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OBITUARY

STEPHEN AXTEN

Commander Stephen Ernest Axten — or “Commax” as he was known at St. Peter’s — died at Burrswood, near Tunbridge Wells on 20th January, 1972. The son of a civil engineer, he was born in 1897 and after his time at Haileybury, where he was in the XXII for Cricket and the XXX for Rugger, he entered the Navy in 1916. He was at Devonport as a cadet for a few months and in the Spring of 1917 was posted to the Grand Fleet as a midshipman. As a Sub Lieutenant he patrolled the West coast of Ireland in H.M.S. Urchin and designed the approved crest for this destroyer — two small boys fighting. In 1919 he was at Caius College, Cambridge for about six months and in 1921 he started to specialise in submarines. He served in a “K” boat under Lieutenant Commander “Hookey” Bell R.N., who later became Captain Bell of H.M.S. Exeter in the Scharnhorst action. On leaving the Navy for a spell in Jamaica on a banana plantation, he returned to Britain and started a small poultry and pig farm. His wife’s failing health, however, necessitated another change of plan and Stephen made his first acquaintance with the teaching profession which he was to serve so successfully in later years. In 1939 he was called up with the rank of Lieutenant Commander and after an appointment training boys in H.M.S. Ganges at Shotley, he was posted to the Naval Barracks at Haifa as Executive Officer. His skill in persuading Jews and Arabs to work together effectively as sailors was officially recognised in his promotion to Commander. On his return home he had charge for a time of a Naval Detention Barracks before being demobilised.

It was almost at that moment, in January 1947, that Commax joined the teaching staff at St. Peter’s. He brought with him the wisdom, patience and professional standards of an experienced officer.

His ability to work smoothly with his colleagues and to win the respect and affection of his pupils was never in doubt. His preparation of his Maths teaching was meticulous and his discipline firm but always benign. He had a rare, dry humour and a ready sympathy with the rebellious or unsuccessful boy. He played all the usual games and umpired cricket, especially in junior games, with marvellous good humour and massive endurance. As an etcher, a cartoonist and drawer in pencil Commax had real skill and his illustrations still bring life and humour to the School Magazine. For many of his twenty five years at St. Peter's his wife's chronic illness must have clouded his life and brought constant uncertainty to his everyday affairs. It did not surprise us that he accepted her death in December 1968 so uncomplainingly, but it was clear that her loss was a tremendous blow. He moved into quarters in the Master's Lodge and then came his own illness and long convalescence. Commax fought back with courage and stamina. He adapted himself to moving slowly with a stick and made the daily trip to the School, for morning coffee with the staff, with the rugged perseverance which one had come to expect from him. He always looked forward to his visits to Burrswood, where he felt especially at peace, and it was there that he died. To his sister, his close friend Captain Godfrey Nichols, and to all those who knew and loved him at St. Peter's we send our warmest sympathy. How fortunate are they who remember Commax, for they have the example of his strength, warmth and humanity to help them in their own lives. His ashes were scattered on the grass, in the shape of a cross, in the beautiful garden at Eastbourne Crematorium on Friday 28th January, 1972. A lifetime was suddenly condensed into a few bleak, wintry moments. Happily our memories of Commax will endure long into the future. His own reward must surely be eternal joy and light.

*"Never more, sailor,
Shalt thou be
Tossed on the wind-ridden
Restless sea."*

DAVID POWERS
1917 — 1971

It came as a great shock to his family and his wide circle of friends when David Powers died in hospital on 19th August.

David was born in Suffolk and after the early stage of his education had been completed at St. Edmund's, Canterbury, he went to an

English School in Switzerland. It was during this time that his life long passion for mountaineering was born and later, after studying German in Berlin, he went to America. There, in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado, David's enthusiasm for skiing grew strongly beside his love for climbing and the future was to see him excel in both these exacting and challenging sports. He served in the War in Intelligence, mainly in the Netherlands and then followed an Advanced Course in French at Lausanne University. Always he returned to Switzerland whenever he could, to climb in the summer and to ski when the winter snows came. He passed both the Swiss and the English Gold Skiing tests and for ten years managed the training of candidates for the Junior British Skiing Championships, as a member of the Committee. He was also an official of the National Ski-racing Federation and was a Gold Test Judge for the Ski Club of Great Britain.

It was in the Autumn of 1963 that David arrived at St. Peter's to teach French following the death of Neil Collins. David and his mother had moved into their house at Friston, near Seaford, two years earlier and David had quickly settled to the country activities he so much enjoyed. He was a member of the British Society for the protection of Birds and the British Rose Society. He loved his garden and listening to serious music. He was a keen follower of cricket and an experienced motorist, driving a great deal in Europe as well as in Britain as a member of the British Institute of Advanced Motorists. He was on the Friston Parochial Church Council and acted as sidesman.

Despite the fact that his life was already full of interests and responsibilities, David opened his mind and his heart to his new job and was instantly at ease with both boys and staff. In addition to his teaching programme, he initiated the school's association with the Bowles Outdoor Pursuit Centre at Eridge and won an Instructor's badge there. He often sang bass in the school choir and enjoyed playing the piano.

David would hate to be hailed as a hero or to be considered as a person set apart from ordinary folk on account of any outstanding talent. He was a gentle and patient teacher and it was these two qualities that shone through everything he did — both in sickness and in health. We shall also remember him for his courage, his modesty, his loyalty and his complete integrity. Above all we recollect his tolerance and his ready sympathy with the needs of others. There were many who admired and loved him and to his mother and family goes our combined sympathy. Those who were able to be at David's funeral in the little church at Friston must have been tempted to lift their memories above the earthbound events of that morning in high summer. Perhaps they thought, as I did, of a true and warmhearted friend, who will always be moving higher and higher in the distant and dazzling sunshine of those eternal snow-fields, showing us the way and helping to make the route easier for those who follow.

M. H. FAREBROTHER



Soccer.



Favoured by a splendid spell of fine weather for almost the entire season, our seven XIs were able to play no less than 57 official inter-school matches during the term. In addition we played several "friendlies" against local boys' teams and also a match against the Devas Boys' Club from Battersea. The general improvement in the overall standard of football in the school so noticeable in the previous season was maintained and some very pleasing results were achieved.

The 1st XI enjoyed its most successful season since 1968 and only lost 6 of the 16 games played. The team was very capably led by John Gillett who set a very high personal example of honest endeavour on the field and showed much skill as our right-winger. One of the main reasons why we had such a satisfactory season was that, at long last, our forward line acquired some real punch and thrust. Much of this new drive was the direct result of the switching of Mark Jones from his old centre-half's position to that of inside-right. Jones was our leading goal-scorer and played with tremendous energy, skill and courage. He was really worth three players to us and he was very rightly the recipient of the Soccer Cup. Fortunately, he will again be available next year and, if he continues to improve at his present rate, he should strike even more terror into the hearts of our opponents and cause them insuperable problems.

Our vice-captain, Christopher Lawrence, was again most resolute in defence and his tackling and kicking were very strong features of his play. He and Mark Jones were eventually selected to play for the Seaford Schools XI against Eastbourne Schools and they both gave a very good account of themselves. This representative game was a great success and it is certainly to be hoped that the fixture will be repeated next year.

Helping Lawrence in the full-back line were Andrew Reader and Alistair Beck and both were towers of strength. They tackled fearlessly and often started off good attacking movements by sending through long accurate passes to our forwards. In the half-back line were two of our most skilful players, John Gavin and Edward Leigh. The latter was particularly strong in the air and was unquestionably the best header of the ball that we have possessed for many years. Christopher Brock

was the third of our halves and he too was a most useful performer. In goal was Matthew Pragnell, who improved steadily as the term progressed. Although, in mid-season, he had one or two nightmarish matches, in which he seemed to lose all confidence in his own ability, and lost his place in the side, he persevered, regained his place and ended the season with several very good performances.

The only two members of the team who failed to gain their colours were Tim Harries and Tom Prest. Harries' performances were very inconsistent and he failed to keep a regular place in the side for this very reason. At times he could be very good indeed as was clearly demonstrated in the Temple Grove match when he scored two grand goals which proved to be match-winners. Prest played regularly and was a promising left-winger who unfortunately was often marked out of games completely by much larger and older opposing defenders. He will again be available next season and, with another year's growth, he should find himself physically much better equipped to make his mark as a forward to be feared. Certainly, he is a skilful ball-player and possesses a good turn of speed.

We opened our programme of fixtures with a match against Pilgrims which resulted in a comfortable 4—1 victory. The following game against Newlands also resulted in a win but this was rather a ragged game in which we played well below our potential and failed to take advantage of our many scoring opportunities. Even a penalty kick was missed. The first of our encounters with St. Bede's brought us a draw but again we missed too many scorable chances and also allowed our opponents two "gift" goals. Normansal, who had scored no less than 16 times against us in the previous season's two games, were a much weaker side in 1971 and the 1—1 draw which resulted from our first clash flattered our opponents, as at least 70% of the play had been in their half of the field.

We journeyed to St. Aubyns still undefeated and it was there that we at last struck top form. Mark Jones was in a devastating mood and achieved the "hat-trick" in our impressive 4—0 win. Another splendid game materialised against Mowden. We defended very gallantly against a strong side and it was cruel luck indeed when Mowden snatched the winner with only a minute of play left.

Immediately after the half-term break we faced St. Wilfrid's, who, by this stage of the term, had built up a fairly formidable reputation for themselves. On the day they certainly showed themselves to be a very well-drilled and skilful team. For a long time we successfully repelled their attacks and it was only after a great struggle that they emerged as victors. After another drawn game against Normansal, we entertained Temple Grove, a school against which we have never lost. It was with considerable apprehension that we faced them this time as we were forced to field a much-weakened side as a result of the absence through injury of Jones, Lawrence and Leigh. However, their replacements did us proud and in a very exciting game we ran out convincing 3—1 winners. The following two games, against Chelmsford Hall and Ladycross respectively, were the most disappointing of the season. Against Chelmsford Hall, in particular, we played with little fight and

determination and, with Pragnell having a dreadfully uncertain day in goal, we conceded no less than 7 goals. Against Ladycross all went well for the first 30 minutes and at half-time we were still very much in the game. However, in a disastrous ten minutes after the interval, they netted 3 times and the final winning margin of 5—1 against us was a great disappointment.

It was very much to the team's credit that morale was restored so soon afterwards for, just eleven days later, we scored our finest victory of the season at St. Wilfrid's. With only two matches to go St. Wilfrid's were still unbeaten and it was obvious that we would have to play extremely well if we were to succeed where other schools had failed. However, we managed to rise to the occasion superbly and right from the kick-off proceeded to shake our opponents. Receiving the ball each time direct from extremely well centred corner kicks, Gillet was able to slam home two splendid shots. Shortly after the interval we went 3 ahead and it was this third goal which really stung St. Wilfrid's into desperately fighting back. More and more pressure was put on our defence and with about ten minutes still remaining our lead had been cut back to the narrowest of margins. However, we managed to hold on for what seemed to be an agonisingly long time before the final whistle came and with it a great victory.

Our following match against Glengorse and Hydneye was very disappointing and in an untidy game played in atrocious conditions we failed to reproduce the form of the previous game. Glengorse, aided by much good fortune, eventually won by the comfortable margin of 4—1. Four days later we played a very evenly-contested game against Cliff View House and we were most unlucky not to have at least obtained a draw. As it was we lost by the only goal of the game scored in the very first minute. The final game of the season against St. Bede's brought us a very satisfactory result. We completely outplayed our opponents and could well have won by an even more convincing margin than 4—1.

Without doubt our most successful team in 1971 was the 2nd XI which only lost 2 of its 12 matches and then only by the narrowest of margins. No fewer than 6 of the team had 1st XI experience and the other 5 members were no mean performers either. Ably led by Andrew Ferguson they averaged over 3 goals a match and played with wonderful spirit and no little skill. It would really be most unfair to single out any one of the team for particular mention as everyone who played made splendid contributions to the success of the team in their respective departments. It is indeed fortunate that several of the team will again be available next year when they should prove equally effective in the 1st XI.

The Colt's XI was not so successful as in the previous few seasons and only won 2 out of their 11 matches. However, the team did include several very promising players. Among these were Mark Erskine-Hill, a very reliable goal-keeper, Mark Milln, who captained the side and was a very effective left-winger and Simon Jones, who played with enormous determination and a lot of skill. He will again be available for inclusion in the team next year. Apart from playing for the Colts, Jones also captained the Under-10 XI which lost only 3

of its 10 games. It was a team with much talent and certainly in future years people like Andrew Staples, Rupert Prest and Nicolas Fiddian-Green should find themselves competing for places in the 1st XI. At present they should form a very strong nucleus for next season's Colts team.

The Set Matches were very evenly contested and the Inter-Set Soccer Cup only went to Blues by the narrow margin of 6 points.

By the start of the 1972 season most of the previous year's first game will have left but we shall have at least 3 "colours" again available and around these we should be able to build a reasonably strong 1st XI. Certainly, if the enthusiasm and dedication of the members of last season's first game can be repeated, we should not have too much to worry about.

C. R. JARVIS

SOCCER RESULTS

1ST XI

Played 16; Won 6, Drawn 4; Lost 6; Goals: for 31, against 36

v. Pilgrims School	...	...	Home	Won	4—1
v. Newlands	...	...	Home	Won	2—1
v. St. Bede's	...	...	Away	Drawn	2—2
v. Normansal	...	...	Home	Drawn	1—1
v. St. Aubyns	...	...	Away	Won	4—0
v. Mowden School	...	...	Away	Lost	0—1
v. St. Wilfrid's	...	...	Home	Lost	0—3
v. Normansal	...	...	Away	Drawn	2—2
v. Temple Grove	...	...	Home	Won	3—1
v. Chelmsford Hall	...	...	Home	Lost	0—7
v. Ladycross	...	...	Away	Lost	1—5
v. Pilgrims School	...	...	Away	Drawn	4—4
v. St. Wilfrid's	...	...	Away	Won	3—2
v. Glengorse	...	...	Away	Lost	1—4
v. Cliff View	...	...	Home	Lost	0—1
v. St. Bede's	...	...	Home	Won	4—1

Team: *T. W. Pragnell, *A. H. Beck, *C. J. Lawrence, *A. G. M. Reader, *J. Gavin, *C. R. Brock, *E. H. Leigh, *J. R. P. Gillett (Captain), *M. H. H. Jones, T. J. E. Harries, T. W. Prest.

