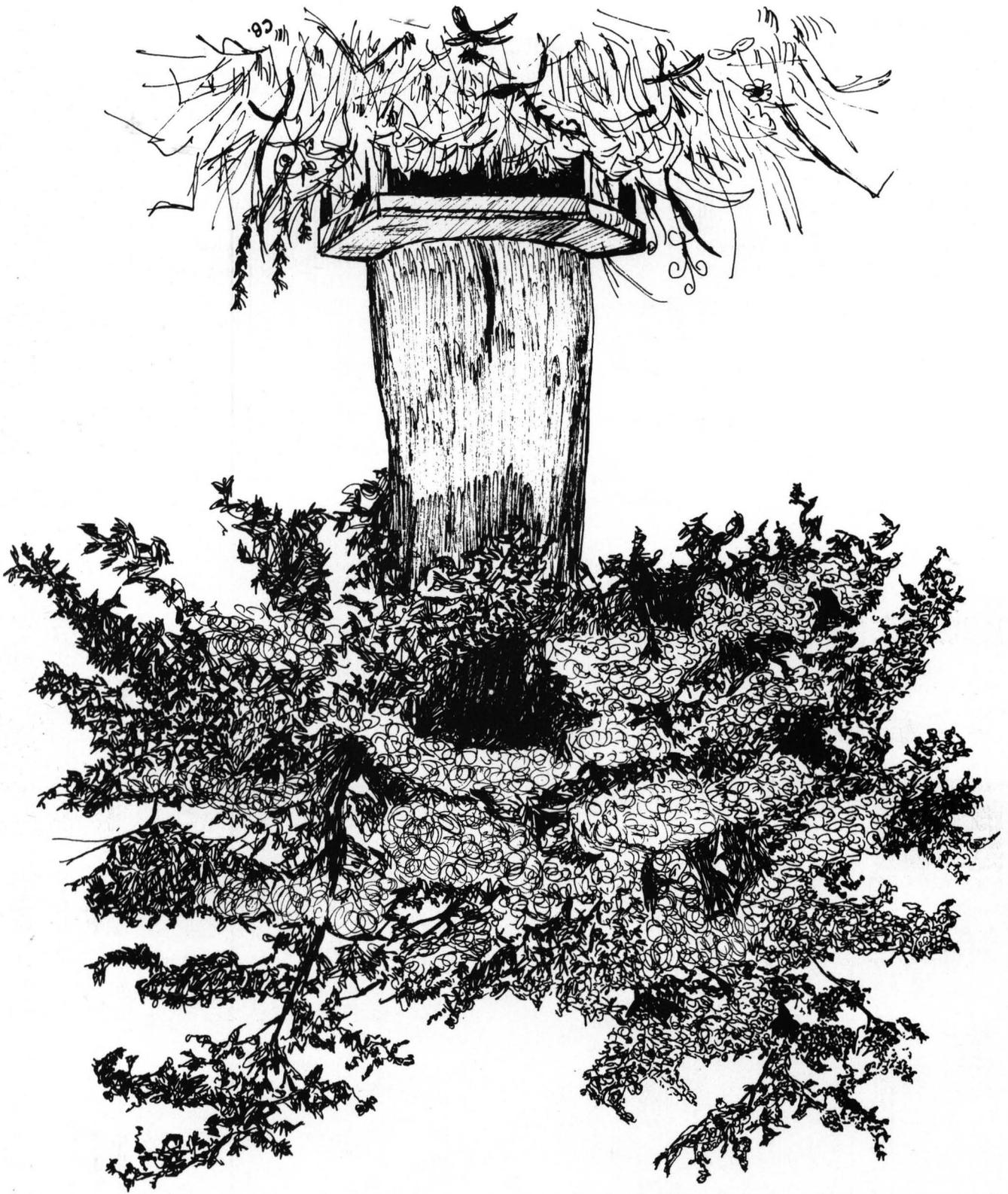




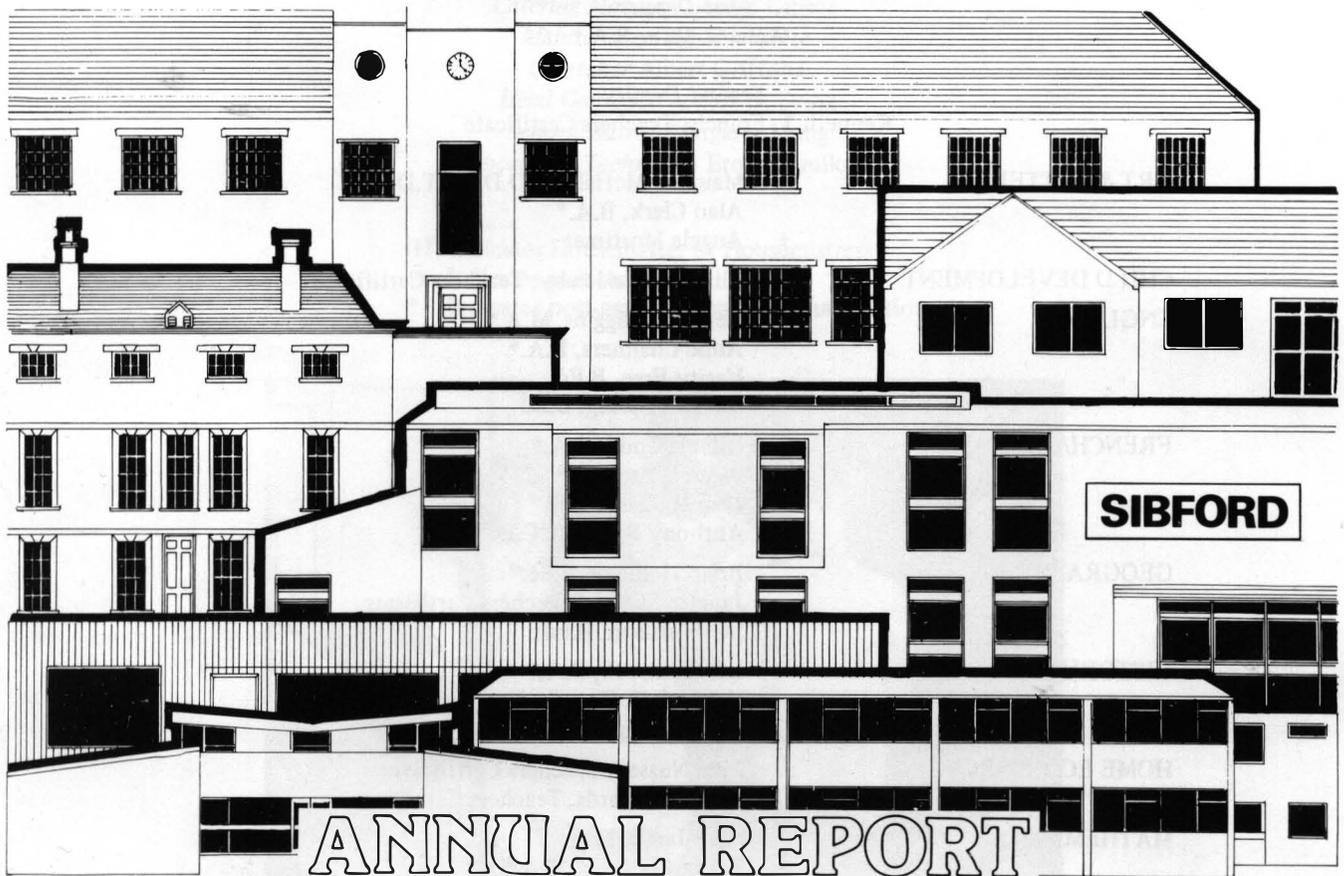
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Sibford Old Scholars & Sibford School

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EDITORIAL

This year's magazine is more than ever a joint production by School and Old Scholars and the editors have enjoyed collaborating over it.

The School has completed its first full year under Jim Graham as Headmaster. Anyone curious to observe immediate changes will notice the new pattern of Sunday Worship and the introduction of new one-year course for Sixth Formers which includes a weekly day of work experience outside school.

Philip Beckerlegge has acted once again as editor for the Old Scholars. Next year this task will be taken over by Leslie Thomas.

The editors thank everyone who has contributed to the magazine, especially Jonathan Arkless who has designed the cover and Stuart Hedley who gathered the advertising material. We thank the Royal Horticultural Society for allowing us to publish "The Hampton Court Grape Vine" which was researched and written by George Edwards and which first appeared in the Society's Journal in August 1971. The Old Scholars commend the school for their contributions and the school is grateful to the Old Scholars for their experience and expertise in the technicalities of production.

