because it was the hardest part of the course. We camped on Pew Tor for the night on a cool evening, and after having eaten and hospitalised our feet, which incidentally, were in a shocking mess, we took an early night's sleep.

Sunday we woke to find a clear blue sky above our heads, and a most beautiful view of the valley below. It was the sight of the tops of the clouds which made us think we were in an aircraft.

The rest of the day was comparatively uneventful until we approached the finish line. There we saw a large teeming mass of people, mainly sightseers who had come to watch the competitors. We finished to the sound of clapping and with the consolation of being two hours ahead of schedule. Start 07.00.

1 Steepterton Tor	M.R. 618 888	0814
2 Shilstone Tor	M.R. 658 902	0914
3 Sittaford Tor	M.R. 633 829	1144

4 Beardown Tors	M.R. 605 773	1355
5 Gutter Tor	M.R. 668 577	1740
6 Pew Tor	M.R. 533 735	2010
7 Great Mis Tor	M.R. 563 769	0745
8 Lynch Tor	M.R. 565 805	0858
9 Gren Tor	M.R. 551 880	1206
10 Dinger Tor	M.R. 586 881	1422
L/S R. S. A. Penel.		

### GLIDING COURSE, R.A.F. SWANTON MORLEY

Friday, 24th May saw Sgt. C. K. Knight and myself travelling to 611 Gliding School, R.A.F. Swanton Morley for the express purpose of gaining our A and B Gliding Certificates and Wings. We left Bournemouth Central on the 09.40 train and arrived at Norwich at 14.42 having travelled via Waterloo and Liverpool Street. It was an uneventful journey apart from one incident when we discovered that Chris Knight had been travelling on our return ticket.

What remained of Friday was spent in unpacking, the making of beds, getting to know the other 15 cadets on the course and recovering from a rather turbulent R.A.F. bus ride along the badly surfaced Norfolk roads that took us the 18 or so miles from Norwich to R.A.F. Swanton Morley.

Gliding began in earnest on Saturday 25th with every cadet having a familiarisation flight and a number starting their training proper. Most cadets



NEWPORT RANGE — ISLE OF WIGHT

Photo: Sqn. Ldr. R. Sephton



were trained in the tandem seater Kirby Cadet T. Mk. III whilst a few were trained in the Slingsby "Sedburgh" which has an enclosed cockpit, and in the hot weather which we had it was like flying in a greenhouse.

The day's gliding started between 08.30 and 09.00 hours each morning with the gliders being brought out of their hangar, checked over and towed to the launch point.

We started our training by finding out what effect the different control surfaces had, which was then followed by discovering the effect of co-ordinated movement of the control surfaces. Having mastered the rudiments we continued by attempting to take off, glide in the normal attitude and land our by now well worn glider, but not necessarily in that order.

By now every cadet on the course had scared at least one instructor out of his wits and this fact, combined with the threat of becoming just another person to bite the dust due to the dare-devil tactics of the Kamikaze pupils, made the course thoroughly worthwhile and enjoyable. We gradually progressed with our training until we had overcome such obstacles as left and right

turns, cable brakes (during which the instructors were stretched to their limit), low, medium and high circuits and recovering from unusual positions, which only a cadet could get into in any case.

At this stage in our training we had had anything over 30 launches and were ready (just about) for our pre-solo check flights. These over we were launched head first into our three solo flights around the airfield. Everybody enjoyed their solo flights if only because there was no instructor in the back seat to shout at you if you made a mistake.

The ordeal of solos over one felt rather deflated as there was nothing to work for, but with the knowledge that there were still some cadets to go we willingly dragged gliders around for them as we knew that they had done the same for us.

Before we knew it the course had come to its conclusion and we prepared to return to Bournemouth, a little sad at the prospect of leaving but rejoicing in the fact that we had gained our Gliding Wings and that we had benefited from our experiences.

Sgt. N. H. Jones.

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## Bournemouth School Scout Group 35th Bournemouth

At the Annual General Meeting of the Group Committee, held in the New Lecture Theatre in May, the Annual Report showed that the membership comprised 50 Scouts, 11 Venture Scouts and 4 Scouters. During the year under review the Group had gained 5 Scout Standard Badges, 5 Advanced Scout Badges and 4 Chief Scout's Awards. Twenty-two members of the Scout Troop were aged 14 or over and forty-one members had taken part in a camp or expedition lasting five or more nights. The District Badge Secretary reported that during the same period 151 Scout Proficiency Badges were gained in Bournemouth, 51 of which were gained by members of the School Scout Troop.

These figures are somewhat misleading. The high Capitation Fee payable to Scout H.Q. means that Scouts and Venture Scouts are very carefully counted at Census time. Two of the Scouters listed are only really available to help the Group during college holiday periods. If Scout Standard Badges are counted up on 31st March, one can be sure that a number of Scouts will gain the award the next day. It is particularly pleasing to report that this happened in the case of a number of Chief Scout's Awards. This is the highest award which a Scout can obtain before becoming a Venture Scout. Since the last issue of this magazine the Award has been gained by:-

Christopher Hills, P.L. Woodpeckers;  
Ian Stewart, P.L. Falcons;  
Michael Gumbley, A.P.L. Cobras;  
Peter Loakes, A.P.L. Falcons;  
Nigel Gray, P.L. Otters;  
Anthony Prideaux, A.P.L. Woodpeckers.

The first three named gained the Award whilst we were part of Hampshire Scout County and have been invited to attend a Reception at Lymington in July when they will receive their Award Certificates from a local celebrity. They have also been invited to attend a reception arranged by the Lord Mayor of Southampton to meet the Chief Scout, Sir William Gladstone, during his visit to Hampshire in June. Chief Scout's Receptions are unknown to our new Scout County of Dorset but the Group has already offered to stage-manage the first such reception in Dorset and arrangements are proceeding to hold this event in the early autumn at the latest.

The number of Scouts, as distinct from Venture Scouts, over the age of fourteen is very encouraging. Our "public image" has for too long been that of a "junior school"-only organisation whereas our members are fairly evenly distributed

throughout the School. There will always be a preponderance of Junior Boys — but they do grow up!

Before the birth of the Venture Scout section our Senior Scouts gained well over 100 King's and Queen's Scout Badges. However the last such Award was in 1969 and it is high time that we gained some more. We are still short of a V.S.L. but are equally determined that the present disorganised state of the Venture Scouts must end and in September we intend starting afresh. A number of parents have offered to help with specific activities and a meeting has been arranged in the very near future to co-ordinate these offers. There are indications that the Venture Scout Board of Scout H.Q. have at long last recognised that something is not right with their seven-year-old "baby" and changes in the Venture Scout Training programme will be announced shortly.

Since the last issue of the "Bournemouthian" the Scouts and Venture Scouts have taken part in a very wide range of activities. More than a dozen members of the Group took part in the Bournemouth Scout and Guide "Gang Show" at the Playhouse Theatre in December. These shows are great fun but can have an adverse effect on school work. We were lucky in being able to include our Scouts in a number of items which did not require long hours of rehearsal. Our contributions to the show were very well received and this owes much to the near-professional sense of responsibility which these Scouts quickly developed. They were always in the right place at the right time even when panic was developing in every other direction. If a single impression could sum it up it would be of a small third-former dressed as a clown sitting quietly doing his homework in the middle of a dressing-room about the size of a normal kitchen whilst twelve other people went through the physical and mental trauma known as a "quick-change". We were very grateful to Mrs. Fathers who acted as "mother"—and you had to be a very fast mover to dodge her hairbrush!

The Bournemouth Gang Show was visited by Scouters from the London Gang Show Board and in March Ralph Reader announced that the show had been granted the right to wear the red scarf and emblem of the Gang Show. This was a great honour. A special presentation took place in May in the Pavilion's Ocean Room when each member of the cast received his award from Mr. Ron Meyer, chairman of the Board. It was with regret that we heard that Ralph Reader was unable to attend because of illness and that, earlier, he had



Members of the School Scout Group wait on the quarter-deck of H.M.S. Belfast during Field Day.

Photo: J. Preston

decided that the 1974 London Gang Show will be the last in a series of over forty shows.

An event of some importance took place in January when, for the first time, we held a "New Recruits' Camp" at Burley. Some twenty Scouts attended and a great deal of badge-work was done. The Patrol Leaders and their Assistants organised the whole weekend's programme which was very successful.

The Group was again successful in the East District Swimming Gala held at Stokewood Road Baths in February. Our team won the overall competition in a decided manner, gaining twice as many points as the runners-up.

Peter Loakes and Anthony Prideaux took part in a Skier Badge Course organised by the District Service Crew.

A meeting with the A.C.C. (Venture Scouts) Dorset, Mr. Bob Manning, took place at Butcher's Copple in February. This was concerned with the integration of Venture Scouting in the new county.

On February 22nd we were delighted to attend a "Thinking Day" party given by the Guides of Bournemouth School for Girls. This was much enjoyed and has led to future activities being planned.

One Troop meeting in March was devoted to the topic of "Sound Recording" and we were pleased to welcome Mr. B. A. Hills, our Group Chairman, who showed us a great deal of tape-recording equipment much of which was somewhat out of our price-ranges! Christopher Hills talked about tape-editing and demonstrated splicing techniques and there was also a sequence on film-sound and broadcasting.

The Spring Term Field Day took the form of a coach expedition to London. We first visited H.M.S. *Belfast* moored in the Thames near Tower Bridge. Time passed very quickly here, particularly for those who became lost in the engine-room maze. We also lost and found Nicholas Maton (Sorry, it was us who were lost—he was the only person in the right place) but were not so lucky with Christopher Sherry's Scout beret which went for a swim in the oily waters—and was drowned. From the Thames we moved to the recently opened R.A.F. Museum at Hendon. This proved an equally interesting visit.

Ten Fourth-Form Scouts and one third-former took part in an Easter Expedition to North Wales. In very dubious weather the first night was spent camping on a garden lawn near Worcester and the next two on a farm near Llangollen. The Scouts took part in two hikes, the first along the banks of the Llangollen Canal from Chirk to Pontcycyllte which included crossing two aqueducts and passing through two tunnels one of which was over a quarter of a mile long. The weather then deteriorated into cold rain and a second hike over the hills was modified into an expedition beyond Llangollen to the Horseshoe Falls where the Llangollen Canal takes its water from the River Dee. We also visited "World's End" to the annoyance of local motorists and went right over the bleaknesses of Ruabon Mountain—but this was by mini-bus. The declining weather caused us to decide not to camp overnight before returning the next morning but to drive through the night to Bournemouth. This was quite memorable for many reasons including a midnight visit to Timothy



Scout Easter Expedition for Fourth Formers  
Members of the expedition cross the Chirk Aqueduct which carries the Llangollen Canal 74 feet above the River Ceirog in North Wales. The entrance to Chirk Tunnel can be seen in the background.

Photo: J. Preston

Spicer's brother and sister-in-law who produced coffee and biscuits for all the expedition despite having only just moved into their new home that afternoon! We also saw Spaghetti Junction and the centre of Birmingham completely devoid of traffic at 3.00 a.m. We were very pleased to have A.S.L. Anthony Hills with us as second-in-command of the expedition.

In contrast, the Patrol Camps at Whitsun had very good weather. Five of the six patrols had camps and these were spread over a large area. The Owls and Falcons were at Church Knowle and Stoborough respectively and the bank holiday traffic jams kept them well protected from inspecting Scouters and, unfortunately, many other visitors. The Tigers went to Witchampton and were not far away from the Woodpeckers, whose site at Shapwick was defended by a very innocent looking ford designed to drown approaching cars. The Otters camped near Verwood and, despite depleted numbers, maintained a high standard of camping skill, eventually winning the Whitsun camping competition by a narrow margin from the Woodpeckers.

The Scouters and members of the P.L.C. toured South Devon earlier in the year to find a site for our Summer Camp. This will be held at Brimpt's Farm, near Dartmeet. The site is in a fairly isolated valley cut into the edge of the moor and should give lots of opportunities for real "pioneer" Scouting.

As mentioned earlier, the Annual General Meeting of the Group took place in May. Following the business meeting and refreshments Mr. D. G. Hilliam gave a most interesting talk entitled "More

things . . ." which dealt with U.F.O.'s and other phenomena. This was much enjoyed by a large audience of Scouts and their Parents.

The Venture Unit have taken part in a number of activities, largely under the guidance of Mr. Gass to whom we are very grateful. Several Venture Scouts have become members of the Wessex Caving Club and have made full use of the Club's facilities and clubhouse near the Mendip cave systems at Priddy. Mr. Gass has also arranged a training visit as a preliminary to some basic rock-climbing and mountaineering.

The Group has also been asked to stage a twenty-minute display at the Bournemouth Guides District Fair in June and rehearsals are in progress for this. Regrettably, perhaps, we shall not be able to help another Guide Fair by erecting an Aerial Runway. This has been a popular fund-raising event on two or three occasions in the past but new Scout regulations prohibit passenger carrying runways.

The Scout Troop is much indebted to Mr. Chandler for his untiring and uncomplaining efforts as Assistant Scout Leader which is not always an easy job. Thanks are also due to Paul Fathers who is retiring as Group Quartermaster and to Alan Jenkins who has succeeded him.

Christopher Hills has been a great help by taking on the task of organising our Wastepaper Collections and much money has been raised in this manner.