* Colours

2ND XI

Played 12; Won 9, Drawn 1, Lost 2; Goals: for 37, against 12

v. Newlands	...	...	Away	Won	5—0
v. St. Bede's	...	...	Home	Won	2—0
v. Normansal	...	...	Home	Won	3—1
v. St. Aubyns	...	...	Away	Won	3—0
v. St. Wilfrid's	...	...	Away	Lost	1—2
v. Normansal	...	...	Away	Drawn	3—3

v. Temple Grove	...	...	Home	Won	5-0
v. Chelmsford Hall	...	...	Home	Won	3-1
v. Ladycross	...	...	Home	Lost	2-3
v. St. Wilfrid's	...	...	Home	Won	3-1
v. Cliff View	...	...	Home	Won	3-0
v. St. Bede's	...	...	Home	Won	4-1

Team: A. J. B. Hope, B. B. Henderson, C. M. D. Lines, M. P. Buckle, N. J. Fisher, M. A. Spencer, D. R. W. B. Huggins, J. M. Wellesley, A. M. Buchanan, A. C. Ferguson (Captain), M. D. Lines.

3RD XI

Played 5; Won 1, Drawn 2, Lost 2; Goals: for 14, against 9

v. Newlands	...	...	Away	Won	7-0
v. St. Wilfrid's	...	...	Away	Lost	0-1
v. Chelmsford Hall	...	...	Home	Lost	4-5
v. Ladycross	...	...	Away	Drawn	1-1
v. St. Wilfrid's	...	...	Home	Drawn	2-2

Team: N. A. Lumsden, C. L. Younghusband, P. E. Goldworthy, A. P. Hagger, J. D. Lumsden, M. A. Ross, G. V. H. Gilbert, S. P. Cooper, D. P. C. McLaughlin, T. M. Lubbock (Captain), N. C. S. Moy.

4TH XI

Played 1; Won 0, Drawn 0, Lost 1; Goals: for 0, against 1

v. Ladycross	Home	Lost	0-1
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Team: J. M. Wellesley, C. F. N. Stafford, J. R. Burgess, P. W. McGrath, D. P. C. McLaughlin (Captain), R. I. Sampson, T. W. S. Blake, M. A. Ross, S. F. H. Jones, N. A. Lumsden, C. A. McGrath.

COLTS' XI

Played 11; Won 2, Drawn 2, Lost 7; Goals: for 11, against 28

v. Newlands	...	...	Home	Lost	1-4
v. St. Bede's	...	...	Away	Won	4-2
v. Ladycross	...	...	Away	Lost	0-3
v. Normansal	...	...	Home	Won	2-0
v. Mowden School	...	...	Away	Drawn	0-0
v. St. Wilfrid's	...	...	Home	Lost	0-4
v. Normansal	...	...	Away	Lost	1-3
v. Ladycross	...	...	Home	Lost	0-3
v. St. Wilfrid's	...	...	Away	Lost	1-2
v. Glengorse	...	...	Away	Lost	0-5
v. St. Bede's	...	...	Away	Drawn	2-2

Team: M. C. Erskine-Hill, S. G. Allen, J. J. Bryans, A. E. J. Chaplin, S. M. Pratt, A. H. H. Turner, P. W. Baker, T. W. S. Blake, S. F. H. Jones, A. D. Staples, M. H. Milln (Captain).

UNDER-10 XI

Played 10; Won 4, Drawn 3, Lost 3; Goals: for 18, against 17

v. Newlands	...	...	Home	Won	2-1
v. Newlands	...	...	Away	Won	2-1
v. St. Bede's	...	...	Home	Drawn	1-1
v. Ladycross	...	...	Home	Lost	1-2



"Sir! He's eaten my last sweet"

"All the top teams have one nowadays"



v. St. Wilfrid's ...	...	...	Away	Drawn	1—1
v. Normansal ...	...	...	Away	Won	2—0
v. Ladycross ...	...	...	Away	Lost	1—6
v. Normansal ...	...	...	Home	Lost	1—3
v. St. Wilfrid's ...	...	...	Home	Won	5—0
v. St. Bede's ...	...	...	Away	Drawn	2—2

Team: D. J. Erskine-Hill, J. A. Bedford, J. Freeman-Attwood, C. A. Craig-Harvey, R. H. Prest, S. M. Pratt, P. B. Herrmann, S. T. Fowler, S. F. H. Jones (Captain), A. D. Staples, N. H. Fiddian-Green.

UNDER-9 XI

Played 2; Won 0, Drawn 0, Lost 2; Goals: for 0, against 7

v. St. Bede's ...	...	...	Away	Lost	0—3
v. St. Bede's ...	...	...	Home	Lost	0—4

Team: T. J. Mann, O. C. St. J. Hoare, C. P. B. Burgoyne, G. N. B. Varney, R. M. Browning, P. E. Higson, C. R. W. Barkshire, J. D. B. McGrigor, J. A. Bedford, B. W. Jenkins, J. W. T. Fisher (Captain).
Set Match Points: Blues 28; Reds 22; Whites 22.



Cricket.



Once again we had a plentiful supply of good bowlers in the senior game and there were a number of youngsters in the junior games with good bowling potential; but, once again, the young batsmen of promise did not quite make the grade and the matches we lost were lost by our lack of real batting strength. If our openers were given the chance to settle in, they generally gave a good account of themselves and the whole team gained confidence; but when the first few batsmen were ineffective then the attacking spirit seemed to drain away and the "tail" scarcely twitched!

The 1st XI played 7 matches, won 4 and lost 3. This is a fair indication of the team's ability; we were somewhere in the middle — better than the poor sides and not good enough to beat the good sides.

We started the season with an easy win against Normansal, scoring

116 runs for the loss of 8 wickets—Bowring being the top scorer with 21 with Gillett and Gibson close behind with 19 each. There was some forceful, determined batting but one longed to see the more graceful shots of a “natural” batsman. Our bowlers did well but failed to penetrate quickly enough. The last over came when they had 52 runs on the board and 2 wickets in hand—then Gillett took these remaining wickets in 5 balls and won the match.

There was another easy win for us against St. Wilfrid’s: Both our bowling and fielding were of a high order (Gillett 2 for 5; Lawrence 4 for 8) and we had only 39 runs against us when we went in to bat. This we achieved for the loss of only 2 wickets, Gillett and Bowring both carrying their bats for 15 and 16 runs respectively.

It was a sad and different story in our match at St. Bede’s. Over confidence was the real trouble; our first two wins had come far too easily.

Lawrence opened well and hit 3 fours—and then missed the line of the ball and nicked one to the wicket-keeper. Jones called for a silly run and Gillett paid the penalty with his score at 2. Bowring started well but returned a really hot one to the bowler who managed to hold on to it. Groom had a valuable knock of 23 before poking up a catch. Of our total of 42 runs, Lawrence and Groom contributed 37—which leaves little to be said of the remainder of the team!

Bowring and Gillett both had good opening spells of bowling, the wickets falling at 1 for 2; 2 for 6; and 3 for 25. But after this the attack dwindled and the fourth batsman scored 30 not out and we lost the match by 8 wickets.

This result was particularly disappointing, as I am convinced that we were by far the better side.

Ladycross brought over a very strong team. Bowring started the attack well, dismissing their first 5 batsmen for only 36 runs—a phenomenon which had not occurred before!—but their tail wagged only too well and they ran up a total of 112 runs. Fisher, with his slow spinners bowled out their 4 last batsmen for 15 runs but he was brought on far too late to affect the score.

A feature of this innings was our sharp and decisive fielding; only one hard chance was missed.

With such a formidable total against them and a Ladycross bowler who was really fast and very accurate, our batsmen could only scrape together a mere 44 runs.

The tide turned again in the match with St. Aubyns. Bowring, who captained the team in the absence of Gillett, and Lawrence, both bowling extremely well, dismissed our opponents for 22 runs.

In reply, we scored the required number of runs for the loss of 3 wickets.

The batting on both sides in the match against Newlands was, frankly, deplorable. St. Peter’s batted first and scored 39 runs, including 5 extras! Bowring might have stopped the rot but he was caught on the boundary, after hitting a couple of fours; the other batsmen were all in very poor shape against moderately good bowling.

When we took the field, the position seemed hopeless enough—40

runs to win was an easy target for any team!

But Bowring, ably supported by excellent fielding, had a devastating spell of bowling to get 8 wickets for as many runs and the whole side was dismissed for a total of 32. We had scraped home by 7 runs!

We played Chelmsford Hall at Eastbourne at a rather unfortunate time. Our best players had just returned from a spell of mountain climbing at Bowles!—and our opponents held an unbeaten record for the season! We did manage to dislodge 3 of their opening batsmen but they scored a total of 98 runs.

Our own batsmen then faced up to a fast bowler who was out to beat the school record of 59 wickets for a season! He achieved his record and we achieved 20 runs!

The 2nd XI played 6 matches, won 2, drew 1 and lost 3.

There were no outstanding performances from the batsmen but Prest, Parsons and Brock gave good accounts of themselves as bowlers. Buchanan’s courage and ability in the field was a feature of nearly every match.

The Colts XI played 5 matches, won 1 and lost 4.

Henderson gave some promising performances with the bat but the side was disappointing—there were hardly any “natural” cricketers to strengthen us next year. Rivington was the most consistent of the bowlers and Allen, Erskine-Hill and Turner were always to be relied upon in the field.

FINAL TEAMS:

1st XI: *J. R. P. Gillett (Captain), *C. H. Groom, *S. R. Bowring, *J. M. B. Gibson (wicket-keeper), *C. J. Lawrence, M. H. H. Jones, E. H. Leigh, T. J. E. Harries, N. J. Fisher, M. A. Spencer, A. C. Ferguson.

*Colours

2nd XI: C. J. Jackson (Captain), J. C. Mitchell (wicket-keeper), A. J. B. Hope, F. J. J. Parsons, A. G. M. Reader, T. W. Prest, M. D. W. Lines, C. R. Brock, A. H. Beck, A. M. Buchanan, R. J. Sampson.

Colts XI: Rivington (Captain), Milla (wicket-keeper), Henderson, Turner, Blake, Erskine-Hill i, Jones ii, Allen, Lubbock ii, Mandy, Baker ii.

SUMMARY OF SEASON

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
1st XI	7	4	—	3
2nd XI	6	2	1	3
Colts XI	5	1	—	4
3rd XI	2	1	—	1
	20	8	1	11

SET MATCHES

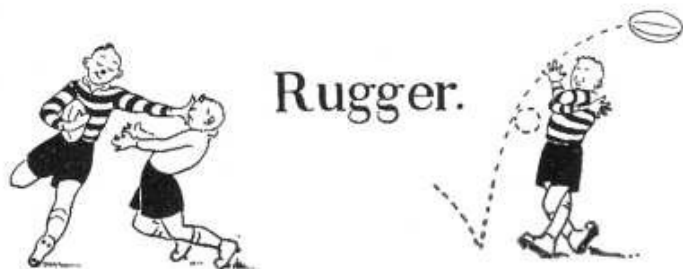
Reds 1st; Whites 2nd; Blues 3rd.

Reds and Whites tied with 28 points but Reds won the “play-off” that was specially arranged.

<i>Cricket Cup:</i>	S. R. Bowring.
<i>Bowling Cup:</i>	J. R. P. Gillett.
<i>Fielding Cup:</i>	A. M. Buchanan.

Medals

2nd Game:	H. R. Rivington; A. H. H. Turner; J. A. de Pourtales.
3rd Game:	C. C. Gore.
4th Game:	R. A. B. Guy.
5th Game:	R. H. Prest.



As predicted, there was more talent available behind the scrum this year, and it was clear from the start that our main strength would lie in the attacking flair of the backs. To a great extent, therefore, success in school matches was going to depend on the ability of the half-backs to provide a quick enough service from the base of the scrum to enable the back division to show its paces, and also the ability of the forwards to gain sufficient quality possession of the ball. As it turned out, both the half-back pair and the forwards acquitted themselves well in this respect, as shown by the fact that the 1st XV was able to put up 125 points in only nine matches. Had it not been for one big score, against an exceptionally large and skilful team, the final points tally would have come out in our favour. Thanks to the 2nd XV, who had a very successful season, the final points tally for all teams combined was in our favour, and clearly reflected the willingness of the school teams, at all levels, to play positive, attacking football.

The season began well with a resounding victory against St. Bede's. The backs saw plenty of the ball and ran in 10 tries, three of which were converted. Bryans i and Groom combined exceptionally well in the centre, and although Bryans claimed the honours, with five touchdowns, at least three of his tries were set up by Groom, who made the break and timed his final pass to perfection. Gibson, the pack leader, also scored two splendid tries, the direct result of his willingness to lead his forwards from the front. Two new developments in our forward play,

in particular, paid dividends in this match. The first was the technique whereby the ball carrier, instead of turning into his opponent at the point of impact, drives into him with his shoulder, at the same time slipping the ball onto his trailing hip, so that the next forward up can take it from him before the remaining forwards bind, the advantage lying in the fact that both ball and feeder are sheltered under the apex of the wedge thus formed. The second technique was that of 'smuggling' the ball in a ruck, followed by a quick break on the blind side by a wing forward. Spencer i, in particular, proved himself an adept exponent of this technique.

The match against Newlands was, as usual, a tough one. The forwards held their own against a much heavier pack and the backs produced some good moves which led to three tries. For the first time, however, members of the XV were required to demonstrate their defensive skills in a school match, and once again this perennial weakness revealed itself. Senior members of the team who had shown, in practice games, that they could tackle low were now drawn like magnets to the necks of their opponents, who invariably responded in the appropriate manner. It was left to some of the younger, and smaller, members of the team, such as Lines i, Buchanan, and Jones i, to show that the correct method is not only the safest, but also the most effective way of bringing an opponent down. It is to be hoped that the introduction of a tackling cup, won this year by Lines i, will help to encourage greater proficiency in this vital department of the game. It is to be hoped, also, that next season all members of the XV will try to emulate the achievements of the tacklers in the team so that it is the non-tacklers, rather than the tacklers, who will stand out as exceptions.

The St. Wilfrid's pack was both heavy and mobile, and this meant that we saw little of the ball, and the backs were given few opportunities to show what they could do. Nevertheless, the team as a whole gave a most spirited performance, and for the first fifteen minutes of the second half, when St. Wilfrid's were only a few points up, we took command of the game, shoved their pack off the ball and came near to scoring on several occasions. However, possibly because they were so much in awe of their coach, who was becoming increasingly agitated on the touchline, our opponents gradually re-established their grip up front and emerged as the winners.

Our first match against Normansal was one of the best of the season, for it involved two evenly-matched teams, neither of which was prepared to give an inch. A fine individual display by Groom led to two splendid tries, both of which were converted by Bowring, a most dependable kicker. Normansal, however, fought back with determination and with the score at 10-6, and St. Peter's attacking strongly, they made one last effort with two minutes to go. A sudden, mighty clearance up field from the 25, and Mitchell, our full back, was the sole obstacle between our line and three advancing forwards. Wisely, perhaps, in the circumstances, he fell on the ball and with no support, and unable to get it away, held on grimly. From the resulting penalty Normansal began a movement only ten yards from our line, hoping

for a try and the conversion which would give them victory by a single point. Somehow we managed to keep them out until the match was brought to a timely end by the referee.

