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SCHOOL CALENDAR 1974-75

1974

Aug. 29 Autumn Term began.

Sept. 6 Speech Day and Prize-giving — Guest of Honour : Sir Arthur Norman, K.B.E., D.F.C.

20 Progress Reports.
Boarders' Weekend.

Oct. 16 Progress Reports.

18 to 25 } Half Term Holiday.

Nov. 2 Parents' Association Ceilidh with "The Yetties".

18 G.C.E. 'O' Level Examinations began.
Talk to Form V by Mr. F. J. Edwards, Careers Advisory Officer.

22 Progress Reports.
Boarders' Weekend.

25 School Examinations (Forms I – IV) began.

Dec. 9 Individual Interviews by the Careers Officer.

14 and 15 } Combined School Play : "Under Milk Wood".

18 Brass Group Recital.
Combined Carol Service in Sherborne Abbey.

20 Autumn Term ended.

1975

Jan. 6 Spring Term began.

15 Careers Film : "Higher Education".
G.C.E. 'O' Level Trial Examinations began.

24 Boarders' Weekend.

29 Progress Reports (I – IV and UVI).

Feb. 6 Parents/Staff Meeting (Forms V and VI).

10 to 11 } Half Term Holiday.

19 Careers Film : "Dentistry".

27 Founder's Day Service in Sherborne Abbey. Preacher : Dame Diana Reader-Harris, D.B.E.

28 Boarders' Weekend.

1975

- Mar. 5** Progress Reports.
- 10** G.C.E. 'A' Level Trial Examinations began.
- 11** Parents/Staff Meeting (Forms I - IV).
- 12** Careers Film : "Civil Engineering".
- 20** Sixth Form Conference.
- 21 and 22** } 52nd Commoners' Concert.
- 26** Spring Term ended.
- April 14** Summer Term began.
- 23** Parents' Association Auction Sale.
- 28** Geography 'A' Level Local Survey Interview.
- May 2** Progress Reports.
Boarders' Weekend.
- 6** School Photograph.
- 13** Lecture by Mr. Wilson : "Dorset College of Agriculture".
- 16** Parents' Association Spring Ball, New Digby Hall.
- 20** Form III Visit to Dorset College of Agriculture.
- 23** School Athletics Finals.
- 26 to 30** } Half Term Holiday.
- June 2** G.C.E. 'A' and 'O' Level Examinations began.
- 6** Progress Reports.
- 16** School Examinations began.
- 20** Boarders' Weekend.
- 27** Form III went to Blashenwell Camp.
- July 4** Form I went to Blashenwell Camp.
- 13** Brussels Visit began.
- 14** Swimming Sports.
- 16** Summer Term ended.

REVIEW

The past year has been characterised by much purposeful and meaningful activity, not only in the classroom but also in extra-curricular pursuits. Academically, we got off to a good start when as a result of the November Oxbridge Awards/Entrance examinations, Robert Lewis was awarded a Stapledon scholarship at Exeter College, Oxford in Modern Languages and Hugh Gleave was given a place at Balliol College, Oxford to read Politics, Philosophy and Economics. About the same time Michael Cowdery, the captain of school, was successful in obtaining one of the much sought after University scholarships of the Central Electricity Generating Board, and this will take him to Selwyn College, Cambridge. These achievements are all the more meritorious because they were obtained in each case by students who had been in the Sixth Form for only 4 terms. The next pride of place in the academic field must go to the 'O' level candidates who obtained 100 Grade A passes and 94 Grade B, and Form 5 averaged marginally over 7 passes per candidate. 'A' level results are always more predictable, and the 12 candidates we expected to go forward to degree courses obtained the required grades, 8 to the University and 4 to Polytechnics. Cowdery had 4 Grade A passes and 1 distinction, and Lewis 2 Grade A's, 1 Grade B and 1 distinction.

Colonel Holmes, the Chairman of Governors said at this year's prize giving, "I will not accept that one form of education, be it higher or lower, modern or technical, is better than the other. They are different, and designed for different people for different purposes. I do not accept that a child who does not have an academic capacity is deprived or inferior through not being able to attend a grammar school. It is untrue to say that every child can benefit from the same kind of education. If you try to teach boys and girls a subject for which they have no aptitude, they become frustrated when they cannot work at it, let alone progress. The quick-brained pupils are also frustrated if they have to mark time. Try climbing a mountain or going on a long walk with a group of people of assorted physical abilities, and you will see what I mean. No-one in his right mind would want to enter a Dachshund in a race for greyhounds ; both are fine breeds of dogs, with entirely different attributes". Colonel Holmes went on to say "I cannot understand how intelligent people, unless they are entirely governed by spite and envy, who accept selection everywhere else in life and nature, reject it when it comes to education. Every human being needs some success, but what is success if there is no chance of failure? You may want very much to play football for England, but are you a failure or a social outcast if you are not

selected ? You may want 'A' levels in Science, but if you are not made that way, cannot you make yourself a success in some other field ? Ponder this final piece of advice because if you think it worth following, it may bring you and others much happiness — Do the ordinary things extraordinarily well".

I was recently reading a book by Thomas Barclay and came across this sentence, "We have entered into the labours of other men ; we must so labour that other men may enter into ours". I thought — with satisfaction and, I hope, a certain amount of pardonable pride — that this is what Foster's School has been doing for a long time.

The three secondary schools in Sherborne have served the community well in the past, and continue to do so now, and if left alone, I am confident that they would carry on in the same way in the future. We want unity, not a drab uniformity, in our system of education.

C. R. W. F.

STAFF NEWS

Mrs. D. Bowles, B.Sc. (LONDON) and Mr. J. T. Melvin left at the end of the summer term. We thank them both for their work and interest in the school, and wish them every success and satisfaction in their new appointments. Mrs. Bowles is now teaching at the St. Antony's Convent School, Leweston, and Mr. Melvin at Sherborne School. We are fortunate to have Mrs. P. E. Judge, M.A. (OXON.) as a new member of the Modern Languages Department, principally to teach German.

It was a great blow to us when Mrs. B. Jones decided to retire at Half-term at the end of May after 17 years of highly efficient service as School Secretary ; she will always be remembered by the Staff, boys and parents for her invariable good humour and kindness. We welcome as her successor Mrs. C. M. Howard, who was previously School Secretary at Summerbee Secondary School, Bournemouth.

Mrs. Lane had to retire as Canteen Supervisor because of the illness of her husband, but we are pleased to hear that Mr. Lane's health has improved. We welcome Mrs. Matthews as Mrs. Lane's successor.

Mrs. Green has retired after 11 years' invaluable service as the Laboratory Steward and Mrs. Davis has taken her place.

Shortly after the start of the Autumn Term 1975, Mr. C. Smith the caretaker also retired. Mr. Smith has been on the ancillary staff for 17 years, 10 years as groundsman and 7 as caretaker, and in both capacities he has been a perfectionist ; he carried out all his duties with meticulous care, and his ready co-operation

and courtesy were appreciated by boys and Staff alike. Mr. Smith and Mrs. Smith gave fully of their time for out-of-school functions, and we wish them both good health and a long and happy retirement.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our congratulations to :

Mr. E. S. Noake (O.F.) on succeeding Mr. A. E. Lugg (O.F.) as Mayor of Sherborne.

Robert Lewis on being awarded a Stapledon Scholarship in Modern Languages at Exeter College, Oxford and to Michael Cowdery on the award of a Central Electricity Generating Board scholarship which he will take up at Selwyn College, Cambridge.

Hugh Gleave on obtaining a place at Balliol College, Oxford to read Politics, Philosophy and Economics.

Andrew Baker on winning the 1st prize in the 12-14 years old section of the Dorset and S.W. Region Road Safety Poster competition, and Jason Brack on being awarded a prize in the Dorset County Library Art competition for book illustrations.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Register on the birth of their son, Timothy David.

Tristan Molloy for the award of a Community Service prize by the Sherborne Rotary Club.

The Old Boys who have achieved successes at the Universities, Polytechnics and Colleges of Further Education, and in the professional, commercial and industrial fields. (See O.F. News).

The 50 boys who raised £220 by a sponsored walk on the 27th April for the Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind. This money will enable a new village eye hospital to be set up in India.

Mr. J. Edwards and Mr. J. C. Charles on their outstanding production of the combined School Play "Under Milk Wood" by Dylan Thomas.

The Brass Quartet, S. Herbert and S. M. Joyce (trumpet) and M. Brewer and M. Davis (trombone), on playing regularly for charity functions in the town.

John Treasure on being the first Soccer Captain of the "new" Dorset Schools Soccer XI and R. B. Jones on playing on the same team.

Peter Chaffey on winning the North Dorset 200 metres junior championship in record time.

The School team who reached the finals of the Men's section of the Dorset Road Safety Quiz.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We extend our warmest thanks to :

The Governors, the Old Fosterian Association, and the Parents' Association for their financial contributions towards the costs of production of the school magazine ; without their assistance, it would not be possible to publish *The Fosterian*.

Mr. and Mrs. Baggs, Mrs. Gleave, Mr. and Mrs. Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. Orchard, Mr. and Mrs. Tulk for their generous donations for books for the School Library. It is very gratifying to the Headmaster and the Staff when parents show their appreciation of the school in this way when their sons leave the school.

Mrs. Stephenson and Mr. and Mrs. Haig-Brown who have also given books to the Library.

The Rev. Kingsley Hodson, the Rev. Ashley Lindsay, the Rev. Father E. McGivern, the Rev. Clifford Robins and the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Paul Goddard, for their addresses at Morning Assemblies on special occasions.

Mr. J. Spicer, M.P., and Mr. James, M.P., for providing tickets for the Visitors' Gallery in the House of Commons for a visit by a small party of Sixth Formers.

The three Parliamentary candidates for this constituency in the October General Election, Messrs. Angus, Dawe and Spicer, for finding time to speak to the senior boys and answer questions.

The County Careers Service, especially Mr. F. J. Edwards and Mr. F. B. Burrows for their expert advice about careers for school leavers.

The Headmaster of Sherborne School for inviting us to attend lectures, concerts and plays at the school, and to Mr. Jeremy Barker who very kindly included 10 of our senior boys in a party of senior girls and boys he took to Brussels to see at first hand the workings of N.A.T.O., S.H.A.P.E., and the E.E.C.

Mr. May for visiting the school to present pocket editions of the New Testament to all new boys, on behalf of the Gideons' Society.

The Parents' Association and their committee for their continuing support, and especially for providing a new set of Rugger shirts for the 1st XV.

SPEECH DAY 1974

On the evening of September 6th, 1974, Foster's School Annual Speech Day was held in the New Digby Hall. Col. H. F. W. Holmes, the Chairman of the Governors, opened the proceedings by welcoming all the visitors and reassuring us all about the future of grammar schools in Sherborne. The Headmaster, Mr. C. R. W. Francis, then gave his annual report upon the School's work and activities.

The guest of honour was Sir Arthur Norman, K.B.E., D.F.C., who was invited to present the prizes. His speech was devoted to answering the questions posed earlier by the Headmaster concerning taking responsibility and forming your own ideas of the society we live in.

D. G. HUNT.

SPEECH DAY 1975

The School's Speech Day took place in the New Digby Hall on Thursday, September 11th, 1975, at 7.30 p.m.

This year's guest speaker was the present Chairman of Governors, Col. H. F. W. Holmes. The opening address was therefore given by the acting Chairman, Mr. H. J. N. Chapman, who used as his theme the re-organisation of the schools in the Sherborne area into a comprehensive system. He told the packed hall that the people of Sherborne would regret the passing of such a fine school if the economic crisis was ever overcome and the planned comprehensive scheme ever got fully underway.

Mr. Francis then gave his final report to the School before his retirement next July. He paid tribute to Col. Holmes, and after reviewing the academic successes endorsed the views laid down by the Chairman about the future of the School and the striving for excellence.

Col. Holmes then presented the prizes and delivered his speech. He also pledged his belief in the grammar schools as "a place where boys and girls are taught to think for themselves and acquire self-discipline".

D. G. HUNT.

A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

The Carol Service this year was as successful as ever. The Abbey was crowded with parents who had come to listen to the Joint Choir of Foster's and Lord Digby's Schools sing all the

familiar carols, "Once in Royal David's City", "O come, all ye faithful", and "Hark ! the herald angels sing". As well as these, the Choir, under the direction of Mr. Stansfield, sang some less well known but very beautiful carols. Particularly noteworthy were, "Quelle est cette odeur agréable", a traditional French carol, and "Sir Christèmas".

The traditional Christmas lessons were read by members of both Schools, and the vicar.

The service lasted about an hour, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who were present.

A collection was taken for the 'Friends of the Yeatman Hospital'. S. N. DURK.

FOUNDER'S DAY SERVICE

The Founder's Day Service was held this year in Sherborne Abbey on February 27th. As in previous years the Service was held in the evening, to allow more parents to attend.

The Reverend P. Goddard started the Service by offering thanks for our School and its Founder, Richard Foster. The Headmaster then renewed his charge to the pupils of the School, reminding us that we carry the good name of Foster's School with us wherever we go.

The preacher was Dame Diana Reader-Harris, D.B.E., who has recently retired from the post of Headmistress at the Sherborne School for Girls. In her sermon she emphasized the need for making the best possible use of every moment, and she urged everyone to avoid postponing jobs wherever possible.

The Service ended with a collection taken for the cyclone Relief Fund organised by the Archbishop of the Indian Ocean, an Old Boy of the School. S. N. DURK.

PRIZE LIST 1974-75

Form Prizes

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| Form 1 | A. P. MARKS | K. M. SMITH |
| 2 | J. M. FIELD | N. H. BRUMMELL |
| 3 | S. P. PROUT | M. BREWER |
| 4 | P. J. CLOUGH | C. J. C. WILLIAMS |
| Lower VI | M. T. JONES | P. SARGENT |

E. A. Davis Form 1 Prize

R. G. RORISTON

E. King Progress Prizes

M. SARTIN

A. J. PARSONS

G.C.E. 'O' Level Prizes

T. ASHMORE, C. BROADHURST, M. A. BRUMMELL, P. J. CURSON, A. R. DRISCOLE, S. N. DURK, R. A. GOULD, W. R. GREEN, N. J. HEASMAN, P. R. HOLDEN, S. JONES, M. SEYMOUR, S. TREW

G.C.E. 'O' Level Subject Prizes

| | |
|------------------|----------------|
| English | C. BROADHURST |
| B.K. | M. HUNT |
| History | M. A. BRUMMELL |
| Geography | C. BROADHURST |
| French | S. N. DURK |
| Physical Science | S. LANE |
| Maths | M. A. BRUMMELL |
| Physics | C. BROADHURST |
| Chemistry | M. A. BRUMMELL |
| Biology | I. P. BEATT |
| T.D. | A. BIDGOOD |

G.C.E. 'A' Level Subject Prizes

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|------------------|---------------|
| English | R. LEWIS |
| Modern Languages | R. LEWIS |
| Maths | M. J. COWDERY |
| Physics | M. J. COWDERY |
| Chemistry | M. J. COWDERY |

Headmaster's Credit Prizes

N. H. BRUMMELL, L. J. HILLMAN, C. D. D. PODGER, S. P. PROUT, M. R. HALL, A. J. PARSONS

Special Prizes

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|---------------------|--------|----------------------------|
| Public Speaking | Senior | S. J. HORSLEY |
| | Junior | P. CHAFFEY |
| Public Reading | Senior | J. H. JENKINS |
| | Junior | J. MOYLE |
| Art | Senior | P. BARCILON |
| | Junior | K. M. SMITH |
| Woodwork | | B. A. HILLMAN |
| Music | | M. J. DAVIS |
| Sir George Pragnell | | D. G. HUNT, J. E. TREASURE |

G.C.E. RESULTS 1974-75

Advanced Level — Upper Sixth

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|-----------------|--|
| L. A. BEATON | English, History, Geography, General Paper ('AO') |
| B. R. BOWSER | Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, General Paper ('AO') |
| M. J. COWDERY | Pure Maths, Applied Maths, Physics, Special Paper (distinction), Chemistry, General Paper ('AO') |
| S. B. DUNFORD | Physics, Chemistry, Biology |
| S. R. L. EASTON | English, Geography, General Paper ('AO') |
| H. R. GLEAVE | English, History, Geography, General Paper ('AO') |
| B. A. HILLMAN | Pure Maths, Applied Maths, Special Paper (distinction), Physics, Special Paper |
| R. E. HOLLEX | Geography, Art, General Paper ('AO') |
| D. A. HOWELL | Pure Maths, Special Paper, Physics |
| B. A. JONES | Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, General Paper ('AO') |
| R. E. G. JONES | English, History |
| R. LEWIS | English, French, Special Paper (distinction), German, General Paper ('AO') |
| N. J. ORCHARD | General Paper ('AO') |
| S. T. TULK | Pure Maths, Applied Maths, Physics, General Paper ('AO') |

Ordinary Level — Upper Sixth

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|--------------|--------|
| H. R. GLEAVE | French |
| R. LEWIS | Latin |

Advanced Level — Lower Sixth

| | |
|--------------|-------------|
| D. BEEBY | Mathematics |
| D. G. HUNT | Mathematics |
| M. T. JONES | Mathematics |
| R. B. JONES | Mathematics |
| A. D. MELLER | Mathematics |

'AO' Level — Lower Sixth

| | |
|-----------------|-----------|
| I. C. BEATON | Geography |
| J. C. PARTRIDGE | Geography |
| S. J. POLLARD | Geography |
| P. SARGENT | Geography |
| R. A. SPILSBURY | Geography |
| J. E. TREASURE | Geography |

Ordinary Level — Lower Sixth

I. C. BEATON, epa ; P. BINGHAM, epa ; A. CROSS, epa ; J. C. PARTRIDGE, epa ; S. J. POLLARD, epa ; P. SARGENT, epa ; R. A. SPILSBURY, epa ; J. E. TREASURE, epa.