A special "thank you" is due to three boys who are not members of the Scout Troop: David Sidwick, Michael Gage and Barry Hawkins who, heavily disguised, fooled most of the Troop for a



recent evening spent hunting Spies. More recently and more disguised they were involved in a "Snork-Hunt" at great peril to themselves . . . and they still ask for more!

Finally, it might not be inappropriate to add a note about "Radio Woggle". For rather more than two years B.B.C. Radio Solent has been transmitting a monthly programme of Scout and Guide news called "Jamboree". The Troop's activities were first mentioned in the programme in November 1972. Since that time a number of recorded items by members of the School Scout Group have been used in the programme and, within the past twelve months, our contributions have grown to become an integral and regular feature. Programme contributions this year have been produced by four members of the Group. Chris Hills and Ian Stewart look after the technical side of the recordings and Anthony Prideaux has done several interviews, although all three are capable of doing other jobs. Activities reported on during the year have included a deafening evening with Poole Scout Band; an amusing account of the Skier Badge course; a visit to an Art Exhibition; a search for a "One-man-band"; and a Brownie Guide "Sponsored Silence". A particular highlight came in April when we were able to interview comedian Ken Dodd in his dressing-room at the Winter Gardens Theatre. This was a great success and the edited interview was repeated by the B.B.C. in a weekly highlights programme. Ken Dodd told us of his brief career as a ventriloquist in a Scout Gang Show, and it was he who first invented "Radio Woggle"—a name which seems to have stuck. At the end of May "Radio Woggle" was invited to pay another visit to "Radio Solent" for their monthly recording session and this may become a more frequent event in the future.

J. Preston.

*New Recruits:* I. Jewell, G. Gross.

*Transfers:* K. Watkins (ex 28th Bournemouth), J. Stephen (ex 1st Portishead), K. Scott (to 24th Bournemouth).

*Promotions:* J. Lewis to A.P.L. (Otters).

*Scout Standard Badge:* T. Hilliam, P. Saleneiks.

*Advanced Scout Standard:* H. Boyes.

*Chief Scout's Award:* C. Hills, M. Gumbley, I. Stewart, P. Loakes, N. Gray, A. Prideaux.

*Airman Badge:* N. Gray.

*Guide Badge:* N. Gray, T. Hilliam, R. Lewis, H. Boyes, P. Hilliam.

*Athlete Badge:* A. Prideaux.

*Swimmer Badge:* C. Parramore, S. Gee, D. McQueen, K. Scott.

*Skier Badge:* P. Loakes, A. Prideaux.

*Naturalist Badge:* A. Thomson.

*Mechanics Badge:* P. Saleneiks, H. Boyes, J. Money-Kyrle, J. Shaw, T. Hilliam, M. Gumbley.

*Patrol Competition:*

Autumn Term—Woodpeckers (P.L. C. Hills); Spring Term—Otters (P.L. N. Gray).

*Whitsun Patrol Camps Competition:* Otters (P.L. N. Gray).

### THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

This year has seen quiet, successful progress in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. Water seemed to be the theme of the Autumn Term, when Paul Fathers was highly praised by the assessor for his excellent account of his summer expedition searching for the source of the River Exe. Timothy Neal and William Suttie sought after waterways and old bridges when they made a cycling expedition of Dorset. They too received commendation for their preparation, camping and logs by their assessor, Mr. W. Noy of Bournemouth College of Technology.

Work has continued at the Coastguard Station, Hengistbury Head, by those boys interested in learning the work of this vital service. We are extremely grateful to Mr. I. F. Murray-Brown for being able to claim a first for Bournemouth School by running the first local course in the Care of Animals at both Bronze and Silver levels for five boys who have embarked upon the Award Scheme this year. William Suttie and Joe Goodridge have bravely completed the service section of their awards through their training as Sunday School teachers.

The interests of boys working for their awards continues to be as wide as ever, ranging over model-making, photography and studies of tanks and ships.

Finally congratulations are due to Suttie, Neal and Fathers for the imminent gaining of their Silver Awards and to Martin Lennon who should have secured his Gold Award by the end of the summer.

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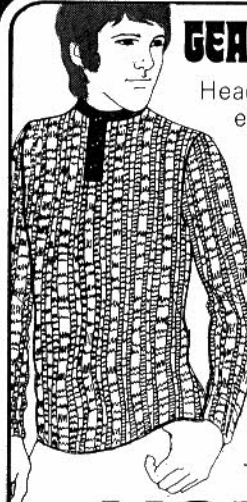
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Scout North Wales Expedition at Easter  
Crossing the River Dee near the Horseshoe Falls  
Left to Right: T. Spicer, G. Warner, P. Metcalfe, A. Prideaux, M. Gumbley, M. Dew.

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## School Sport



### SOCCER FIRST ELEVEN

Standing, left to right: G. Twigg, D. Poulton, S. Newland, G. Davies, M. Hall, K. Richard, M. Nation, A. Patterson.  
Seated, left to right: M. Green, J. Toomer, G. Devereux (captain), A. Los, V. Newman.

### SOCCER

This has been a most successful season once again. Of fifteen competitions entered at the start of the season, six competitions were won by various teams across the School and we were runners-up in one more. This success by some of the younger sides in School should stand us in good stead for a number of seasons to come. One point of importance is the need for more fitness training by most teams, for there were times when we appeared to run out of steam when concentrated effort was most needed.

Much hard work has been put in by many staff during the year and my personal thanks go to them in the running of sides throughout the School, for without them we could not operate such a large programme.

The full results list can be found in each individual report but the mass results show that 152 games were played, 100 were won, 16 drawn and 36 lost.

D. J. Stickland.

### FIRST XI SOCCER

Reflecting on the season past brings much satisfaction, for, after a poor start in which the first five games were lost, the side never looked back and lost only four more games during the remainder of the year. Once the problems at centre-back had been sorted out a consistent pattern became possible.

Highlight of the season was a fine run in "The Hampshire Cup" culminating in a superb win over Barton Peveril in the final. It seemed a fitting time to claim the trophy, as, with our move over the border to Dorset in the offing, it was our last season of eligibility for the competition.

A further pleasurable day was spent at the Hampshire Six-a-Side Competition. We won our section comfortably and continued into the latter stages of the day's proceedings. Eventually we were narrowly beaten in the semi-final by the ultimate winners, Itchen College.

Our early defeats gave us a poor start in the newly formed Hampshire League for Senior



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Schools and we never recovered from this. However, it was pleasing to note that over the season we beat most of the top sides in the League's final placings. It was mainly our draws and indifferent form against the lower teams that held us back and gave us a halfway mark overall.

With many of this season's players returning next year perhaps we may hopefully look forward to an even better standard of football and a longer run in the National Cup.

### 1st XI Results:

v. Bournemouth Youth (H)	Lost	5-2
v. Barton Peveril (A)	Lost	4-1
v. Totton College (H)	Lost	7-2
v. Brockenhurst (A)	Lost	2-1
v. Swanage (A)	Lost	5-2
v. Peter Symond's — Cup (H)	Won	4-0
v. Poole (A)	Drew	2-2
v. Eggers (A)	Drew	1-1
v. Weymouth (H)	Won	2-0
v. Farnboro (H)	Won	1-0
v. Salesian — Cup (A)	Drew	2-2
v. Swanage (H)	Won	4-1
v. Havant (A)	Drew	0-0
v. Itchen (A)	Lost	3-0
v. Salesian — Cup replay (H)	Won	5-0
v. Prices — Cup (H)	Won	2-1
v. Brockenhurst (H)	Won	3-1
v. Portsmouth N. (H)	Drew	1-1
v. Taunton's (A)	Won	2-0
v. Barton Peveril — Cup final	Won	2-0
v. Old Boys (H)	Won	4-2
v. Minehead (H)	Won	7-1
v. Ashmead — National Cup (H)	Lost	4-1
v. Blandford (H)	Won	3-0
v. Queen Mary's College (H)	Lost	2-1
v. Portsmouth Technical High (H)	Won	5-0
v. Taunton's (H)	Drew	0-0
v. Poole	Won	3-0
v. St. John's (H)	Drew	3-3
v. St. Mary's (H)	Won	2-1
v. Weymouth (A)	Won	2-1
v. Shaftesbury (H)	Won	9-0
v. Peter Symond's (A)	Drew	2-2
v. Sandown (A)	Lost	2-1
v. Prices (A)	Won	4-2
v. Portsmouth S. (A)	Won	3-2
v. Queen Elizabeth's (H)	Won	3-1
v. Dudley G.S. (H)	Won	6-2

P	W	D	L	F	A
38	21	8	9	94	64

### SECOND XI SOCCER

#### All Results:

P	W	D	L	F	A
21	18	2	1	108	29

#### Hampshire Senior Schools' League:

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Position
12	9	2	1	64	18	20	1st

Yet another wonderful season enjoyed by the Second XI with only one defeat, the championship of the Hampshire Senior Schools' League and 108 goals!

The main feature of the season has been the enormous depth of talent available which enabled us to remain successful even after suffering the setback of losing our two centre-backs P. Kirk

and R. Warden with serious knee injuries at the end of January which put them out for the rest of the season. Congratulations to those players who so readily stepped in to make a valuable contribution. This certainly promises much for the next two years.

**Goalscorers:** P. Allen 29, D. Poulton 23, M. Green 12, V. Newman 9, T. Mister 6, D. Elston 4, S. Gritt 3, A. Patterson 3, A. Los 2, D. Ridyard 2, R. Foyle 2, K. Bichard 2, M. Nation 2, G. Twigg 1, P. Howells 1, M. Hall 1, S. Newland 1, R. Charman 1, N. Underwood 1, M. Porter 1, O.G.'s 2.

**The following players represented the 2nd XI:** I. Hanks, P. Nippard, R. Warden, A. Los, P. Kirk, N. Underwood, T. Mister, P. Howells, D. Ridyard, D. Elston, M. Green, D. Poulton, P. Allen, V. Newman, M. Hall, K. Bichard, R. Foyle, S. Gritt, R. Charman, S. Newland, L. Payne, A. Bennett, M. Porter, P. Waldren, G. Davies, M. Levitt, M. Nation.

### Results:

v. Portchester	H	Won	5-3
v. Poole G.S.	H	Won	4-1
v. Weymouth G.S.	A	Won	5-0
v. Homefield	H	Won	7-1
v. Brockenhurst College	H	Won	5-1
v. Taunton's College	A	Won	5-3
v. Portchester	H	Won	4-0
v. Weymouth G.S.	H	Won	3-2
v. Homefield	H	Won	6-0

### Hampshire Senior Schools' League:

v. Barton Peveril	A	Won	6-3
v. Totton College	H	Won	7-0
v. Brockenhurst College	A	Drew	2-2
v. Farnborough G.S.	H	Won	6-0
v. Havant G.S.	A	Won	10-0
v. Portsmouth Northern	H	Won	9-1
v. Portsmouth Southern	A	Won	3-2
v. Queen Mary's College	H	Won	4-0
v. Taunton's College	H	Won	8-2
v. St. John's College	H	Drew	2-2
v. Peter Symond's	A	Lost	3-4
v. Price's School	A	Won	4-2
v. Portsmouth Technical High	H	Not played	

C. W. Legg.

### BOURNEMOUTH SCHOOLS' UNDER-17 CUP

This cup was won for the second successive year. A very good blend of attacking football and solid defence was achieved. The success in the final against Oakmead at Dean Court was particularly gratifying as for most of the players this was the first time that they had overcome the Oakmead boys throughout their School careers.

**Players:** G. Davies, P. Nippard, S. Newland, A. Los, N. Underwood, T. Mister, G. Devereux (capt.), M. Hall, V. Newman, D. Poulton, S. Gritt, G. Lawrence, R. Foyle.

### Results:

v. Arnewood	A	Won	4-0
v. Summerbee	H	Won	9-0
v. Homefield	A	Won	10-0
v. Oakmead	Dean Court	Won	2-0

# BOURNEMOUTH SCHOOLS' UNDER-17 SIXES

The School won the Under-17 Sixes tournament for the first time this year, winning a close final against Oakmead.

Players: G. Davies, S. Newland, G. Devereux, M. Hall, V. Newman, D. Poulton, S. Gritt.

## U.16 XI SOCCER

This team played in the Bournemouth Schools' League in mid-week. But for a couple of poor results the league could easily have been won. However, a home defeat by Summerbee early in the season and another by league newcomers Highcliffe towards the end of the season put paid to any league honours and we had to be content with runners-up place continuing the run of high league positions since joining the league some four seasons ago. Many of the games were played with much skill and enthusiasm. However, often defenders were quite content to knock the ball upfield instead of playing football out of trouble. The game against Oakmead away was one of the best schoolboy games seen in local school soccer for a long time and although we lost by three goals to two the standard of football and sportsmanship was so high that the result of the game was unimportant.

The following boys played for the team: V. Newman, S. Gritt, M. Hall, P. Brookes, A. Wynn, A. Bennett, M. Drewett, I. Brockbank, G. Ranger, R. Foyle, M. Lander, I. Prosser, J. Tucknott, D. Sibley.

Results:						
v. Winton	H	Won	3-2			
v. Twynham	A	Won	5-1			
v. Beaufort	A	Won	6-1			
v. Grange	H	Won	7-4			
v. Summerbee	H	Lost	2-3			
v. Highcliffe	H	Lost	0-1			
v. Kingsleigh	A	Won	8-1			
v. Portchester	H	Won	2-1			
v. St. Thomas More	A	Won	4-3			
v. Oakmead	A	Lost	2-3			
v. Arnewood	H	Won	16-0			

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
11	8	0	3	55	20	16

League Position: 2nd.