Little need be said about the Mowden match. One of the most successful school teams in Sussex, they had a very large, very fast, extremely well-trained pack, and some very fast and elusive backs. They were also blessed with a place kicker who was clearly some relation of Bob Hiller's. Our opponents enjoyed almost total possession of the ball, and in spite of some heroic defensive work by Lines i, Jones i, Hope and Buchanan, there was little that we could do against such a skilful team.

Our return match against Normansal was a disappointing game, not least because they gained their revenge. Once again, our covering and tackling left a great deal to be desired and, in spite of a fine solo effort by Bryans i, leading to a try which was converted by Bowring, it was Normansal's day. The match against Chelmsford Hall saw us in a more positive mood, and also produced an unusual event in school rugby, a dropped goal, coolly and ably taken by Bowring. Although one hesitates to say so, two decisions by the referee were unfortunate, to say the least, for one robbed us of what appeared to be a perfectly good try, while the other gave a try to our opponents. However, Chelmsford were probably the better team and deserved their victory.

St. Aubyns proved to be a very weak team and we enjoyed something of a field day, which did something to erase the memory of the Mowden match. Eleven tries were scored, seven of which were converted by Bowring. In our last match, however, we once again found ourselves up against a good side, Ladycross, who were unbeaten. Although they clearly had the edge on us, in most departments of the game, it was not until the last quarter that our opponents were able to pile on the pressure. Indeed, the Ladycross coach said, not merely I think out of a sense of diplomacy, that up to this point it had been one of their closest games of the season.

Mention should be made of some individual contributions during the season. The XV was captained with great efficiency by Groom, who successfully combined the difficult role of captain with that of principal tactician. If he can develop a rather more aggressive attitude towards the game, and improve his tackling, he could become a very good player, for he has a fine pair of hands, a side-step and a swerve, an instinctive eye for the break, and he is a splendid passer of the ball. Gibson, his vice-captain and pack leader, led his forwards with energy and enthusiasm, and his developing skills as a player were clearly demonstrated, at the end of the season, in a remarkable individual performance in the Set match between Blues and Whites. He was well supported by his forwards, most of whom made up for their lack of weight by their speed on to the loose ball. Jackson did some sterling work as hooker, Hurlstone in the line-outs, while Spencer i, Goldsworthy i, Hope, Buchanan and Stafford i, all worked well. Jones i gave good service, and a good service, as scrum-half, and his partner, Bowring, unselfishly concentrated on getting his backs away with well-timed passes rather than seeking individual glory in solo breaks. On their day

Groom and Bryans i were a delight to watch, and Lines i and Wellesley, on the wings, produced some exciting runs. Although one of the smallest members of the team Lines i was also one of its most courageous members, and it is a great loss to us that we shall not enjoy his services next season. Wellesley will still be with us and, with his increasing confidence in his own undoubted abilities, he could be one of the most valuable members of the team. Mitchell did some courageous things at full back but his lack of speed, so vital when covering in defence, and also when positioning to catch a high kick, was a drawback and the position finally went to Lawrence. If he is to retain this position next year he will also have to speed up, and improve his tackling as well. Good divers do not, automatically, make good tacklers!

With six of the team remaining, and several members of the 2nd XV and some good Colts in the offing, next year's prospects are good. If these players are prepared to work hard at developing their basic skills and are able to approach the game with as much enthusiasm as this year's 1st and 2nd XV's then we can look forward to another enjoyable and, hopefully, even more successful season, next year.

The 2nd XV had one of their best seasons for several years, losing only one of their matches, and running up a total of 145 points against 41. The forwards learnt the necessity for possession early on in the season, and with a reliable service from the half-backs, Cooper and Fisher, the backs had little to complain about, except perhaps that they had to do so much running with the ball! Once the ball reached the end of the line Carritt and Gore, two of the fastest boys in the school, were able to use their speed to great advantage. Gillett proved himself a useful kicker of the ball and, in the scrum, Cotton, Ferguson i, Pragnell and Reader deserve mention as hard workers. Much of the credit for the team's success undoubtedly goes to their coach, Richard Steel, and he will be greatly missed next year, both on and off the field.

The Colts also had a good season and were, as usual, an exciting team to watch. They won their first three games by playing open, aggressive football, which led to several fine tries by the backs. In the last two matches, up against heavier packs, the team never lost this attacking spirit and kept going right up to the final whistle. Leigh proved himself a worthy captain, both by courageous example at fly-half and also by his good tactical handling of the team. He has now learnt to run straight, and he has also disciplined himself to become a fine distributor of the ball. He was well-served by Lumsden ii, an india-rubber 'natural', at scrum-half. He took some time to develop his service but eventually his long, accurate passes to Leigh were a joy to watch, and he also made some exciting breaks on the blind side. Beck made a trustworthy full-back and saved many certain tries by his courageous tackling. Generally speaking, however, the tackling was not as good as it should have been, too often deteriorating, under pressure, into aggressive 'scragging'. There is nothing to beat the clean, low tackle, as the team found to its cost in the last two matches. Turner and Prest i were promising centres and Henderson and Allen did some good work on the wings. Lines ii led the pack with tremendous verve and his forwards responded with equal enthusiasm; in fact a feature of

every match was the good forward play. Hoare, the hooker, was ably propped by the McGrath brothers, and Moy, Baker ii, Bryans ii and Hagger all deserve mention for their whole-hearted support. A good season, with some talented performers who will certainly represent the school next year.

The Set matches were extremely hard fought, with Blues, led by the captain and vice-captain of the 1st XV, emerging as the winners. Unlike last year, however, they by no means had things their own way, and only some exceptional play by Gibson, in particular, assured them of the cup. The Individual cup went to Gibson and the Tackling cup to Lines i. 1st game medals were awarded to Groom, Bryans i and Bowring; Colts medals to Leigh, Lines ii and Lumsden ii.

T. J. H. CHAPPEL

SUMMARY OF SEASON

1ST XV

Played 9; Won 3; Drawn 0; Lost 6; Points for 125, against 149

v. St. Bede's	...	...	Home	Won	36-0
v. Newlands	...	...	Home	Lost	13-21
v. St. Wilfrid's	...	...	Home	Lost	3-21
v. Normansal	...	...	Home	Won	10-6
v. Mowden	...	...	Away	Lost	0-68
v. Normansal	...	...	Away	Lost	5-19
v. Chelmsford Hall	...	...	Away	Lost	6-14
v. St. Aubyns	...	...	Away	Won	49-0
v. Ladycross	...	...	Home	Lost	3-28

Team: C. J. Lawrence, *C. M. D. Lines, *M. E. Bryans, *C. H. Groom (Captain), J. M. Wellesley, *S. R. Bowring, M. H. H. Jones, J. H. N. Stafford, †C. I. Jackson, P. E. Goldsworthy, *J. M. B. Gibson (vice-captain), R. A. Hurlstone, M. A. Spencer, A. J. B. Hope, *A. M. Buchanan.

2ND XV

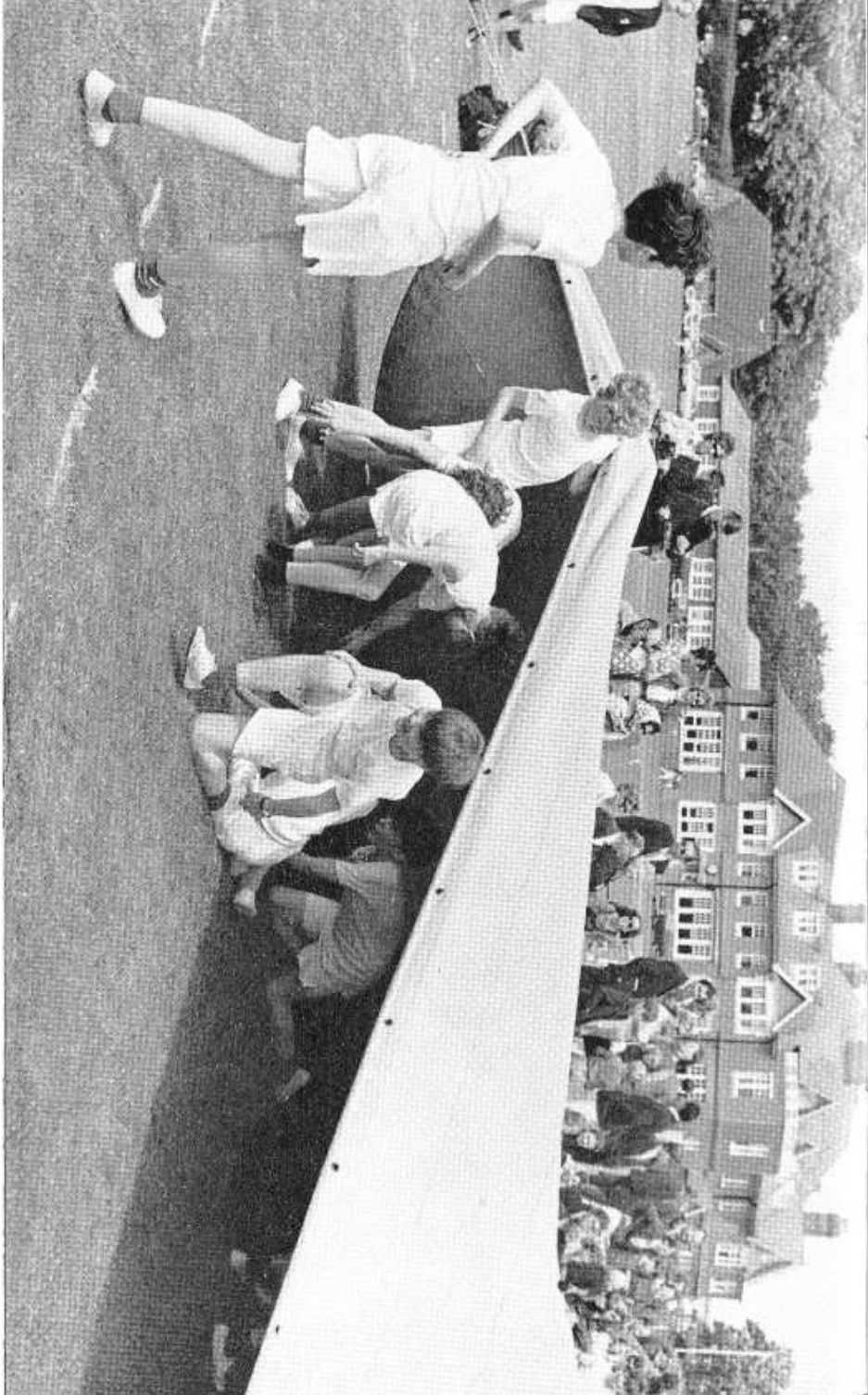
Played 6; Won 5; Drawn 0; Lost 1; Points for 145, against 41

v. Newlands	...	...	Away	Won	33-0
v. St. Wilfrid's	...	...	Away	Won	10-3
v. Normansal	...	...	Home	Won	6-3
v. Normansal	...	...	Away	Won	11-8
v. Chelmsford Hall	...	...	Away	Won	43-0
v. Ladycross	...	...	Away	Lost	0-19

Team: J. C. Mitchell, H. A. B. Carritt, M. P. Buckle, J. R. P. Gillett (Captain), N. J. Fisher, S. P. Cooper, A. G. M. Reader, C. L. Younghusband, C. E. Liddell, A. C. Ferguson (vice-captain), T. M. W. Pragnell, C. E. H. Cotton, R. I. Sampson, C. R. Brock, J. Gavin.



"I am sure you would find it very cheap to run"



COLTS XV

Played 6; Won 3; Drawn 1; Lost 2; Points for 53, against 40

v. St. Bede's	...	...	Home	Won	17-0
v. Newlands	...	...	Home	Won	3-0
v. St. Wilfrid's	...	...	Home	Won	30-0
v. Mowden	...	...	Away	Drawn	3-3
v. Newlands	...	...	Away	Lost	0-21
v. Ladycross	...	...	Home	Lost	0-17

Team: A. H. Beck, B. B. Henderson, A. H. H. Turner, T. W. Prest, S. G. Allen, E. H. Leigh (Captain), N. A. Lumsden, P. W. McGrath, C. H. St. J. Hoare, C. A. McGrath, M. D. W. Lines, A. P. Hagger, J. P. Bryans, N. C. S. Moy, D. C. Baker.

3RD XV

Played 1; Won 0; Drawn 0; Lost 1; Points for 3, against 6

Team: G. S. Le Fanu, D. P. C. McLaughlin, C. S. N. Randall (Captain), D. R. W. B. Huggins, T. M. Lubbock, N. T. Liddell, M. A. Ross, R. A. Campbell, E. L. Le Fanu, G. V. H. Gilbert, T. J. E. Harries, F. J. J. Parsons, D. C. Baker, M. L. B. Varney, R. I. Sampson.

Set Rugger Cup: Blues.

Individual Rugger Cup: J. M. B. Gibson.

Tackling Cup: C. M. D. Lines.

Medals

1st Game: C. H. Groom, M. E. Bryans, S. R. Bowring.

Colts: E. H. Leigh, M. D. W. Lines, N. A. Lumsden.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

Once again, competitive running was confined to three Cradle Valley runs, with the emphasis on team effort. Each Set produced a team of 20 runners, and the standard time was lowered on each successive run. The holders, Reds, produced a very strong team and retained the Cup with 42 standards, as against Whites with 32 and Blues with 27. No individual running cup was awarded.

T. J. H. CHAPPEL

SQUASH

The Squash Competition was held in February and probably attracted the greatest number of boys ever. Thirty-six boys entered and

the first two rounds dispensed with the "well-wishers". The quarter-finals saw only one impressive match: two 'Ladder' players, Reader and Lawrence showed a high standard of play. Reader, much the younger of the two, gave Lawrence a 'run for his money' by placing the ball well out of his opponents reach, but it was only Lawrence's speed that gave him victory (11-9, 4-9, 9-1). Groom had a convincing win over Mark Jones (9-3, 9-2) but the latter shows much promise for his age and his side-wall play certainly tested Groom on his speed, if not stamina. Gillett beat Charles Lines (9-4, 9-3), but was somewhat careless in his shots. Bowring showed no kindness to Hope (9-0, 9-0) who did well to get this far in the competition.

In the Semi-Finals Groom met Gillett, here Groom was slow to get off the mark and pace Gillett, but he soon showed his superior skill by winning 9-7, 9-4, 9-1 in a 5 game match. In the other match, Lawrence did not let Bowring outplay him, both went hard into the game. Bowring's fast and accurate serve sometimes beat his opponent, but Lawrence made up for this with his speed around the court. Bowring's capability to manipulate drop-shots from returning the ball off the back-wall, soon had Lawrence in trouble, but the latter retaliated well with low hard shots along the side-walls. Bowring's service was constant and good, while Lawrence's was more erratic, had he not thrown his service away by double-faulting on occasions, he could have possibly tilted the balance. However, Bowring finally won a well-fought contest 9-6, 5-9, 9-4, 7-9, 9-7.