Ordinary Level — Fifth Form

ASHMORE, e, el, g, f, m, adm, p, c, td ; BARCILON, e, el, g, m, p, c, b, a ; BEATT, e, el, g, f, m, p, c, b ; BIDGOOD, el, g, adm, p, c, td ; BROADHURST, e, el, h, g, f, m, adm, p, c, b, rs ; BRUMMELL, e, el, h, g, f, ger, m, adm, p, c, b ; CARTER, e, el, g, m, p, c, b ; CHAFFEY, e, m, ps, td ; CURSON, e, el, h, g, f, ger, m, adm, p, c, b ; DRISCOLE, e, el, h, g, m, p, c, b, rs ; DURK, e, el, h, g, f, ger, m, adm, p, c, b ; GAY, e, el, f, m, td ; GOULD, e, el, h, g, f, ger, m, adm, p, c, b ; GREEN, e, el, h, g, m, p, c, b ; HABBERFIELD, e, el, g, m, b, ps ; HALBARD, el, g, m, td ; HART, el, g, m, ps, td ; HEASMAN, e, el, g, f, m, adm, p, c, b ; HERBERT, e, el, m, mus, td ; HOLDEN, e, el, g, f, m, adm, p, c, td, rs ; HOWE, e, el, g, m, ps, td ; HUNT, e, el, h, g, m, p, td, rs ; JONES, e, el, h, g, f, m, adm, p, c, b ; KING, e, el, g, m, b, ps ; LANE, e, el, g, f, m, adm, b, ps ; MOLLOY, e, el, h, g, f, m, b ; PENNY, e, el, g, m, b, ps ; PIPE, e, el, h ; PUPLETT, e, el, h, g, m, b, ps ; RIXON, e, f, m, ps ; SEYMOUR, e, el, h, f, ger, m, adm, ps, td ; STENHOUSE, e, m ; TREW, e, el, g, f, m, adm, p, c, b ; WARREN, e, el, h, g, m, p, c, b ; WOOD, e, el, h, f.

Ordinary Level — Fourth Form

BROOK, e ; BROWN, e ; CHEESEMAN, e ; CLARKE, e, m ; CLOUGH, e, m ; DAVIS, e, m ; DODGE, m ; EAGERS, e, m ; FEAR, e, m ; GIBBS, e, m ; HAIG-BROWN, m ; JOY, e, m ; JOYCE, e ; MEATON, e, m ; MYLES, e, m ; NIVEN, e, m ; PALMER, e, m ; PARSONS, e, m ; RENDELL, e ; ROWE, m ; SHEDDEN, e, m ; THORNE, e, m ; WALTERS, e, m ; WILLIAMS, e, m ; WINTER, e, m.

Key :

a — art ; b — biology ; c — chemistry ; e — English language ; el — English literature ; f — French ; ger — German ; g — geography ; h — history ; m — mathematics ; adm — additional maths ; mus — music ; p — physics ; ps — physical science ; rs — religious studies ; td — technical drawing ; epa — economics and public affairs.

VALETE

Autumn, 1974

Form VIa

J. J. STEPHENSON, 1967-1974 (St. Aldhelm's). 11 'O' Levels ; 'A' Level : Pure Maths, Biology, Chemistry. To University College, London, to read Philosophy.

Form VIb

R. G. D. MOSES, 1971-1974 (St. Aldhelm's). 4 'O' Levels. To a trainee electrician's post.

Form IV

D. H. SLATTERY, 1971-1974 (School House). U14 Rugby ; U14 Soccer. To Westfield School, Yeovil.

Form III

L. S. FELDMAN, 1973-1974 (St. Dunstan's). To Beamminster School.
N. H. ROWAT, 1973-1974 (St. Bede's). To Beamminster School.

Form I

C. SHAW, 1974-1974 (St. Dunstan's). To Westfield School, Yeovil.

Easter, 1975

Form VIa

C. R. BAGGS, 1968-1975 (St. Dunstan's). 10 'O' Levels ; 'A' Level : English, French, German. To Birmingham University to read Law.

Form IV

M. J. STEPHENSON, 1971-1975 (St. Aldhelm's). To Bishop Wordsworth School, Salisbury.

Form III

P. D. MANUEL, 1972-1975 (St. Bede's). U14 Cricket ; U14 Rugby ; U14 Soccer. To Poole Grammar School.

Form II

M. SINKINS, 1974-1975 (School House). To Clifton School, Bristol.

Summer 1975

Form VIa

L. A. BEATON, 1970-1975 (School House). 10 'O' Levels ; 'A' Level : English, Geography, History ; 1st XV Rugby. To Liverpool University to read Business Studies.

B. R. BOWSER, 1970-1975 (St. Dunstan's). 11 'O' Levels ; 'A' Level : Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics ; School Prefect. To Southampton University to read Chemistry.

M. J. COWDERY, 1971-1975 (St. Aldhelm's). 12 'O' Levels ; 'A' Level : Pure Maths, Applied Maths, Physics, Chemistry ; Captain of School 1st XV Rugby. To Selwyn College, Cambridge, to read Engineering.

S. B. DUNFORD, 1968-1975 (School House). 9 'O' Levels ; 'A' Level : Biology, Chemistry, Physics ; U14 Cricket ; U14 Rugby ; 1st XV Rugby ; Tennis VI ; Vice-Captain of School ; Head Librarian ; Member of S.Y.C.O.S.S. ; D. of E. Bronze and Silver Awards. To University College, London, to read Biochemical Engineering.

S. R. L. EASTON, 1968-1975 (School House). 10 'O' Levels ; 'A' Level : English, Geography ; U14 Rugby ; School Prefect ; D. of E. Bronze Award. To Portsmouth Polytechnic to read Politics.

H. R. GLEAVE, 1968-1975 (School House). 10 'O' Levels ; 'A' Level : English, Geography, History. To Balliol College, Oxford, to read Politics, Philosophy and Economics.

B. A. HILLMAN, 1968-1975 (St. Aldhelm's). 10 'O' Levels ; 'A' Level : Pure Maths, Applied Maths, Physics. To Southampton University to read Civil Engineering.

R. E. HOLLEX, 1968-1975 (St. Dunstan's). 10 'O' Levels ; 'A' Level : Art, Geography ; U14 Cricket ; U14 Rugby ; U14 Soccer ; 1st XV Rugby ; 1st XI Soccer ; School Prefect. To a temporary farming post.

D. A. HOWELL, 1968-1975 (St. Bede's). 10 'O' Levels ; 'A' Level : Pure Maths, Physics ; U14 Cricket ; U14 Rugby ; U14 Soccer ; 1st XI Soccer ; School Prefect. To Portsmouth Polytechnic to read Electrical Engineering.

Form VIa — continued

B. A. JONES, 1968-1975 (School House). 12 'O' Levels ; 'A' Level : Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry ; U14 Cricket ; U14 Rugby ; U14 Soccer ; 1st XV Rugby (Colours awarded) ; School Prefect ; Member of Magazine Committee ; D. of E. Bronze and Silver Award. To Southampton University to read Aeronautical Engineering.

R. LEWIS, 1968-1975 (St. Aldhelm's). 12 'O' Levels ; 'A' Level : English, French, German ; Badminton VI ; Tennis VI. To Exeter College, Oxford, to read Politics, Philosophy and Economics.

N. J. ORCHARD, 1968-1975 (St. Bede's). 8 'O' Levels ; Badminton VI ; Tennis VI ; School Prefect ; Head Librarian ; School Choir. To St. Paul's College of Education, Cheltenham, to read History/Religious Studies.

M. H. F. SMITH, 1967-1975 (St. Dunstan's). 7 'O' Levels ; 1st XV Rugby (Colours awarded). To Yeovil Technical College to read 'A' Levels.

S. T. TULK, 1968-1975 (St. Bede's). 10 'O' Levels ; 'A' Level : Pure Maths, Applied Maths, Physics. To Bath University to read Power and Propulsion Engineering.

Form V

J. ANDREWS, 1970-1975 (School House). To a Craft Apprenticeship at Westland's.

P. J. CARTER, 1970-1975 (St. Bede's). 7 'O' Levels ; U14 Rugby ; 1st XV Rugby. To a farming post.

C. CHAFFEY, 1970-1975 (St. Dunstan's). 4 'O' Levels ; U14 Cricket ; U14 Rugby. To Plessey's as a Draughtsman.

I. GAY, 1970-1975 (St. Bede's). 5 'O' Levels. To Technician Apprenticeship at Normalaire Garrett.

D. HALBARD, 1970-1975 (St. Dunstan's). 4 'O' Levels ; U14 Soccer. To Weymouth Technical College to read Construction.

S. HERBERT, 1970-1975 (St. Bede's). 5 'O' Levels ; U14 Cricket ; U14 Rugby. To the Royal Marine's Band.

T. D. HOWE, 1970-1975 (St. Dunstan's). 6 'O' Levels ; U14 Rugby ; U14 Soccer.

N. KING, 1970-1975 (St. Aldhelm's). 6 'O' Levels ; U14 Soccer ; 2nd XI Soccer. To a farming post.

S. J. PENNY, 1970-1975 (St. Aldhelm's). 6 'O' Levels ; U14 Cricket ; U14 Soccer ; 1st XI Cricket. To the National Westminster Bank.

R. E. PIPE, 1970-1975 (St. Dunstan's). 3 'O' Levels. To Yeovil College to read Law.

N. A. PUPLETT, 1970-1975 (St. Aldhelm's). 7 'O' Levels. To be a trainee manager at Liptons.

R. RIXON, 1970-1975 (School House). 4 'O' Levels. To a chef's course at Weymouth Technical College.

T. STENHOUSE, 1970-1975 (St. Aldhelm's). 2 'O' Levels. To a technician's apprenticeship at Normalaire Garrett.

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Form V

A. BIDGOOD (St. Dunstan's).

Form IV

M. LATIF (St. Bede's), S. MARKHAM (St. Bede's), N. B. SHEDDEN (School House), C. WILLIAMS (St. Bede's).

Form III

J. BRACK (St. Aldhelm's), D. GRIFFITHS (St. Dunstan's), K. HARVEY (School House), A. G. HENRY (St. Aldhelm's), K. J. WREFORD-SMITH (School House).

Form II

S. J. DIXON (School House), J. K. EDMONDS (School House).

Form I

S. BACON (St. Aldhelm's), P. N. BALE (St. Aldhelm's), A. T. BUCKLAND (St. Aldhelm's), T. P. CARR (St. Aldhelm's), S. M. CRABB (St. Dunstan's), P. J. CROW (St. Aldhelm's), S. A. CSELEDA (St. Aldhelm's), P. R. DOLBEAR (St. Dunstan's), A. E. FAZAKARLEY (St. Dunstan's), J. R. FRICKER (St. Dunstan's), N. G. GORGE (School House), T. R. HALL (St. Dunstan's), M. P. HANCOCK (St. Aldhelm's), M. A. HANN (St. Dunstan's), C. W. HART (St. Aldhelm's), A. B. HASTINGS (School House), A. J. HAYES (School House), K. J. HUNT (School House), A. D. JARVIS (School House), T. M. KNAPMAN (St. Dunstan's), A. P. MARKS (School House), N. I. PIPE (St. Dunstan's), P. R. ROBINS (St. Bede's), R. G. RORISTON (School House), R. B. C. SANDERS (St. Bede's), K. M. SMITH (St. Bede's), S. J. SNELL (St. Bede's), B. H. SPARKES (St. Bede's), W. H. STAFFORD (St. Bede's), J. P. TOMPKINS (St. Bede's), P. E. TREHERN (School House), A. D. WILLIAMS (St. Bede's).

GAMES AND SPORTS

RUGBY FOOTBALL 1974

Results

| | | F | A |
|---------------------------|-------|----|----|
| v Old Fosterians | Lost | 12 | 38 |
| v Junior Leaders Regt. | Won | 13 | 12 |
| v Yeovil College | Lost | 0 | 9 |
| v Sherborne School 4th XV | Drawn | 7 | 7 |
| v Milton Abbey | Won | 9 | 4 |
| v Hardy's School 2nd XV | Lost | 9 | 16 |
| v Millfield School 3rd XV | Lost | 6 | 34 |
| v Woodroffe School | Lost | 0 | 34 |
| v Beaminster School | Won | 12 | 7 |
| v Shaftesbury School | Won | 15 | 0 |
| v Wadham School | Won | 30 | 9 |
| v Canford School | Won | 20 | 3 |

Played 12 ; Won 6 ; Lost 5 ; Drawn 1

Points For 133 ; Points Against 183

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HOUSE COMPETITION 1974-75

1. ACADEMIC WORK

| | A | B | D | S |
|------------------------------------|-----|------|------|------|
| 'A', 'S' and 'O' Results Prizes | 398 | 287 | 247 | 360 |
| Headmaster's Credits | 27 | 28½ | 34½ | 20½ |
| TOTAL | 425 | 315½ | 281½ | 380½ |
| Scaled to 600 | 182 | 135 | 120 | 163 |

2. ACTIVITIES

| | A | B | D | S |
|-----------------------------|----|----|----|-----|
| School Play | 2 | 3 | 3 | 12 |
| Commoners' Concert | 1 | 6 | 4 | 10 |
| School Music (Choir, etc.) | 4 | 13 | 3 | — |
| Positions of Responsibility | 2½ | 3 | 6 | 8½ |
| TOTAL | 9½ | 25 | 16 | 30½ |
| Scaled to 100 | 12 | 30 | 20 | 38 |

3. GAMES

| | A | B | D | S |
|---------------------------------------|-----|-----|----|------|
| House Competitions (all sports) | 42 | 80½ | 67 | 118½ |
| Membership of School Teams | 3½ | 10 | 7 | 8½ |
| Special Representation (County Teams) | — | — | 6 | 4 |
| TOTAL (347) | 45½ | 90½ | 80 | 131 |

4. CONDUCT

| | A | B | D | S |
|------------------------------------|------|------|-----|-----|
| (Negative points — scaled to 50) | 14 | 9 | 15 | 12 |
| FINAL TOTALS (i.e., 1 + 2 + 3 — 4) | 225½ | 246½ | 205 | 320 |

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Team : B. Jones, J. Treasure, P. Bingham, M. Cowdery, M. Smith, P. Sargent, R. Hollex, D. Beeby, P. Barcilon, J. Partridge, R. Jones, L. Beaton, D. Hunt, M. Winter, R. Warren, C. Broadhurst.

Also played : P. Carter, A. Meller, I. Beaton, S. Dunford, M. T. Jones.

Full Colours re-awarded : D. Beeby, J. Partridge, J. Treasure, M. Smith.

Full Colours awarded : R. Jones, D. Hunt, P. Barcilon, R. Hollex, B. Jones.

Half Colours awarded : P. Bingham, M. Cowdery, P. Sargent, L. Beaton, C. Broadhurst.

As usual the XV received a thrashing from the Old Fosterians in the first game of the season. The team did not play badly, but there was little cause for optimism. The problem, as in the soccer, was finding the right blend of players for the positions. As a result twenty-one players played at least one game each.

The side started the season with the strongest three-quarters available. However, this did not prove to be of any use because the pack was a little "fragile" and the three-quarters received little service for attacking. The change came when J. Treasure, who captained the side, was moved to prop from stand-off in the game against Beaminster which was won 12-7. The XV then completed the season winning their last four matches and scoring 77 points with only 19 points against them.

In the pack B. Jones hooked well all the season, with Bingham, Cowdery or Treasure all propping well. In the second row there were Sargent and Smith who played with great effort and enthusiasm. Smith's height was particularly useful in the line-outs. Beeby played at No. 8 and made several bursts from there, supported ably by both flankers, Barcilon and Hollex.