## U.15 XI SOCCER

The results of this year's team reflect the lack of understanding between players who have been working together for four years during their time in School. This lack of cohesion contributed to the mixed set of results obtained.

The forward line contributed much in scoring 54 goals during the season but the lack of cover in defence at times led to far too many goals being given away. Much of the trouble lay in mid-field where players were very good in going forward but lacked the stamina in chasing back to help a suddenly hard-pressed defence. The ability to tackle at times lacked the experience to know when to commit oneself and when to "lay-off".

This factor will have to be ironed out if the

full potential of this team is to be exploited, particularly next season when they have a stiff league programme facing them in the Bournemouth Schools' League. Far too much work in scoring goals has been left to one boy and the opposition have nulled his performance in a number of games resulting in few goals being scored. The ability to take half chances becomes more of a necessity the older the players become.

The following boys played for the team: D. Sibley, R. Saines, R. Jackson, J. Taylor, A. Dymott, D. Trent, I. Saunders, S. Clarke, J. Collom, K. Chapman, M. Kaye, P. Biggs, R. Heydon, R. Mace, M. Stimson, R. Middleton, D. Sinclair, P. Farrant, B. Mitchell, R. Locker.

### Results:

v. Summerbee	A	Won	5-2
v. Homefield	H	Lost	5-8
v. Peter Symond's	H	Won	2-1
v. Highcliffe	H	Won	9-1
v. Poole	A	Lost	1-6
v. Weymouth	H	Won	3-2
v. Winton	A	Lost	0-1
v. Barton Peveril	A	Won	3-0
v. Barton Peveril	H	Lost	2-4
v. Ferndown	H	Won	5-1
v. Minehead	H	Drew	3-3
v. Blandford	H	Lost	3-6
v. Highcliffe	A	Lost	0-1
v. Homefield	H	Won	4-0
v. Henry Harbin	H	Lost	3-4
v. Weymouth	A	Won	3-2
v. Peter Symond's	H	Lost	0-1
v. Queen Elizabeth's	H	Won	3-0

Leading goal scorers: Kaye 20, Saunders 7, Heydon 6, Mace 5, Chapman 5.

D.J.S.

## SOCCER U.14 TEAM

The team once again enjoyed a very successful season, retaining the league championship and making the most of their friendly matches.

Losing matches to Swanage and Poole G.S. and drawing with Peter Symond's G.S. at the beginning of the season, the team did not get off to a good start. It was difficult to find the right blend, as boys had been and were being coached from so many different quarters. This problem was never really resolved even at the end of the season.

However, the boys showed a great deal of enthusiasm in their league matches and decisive wins over Beaufort and Twynham Schools set them on a winning course. Perhaps the best performance of the season came in a Saturday friendly match, against Price's G.S., the Hampshire U.14 champions. Both teams played good attacking football and must be congratulated on their efforts.

We were fortunate in having a number of reasonable goalkeepers in the side but mid-season Parsons broke an arm and could not play his part in the team's success. The defence looked adequate for most occasions. Butler and Rowling looked particularly impressive. In fact only seven goals were conceded in league matches, which is good enough for most teams.



## UNDER 17 SOCCER ELEVEN

Standing, left to right: G. Lawrence, D. Poulton, S. Newland, G. Davies, M. Hall, T. Mister, N. Underwood, D. Stickland.

Seated, left to right: P. Nippard, S. Gritt, G. Devereux (captain), A. Los, V. Newman.

Green and Osborne put in some useful work in the middle of the park, but this is a difficult job for two schoolboys and Pagett moved forward from his centre back position to strengthen the middle and to give the strikers more of the ball. Up front the goals did not come easily, chance after chance being squandered either by being caught offside or just bad finishing.

A number of strikers were tried, of which Barrett and Vieten seemed to profit from the good work done on the wings by Howard and Hewitt. Hewitt especially, contributed much to the success of the team and in a couple of years should be first-class.

The following boys played for the School: D. Pagett (capt.), D. Phillips, P. Parsons, I. Fayne, C. Rowling, P. Butler, L. Whitbread, P. Osborne, K. Green, M. Forster, R. Hewitt, R. Howard, Barrett, Vieten, Ching.

### Record:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
League	10	8	1	1	43	7	17
Friendlies	13	8	1	4	54	25	17

### League results:

Bournemouth	3 v. Summerbee	2
	1 v. Winton	0
	6 v. Twynham	0
	5 v. Beaufort	0
	1 v. Grange	0
	3 v. Highcliffe	0

3 v. Kingsleigh	3
3 v. Portchester	1
0 v. Oakmead	1
18 v. Arnewood	0

D.J.W.C.

## UNDER-13 XI SOCCER

The season ended with the side winning the Town Under-13 Cup in a closely contested final against Ringwood School. Honeysett played a fine game in midfield and Griffiths at centre back won nearly every ball in the air and held the defence together when under heavy pressure during the second half. The three strikers all had opportunities to show their skills and strong shooting by Tanswell gave us our only goal.

A number of different combinations were tried during the Spring Term but none of them proved superior to the side used at the beginning of the season. Provided complacency does not set in the side should prove to be as good as anything we have produced in the past. The chief weakness at the moment is the lack of determination to convert every created opportunity into a goal.

The following boys played during the Spring Term: Conway, James, Griffiths, Higgins, Gaynor, Jones, Honeysett (capt.), Hall, Forster, Buckley, Hoare, S. Davies, Macdonald, Morris, Tanswell.

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
18	14	2	2

**Spring Term Results:**

Feb. 2	v. Highcliffe	A	Draw	2-2
Feb. 16	v. Homefield	H	Won	6-0
Feb. 23	v. Weymouth G.S.	A	Lost	3-2
Mar. 2	v. Peter Symond's	H	Won	5-2
Mar. 8	v. Twynham	H	Won	5-2
Mar. 9	v. Price's School	H	Won	2-1
Mar. 21	v. Beaufort (Cup Semi-Final)	A	Won	2-0
Mar. 29	v. Summerbee	H	Won	6-2
April 2	v. Ringwood (Cup Final)	Winton Rec.	Won	1-0
		G. Stokoe.		

**UNDER-12 SOCCER**

The final game of the B.S.S.A. League programme saw a well-fought battle won 2-1 against Arnewood, which gave the Under-12 XI 12 points from 12 league games. An average position from a team with more than average potential. After the disastrous start we concentrated on building a large squad of players, and some 24 boys represented the School. Of these, some five claimed positions of their own: Kemp was outstanding, fast, and reliable at right back and Saunders read the game well at centre back. Sansom distributed the ball well from midfield, whilst Burrows was a hard worker in midfield, at times a fierce competitive tackler, at others a powerful header of the ball. Gillett filled the role of captain quite well, but must use this position to try to raise team effort, not only by example, which he did well, but by word of command as well, encouraging and directing whenever necessary. A "play anywhere" player, with good ball skill, clever touches and good vision, Gillett was needed in midfield to create attacking moves, but was more often employed at the front in an effort to increase our scoring rate. Privett and Woolgar showed ability to put the ball away, but lacked the overall work-rates and skill to command regular places. Stern and Jewel were more regular strikers, and Burrows with his powerful shot was unlucky not to score more.

The necessities for the future of the team are to make up in effort and co-ordinated team play, what is lacked in individual skill. There is a need for boys who play regularly in School not to exhaust their stamina or enthusiasm in excessive play for other teams. Given this, with a natural increase in stature and strength (our junior sides often look small against their secondary school contemporaries), we will do better against less stylised teams.

By far the most outstanding game was away at Oakmead where, although losing 2-1, the team displayed remarkable character.

In the "friendly" fixtures, only Weymouth defeated the team. Most of these games were at home, and the players clearly adjusted to the cross-slope of the pitch. Our opponents were frequently caught bunched on the downslope side by diagonal balls to an unmarked winger. In this respect Stern and Jewel delighted in the freedom and space given them.

These friendlies remain interesting and useful fixtures in this age of leagues. Not only do they provide Saturday morning football in a pleasant atmosphere in contrast to the rushed evening fixtures, but they provide opportunities to try different tactics and players, and thus enable boys who have regularly been substitute to have a game, and to generate a competitive attitude towards earning a team place.

K.R.M., S.M.B.

**Results:**

<b>League</b>		
v. St. Thomas More	Lost	1-5
v. Winton	Lost	0-4
v. Twynham	Lost	0-5
v. Beaufort	Won	3-2
v. Summerbee	Won	4-1
v. Ringwood Comprehensive	Won	3-2
v. Kingsleigh	Lost	0-2
v. Portchester	Won	2-0
v. Highcliffe	Lost	1-2
v. Oakmead	Lost	1-2
v. Grange	Won	4-3
v. Arnewood	Won	2-1

12 points from 12 games.

P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
12	6	6	0	21	29	12

**Scorers:** Gillett 8, Stern 4, Jewel 4, Kemp 2, Burrows 1, Sansom 1, Privett 1.

**Other**

v. Weymouth	Lost	1-3
v. Homefield	Won	4-1
v. Portchester	Won	4-0
v. Homefield	Won	5-1
v. Weymouth	Lost	1-3
v. Prices	Drew	3-3
v. Homefield	Won	3-1

P	W	L	D	F	A
7	4	2	1	21	12

**HOCKEY TEAM**

Such is the interest in the "minority" sport of hockey that a team consisting mainly of Fifth-Formers was able to go into action this year. Ably supported by D. Shanley in goal, and with A. Ogilvie and F. Schwyn excelling in the first game, the Hockey Team tasted victory in each of their three games played in March and April—twice against our old rivals, Beaufort, and once against St. Thomas More.

These fifth-formers may still have a long way to go in mastering the skills of this fast, challenging game but they lacked nothing in the will to win.

Fifth-form members: S. Beedie, R. Dyson, D. Fenton, J. Goodridge, C. Harley, R. l'Anson, J. Parrett, B. Rodgers, D. Watkinson, O. Zamora.  
J.L.M.

**FIRST FIFTEEN**

Back Row (left to right): A. Sturdy, D. Barter, R. Allingham, D. Tarrant, S. Parker, R. Potter, C. Bochetta, S. Holt.  
Front Row, left to right: D. Watton, P. Fathers, J. Clement, G. Meadows (captain), D. Linnard, J. Pavey, N. Hall.

**RUGBY 1973/4**

The season 1973/4 was a mixture of success and frustration for while the 1st XV enjoyed one of their better seasons, there was little growth in the upper part of the School and the next year or so could be difficult. The 1st XV played 28 games, winning 24, drawing three and losing one of their fixtures. The team was probably one of the most experienced that the School has fielded, with twelve of last season's team returning. The advantage was seen early in the season when the forwards played well enough for a certain measure of experiment in the three-quarters. The forwards remained a sound unit throughout the season with Carlo Bochetta replacing George Thorpe at Christmas. Towards the end of the season there were signs that the edge had gone from the forward play and it was not helped by the illness which kept Roger Allingham out of the team for six weeks at the end of term. The front row were always reliable and it was pleasing to see the real improvement in the playing ability of John Pavey and Alex Sturdy. Dave Barter had more natural ability and played very well on occasions. His reservations about training seemed to be well founded with his unfortunate injury in a run-out after the season had finished! The pack was well led by David Tarrant, who developed into one of the best forwards the School has produced. His fine play was eventually rewarded with a County Cap in the game against Dorset and Wilts. Paul Fathers was selected as reserve for this game and

was possibly a little unlucky not to get at least one game for the County side. He maintained an exceptionally high standard of fitness and play and was one of the important factors in the success of the team in Sevens competitions. Completing the back row, Stuart Parker was a fine No. 8 in attack and if he could tighten up his defence and show a bit more determination, he could develop into a useful club player. Carlo Bochetta showed plenty of determination and fitted into the side well.

One of the great strengths of the team was the play of the half-backs. Grahame Meadows captained the side well and grew in confidence as the season progressed. He scored many fine individual tries but the real strength of his game lay in his fine tactical kicking. John Clement had a very good first season and filled the gap left by Tony Jenkins very well. His play was orthodox but sound and his tackling and covering improved steadily. The three-quarter line were sound and they played well as a unit. Richard Potter scored 37 tries during the season and his great pace and strength could have been even more effective had he really believed in his own ability. Simon Holt proved an excellent foil—elusive in attack and solid in defence, he was an invaluable member of the team. Nicky Hall and David Linnard, in the centre, always tried hard. Both had their moments and Nicky Hall had the satisfaction of scoring nearly 200 points during the season. David Linnard shows great promise and rarely showed his



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lack of experience. At full-back, David Watton was sound and full of courage. His tackling was firm and his kicking improved as the season went on.

Few individual games were really memorable, but the quality of the team showed in a good win against a strong Old Boys' XV and in coming back from a ten-point deficit against a very good St. Peter's team to just earn a draw. Regular training was maintained to the end of the season and this paid dividends in seven-a-side competitions towards the end of term. The School "A" Seven won the Embley Park Trophy, beating King Edward VI, Southampton, Winchester Colts, Salisbury Colts and Peter Symond's in the process. The "A" Seven won the Bournemouth Under-21 tournament by beating Bournemouth Colleges "B", Bournemouth Colleges "A" and Old Portcastrians. The team consisted of G. Meadows, R. Potter, N. Hall, J. Clement, D. Tarrant, P. Fathers and S. Parker.