In the Final, Groom was tipped, by various camp followers, to be the winner and it turned out to be a very interesting contest. Bowring thought out each move and was soon exploiting Groom's weakness to turn about to take the back-hand shot by using his low, hard, driving shots. Bowring took the first game 9-2, in which he placed very accurate services and it was only by lucky returns that Groom was able to obtain the service. In the second game, Bowring was leading 5-2, but some good side-wall play by Groom soon took the latter to 7-5, but after serving a double fault, Bowring came back to win 9-7. In the following game, Bowring mastered his placing of his drop-shots and beat Groom 9-5. In the fourth game, Groom came back showing his skill of former matches in the Competition. He placed the ball well out of his opponent's reach with good use of the back-hand wall and took the game to 8-5, but after serving two faults, Bowring with his accurate service, came back to win 10-8, thus winning 9-2, 9-7, 9-5, 10-8 in a seven game match.

We hope to take the following boys to Surbiton in the Easter holidays to represent St. Peter's in the Preparatory Schools Squash Tournament: Christopher Groom, Mark Jones, Andrew Reader, Christopher Lawrence, Mark Gibson and Christopher Younghusband.

P. J. PLUGGER



Judo.



During the last 2 terms we have had 3 big Judo Events.

First a match against Windsby House school, Hastings (30.11.70) with 10 boys in the team. The afternoon started with all boys mixing up for free practice followed by the match against the older boys of Windsby House. St. Peter's fought hard and we lost by only half a throw. (Windsby House 47 — St. Peter's 40).

The next event in our judo calendar was a visit by Mr. G. R. Gleeson 6th Dan. National Coach. He showed us 3 different throws and how to link them together finishing with a strong pin.

The 3 throws were:

Tomoe-nage	—	Spinning throw.
Ko-soto-gari	—	Outside leg hook.
Uchi-mata	—	Inside leg lift.

And the pin we tried is Kami-shiho-gatame — Upper body pin.

Finally our Judo competition. In the junior lightweight, some very determined boys. Rowse beat Varney ii in the finals with a pin.

The *junior heavyweight* was dominated by Bryans iii. He has tried hard all term and deserved to win. The other semi-finalists were Spencer ii, Jones ii, and Davis.

There are some very good boys in the *intermediate lightweight*. The semi-finalists had some hard fights to get there. Both Lumsden ii and Lines ii beat their opponents Gilbert and E. Hill i with pins, then in the finals, Lumsden ii managed to throw Line ii with Tai-otoshi (body drop) after a fight that see-sawed first one way then the other.

In the *intermediate heavy* Wellesley got a very quick pin on Beck (11 seconds) to win. Jones took the full time to beat Bryans ii. Jones i had some success with sasae-tsuri-komiashi (foot stop) and played much the same against Wellesley, knocking him down 4 times.

Lucas won the *senior lightweight*. He despatched his opponents in record time, 5 seconds against Wootton, 11 seconds against Cotton who was last year's champion, and in the finals 2 seconds against Jackson. In the earlier bouts Jackson also had some quick wins.

In the finals at the command Hajime (begin) Lucas moved like lightning, one arm around Jackson's neck, Hoshi-guruma (hip wheel) 2 seconds!

The *senior heavyweight* concerned the four semi-finalists, Buchanan, Bowring, Gibson and Groom. Bowring beat a very game Buchanan and Groom won after a very hard and tiring fight against Gibson. In the finals Groom just had the edge over Bowring.

I think again we have had 2 good Judo terms. My thanks go to Bowring as Judo Captain.

G. T. M. BALDWIN

FIVES

For the first time for many years, the Old Citizens did not send a team to demonstrate the art of Eton Fives, and to coach our players. Illness had prevented their visit, planned for 14th March.

A match was played against St. Wilfrid's on 28th February. Once again their players were more experienced and more skilled than ours.

The results were:—

<i>1st pair:</i>	Groom and Bowring	lost 4—12, 3—12
<i>2nd pair:</i>	Gillett and Lawrence	lost 3—12, 0—12
<i>3rd pair:</i>	Gibson and Mitchell	lost 4—12, 9—12

In the Set Matches Blues proved decisively the best Pairs, and did not concede a game in the whole series. The results were:—

<i>1st Pairs:</i>	Blues beat Whites	12—8, 12—5
	Blues beat Reds	12—4, 12—1
	Whites beat Reds	12—8, 5—12, 12—2
<i>2nd Pairs:</i>	Blues beat Reds	12—2
	Blues beat Whites	12—8
	Whites beat Reds	12—3

The representation of the Sets were:—

	<i>1st Pairs:</i>	<i>2nd Pairs:</i>
<i>Blues</i>	Groom, Gibson	Lawrence, Hope
<i>Whites</i>	Bowring, Priest	Pragnell, M. Lines
<i>Reds</i>	Gillett, Mitchell	Leigh, Readen

H. R. ROWLAND

TENNIS

There were 25 official tennis-players, but the popularity of the game can be judged from the fact that over 70 boys brought their own

tennis racquets to school, and the courts were seldom unoccupied — except during lessons and meals.

The first inter-school tennis match — at least for a very long time — was played against Normansal. Each of our three pairs won at least one match, and our first pair, Nicholas Liddell and Claude Randall, won all three of theirs. The overall result was a win by six matches to three.

In the singles competition there were 38 entries. The semi-finalists were Groom v. Gillett and Cotton v. Lawrence. The first-named in each case came through without great difficulty. In the final Groom showed devastating form to win the first set at 6—1. Cotton came back with some good variation of forehand drive and undercut chop-shots, winning the second set at 6—5. In the final set Groom got the speed and length of his powerful drives going again, and won the set at 6—2.

The Set Tennis matches were played on the last Sunday of the term, under ideal conditions. Nicholas Liddell and Stephen Bowring, the Whites first pair, did well to beat all opponents, including the fancied Blues pair, Groom and Gibson. But in spite of this Blues collected enough points to come out on top.

The points were:—

Blues 16	Whites 12	Reds 11
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Representing the Sets were:—

	<i>Blues</i>	<i>Whites</i>	<i>Reds</i>
<i>1st pair:</i>	Groom	N. Liddell	Cotton
	Gibson	Bowring	Randall
<i>2nd pair:</i>	M. Jones	A. Ferguson	Gillett
	Lawrence	A. Varney	N. Fisher
<i>3rd pair:</i>	Hope	C. Lines	Carritt
	Hurlstone	M. Spencer	Jackson

Twelve pairs entered for an informal staff-and-boys Mexican tournament, played over two days. The players thoroughly enjoyed it (particularly the refreshments kindly supplied) and so too apparently did the spectators. T.J.H.C. and Stephen Bowring emerged as the winning combination.

H. R. ROWLAND



Shooting.



At the start of the Easter Term the national postal strike loomed darkly over our activities as all our competition targets are sent through the post. Happily this problem was soon ingeniously resolved by the school, and we settled down to an excellent term's sport. No less than 7 boys qualified as Marksmen, a sterling effort. One of these was Mark Buckle who, in his first term's shooting provided an excellent example of what can be achieved with enthusiasm, determination, and above all, concentration. Tony Carritt and Mark Varney, winner and runner-up respectively in the Lady Ball Cup, were awarded their colours, and we lost one of our team, Marc Bryans, to his public school.

It was a shock to learn from the N.R.A. that owing to pressure of work, the Imperial Shield was not going to be competed for this year. We all hope that this Commonwealth competition, with which St. Peter's has for so long been associated, will soon be reorganised and back to normal.

During the Summer Term we saw some of the best shooting by individuals for quite some time, but, if you study the results, they are no better than other terms. Why? The answer lies in the fact that this is a team sport, and the team can only be as strong as its weakest member. It only needs one boy to shoot badly, whether through over-confidence or lack of concentration, to bring the team average crashing down. Robin Hurlstone gained his colours this term, and succeeded in winning the Lady Ball Cup from Carritt who was runner-up. Both these boys were awarded a Donegal badge, the highest shooting honour of the year.

As often happens, the Autumn Term saw the shooting eight badly depleted; 6 boys, Carritt, Varney, Hurlstone, Groom, Cotton and Gibson having left. However Christopher Youngusband, the new Captain, and Gillett remained to form a nucleus on which to build a new team. This consisted of Buckle, Brock, Baker, Lucas, Fisher, and Wellesley. The weather was kind, (our range is unfortunately not covered in) we had plenty of opportunity to practice, and we were soon shaking down well and achieving some creditable results. In November we had a keenly contested match Boys v. Staff, which the Staff finally won by 17 points. Three boys, Buckle, Gillett and Brock were awarded their colours.

R. BALKWILL-SMITH

PREPARATORY SCHOOL'S SHIELDS 1971

(St. Patrick's)

Easter Term	Score	Position
1st VIII	718	13th out of 34 schools
Summer Term		
1st VIII	697	19th out of 42 schools
Autumn Term		
1st VIII	704	14th out of 64 schools

HARVEY HADDEN CHALLENGE TROPHY 1971

(for boys under 15 years in schools, British Legion, A.C.F. & C.C.F.)

Easter Term	Score	Position
A Team (4 boys)	718	18th
B Team (4 boys)	715	20th
Summer Term		
A Team	721	11th
B Team	659	16th
Autumn Term		
A Team	719	16th
B Team	630	28th

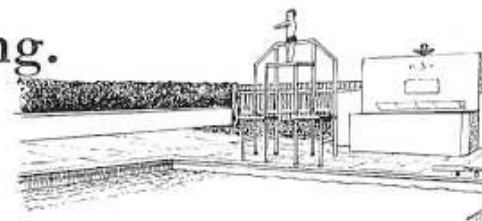
THE SET SHOOT SHIELD (Poss. 400)

Easter Term	Summer Term	Autumn Term
1. Blues 292	1. Blues 363	1. Reds 325
2. Whites 273	2. Reds 336	2. Whites 314
3. Reds 238	3. Whites 326	3. Blues 312

LADY BALL CUP AVERAGE (Poss. 70)

Shooting Captain				
Easter:	Gillett	1. Carritt	64.5	(cup)
		2. Varney	63.7	(medal)
Summer:	Cotton	1. Hurlstone	65.9	(cup)
		2. Carritt	64.5	(medal)
Autumn:	Youngusband	1. Buckle	65.8	(cup)
		2. Gillett	63.7	(medal)

Swimming.



Once again we were fortunate in having a fine day for the Sports. The standard of swimming and diving was quite high, but as a competition between the three Sets it was not exciting this year, since Blues had all the best divers and most of the best swimmers. Only Allen among the Juniors stopped them from winning every cup.

For the Seniors Lawrence was outstanding, winning three events in times that compared favourably with the records. With every year that passes, of course, it is becoming more and more difficult to beat these. Mark Jones was easily the best Intermediate, and beat the 1968 record for the Freestyle by 1.8 seconds. Talent was more evenly spread amongst the Juniors, Allen winning with a first and second place in the three events. In the Plunge, Robin Hurlstone was an unexpected winner.

This year no one was sacrificed to Neptune. The prizes were kindly given away by Mrs. Sampson. B.

RESULTS

SENIORS

Open freestyle: 1, C. J. Lawrence; 2, Gibson; 3, C. L. Younghusband. Time 26.5 secs.

Open backstroke: 1, C. J. Lawrence; 2, M. H. H. Jones; 3, J. Gavin. Time 13.5 secs.

Breaststroke: 1, Gibson; 2, C. J. Lawrence; 3, C. S. Randall. Time 36.0 secs.

Diving: 1, C. J. Lawrence; 2, J. Gavin; 3, T. M. W. Pragnell.

Plunge: 1, R. A. Hurlstone; 2, C. E. Liddell ii; 3, J. M. Wellesley. Distance 37ft. lin.

INTERMEDIATE

Freestyle: 1, M. H. H. Jones; 2, M. D. W. Lines; 3, M. H. Milln. Time 27.9 secs.*

Breaststroke: 1, N. C. S. Moy; 2, M. H. H. Jones; 3, M. H. Milln. Time 37.0 secs.

Diving: 1, M. H. H. Jones; 2, R. I. Sampson; 3, de Pourtals

JUNIORS

Freestyle: 1, S. G. Allen; 2, S. F. H. Jones ii; 3, S. M. Pratt. Time 14.3 secs.

Breaststroke: 1, M. G. Wellings; 2, S. G. Allen; 3, S. F. H. Jones ii. Time 19.6 secs.

Diving: 1, A. D. Staples; 2, R. H. Prest ii; 3, D. J. Erskine-Hill ii.

SET RELAY

1, Blues; 2, Whites; 3, Reds. Time 1 min. 22.5 secs.

Blues: D. C. Baker i, S. F. H. Jones ii, M. H. H. Jones i, J. M. Wellesley, Gibson, C. J. Lawrence.

Whites: T. M. W. Pragnell, C. L. Younghusband, R. I. Sampson, M. D. W. Lines i, H. A. F. Lines ii, S. G. Allen.

Reds: F. Bakhtiar, R. A. Lubbock ii, J. R. P. Gillett, A. M. Buchanan, J. Gavin, C. E. H. Cotton.

Junior Swimming Cup: S. G. Allen (runner-up M. G. Wellings).

Intermediate Swimming Cup: M. H. H. Jones (runner-up N. C. S. Moy).

Senior Swimming Cup: C. J. Lawrence (runner-up Gibson).

Open Freestyle Cup: C. J. Lawrence.

Junior Diving Medal: A. D. Staples.

Intermediate Diving Medal: M. H. H. Jones.

Senior Diving Medal: C. J. Lawrence.

Plunge: R. Hurlstone.

SET CUP

1, Blues (82 pts.); 2, Whites (36 pts.); 3, Reds (14 pts.)



Sports.



There was even more excitement on Sports Day than usual this year because the Choir had to be at Glyndebourne by a certain time so we had to run (literally) to a very tight timetable. This meant, unfortunately, cutting out the Visitors Races and the Misses Binney and Lumsden were done out of their boxes of chocolates which was a shame. Never mind, there is always next year and the boxes shall be twice as big. Also the second team tug-of-war had to be sacrificed. Otherwise everything went well and the day was particularly notable for some very fine all round performances by Stephen Bowring who won so many Cups that he had to be taken home in a Securicor Van. Also it is well worth noting that Christopher Gore, having set up a record for the 200 metres in 1970 of 30.6 seconds, broke it yet again with a fine run of 29.9 seconds. Note that this year we have gone into metres for the first time. This is very "with-it" and up to date and is entirely due to the skill and enthusiasm of Reg. Evans who alone understands these things. Considering he marks out all the courses single handed and then conducts proceedings on the day it can be seen how splendidly a Cornishman can infiltrate into English country sports and pastimes! Many thanks to him. Mrs. Hurlstone gave away the prizes to our delight with great competence and charm and the Choir was not allowed to go until M.H.F. had been presented with a splendid Silver Salver by Mark Varney—a present from the parents of the boys taking part in The Queen of Spades. Proceedings then closed an hour earlier than usual with tea and sympathy for those about to be wedged into the traffic jams of Newhaven.