R. Jones played the last four games at stand-off; he kicks tactically well and combined with his centres with determination in attacking moves. Hunt and Winter in the centre played with confidence, Hunt using his speed well to make many bursts through the opposing defence. Warren, L. Beaton or Dunford played on the wings, attacking and defending well.

At full-back Broadhurst played well under pressure and kicked accurately. The scrum-half, Partridge, attacked with determination and fed his stand-off quickly, though sometimes erratically.

I should like to thank Mr. Davis for coaching the side and Mr. House for training it. I am sure they will gather the fruits of thier harvest in the next rugby season. J. E. TREASURE.

JUNIOR RUGBY — UNDER 14 XV

The under 14 side started their season against Milton Abbey. The standard of rugby was good and there was a lot of hard rugby from both sides. Unfortunately the Foster's three-quarters were

lying too flat and they failed to make any good penetrating moves after the forwards had won possession of the ball.

Two weeks later the small school of Chilton Cantelo could not put out a strong side and Foster's powerful scrum made it a very heavy defeat for them.

The fact that Foster's played Hardye's away from home is little consolation for their heavy defeat. Foster's inexperience showed when playing against a well-drilled side. Manuel just failed to score.

Victory came again for Foster's against Millfield in a keenly-fought contest, with Foster's having the faster scrum, although Millfield failed to make the most of their scoring chances. Tries were scored by Chaffey, Manuel and Hillman.

Against a heavy Beaminster side Foster's defended for most of the game, and some silly defensive fly-kicking into the path of the attacking players only helped Beaminster to win.

The traditional Shaftesbury match was lost, probably because of too much individual play, but Foster's can claim credit for some good, positive tackling.

The last match was not a pleasant end to a hard season. Foster's held Canford off well in the first half, but in the last five minutes three quick tries by Canford settled the match.

Under 14 team : Chaffey, Manuel, Sargent, Burch, Carroll, Carter, Rayner, Meaton, Brummell, Hillman, Chant, Podger, Green, Puplett, Howe, Edmonds, Payne.

Results

| | | | | | | |
|---------|----|------------------|----|------|----|------|
| Oct. 17 | .. | Milton Abbey | .. | Lost | .. | 0-20 |
| Oct. 30 | .. | Chilton Cantelo | .. | Won | .. | 44-0 |
| Nov. 2 | .. | Hardye's School | .. | Lost | .. | 0-44 |
| Nov. 6 | .. | Millfield School | .. | Won | .. | 18-4 |
| Nov. 16 | .. | Beaminster | .. | Lost | .. | 9-18 |
| Nov. 23 | .. | Shaftesbury | .. | Lost | .. | 8-32 |
| Nov. 30 | .. | Canford | .. | Lost | .. | 8-36 |

UNDER 13 XV

The team played three games. The match against Wallaston was played with enthusiasm but Foster's lack of experience showed in comparison with the visitors. The captain showed potential and scored two tries.

Against Woodroffe there was some good play in the autumn mist, bringing victory against weak opposition. Tries were scored by Chaffey (5), Brummell and Carroll, and Gould kicked three goals.

In rain, wind, and mud at the Prep. School ground Foster's lost by a mere four points.

Results

| | | | | | | |
|---------|----|-----------------|----|------|----|------|
| Oct. 9 | .. | Wallaston | .. | Lost | .. | 8-36 |
| Nov. 9 | .. | Woodroffe | .. | Won | .. | 34-0 |
| Nov. 20 | .. | Sherborne Prep. | .. | Lost | .. | 0-4 |

The first form had one game, and showed great promise for the future in defeating Shaftesbury by seventeen points to nil.

P. CHAFFEY.

SOCCER

1st XI Results

Scorers

| | | | | | |
|--------------------|----|-------|-----|----|------------------------------------|
| v Yeovil College | .. | Drawn | 3-3 | .. | Rowe, Hunt, Winter |
| v Wadham School | .. | Lost | 2-3 | .. | Meller, Hunt |
| v Millfield School | .. | Lost | 2-3 | .. | Treasure, Meller |
| v Shaftesbury | .. | Drawn | 1-1 | .. | Treasure |
| v Blandford | .. | Lost | 1-3 | .. | Meller |
| v Beaminster | .. | Won | 5-2 | .. | Winter (2), Meller, Hunt, Treasure |
| v Sexey's School | .. | Drawn | 2-2 | .. | Hunt, Winter |
| v Gillingham | .. | Won | 3-2 | .. | Winter, Partridge, Hunt |
| v Shaftesbury | .. | Won | 4-1 | .. | Winter, Partridge (2), Meller |
| v Weymouth | .. | Drawn | 1-1 | .. | Barclon |
| v Old Fosterians | .. | Lost | 1-4 | .. | Winter |
| v K. House's XI | .. | Lost | 0-4 | .. | |

Played 12 ; Won 3 ; Lost 5 ; Drawn 4

On paper the soccer season seems a disappointing one, but during the matches the players — most of whom will be playing next year — showed a great deal of determination and skill.

The problem was that there were so many players who could play in different positions. The season started with Beeby in goal, the back four being B. Jones, D. Hunt, P. Sargent and D. Howell, and in the midfield there were J. Partridge, R. B. Jones (vice-captain), and J. Treasure (captain). The attack consisted of M. Winter, A. Meller, and R. Hollex. By the end of the season the team had switched around considerably, the attack now being Winter, Meller and Hunt, the midfield changed to Partridge, Treasure and Heasman or Barclon, and the defence Howell, Sargent, R. B. Jones and Hollex, with Beeby still in goal. The vital factor was the introduction of R. B. Jones into the defence, which strengthened the covering ability considerably.

D. Beeby played adequately, but could do with more confidence and oral contact with his defence. Howell and Hollex, both with ability to do well, had a consistent season, while Jones and Sargent played steadily throughout. Both did well in directing midfield players to defensive positions.

In the midfield Partridge and Treasure directed attacking moves, while Barclon acted as a midfield destroyer, playing just in front of the defence. When Heasman played in midfield all three players were often caught up in front, leaving the defence

open to a quick attack. The blame for this must lie squarely on Partridge and Treasure who, as more experienced players than Heasman, should have realised the situation and dropped back.

The attack, Hunt, Meller and Winter, proved to be promising finishers, Hunt scoring 5 goals, Meller 5, and Winter 7. Mention should also be made of R. Rowe who scored one goal and with a little more effort might have commanded a regular 1st XI place.

Treasure and R. B. Jones also played for the Dorset County XI. R. B. Jones attended the E.S.F.A. festival of soccer at Skegness, but J. Treasure was incapacitated at the time.

It is my pleasure to thank Mr. House for his continued expertise in player participation, team talks, coaching and training of the soccer squad, not only in school time but also in his own. His expertise is the basis from which the 1st XI play such enterprising soccer.

J. E. TREASURE.

2nd XI Results

| | | | | |
|------------------|----|------|----|------|
| v Yeovil College | .. | Won | .. | 4-2 |
| v Wadham School | .. | Won | .. | 4-3 |
| v Shaftesbury | .. | Lost | .. | 2-4 |
| v Blandford | .. | Lost | .. | 0-10 |
| v Sexey's School | .. | Won | .. | 5-3 |
| v Shaftesbury | .. | Lost | .. | 4-5 |

As well as providing invaluable training opposition for the first team players, the 2nd XI gave praiseworthy performances in their six matches. Doubtless the games will have given valuable experience to some of the players for future careers in the 1st XI. In fact, during the season, five of the regular 2nd team players did make contributions to the 1st team effort.

UNDER 14 SOCCER

Results

| | | | | | | |
|------------------------|----|---|----|------|----|-----|
| Millfield School | .. | A | .. | Lost | .. | 0-4 |
| Shaftesbury G.S. | .. | A | .. | Lost | .. | 0-6 |
| Beaminster School | .. | A | .. | Lost | .. | 0-1 |
| Sexey's School, Bruton | .. | A | .. | Won | .. | 4-2 |
| Gillingham School | .. | H | .. | Won | .. | 2-0 |
| Shaftesbury G.S. | .. | H | .. | Lost | .. | 1-5 |
| Weymouth G.S. | .. | H | .. | Lost | .. | 0-4 |

As usual, this year's team suffered from playing against sides physically stronger than themselves and in most games managed to contain the opposition for most of the match, only to be overwhelmed in the last few minutes.

The match against Millfield was typical. The defence, held together by Sargent at centre-back and with Podger playing skilfully at full-back, did not concede a goal for seventy minutes but in the last ten minutes four goals were scored, all at the wrong

end. In midfield Hillman and Green worked valiantly and Carroll showed exceptional stamina and a mature tactical sense. Too often, however, these three were too busy helping the defence to be able to offer adequate support to an already lightweight attack.

Team from : Carroll, Chaffey, Gould, Green, Hillman, Parsons, Payne, Podger, Puplett, Rayner, Sargent (Capt.), Saunders.

Also played : Brack, Davis, Batten, Brummell, Hall.

CRICKET

The first XI cricket team won two and drew four of the eight matches played during the term.

In the first two matches the team played badly and were beaten quite convincingly on both occasions. The batting and fielding, especially catching, let them down.

The bowling was opened by D. Hunt, who captained the side, and J. Treasure, both bowling consistently well throughout the season.

The opening batsmen were M. Jones and C. Broadhurst. M. Jones especially improved all through the season, and with his consistent performances as wicket-keeper he was awarded the plaque for the cricketer of the year.

The remainder of the bowling was done by P. Sargent, R. Jones and M. Latif. Latif especially looks very promising for the future if he can learn to bowl a consistent length and line.

The team this year also included a number of very promising young players, and it is hoped that the experience they gained will improve the team next season.

Results

SEXEY'S SCHOOL (H). Foster's : 77 (Broadhurst 20, M. Jones 15). Sexey's : 80 for 5 (Hunt 3 for 26). Lost by 5 wickets.
 SHAFTESBURY (H). Shaftesbury : 60 (Treasure 5 for 24, Broadhurst 2 for 5). Foster's : 32. Lost by 28 runs.
 WADHAM SCHOOL (A). Wadham : 118 for 4 dec. Foster's : 114 for 5 (Latif 31, Jones M. 14, Hunt 13). Match drawn.
 BEAMINSTER (A). Foster's : 111 for 7 dec. (M. Jones 33, Treasure 19). Beaminster : 87 for 7 (Hunt 2 for 21, Latif 4 for 40). Match drawn.
 SHERBORNE SCHOOL 4TH XI (H). Sherborne School : 51 (Hunt 7 for 20, Treasure 3 for 18). Foster's : 52 for 2 (M. Jones 14, Heasman 15). Won by 8 wickets.
 BLANDFORD (A). Blandford : 119 for 9 dec. (Hunt 3 for 31, Treasure 2 for 43). Foster's : 124 for 3 (M. Jones 58 not out, Winter 34, Latif 17). Won by 7 wickets.
 MILLFIELD 2ND XI (A). Millfield : 90 (Treasure 7 for 18). Foster's : 70 for 5 (Winter 23 not out, D. Hunt 19, M. Jones 14). Match drawn.
 OLD FOSTERIANS (H). Foster's : 115 for 8 (M. Jones 27, Broadhurst 31). Old Fosters : 113 for 8 (Hunt 3 for 30, Treasure 3 for 26). Match drawn.

Team : D. Hunt (Capt.), R. Jones (V. Capt.), M. Jones, P. Sargent, J. Treasure, C. Broadhurst, J. Partridge, M. Latif, N. Heasman, M. Hunt, M. Dodge, M. Winter, S. Penny.

JUNIOR CRICKET

Under 14 results

Played 7 ; Won 4 ; Drawn 2 ; Lost 1

SEXEY'S G.S. (H). Foster's : 72 (Saunders 22, Sargent 20). Sexey's : 45 (Saunders 3 for 6, Sargent 3 for 5). Foster's won by 27 runs.
 SHERBORNE SCHOOL "B" (A). Sherborne School : 107 for 7 dec. Foster's : 48 for 2 (Hillman 24 not out). Match drawn.
 SHAFTESBURY G.S. (H). Foster's : 123 for 3 dec. (Carroll 45 Sargent 28 not out, Saunders 25). Shaftesbury : 48 (Sargent 4 for 3). Foster's won by 75 runs.
 WADHAM SCHOOL (A). Wadham : 48 (Carroll 8 for 17). Foster's : 50 for 1 (Saunders 18 not out). Foster's won by 9 wickets.
 BEAMINSTER SCHOOL (A). Beaminster : 87 (Sargent 6 for 12). Foster's : 86 for 7 (Harvey 26, Sargent 25). Match drawn.
 MILLFIELD FOALS (H). Foster's : 52. Millfield : 57 for 7 (Carroll 5 for 28). Millfield won by 3 wickets.
 ST. ALDHELM'S (H). St. Aldhelm's : 50 (Carroll 4 for 6). Foster's : 51 for 2). Foster's won by 8 wickets.

Under 13 result

SHERBORNE PREP. SCHOOL (H). Foster's : 110 (Morley 26, Carroll 16, Brummell 15). Sherborne Prep. : 104 (Carroll 4 for 28). Foster's won by 6 runs.

The upsurge of enthusiasm for cricket shown in the junior part of the school was reflected in a much improved season for the junior teams. Here I should like to acknowledge the encouragement and expert help given by Mr. House. The success of the under 14 side was built on solid batting by Hillman, Saunders, Sargent and Carroll. No other member of the side was able to bat more than three times. Out of a possible 70 wickets the side collected 64, of which Sargent and Carroll took the majority, though Saunders and Harvey gave them good support. The standard of fielding was very encouraging. Harvey took some fine catches, the fielding of Davis was always an inspiration, and Sargent led the team well. Success, however, was also due to a good team spirit and collective effort in which every member played his part.

It is pleasant to record a victory for the Under 13 team against a Sherborne Prep. School side. The most gratifying features of this win were the good total made by Foster's batsmen, and the sharpness and efficiency of the side in the field.

Under 14 team : Sargent, Hillman, Saunders, Carroll, Harvey, Brummell, Green, Gould, Davis, Rayner, Howe, Burch, Puplett, Podger, Hazzard, Hastings, Brack.

TENNIS

Record

1st VI Played 4 ; Won 3 ; Lost 1
 U15 Played 2 ; Won 1 ; Lost 1

The season started off with the usual visit to the Bournemouth Hardcourt Championships and this year the visit was not marred by rain.

The team had a dozen matches arranged but owing to cancellations by other schools, the season ended rather disappointingly with only four matches being played. The usual end of term games against Lord Digby's School and the Staff had to be cancelled as some of the team were in Belgium.

The Under 15 team had two matches this year, both against Chilton Cantelo, which resulted in both schools winning one match.

The Internal K.O. Competitions were well supported this year, the junior so much so that it was necessary to have a separate 1st form competition. C. Gibbs who played well all season won the senior, the junior was won by A. Henry and the 1st form competition went to A. Marks. The Irving Trophy for the most improved player was presented to C. Williams.

The Senior House Matches ended in a victory for St. Dunstan's, but the Junior was shared by St. Bede's and St. Dunstan's.

Finally I should like to thank Mr. Crouch and Mr. Register for their coaching and encouragement throughout the term.

Team : J. Treasure, D. Hunt, N. Orchard (Capt.), D. Beeby, C. Gibbs, C. Williams, R. B. Jones, R. Lewis, S. Dunford.

CROSS COUNTRY

Results

Senior :

| | |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1. D. A. Howell (B) | 4. S. J. Pollard (A) |
| 2. J. Partridge (B) | 5. M. J. Cowdery (A) |
| 3. P. Barillon (S) | 6. N. J. Heasman (S) |

House Results :

| | | | |
|----------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|
| 1st School | 158 pts. | 3rd St. Aldhelm's | 193½ pts. |
| 2nd St. Bede's | 167½ pts. | 4th St. Dunstan's | 301 pts. |

Winner's Time : 42 mins., 17 secs.

Under 15 :

| | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| 1. M. Davis (B) | 4. C. Podger (S) |
| 2. L. Hillman (A) | 5. R. Green (B) |
| 3. C. Gibbs (D) | 6. M. Dodge |

House Results :

| | | | |
|-------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| 1st St. Bede's | 156 pts. | 3rd School | 212 pts. |
| 2nd St. Aldhelm's | 209 pts. | 4th St. Dunstan's | 243 pts. |

Winner's Time : 37 mins., 35 secs.