Anne Muir, Philip Beckerlegge

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Above: – Head Girl: Fiona Sutherland. Head Boy: Robert Egbuna
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HEADMASTER'S REPORT 1980-81

I am not going to give a report on the events of the past year in the way that perhaps you may be expecting. There are one or two reasons for this; one is that I have looked back at the flowing, fluent and idiomatic English that Kenneth Greaves could produce on these occasions and know that I cannot possibly match that; also I feel that as a new boy, I have not yet got everything in perspective and perhaps it is not really appropriate to be giving a report in that way. I shall see that in the written report that comes out later we pay due attention to all the various achievements which I am not going to speak about now and which have been won by the hard work of the school and the staff. I would want to associate myself with what Joseph

Sewell said about the work of the staff as a whole. I think that they have been very kind and good to me in my first year and particularly I would like to thank Anne Muir; but I think she would want to be associated with me in particular saying a thank you to Ken Francis whose long wisdom is a great source of strength to us in what are to many of us new problems in a new situation. Whatever it is, it has always happened before, maybe five years ago – maybe ten years ago, or whatever, and he is a tremendous help.

I do also have something of an apology to make to half of the audience, in that you are an audience partly of parents and partly of representatives from the various Meetings that support us and while I hope that what I am going to

say will be relevant to both of you, I do intend a particular orientation towards the representatives of the various Meetings to whom we are reporting today. It is this really: I was at a Quaker school myself and felt quite sure that I did not want to teach at a Quaker school though I had been very happy at Bootham. Consequently I have spent my teaching career up till now in other parts of the educational scene, and when the thought of possibly coming here arose I questioned, as I know Friends often do question, whether Friends Schools really justify the attention of Friends especially. The schools justify themselves in their own right, yes, but do they particularly justify the attention of Friends? In what I am going to say today I am going to talk a little bit about my answer, as I see it from the end of the first year. Are our schools, or is this particular Friends School, something which Friends as a body should be right to continue to support?

The first impression I had of the school, and it is one that I find is shared by prospective parents coming to the school and other visitors, is that it is an unusually, possibly even uniquely, friendly place. That impression has stayed with me. Of course, there are tensions; one is aware of them and there are problems, but they arise on a context of an unusual warmth and togetherness which is a real privilege to work in. I am interested in where this friendliness comes from and why it is here. It is very important that one understands why it is here because otherwise one might do things that would interfere with it, and I don't know that I do fully understand it. I have thought of various things. It is quite clear that it is partly tradition. Speaking to old scholars of the school it is apparent that the school has been a very friendly place for a very long time and I am sure that the tradition of caring for each other and respecting people is an important part of it as it is at the moment. Certainly an important part of it is the devotion of the staff but I have worked with other staffs who are devoted in the same way and have not produced as friendly an ethos as there is here so while that is a big contribution (I want particularly to single out the work of all those in the Houses in this as I think this is where their contribution is the greatest) it cannot be the whole of it. I think a third thing which is very important is our admissions policy where we treat everyone who arrives as a person when they come for an interview, not as a set of marks in an examination. People start from the very first time they come into the school as people and that I think is a good thing; it is the right way to be getting the educational structure started – mutual respect and value of people as people. I think that these three things must be partly why it is such a friendly place but I am not sure which ones are the most important and which are the key elements; it is something that I watch with care and affection and hope to see strengthened and going on in the same way as it has done for a very long time. I didn't say that the school is a very friendly place because it is a Quaker school, and perhaps Quaker representatives will wonder why I didn't, but I think so far as it is friendly it is carrying out Quaker ideals but there are plenty of other people who have those ideals – they are not the sole property of the Society of Friends by any means and it is not always true (perhaps I should not say this) that Quakers are entirely friendly to each other anyway, so just that fact that it is a Quaker school does not make it a particularly friendly place – there has got to be more to it than that.