Below is an article written by Tim Chappel which speaks for itself. It only remains to be said that he and Gerard Baldwin put in a tremendous amount of work on this scheme which was a great success and gave a lot of pleasure to a lot of boys. We are very grateful to both of them.

H. J. FAREBROTHER

RESULTS

SENIORS

<i>Cricket Ball:</i>	1, S. R. Bowring; 2, C. J. Lawrence; 3, C. H. Groom. Distance: 61.3 m.
<i>High Jump:</i>	1, S. R. Bowring; 2, H. A. B. Carritt; 3, J. H. N. Stafford. Height: 1.37 m.
<i>100 Metres:</i>	1, H. A. B. Carritt; 2, S. R. Bowring; 3, J. M. B. Gibson. Time: 14.1 secs.
<i>Hurdles:</i>	1, S. R. Bowring; 2, H. A. B. Carritt; 3, L. A. Wootton. Time: 13.5 secs.
<i>200 Metres:</i>	1, S. R. Bowring; 2, H. A. B. Carritt; 3, C. H. Groom. Time: 30.3 secs.
<i>Long Jump:</i>	1, S. R. Bowring; 2, T. M. W. Pragnell; 3, J. R. P. Gillett. Length: 3.89 m.
<i>Senior Sports Cup:</i>	S. R. Bowring (33 pts.)
<i>Runner-up:</i>	H. A. B. Carritt (19 pts.)

INTERMEDIATES

<i>Cricket Ball:</i>	1, E. H. Leigh; 2, M. H. H. Jones; 3, N. A. Lumsden. Distance: 50.5 m.
<i>High Jump:</i>	1, T. W. Prest; 2, M. H. H. Jones; 3, E. H. Leigh. Height: 1.12 m.
<i>100 Metres:</i>	1, C. C. Gore; 2, A. H. H. Turner; 3, M. H. H. Jones. Time: 14.2 secs.
<i>Hurdles:</i>	1, C. C. Gore; 2, A. H. H. Turner; 3, G. V. H. Gilbert. Time: 14.0 secs.
<i>Long Jump:</i>	1, M. H. H. Jones; 2, G. V. H. Gilbert; 3, A. P. Hagger. Length: 3.93 m.
<i>200 Metres:</i>	1, C. C. Gore; 2, T. W. Prest; 3, M. H. H. Jones. Time: 29.9 secs.*
<i>Intermediate Sports Cup:</i>	C. C. Gore (15 pts.)
<i>Runner-up:</i>	M. H. H. Jones (13 pts.)

* Record

JUNIORS

<i>Cricket Ball:</i>	1, A. E. J. Chaplin; 2, C. R. Wace; 3, A. D. Staples. Distance: 37.9 m.
<i>High Jump:</i>	1, J. Freeman-Attwood; 2, R. A. Lubbock; 3, A. D. Staples. Height: 1.00 m.
<i>100 Metres:</i>	1, S. G. Allen; 2, S. F. H. Jones; 3, A. E. J. Chaplin. Time: 15.6 secs.
<i>Hurdles:</i>	1, S. G. Allen; 2, J. Freeman-Attwood; 3, A. E. J. Chaplin. Time: 11.1 secs.
<i>200 Metres:</i>	1, S. F. H. Jones; 2, A. E. J. Chaplin; 3, P. A. S. Rowse. Time: 33.4 secs.
<i>Long Jump:</i>	1, S. F. H. Jones; 2, S. G. Allen; 3, N. G. T. Newington. Length: 3.51 m.
<i>Junior Sports Cup:</i>	S. G. Allen, S. F. H. Jones (10 pts.)

RELAY RACE

<i>Seniors:</i>	1, Blues; 2, Whites; 3, Reds. Time: 30 secs.
<i>Intermediates:</i>	1, Reds; 2, Blues; 3, Whites. Time: 31.4 secs.

<i>Juniors:</i>	1, Blues; 2, Whites; 3, Reds. Time: 34 secs.
<i>Whole Set:</i>	1, Blues; 2, Reds; 3, Whites. Time: 2 min. 18.5 secs.
<i>First Team:</i>	1, Blues; 2, Whites; 3, Reds.
<i>Second Team:</i>	Not competed.

SET SPORTS CUP

1, Blues (297 pts.); 2, Whites (271 pts.); 3, Reds (264 pts.).

SPORTS MEDALS

	<i>Junior</i>	<i>Intermediate</i>
<i>Cricket Ball:</i>	A. E. J. Chaplin	E. H. Leigh
<i>High Jump:</i>	J. Freeman-Attwood	T. W. Prest
<i>Long Jump:</i>	S. F. H. Jones	M. H. H. Jones
<i>100 Metres:</i>	S. G. Allen	C. C. Gore
<i>Hurdles:</i>	S. G. Allen	C. C. Gore
<i>200 Metres:</i>	S. F. H. Jones	C. C. Gore

SPORTS CUPS

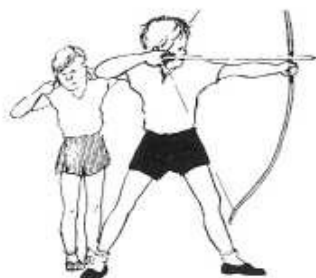
<i>Senior Cup:</i>	S. R. Bowring
<i>Intermediate Cup:</i>	C. C. Gore
<i>Junior Cup:</i>	S. G. Allen and S. F. H. Jones
<i>100 Metres:</i>	H. A. B. Carritt
<i>200 Metres:</i>	S. R. Bowring
<i>High Jump:</i>	S. R. Bowring
<i>Long Jump:</i>	S. R. Bowring
<i>Hurdles:</i>	S. R. Bowring and H. A. B. Carritt
<i>Throwing the Cricket Ball:</i>	S. R. Bowring

FIVE STAR AWARD SCHEME

This year, for the first time, we participated in the Amateur Athletic Association's Five Star Award Scheme. The advantage of this scheme is that it offers real incentives to the whole school and not merely to a gifted minority providing a carefully graduated series of tests for which points are awarded. As a result virtually every boy in the school was able to contribute towards the total number of points gained by his Set. The Scheme also has the extra status of an award offered by a national association.

Five boys, Leigh, Jones, Wellesley, Gore and Turner did well to win 5 Star awards. Gore, in fact, excelled himself, gaining sufficient points to qualify for a 5 Star award in the next age group up. He has been "reported" to the local representative of the Association and his future progress can now be said to be a matter of national interest!

T. J. H. CHAPPEL



Archery.

The unavoidable but unfortunate cancellation of the Archery Tournaments in the Summer Term of 1970 may perhaps account for the noticeable falling off in popularity of the sport this year. Whatever the reason for the diminished numbers, their enthusiasm was unimpaired and several boys never missed a single opportunity to shoot despite the many other claims on their time and interest.

17 stalwart bowmen assembled for this year's keenly fought contest, eight competing in the Junior Tournament and nine in the Senior. It was a perfect afternoon with warm sunshine and only the merest hint of a breeze to deflect the aim. The Juniors loosed ten rounds, Turner quickly establishing an unassailable lead. For second place the contest was fierce, first Moss then Parker ii leading the field; but slowly and surely Bowerman, almost the youngest competitor, began to overtake. Moving steadily ahead he finished 6 points in front of Parker and only 13 points behind the winner—Turner. In the Senior contest the going was just as exciting. It was anybody's match in the first half-dozen rounds. First Liddell ii, then Wootton forged ahead, but as the range was increased every four rounds, so the more powerful bowmen emerged. At the end of 12 rounds Parsons the Captain of Archery was the winner with Wellesley claiming second place.

One fact has emerged quite strongly this term. Boys must have bows and arrows tailored to their individual requirements. With the limited supply of elderly wooden bows available from school stocks, yearly diminishing as they become unsafe, the only way of achieving this is for boys to own their own, but here I would like to make a strong plea that parents should consult me before buying. Too many eager salesmen have supplied unsuspecting parents with unsuitable and outdated equipment. This could be dangerous for their sons, is a waste of money and leads to bitter disappointment.

At the end of the Tournaments the Archery Tea provided by Mrs. Farebrother surpassed every boy's eager anticipation and rounded off a most enjoyable afternoon.

R. BALKWILL-SMITH



MUSIC.



This year, every boy in the school played some part in actively making music. The largest role fell to the choir. On January 18th we recorded some of our favourite hymns for "Sing Alleluia", a half-hour radio programme on Sunday mornings with Andrew Cruikshank and some of these were broadcast on the 7th and 12th of February.

In February we began the most exciting of adventures when the choir started working for their part in the Glyndebourne production of Tchaikovsky's opera "The Queen of Spades". Twelve boys were chosen from the 17 to take part, the remainder acting as reserves. Each of the 12 had very impressive made to measure costumes. They had several lessons in Russian pronunciation from Mr. Sergei Nolbandov, which proved to be great fun. By the beginning of the Summer Term the boys were ready to join other members of the chorus at Glyndebourne for rehearsals. Then they were joined by the soloists and finally by the orchestra. There were 17 performances between May 23rd and June 29th and on the last night we celebrated in true tradition with the most wonderful party.

Towards the end of the Spring Term we held a small concert, in which the choir and several instrumentalists took part. This was good practice for the concerts held on November 20th and 21st in which the boys gave a very high standard of performance.

The choir have been out to sing on several occasions during the year: twice to the Old People of Seaford, then at Michelham Priory and Chiddingfold Church, at Eridge Church and Ringmer Park. All these events have given the choir a tremendous amount of pleasure and we do thank everyone concerned for inviting us.

There were two other events in school during the Autumn Term that involved the choir. The first was on the occasion of the Dedication of the stained glass windows in the chapel when we were very honoured to receive a visit from the Bishop of Chichester. The second was the Carol Service held on the 11th and 12th December. The chapel was packed each evening and the boys sang well.

Many boys continue to play a variety of instruments. We were sorry to lose Edward Le Fanu in July. He had served the school well with his very good violin playing. Timothy Harries and James Johnston

are proving to be promising pianists. They both passed Grade V at Christmas and deserve every success in the future. Michael Kane and John Nivison did well to pass Grade II Piano and Grade III Trumpet respectively.

We were sorry to say goodbye to Janet Hodgson, our violin teacher, and we are very grateful to her for all she has done and to Mrs. Walker who deputised for a few weeks. Mr. Nicholas Bomford, who taught brass here for two years left at Christmas and our thanks go to him as well.

Lastly I should like to thank everyone who has helped in making music at St. Peter's during 1971. We've been busy but we've had a lot of fun and that is the most important thing.

N. P. MOOR

GLYNDEBOURNE

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The story of the participation by boys from an IAPS school in seventeen performances at Glyndebourne.

During the summer of 1970 the Headmaster of an IAPS school, whose choir had sung in a number of local churches and from whose chapel two successful services had been broadcast on radio, received from Glyndebourne an invitation for boys from his school to attend an audition for the production of Tchaikovsky's 'Queen of Spades', one of the operas to be presented during the season of 1971. The number of children needed for the production was 12 boys and 10 girls. The opera was to be sung in Russian.

This flattering, if somewhat daunting, challenge was not accepted without careful thought and consultation, glamorous though the prospect might seem if the audition were successful. Taking part in a highly professional production of opera would require a degree of attainment which could be achieved only by much careful, possibly exhausting rehearsal. It would be necessary for the performers not merely to sing but also to play trumpets; they would have to learn Russian, not a normal part of the school curriculum, by heart. Nevertheless, the normal summer term routine, preparation for Common Entrance, scholarships and school examinations, chapel services, cricket, swimming and so on, had to be maintained. The training of the whole man had to proceed.

The decision was made. Official IAPS approval was sought and obtained: a local girl's school agreed to complete the team.

The date of the audition was fixed for October 22.

Work then began in earnest. It was necessary to learn the music which would have to be performed if the audition were successful, though at the audition it would be sung in English. This required a study of the score with English libretto and of a recording of 'Queen of Spades' by the National Opera of Belgrade, whose conductor, as a matter of fact, took the music at a speed greater than that envisaged for the Glyndebourne production. The boys were also required to sing an anthem of their own choosing.

The audition was successful.

Then followed five months of comparative peace for the performers, since rehearsals were not to begin until March, 1971. But there was planning to be done. It was decided that seventeen boys should be trained allowing for five understudies of different heights to avoid problems of costume and that the understudies should be fully rehearsed, not only in words, music and trumpeting but also in stage movements. Work permits had to be obtained and the Headmaster became a 'shop steward', who negotiated wages. Passport photographs, birth certificates and parental permission in writing were required. A medical test was necessary. Perhaps the most important essential was to keep an exciting project in the background. School life, school interests, above all school work had to go on. There was no time for dreams of glory.

In March, 1971, rehearsals started in the school and were supervised by Sergei Nolibandov (instructor of Russian), Christopher Fifield (instructor of music) and Kenneth Cleveland (chorus-master), all seconded from Glyndebourne. There were also fittings in the costumes department. From April 28 until May 21 there were rehearsals in chorus rooms and later on the stage, culminating in a public dress rehearsal; the director, Michael Hadjimischev and the stage director, Geoffrey Gilbertson, found time in their pursuit of perfection for concentration only on the children. There were stints on Saturdays and Sundays—and more fittings. In between spells of rehearsal the boys played football in the car park.

Bit by bit the young tyros learned to sing with a professional adult chorus, to don and wear their costumes, to play their trumpets and to watch three conductors (two backstage) and closed-circuit television. The hardest thing was to move and sing and play, all to the correct tempo, but this problem was finally mastered after the distinguished conductor, John Pritchard, had stopped a rehearsal and, in terms more measured than might have been the case if the delinquents had been adults, explained that he required precision in this respect.

And so to the opening performance. It would be untrue to state that the critic of *The Times* singled out the children for special mention. But he did praise the work of the chorus as a whole. There were sixteen more performances, each preceded by a rehearsal with a music coach. Notes were taken at all performances by the Headmaster, who was always in the wings. On two occasions understudies were required to perform, once because of illness, once because a frustrated member of the company had been delayed by a series of traffic jams. On each occasion it was remarked, with pleased surprise, by those in charge

that the understudy's costume fitted him and that there was no need for last-minute rehearsal of movements—or indeed of singing or trumpeting. Make-up was done by the Headmaster, who had taken advice from experts. A dressing-room was provided by Mr. and Mrs. George Christie in their own house. The Dresser was quiet and efficient and liable to produce cherries at the drop of a hat. The Wardrobe Staff were unfailingly helpful with ironing boards and with deft fingers when alterations were needed. The boys arrived 70 minutes before the rise of the curtain and stayed as long as possible on each evening. They were allowed to watch back-stage and so learnt Acts I and II. They enjoyed the non-alcoholic refreshment available in the canteen, they were never late, they were never taken to task for lapses of personal or professional behaviour. They were always made to feel part of Glyndebourne and of its company.