Under 13 :

| | |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. R. Carroll (B) | 4. G. Habberfield (B) |
| 2. A. Marks (S) | 5. A. Buckland (A) |
| 3. S. Meaton (S) | 6. A. D. Jarvis (S) |

House Results :

| | | | |
|----------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| 1st School | 138 pts. | 3rd St. Dunstan's | 234 pts. |
| 2nd St. Bede's | 154 pts. | 4th St. Aldhelm's | 295 pts. |

Winner's Time : 26 mins., 3 secs.

The Cross Country provided its usual challenge at the end of the autumn term. Twelve boys from each House form a team in each of the three age groups, and the first ten from each House to finish score points according to their finishing position. The points total for each House is the sum of the position of the ten runners counting. Thus the House with the lowest points wins.

At Under 13 level R. Carroll ran well to win, and it was pleasing to see A. Marks from form I second. M. Davis won the Under 15 race with L. Hillman doing well to finish second. The Senior event was won by D. Howell. J. Partridge and P. Barillon ran well to come in second and third respectively.

ATHLETICS

The short athletic season ended with Sports Day just before the half term break of the summer term. Keen competition between the Houses was the highlight of the afternoon, and the rivalry between St. Dunstan's and School House kept the result of the meeting in balance until the final relay, which School House won.

The outstanding individual performer was P. Chaffey who in the three Under 13 sprint events won in new record times. Records were also established by R. B. Jones in the Senior 1,500 metres and J. Treasure in the Senior discus.

At the conclusion of the meeting the awards were presented by Mr. L. Perry, Headmaster of the Abbey School.

Results

Under 13

Height/Distance/Time

| | |
|-----------------------------|---|
| 13-0 secs. .. 100 metres | 1, Chaffey (S) ; 2, Brummell (B) ; 3, Jarvis (S). |
| 27-1 secs. .. 200 metres | 1, Chaffey (S) ; 2, Hall (D) ; 3, Jarvis (S). |
| 60-06 secs. .. 400 metres | 1, Chaffey (S) ; 2, Carroll (B) ; 3, Sartin (D). |
| 15-00 secs. .. Hurdles | 1, Batten (A) ; 2, Meaton (S) ; 3, Stafford (B). |
| 1-35 metres .. High Jump | 1, Edmonds (S) ; 2, Brummell (B) ; 3, Gould (D). |
| 4-4 metres .. Long Jump | 1, Chaffey (S) ; 2, Payne (B) ; 3, Carroll (B). |
| 10-10 metres .. Triple Jump | 1, Brummell (B) ; 2, Payne (B) ; 3, Chaffey (S). |
| 56-6 secs. .. Relay | 1, St. Bede's ; 2, School House ; 3, St. Dunstan's. |

Under 15

Height/Distance/Time

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| 13.1 secs. | 100 metres | 1, Rowe (D) ; 2, Winter (A) ; 3, Shedden (S). |
| 26.4 secs. | 200 metres | 1, Rowe (D) ; 2, Winter (A) ; 3, Dowse (D). |
| 64.2 secs. | 400 metres | 1, Moyle (B) ; 2, Niven (S) ; 3, Shedden (S). |
| 2 mins., 25½ secs. | 800 metres | 1, Gibbs (D) ; 2, Moyle (B) ; 3, Joy (A). |
| 5 mins., 12.2 secs. | 1,500 metres | 1, Davis (B) ; 2, Hillman (A) ; 3, Moyle (B). |
| 14.4 secs. | Hurdles | 1, Rowe (D) ; 2, Shedden (S) ; 3, Meaton (S). |
| 1.57 metres | High Jump | 1, Winter (A) ; 2, Clough (A) ; 3, Dodge (D). |
| 4.49 metres | Long Jump | 1, Clough (A) ; 2, Gibbs (D) ; 3, Niven (S). |
| 10.39 metres | Triple Jump | 1, Niven (S) ; 2, Rowe (D) ; 3, Dowse (D). |
| 12.9 metres | Shot | 1, Gibbs (D) ; 2, Clough (A) ; 3, Burch (S). |
| 26.2 metres | Discus | 1, Winter (A) ; 2, Latif (B) ; 3, Eagers (S). |
| 23.93 metres | Javelin | 1, Brook (D) ; 2, Williams (B) ; 3, Shedden (S). |
| 49.00 secs. | Relay | 1, St. Dunstan's ; 2, School House ; 3, St. Aldhelm's. |

Senior

Height/Distance/Time

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| 12.7 secs. | 100 metres | 1, Hunt (S) ; 2, Beaton (S) ; 3, Puplett (A). |
| 25.3 secs. | 200 metres | 1, Hunt (S) ; 2, Beaton (S) ; 3, Howell (B). |
| 58.4 secs. | 400 metres | 1, Hunt (S) ; 2, Barcilon (S) ; 3, Driscole (D). |
| 2 mins., 14.3 secs. | 800 metres | 1, Jones (D) ; 2, Ashmore (A) ; 3, Driscole (D). |
| 4 mins., 42 secs. | 1,500 metres | 1, Jones (D) ; 2, Ashmore (A) ; 3, Driscole (D). |
| 18 secs. | Hurdles | 1, Driscole (D) ; 2, Dunford (S) ; 3, Howe (D). |
| 1.55 metres | High Jump | 1, Smith (D) ; 2, Howell (B) ; 3, Puplett (A). |
| 5.46 metres | Long Jump | 1, Beaton (S) ; 2, Partridge (B) ; 3, Hunt (S). |
| 11.6 metres | Triple Jump | 1, Hunt (S) ; 2, Beaton (S) ; 3, Howe (D). |
| 12.12 metres | Shot | 1, Treasure (D) ; 2, Smith (D) ; 3, Bingham (S). |
| 32.56 metres | Discus | 1, Treasure (D) ; 2, Jones (D) ; 3, Bingham (S). |
| 42.75 metres | Javelin | 1, Treasure (D) ; 2, Jones (D) ; 3, Partridge (B). |
| | Relay | 1, School House ; 2, St. Dunstan's ; 3, St. Aldhelm's. |

SWIMMING

The Swimming Gala was the last sports event on the school calendar and unfortunately a number of senior boys were unable to compete. However, it did mean that others had the opportunity to swim and they did so very competently. The result of the Swimming Sports was almost a foregone conclusion as the strength of School House remains formidable. It is to be hoped that some of the promising junior swimmers will develop sufficiently to provide a serious challenge to the holders.

It is very pleasing to be able to report on the number of boys who are confident and can swim well. There are almost no non-swimmers in the School.

Results

Under 13

Time

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| 43.45 secs. | Breast Stroke | 1, Chaffey (S) ; 2, Brummell (B) ; 3, Dawson (A). |
| 43.3 secs. | Back Stroke | 1, Robins (B) ; 2, Crab (D) ; 3, Shepherd (D). |
| 36.6 secs. | Front Crawl | 1, Dixon (S) ; 2, Hann (D) ; 3, Meaton (S). |
| | Diving | 1, Brummell (B) ; 2, Carr (A) ; 3, Gould (D). |

Under 15

Time

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|---------------------|---------------|---|
| 39.6 secs. | Breast Stroke | 1, Meaton (S) ; 2, Fear (A) ; 3, Joyce (D). |
| 42 secs. | Back Stroke | 1, Carter (S) ; 2, Green (B) ; 3, Williams (B). |
| 34.7 secs. | Front Crawl | 1, Eagers (S) ; 2, Fish (D) ; 3, Everett (A). |
| | Diving | 1, Meaton (S) ; 2, Carter (S) ; 3, Fear (A). |
| 2 mins., 31.7 secs. | Relay | 1, School House ; 2, St. Bede's ; 3, St. Dunstan's. |

Seniors

Time

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|---------------------|---------------|---|
| 38.9 secs. | Breast Stroke | 1, Durk (S) ; 2, Spilsbury (S) ; 3, Broadhurst (B). |
| 44.1 secs. | Back Stroke | 1, Barcilon (S) ; 2, Heasman (S) ; 3, Beeby (B). |
| 32.3 secs. | Front Crawl | 1, Barcilon (S) ; 2, Broadhurst (B) ; 3, Heasman (S). |
| | Diving | 1, Heasman (S) ; 2, Barcilon (S) ; 3, Curson (A). |
| 2 mins., 21.3 secs. | Relay | 1, School House ; 2, St. Dunstan's ; 3, St. Bede's. |

DRAMA

THE JOINT PLAY

Full marks to Sherborne's two Grammar Schools for their thoroughly mature, delightfully-entertaining production of Dylan Thomas's classic "Under Milk Wood".

The choice of play for this annual combined presentation by Foster's and Lord Digby's Schools was both unusual and challenging. The co-producers, Mr. J. Edwards and Mr. J. C. Charles wanted a vehicle involving the maximum number of players possible.

All told, some three dozen boys and girls appeared on stage at Foster's School for the two performances, including a group of youngsters from Forms I and II who sang and played in the children's game.

The challenge was presented by the difficulties of the play itself, and the need to sustain Welsh accents. Any fears that such a production so near Christmas might fail to attract an audience were quickly dispelled, ticket sales ranking with the highest for any of these joint productions.

Written specifically for radio and first broadcast in 1954, this 'play for voices' was translated to the stage two years later. Under the skilful direction of the co-producers, who have now collaborated in three joint presentations, the young players mastered much of the poetry of the piece.

A heavy responsibility devolves upon the two story-tellers who set the scene in the small Welsh seaside town of Llaregyb. With nearly 700 lines to learn, the lion's share fell to Barry Jones — with a name like that an absolute cinch for the part! — who

excelled as the first story-teller, whose words were spoken on the original broadcast by Richard Burton. In the school's presentation, Judy Pheysey did well in maintaining continuity as the second story-teller.

In such a production it is invidious to single out individuals for praise. But audiences delighted in the natural Welsh accent of Deborah Wright, and applauded her solo, "Polly Garter's Song". The other soloist was Simon Easton, heard to good effect in "Mr. Waldo's Song".

From Welsh stock, Hugh Jenkins experienced no problems as the Rev. Eli Jenkins. Several in the cast had more than one part to play.

Taking part were Susan Dunford, William Niven, James Eagers, Timothy Carter, Keith Dowse, Mark Brummell, Rachel Chadbourne, Philip Barcilon, Sharn Geen, Paul Bingham, Heather Drake, Laura Hill, Mandy Helliard, David Slattery, Christopher Broadhurst, Jenny Dear, Fiona Shotter, Simon Horsley, Rebecca Lane, Allison Childs, Gillian Borshell, Simon Durk, Sally Taylor, Alan Fazakarley, Kevin Hunt, Timothy Carr, Sarah Penny, Sara Churchill and Laura Weston.

The set gained a well-deserved ovation. Responsible for scenery were Mr. E. L. Maltby, Mr. J. F. Crouch, L. Beaton, I. Beaton, A. Cross, K. Myles, R. Rayner, C. Burch, assisted by many other boys. Stage management was by D. Hunt, D. Beeby and J. Treasure.

Other backstage assistants were M. Cowdery, S. Tulk, N. Heasman (lighting); P. Bingham, Susan Broadhurst (recorded effects); Mr. S. G. McKay, N. Orchard, Sarah Mildenhall, Anne Dibben (make-up); Mrs. E. M. Edwards (wardrobe); N. Orchard (prompt); Mr. D. G. Stansfield (musical director). Business manager was Mr. D. J. Register.

D. A. M. (from "The Western Gazette").

COMMONERS' CONCERT

Another year — another Commoners' Concert, and the performances on the 21st and 22nd of March were just as enjoyable as in previous years. They showed once again the continuing talents of people within the school, as performers, producers and designers. The programme contained items of varied entertainment, suited to all the family.

The evening started with the Junior Play, "Hewers of Coal", by Joe Corrie. Set in a coal mine in the 1930's, it described the anxiety and tension of five miners trapped in a heading underground. For the stronger, more experienced members of the team, it meant great joy at the sound of rescuers, but for the younger, weaker member, it meant death. The parts were

realistically played by J. Pearce, P. Marks, C. Dawson, P. Chaffey and J. Field. The radio announcer was D. Austin.

Two musical items followed. M. Stephenson played a short tune on the flute, and was followed by the School Choir, under the direction of Mr. Stansfield at the Piano. They sang "Der Musensohn" by Schubert.

A Thomas Hardy play added a touch of local interest. This was "The Three Wayfarers", which was set in a shepherd's cottage near Casterbridge in the early nineteenth century. The shepherd and owner of the house (J. Eagers) was enjoying an evening with some other farm workers, but was disturbed by Timothy Sommors (T. Carter) who was seeking shelter. Neither the shepherd nor the hangman (W. Niven), who was also seeking shelter, realised that Timothy Sommers was a condemned sheep stealer. When Timothy's brother, Joseph (J. Moyle), also knocked on the door, they did suspect something, but tried to catch Joseph instead of Timothy. A special mention must be made of S. Wheatley who, whether intentionally or not, played the part as the shepherd's wife very amusingly. Other parts were played by K. Parsons, C. Beaton, E. Haig-Brown, S. Brown, M. Brewer, P. Dicker, C. Podger and A. Thorne.

The response was good, by old and young alike, to the relaxing guitar music of R. Lewis and J. Jenkins who sang several songs, a couple of which stimulated audience participation.

This was followed by the Gymnastics Display which demonstrated amazing precision coupled with amusing blunders. The three new members, Mr. B. Davis, Mr. J. C. Charles and Mr. M. J. Goode made a special appearance on the Saturday when they bounced and stumbled across the stage — obviously experts.

The Brass Quartet, consisting of M. Brewer and S. Herbert on the trumpets, and M. Davis and N. Joy playing the trombones, played "March of the Priests" by Mozart, and "The Earl of Essex, his Galliard" by Dowland.

The last item was, as usual, the Senior Play, which this year was "Have you anything to declare?" by G. Jennings. It was set in a custom's house at a Channel port in England, in the 1920's. The customs officer (J. Jenkins) and the detective (R. Rixon) were on the look out for Henri Couveille (Charlie) who was known to be smuggling Cocaine into the country. But of all the passengers waiting about, who looked the most guilty? P. Bingham (playing Charlie) and S. Horsley (playing Miss Woodbine), acted with great proficiency. R. Warren as Laura, and N. Orchard as Lady Begonia obviously enjoyed playing their parts. Other parts were played by A. Spilsbury, M. Brummell, S. Durk, J. Eagers, B. Bowsher, P. Barcilon and P. Beatt.

Thanks are due once again to Mr. Crouch and Mr. Maltby and their helpers for making the effective scenery, and to the

producers, stage staff and actors generally, for making the evenings so enjoyable.

T. D. M.

VISITS AND EXPEDITIONS

FORM III AT BLASHENWELL CAMP

On Friday, 27th June, the third form left Sherborne for a week's camping at Blashenwell Camp, just south of Corfe. All through the week we were extremely lucky with the weather ; it did not rain at all, and it was nearly always sunny.

During our stay we walked to Swanage twice, once along the coast and once inland, and to Kimmeridge and back. We also did two map-reading exercises each of which involved walking about five miles.

Every evening we went canoeing at Chapman's Pool. On the first evening most of us felt unstable and a few fell out, but as we became more experienced our confidence grew, and eventually we managed to canoe to Kimmeridge.

Everybody enjoyed the week's stay immensely, but it was successful only because of the efforts of Mr. House and Mr. Davis, and of their wives who prepared very good meals all through the week.

R. GREEN.

FORM I AT BLASHENWELL CAMP

Our week at camp was from Friday, July 4th to Friday, July 11th. The Staff were Mr. and Mrs. Goode and daughters, and Mr. and Mrs. Register with their eight months old baby Timothy. The weather was generally good, although on the Monday night we had a two-hour thunderstorm. I think that probably the only one to sleep right through it was Timothy ! We thought this was great fun and were hoping for another storm the next night. This was because Mr. Goode came round our tents making sure we were all right — and getting extremely wet at the same time !

It was decided that there would be four boys to a tent, but in one there would be five. Throughout the week we had a tent tidiness competition arranged by Mr. Goode and Mr. Register. This involved putting our gear on the ground sheet outside the tent, and we also had to roll up the front, back and sides of the tent. On Wednesday we had the best design, and on Thursday the best model, made out of our bags. Each morning after breakfast we had camp duties which lasted for an hour. They ranged from cutting wood to cleaning the toilets, and there were jobs as

Cooks, Helpers and at "Spud Bashing". We did a different job each day.

We went to Chapman's Pool quite often for swimming ; the water was freezing ! Here fossil collectors were in their element with a new landslide and more fossils. We also went to Corfe Castle quite often for shopping.

On the Saturday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday we went on hikes. Some of them were long and hard, but some were great fun. We walked along the ridgeway seen from camp, and we also walked to Swanage and to Studland Bay, catching a bus back from both places. On the Monday we did a beach walk to Kimmeridge, where we had a swim. This was a walk that will not be forgotten in a hurry, as we had to get across a waterfall ! The only way to get past was to go under, much to the delight of us boys. We managed to pass all right but we were all saturated in doing it !