The Second XV started the season badly — suffering from very strong opposition and a number of early season injuries. They settled down into a hard working unit who always enjoyed their rugby. They managed to win more games than they lost but never quite succeeded in wiping off the points against deficit. Ten of the team played for the 1st XV at various times during the season and some of them have great potential. The captaincy was a transient thing — with Charles Nash, Neil Cottrell and Chris Knight sharing the duties through the season. The forwards provided the foundation on which many of the games were won. Nash, Cottrell, Knight, Lanng, A. Steele, D. Steele, Cheesman, Wiffen, P. Tarrant, D. Martin, Peters, Humphries and P. Jones were the "regulars" in this much changed side.

Their three-quarters were a mixture of experience and promise. M. Sturdy was a lively scrum half and M. Levitt was too experienced for most teams in the games in which he played. G. Fathers, M. Nash, D. Bush, S. McKay and P. Busby were the most regular of the threes. At full-back Gosden handled and ran well and was one of the discoveries of the season.

The Colts XV suffered from a number of mismatches early in the season and from cancellations late in the season. The team was difficult to organise because of the frequent changes in the age group of the opposition and this made it impossible to mould them into a unit. Several of the players in this age group could develop into very good players as long as they are prepared to learn. On the credit side, the frequent changes meant that many more boys were called upon to play for School teams and a lot of boys got a great deal of enjoyment from the matches. It was pleasing to see the Under-13 team emerge as winners of the Plate competition in their age group in the Town Sevens.

Colours were awarded to: D. Watton, R. Potter, N. Hall, S. Holt, A. Sturdy, J. Pavey, D. Barter, R. Allingham, S. Parker.

**1st XV Results:**

v. Hardye's "A" (H)	Won 19-7
v. Peter Symond's (H)	Won 18-6
v. Bishop Wordsworth's "A" (A)	Lost 12-4
v. Shaftesbury G.S. (A)	Won 28-0

v. Portsmouth G.S. II (H)	Won 38-6
v. Embley Park School (H)	Won 32-0
v. Sherborne III (A)	Won 30-14
v. Poole G.S. (H)	Draw 10-10
v. Junior Leaders R.A.C. (H)	Won 54-6
v. Poole R.F.C. Colts (H)	Won 73-0
v. Shaftesbury G.S. (H)	Won 36-0
v. Queen Elizabeth's (H)	Won 45-6
v. Queen Elizabeth's (A)	Won 34-0
v. St. Peter's (H)	Won 8-3
v. Dorchester Colts (H)	Won 60-0
v. Old Boys (H)	Won 13-4
v. Swanage R.F.C. Colts (A)	Won 34-4
v. Queen Mary's, Basingstoke (H)	Won 19-15
v. Peter Symond's (A)	Draw 0-0
v. Brockenhurst College (A)	Won 26-0
v. St. Peter's (A)	Draw 10-10
v. St. John's, Southsea (H)	Won 24-0
v. Oakmead (A)	Won 12-0
v. Embley Park School (A)	Won 12-9
v. Brockenhurst College (H)	Won 31-7
v. Wimborne R.F.C. Colts (H)	Won 18-0
v. Totton College (A)	Won 26-0
v. Swanage R.F.C. Colts (A)	Won 26-0
Played 28, Won 24, Drawn 3, Lost 1. Points for 740, points against 119.	

M. Webb.

**GOLF**

For the first time this year we were able to include golf tuition as part of games options in the fifth form. The assistant professional, Mr. M. French, from Queen's Park Golf Course, provided the instruction.

The Golf Foundation scheme under whose auspices we were able to offer golf in school provided 16 hours' tuition at 50 per cent of the usual cost. The boys who took advantage of this option have gained much from the knowledge that Mr. French passed on.

Also for the first time this year we entered the Aer Lingus Golf Tournament for schools in Great Britain and Northern Ireland. This is a regional competition in the early stages with the winning team going on to national and international finals. We travelled to East Devon Golf Club for our regional round and after a most splendid day's golf in very cold and blustery conditions we finished runners-up to Millfield School out of a total of sixteen starters. The following boys represented the School on that day: N. Truss (handicap 7), A. Morrison (handicap 6), A. Adams (handicap 10), C. Saines (handicap 13).

Our golf captain, N. Truss, was selected to play for Bournemouth Association of Golf Clubs in their annual match against the Hampshire Colts at Queen's Park on 23rd March, winning his singles by 8 and 6 and doubles by 5 and 4 in a rare victory for the Association. As a direct result he was selected to play for the County team the following week in their match against the Hampshire Fillies, winning his morning and halving his afternoon matches. In the Bournemouth Open he was placed 2nd in both the handicap and the scratch competitions. As a result his handicap has now been reduced to the very low figure of four after playing golf seriously for only four years.

D.J.S.

## ATHLETICS



Yet another cold, blustery day saw the annual inter-House athletics championship decided, with considerable enthusiasm and effort being generated. Considering the difficulties of selecting teams in only three weeks of the summer term, the standard was quite high, with five records broken or equalled. All results were, however, eclipsed by the personal triumphs of David Elston, who gave an immaculate demonstration of controlled, relaxed, but aggressive and powerful middle-distance running. The margins by which he broke the two mid-distance records (13.6 seconds off the 1500m, and 7.7 seconds off the 800m) serves to show the class of this athlete, his undoubted skill for pace judgement, and the rewards of dedicated training throughout the winter. We wish him further successes this year to add to his Southern Counties titles.

It is unfortunate that during his two-year stay in our Sixth Form, Roger Allingham, a past English Schools Champion, was unable to improve on the shot and discus records, though the spectators were treated to a good display of field event skill.

Bruce Mitchell was also reported to be unlucky in the High Jump competition, where, using a Fosbury Flop technique, he just equalled Colin Boreham's intermediate age-group record.

Simon Mallinson added the Colts' Triple Jump record to the junior record he set last year.

In the junior age-group, Buckley scored two fine middle-distance wins and a second place to give him 32 points for his House, whilst Davies also scored 32 in the "power" events, Galpin 20 points and Kemp 16.

In the under-15's, Burridge won his three events, Barclay also won the two mid-distance races (24 points), Griffiths scored 20 points, Rowling 22 and McAvoy 16, though S. Mallinson collected the best athlete trophy for his age-group with his Triple Jump record and 32 points. Mitchell's High Jump performance was matched by Bennett

and Brockbank who both scored 36 points with three wins, with Hall winning two (32 points) and Anderson scoring 28.

In the Seniors, mention must be made of Robertson and Devereux who supported Elston with some courageous running. Ogilvie (25 points), Newland (22), Lynch (21), Willetts (27) all scored well for their houses.

At the end of the day, we welcomed (back!) Mr. A. Williamson, retired Head of Physics at Bournemouth School, to present the trophies, including the House Championship Cup to Avon.

In an exceptionally good trials, the following were selected to represent Bournemouth at the Hampshire (!) County Athletics Championships: Ogilvie, Robertson, Newland, Willetts, Devereux, Allingham, Elston, Burridge, Barclay, Ryan, McAvoy, Griffiths, Mitchell, Hall, Tarrant, Brockbank.

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SPORTS DAY RESULTS

100 m—U20: Ogilvie (T) 11.7 secs; U17: Brockbank (T) 12.4 secs; U15: Burridge (A) 12.6 secs; U13.4: Davies (A) 13.6 secs.

200 m—U20: Robertson (R) 24.0 secs; U17: Brockbank (T) 25.5 secs; U15: Burridge (A) 26.2 secs; U13.4: Galpin (H) 28.4 secs.

400 m—U20: ELSTON (T) 52.6 secs. (*Record equalled*); U17: Anderson (A) 58.7 secs; U15: Howard (A) 63.3 secs; U13.4: Dale (F) 69.3 secs.

800 m—U20: ELSTON (T) 1 min. 56.6 secs. (*Record*); U17: Drewett (A) 2 mins. 21.6 secs; U15: Barclay (A) 2 mins. 24.8 secs; U13.4: Buckley (A) 2 mins. 46.2 secs.

1500 m—U20: ELSTON (T) 4 mins. 08.6 secs. (*Record*); U17: Gritt (F), 4 mins. 51.4 secs; U15: Barclay (A) 5 mins. 02.0 secs; U13.4: Buckley (A) 5 mins. 22.1 secs.

Hurdles—75 m U13.4: Mockridge (H) 13.3 secs; 80 m U15: Potter (R) 14.5 secs; 100 m U17: Hall (R) 15.9 secs; 110 m U20: Newland (F) 19.7 secs.

Shot Put—U20: Allingham (R) 12.22 m; U17: Bennett (H) 10.18 m; U15: Mallinson (H) 9.92 m; U13.4: Davies (A) 9.20 m.

Discus—U20: Allingham (R) 36.53 m; U17: Bennett (H) 32.77 m; U15: Allen (A) 21.95 m.

Javelin—U20: Meadows (F) 36.94 m; U17: Martin (A) 32.38 m; U15: Griffiths (H) 33.25 m; U13.4: Clarke (H) 22.03 m.

Long Jump—U20: Willitts (A) 5.73 m; U17: Bennett (H) 5.38 m; U15: Burridge (A) 4.60 m; U13.4: Havelock (R) 4.01 m.

High Jump—U20: Los (T) 1.60 m; U17: Mitchell (F) 1.68 m. (*Record equalled*); U15: Rowling (P) 1.41 m; U13.4: Burrows (A) 1.18 m.

Triple Jump—U20: Willitts (A) 11.19 m; U17: Brockbank (T) 10.12 m; U15: Mallinson (H) 10.52 m. (*Record*); U13.4: Mockridge (H) 9.18 m.

K. H. Baily Trophy (Cross Country): D. Elston.  
Frost Trophy (Best Senior Athlete): D. Elston.  
Old Bournemouthians Cup (Best Inter Athlete): B. Mitchell.

Colin Hiscock Memorial Trophy (Best Colts Athlete): S. Mallinson.

Ken Baily Trophy (Best Junior Athlete): C. Buckley.

Whitting Trophy (Senior 1500 metres): D. Elston.

Wingfield Trophy (Intermediate 1500 m.): S. Gritt.

Lionel Gordon Cup (House Cross Country Championship): Twynham House.

House Athletics Championship Trophy: Avon House.

## CROSS COUNTRY

We have been fortunate this season in having two outstanding runners in D. J. Elston, our Captain, and C. P. G. Robertson, our Vice-Captain, who have done much to help and encourage our junior teams.

In the B.S.S.A. races, our Senior team had no difficulty in retaining the trophy. Elston set up a new record for the course and was followed home by Robertson. Fathers, McTiffin, Potter and Kirk completed the team. Since this event, attempts to arrange suitable fixtures for the team proved fruitless.

In the Intermediate section, thirteen teams competed. Our "A" team finished 6th and our "B" team 10th. Sixteen teams competed in the Junior section in which our "A" team ran well to finish third and our "B" team were 9th.

As a result of these races, Elston, Sturdy, Evison and Howard competed in the Hampshire Championships. Elston, who finished second in the Senior event, was selected to represent the county in the National race.

The Bournemouth Athletics Club's race for the Ken Baily Trophy resulted in a great win for Elston against strong opposition from many well-known Public Schools. On the same day an Under-13 race was held in terrible conditions of wind and rain, but the race ended in a fiasco, with runners returning from all directions. It was re-run at Henry Harbin School and our team finished third of the sixteen competing teams. We then invited the winners, Henry Harbin, to a return match on our course, and we won by 94 points to 122, Buckley being the individual winner.

We fielded an Under-12 team against Ringwood Grammar School's Under-13 team, and lost by 31 points to 47. We also had Under-13 and Under-12 matches against Summerbee. In both races, Summerbee had the first two runners home, but our team-work won us both matches—by 33 points to 61 in the Under-13 and by 35 points to 51 in the Under-12.

For several weeks before the School Championships, House teams were training assiduously, and the competition was keenly contested, with Twynham emerging as the winning House. The principal placings were—

Senior: 1, Elston; 2, Devereux; 3, Robertson.  
Junior: 1, Farrant; 2, Evison; 3, Burr.  
Second Year: 1, Tanswell; 2, Clancy-Lowe; 3, Buckley.

First Year: 1, Kemp; 2, Budd; 3, Jewell.  
At the end of the season, Cross Country Colours were awarded to C. P. G. Robertson.

E. W. Veater.

## BASKETBALL 1973/74

The season having drawn to a close, the team can look back with pride to its hard-won achievements in the past year. The most notable triumph being that of the Bournemouth Youth League Championships—the team remaining unbeaten throughout its twelve-match programme. Highlights of the season were struggles with Somerford (won 46-38) and Strouden (won 53-50).

In the "handicap" section we were not so fortunate, being penalised heavily and winning only two matches—though never actually being outscored.

On reflection the highlights of the season were the defeats of a strong Old Boys' team (46-41) and a full strength Rest-of-the-League team (48-42). Also the fact that five players were selected for the Town U21 team pays great tribute to the fine coaching of Mr. D. Stickland.

The following have played for the team: M. Levitt, S. Cottell, R. Dearsley, G. Dexereux, M. Hall, J. Haynes, P. Horton, P. Kirk, A. Ogilvie, C. Pemberton, P. Sutton, G. Twigg and S. Willitts. M. J. Levitt (Captain).

## SWIMMING

After two years of "experimental" programmes, we have finally settled on a formula for our inter-house gala, giving a balanced programme of events for a successful and exciting competition. The enthusiasm and intensity of competition generated can be imagined by the narrow points margin separating the first three teams, or even more by the three disqualifications in the penultimate relay event!