During the interval of the final performance of 'Queen of Spades' the young members of its cast were hosts at a buffet supper to those who had taught and directed them. Some fourteen of the latter seemed delighted to attend this occasion and, to the general gratification, John Pritchard, for whom the intervals of operas in which he is musical director and conductor must normally be precious times for relaxation, called for silence in order that he might speak, wittily and in most complimentary terms, about the contribution which the boys from an IAPS school had made to the production. He then presented the Headmaster with a vast box of chocolates, which caused some barely concealed licking of choral lips. The gist of what he said was that the boys had been part of a highly professional performance of difficult music, sung in a strange language, and that their own professionalism had matched that of their colleagues. His words were echoed privately by all those who had worked with the boys. Later John Pritchard sent the school a personal photograph on which was written a charming and appreciative message.

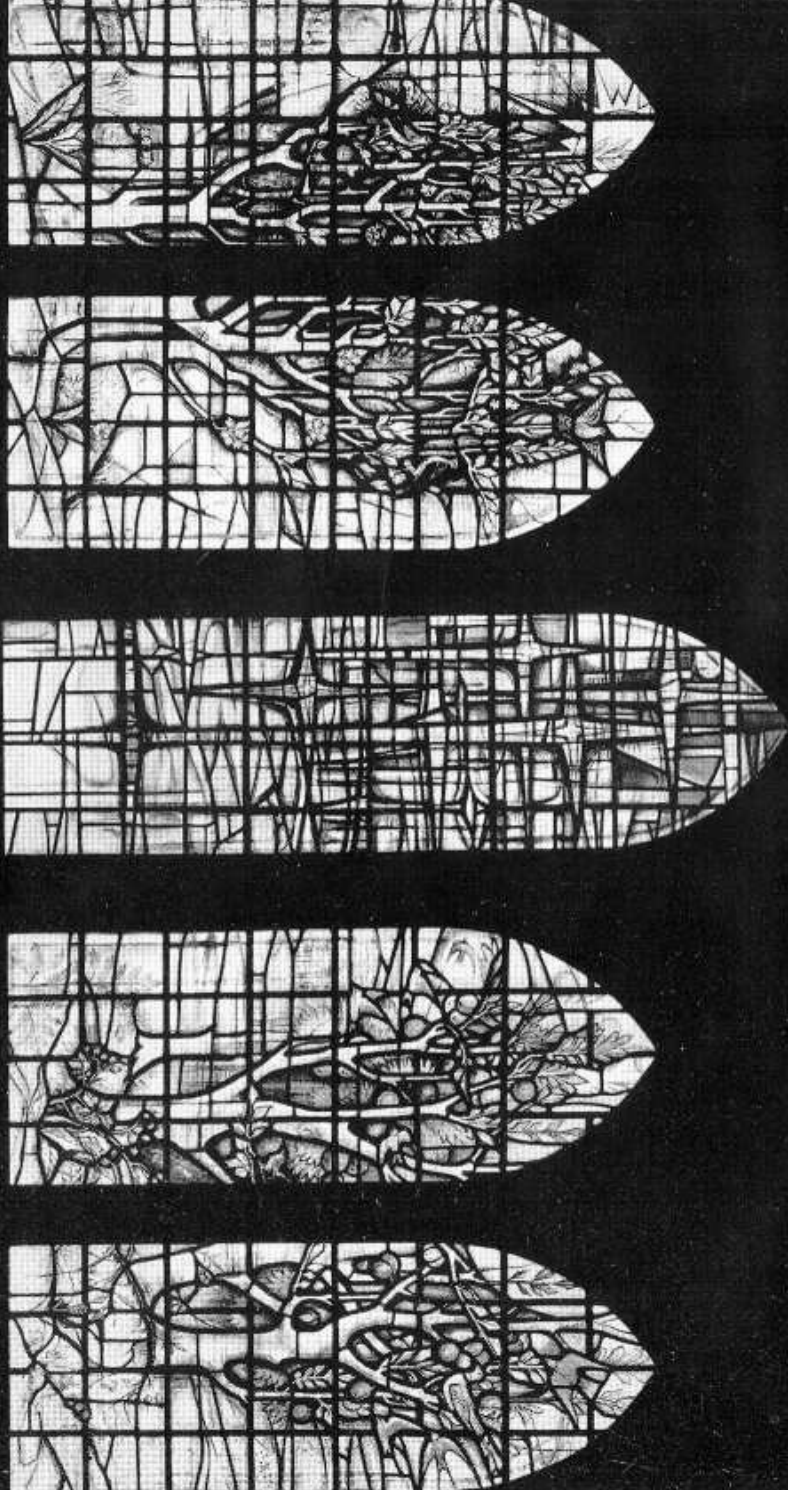
There can be no doubt that all those concerned with this production had been surprised and impressed by the reliability, courtesy and discretion of their youthful colleagues. They had caused no trouble; there had been no 'showing off' nor untoward attempts to acquire souvenirs. Hard work was the requirement; the boys appreciated this and realised that, even though they might be resting at times, others were then giving their best. The atmosphere had been one of great urgency, minute attention to detail, the aim for perfection. The boys had shown the necessary patience and application and a full respect for the traditions of Glyndebourne. They had been good troupers. More than that they had shown that very young amateurs can achieve professional standards.

There are some 462 preparatory schools whose headmasters are members of IAPS but only one Glyndebourne. But what these boys did at Glyndebourne, the standards they set, were a fine advertisement for preparatory school education. Let us hope that boys from other schools may have, and take as successfully, similar opportunities.

On the first night of 'Queen of Spades' the General Administrator of Glyndebourne, Moran Caplat, sent the boys the following message:



"The Queen of Spades" — Glyndebourne — 1971



The Chapel Windows

'Best wishes to the boys in the band, who restore my faith in the backbone of the younger generation'.

Praise indeed.

As a final bouquet it can be stated that all the boys concerned were later successful in their school examinations.

The training of the whole man (Part I) had been satisfactorily concluded.

MARK HANKEY

THE CHAPEL WINDOWS

Each generation likes to make its own creative contribution to the permanent environment of a school. The chapel windows project was originated by the School Management as a contribution towards the beautifying of the chapel and the cost was to have been met internally. The initiative was finally taken in 1970 to begin the work and designs were submitted and approved. Some months after the work had started however Pat Knox-Shaw died and the Old Boys were asked if they would like to join the project and provide some part of it as a memorial to their Headmaster who himself had been so prominent in founding the Chapel itself. They readily agreed and in addition the parents of Old Boys, members of the staff and friends of the School showed that they also would like to be associated in this act of thanksgiving which forms the first large-scale addition to the fabric of the Chapel since its foundation in 1938. As a result of this combined effort therefore, the Dedication on October 18th, 1971 (St. Luke's Day) by the Bishop of Chichester can already embrace a great company of people whose memory is honoured by St. Peter's. In addition to those windows especially commemorating Pat Knox-Shaw are those in memory of Felix Swayne Farebrother, Chaplain to the School 1957-1963, whose family has been closely associated with the School since 1939 and Patrick Manson and Antony Cowie who both died in boyhood. The workmanship and materials are of the highest quality and by completing the renewal of all the windows at the same time those concerned have been able to achieve a uniformity of skill, craftsmanship and design which is rare. The cost has necessarily been heavy, but if future generations are as active in their support as the past and present are proving themselves to be, the School will indeed feel justified in having embarked on such a comprehensive task.

At the moment of Dedication comes the thankfulness for the union of so many hearts in the furtherance of the Chapel, the foundation of which was an act of faith and the care of which in years to come seems to be in such widespread and loving hands.

M. H. FAREBROTHER

THE DEDICATION OF THE CHAPEL WINDOWS

In October last year an event took place at St. Peters which could be regarded as the consummation of many years of thought and work; and, I am sure, of many years of prayer as well.

To trace the matter to its beginnings, we have to go back for more than thirty years. It was in 1938, at a time when most people were building air-raid shelters, that Pat Knox-Shaw started to plan and build the Chapel. It was dedicated, by the Bishop of Chichester, in the Spring of 1940, an act of courage and faith when Hitler's Panzer Divisions were already rumbling forward to the start line.

Anyone who foresaw the blitz which followed (an attack of which Sussex bore more than its full share) might have wondered whether the Chapel would ever be used by the boys of St. Peters, who were by then tucked safely away in Devonshire. But survive it did, built of four-hundred year old brick and Sussex oak, for the benefit and the service of succeeding generations of boys.

In 1970 a major development was planned by the School. The chapel was to be enriched with windows of stained glass. In an age in which all projects tend to be judged by the sole criterion of financial profit it is refreshing to consider that many people devoted their brains, their efforts, and a substantial contribution of their money to a project designed solely to the glory of God and to the enrichment of a spiritual heritage.

There are ten windows, and by completing them all together, the designer, Arthur Buss, and his team of craftsmen from Goddard & Gibbs, have been able to achieve a whole which is greater than any of its parts. The idea behind them can best be described in the words of the designer himself. "The underlying theme is the days of creation as expressed in the words commencing the Gospel of St. John "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God. The same was in the beginning with God all things were made by Him".

The main windows at the East end show the creation of light. Others show the seasons, Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. The latter seems to me a particularly beautiful composition, the great red sun low in the sky, shining through an oak tree on whose snow-covered branches sit a robin and an owl. I must confess that when I saw this window my mind was not on the Bible at all, but on a temporal poet, who sang of Winter "When icicles hang by the wall and Dick the Shepherd blows his nail . . . Then nightly sings the staring owl".

I do not feel ashamed of this deviation. The windows are not at all solemn. Night and Music. Animals and Fishes. Cows and Horses. Jelly-fish and Lobsters. The Lord created them, and saw that they were good.

And so, on the 18th October, treading in the footsteps of his predecessor thirty years before, the Lord Bishop of Chichester dedicated the windows in the presence of many of those who had planned and worked. The designer was there, with members of his team. Marjorie Knox-Shaw, Mr. Hurlstone, the mainstay of the committee who had

shouldered the financial worries; the relatives of Patrick Manson and Anthony Cowie, in whose memory two of the windows were given; the Old Boys, who had made a considerable financial contribution, were represented by their Chairman and Secretary. The rest of the packed congregation were parents, friends and members of the Staff.

Pat was not there to see the completion of his work, but we sang his favourite hymn "Lift up your hearts. We lift them, Lord to thee". The words seemed appropriate to the occasion. "Lift every gift that thou thyself hast given: Low lies the best, till lifted up to heaven".

M. GILBERT

CAMPING AT BOWLES, JULY 7th, 8th & 9th, 1971

We arrived at 2.30 p.m. on July 7th in fine warm weather and met Jim Divall our Instructor. He showed us to our rooms in the Hostel, where we quickly donned swimming trunks and made for the pool. There we were shown a short film on canoeing before spending the afternoon practising the capsize drill, using one of the canoes in the pool. This was amusing for all except the man in the boat at the time. We stopped at 6.0 for supper and at 7.15 watched some films on climbing and mountain survival. A quick swim then and time for bed.

Morning bell rang at 8 a.m. on July 8th and we breakfasted at 8.30. Weather fine and warm and at 9.0 we started loading 14 fibre glass canoes on to a trailer. We took with us in two mini buses our life jackets, crash helmets, paddles, packed lunches and a change of clothes each. After travelling for about ten miles we turned into a field and unloaded by a small stream. We eagerly carried the canoes over the stream and across a field to the River Medway, where we spent the morning learning how to move forwards, backwards, sideways, turn round and raft up. It was not too easy and many of us went in, so Jim Divall showed us how to help each other back on board quickly.

Lunch at 12.30 and then we were ready to go down river. For the first half-mile the river was shallow with many bends, but then it straightened out and we made good progress for a couple of miles. We stopped, had individual races and finally a relay race before returning up river to base camp, packing our kit and driving back to Bowles for a very welcome hot supper at 6.0. At 7.15 in the Club Room Jim Divall introduced us to the basic points of map and compass reading. At 7.30 we moved off, reading the map and finding the grid references. We crossed a small river, a railway line, through a wood, up hill and down dale, through a farm and returned to Bowles by 10.15 after hiking for about 8 miles. We all slept soundly until morning bell at 8.0 a.m. on July 9th.

Breakfast at 8.30, weather fine and warm and at 9.0 we collected skis and boots for a session on the dry ski slope. Jim Divall amazed me by proving that he is not only a good rock climber and canoeist, but also a senior instructor on the dry ski slope, so we were again in good hands. I wonder what else he does? We started with the basic moves at the bottom of the slope and how to stand up after falling down. We soon progressed to short runs down the slope and we all enjoyed this sport. John Gillett was the record holder for falls. John Mitchell was the Champ and quite at home in this environment. Other good boys were Stephen Bowring, David Huggins and Claude Randall. We thankfully removed the big boots when we stopped at 12.30 for lunch. At 2.0 we skied again until 3.30, when we had to stop, pack our belongings, tidy our rooms and have one last swim. We said "goodbyes" and "thank-yous" to all for having us and boarded the bus for home. We are, without exception, a very happy and grateful group.

Campers—C. E. H. Cotton, A. J. B. Hope, C. I. Jackson, C. H. Groom, J. R. P. Gillett, S. R. Bowring, D. R. W. B. Huggins, C. F. N. Stafford, P. E. Goldsworthy, J. M. B. Gibson, J. C. Mitchell, C. J. Lawrence and C. S. N. Randall.

G. BALDWIN

TWENTY YEARS ON

Nineteen-fifty-one was quite an ordinary year for St. Peter's and it is this fact which makes comparison of 1951 and 1971 so interesting. In the world outside, wartime rationing was still in force, and the Conservatives were returned to power under the leadership of Winston Churchill. Yet comparing the school events of the two respective years, it is noticeable how surely the life at the school continues; additions and improvements steadily and efficiently being incorporated so that it is only when one deliberately stops and thinks, that the full extent of the school's progression really becomes apparent.

Looking through the Magazine for 1951, a very similar pattern to today emerges.

In the Spring Term, the 1st XV played 5 matches, winning 4 and drawing 1, victory being achieved over Stoke House, Newlands, Ladycross and St. Wilfrid's. Weather curtailed any further matches, but indoor activities expanded, and under Mr. Norbury's direction, the school electric railway was officially opened. Another wet afternoon was usefully occupied by the silent enacting of historical scenes for the audience to guess. Much was left to the imagination, especially when members of the Staff dragged themselves across the stage amid cries of

"Scott of the Antarctic" and "Dr. Livingstone". The answer finally proved to be the "Retreat from Moscow"!

Cricket was sabotaged in the Summer Term, this time by German measles, which allowed only 3 matches to be played, 2 of which were drawn and 1 lost. But throughout the many practice games, both bowling and batting "improved steadily".

At shooting the school won the Junior Imperial Shield, which had to be transported from some distant corner of the Empire.