On the Wednesday we had a Treasure Hunt, for which we were split up into groups. Everyone found the first three clues and references, but nobody could find the fourth. Some turned back, and some went on, managing to find by luck the next clue, so being able to carry on. When we arrived back there was one word that Mr. Goode used to describe it — a SHAMBLES.

The Headmaster visited camp on the Thursday morning, and he played "O'Grady says" with us, donating money prizes for the winners.

The plans to wake Mr. and Mrs. Goode and children at two o'clock in the morning failed when the boy who was meant to wake the others fell asleep some time before two o'clock !

I am sure that the week will prove to be a memorable one for us, and on behalf of us all I should like to thank the ladies for cooking us some lovely meals, and Mr. Goode and Mr. Register for planning the week.

P. R. DOLBEAR.

KINGSTON MAURWARD

Our visit to Kingston Maurward began with a coach trip to the farm, which is situated just outside Dorchester. We were going there to look around the whole seven hundred acres of land, which had many different things to offer for an interesting day.

The first thing we saw was the machinery on the farm. They had about half-a-dozen tractors, one combine harvester and many other mechanical implements. We then passed through the workshop, seeing all the different parts which make up a tractor.

The sheep-shearing which we saw made me think that I was glad I wasn't a sheep, for it seemed a painful procedure. After that we were shown about the care of cows, and how to clean out a cow's foot. We walked on round the farm to find a great number of cattle, which at the time were just grazing, and an

enormous barn where all the corn is stored. To one side of the barn there was a wind-machine for blowing hot air down a long tunnel to dry the corn. We were told that the wind can reach a maximum speed of just over one hundred miles per hour.

It took two hours to reach our final port of call, which was the horticultural section, where we saw how the crops were grown, and also greenhouse plants. Although it was a hot day, I was surprised to find that in the greenhouses the temperature was even higher.

This rounded off a very interesting and enjoyable day, which made me decide that I will go there again on the Open Day which they are having in the summer. T. PERRY.

BRUSSELS VISIT

Towards the end of the summer term, a party of Sixth-form students were invited to Brussels by NATO to be shown how various organizations in the European Community are run.

Early one Sunday morning we left Sherborne by coach and after a four hour journey, reached London, where we remained only a short time, before we were off to Dover by train. The next part of the journey took us by ship to Ostend, and thankfully the sea was very calm. After reaching Ostend we quickly departed and reached Brussels after an hour long train journey, the complete journey having lasted twelve hours. The rest of the evening was spent wandering around Brussels and having our first sample of International Cuisine, namely Wimpy and Chips.

Our first full day was spent at the NATO Headquarters where we were shown films and given lectures on NATO by members of the staff. The evening was spent by most of us in one of two ways, either taking photographs or searching for souvenirs.

The Tuesday morning was spent at the SHAPE Headquarters with most of the time again spent on lectures and discussion periods. After dinner, which we received by courtesy of SHAPE, we returned to Brussels (as the SHAPE Headquarters was some considerable distance from Brussels) where we were given a short film and lecture on the European Community in general.

At 10 o'clock that evening we left Brussels and returned to Sherborne via the same route as we had used that Sunday morning, but with one important difference, namely the sea was "choppy" to say the least and many of us did not fare too well on this stage of the journey.

Back in Sherborne we were all looking forward to a long rest, as many of the party had slept for less than ten hours whilst in Brussels.

I am sure that all of the party would like to thank Mr. Barker, a member of the staff at Sherborne School who had spent many a long hour on the organization of the trip. M. JONES.

SOCIETIES AND ACTIVITIES

FOSTER'S SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

1974-75

At the A.G.M. in October a motion was unanimously passed, waiving the annual subscription for all parents and guardians. The committee proposed this move to encourage parents to take a more active part in the association. In the past, the fund-raising events have been successful largely through outside support. So it was very encouraging to find the Yetties' Ceilidh and the Spring Ball both financial successes and well attended by parents. The Ceilidh has become an established date on the calendar, and the Ball, a new venture in the New Digby Hall, was suggested by several parents. The Town Mayor, Mr. Alwyn Lugg and Mrs. Lugg were our guests, together with Col. and Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Jones, School secretary, and Mr. Smith, the School caretaker. During the evening both Mrs. Jones and Mr. Smith were presented with cheques on behalf of the Association in appreciation of their loyal and valued service to the School over many years.

However, two activities have not been the success hoped for — the Auction Sale and the Second-hand School Uniform Service. Despite reminders and publicity in the Headmaster's end-of-term circular, very few parents attended the sale or took advantage of the bargains that could be purchased from Mrs. Ling.

Plans are now well advanced for the fourth Yetties' Ceilidh and another visit of the Dowlais Male Voice Choir that was so much enjoyed. This time it is hoped that the Choir will perform in the Abbey.

During the year the Association has been pleased to contribute £36 towards the printing costs of this magazine and has also purchased a set of nylon rugby shirts for the School 1st XV.

ANN C. PARTRIDGE.

THE SHERBORNE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SIXTH FORM SOCIETY

The first meeting of the year was addressed by Mr. Barnett, former headmaster of St. Aldhelm's School, who gave a marvelously illustrated talk on his four-month journey which encompassed Zambia, Kenya, Malawi, Rhodesia and South Africa. Both Mr. and Mrs. Barnett expressed the importance of meeting the people of another country, rather than being content with a guided tour.

Mr. Leslie Townson, from the central office of the National Trust in Dorset introduced the film "The Caretakers" and spoke about the work of the Trust. The film showed the day-to-day management of four of the Trust's properties in Devon and Cornwall, as well as providing insight into the working of its central committees.

The first meeting of the Spring Term, which took the form of a discussion on Comprehensive Education, was more successful than had been expected. After both sides of the argument had been aired it was generally decided, with the help of Mr. Francis, that although idealistically the comprehensive system seemed attractive, the facilities we required could be supplied by other methods equally well.

The second meeting was addressed by a speaker from the "Samaritans", who understandably wished to remain anonymous. He was accompanied by the Speaker Secretary, who had kindly arranged the visit. The talk described in detail the work of this splendid service, run entirely by volunteers.

An outing was held in March to Salisbury Playhouse for a performance of Peter Shaffer's play "Equus". The programme was enjoyed to the full by all who attended.

The last meeting of the year was addressed by the Chief Probation Officer for Dorset, Mr. Meach. He spoke on the work of a Probation Officer, the six different methods by which people can be referred to the service, and of the ways in which they are dealt with. He emphasised the officers' role as listeners rather than teachers, helping people to make their own decisions. Mr. Meach also expressed a wish for the reorganisation of the penal system for juvenile offenders, since the Borstals have a very low success rate.

Finally I must thank our guest speakers and the committee (headed by Mrs. Ditmas and Mr. Francis) for providing a varied and interesting year for the Society. The girls of the Sixth Form also deserve thanks for the high standard of refreshments they have achieved throughout the year.

S. J. HORSLEY.

SHERBORNE YOUTH COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE

Once again it has been a busy and successful year for the Sherborne Youth Council of Social Service (SYCOSS), which aims at co-ordinating the social service activities of the various Schools — St. Aldhelm's; St. Anthony's, Leweston; Foster's; Lord Digby's; Sherborne School; and Sherborne School for Girls.

The representatives from Foster's School this year were Mr. A. J. Norfolk, Simon Dunford and Simon Horsley. Tristan Molloy is ready to take a place next year.

Among the SYCOSS activities is visiting the old people of the Sherborne area. Over one hundred senior citizens are visited by the constituent schools. However, the committee would like to increase the number of OAP's visited or helped with gardening.

A very successful senior citizens' entertainment was organised through SYCOSS by Mrs. C. Stone, in June. A great diversity of items were performed, ranging from oriental dancing to a scene from "Alice in Wonderland", and from popular music to old-time community singing. The evening's entertainment was enjoyed to the full by all who attended. Consequently it has been decided to repeat the occasion in the future.

Another project undertaken by SYCOSS was the organisation of the "Western Cassette" for the blind people of Sherborne and the surrounding villages. The equipment for this was supplied by the Sherborne Round Table. Each of the Secondary Schools is taking it in turn to edit, record and distribute, weekly, the tapes containing news items from the "Western Gazette".

SYCOSS is continuing to take a close interest in the Coldharbour Hospital. On Wednesday afternoons, when the patients are unable to visit the town, they can meet representatives from the schools, as well as at the Handshake Club on Saturday afternoons. Stalls were organised by SYCOSS at the Coldharbour fete on July 5th.

In March a cheque for £871 was handed over to Age Concern, Sherborne, at the A.G.M. by the Chairman of SYCOSS. The money is now being used towards the structural work and re-wiring at the Day Centre.

Unfortunately only one meeting of the Neville Society was held during the year. A talk was given on Lytton Manor, an institution for the mentally handicapped. Mr. Wiley did, however, give a talk to SYCOSS on the ABC of Dorset's Social Services.

During the past year many people have contributed to the various SYCOSS activities, and it is to be hoped that they experienced some degree of self-attainment. Certainly those they have helped, through their generosity and hard work, will be grateful, and on behalf of these people the SYCOSS committee would like to express its sincere thanks.

SIMON HORSLEY.

MUSIC

This year showed a pleasing increase in the musical activities of the school.

The choir had a full year, with the annual Carol Service, a combined effort with Lord Digby's School choir, being well

attended. The choir also sang at the Founder's Day Service in the Abbey.

Two midday concerts were arranged in the school this year. The first took place on October 14th ; the programme consisted of a piece by the junior choir, solos by N. Joy (clarinet), M. Stephenson (flute), M. Cowdery (cello), S. Herbert (piano), and a performance by the Brass group, comprising S. Herbert and M. Brewer (trumpets), and M. Davis and N. Joy (trombones).

The second midday concert took place on May 22nd, when those taking part were : the junior choir, C. Dawson, M. Stephenson, M. Davis, B. Bowsher, and the Brass group.

This group, together with M. Stephenson, also played at a number of other functions, including a concert arranged for the blind on February 29th, and a concert for Christian Aid on Whit Monday at St. Paul's. The group also took part in the Sherborne Festival on June 24th, and in a musical afternoon at the Abbey School on March 24th.

A number of pupils enjoyed a visit to Weymouth in the Autumn term, to hear the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra.

Some pupils appeared in a concert arranged by SYCOSS for the old people of Sherborne. M. Davis and K. Dowse, on organ and guitar, played some folk songs, and N. Orchard, P. Bingham and H. Jenkins sang and led the community singing at the end of the concert.

H. JENKINS.

THE PRINTING SOCIETY

The past year has been as busy as ever at the Printing Society. Most of the work was, as usual, for the School. It included programmes for Speech Day and the Commoners' Concert and covers for the programmes for the School Play. Smaller items were also printed for the School, for example, homework cards, Sixth Form reports, and tickets for the Parents' Association.

We also undertake private orders. In the last year we received a steady flow and we do hope this will continue for the coming year. Most of these orders were for letterheads or tickets, etc., although some larger jobs were also undertaken. All our work is still carried out on the small Adana press, which continues to give good service, as it has done for many years.

During the year we acquired several new members from the lower forms. At the end of the Summer Term we said good-bye to N. A. Puplett, Head of the Society for the past year. R. Gould now takes over as Head.

R. GOULD.

THE AIRCRAFT SOCIETY

This year the Society has been able to arrange only one visit, but it was to the highlight of the aviation world, the S.B.A.C. International Air Display at Farnborough.

This was the first International display, and was enjoyed tremendously by everyone who went. Both static and flying displays were impressive, but everyone agreed that the most memorable event was the appearance of Concorde, a truly magnificent aircraft.

I should like to thank Mr. Durk and Mr. Heasman for providing transport, and Mr. Stansfield for organising the visit.

B. JONES.

SHOOTING

Throughout the Autumn and Spring Terms a number of boys from various forms in the school went to the indoor rifle range at Sherborne School. During these Friday afternoon visits the members' shooting improved under the expert guidance of Mr. Congrave. I am sure that we would all like to thank Mr. Congrave for the time he has given.

J. C. PARTRIDGE.

CHESS

The most promising aspect of school chess this year was the enthusiasm of the first year for the game, mainly due to the encouragement of Mr. Goode. In a first form tournament, which attracted a large number of competitors, A. P. Marks beat S. A. Cseleda in the final. The first year also played a team from the County Junior School, losing narrowly.

In the senior school, lunch-time chess has been fairly popular, and in the Easter Term an under sixteen team beat a team from St. Aldhelm's School 5½-4½ in a close, exciting match. In a well-supported Senior Tournament C. J. C. Williams beat B. Bowsher in the final.

B. BOWSHER.

ANGLING

Although decreased in size the Angling Club continues to catch good quantities of fish.

S. Durk caught a 4½lb. common bream at Stourhead in June. This fine specimen was caught on maggots. Also on the coarse scene N. Heasman came third in the Blandford and District Angling Club's opening match of the season. He also caught 10lb. of chub earlier in the season, the biggest weighing 3lb. Several other notable catches have been taken by members whilst coarse, game and sea fishing.

It is hoped that Sherborne Lake will provide members with an excellent opportunity for trout fishing in the near future.

R. A. SPILSBURY.

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

At the beginning of the year it was decided to make use of the photographic amenities available in the School. With the help of a grant from the Commoners' Society the necessary chemicals were bought, and a large number of juniors were taught the rudiments of developing and printing. This year we hope to be able to continue where we left off, and to expand our membership.

P. BINGHAM.

JUDO

The new year brought a new judo master who, unlike the previous teacher, charged a fee of £1 per term. This deterred many people who previously were going to join the class. The class started with eight pupils and went down to six after the first term. The teaching was very successful considering the short lessons, and at the end of the year there was a test to give out grades in the usual terms of white, yellow, green, and so on.

W. NIVEN.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

RAF DOCTOR IN GERMANY

In this age of a devalued pound sterling, travel on the continent of Europe is an expensive proposition. For those fortunate individuals who do venture across the English Channel there is often little time to meet the local inhabitants and have insight into the way they live. However, being with the Royal Air Force in Germany has overcome these difficulties.

I live at Teveren, a small farming community about twenty miles north of Aachen, very close to the border with Holland. I work at RAF Wildenrath, about twenty miles further north, and travel there daily to undertake my duties as one of five Medical Officers on the station. Primarily I am a general practitioner (GP) and the majority of my patients are women and children, but I am a GP with a difference! I also deal with Public Health, Industrial Medicine, and Aviation Medicine, and as a consequence I see a good cross section of medical problems.

Take Aviation Medicine for instance. One day I can be at the scene of an aircraft crash taking care of the pilot who has ejected, and the next day I can be fitting a pilot with a "bone dome", i.e., his protective helmet.

At my station we have Harrier aircraft which can take off and land vertically or in a very short distance. These aircraft deploy

into the wooded regions around Germany where they can be hidden from view, and if called on, can take off out of the trees. When these deployments take place a RAF doctor accompanies the men and lives in "the field" for periods of two to three weeks.

An RAF doctor also accompanies pilots on a winter survival course in Bavaria where they are taught how to survive in snow and sub-zero temperatures together with instruction in both downhill and cross country skiing. These courses lead up to a period of about twenty-four hours when you are sent out into the snow with a partner, and have to evade capture, being hotly pursued by the British or German Army, and finally aim for a rendezvous point.

All I have mentioned so far is part of our duty as a Medical Officer, but the opportunities for social life off duty are tremendous.

Essentially travel is easy as W. Germany has a good motorway network, and to a member of H.M. Forces petrol is only 28p a gallon! I have left home at breakfast time and had lunch in Switzerland, which is about five hours' drive. I like Switzerland very much, especially the Bernese Oberland where the massive Eiger and Jungfrau mountains look down on peaceful Alpine Valleys. Here the peace is only broken by the constant clanging of the bells around the cows' necks. I have also visited Austria, Holland (where my wife does most of her shopping), Belgium (which is half an hour away by car), Luxembourg and France. Paris is only four hours' easy drive away, but the city which has really impressed me is Berlin. In August I was detached to RAF Station Gatow in West Berlin for two weeks in order to relieve the Medical Officer there, and I took the opportunity to combine business with pleasure.

I expect most people picture the city as being desolate and divided by "the wall". This is not so. W. Berlin has been rebuilt, but even so, almost one third of the divided city is park land, woods and lakes. Berliners are proud of their city and have many attractions to offer the tourist both by day and by night. The Zoo, Charlottenberg Palace, Opera House, Philharmonic, and of course the night clubs, are especially worth visiting. However, I was fortunate in being able to visit East Berlin on two occasions and found it in stark contrast to the West although I was very surprised by the Russian war memorial at Treptow. Finally my visit was highlighted by a one hour helicopter trip over the city, which was awe inspiring.