We saw some excellent individual swims, specially by the established club swimmers, with P. Kirk, P. Jones, D. Marsh and A. Scott scoring good wins. In addition we saw the benefits of our two-year swimming programme evidenced in sound performances by Hayter, Galpin, McGrath and Budd. It is also desirable that such convincing winners, by virtue of their superior strength, coupled with basic skills, that such swimmers as McAvoy, Hudson and Potter should put their talents to a more regular use. Most pleasing was the standard of skill, effort and fitness shown in the hard individual-medley race.

The relays produced an intense atmosphere, and resulted in seven disqualifications, one of which certainly cost the championship.

BOURNEMOUTH SCHOOL  
SWIMMING GALA RESULTS

## First Year—

Backstroke: Allen (A) 18.1 s.  
Breaststroke: Simons (A) 20.0 s.  
Butterfly: Loakes (H) 18.0 s.  
Freestyle: Scott (R) 14.2 s.  
Medley Relay: Romsey, 78.2 s.  
Freestyle Relay: Twynham, 66.5 s.

## Second Year—

Backstroke: Hayler (R) 16.4 s.  
Breaststroke: Galpin (H) 19.1 s.  
Butterfly: Potter (R) 15.4 s.  
Freestyle: Hudson (P) 11.2 s.  
Medley Relay: Romsey, 69.2 s.  
Freestyle Relay: Avon, 61.6 s.



**Third Year —**

Backstroke: McGrath (T) 40.0 s.  
 Breaststroke: Brammer (P) 46.2 s.  
 Butterfly: Budd (R) 18.8 s.  
 Freestyle: McAvoy (A) 28.0 s.  
 Medley Relay: Avon, 70.6 s.  
 Freestyle Relay: Avon, 60.1 s.

**Under 14:**

Individual Medley: Marsh (A) 75.0 s.  
 Medley Relay: Avon, 104.9 s.

**Open —**

Backstroke: Kirk (A) 50.0 s.  
 Breaststroke: Hill (H) 56.5 s.  
 Butterfly: Jones (A) 28.0 s.  
 Freestyle: Jones (A) 42.5 s.  
 Individual Medley: Kirk (A) 64.9 s.  
 Medley Relay: Hambledon, 58.6 s.  
 Freestyle Relay: Hambledon, 52.4 s.  
 All Year Freestyle Relay: Avon, 83.0 s.

**House Points and Swimming Championship Results:**

AVON	119 points
ROMSEY	117 points
TWYNHAM	113 points
PORTCHESTER	79 points
HAMBLEDON	75 points
FOREST	63 points

**TENNIS**

The Tennis year started as usual with the House Championship which was won by Hambledon who won all five of their matches. There was a close fight for second place when Portchester beat Twynham in the last match of the year and snatching second place. The result was decided on set score, matches won and lost and games won and lost being the same.

The Hamer Cup was won by G. B. Dominey in a hard-fought match defeating R. L. Jones in the final.

The School team have played two matches this year, losing 7-2 to a very strong Poole Grammar side and beating Portsmouth Grammar 9-0. Both matches were much closer than the scores suggest.

The following boys have represented the team this year: C. G. Saines, P. Ward, G. B. Dominey, D. N. Taylor, R. G. De Lisle, J. R. Wynne, C. Brierley, R. L. Jones.

C. G. Saines.



Cricket continues after the arrival of the new kit, following our second major fire, which destroyed all the old equipment, worth about £1,000. A full report of the season's matches will appear in the next issue.

Photo: J. Preston

**House Notes****AVON HOUSE**

House Master: Mr. C. A. Read.  
 House Captain: P. J. Kirk.  
 House Secretary: A. J. Sturdy.

Of the nine events in the late spring and early summer that can now be reported on we have won three outright, come rather lower in the others and the cricket is still in balance.

In the basketball, under the leadership of Willitts, Avon won all six matches and emerged as triumphant winners. We can expect to do well next year as half of the team are in 6-1. Thanks are due to the P.E. staff for their help in refereeing during the lunch hours.

Athletics we won by a margin of some 150 points over our nearest rival. It is perhaps in Sports Day that we find the best example of the team winning. With the notable exceptions of Kirk and Devereux, Avon has, by nature, a rather middling standard. However, so middling were we that we had the greatest number of people in the finals and thereby, through weight of numbers, won.

The Swimming Gala we also won by another large margin of points, Kirk and Jones excelling themselves.

The senior football, under the captaincy of P. Kirk and the vice-captaincy of A. Patterson, came a very creditable second, a position which will, of course, be improved upon next year. I'm sad to say that the junior football (Lewis, Captain) did not do quite so well.

In the other sports: tennis — Truss, Captain; table-tennis — Davis, Captain; and Cross Country — Devereux, Captain, we did not, as a house, do very well. It is strange that we are never mediocre at a sport, we are either good or bad.

In cricket the senior team has so far played two matches and won both; the juniors have not played yet.

Having dealt with our sporting strengths (or otherwise) I now have the very sad duty of saying goodbye to Mr. Legg (perhaps not "good-bye" but "au revoir" since he may often be seen around the School). Mr. Legg has been at the School now for seven years and has devoted much time and energy to the House. It is under his guidance that the senior football and cricket teams have reached such heights and with his going we can only hope that they carry on.

The other house masters must also be thanked for their great help and encouragement throughout the year which has contributed so much to our better results.

This year's House Captain, Team Captains and House Prefects must be thanked for their leadership.

Whilst saying goodbye to the old prefects (Kirk, Parker, Sturdy), the new prefects are also welcomed and congratulated on behalf of the House. They are Peacock, Devereux, G. Davies, McTiffin and Biggs.

A. J. Sturdy.

**FOREST HOUSE**

House Master: Mr. Stokoe.  
 House Captain: K. R. Bichard.

Once again this has proved to be a year of only moderate success for Forest House. There has though this year been a very good spirit running throughout the House; this has been particularly evident amongst the seniors who have set a very good example to the younger members.

The football competition has proved to be the highlight of the year as far as Forest are concerned. We once again won the football, mainly through the excellent performances of the senior team. Before Christmas the seniors played three games, winning one and drawing two. It was after Christmas, however, that the senior team showed its true form in beating their nearest rivals Avon 5-1, and Romsey 2-0. The seniors finished with a goal average of 20 goals for, 8 against and it was this that was to prove decisive because after the junior results it was found that we were level on points with Hambledon and we won the competition only on our superior goal average. The juniors although not having a great deal of talent tried very hard and finished with a record of two wins and three defeats.

We did not do too well in the cross-country events, finishing only fourth overall. The first forms came fourth in their event, the second forms were fifth despite having the individual first and second places, the juniors finished fifth, but once again it was the seniors that showed the rest of the House by coming second with a very good team effort.

The School Sports once again proved to be a disappointment. We did not do very well in the heats, especially in the junior events, and although the seniors with 21 finalists had more than any other House, it was not enough to give us a chance of winning the competition and in the end we finished an extremely disappointing fifth. Special mention though should go to B. Mitchell who won his high jump competition and also an individual trophy.

In the basketball, table tennis, chess and tennis events we achieved only moderate results.

At the time of writing the cricket competition has only just started with the seniors having played two games, winning one and losing one. Despite losing some members of the senior team after the G.C.E. examinations this is one event where we should do fairly well.

I should like to take this opportunity of wishing Mr. Roseblade all the best for the future when he leaves the School at the end of term and to thank him for the hard work he has done for the House.

K. R. Bichard.

**HAMBLEDON HOUSE**

House Master: Mr. P. Gass.

House Captain: P. K. McGregor.

Any concern previously expressed about apathy in the House seems to have been unfounded, although a few individuals attempt to slink out in the course of the House Meetings. The House is doing well for itself, having won the Tennis and Table Tennis Cups, and the cricket season appears to be beginning well.

The major event of the term is Sports Day, and each year it predictably brings a burst of inactivity to brighten every schoolboy's cheeks. However, the goads and thorns habitually brandished to produce volunteers at this time of year were not needed for the junior members of the House, who regularly turned out to practise Athletics, sometimes in unfavourable conditions. Our thanks to them (and the staff and senior boys who helped) for their efforts. The House was given out as coming second on Sports Day, though when a previously-decided reduction in the points awarded for first places was applied, we found ourselves demoted to fourth. Well done the many boys who must have achieved firsts in their events!

We are doing well in a very close House Competition, and hope to end in second place, having been first last year. Gone are the days of my wondering whether Hambledon was a force to contend with, or whether its members ought to have been stood up and shot! We have come far since the "old" days of my life in the Junior School, and I suspect that we may well go farther with our new talent, particularly as it progresses up the School in future years.

However out-dated, time-consuming, mentally frustrating and physically exhausting the House system may be, it does serve a useful purpose in providing entertainment for those senior House members who feel that they can no longer "stand the course" of physical endeavour, for they may actually *volunteer* for less strenuous, but useful, work. This exercise turns out quicker minds for the classroom, being the survival not only of the fittest, but of the slyest.

Until the House system breaks down it appears possible that Hambledon may lead the field unto the bitter end. But this cannot be done, unfortunately, without a concerted effort or support of the House activities. If that elusive enthusiasm wanes and a rot sets in, then the House's chances will be non-existent. Support a sport! and a bit of striving will work wonders. Study to play basketball, for example, where results this year did not match up to Phil Horton's exhortatory and amusing notices. Miracles do not happen!

Ivor Hopkins.

**PORCHESTER HOUSE**

House Master: Mr. B. J. Sanders.

House Captain: G. J. Twigg.

House Secretary: C. R. Chubb.

The past year has been one of the most encouraging in the history of the House. During the Spring Term we fought our way up the House Championship until we eventually led the field. Our final position depends on the junior and senior

cricket but we are almost certain we can finish fourth or fifth.

In my last report I mentioned that the House ought to do well in the non-athletic activities due to the shortage of athletes in the House. My hopes were realised when the chess team, captained by R. De Lisle, retained the Chess Cup yet again, and when our speakers at Junior, Intermediate and Senior levels in the Speech Competition finished high enough to give us overall first position. The zenith of the achievement being when R. J. Sutherland, M. D. Markson and J. Featherstone came first in the senior competition, coming third, equal fifth and equal fifth respectively.

This year's tennis team of C. G. Saines, R. De Lisle, P. J. Ward and A. G. Jenkins surpassed all expectations beating Avon, Forest and Twynham to achieve second position overall. It was only a year ago that it was announced that after trying for three or four years we had actually won a tennis match! But to see the tennis team, only a year later, coming second in the Tennis Competition is to be highly commended. This sort of improvement is obviously due to the tennis team's hard work and enthusiasm.

Yet again this year the House did well in the cross-country. This is the one house sport in which almost everybody takes part and the competition is mainly a team effort. We eventually finished third overall with the juniors coming first in their age-group and congratulations go to P. Farrant who was the individual winner.

If the above kind of form can be carried on throughout next year I can see no reason why Portchester cannot improve greatly on this year's position.

Finally on behalf of the House I should like to wish every success in the future to all members leaving this year.

C. R. Chubb.

**ROMSEY HOUSE**

House Master: Mr. K. Maxted.

House Captain: R. Allingham.

House Secretary: P. Busby.

It has been the tradition (that is for the last four years) that Romsey House reports should contain high elements of success in the House Championship, and this year is no exception.

As usual at the time of going to press everything depends on the outcome of the cricket competition. So far, the seniors have met with unqualified success, defeating two of the strongest sides. This was no mean feat considering that there were only two 6.2 players in the team, which should bring them even more favourable results in the future.

In soccer, the juniors, with a totally unexpected burst of enthusiasm at the close of the competition, did well to come in third place. The seniors, led by J. Toomer, were narrowly pushed into fifth position through goal average.

The most interesting result came in cross-country in which we came second. It is undoubtedly through this that the House has risen to its present position. Notable efforts were made by Evison, Metcalfe, Robertson and King who all came in the first six places in their particular age groups.

Consistent with last year, the swimmers gave a

strong performance only to be beaten into second place at the last minute. Although this was a team effort, outstanding performances were made by Hackin and M. Potter. We are also grateful to the captain, D. Tarrant, assisted by R. Potter, who have achieved such a high standard in the two years this competition has been running.

A strong second and third in table-tennis and basketball, together with a rather unexpected fourth in tennis, maintained our competitive position.

Although we only came fifth in this year's Speech Competition, performances (and I choose this word carefully) were rewarded with a third place for P. Smedley, and a fourth for Gumbley in the intermediate section.

Yet another Romsey tradition is for reports such as this to ignore the chess team. It seems that this is another one to be continued. Perhaps there is hidden talent within the House. If so, let not modesty prevent you from showing yourself!

We came third in the athletics competition — yet another good team performance. This reflects both the ability of the competitors and the many practices well organised by senior boys.

To all those who are leaving this term I wish every success in the future. In particular, I would like to thank Mr. Maxted, who will not be here next year, after seven years of active service for the House. The successes achieved by him and his colleagues leave us in their debt.

P.B.

I must add to Paul Busby's comments above that the House has virtually "run" itself, through the enthusiasm and effort of the boys, particularly the House prefects.—K.R.M.

**TWYNHAM HOUSE**

House Master: Mr. W. J. Hawkins.

House Captain: M. J. Levitt.

House Secretary: D. G. White.

This looks like being Twynham's year, with only the cricket to be played. Twynham are one hundred and twenty points clear at the top of the House Championship. The reasons for this are consistency and all-round team effort, which had been lacking previous to this year.