Obviously, Quaker worship, must play some part in this and I think that those of you who are representing Meetings

would want to know of the changes that have taken place and where we are on worship at the moment. Morning Meeting every day is, I think more or less as it has always been except that on one morning a week we have just silence with perhaps a very brief introduction at the beginning but otherwise no sort of in-put. Otherwise on the other days, well there is Hymn practice or choral on Saturday morning and there is one morning that is generally music, sometimes with a hymn as well, otherwise we have a reading and a hymn with a certain amount of silence before, after or during as seems appropriate; far more silence than one would find in a non-Quaker school. On Sundays, Sunday Evening Meeting continues as it has been but the amount of compulsory worship on Sunday mornings is very much reduced. For the First, Second and Third Years we have Meetings for each Year four times in the term and the aim is to make those meetings a worship experience in themselves and a training in learning to use silence – not an easy task and it is not something which people come to without practice and a gradual introduction. The Fourth and Fifth Year separately attend the Gower Meeting twice a term and the Sixth Form are expected, though the expectation is not always fulfilled, to go to the Gower Meeting twice (on days of their own choice) during the course of each term. You may feel that that does not amount to very much and that is perfectly true but we are limited by the resources of Sibford Meeting and our own resources here – I think there are six members of the Society on the staff. We feel that the essential thing is that we do as much as we can do well and no more and that is what we are trying to do, and certainly there have been some very good Meetings at the

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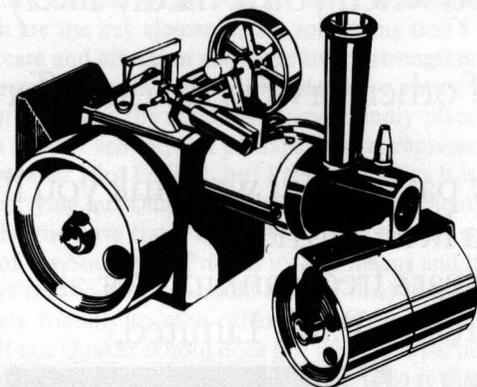
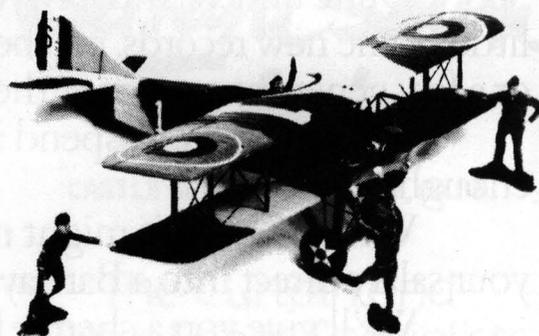
Gower when members of the Fourth and Fifth Forms have been present and members of the Sixth Form. There have been contributions from both Fifth Formers and Sixth Formers to Meeting which have been very welcome indeed. It is very difficult knowing what is the right thing to do in introducing people to worship. I think it is clear that there has to be an element of compulsion and I think it is clear that it has to be lessened as the children grow older. What we are doing seems to be about right, at least it is the best use of the resources that we have available. I hope that above all else we shall teach everybody, whether they are going to have any sympathy with Friends or not afterwards, the value and pleasure of silence because I think that is something which is common to everyone if they wish to make it theirs.

Turning to the curriculum that we offer in the school, and by that I do not just mean what we do in classes, are we offering the right sort of thing for children who are going to be adults in the latter part of this century and well into the next century? Are we simply peddling yesterday's values, yesterday's facts, yesterday's attitudes, to tomorrow's citizens? Well let's take today's facts and attitudes first of all. Schools have to adapt themselves and change and renew because it is a real danger that schools (and I am not thinking particularly of Sibford at the moment, I am thinking of schools generally) will be behind the times. Actually it is a great deal easier to say that we are not teaching the right things for the Twenty-first Century than it is to say what the right things for the Twenty-first Century are, but there are some lines that one can think of and there are some developments going on. Perhaps I can give an example