Although I have only been in Germany for fifteen months I feel that both my family and I have learnt a great deal from what we have seen and I have gained good experience from my work. My children, Emma and Sarah, although being only four and three, have mixed with foreign children and have learnt a few German words; Emma has even been skiing whilst we were in Bavaria earlier this year. The opportunities here are endless, although it is difficult to take advantage of them all in a three year tour.

Next year I would like to visit Venice and perhaps venture North to Norway to see the land of the midnight sun. However I know that the children have their minds set on visiting Switzerland again where they have some very friendly Alpine cows with bells around their necks !

NIGEL HOLMES, F/Lt., R.A.F.

BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN

Among the many new activities which I found available on joining Leeds University in October, 1974, was country and folk dancing. A very successful team is run from the hall of residence that I entered, Sadler Hall. In February of this year I travelled to Sicily as a junior member of a team which won a top international competition representing Great Britain, and travelled again this summer, this time as a full team member.

The group was invited to visit East Germany as part of an exchange visit between Leeds University and the Karl Marx University, Leipzig. The party consisted of 27 students, the group leader, University Lecturer Mr. E. A. Kirkby, and our two coach drivers, who were to drive us a total of 1,900 miles on the 18 day trip.

The journey to Leipzig started early one morning with a coach trip to Dover, and the ferry crossing to Zeebrugge. Once re-united with our coach on Belgian soil we set out for Aachen, where we were to perform for a very enthusiastic West German audience and then spend the night in a youth hostel. The following day the journey continued. Many of us followed our progress through West Germany on maps, and our growing excitement as we approached the East German border at Eisenach was matched by the growing anxiety which Mr. Kirkby clearly showed ! Having passed through the West German checkpoint in five minutes we were fairly confident, though it was to be another two hours before we had progressed the next 100 yards and entered East Germany proper ! Passports and visas were checked, and telephone calls made to Leipzig. We were all asked to leave the coach and all luggage was checked. Eventually we were given the O.K. and once again we were on our way.

For the week in Leipzig we were taken to see cathedrals, art galleries, museums, and even on an evening visit to the opera. It was clear that every attempt was being made to impress us. On learning of its close proximity to Leipzig we insisted on travelling the 25 miles to see Colditz Castle, much of which has now been converted into a hospital for the mentally handicapped.

As the week went on the English speaking Leipzig students who were acting as interpreters for us became less reserved, and began to talk more freely of the differences between East and West. Although many of them had studied English to the equivalent of

degree level none had read any English literature, not even Shakespeare, Chaucer, or Hardy, but only East German books specially translated into English. Nowhere in East Germany did we see a national flag without the hammer and sickle of the Russian flag flying next to, and usually above it. The Russian military presence was far from inconspicuous, and as far as we could judge numerically superior to that of the native army. The concern and consternation showed by the East German students was considerable when, playing football in a park on a free afternoon, we noticed two Russian soldiers watching from a distance, and tried to persuade them to join us !

Great stress was laid on the fact that it is now 30 years since the end of the Second World War, and the propaganda machines had been working overtime proclaiming the Soviet Union as liberators of the now Communist countries from fascist dictatorships. In almost every street were posters and banners proclaiming the prosperity of East Germany under the leadership and friendship of the Soviet Union. One of the East German students was with me when I bought such a poster as a souvenir, and she tried to dissuade me from doing so, saying that the Russians were not really their "friends" but rather their "brothers". I asked what the difference was, and she replied that one can choose one's friends, but not one's brothers !

In the early part of the week we visited the National Dance Festival of the G.D.R. in Rudolstadt. Every year at their national competition the East Germans invite guest appearances from foreign groups, and we were the first Western country to perform at this event. Even so, our name and country was not included on the official programme, since this was "a festival of the Socialist countries", and Great Britain was not considered as being Socialist. The main performance in Leipzig was a great success, and the audience proved very receptive and obviously enjoyed the two hour show, despite the difficulties experienced because of the language barrier.

After eight days in Leipzig we journeyed to Dresden, and on to Prague, Czechoslovakia, where we were to spend three days set aside solely for sight-seeing. It soon became apparent that there is a thriving trade in Pounds Sterling and West German Marks on the Black Market, as several of our group were approached on the streets during our short stay in the city. Some "dealers" offered as much as three times the official exchange rate in Crowns. The Czechoslovakian people that we spoke to were much more openly opposed to what amounts to Russian occupation, and proudly showed us the tank marks in Wenceslas Square, many of which have been covered since the 1967/68 trouble. The city itself was stunning, and we were surprised to find such a concentration of beautiful and expensively decorated churches in a country in which religion is discouraged. The evenings proved as enjoyable as the

daytime, with meals such as Schnitzel, Goulash, and Sauerkraut with Roast Goose, and the bier costing only 4p per pint. (An approximation which was made in assessing an evening's expenditure).

All too soon we were on our way back, though the border crossing out of Czechoslovakia and into West Germany served to delay our departure a little, taking 1½ hours! Dogs were brought to inspect our luggage and the coach, and long rods were pushed into the fuel tanks, presumably to ensure that there were no false bottoms or concealed bodies! Having lined up outside the coach, our appearances were checked with our passport photographs, and our wallets checked for any Czechoslovakian currency, which could not be taken out of the country. The announcement of this fact two hours before our departure from Prague had precipitated a mad spending spree!

Stopping overnight at youth hostels in Nurnberg and again at Aachen, we made our way back to the ferry at Zeebrugge, and from Dover to Leeds, where we all split up to take our memories home to various parts of England.

JOHN SHAPLAND, Leeds University.

THE GRAND INQUISITORS

"Marxism" is a word much thrown about today, both by those who regard the word as a wondrous magic chant and by those who use it as a sneering term of abuse. I wish to attempt a reasoned criticism of Marxism and that which I consider directly springs from it; a criticism designed to reject that philosophy — or, as Marx would prefer, political science — on more than erroneous supposition or reactionary Pavlovism.

I must, before beginning my argument, make a limited defence of Karl Marx. Just as 'Christianity' has so frequently been practised in a manner totally different to that which its founder intended, so has 'Marxism' frequently borne little relation to the proposals of Marx. In the U.S.S.R. a number of volumes of Marx's writings were not published during the Stalinist regime because, though of course not officially because, they were not 'Marxist' enough. However I say "limited defence" because, as I intend to show, Marxism, by its shortcomings, necessitates abuses for it to become a practicality.

Marx's basic thought, in admittedly simple terms, is as follows: labour is a saleable commodity and is sold by the worker to the capitalist; he pays for that labour by sustaining the worker. The capitalist recoups this expenditure by making a profit on the produce of the worker's labour. The capitalist, by very definition, wishes to make as much profit as possible and, since reducing the sustenance of the worker or increasing his hours are finite econ-

omies, division of labour, mechanization, and economy of scale increase. These methods are best employed by large concerns and so larger capitalist enterprises prosper and expand whilst the smaller are either absorbed or fall by the wayside. Gradually everything will be taken into the hands of fewer and fewer capitalists — the middle classes being mixed into the proletariat. Eventually all means of production, the fundamental in Marxist thought, will be in the hands of a small number of capitalists and, capitalism having done the work, the only difference between what has developed naturally in the capitalist environment and the state for which Marx hoped is then that small group of capitalists; once these are removed the proletariat alone will remain. Thus only one, quick, easy stroke is needed.

Marx believed that the existence of capitalism meant this process was an inevitable progression, and thus the only direct action needed to effect the Revolution would be the one step at the end, the removing of the last few capitalists. After this one act has been performed and this oppressive clique been eradicated all who remain will be the proletariat and so the whole people will have common aims and interests, there will be no reason for conflict. The proletariat (now everybody), having been degraded and humiliated by the final extreme stages of capitalism, will emerge into the Revolution purged and cleansed, with none of the former reactionary religious or moral values, nationalistic tendencies, and possessive attitudes that so cleft mankind and which maintained the old order.

That is how Marx believed events would unfold. Just one point troubled him, and his thoughts on it shifted frequently in his writings: could the initial sufferings of the proletariat and the destruction of a small number of capitalists, human kind despite appearances, be justified in order to gain what Marx believed would be the true and perfect state of mankind which would benefit every generation to come until the end of the world; or was, as he once wrote, "An end which requires unjust means is not a just end" true?

Many of those who followed Marx had no such qualms: the opportunity must be grasped, those who oppose or doubt must be swept aside, for will not the Revolution lead to perfection for all time for the millions yet to come? How can so few (relatively) be allowed to stand so selfishly in the way and deny true happiness to mankind in the future?

As the early Christians awaited the Second Coming, so the early revolutionaries waited for the advent of what Marx had promised. Unfortunately Marx's theory did not materialize into reality and so new means had to be found to replace the 'inevitable progression' theory which, it became obvious, was totally inadequate for the gaining of the ultimate goal of mankind — the end of historical evolution.

Marx's theory was, and is even more so today, incorrect on several counts. Firstly, for reasons I will not here probe, the bourgeoisie (far from becoming extinct, with former members of the middle classes being absorbed into the proletariat) in fact increased in numbers and in wealth and power and became strong enough to defend vigorously what they considered their interests to be. Secondly, the emergence of public companies led to great numbers of persons, not just a few capitalists, having a vested interest in the furtherance of the capitalist system. Thirdly, the supposition that ultimate degradation of the proletariat would lead them to the Revolution has proved to some extent a fallacy. In Germany, the obvious example, the failure of the system and the resultant inflation, starvation, and unemployment, led to the emergence of Nazism — and with it total irrationality, for only by infinite terror, destruction, and murder could Nazism be kept in existence (for its very being is these) and obviously infinite destruction and murder are impossible. Perhaps that is why the German leaders claimed only that the Reich would last one thousand years ! Whilst Hitler claimed one thousand years for Aryans at the cost of the rest of humanity, others claimed, and claim, eternity for all at the cost of so few.

The question that must be answered is : whether the Revolution will be the solution and will terminate history since mankind will have gained the perfect state through it ; or whether the suffering, death, and murder — and how much will there be in reality ? — will achieve nothing in the direction of human happiness and fulfilment.

As I mentioned previously, those who came after Marx had fewer doubts than the man they avouched. Ulyanov (Lenin) took the position that the Revolution was a total justification of itself by itself : "One must be prepared for every sacrifice, to use if necessary every stratagem, ruse, illegal method, to be determined to conceal the truth, for the sole purpose of penetrating the labour unions and of accomplishing, despite everything, the communist task". Lenin was, as always, being expedient, for it was patently clear even then that Marx's predictions of an inevitable progression were not coming about in reality and so an alternative means was required.

Like millions of other men through history who have been convinced that they, and they alone, have the absolute truth, the only right, and that they have the duty of giving the rest of the human race the benefit of their realization, the revolutionaries reached, just like their many predecessors, the natural conclusion — everything is justified in the attainment of eternal and perfect ends. Once an End, in this case the Revolution, has been established as the Absolute, then everything becomes relative to that End in its guise as the Absolute. Principles and morals which hinder the move forward are simply rejected, for if they fetter the

movement they must be wrong and can be ignored, for the only validity is the Revolution around which all else must fit or be destroyed. As can be seen in the quotation above, Lenin had reached this conviction.

The Revolution justified itself in the minds of the revolutionaries, and perhaps still does amongst some, but Marx's theories proved inadequate. The proletariat did not absorb practically all of mankind so now large numbers will have to be removed in order that the End can be reached. And if any of the proletariat, whose revolution it is supposed to be, refuse to realise the necessity and benefit of the Revolution ? Then they too must be dealt with. The Revolution has become more important than the proletariat. Lenin again : "Theory should subordinate spontaneity" — in other words the proletariat will not be allowed to act for themselves (spontaneously) but will be subjected to leaders and controllers (theorists). A group of believers is built up and all is planned and prepared by this visionary elite, then to be carried out under their direction by the proletariat.

Marx believed that once the Revolution had been accomplished the State would quickly disappear since, as mankind would be as one, the whole concept of national States would be unnecessary, and, since mankind would be of one class with common interests, the concept of the organizational/oppressive State would also fade. Lenin, however, proposed that a dictatorship of those who had initially planned, led, and controlled, and of their successors, was essential not only to ensure no opposition survived, but also "to direct the great mass of the population, peasantry, lower middle classes, and semi-proletariat in the management of the Socialist economy" — perhaps opposition will not always be there to necessitate the existence of the dictatorship, but, the economy will be. Dictatorship over the proletariat by a revolutionary élite is a long way from that which Marx foretold would come of the Revolution.

Not only will this dictatorship be necessary to manage the economy but, Lenin claimed, it would have to be ALL powerful until there is "an earth which has finally been subdued and purged of enemies, the final iniquity shall have been drowned in the blood of the just and the unjust, the State, which has reached the limit of all power, a monstrous idol covering the entire earth, will be discreetly absorbed into the silent city of Justice".

The Revolution must achieve totality at any cost before it can be called complete, and until that totality has been achieved all is justified. The slightest deviation means the Revolution is not the perfection it claims to be and so a paranoiac fear of deviation, and an excess reaction to it occurs. Totalitarianism cannot accept the very existence of individuals ; the concentration camp is designed not only to incarcerate all opposition, both real and supposed, but also to eradicate the very memory of the existence of such individ-

uals. Thus the Revolution can only offer the 'freedom' of mankind as a single unit through the subjugation or extermination of human beings as individuals.

When Marx propounded his theories he unintentionally sowed the dragon's teeth. Subjective belief has been acclaimed by many as objective fact and, more dangerously, acted upon as such.

All is justified. "All or nothing".
HUGH GLEAVE, Form VI.

THE SPIDER

The web was spun between two rather aged twigs. It glistened with small droplets of silvery dew, which hung there miraculously, bobbing up and down in the gentle morning breeze. Then the web jerked, as if giving the spider a message. It jerked again, and he crawled quickly but surely out from underneath his leaf home. His sharp instinct told him exactly where his prey was struggling, for it was frantically trying to escape the dreadful fate which was to come to it.

The spider examined the now webbed-up fly, which pathetically kicked and buzzed, and quickly and nimbly on his tiny jointed feet he spun round and round the now disheartened fly. Then he automatically stopped, inspected the fly, and then darted back underneath his leaf, ready for another flying insect to enter his unnoticeable trap.
T. J. DAVIS, Form III.

THE SNAIL

The sun, shining down like an electric torch from the heavens, glints on a small, glossy brown intricate shell which looks as if it was designed on an architect's board. From under this venture two wet and fragile horns which gradually grow longer and longer. After these follows a large, greeny-grey, slimy head. With infinite slowness he starts on his dangerous journey towards the lettuce patch. Behind him he leaves his own personal mark, a green, spangled trail of slime.

A tall parapet reaches up above him, but such an obstacle, which would have deterred any lesser creature, stops the snail for only a few moments. He moves slowly, slowly, as if movement hurts him, until he reaches a gap. The fragile, glistening eyes search for any danger, and then slowly and carefully he slides through the gap.

The vast, concrete terrain opens up before him like a book. The rod-like eyes scan the horizon and then he starts. He is just half way when a small girl runs down the path, narrowly missing the snail; but he continues, undaunted, his only aim to reach the lettuce patch.

As he nears the patch a man approaches, his quick, sure strides drawing nearer, until: "Crack!".

The slimy, mangled mess lay spattered on the pavement. The once beautiful shell was crushed to a thousand pieces.

After the man had gone, the birds came. Later the girl came back, and she noticed half a dozen pieces of shiny shell lying on their own near the lettuce patch.
S. CONGRAVE, Form III.

THE ELECTRIC SHOCK

The "Amazon" was making good time across the Pacific Ocean. It was on a pleasure cruise from Southampton round the world. The passengers were enjoying the warm sunshine on the deck. The younger people were making full use of the large swimming pool.

Suddenly a cry of "Oh my goodness" was heard from an elderly lady, obviously very rich.

"Excuse me madam," a steward said, "but what have you done. Are you sleeping?"

The lady had fainted.

"Hey, Bill, come and help me will you?" the steward shouted.

"Coming," said Bill. "Oh no!"

Everyone looked up to see a writhing figure in a gigantic mouth. Two bulging eyes accompanied it.

"A monster!" someone shouted.

The monster submerged and suddenly the whole boat shook. The next moment the boat was turned on its side and the seawater rushed in. Everyone was thrown overboard into the sea. The sea around the boat consisted of deck chairs and inflatable air beds. The ship was sinking at a terrific rate. The "Amazon" was then engulfed in the sea and a gigantic air bubble rose to the surface. There were people everywhere, shouting, and some were drowning.

Everyone clambered aboard the inflatable air beds but there was not enough room for everybody and people used force to get their families to safety. Then the distant drone of an aeroplane was heard. It was just under the clouds and everyone started waving their hands. The plane came down very slowly and circled above the floating objects.