The Autumn Term produced several items of interest. Soccer-wise, the 1st XI played a mixed season and Blues romped home in the Set Matches. Politically the school was caught up in the fever of a General Election, and the boys formed a Younger Conservatives Association, with, apparently, no opposition. (How Mr. Heath will sigh, should he read this).

The film "Man of Aran" was shown, and Miss Barbara Mullen (Janet to Drs. Cameron and Finlay) came to talk about her own experiences on the island.

The firework display on November 5th was particularly exciting, as the cart laden with lethal weapons of all kinds, began to please itself about igniting, but there were no casualties.

Three familiar visitors during the term were Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Heap, and Mr. George Grimmond, who "puppetted" and "conjured" in their own accomplished ways.

On the 29th October a record 1.5 inches of rain fell, it rained nearly every day in November, but the winter was so mild that spring flowers appeared before Christmas.

1951 or 1971? Not a great deal to make a distinction possible. We hope and think that the editor of 1991 will have the same problem.

R. J. H. SEAMAN

CAPTAINS

	<i>Easter</i>	<i>Summer</i>	<i>Autumn</i>
School:	R. A. Hurlstone	R. A. Hurlstone	J. R. P. Gillett
Vice-Captain:	C. I. Jackson	C. I. Jackson	A. J. B. Hope
Reds:	C. I. Jackson	C. I. Jackson	J. R. P. Gillett
Whites:	J. H. N. Stafford	J. H. N. Stafford	A. C. Ferguson
Blues:	A. J. B. Hope	A. J. B. Hope	W. L. M. Murdoch
Rugger:	C. H. Groom		
Vice-Captain:	J. M. B. Gibson		
Cricket:		J. R. P. Gillett	
Vice-Captain:		C. H. Groom	
Soccer:			J. R. P. Gillett
Vice-Captain:			C. J. Lawrence

Shooting:	J. R. P. Gillett	C. E. H. Cotton	M. P. Buckle
Judo:	S. R. Bowring		C. J. Lawrence
Climbing:	C. E. H. Cotton	C. E. H. Cotton	A. J. B. Hope
Tennis:		N. T. Liddell	C. M. D. Lines
Swimming:		C. J. Lawrence	
Keeper of Squash:	S. R. Bowring		
Archery:		F. J. J. Parsons	
Choir Leader:	M. L. B. Varney	M. L. B. Varney	T. M. W. Pragnell
Vergers:	A. J. B. Hope	A. J. B. Hope	C. J. Lawrence
	C. E. H. Cotton	C. E. H. Cotton	A. C. Ferguson
		C. J. Lawrence	

Easter Terms 1971

Full Captains: R. A. Hurlstone, C. I. Jackson, N. T. Liddell, M. E. Bryans, J. H. N. Stafford, A. J. B. Hope, H. A. B. Carritt, C. H. Groom.

Lieutenants: C. E. H. Cotton, R. A. Campbell, J. R. P. Gillett, C. S. N. Randall, A. C. Ferguson, M. L. B. Varney, S. R. Bowring, C. M. D. Lines, F. J. J. Parsons, E. L. Le Fanu.

Summer Term 1971

Full Captains: R. A. Hurlstone, C. I. Jackson, N. T. Liddell, C. E. H. Cotton, J. H. N. Stafford, A. J. B. Hope, H. A. B. Carritt, C. H. Groom, J. R. P. Gillett.

Lieutenants: C. S. N. Randall, A. C. Ferguson, M. L. B. Varney, S. R. Bowring, C. M. D. Lines, F. J. J. Parsons, E. L. Le Fanu, C. S. Langer, J. M. B. Gibson, J. C. Mitchell.

Autumn Term 1971

Full Captains: A. J. B. Hope, J. R. P. Gillett, A. C. Ferguson, C. M. D. Lines, W. L. M. Murdoch.

Lieutenants: C. R. Brock, A. M. Buchanan, M. P. Buckle, P. E. Goldsworthy, D. R. W. B. Huggins, C. J. Lawrence, T. M. Lubbock, D. P. C. McLaughlin, T. M. W. Pragnell, A. G. M. Reader, M. A. Spencer, R. M. Toynebee, C. L. Youngusband.

THE YEAR'S AWARDS

SPRING TERM 1971

PRIZES

IA: A. J. B. Hope
IB: A. C. Ferguson
II: M. J. B. Gibson
III: L. A. Wootton
ShA: S. P. Cooper
ShB: A. H. H. Turner & T. H. A. Wallinger
V: G. P. Langer
VI: M. S. Gottlieb
VII: C. J. Wentworth-Stanley
VIII: R. H. Prest

Choir Prize: C. G. Groom

Presentation of Work Prizes: —

Upper School: N. T. Diddell
Middle School: J. A. de Pourtales
Lower School: O. D. S. Parker
VII and VIII: M. G. Wellings

John Gray Literary Prize for Upper School: —
 J. P. Bryans

John Gray Literary Prize for Middle School: —
 J. A. de Pourtales

CUPS AND MEDALS

Shell Case: Blues (379) Whites (341) Reds (313)
Set Work: Reds (314) Whites (30) Blues
Set Rigger: Blues Whites Reds
Set Shooting: Blues (292) Whites (273) Reds (238)
Set Fives: Blues (12) Whites (6) Reds
Set Cross Country: Reds Whites Blues
Rigger Cup: J. M. B. Gibson
Tackling Cup: C. M. D. Lines
Rigger Medals: C. H. Groom, M. E. Bryans, S. R. Bowring, E. H. Leigh, M. D. W. Lines, N. A. Lumsden.

Senior Judo Cup: A. S. Lucas
Junior Judo Cup: J. J. Bryans
Judo Medals: C. H. Groom, C. I. Jackson, M. H. H. Jones,
 N. A. Lumsden, M. D. W. Lines, P. A. S. Rowse.
Shooting Cup: H. A. B. Carritt (64.5)
Runner-up: M. L. B. Varney (63.7)
Squash Cup: S. R. Bowring
Runner-up: C. H. Groom
Music Cup: T. J. E. Harries
Instrumental Cup: E. L. Le Fanu

SHOOTING CERTIFICATES

Marksmen: R. A. Hurlstone
 C. E. H. Cotton
 M. L. B. Varney
 C. H. Groom
 C. L. Younghusband
 H. A. B. Carritt
 M. P. Buckle

1st Class: J. R. P. Gillett
 M. E. Bryans

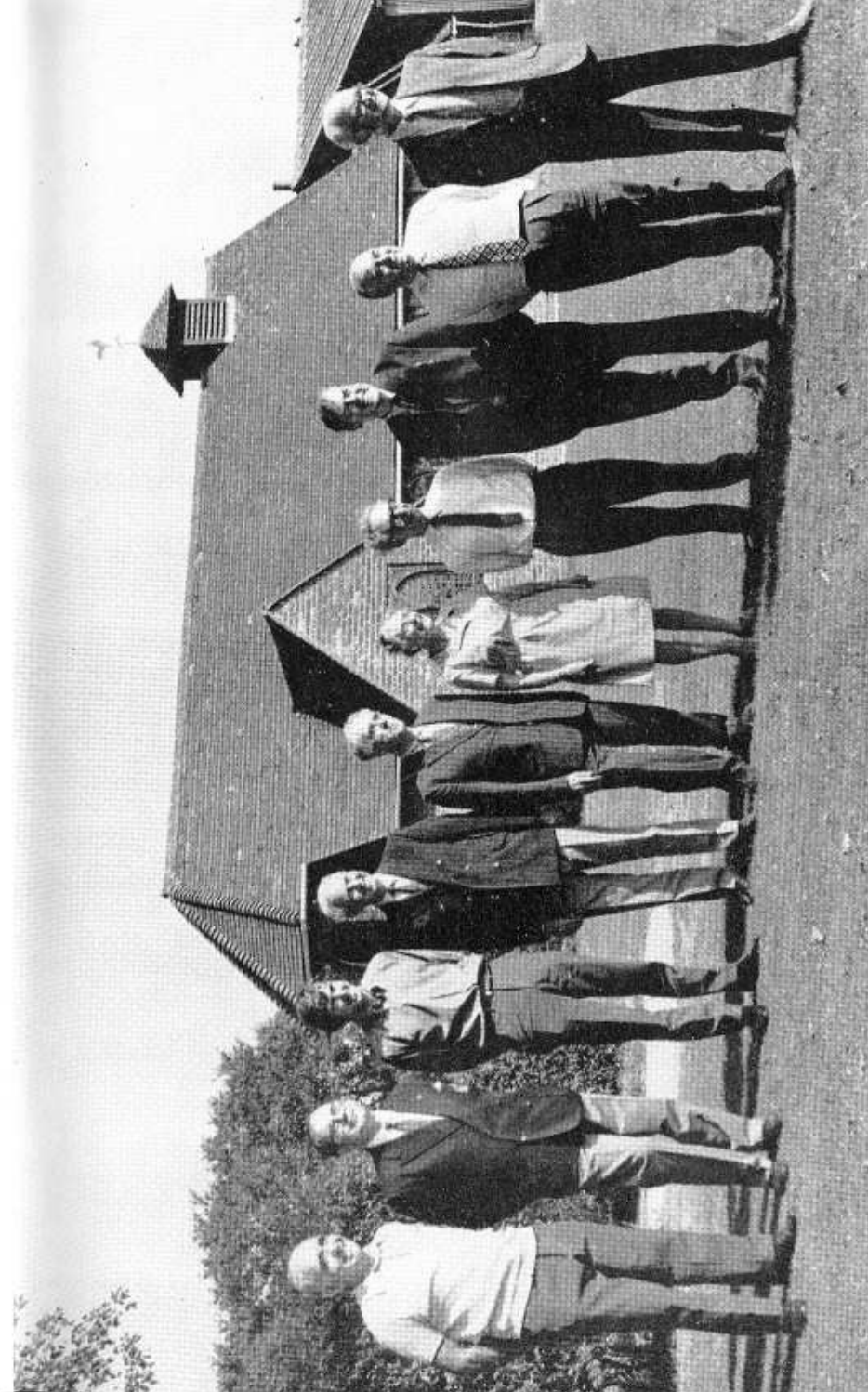
2nd Class: M. A. Spencer
 J. M. B. Gibson

SUMMER TERM 1971

PRIZES

IA: A. J. B. Hope
IB: D. P. C. McLaughlin
II: L. A. Wootton
III: G. V. H. Gilbert
ShA: M. A. Ross
ShB: C. H. St. J. Hoare
V: M. W. Davies
VI: F. Bakhtiar
VII: J. D. B. McGregor
VIII: A. D. Staples

Choir Prize: M. L. B. Varney
 John Gray Literary Prize for Upper School: —
 C. R. Brock
 John Gray Literary Prize for Middle School: —
 J. R. J. H. Mundy



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Presentation of Work Prizes:—

<i>Upper School:</i>	G. V. H. Gilbert
<i>Middle School:</i>	J. A. de Pourtales
<i>Lower School:</i>	J. A. de V. Le Maistre and O. D. S. Parker
<i>VII and VIII:</i>	I. Wace

Art Prizes:

<i>Senior:</i>	C. L. Younghusband
<i>Middle:</i>	G. P. Langer
<i>Junior:</i>	R. A. Lubbock

CUPS AND MEDALS

<i>Shell Case:</i>	Whites (330) Blues (284) Reds (185)
<i>Set Work:</i>	Blues (1956) Whites (1911) Reds (1895)
<i>Set Cricket:</i>	Reds Whites Blues
<i>Set Tennis:</i>	Blues Whites Reds
<i>Set Shooting:</i>	Blues (363) Reds (336) Whites (326)
<i>Set Sports:</i>	Blues (297) Whites (271) Reds (264)
<i>Set Swimming:</i>	Blues (82) Whites (38) Reds (14)
<i>Cricket Cup:</i>	S. R. Bowring
<i>Bowling Cup:</i>	J. R. P. Gillett
<i>Fielding Cup:</i>	A. M. Buchanan
<i>Cricket Medals:</i>	H. R. Rivington, A. H. H. Turner, J. H. de Pourtales, C. C. Gore, R. A. B. Guy, R. H. Prest.
<i>Shooting Cup:</i>	R. A. Hurlstone
<i>Runner-up:</i>	H. A. B. Carritt
<i>Music Cup:</i>	C. J. A. Johnston
<i>Instrumental Cup:</i>	E. L. Le Fanu
<i>Archery Senior Cup:</i>	F. J. J. Parsons
<i>Runner-up:</i>	J. M. Wellesley
<i>Junior Cup:</i>	A. H. H. Turner
<i>Runner-up:</i>	C. H. Bowerman
<i>Tennis Prize & Medal:</i>	C. H. Groom
<i>Tennis Medal:</i>	C. H. E. Cotton

SHOOTING CERTIFICATES

<i>Marksmen:</i>	S. R. Bowring M. P. Buckle H. A. B. Carritt R. A. Hurlstone M. L. B. Varney C. L. Younghusband
<i>1st Class:</i>	G. M. B. Gibson C. H. Groom

2nd Class: D. C. Baker
C. R. Brock
C. E. H. Cotton
J. R. P. Gillett
D. R. W. B. Huggins
C. I. Jackson
W. L. M. Murdoch
M. A. Spencer

AUTUMN TERM 1971

PRIZES

IA: A. J. B. Hope
IB: P. E. Goldsworthy
II: J. R. Burgess
III: M. A. Ross
ShA: G. P. Langer
ShB: M. S. Gottlieb
V: C. J. Wentworth-Stanley
VI: P. B. Herrmann
VII: S. J. Arnott
VIII: O. C. St. J. Hoare
Choir Prize: J. R. P. Gillett

Presentation of Work Prizes: —

Upper School: C. L. Younghusband
Middle School: J. A. de V. Le Maistre
Lower School: J. D. M. McGregor
VII & VIII: I. Wace

CUPS AND MEDALS

Shell Case: Whites (41) Blues (40.9) Reds (39)
Set Work: Blues (629) Whites (600) Reds (478)
Set Soccer: Blues (28) Reds, Whites (22)
Set Shooting: Reds (325) Whites (314) Blues (312)
Soccer Cup: M. H. H. Jones
Runner-up: J. R. P. Gillett, C. J. Lawrence, J. Gavin,
A. G. M. Reader.
Soccer Medals: T. M. Lubbock, G. V. H. Gilbert, S. F. H. Jones,
M. C. Erskine-Hill, G. S. Le Fanu,
J. W. T. Fisher, J. D. M. McGregor,
C. R. W. Barkshire.
Shooting Cup: M. P. Buckle
Runner-up: J. R. P. Gillett

Music Cup: T. J. E. Harries
Instrumental Cup: C. J. A. Johnston
P.E. Medals: T. M. W. Pragnell, M. H. H. Jones,
N. A. Lumsden, R. A. Lubbock,
N. G. T. Newington, N. H. Fiddian-Green.