from one of the subjects where I think it is easiest to see the sort of ways in which there needs to be changed and where yesterday's facts and yesterday's approaches clearly are not right — I use Geography. I can remember from my days in Geography learning how to spell Popocatepetl and where Cape Matapan was (which I think I can still remember) and where Tanganyika is or was and how a very large percentage of Great Britain grew a crop called lucern and never succeeded in finding one. In fact, of course, many of the facts changed. Tanganyika is no longer there under that name and the crop patterns if they really did include as much lucern as I was told they did (which I very much doubt), have altered and the facts which one was given are no longer valid. Nowadays one finds that the emphasis in Geography teaching is likely not to be so much on learning the facts, though of course some facts have got to be learned, but on what you do with the facts. You are given the data and you use techniques and thought to sort out conclusions from it. In other words, instead of the emphasis being on the facts they are on the skills in handling the facts. Now those skills are transferrable to other fields and looking into the future one can see that if we can teach people skills they can transfer as the world changes under their feet, as it certainly will do if we do not blow it up altogether, that is going to be much more useful to them than facts which will go out of date. Well now, that example from Geography is very easy to make clear. In other subjects it is not quite as easy to make the distinction but I am sure that if schools are aiming to teach transferrable skills to the young, even though it may not be immediately obvious how those skills are going to be relevant, that is the

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right sort of thing to be doing. We have to use facts of course, and there is no harm in learning things which are going to be useful in surviving in a very changing world. It is difficult for Sibford being isolated as it is, to keep in touch with all that is going on in the educational world (actually you don't need to keep in touch with all of it because with a good deal of it, it is just as well to wait until they have had that little idea and explored it and forgotten about it, then you can see what comes next) so there are some advantages in not being too closely involved, but it is quite difficult for us. Nonetheless there are changes and developments going on. The needs to be renewal and refreshment of the curriculum rather than revolution, a continuing process of thinking "Is this the right thing?" "Are we as well in touch as we should be", and that is going on. However there is one change that I want to talk about in just a little bit of detail — you will see why in a moment — that is the arrangements that we are making for people staying into the Sixth Form who are not doing A-Level subjects. We always get a number of people who for very good reasons are not ready or do not want to go out into the world yet but who have not got an adequate basis for going on to A-Level study and we have designed a one-year course for such people with a variety of subjects which they have not taken before, an emphasis on the practical skills at which Sibford excels and, to get them a little nearer preparation for life, one day a week out of school on work experience or social work. And of course my special reason for mentioning this now is to ask whether any of you can help by providing or suggesting openings for seventeen year old boys and girls one day a week.

Obviously there is nothing specifically Quaker about organising the school's teaching so that it tries to take some account of the world into which our pupils will go. What about the hidden curriculum, the values and attitudes which we attempt to communicate to the young. Here we are certainly peddling yesterday's values to tomorrow's citizens and so, with some caveats, we should be. Yesterday's values may need to be dressed in different clothes but the central qualities remain the same and I think Sibford is specially successful in working for them. Any school worth its salt aims to be a caring community — a newcomer's view is that that is more fully achieved here than in many schools and that while I cannot define how that is done it feels very much a right place for a Quaker to be working and drawing on the Society's support.

ADDENDUM

Special events of the year have been some outstanding successes in craft work at exhibitions and, in winning places against very strong competition, for training as fine craftsmen in wood. An "in-house" newspaper entitled "Misprint" has now come out several times and has succeeded in being entertaining without ruffling too many feathers. Social Services have again walked away with the largest awards in the area from Project Respond. Three students have got their Gold Awards in the Duke of Edinburgh's Scheme. In games and athletics we have had quite a successful year, with swimming as possibly the best; eight new boys' records were set and with the help of a neighbour, Mr. Stevenson, there has been a fully organised training scheme throughout the winter. In the Banbury and District swimming gala a mixed team took second place and all but one of the other matches through the year were won by the school. In

athletics the girls were second overall in a local league and three girls represented North Oxfordshire in the County Athletics Championships. A very pleasant innovation has been a mixed hockey team coached by Martin Higgins who have had a happy and successful season including their game against the staff.

Exam results showed some improvement at A-Level though not yet to a standard with which we can be satisfied, while the O-Level and C.S.E. results fell back a little from last year's high point.



HALF ROUND TABLE in Ash with Rose String to top. By Peter Doney 16 yrs.



Detail of Writing Desk. Aframosia with Boxwood String to top. By Christian Notley 17 yrs.