On the soccer pitch, the seniors came third, which was a slightly disappointing result, considering the strength of the team. The juniors finished in second place, which was a very creditable performance. Our thanks are due to Mr. Dudley for his running of the junior team.

The climax of the Autumn Term was the basketball; with one match to be played, Twynham were undefeated, our opponents Avon were also undefeated. In a very closely fought match, Twynham were narrowly defeated by 21-23 points. This still left us in second place.

As usual we did very well in the chess, only losing one match, and finishing second overall.

Tennis and table-tennis proved to be our weakest events this year, and we could only manage a fourth in the table-tennis and a third in the tennis.

For the first time since 1966-1967, Twynham won the cross country; we came second in the first form and second form events, fourth in the junior event and we won the senior event. Notable performances were by C. A. Kemp and T. St. J.

Budd in the first form event, by R. A. Higgins and K. N. Davies in the second form event and by D. J. Elston and M. L. Green in the senior event.

On Sports Day we finished second, with a good all-round performance. A special mention must be made of D. J. Elston who won all three of his events, and set a new record in the Senior 1500 metres.

We had high hopes in the Swimming Gala, and in a very close finish we obtained third place. We were very unfortunate in that the Linnard brothers were both unable to swim, and this weakened our team considerably. Our thanks must go to Mr. M. Hill for all the time and effort he put in, training the team and holding practices.

The only other event to be completed is the speech competition, in which we finished a very promising second.

As can be seen in this report, consistency plays a very important part in the House Championship. Twynham have only won the cross country outright, yet with consistent second and third places, are in a very strong position at the top of the championship table.

To ensure that the House achieves this consistency, takes a lot of organising and time, and I should like to thank, on behalf of the House, the House Masters for all the valuable work they have done for Twynham over the course of the year. Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Dudley, Mr. Pettoello, Mr. Young, Mr. Scott and Mr. Hill have all given up their time to organise various events and we are grateful to them for the part they have played in our success. Let us hope that we can repay their efforts by winning the House Shield.

Finally, I am sure that the House will join me in wishing all the members of the House that are leaving this year every success in the future.

D. G. White.

**SCHOOL CHESS**

This season has been a successful one for School Chess. In Division 1 of the Bournemouth Chess League, our newly-promoted "A" team finished third with five wins and two draws from their nine matches.

In Division 3, our "B" team played strongly throughout the season and finished top of the Western Section, winning six of their seven matches; this gains them promotion to Division 2 next year. They then beat St. Peter's School, winners of the Eastern Section, in a play-off for the Division 3 title.

We did less well in this year's *Sunday Times* competition, losing the zone semi-final to Bryanston School. Previously we had won the final for three consecutive years.

On an individual basis, P. Davies won the Junior Championship and M. Charter won the Boys' Championship. At the Kinson Whitsun Chess Congress, P. Davies won the Open Tournament and M. Charter won the Under-16 Tournament.

The House Championship was this year won by Portchester.

Thanks must go to Mr. Neame, both for organising the House Championship and for running both the School Chess teams.

P. R. Davies.



## HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP 1973/1974

House	Football		Basketball	Chess	Table Tennis	Tennis	Swimming	Cross Country				Athletics	Cricket		Speech			
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Scrabbling in the Sixth Form Library

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## Society Notes

## THE NEW POLITICAL SOCIETY

The Society was formed at the beginning of the summer term to accommodate the interest of those politically inclined and to relieve the School of its apparent ignorance of international politics.

To date, our two meetings have produced an informative preview of the French presidential election by M. Martin, and a discussion of the polemical Middle East question. Attendances at meetings have been moderate but consistent, and we look forward in anticipation of a good audience to receive our own Mr. Rogers' "Lecture from America". Having established ourselves this term, the Society hopes to expand and obtain "outside speakers" next term.

Finally, we would like to thank Mr. Jordan for his infallible support and under whose auspices the Society was formed.

P. N. Legg and A. Weeks.

## SCRABBLE CLUB

The Scrabble Club goes on from strength to strength — or, more precisely, from disyllable to trisyllable. With over fifty players initially in the League, competition has been keen and the complications of umpiring more apparent. In this respect, I am grateful to S. Coomber and A. Weeks of the Sixth Form for their help.

The handicap system is working well, with A. C. Day of 1.19 emerging as a worthy winner. His record as a first-former of losing only one game in the seven months of the League will be difficult to beat.

Second place was not decided until the very last cliff-hanger game, when T. J. Brammer of 3.14 employed a crafty consonant to squeeze K. Tamkin into third position.

We are again indebted to J. W. Spear & Sons Ltd. for the kind presentation of two of their games to Day and Brammer.

If fourth-formers are willing next September to undergo the rigours of the handicap system they too will be welcome to join the Scrabble Club.

J.L.M.

## THE FILM SOCIETY

Last term the Society had rather an unsettled start, mainly due to very poor delivery services and the despatching of films. However, after a few initial setbacks we were able to show a remarkable variety of films covering different fields.

It is hoped that the Society will continue to show films at the start of the new term.

I would like to express my thanks to Mr. Stannard, S. Moore, J. Peters and J. Turner for their help during the past term.

K. Head.

## PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

At the beginning of last term the Photographic Society was formed to help boys throughout the School gain more enjoyment from photography.

During the last two terms a number of lunch-time meetings have been held and a good deal of interest has been shown; these have mainly been concerned with the formation of the Society and a film strip on developing and printing has also been shown. Next year a more regular and varied programme will be held, including some on topics of general interest as well as those to discuss practical techniques of photography. Meetings have also been held after school when black and white films have been developed and prints made from them; these will be continued from September to give everybody a chance of doing their own developing and printing.

The Society has also held two competitions; the first open to members only was to provide the *Bournemouthian* with a photograph of the School; the other one was run by the Society and open to all members of the School for the best photographs on any subject; at the time of writing the results of both these competitions are still awaited.

I should also like to thank Mr. E. Smith whose help and interest has made the existence of the Society possible, the Staff of the Physics Department for allowing us to use their laboratories and equipment in the darkroom, and J. Still for his help.

The Society is open to all boys in the School and we hope that it will foster increased interest in all aspects of photography.

I. W. Byrne.

## THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This term has been both busy and interesting. A series of films have been shown on diverse historical aspects, including Scotland, the motor car and castles. Several talks have been given by members of the School, notably R. Jones about heraldry, D. Morgan about Corfe Castle and K. Hart about Mr. Gladstone. In addition, we have been pleased to welcome Miss Jackson from the Dorset Museum who talked about archaeology, and Mr. L. Pettoello who gave an illustrated account about the Holy Shroud.

On the practical side, a "Mastermind" competition has been won by J. Holleyhead who took for his subject "Druids and Druidism". A history trip to France has been arranged for the Senior School, to include visits to the Bayeux Tapestry and the invasion beaches of Normandy. Similarly, an end-of-term outing has been arranged for the third years to R.A.F. Hendon and the Imperial War Museum.

A marked interest in current politics has led to the creation of a political section. This has so far discussed the Middle East situation and the recent French presidential elections.

I would like to thank both teachers and pupils who have supported the Society, especially Keith Hart and Mr. Jordan for their undaunted enthusiasm.

Alan Jevons.

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## CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

The Easter Term was a very active one and there was growing interest in the meetings.

Informal discussions attracted quite large numbers prepared to sit around and seriously chew over vital contemporary issues in a Christian light. Leaders and topics were: Mr. Roseblade and "Industrial Relations", Mr. Lenton and "Magic and the Occult", Mr. Jordan and "Pornography", and Rev. Christopher Hill and "What is Christianity?" They were invariably lively sessions. Thanks are owed especially to the leaders. Also to Mr. Johnson and Lynch, of the sixth form, who took interesting Bible Studies on the "Second Coming" and the "Holy Spirit".

Several interesting films were shown during the term, perhaps the most thought-provoking being "Empty Cities". This was based on old cities of South America and studied the decline of their civilisations. In a period of economic distress it made a rather sombre but perhaps salutary point: civilisations don't last for ever and society's standards are not automatic but depend on the individuals who form the society.

Other films were "The Chinese are Coming", with excellent documentary material about present day China and details of efforts to infiltrate Christian teaching, and the Church Missionary Society's "Spring in Iran".

Swinford and Butler of the third form gave us an interesting and varied programme of Christian music. Then, perhaps the highlight of the term, Mr. Jordan's "Investigation of the Resurrection". Using the Overhead Project he gave a masterly (no pun either!) summary of the case for and against the Resurrection. It brought home how strong is the case for. Finally another, more unusual film, "Parable"; Christ is represented as a circus clown and the story portrays his life and particularly his death in symbolic form. Not a bad way, it turned out, of concentrating our imagination and thoughts at Easter time on the one "who loved us and gave himself for us".

The summer term programme has been limited by the short period before the exams. Two Mondays were spent listening to and discussing a Keswick Convention Bible Reading on John 15 by the Rev. Eric Alexander. We also had a first visit from a London City Mission worker. Mr. J. Whyte, who works in Smithfield Meat Market and Blackfriars, gave us an illustrated account of the mission's work.

Next year's committee is: Chairman, Kyte; Secretary, Lynch; Treasurer, Butler; and Traves, Warden, Swinford and Butler.

R. Lenton.

## SIXTH FORM SOCIETY

With the girls' help, we've been thriving and enjoying our now customary bumper attendances. Our activities have been even more varied this year and our greatest debt, of course, is to Nicholas Hall, an enthusiastic and very active School Captain, and to David White for his quiet, steady competence as the Society Secretary. All the Committee has worked hard, however, and their decision to sub-divide responsibilities has been fruitful — Nash and Tarrant have run catering, R. E. Sparks and R. M. Jones have publicised our events and, in addition to Clement and Featherstone as "Social Secretaries", we have had two eager volunteers in Barron and Palmer to be in charge of "Liaison with B.S.G." — and they promise to explain their duties before the year is over! My thanks to them all and, especially, Dave Morgan who has ensured a steady supply of speakers.

Despite successful Discos and Open-air Barbecues (one is planned to celebrate the opening of the Sixth Form Memorial Hall at the end of June), our Fortnightly Forums with B.S.G. continue to provide the core of our activities and it is pleasing to report a rise in debating standards. We have drawn subjects from Mystery Hats, we have 'played' "What's My Line" and "Juke-box Jury" and, in more serious moments, we have voted in favour of Marriage and against any prospect of a Labour Government — this last lack of foresight occurred in our February Mock Election and in spite of some rousing huckstering by Nigel Bridle for his Socialist cause.

The speech standards have been high. Bridle, in cooler mood, was placed second in this year's Paul Revere for his talk on "Democracy". Nick Hall battled valiantly to retain the Bowl but came third this time for his "Compromising Situations". The popular winner, Andy Gittins, gave a witty — and actually well-prepared — talk on behalf of his favourite "Ad-Lib-eration Movement". We were grateful to Messrs. Wiseman, McQueen and the Rev. Canon L. H. Yorke who came to judge and we were no less grateful to Mr. Wright and his B.S.G. half of the audience — the silent half on this occasion. An excellent evening.

Teams from B.S.G. and Talbot Heath (the winners of our section) again got the verdict over us in this year's Rotary "Youth Speaks" Competition. However, R. M. Jones' speech on "Experts" got a special word of praise and our team of Jones, Featherstone and Barron performed creditably as the *only* male entry!

In the Observer Cup, Nick Hall and Louise Grissone 'won' their debate against Colfox School, Bridport, where we were well supported and splendidly entertained. They 'lost' in Plymouth against an excellent team, who deserved the Regional Championship.

There is much promise for the future — and we've all had a very enjoyable year.

K.H.R.



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## GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

There is much to report at the end of this term, as the Society's activities have been extremely varied this year. It seems that there has been more of an emphasis on fieldwork than ever before.

The Society began the year with a successful weekend field excursion to Leeson House early in February, consisting of 40 enthusiastic geographers from the 2nd and 3rd forms led by Mr. Webb — where a fairly detailed study of Purbeck coastal features was conducted, despite the unusually severe climatic conditions! This was the first excursion of its kind offered to juniors which the Society hopes to repeat. Special thanks must go to Mr. Webb who clearly put much effort into the trip to make it a success.

There have been day field excursions organised by the Geography Department including Shell Bay and Studland for the 4th and 5th forms and to the Vale of Wardour for the Lower Sixth also. Owing to popular demand the Society is organising a field-day trip to Lulworth Cove for the 2nd and 3rd forms which should prove entertaining as well as useful.

In March the Society held its annual geographical version of "Call my Bluff". A packed Lecture Theatre watched Mr. Robins' team beat last year's winner Mr. C. Smith & Co. This, together with other meetings such as the Photo Quiz provided an interesting lunchtime programme.

A new idea was the Society's display, in April, on "The Changing Face of Bournemouth". The Committee feel that many people are unaware of the developments that are taking place, and that the display would therefore attempt to clarify some of the Council's proposals.

Providing material can be gathered, the Society hopes to hold another exhibition next year.

The Society's heartbeat, of course, is the Information Centre in Room D4 which has been continuing its role of providing travel information and housing an ever-increasing stock of geographical data. The \$64 question is — who is to take over the running of it when the committee leaves next year?

I am sure, however, that the Committee will be able to find a few interested geographers to carry on the work of the Society when they leave.