Everyone thought they were saved but then a huge tail came out of the water smashing the plane to pieces. The pilot was thrown five hundred yards away. Everyone's hopes were shattered by this incident. A huge gaping mouth suddenly appeared and it sucked the seawater in. People on board floating objects were sucked into the gaping mouth and were sucked down the throat. People started swimming away from the monster, but in vain.

The monster then let forth all the seawater through its mouth. This sank a number of inflatable beds. Everyone was in panic and there was total confusion.

Professor Von Bald, a German scientist, was fiddling about with a very wet transistor radio that he had found in a floating sandwich box. The captain of the ship was one of the hundred people still surviving of the two thousand people that had left Southampton.

"What are you doing?" he gasped.

"Well, my dear fellow," said the professor in very strong English, "I am trying to make a miniature transmitter in the hope that a passing aircraft might pick our signal up on its radio."

"Ingenious," said the captain, "but for Pete's sake hurry!" The monster sucked again, taking about fifty people into its mouth. There were horrified cries and shouts as people were sucked into it.

"No batteries!" moaned the professor and threw the radio into the gaping mouth. The monster, a gigantic eel-like creature, suddenly let out a yell and went limp. It was an overgrown electric eel, and when the aerial of the radio had pierced its throat it had electrocuted itself.

The yell was heard by a ship three miles away which rescued the remaining survivors. K. WHITTAKER, Form II.

GOING OVER PREP.

Do I take you now?

Yes?

Right, sit down.

Er, right, turn to page 154,

For today I'll go over your prep.

Tomorrow I'll start the next subject,

That is, if you all understand.

And the cherry trees now are in blossom,

The blossoms as white as the snow,

And the birds that now sing

Returned home for the Spring,

For today I'll go over your prep.

What numbers were they?

One?

Two, and three?

Yes, boy? You didn't have enough time?

Then you'll have to do extra tonight!

I don't mind, so long as you try.

Just look at the other boys here,

They won't have to do extra tonight!

And the birds fly away to their nests,

Where their mates wait, while guarding their young

And the birds that now sing

Returned home for the Spring,

They won't have to do extra tonight.

You, boy, were you talking?

Don't.

Turn round, and shut up!

The first one, I think, was the hardest,

The one where you have to find 'x'.

Remember that 'd' equals 's' over 't',

It's so easy, if only you'll try!

And how do you reach those hills, there,

The ones that are distant and green?

And the birds that now sing

Returned home for the Spring,

It's so easy, if only you'll try!

Is that the bell now?

Already?

Right, pack up your books and go!

And how do you tell the blossom

From the snow that falls on the ground?

Remember that 'd' equals 's' over 't'?

And that pi equals 3.14593.

And how do you reach those hills, there,

The ones that are distant, and green?

And how can you sing

Like the birds in the Spring?

It's so easy, if only you'll try!

J. FIELD, Form II.

A WASTEFUL LESSON

Brilliant sunshine outside.

Inside, the four grey walls of the

Classroom, the blackboard filled with problems.

Silence in the room.

The occasional murmur.

The faint humming of bees outside,

Butterflies fluttering about.

Their wings like those of a sting ray.

A blackbird singing in a tree.

Distant barking from a dog.

A question!

A quick reply which has no meaning.

Minutes pass,

They seem like hours.

Here I am stuck in a dull room

While outside the trees work on,

The sun shines more brightly.

Then the bell rings and the

Tension is released.

The room is left as before, empty.

M. SARTIN, Form II.

THE LONGEST FIFTEEN MINUTES

15 minutes 59 seconds.
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 Will this lesson ever end ?
 In the equatorial region people are nearer the sun.
 The sun sends rays that never end
 Through millions of miles.
 Everyone looks at the sun ;
 The teacher reciting all those miles.
 Through the blinds I find one of its rays.
 I shine it off my ruler to the boy who smiles.
 He's cracked a joke.
 Has someone measured it with a tape measure !
 I give him a poke, with my ruler.
 I think of myself going on a rocket, someone
 Holding a tape measure on earth.
 And myself, some sixty-four still travelling from my birth.
 Towards the sun with tape measure in hand.
 I am brought back to land by "the Amazon lowlands are called the savannahs".
 Savalas ; Kojak, he's on tonight.
 Half way through one of his adventures, I am awakened
 "Write an essay on the adventures, the adventures of the people at the equator".
 I look at the Sky for help, it does not come.
 I look at my watch, only two minutes after I last looked, come on bell.
 13 minutes 58 seconds, 13 minutes 57 seconds.
 Come on bell !

J. PEACH, Form II.

THOUGHTS WHILE MENDING A PUNCTURE

First you have to find the puncture ;
 This is done by dipping the inner tube in water.
 Like the people at the sea-side
 Dipping their feet in the water to see if it's cold.

Next you have to smear a thin solution of glue on the hole
 And allow it to become tacky.
 Like the people at the beach in summer
 Smearing sun-tan lotion on their bodies.

The next thing is to choose the right size patch
 And place it over the hole.
 Like the people sticking a stamp on a holiday post-card
 And sending it home.

The last thing to do is to cover the patched area
 With a thin coating of French chalk.
 Like the ice-cream seller
 Sprinkling chocolate over the ice-cream.

P. GOULD, Form II.

THE LONG LESSON

The atmosphere is like a London smog,
 With blank and staring faces all around.
 The harassed teacher looks despairingly
 At his utterly bored class.

The teacher looks with harrowed brow at his
 Renegade form, who sit rooted
 To their seats, flicking the odd, wet ink-blot
 At one another's languid face.

Then suddenly the bell rings and the
 Atmosphere becomes electric, as raucous
 Shouts break out, desk lids bang, and the poor
 Teacher is left alone.

P. JOHNS, Form II.

SCROUNGER

His eyes look up appealingly
 As if he's trying to say,
 The morsel that was on my dish
 Isn't half enough for me.

And when you give the scrounger more
 There's never any thanks,
 But afterwards when he's finished his tea
 His purr is thanks enough for me.

P. JOHNS, Form II.

NOISE

I love to hear the wind in the trees
 And the gentle ripple of a cool summer breeze.
 I hate to hear the noise of the traffic
 Which always makes an awful racket ;
 The thundering of an express train
 And the roaring of an aeroplane
 Also the hammering of the rain
 Splashing against my window pane.
 But how I love the quiet of night,
 When the moon is shining bright
 And now with half the world asleep
 My own true silence is complete.

A. HASTINGS, Form I.

SPORTING SEASONS

Football weather
 Rain like tears
 It's a goal !
 Give three cheers.

Cricket season
 Clear blue sky
 It's a six !
 Soaring high.

Rugby tackles
 Frosty grass
 It's a try !
 Super pass.

M. HANN, Form I.

THE OTTER

I watched the otter slide from her holt
And through the chuckling water bolt.
She's out a-hunting for her prey
And wise fish stay out of her way.

A trout, though, feels her gnashing jaws
And in its side sink eight sharp claws.
The trout is dragged through rock and reed
And on it baby otters feed.

The kingfisher call rings high and shrill
Echoing over the moonlit hill
As after the feed the otters rest
Nestled against their mother's breast.

A. P. MARKS, FORM I.

THE FLIGHT OF THE MOUSE

While on my tree stump
Short and fat
I heard a rustle
Then a scuttle
As a mouse passed by my hat.

Pitter-patter went his paws
Over crumpled leaves
And moss-ridden humps
And wet soil with bumps
Mounds and mould.

Not one stop did he make
Till he reached his home
That had comforting safety.
Down his hole
Zooming he went
Till stop !
He came to his cavern
Cosy and warm
Furnished with tables and chairs
Even an upstairs.
There he sat in his grand armchair
In front of a fire
Hot and comforting.

P. TREHERNE, FORM I.

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OLD BOYS' SUCCESSES

- E. J. ANDERSON — B.A., Hons., Class I and Wrangler, Mathematics (Trinity Hall, Cambridge).
 K. BARFOOT — B.Sc., Chemistry with Biology (Queen Mary's College, London).
 J. BURROUGH — B.A., Hons., Class III, Mathematics, and Education (York).
 C. D. CLOTHIER — B.A., Hons., Class II, Zoology (Keble College, Oxford).
 M. T. B. DAVEY — B.A., Hons., Class II, Agriculture (St. Catherine's College, Oxford).
 K. E. C. HACK — Sir W. Reardon Smith Open Scholarship for Law (University College, Cardiff).
 C. R. HARRISON — Bar Finals, Part II, Called to the Bar (Middle Temple).
 R. LEGG — B.Sc., Hons., Class II, Div. II, Mathematics (Bath).
 A. P. LINCOLN — M.Sc., Sound and Vibration (Southampton).
 D. I. MERCHANT — B.A., Mathematics (Open University).
 L. C. NETTLEY — B.Ed. (St. Luke's College, Exeter).
 A. C. J. ORCHARD — B.Sc., Class II, Div. I, Chemical Engineering (London).
 I. R. PERRY — Ph.D., Physics applied to Medicine (London).
 P. D. SHAW — B.A., Hons., Class III, Accountancy, C.N.A.A. (Lanchester Polytechnic).

★ **Membership** of the Association now numbers 344 including 274 life-members. This year 13 Old Boys have become life-members and 11 annual members. A number of annual members have lapsed owing to non-payment of subscriptions.

★ **Subscriptions** (urgently needed) please, to either Mr. M. R. Johns, 1 Queens Terrace, Sherborne, or to Mr. S. G. McKay, Foster's School, Sherborne. Life-membership, including *reasonable* arrears, is now £5.

★ The following have now become life members : J. A. Avery (56-62) ; B. Barter (60-65) ; M. J. Biss (60-67) ; J. Dyer (67-74) ; S. R. L. Easton (68-75) ; K. V. Farley (67-74) ; D. S. A. Fisher (63-68) ; B. A. Jones (68-75) ; S. F. Linham (70-74) ; D. J. Pullin (64-71) ; S. A. Shapland (67-74) ; A. P. F. Smith (67-75) ; D. T. Watkins (67-74) ; R. E. G. Jones (67-75) ; J. N. Shapland (66-73).

★ **New annual members** : J. A. Austin (67-74) ; B. Bowsher (70-75) ; M. J. Cowdery (71-75) ; J. G. W. Foot ; T. Howe (70-75) ; N. A. Puplett (70-75) ; J. R. Davis (67-74) ; R. D. Cowley (67-74) ; B. Hillman (68-75) ; K. V. Waterfall (59-64) ; N. Orchard (68-75) ; R. O. Taylor (57-62).

Births

5th December, 1974, to Mr. and Mrs. R. Oxford (58-63) a daughter (Emma Louise), first grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Oxford (33-38) ; 23rd March, 1974, to Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Young (55-62) *New Zealand*, a son (Andrew Robert) ; 12th December, 1974, to Mr. and Mrs. R. Chaffey (61-66) a son (Martin Daniel) ; 21st May, 1975, to Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Prout (58-65) a daughter (Heidi Sophie) ; 4th July, 1975, to Mr. and Mrs. R. Haines (51-54) a third son (David).

Marriages

On : 28th June, at the Shire Hall, Cambridge, D. J. Pullin (64-71) to Miss Elspeth Jane King (*Cambridge*) ; 17th May, D. K. Dodge (63-70) to Miss Clare M. Drake, *Plymouth* ; 25th November, 1972, at *Opunake, N.Z.*, R. G. Young (55-62) to Miss Maureen Davies ; 1st March, R. M. Evans (63-70) to Miss Diane E. Boardman ; 20th April, 1974, D. Botterill (67-69) to Miss Susan Custard ; 5th April, at the Redland Park U.R. Church, *Bristol*, A. P. Lincoln (61-68) to Miss Kate Sims.

GOLDEN WEDDING — Our warmest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. H. Lush who celebrated their Golden Wedding in April.

THE YEAR'S ACTIVITIES

On Remembrance Day the Association's wreath was laid at the Honours Board by our Chairman, Mr. J. G. Treasure.

The Annual Dinner was held at the Saffron Hotel, Sherborne, on Saturday, 28th December, when some seventy Old Boys and guests were present. The toast of "The School" was proposed by Mr. E. J. Freeman (16-21), M.B.E., who recalled the days when the School and the town enjoyed joint tenancy of the Terrace, his first day at Hound St. and the long and close association that he, as Clerk to the Council, had enjoyed with Old Boys who had served the community as officers or as members, and in many cases Chairmen, of Sherborne U.D.C. As a long-serving local government officer he did not believe that bigger was always better either in government or in education and warmly expressed his complete opposition to the destruction of the fine old English grammar schools. In reply the Headmaster and President, Mr. C. R. W. Francis, remarked that Mr. Freeman had been at one time the longest serving Town Clerk in Britain and thanked him for his years of service as a governor of the School. Offering a warm welcome to all our guests and friends, the President reported with very justifiable pride on the continuing splendid academic and sporting achievements of present and past pupils. Mr. H. J. N. Chapman proposing "The Association", said that as a governor of the School

he was delighted by the keenness of staff and pupils and pleased to know that the Old Boys retained their affection for the School and furthermore showed their loyalty in practical ways. Responding, our Chairman, Mr. J. G. Treasure (35-40) was particularly pleased to see five of the teaching staff present, and thanked Mr. Francis for our use of the amenities of the School and for his keen interest and active part in all our activities. He also expressed his appreciation of the work of the committee and, on behalf of us all, warmly thanked the brothers C. W. and L. H. Summerfield for their most generous financial support of this our major function as well as members who had generously "overpaid" for their tickets thus enabling us to show a small profit on the evening. There was again a wide age-range of Old Boys and judging by the delighted comments to be heard later we can feel assured that all present really enjoyed this happy reunion.

THIS YEAR — ANNUAL DINNER . . .

Saffron Hotel, Saturday, 27th December

The Annual General Meeting was held in the School Library on 12th March, 1975, when some 25 members were present. The minutes of the A.G.M. held on 14th March, 1974, as published in the "Fosterian" were approved as was the Secretary's report of the year's activities. The Treasurer's report was adopted. It is itemised as follows: *Expenditure*: "The Fosterian" £100; Postages and Advertising £22.00; Cricket Match expenses £3.72; St. Dunstan's College — R. R. Pedley Memorial Fund — £10.00; Reading Prize and Wreath £4.30; *Total*: £140.02. *Income*: Annual subscriptions and arrears £12.50; Donation £5.00; Profit on dinner £5.50; Dividends £57.04; *Total*: £80.44. The loss on the year's working was £59.98 and the Treasurer emphasised that a large proportion of this loss was due to the greatly increased cost of publishing the "Fosterian" and to the recent heavy increases in postage rates. (It must here be observed that past and present members of the School always give valuable help by personally delivering locally some 60 to 80 copies).

The Officers were elected as follows: *President* — C. R. W. Francis, Esq., B.Sc., M.A.; *Vice-Presidents* — en bloc; *Chairman* — J. G. Treasure, Esq.; *Hon. Treasurer* — M. W. R. Johns, Esq.; *Hon. Secretary* — E. Hulme, Esq.; *Assistant Hon. Secretary* — S. G. McKay, Esq., M.A.; *Hon. Auditor* — R. Haines, Esq.; *Sports Secretary* — K. H. House, Esq.; *Committee* — Messrs. L. J. Avery, R. D. Gay, R. H. Harris, J. F. C. James, L. N. W. Kitzerow, N. W. Long, S. J. Love, W. G. Pike, E. Pile, A. Sweet, M. Tompkins, E. J. Tothill.

The Committee's recommendation that the Annual Dinner be held at the Saffron Hotel, Sherborne, on Saturday, 27th December, 1975, was confirmed.

The date of the School v. O.F. Cricket Match was confirmed as Saturday, 5th July. (Later — the fixture was moved to Sunday, 6th of July and proved to be highly successful. Will members therefore please note that this match will, in future take place on a Sunday, probably early in July).

During the evening refreshments, liquid and solid — the latter supplied by members — added an informally happy touch to the proceedings.

The School v. O.F. Cricket Match was played on Sunday, 6th July. Batting first the School were able to declare at 115 for 8 thanks largely to an opening stand of 74 by M. Jones (27) and C. Broadhurst (31). For the Old Boys M. J. Biss scored 40 and S. Crane 30 and had reached 113 for 8 when stumps were drawn at the end of a very exciting encounter. For the School D. Hunt had 3 wickets for 30 and J. Treasure 3 for 20, and for the Old Boys S. Crane took 5 for 14. The O.F. team comprised: M. J. Biss, P. Jones, R.

B. Williams, S. Crane, C. Thomas, A. Mayell, R. Wareham, G. Trevett, J. Hann (Capt.), and W. J. Carver. Afterwards the teams and a number of members and their ladies, who helped by providing snacks, enjoyed a social hour together.