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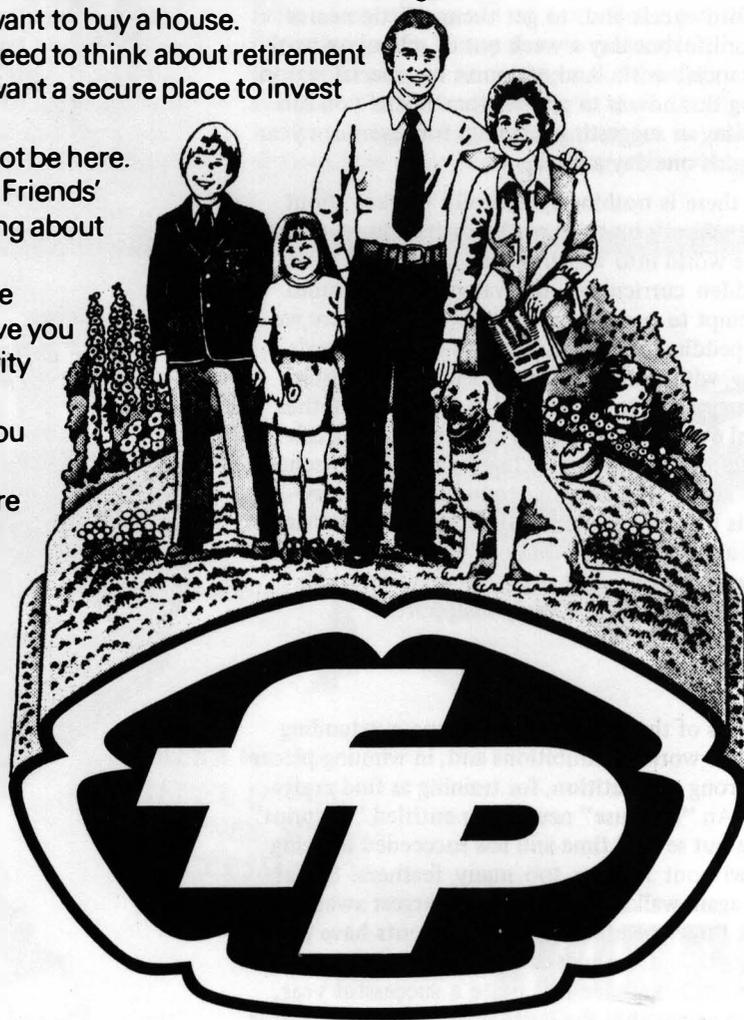
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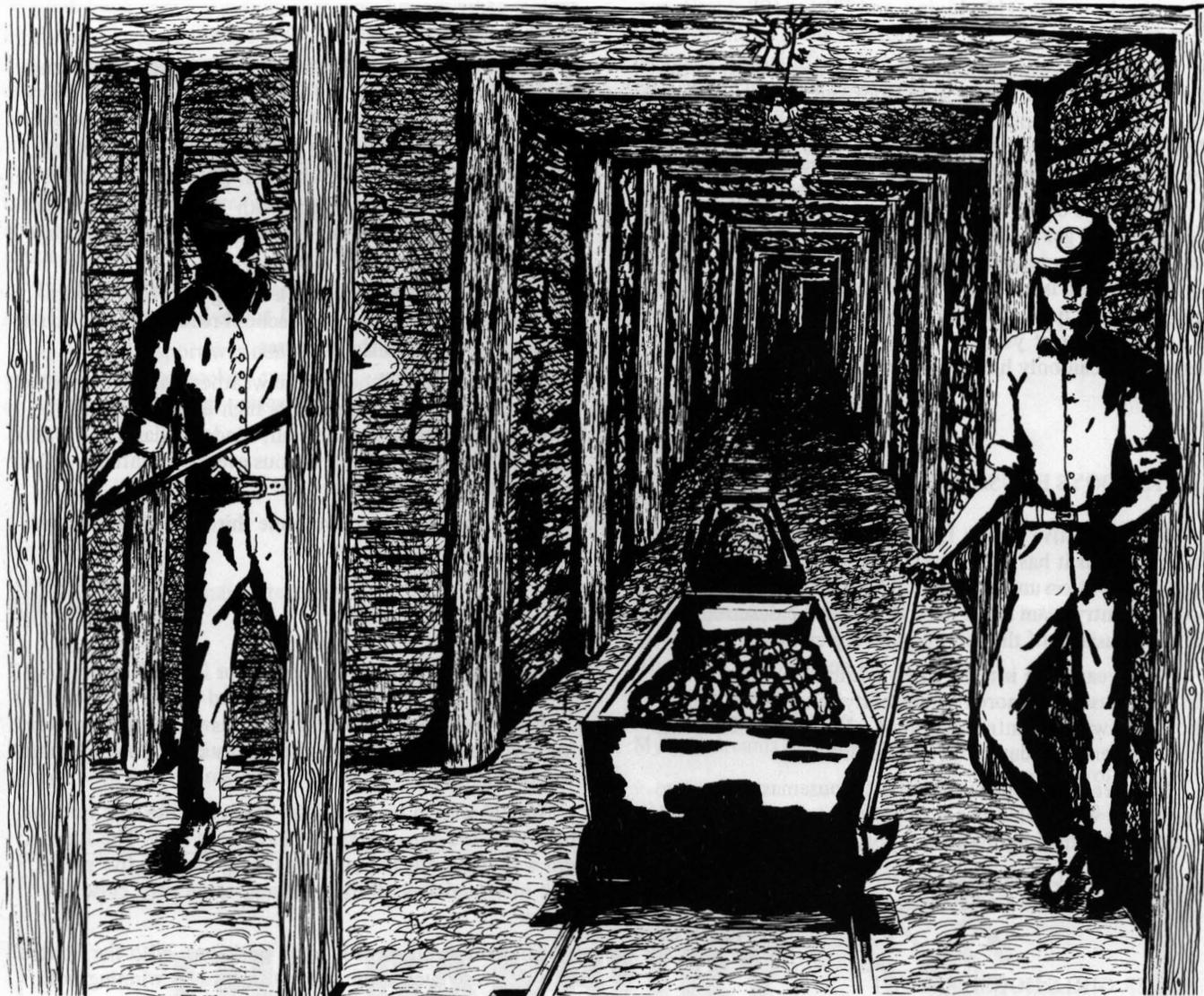
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OLD SCHOLARS TELL OF THEIR CAREERS