J. D. Featherstone.

## THE WEDNESDAY CONCERT

The past two terms have been musically quite eventful, and the first two Wednesday Concerts of the Spring term were highly successful. Firstly, Mr. J. Preston accepted an invitation to be cast off on a Desert Island, and presented a varied selection of music ranging from Debussy and Bizet to Richard Rodney Bennett and the 1964 Gang Show, interspersed with anecdotes about his life. The following week Mr. Harcourt Smith played compère in our very own version of the television quiz "Face the Music", in which Mr. Gass and Martin Lee pitted their musical wits against their opponents Mr. Pettoello and Michael Gumbley. This meeting was a resounding success, drawing a capacity audience to the Lecture Theatre. The result was a victory for Mr. Gass's team, and our sincere thanks go to Mr. Harcourt Smith for spending so much time and energy devising questions and making recordings.

Next the School String Quartet played works by Haydn, Mozart, Joubert and Tchaikowsky. This group, consisting of Michael Gumbley (1st violin), Andrew Bellis (2nd violin), Mr. N. McCabe (viola) and Stephen Wilson (cello) are progressing very well, and we look forward to their next recital. There have also been some interesting and informative talks, namely on Russian Music, given by Mr. David Williams, on American Music by Andrew Bellis, and on Avant-Garde Music by Geoffrey Thornton. This last included a performance of 0° 0' by John Cage in which the performers do as they please for a period of time. Such diverse instruments as clarinets, pianos, whistle, typewriter, waste bin, and Mr. Hilliam were heard in full glory! Mr. Hilliam also gave an entertaining talk on the emotions one feels when hearing certain music.

There followed two live recitals; Mr. David Williams gave a superb piano recital, and the Morning Choir sang the St. Luke Passion by J. S. Bach. A report of the performance of this work in St. George's Church appears elsewhere.

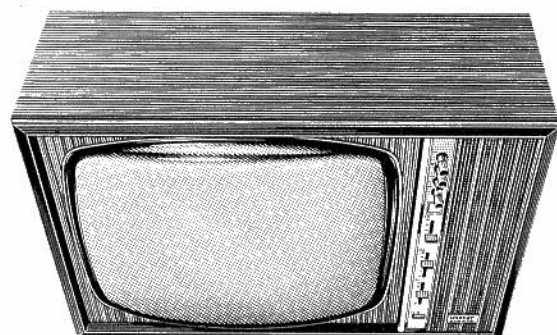
There were only three concerts in the Summer Term; for the first, Mr. Williams again gave a piano recital, including some works by Chopin and Peter Maxwell Davies. A group of junior boys then came together to play for us individually; they were Jonathan Still, Graham Jackson (piano), Gary Gaynor (spinnet), Richard Lewis (violin), Paul Hilliam (oboe), Stephen Wilson (cello) and Stephen Butler (clarinet); and there was also a string ensemble. To finish the term, we went to St. Francis' Church to hear Mr. Hilliam play three works of Bach on the organ there, and this was much appreciated.

Attendances this term have been reasonable, but I feel that not enough boys realise what pleasure can be had from our weekly musical happenings. It is to be hoped, therefore, that as the Wednesday Concerts enter their 14th consecutive year, more people will come forward, both as listeners and performers.

G. Thornton.

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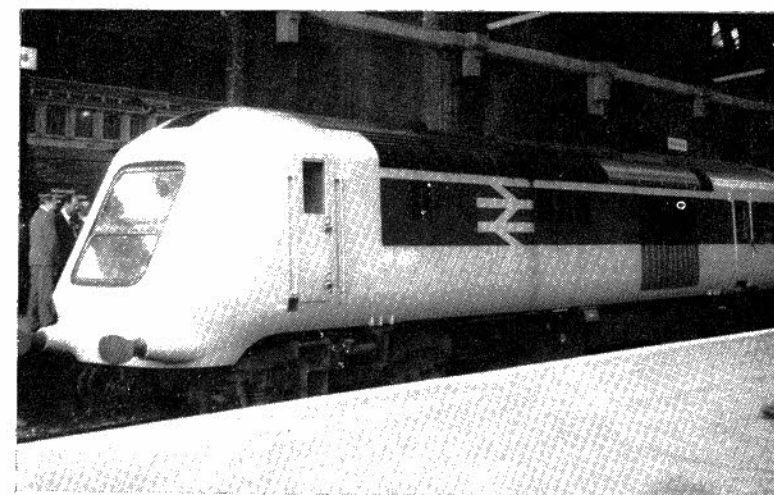
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### BOURNEMOUTH SCHOOL RAILWAY CLUB

This new Club was formed early last term and it is intended to cater for a wide range of interests, ranging from the old steam locomotives to the modern diesels and electrics. Meetings are normally held in Room 1 on alternate Friday lunchtimes, and so far the response has been very encouraging, with up to 25 boys present.

The first meeting was on March 8th when the title was "Preserved Steam Round-Up". This showed many of the preserved steam engines still running in Britain and was enjoyed by all. A fortnight later the subject was the famous Festiniog Railway at Porthmadog in North Wales, and apart from many colour slides, an insight into working on the engines was given. Also in March was a visit to Bere Regis, Dorchester and Bridport railway locations which was run jointly with the Bournemouth Railway Club.

Our last meeting before the end of term was by a visiting speaker, Mr. I. C. Foot, an Old Boy of the School, who gave an illustrated lecture on Continental Railways.

During the Easter break, some of the boys went on a visit to the 15-inch gauge Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch Railway in Kent, and this was the subject of our first meeting this term, many colour slides being shown. The meeting concluded with views of the preserved Southern Railway 4-6-2 express loco, No. 35028 "Clan Line" at Westbury on her recent special run. On 24th May, the talk took the form of a model railway type nature, engines and track of differing gauges being shown. This was the last meeting of the half term and we hope to have had another meeting before the end of term, possibly a film show. We hope to

organise some visits next term to such places as Bournemouth Signal Box and Branksome Motive Power Depot.

Finally, the Club would like to thank Mr. Jordan for looking after the proceedings and we hope to see some more new faces next term.

R. Burrige, 6I A Arts.

### MATHS CLUB

This year the Club's magazine "Mathematics Unlimited" was a great success; we sold over 600 copies, forming a new record. Don't forget that it is not too late to start thinking of new articles for the next issue!

It is a great pity that comet Kohoutek did not live up to expectations as we had previously hoped in the last issue.

We have started a 3rd Form "Quiz Ball" competition and we hope to run the final in the last week of term.

The most popular part of our many activities in the Club is still Computer Programming. (We have used over 2,000 computing sheets so far this year!) The Club and its members would like to thank all the masters who give up their time to teach in the lunchtime sessions.

We are very sorry to lose Mr. Dudley and we would like to thank him for all his work and give him good wishes for the future.

J. P. Davies.



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### MUSIC CONCERT IN ST. GEORGE'S, WEDNESDAY, 3rd APRIL

This year's main music concert opened with a rarity, enterprisingly disinterred by Mr. Harcourt Smith and played with great panache by Geoffrey Thornton and the School Brass Group, with Michael Gumbley on the tympani. The work is the final and crowning item in a series of organ pieces Karg-Elert composed for use at all the major festivals of the Church's year. It is a massive prelude on the German Lutheran hymn beginning with the words "O wondrous King". To rescue forgotten pieces is a daring act, but this was a stunning success, and all the players excelled themselves, especially the organist, who coped successfully with cascades of notes.

Just how hard it is to perform a deceptively simple piece after a virtuoso one was shown, alas, all too clearly by the surprisingly insecure performance of Bach's "Little" E minor Prelude and Fugue that followed.

A small group of six string players which was to have been led by Mrs. Dorothy Williams, who in the event was unfortunately unable to play on the night, performed the first movement of Bach's sixth Brandenburg Concerto. The aim was to present one of Bach's most urbane pieces of his Cöthen period, alongside the devotional work which was to be the main work in the programme. In the event the playing was not nearly as good as it had been at rehearsals, and intonation suffered. However, nothing dared . . .

Mr. Williams brought us back to the standard of the beginning of the concert by his playing of Gibbons's Pavane dedicated to the Earl of Salisbury. His steady tempo and beautiful rhythmic control captured both the elegant surface and the deep undercurrents of feeling in this wonderful piece.

The indefinable "Englishness" of Gibbons proved the perfect transition from Bach to the Elgar Serenade for Strings. This tiny work is a miracle of light-hearted textures shot through from start to finish with regret, yearning for an unattainable world of Eden-like emotional simplicity, and moments of despair and parting. Its emotional ambivalence has in performance to be suggested by very subtle minute fluctuations of tempo. The School Orchestra's performance was a great triumph, particularly for Mr. Bellinger, who had somehow got the band to play really in tune and follow his clear beat exactly. That he himself is a master of the Elgar idiom we knew from his performance of the 'cello concerto a few years back; he proved this once again, tonight, with what must rank as one of the orchestra's best-ever achievements.

The second half of the programme was devoted to a St. Luke Passion, of which a copy in J. S. Bach's own hand exists, but with no indication of who composed it. It is therefore sensibly referred to as "Bach's St. Luke Passion", but the idiom in the event is clearly different from the Bach idiom with which we are normally familiar. At all events, what Bach found worthwhile copying, the

School Choir took the trouble to learn to sing, and in doing so discovered the qualities that Bach himself admired in it. It is in fact a wonderful work of total integrity and fine craftsmanship, and wearing its heart on its sleeve. (This minor forgotten composer was in fact lucky enough to be able to pour out naturally the very emotions that choked poor Elgar less than 200 years later.)

Mr. Hilliam, who conducted, decided that the solo parts should be taken by members of the School rather than by professional singers. This bold policy, made practically possible by his kindly and understanding direction on the night, gave the work a matter-of-fact directness which professional singers could almost certainly not have achieved. The relevance of the great universal action of the Passion was indeed underlined by the fact that we knew all the people who were representing the protagonists in the action.

The story was told not by a tenor, but by the treble, Ian Puffett. He sang clearly and accurately, and presented the whole matter with real gravity and conviction. His voice is not wan or pretty, and hasn't a hint of "Nymphs and shepherds" about it, but his singing was magnificently business-like and artistic even if his top G is a bit touch and go. Richard Warden allowed the notes of Jesus' part to speak for themselves without labouring their dramatic content, and some moments, particularly the betrayal, were really moving. Michael Gumbley and Nigel Groome pointed well the difference between the two criminals, and Alan Biggs projected Pilate's authoritarian shiftiness credibly.

The choir sang very well and was aware of its three different roles, bringing dignity to the glorious opening chorus, excitement to the cries of the crowd, and feeling to the chorales.

Of the two contemplative soprano arias sung by Mary Hilliam one was most beautiful, while the other was rather spoiled by a somewhat creaky obbligato.

Mr. Hilliam's unfussy, sensible direction was a model of how to get a school performance to go well. He achieved good continuity and overall shape, and clearly had achieved an excellent rapport with all his faces. My only reservation, and it is purely a matter of task, is that the recitatives were relatively slow, whilst the chorales were brisk. This meant that the events of the story were related slowly while the meditations on them were brisk. I am not convinced that this is in fact the right way round, but could quote a number of recordings that support Mr. Hilliam's view. At all events there can be no doubt that the impact of the work as a whole was very real. All the performers and the audience were caught up together in a joint combined response to the world of ideas and feelings presented by the St. Luke Passion, and this is what the performing of music is all about.

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T. Mister, A. Channing and R. M. Jones in the grounds of the United Nations Building, with the Assembly Hall and the Chrysler Building in the background.

Photo: Mr. Rogers

#### U.S. TRIP, 1974

A party of seven students, 5th and 6th formers, plus the *eminence grise* and organiser of the trip, the redoubtable Mr. Rogers, went to New York for three weeks starting Easter Sunday.

We were driven up to Gatwick Airport by Mr. Preston and his bodyguard of Boy Scouts. Once at Gatwick, we had to wait six hours for the plane, which had been delayed. However, we were not despondent, since the airline gave us a food voucher to the value of 25p. Such extravagant generosity did not go unnoticed.

The DC10 flight over was a little rough, but we were admirably entertained by a totally incomprehensible film starring the exciting Yul Brynner. We landed at John F. Kennedy Airport, Queens, after circling around for an hour and a quarter in a horrendous electric storm. Many of the passengers found that they did not care for the in-flight meal after all, since they gave it back to the stewardess in paper bags. We were then taken to the Hotel Commodore (42nd Street and Park Avenue)—a very posh establishment right over Grand Central Station.

Next morning we turned on our televisions to be delighted by "A.M. New York" with Milt Kamen and special guest, baseball star Tug McGraw. After breakfast at Horn and Hardatt's (America's answer to Forte's) we went to Fordham School, in the Bronx, to meet our hosts. We then split up and were taken to our host homes for the next three weeks.

My host family (the Faths) lived in Scarsdale, Westchester County, which is a very exclusive suburb, as were the areas in which most of the others found themselves. I found that I had been given my own private bedroom, my own private bathroom, a veritable library, a stereo record player, a collection of records ranging from the Rodrigues Guitar Concerto to the Mahavishnu Orchestra, and a Picasso lithograph in the bathroom.

The kindness of the host families was quite staggering. For example, one family took five of us to Washington, a round trip of over 400 miles. When I expressed an interest in his art collection, Dr. Fath, my host, insisted on taking me to the best art galleries in the city.

Once we had settled in, we saw the sights of New York. As a party we went for a three-hour boat ride around Manhattan, to the United Nations building, the Rockefeller and Lincoln Centres, the Statue of Liberty, Wall Street to tour the Stock Exchange, the vast Natural History Museum and through Greenwich Village, Little Italy, China Town and Jew Town.