NEWS FROM FAR AND NEAR

This year we are again publishing members news, as far as possible, in the alphabetical order of their names, together with the dates of their years at School.

Having obtained a first-class degree, E. J. Anderson (64-71) will remain at Trinity Hall, Cambridge, and is engaged on research on Scheduling Algorithms for Ph.D.

B. R. Arnold (56-61), with the National Westminster Bank, has moved to Chippenham on appointment as Assistant Branch Accountant.

Our published appeal for the present whereabouts of P. R. Badham (32-39) was answered by K. J. H. Courage (36-41) from Durban, S. Africa! Peter lives in Bristol! We were of course delighted to hear from him after many years and to learn his latest news. Leaving the R.N. after the war he became a teacher and taught in Nottingham, Bristol, the U.S.A., and S. Africa. Since then he has gained an honours B.A. degree from Leeds and an M.Ed. from Bristol. In 1970 he was appointed Director of Studies in the Department of Humanities at Bristol Polytechnic. His wife, a B.Sc. in Physics and Maths has now obtained a B.Sc. in Psychology at Bristol University. We thank him for his generous donation to our funds.

B. Barter (60-65) went to S. Africa in March and stayed for a time with J. W. Abbott (60-67) in Durban. Moving to Johannesburg, Barry has been working in a large hospital serving the town of Sowato with a population of a million Africans. John and he are planning to tour Rhodesia at Christmas. They will both be returning to England next year and hope to settle in the Sherborne area.

M. J. Biss (60-67) has terminated his appointment as a social worker with the Borough of Hackney and is now on a continental tour in order to study social conditions especially in the countries of Scandinavia.

D. Botterill (67-69), having qualified as a Catering Officer at Bournemouth College of Technology, has a post as steward at the Parkstone Yacht Club.

The Rev. W. F. E. Burnley (15-21), B.D., retired in November 1974 and is now living at Seend Cleeve, Melksham. He was pleased to have the latest news of Messrs. Welcher, Pike and Freeman and spends his time now principally in the garden, helping with the hospital car service and writing an occasional sermon for the *Christian Herald* and finally adds: "It was good to have a delightful letter from Archbishop Edwin Curtis (18-24) on my retirement".

J. Burrough (65-72) has graduated from the University of York and is now on a post-graduate Certificate of Education course there for a further year.

C. D. Clothier (70-72) has taken his degree in Zoology at Oxford and is running an experimental fish farming station in Ross and Cromarty.

We were sorry to hear that A. B. Curran (56-64) has had a motor-cycle accident and wish him a speedy recovery.

W. H. Cross (28-32), an international figure in the world of cable laying, wrote in July to say that after some months in Spain he had returned to S. Africa to resume his former job for a few months before returning to Spain. Recently with friends he made a "trip" of what would seem to be most of

south and central Africa ending at Johannesburg. "A most exhilarating city with every form of entertainment, a wonderful climate and yet only seventy years old".

- P. H. Dawkins** (62-69) and his wife, Sue, are expecting their first child in February. Still with British Rail, he is expecting to join a firm of Consulting Engineers and to work abroad when he has gained the qualification of M.I.C.E.
- R. M. Evans** (63-70) is at present in Cairo and working on engineering logistics for Westlands Aircraft.
- K. Gawler** (62-69) is still with Equity and Law Life Assurance and has been working, at Head Office on Company Pensions for large and small firms. He has now moved to the Computer Programming Department.
- P. R. Gregory** (50-58) is now an Estimator with Martin Construction of Pontypool. He and his wife are closely concerned with social and community work in the new town of Cwmbran. His brother, **J. R. Gregory** (39-47) is still with the Midland Bank at Sunbury-on-Thames.
- K. E. C. Hack** (69-71) is now reading law at Cardiff University. As a result of the Part One Examination he has been awarded a Sir W. Reardon Smith Open Scholarship.
- C. G. Harris** (20-24) is a director of George Over Ltd. of Rugby. He hopes to visit the School when next in Sherborne.
- C. R. Harrison** (64-71) was called to the Bar at the Middle Temple in July.
- P. Hodges** (44-51), himself the son of an Old Fosterian, **D. Hodges** (17-21), is one of the Old Boys whose sons started at the School in September. Other fathers of new boys include **G. W. Gardiner** (50-53), **S. J. Love** (46-49), **J. F. Partridge** (43-46), and **K. F. Topp** (46-51). There are now eighteen sons of Old Boys in the School, all but two of whose fathers were taught by Mr. McKay and Mr. Maltby.
- N. Holmes** (64-66) now a Medical Officer with the R.A.F. in Germany was recently awarded the diploma of the Royal College of Obstetricians. He and his wife are expecting their third child in February.
- J. D. Knight** (49-56) is still with the BBC in London and is now a producer in the archives section of Radio. He recently completed a documentary for Radio 4 on the elopement of Sheridan with Elizabeth Linley from Bath, and produced a programme on Edith Cavell, broadcast early in October. He and his wife, Ann, have a son aged 11 and a daughter of 9. He has long taken a great interest in amateur drama — an interest he developed by way of the Commoners' Concert.
- R. Legg** (70-72) having graduated in Maths at Bath University is at the Law Society's College at Guildford.
- P. C. C. Lennon** (56-59) is now living in Abu Dhabi where he is acting as a coordinator for a large firm of construction engineers engaged in building new towns and roads.
- A. P. Lincoln** (61-68) now living in Frome has taken his M.Sc. degree and is taking up a three-year research fellowship leading to Ph.D. He maintains his keen interest in Music, especially in singing, and has taken part in a broadcast by the Southampton University Madrigal Society. Best man at his wedding in April was his brother, **C. P. Lincoln** (61-67) and among those present were **S. M. Trump** (61-68), **R. A. B. Nichols** (61-68), and **N. S. Munro** (63-68) who was one of the ushers.
- L. C. Nettle** (64-71) has taken an appointment to teach Maths at Les Quenvenias, St. Brelades, Jersey.

Congratulations to **E. S. Noake** (32-36) "father" of Sherborne Town Council who has succeeded **A. E. Lugg** (16-21) as Town Mayor. Mr. Noake has already served twice as Chairman of the then Sherborne U.D.C. — in 1958 and 1967. Also on the present Council are **A. E. H. Sweet** (20-24) who is also a member of the West Dorset District Council and Chairman of its local sports advisory committee, and **L. N. W. Kitzerow** (21-28).

H. W. Pangbourne (00-07) who recently visited the Boarding House is now living in retirement in Weymouth. Aged 88, he is still very fit and drives his own car.

I. R. Perry (57-65) after taking his doctorate began work with the research department of Anaesthetics of the Royal College of Surgeons. His brother, **P. J. Perry** (57-65) also a Ph.D., lecturer in Geography at the University of Canterbury, Christchurch, N.Z., has now been appointed Reader.

W. G. Pike (18-23) had the distinction of being asked to serve for the second successive year as Chairman of the British Horological Institute and has had a busy time chairing the conferences of its many branches.

N. Preston (60-62) is at present on a two-year course for a qualification in social work after which he will be returning to his position with the Wiltshire County Council. He was pleased to learn of the interest taken by the School in Coldharbour Hospital. His brother, Roy, now lives in Edinburgh.

D. W. Prout (58-65) has recently been promoted to Branch Manager of the Eagle Star Assurance Company at St. Austell where he will now live. Former school friends are invited to call at his office: "I promise not to sell them any insurance".

We hear indirectly that Police Inspector **W. J. Ricketts** (38-43) has retired from the Dorset Constabulary.

G. B. Ritchings (24-27), a manufacturer of lamp shades, revisited the School and was very interested in the transformation of the Hound St. buildings.

M. J. Rust (62-67) a captain in the Royal Corps of Transport, recently returned from a tour of duty in Hong Kong and visited the School with the Army Liaison Officer. He expected to be stationed next at Bielefeld, Germany, where, when last heard from, **J. G. Hambleton** (50-55), M.B.E., a major in the same Corps was in command of a company.

I. D. Saunders (59-66) with his wife, called on Mr. Davis before emigrating to Canada where he will work for an engineering firm.

J. R. Shapland (66-73) now at Leeds University, visited Sicily, East Germany and Czechoslovakia with the folk dancing group of his Hall of Residence of which he is Sports Secretary. In Sicily this group won an unofficial world championship. We warmly congratulate him on being awarded the Crabtree Prize as the top first-year student.

S. A. Shapland (67-74) has completed his first year at St. Luke's, Exeter, where he played for the college in the Western League.

P. D. Shaw (67-72), after taking his degree in Accountancy, has joined a firm of Chartered Accountants for a three-year training period.

H. J. Spicer (38-45) continues in his same post with the Economic Section of the Bank of England working on, to a layman, mysterious balance sheets at the behest of the Royal Commission on the distribution of Incomes and Wealth. On regular trips to Paris, Brussels and Luxembourg, he is now Chairman of the Group of Financial Statisticians in Paris. In the spring he was in Athens advising the Greek Government of "the Flow of Funds Accounts" there. Through a colleague newly returned from Kenya he learned of a friend of school days **J. R. ("Bob") Henley** (40-45) now with the Kenya Commercial Bank in Nairobi.

J. L. Stainer (53-59) with the National Westminster Bank, has taken up a new appointment at its Camelford Branch and is pleased to be living in the countryside on the edge of Bodmin Moor.

A. J. Stewart (64-71) has gained his H.N.D. in Hotel Catering and is now with a firm of Catering Consultants in Reading.

His brother **I. P. Stewart** (67-72) having gained 3 'A' Level passes in English, Economics and History, is now on a B.A. course in Accountancy and Finance at the Middlesex Polytechnic, Hendon. On completion of his degree course he will spend a further two years in articles in order to become a member of the A.C.A.

After leaving Oxford in 1965 **R. O. Taylor** (57-62) spent six years in London "during which time I qualified in both law and matrimony". Having moved to Ludlow 4 years ago, he is now a partner in a nine-partner firm of solicitors and specialises in property and commercial work. The father of a 10 month old son, he still keeps in touch with Sherborne by his visits to **Terence B. Payne** (56-64) whose damaged leg is improving, but only very slowly.

P. M. Waters (67-73) has just finished an H.N.D. course in Hotel Management at Oxford Polytechnic and hopes to go on to the degree course. His skill in Art has proved very profitable and he has had paintings accepted by an art dealer.

K. W. Waterfall (59-64), having graduated in 1974 at Newcastle University, is now a Development Engineer with Shell Chemicals, near Manchester.

R. Weare (63-70) has taken up an appointment with the Schlumberger Exploration Company which is engaged in the search for oil in the eastern hemisphere.

A. J. Willis (30-36), *Brisbane*, in his annual, long and vividly interesting letter regrets that too few Old Boys send us their news for he would like to hear of Archie Meaker, the Beer brothers, Bert Sherry and "Tich" Hutchings and would offer a warm welcome to any O.F. visiting Brisbane. He was glad to see reference to L. J. Avery "the outstanding sportsman of my time", and to W. H. ("Bill") Cross who called on him some years ago. His professional and business interests now include gas utilities, a brick manufacturing company, land, building and finance. Last year he was elected President of the Queensland State Employers Federation and Senior Vice-President of the Queensland State Chamber of Manufacturers. His wife is not too well at present but they are both happy to have their children and five grandchildren close at hand. He hopes one day to be in Sherborne for the dinner but fears he could not bear the rigours of an English winter.

R. G. Young (55-62) is now farming in New Zealand. Married in 1972, he has a son, David Robert, born in 1974. He still enjoys his cricket and rugby.

We thank all those whose submission of their latest news has so greatly helped in the compilation of these notes, apologise for any unwitting omissions or errors and hope to receive still more items for our next edition.

If this magazine has had to be forwarded, PLEASE send us your UP-TO-DATE address.

DON'T FORGET THE DINNER . . .

SATURDAY, 27th DECEMBER, 1975

THE SECRETARYSHIP

Dear Fellow Fosterians,

After having had the honour to serve you as Honorary Secretary for some twenty-eight years, I feel that the time has come to hand over to someone younger and at the same time more in touch with the present, vigorous life of the School.

Mr. S. G. McKay, the Senior Master, has very kindly agreed to take over and, with the School as his headquarters, will, I know from experience, prove to be a devoted and most efficient Honorary Secretary of our Association. Members are therefore asked to send any news they would like to see published in the "Fosterian" direct to him at the School.

Of course, over these many years, I have made numerous friends who keep in touch, and their letters to me, containing so much evidence of the love they bear to their old school, have been for me a more than ample reward for the labours I have undertaken. I shall hope to hear from them now and then and will gladly answer and pass on any news to our Secretary. In future we of the Committee will take our share of garnering news and reporting functions and back up Mr. McKay in every possible way.

Finally, I sincerely thank our President with whom I have worked in the closest harmony for the past eleven years, our Chairmen and members of committee who have for over a quarter of a century worked together so loyally to keep alive throughout the world that good spirit which, I trust, will ever thrive among Fosterians young and old.

Yours sincerely,

ERNEST HULME.

THE PRESIDENT WRITES :

The O.F.A. was revived by Mr. Lush, the Headmaster (1929-59) in 1930, and Mr. Gibling (1909-47) the Senior Master, became secretary. Mr. Hulme (1929-64) French Master, took over the secretaryship in 1947, and the Association owes much to the loyalty and zeal of these two secretaries. I have always found Mr. Hulme — affectionately known as Ernest to all — a veritable mine of information about Old Boys, and he has given freely of his time to the Association and played a major part in its activities. Ernest is still well known in Sherborne as a performer in amateur dramatics — one of the best "ad-libbers" in the business — but it is probably not so well known that at one time he acted and produced for the School and the Old Fosterians' Dramatic Society. The major event of the O.F. calendar in recent years has been the annual dinner, and it is largely due to Ernest's dedicated work that it has continued to be a well-attended and successful function. He is at his happiest and best on such occasions, and his reading out of apologies with added witticisms of his own is always one of the highlights of the evening. It could justifiably be said that Foster's School and the Old Boys' Association have been Mr. Hulme's life, and members will be pleased to know that he will continue to serve on the Committee, who have made him a Vice-President for life in recognition of his long and loyal service. We thank him and salute him.

"FOSTER'S" — THE STORY OF A DORSET SCHOOL

We are most happy to announce that as the result of thorough and meticulous research by its author, **Mr. S. G. McKay, M.A.**, Senior Master and himself a historian, there is now in being a history of the School from its

foundation in 1640 up to the present day. The story is told in the greatest detail and will prove of special interest to Fosterians whose forebears were Dorset folk.

If you would like a copy please send the enclosed order form, with remittance, to Mr. McKay at the School.

Obituary

With sorrow we record the passing of Robert John Sherwin (38-44) at the age of 47, and of Norman J. M. Pollard (32-37) at the age of 54.

"Bob" Sherwin was fatally injured in a road accident last December. On leaving School he took a naval course at Edinburgh University and thereafter served for two years with the Fleet Air Arm and the Royal Navy. Returning to the University, he studied Arts and Economics and graduated M.A. While there he regularly represented the University in long distance running. His early career as a local government planning officer embraced the Authorities of Dorset, Hampshire, Cardiff and South East Somerset. His last post was with Norfolk County Council with the responsibility for conservation in the county. He was a keen cricketer and of late years a regular member of the Old Boys team playing against the School. Many of us will miss his warm and sincere friendship and respectfully offer our sympathy to Mrs. Sherwin and to her son Stephen and daughter Alison. At his funeral many Old Boys paid tribute and the School was represented by the Headmaster.

Norman "Polly" Pollard (32-37) died suddenly in hospital at Weymouth on 3rd June. During the war he served as a telegraphist in the Royal Navy afterwards joining the Ministry of National Insurance at its Sherborne office. In 1958 he became manager of the Blandford office and in 1966 of the Dorchester office, finally moving to Weymouth in the same capacity. A fine defensive footballer and a magnificent swimmer he was at times perhaps a little too modest about his own considerable achievements. The memory of his fine qualities, his ever-cheerful greeting and his reliability will long remain with many of us. Again, may we offer our sympathy to Mrs. Jill Pollard and to his son and daughter, John and Rachel. At his funeral in Weymouth the Association was represented by his brother-in-law, Mr. B. E. Jones, and the School by his nephew, Richard Jones.

As we go to press we learn, with regret, from R. J. Gray (15-21) of the death of his brother, Walter Gray (18-23), a life member of the Association. Mr. Gray was for many years a member of the old New Forest R.D.C. and, following the reorganisation of local government, of the New Forest District Council; he was also a member of Dibden Parish Council for 20 years. He was active in Church life and was an elder at the United Reform Church, Hythe. Our sympathy goes to his wife and brother in their loss.

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