It's always been my ambition to do stone work, so I decided during my last year at school to try and find work with a dry-stone waller. Unfortunately this did not work out. But I was lucky enough to be given an apprenticeship in Masonry by North Yorkshire County Council. I am based in Skipton because that is the area where it is best done.

The course lasts for three years and the first year is all practical and I went round with various gangs doing things like repairing bridges and culverts, setting out paths and walling. This year, the second, is part theory and part practical. For the theory I travel to Leeds College of Building for five periods of block release from two to four weeks in length. I expect the next year will be the same.

I enjoy being out in the open air in the Yorkshire countryside. Sometimes one has to leave home to find a job but it can be hard because lodgings are very difficult to find. I think I was very lucky to find both job and lodgings.

Andrew Jemson aged 17
ex Lister House (left Sibford July 1979)

GIRLS IN ENGINEERING? WOT NEXT?

The role of an engineer has, until now been played by men but recently women have been breaking the sex barrier. I am one of the "fugitives".

I work for a firm called 'I.M.I. Shipston LTD.' and at the moment am doing Basic Training at college.

Although there are 22 of us I am the only girl in the workshop! Because of this I have to put up with a lot of sarcasm and "mickey taking" but the guys are not too bad really!

I am doing a technicians training and hope to end up in one of the drawing offices at 'Shipston (or Norgren)'. This training means that I have to attend 2 colleges, and do 3 courses! I am doing my basic Training and Technicians Education Council 1 at Stratford Tech. and T.E.C. 2 at Leamington Tech. It means a lot of travelling and extra work in the first year but it is worth it because I am saving myself a years work at the end. (I finish my T.E.C. courses next year after doing T.E.C. 3)

Basic Training consists of Fabrication (sheet metalwork,

forgework, welding) Machining, and Fitting (filing and handwork).

After my 36 weeks of solid work I expect to go to the firm and work around the shop floor and then the offices, this will help me and the firm to decide what I will specialise in eventually. This specialisation I do for the last 6 months of my apprenticeship.

At the end of my apprenticeship I get my "Indentures" (or as I say 'I get me teef put in!') which means that I am a trained engineer and have completed my apprenticeship.

Engineering is not just a mans world it's a womans world too, you may have to stick up with a lot but don't let this discourage any of you! I love it, I think it's a fantastic career and can only hope that it will remain so!

Harriet Jones, 1980.

LISTER BOYS HOUSE REPORT

In competitive events Lister has not seemed to have triumphed as it has in the past, coming third in the Eisteddfod competition and second in the sports, but the Senior cross-country team came first. However the determination and enthusiasm of the boys is still very evident.