SHOOTING CERTIFICATES

Marksmen: M. P. Buckle
C. L. Younghusband
C. R. Brock
J. R. P. Gillett
1st Class: N. J. Fisher
J. M. Wellesley
A. S. Lucas
2nd Class: A. P. Hagger
A. G. M. Reader
M. A. Spencer
C. E. Liddell
D. C. Baker
A. J. B. Hope
D. R. W. B. Huggins
W. L. M. Murdoch
A. J. Henson
T. M. W. Pragnell
C. J. Lawrence

SCHOOL NOTES

Nineteen-seventy-one was an outstanding year in many ways. Apart from the dedication of the lovely new Chapel windows and the successes of the Choir at Glyndebourne, about which detailed accounts can be found elsewhere in this magazine, each term was filled with wide-ranging activities and events, most of which are recorded below.

Among our visiting lecturers was Tony Smythe, whose lecture entitled the "Moses Tooth" was full of interest. The "Tooth" turned out to be a North American mountain and Mr. Smythe showed us some excellent slides taken during his hair-raising adventures there. The Rev. Robert Browell showed us a film and told us a great deal about the work of the Dr. Barnardo's Homes and, to brighten up a winter's evening, Mike Griffiths and Les Lenham of Sussex County Cricket Club brought us a touch of summer with a cricket film, after which they answered our questions.

The Easter term saw the arrival of the new film projector to replace

the faithful Bell and Howell machine on which our films have been projected for so many years. The new-comer gives us a better picture and an infinitely superior sound quality. As the new projector is self-threading the life of the projectionist has become considerably less hazardous. Whilst on the subject of projectors mention should be made of the introduction of an overhead projector for use in the classroom. This has already proved invaluable particularly in the teaching of Geography and Science. A second one will be in use early in the new year.

On Sports' weekend and also during the last weekend of the Christmas term, Mr. Robert Back organised a greatly admired Art Exhibition of works done by the boys during the previous months. Also, on Sports' Day, we again staged a Books for Student Exhibition.

Towards the close of the Summer Term we again sent a party of boys to Bowles for a three day stay during which they took full advantage of the facilities offered there including canoeing and rock-climbing.

In July about 80 staff and boys went to the Congress Theatre in Eastbourne to sample the delights of the Black and White Minstrel Show. Three of us were even lured on to the stage but suffered no ill-effects. It certainly was a most enjoyable afternoon's entertainment.

At the start of the Autumn Term a party of senior boys with Mr. Norbury and Mr. Chappel paid a most interesting visit to the submarine H.M.S. Eastbourne, where they were the guests of Commander W. M. Forbes to whom we are more than grateful.

In November the senior soccer team went to the Saffrons Ground in Eastbourne to watch Cambridge University play an F.A. XI, which eventually emerged as rather easy winners. Unlike the previous year, our annual visit to the Saffrons this time coincided with excellent weather and playing conditions. Also in the same month we celebrated Guy Fawkes' Night with a firework display bigger and better than ever.

In December we again had packed congregations for each of our two carol services. Thanks to the generosity of our parents and friends we were able to send a total of £60 to the Sussex Churches Campaign. The upper school passage acquired a particularly festive air for the carol service weekend and paper stained glass windows created by Mr. Back and his art classes were very effectively displayed. The delightful Christmas Crib made so beautifully by Mrs. Backwell-Smith and her Form VIII was also much admired.

Those passing through the billiards room to the dining room will have noticed the appearance of the first two stained glass portraits of captains of the School on the windows separating the two rooms. The first portraits depict the two captains were served in 1971; Robin Hurlstone and Adrian Hope respectively.

In Chapel our preachers have included Mr. Oliver Van Oss, Headmaster of Charterhouse, and the Hon. Frank Fisher, Master of Wellington, both of whom proved to be very interesting speakers. In this paragraph it would also seem appropriate to mention the visit of the Dean of Bulawayo in December. Certainly we all enjoyed his presence amongst us.

Nineteen-seventy-one was not without its very sad moments for,

apart from the death of Mr. David Powers, of whom a full appreciation appears elsewhere in this magazine, we were much grieved by the death of Mr. Geoffrey Clipstone, who had been a great friend of the school and a very loyal supporter of all our activities. For many years he had invigilated our Common Entrance exams and his very kind and gentle manner must have been a great comfort to many a rather apprehensive candidate. He will be sadly missed.

The past year brought rather more staff changes than usual. In March we said goodbye to Mr. Richard Steele, who during his seven terms here, had contributed enormously to the well-being of the school, both in the class-room and on the rugby field. At the same time we also said goodbye to Mr. Peter Plugge, who will be particularly remembered for his enthusiastic and skilful games coaching. He did a very great deal for the school's cricket and squash.

During the year we also had to bid farewell to Mr. Paul Freeman, Mr. Andrew Pope, Mr. Richard Jacobs and Mr. Richard Franklin, all of whom served us well during the short time they were with us. In the all-important upstairs department we had to say goodbye to Miss Susan Docker and Miss Linda Chapman to whom we are all more than grateful for all their efforts on our behalf. Finally, we were very sorry to lose the services of Miss Jane Norman who, as assistant secretary, was always so helpful.

We would like to officially welcome Mr. Tom Rodd, who was formerly senior Science master and a housemaster at Eastbourne College. He has brought much enthusiasm and experience to the Staff. We also welcome Mr. Andrew Hendry, who has come to us for two terms before going to Sandhurst. Our matron's department has been reinforced by the arrival of Miss Tess Pember and we extend a warm welcome to her. Last, but no means least, we welcome Mrs. Margaret Bishop, whom we are delighted to have as our new assistant secretary.

The end of the Christmas term saw the retirement of Reg Sutton, who had been our school doctor for over 23 years. Countless staff and old boys will always remember him for his kindness and patience and will wish to join with the present generation of St. Peter's boys in wishing him and Mrs. Sutton every happiness in the future. Fortunately, they will be continuing to live in Seaford and so we shall look forward to seeing them again here whenever they are able to pay us a visit. Dr. Sutton has certainly left us in very good hands as our new doctor is Dr. Anthony Marks to whom we extend a very warm welcome.

We would like to offer our warmest congratulations to Ian Scott-Thompson on being awarded an exhibition to Wellington and also to our P.E. instructor, Mr. Gerard Baldwin, who has been awarded his Judo Black Belt.

In conclusion we wish to record our gratitude to the many very kind people who have made gifts to the school during the past twelve months. Their generosity is much appreciated by us all.

C. R. JARVIS

OLD BOYS' NEWS

ETON

The senior correspondent from Eton this year is Nicholas Burgess, so to him falls the doubtful honour of leading off the news. He has been doing a great deal of mountaineering, climbing the cliffs at Swanage and fell-walking in the Lake District. Not content with this he is also a keen member of the Sub-Aqua Club, and has done a certain amount of sea-diving off the Scottish coast, where he was himself instructing in safety and basic diving methods. He is still in college chapel choir and taken the same philosophy Option as Justin Welby. Hugo Bovill has settled in, become a Wet Bob, and capsized several times in the river, from one such immersion he was graciously rescued by Christopher Leuchars. He finds the work hard, but plenty of time in which to do it. He regularly meets many other Old St. Peter's Boys including Miller-Stirling, Wallinger and Leigh. A cheerful letter from Charlie Cotton, thanking everyone at Seaford for heaving him through the horrors of C.E. He has taken up Fives, and seen a lot of Robin Hurlstone, to whom we send warm congratulations on getting into the Upper Chapel Choir. Amazing news from Edward Le Fanu, who appears to have taken the Eton music scene by storm with his violin, to judge by the number of times his name has been up in lights. In one such programme, I noticed Jonathan Lucas playing trumpet in the House Instrumental Competition.

WELLINGTON

Many enthusiastic letters from Alex Worthington, not the least of which was a request to be sponsored by M.H.F. on a charity walk. He walked thirty miles and personally raised £50.10p, the highest contribution in his house towards the College total of £7,000. He has been fencing for the College, and playing a lot of tennis.

Many congratulations to Ian Scott-Thompson on winning a Minor Scholarship in his second term. He came 2nd out of forty entrants in science. He also took the lead in the Junior Dramatic Society Play, and spent a week in August on a sailing course with Richard Buckle. Jonathan Parkinson has taken up rowing on the Thames at Reading, but adverse weather prevented very much progress being made. Besides rowing, he has thrown himself with gusto into more of the College activities, and is taking his new life in his stride. Tony Carritt is in the Choir, and was involved in a recent Sunday evening service broadcast on Radio 2. He also is very much enjoying the College life. Bernard Dreesmann had the great misfortune to damage an eye in a car accident in France, and so missed half of the autumn term, but he has

been reported on safely back at school. He played tennis for the College in the summer, and we hope that he is by now fully recovered.

Our two correspondents from Rugby, Ken Herron and Mike Henderson, both write cheerfully. They report that Michael Rivington has left and is now at school in London. Ian Tod has also just left, having been an effective Head of House. At Marlborough, Don McGown took two 'O' levels in his first year — no mean achievement — and he has been very busy with College music, leading the Junior Orchestra.

Our contingent at Harrow has kept us well informed. David Willcocks is now very grown-up, taking 'A' levels in Geography and Geology, and the proud possessor of six caps for games. He has been playing for the XV and recently spent a short time in Germany where he was given the opportunity to drive a Chieftain tank. Michael Mitchell assures us he is working hard and making progress. He imagines St. Peter's must be very quiet without any Mitchells. (Not really, Michael, I assure you). Elder brother Simon has joined the Army and is trying for a commission at Mons. Michael reports steady progress by Jonathan Heywood and Duncan Macpherson. The three of them are marching towards 'O' level in the summer. Dino Campbell has also arrived and settled in well.

Shaun Walter writes most amusingly from Ardingly. He has joined the Sailing Club, and has been keeping goal for the Home Under 15 Hockey Team. He sees a lot of Euan Murdoch, usually in the Tuck Shop; he also had the misfortune to be gated for part of a term for being caught in the Spanish Domestic's T.V. room watching 'Match of the Day'. A slight case of over-enthusiasm perhaps or an attempt at fostering international relations! At Radley Mark Gibson has been forging ahead work-wise, and has taken up rackets. He has also been playing rugger for the Midgets 1st XV, which sounds fun. Our only correspondent from Charterhouse, Claudie Randall, got off to a flying start with his work. He sees a lot of John Stafford, one form above him, and Christopher Jackson who is making a great name for himself on the football field. He reports that Christopher Burges is in the choir. Charles Cotton writes cheerfully from Christ's Hospital, with details of the appeal for new facilities. He has some trouble with his knee involving the removal of two pieces of cartilage. It happens to all the best people.

At Dean Close, Michael Maugham has settled down and finds life well within his grasp. His French is coming on tremendously. Jonathan Pike broke a long silence from Millfield. He enjoys technical drawing and is hoping to work eventually in motor car design. His boarding house is 13 miles from the school which involves horribly early rising.

And now to the Overseas Section. Charles Fellows is continuing to enjoy life at Eton, but misses his climbing. (Actually, he ought to be included with the rest of the Etonians, but as most of his letters are written during the holidays from the States, Switzerland etc., he seems to have crept in here!) Justin Parsons and Jerome de Pourtales both write from their separate French Schools. Justin misses English speaking friends, and the St. Peter's life. However, he has taken up karate

with a 17-year-old Black Belt Instructor. Jerome loves the French countryside, but also misses everyone at St. Peter's, to whom he sends greetings. And from Southern India David Winn writes with the modesty of the world-wide traveller on his way by various boats to New Zealand.

Finally, a round up of titbits of news from parents and others to whom I am indebted, about their sons, who earn themselves a black for not writing themselves. John Eynon is adapting to life at Cranleigh and taking an active part in music. Elder brother Philip has been doing great work in the field of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, and is working towards his gold. Robin Pollock has been swimming for the Yearlings at Charterhouse, and has won his Life Saving Bronze Medal. Nicholas Liddell has passed his C.E. into Charterhouse despite having had his appendix removed and returning only a week before the exam, and at Clifton, James Densem's shooting exploits for the school were reported in 'The Times' during the summer.

R. J. H. SEAMAN

OLD AND OLDER BOYS

Moving on to 'Older Boys', the Editor finds his news decidedly on the sketchy side, and would welcome letters.

Harry Browell and the family are now well established in various parts of Australia. Hugh is in Adelaide. Anthony and family at Balmain, N.S.W. Catherine at Keith, S.A., and Penelope is awaiting conferment of her B.A.

Peter Plugge is at Dartmouth, working his way through the preliminary stages prior to joining the fleet as a midshipman. He has written at great length and enthusiastically about his new life. Tim Richardson continues working on what sounds like an extremely posh stud in France. All the horses seem very upper, upper, and run in all the right races! Hugo has been in Australia for a year, loved every minute of it, and is now back in England, at Guildford, studying to be a solicitor.

Christopher Lockhard-Mummery was married in the summer and was called to the Bar at about the same time, and is now serving pupillage. Andrew Norman continued working on the Stock Exchange and has been offered a place at an American Business School. Of the Lyndon-Skeggs, Andrew has qualified as an Estate Agent, and is shortly getting married, whilst brother Douglas is at Magdalene College, Cambridge, reading Art and Architecture.

Richard Browne continues with the B.B.C., Robin a G.P. at Earl Mosley, has just passed his M.R.C.P., Nicholas is now Third Secretary

at the Embassy in Teheran, and Julian is in Oxford. Richard Steele is now at the Royal Academy of Music and sits his B.Mus. Preliminary Exam in April. He finds the work hard, but great fun. His namesake, without an 'e', Richard Steel, who left the staff last year, is doing a two-year Teacher Training Course in Portsmouth.

Finally, news more in the form of rumours, second-hand, than in hard fact. John Manson is seen at St. Peter's fairly regularly. Tom is on a post graduate course at Oxford. Christopher Barrow has joined the Army, while James is in Estate Agency in London. Charles Atkinson is farming, and Jonathan Gage was last heard of 'travelling'.

To provide another paragraph in what is rather a short section, I would repeat that we would welcome news from 'older boys' lest this page suffer a complete demise!

R. J. H. SEAMAN

CALENDAR FOR 1972

- Easter Term:* Friday, 14th January - Tuesday, 28th March.
Period during which Leave Out Day may be selected.
Saturday, 5th February - Sunday, 5th March.
EXEAT WEEKEND: Friday, 11th February - Monday, 14th February.
- Summer Term:* Friday, 28th April - Tuesday, 25th July.
Period during which Two Leave Out Days may be selected.
Saturday, 20th May - Sunday, 2nd July.
SPORTS EXEAT: Saturday, 24th June - Tuesday, 27th June.
- Autumn Term:* Friday, 15th September - Friday, 15th December.
Period during which Two Leave Out Days may be selected.
Saturday, 7th October - Sunday, 26th November.
EXEAT WEEKEND: Friday, 27th October - Monday, 30th October.

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