Most of our travelling about the city was done on our own, however. This was easy since there is an excellent subway (=tube train) system, which costs about 12p for any distance. To me, a city is more than just buildings, it is people too. Therefore I spent much of my time walking around, seeing the sights—and the people.

In my experience the reports of New York violence and crime are vastly exaggerated by the Press. I found the people friendly and helpful and saw no violence or crime whatsoever. I am not

advising that a visitor should walk through Harlem or the Lower East Side late at night, but I will say this—all the New Yorkers I spoke to were genuinely surprised that their city had such a bad reputation in England.

I have deliberately avoided giving my impressions of New York City since I doubt my ability to do it justice. No matter what you read or hear about it, you cannot imagine what it is like without going to see it for yourself. It is an incredible experience and education—I cannot recommend it too strongly to anyone who can get there. It was the best holiday I have ever had, and, in conclusion, I would like to thank everyone who made it possible, especially Mr. Rogers and Joe St. Jacques of the Fordham School.

R. M. Jones.

#### CHOLET 1974

This Easter saw the largest group yet from Bournemouth School—thirty-nine plus staff—set off for Cholet and the fourth French Exchange.

Always ready to experience something new, they sailed to France on the inaugural voyage of Sealink's Weymouth-Cherbourg route. They did not have millpond conditions for the crossing, and the civic ceremonies planned for the ship's arrival in France had been cancelled because this was the day of mourning for M. Pompidou's death, but it was exciting none the less.

Their French counterparts had some problems accommodating such a large number this year, as was apparent when they arrived to minor chaos in Cholet. But eventually everyone was installed with a family and all was set.

Since the French school was not on holiday during the period of stay the party was to find several activities organised every day. They visited places of interest, played football and "boules", went swimming and—perhaps the greatest success of all—ice skating. Even Mr. McCabe was seen moving across the ice, supported on every side like a block for the Great Pyramid on rollers, being moved into position!

This year's excursions were particularly popular, one a short tour of the area around Cholet, another to the valley of the River Loire, visiting châteaux at Saumur and Chinon as well as the Abbey at Fontevraud (where two English kings are laid to rest) and the "Caves" of Gratiens-Meyer (full of sparkling wine, not stalactites!), the third to Le Mans (with its racing circuit and magnificent cathedral) and la Flèche where there is a unique and charming private zoo, and the last a short excursion to Angers.

All too soon came the time to return. Everyone reported having enjoyed the three weeks in France very much, and many have already asked to go again. This has been the exchange's best year, and there is better to come, as it builds up its tradition of return visits and continuing family-family contact. This year in February a party of French parents came to Bournemouth to see what it is really like, and it has even been suggested that the English parents might like to do the same to Cholet.



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## SKI '74

On the chilly dawn of 14th March a small crowd gathered outside Bournemouth School. Although we were only half awake (for it was 4.25 a.m.!) we noticed that one of our party was late, but he soon turned up, wearing a fluorescent thing resembling a tea-cosy!

After an uneventful coach journey to Gatwick Airport we ate our lunch and waited for about half an hour before walking out to meet our Boeing 737. On overcoming the ear-ache of take-off we looked out of the aircraft, awed by the patchwork of miniature fields and buildings before we climbed through rolling banks of cloud into sunshine. During the flight we were given a light meal and within eighty minutes we had landed in Geneva.

There, we and our baggage were bundled into a coach and driven east through some very impressive Alpine scenery to "L'Hotel du Soleil Couchant" which is situated in the village of Chatel just over the Swiss border into the French Alps. When we had been shown to our rooms and had unpacked we were given a hurried meal before going down to the ski-shop to be fitted out with our skis and boots which we lugged back to the hotel, and then we had supper.

On awaking, we dressed and went down to a breakfast of bread, jam and butter, with black coffee. After this, we were told what we could and could not do and then went upstairs to finish unpacking, before we collected our skis and went to the nursery slopes to meet our masters, for we had been split up to even out numbers.

Then, after practising on the snow and when we had eaten lunch at the hotel, we heaved our skis back across the village to other nursery slopes to meet our French instructors/instructresses; it was then that the practice we had had beforehand with Mr. Mahoney at the Calshot dry-ski run began to pay off. It saved days of struggling but, even so, by late afternoon we trudged lamely back to the hotel to recuperate.

Gradually we got into the hang of skiing for practice in the morning and instruction in the afternoon, with wide and varied entertainment in the evening. This included a cheese fondue, a disco and a sing-song. During any other free time we explored the town or did our projects.

On the Sunday we went on a hike because the lower slopes had melted and the French Championships were being held, up at Super Chatel. After this, we went up by cable-car every day to the deep snow of Super Chatel, and even took our tests (either the one star or two star awards) there on the last day.

Then on the last night we had a traditional French meal, and our ski badges were presented to us before we went to bed in the hotel for the last time, to return the next day to England by the same picturesque route.

P. Salenieks.

## BOURNEMOUTH SCHOOL PARENT-STAFF ASSOCIATION

Since our last report the Association has held three meetings, the annual Dinner Dance at the Heathlands Hotel, and has commenced the task of raising at least £1,000 for the purchase of a replacement mini-bus.

The Open Forum held at the School in November was well supported and there is no doubt that a large number of parents appreciated the opportunity once again of discussing various problems in small groups. As on the previous occasion all the groups met together in order that Group Leaders could report on their discussions towards the end of the evening. We are indebted to those parents who acted as Group Leaders and reporters, and to those members of Staff who participated in the group and general discussions.

Two successful meetings were held early in the year. In February Mr. Robert Dunsmore of the Oxford University Appointments Committee gave a most interesting talk on the Committee's work in obtaining suitable employment for University graduates, and discussed generally aspects of life at University. In March we were privileged — and that is not too strong a word! — to have another talk by Mr. Pepin and Mr. Breeds and on this occasion their talk and slides dealt with the Wildlife of the Isle of Purbeck. Thank you, gentlemen!

On the social side, our annual Dinner Dance was held in March, and was well supported. At the time arrangements were being finalised there seemed some doubt whether or not we would be dancing by candlelight, but the Committee decided to continue with the arrangements notwithstanding that possibility. Readers may like to note that next year's Dinner Dance is being held on Saturday, 15th March at the Heathlands Hotel, so please book the date now.

Early in the year the Committee gave consideration to the problem of the eventual replacement of the mini-bus. There is no doubt that a mini-bus is extremely useful for various school activities, and unfortunately the present mini-bus does not have the secret of eternal life. It is possible that certain financial advantages would have accrued to the School had it been possible to order a replacement bus in March insofar as the new local authority meeting the running costs was concerned, but as parents are aware the financial appeal fell short of the target of £1,000.

For the past few years this Association has avoided becoming involved in large-scale money-raising activities which are not only time-consuming but which can also distort the life of an Association. Also at the present time any efforts could possibly be severely restricted by the lack of a school hall, and it was for these reasons the Committee made an appeal direct to parents.

We are grateful to those parents who responded and the Hon. Treasurer would be pleased to hear from any parents who have not yet responded and who would like to support the appeal. The sooner we can order the replacement bus the better, bearing in mind the delay in delivery, ever-increasing costs and the depreciation in value of the present bus.

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Finally, with our going into Dorset we now share a Board of Governors with Bournemouth School for Girls, and it is my privilege to serve as a member of that Board. Needless to say if any parents wish to contact me in my capacity as a member of that Board I am always available.

Brian V. Newman, Hon. Secretary.

## News of Old Boys

B. J. Gatus (1965-68), who went to the Royal Free Hospital to study medicine, has just qualified as a doctor.

D. G. Pitt (1934-39) has been appointed Assistant Secretary in the Civil Service in the post of Controller of V.A.T., H.M. Customs and Excise.

The following have been awarded degrees:

M. E. Chessher (1962-70), B.Sc. Ordinary, Electrical Engineering.

P. D. Lowe (1963-70), B.Sc. Pass, Mechanical Engineering.

S/Lt. R.N. K. G. Tapping (1963-70), B.Sc. 2nd Class, Electrical Engineering.

Philip Hayden Smith (1968-70) has obtained a 3rd class B.Sc. Honours Degree in Production Engineering at Aston University.

Councillor Eric Rosevear (1918-23) has been elected Mayor of Hove. He has retired from his work as a manager with the Norwich Union and has served on the Hove Council for six years. He and his wife Kathleen, who was at B.S.G., have two children and five grandchildren.

Roy Kift (1955-61) is making progress as a playwright. He has had his first television play, "Stranger in Paradise" produced on Southern T.V. One of his plays, "Mary, Mary", has been performed in America.

John H. Adams (1961-62) was elected to the new Bournemouth District Council at a bye election in the East Cliff ward.

A. J. F. M. Parsons (1952-60) is Deputy Education Officer (Schools Branch), Manchester Corporation.

David Pilling (1962-69) is general manager of Horsington House Hotel, a new 24-bedroom country-house hotel at Templecombe, near Yeovil, in Somerset.

R. P. Banks (1957-63) is a barrister on the western circuit.

J. Cutler (1952-58) is a Catering Officer with B.P. Tankers.

Ian M. K. Hiscock (1960-67) has qualified as a doctor at the London Hospital and has started his Preregistration Year within his own hospital group.

Leslie Morgan (1933-39) has been elected chairman of the Family Practitioner Committee estab-

lished by the Dorset Area Health Authority. Dr. P. R. Elphick (1950-57) is a member of the committee.

Kerrison Cooke (1955-60) has joined the London Festival Ballet.

Trevor Crowley (1964-71) represented Jesus College, Oxford, in the television programme University Challenge. They won all three of their matches against Nottingham University, Cardiff University and Queen Mary College, London. David Holman (1965-72) was in the Queen Mary team. Jesus will be appearing again later in the competition.

Arthur England (1965-71) won the "Technologist of the Year" award at Hamworthy Engineering. He is now with his wife in Uxbridge, where he is taking a B.Sc. Material Technology degree course at Brunel University.

William Lowes (1952-57) is a Police Sergeant at Weymouth. He is Crown Court liaison officer to Dorchester Crown Court and plays rugby for Dorchester and cricket for Abbotsbury. He was selected by Rotary International to visit Houston, Texas, for a six-week study of American institutions and police methods.

Alan Beck (1954-60) is in the police in Hull. He is married with two sons.

Ellis Griffin (1959-67) has been appointed Head of German at Swanley School, a Kent Comprehensive.

Barry Doe (1957-64) is joining the Maths staff at Wentworth-Milton Mount.

Christopher Smith (1963-70) is a weights and measures inspector in Bournemouth. He was recently picked as Mister Handsome in a national newspaper competition!

J. Callow (1924-31) has been made a Fellow of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain "for distinction in the profession of pharmacy."

M. G. Lickiss (1945-52) has been elected President of the Southern Society of Chartered Accountants.

Peter Bolt (1966-73) has passed out of R.N.C., Dartmouth and is going to read for an honours degree at Bristol University, before hoping to qualify as a ship's diving officer. His first naval appointment was with H.M.S. *Brighton*, an anti-submarine frigate.

Arthur J. Smith, who was S.S.I. to the C.C.F. under Major G. Quinn and Major R. D. F. Williams, is living in retirement at 29 George Road, Solihull, Warwickshire B61 3BU. He has written with the sad news of Rev. Trevor Hextall's death and mentions meeting several Bournemouth boys in Birmingham.

J. P. George (1935-42) is manager of Henry & Thomas Ltd., London Electronics Works. He lives at Fernhurst Cottage, Pinkneys Green, Maidenhead, Berks.

Colin Boreham (1965-72) has represented Britain at athletics several times. He was ranked the best high jumper in Britain in the junior ranking list of January. His attained height of 6 ft. 8 ins./2.03 metres was 1½ inches higher than anybody else. He and Roger Brown (1961-68) have been to U.S.A. with the Birmingham University athletics team for competitions against Cornell University and West Point Academy.



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Graham Jones (1961-68) to Rosemary Dawson.  
Graham is teaching science at Winton Boys' School.

David Dawson (1958-65) to Susan Barber.  
David Way to Rosemary Reekes.

And the following on the birth of children:  
Mr. and Mrs. Keith E. M. Hiscock (1955-62), a daughter, Rosemary Esther.  
Dr. and Mrs. John Roberts (1957-64), a daughter, Heather Jayne. John has acted as technical adviser recently for the television programme "Burke Special".

We regret to announce the death of the following and offer our deepest sympathy to their relatives.

Rev. Trevor Joseph Hextall (1945-51) at the age of 41. He had been first vicar of the new overspill town of Chelmsley, near Birmingham. His funeral service at his own church

of St. Andrews, Chelmsley Wood, was packed in tribute to him. In his letter, Arthur Smith, who had known him in the Corps and later as a vicar, says "he was ever a credit to his school".

Bryan Mayner (1935-39) at the age of 50. Tribute has been paid elsewhere to the wide range of Bryan's interests. He was a live wire in the local community and the School was proud of his public service. Yet he found time for the School, for the committee of the Old Boys' Association in particular. He was honoured to be appointed Chairman and served the Association capably in that office.

Members of the Old Bournemouthians' Committee were shocked to hear of his death. To us who have served with him on the committee over several years, his geniality, warmth and sincerity had come to mean a great deal. Bryan was a great personality and we shall miss him very much.

He had served in the war in the R.A.F. as a navigator and was Head of Mathematics at Herbert Carter School. He leaves a widow, Pamela, and two sons, both Old Boys, Timothy and Stephen.

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