Next year there is to be a new administrative structure in the House with more responsibility taken by all senior boys and with the introduction of a House Council to discuss matters and ideas affecting our lives.

Mr. Rye has been our Assistant Housemaster for two terms and we thank him for stepping into the breach and welcome Michael Spring to this position in September.

Our House Captain and Deputy for 1981-82 are to be Simon Cornish and David Kiango respectively.

Ralph Clark

LISTER GIRLS HOUSE REPORT

This year has not been very successful as we have not won many things; but it has been great fun participating in all the various events.

The Eisteddfod sketch plays went very well apart from a few hitches. The House plays were not all that successful as words were forgotten by nearly all; even though the people organising it enjoyed it immensely. In the exhibition many good items were produced but not enough for us to obtain first place. Nicole Creedon (4th Year) made a crochet blanket and Paula Harvey (2nd Year) produced a crochet square.

This year we have collected mainly for two charities, Cancer Research and for the Disabled; for the latter we raised money by selling ice cream one weekend.

We would like to thank Mrs. Higgins, Miss Wilson, Mrs. Chalmers and Miss Rae-Scott for being on House duty when Miss Edwards and Miss Long were away.

Lastly we congratulate Miss Edwards on her engagement and hope that Miss Long has a happy wedding.

Julie Greenhill and
Liseli Bull

LISTER GIRLS SPORTS REPORT

The year started off with the hockey. In this event the

seniors came second even though it was a very good and tough match and we had to do a replay.

The next sporting event in the year was the Junior and Senior Netball. We won the Senior Netball cup with many good goal shots from Jo Buffery and Linda Williams (Sports Captain). We lost the Junior Netball though we were not very far behind the winners for the first time in two years.

We won the cross-country with Anna Kiango, Julie Bowles, Cathy Muff, Susan Owen, Nicola Bull and Natalie Hall taking part, in a first class race.

In the Spring Term we had a diving start to the swimming in which we broke some school records, thus placing us second out of the three houses.

On Sports Day, although the weather was not very good, we managed to keep our spirits high and showed many good performances. Natalie Hall, Linda Williams and Dasha Rees did very well in their various events. Eventually, after a long afternoon, we came third.

In the summer sports we came third in both the tennis and the rounders matches.

Julie Greenhill and
Liseli

PENN BOYS

Penn Boys have done very well this year in sports. We have won every cup except the Rugby cup, the cup I most wanted to win.

We did well in cross-country this year, the first time we have won the cup ever since I have been here. The Juniors did well, with our five runners taking the first five places. The intermediates all did well and came very close together.

The seniors all came in good positions. With the Football cup we were successful again, the Juniors winning both matches and the seniors winning one match.

In the swimming too we won most of the events. In Athletics we did very well in field and track events.

I would like to thank all those who took part in any sport event this year for Penn.

Stephen Freeman
Games Captain

NANSEN GIRLS' HOUSE REPORT

Quite early on in the Autumn Term we started preparing our entry for the Eisteddfod concerts. We, as Fifth Form, were able to give more time to this because we were not doing our mocks, as has been the case in previous years when the Concerts were held in the Spring Term. There was much enthusiasm and everyone worked hard and enjoyed themselves; and our efforts were rewarded. We won for the third year running.

As far as the plays were concerned, we won these also, after hard work from the Nansen 6th.

We have been sponsoring a little girl from a Children's Village in Honduras. We have held several 'bars' which were always very popular and which we enjoyed preparing. The money raised went to various charities including Helen House.

In the Spring Term we came second in the hobbies exhibitions, but there was no great interest in these as members of the House do not spend all their time knitting, etc., and it is always difficult to get enough exhibits to fill the rooms we are allotted.

On one Sunday afternoon in the Summer Term several junior girls took it upon themselves to make and sell some cakes around the Houses. They didn't get very far as they sold out quickly. They raised £3 for the mentally handicapped.

The Fourth Year ran a 'bar' during a hop in the Summer Term. This raised about £10.

As far as the sport was concerned (throughout the year) we won the senior hockey cup and the senior rounders – so proving that Nansen prefers drama to sport.

Amanda Endersby
Miranda Sale

HAWTHORNS

Bare winter twigs, ornamented only
With the clusters of
Dew-dappled berries
Glistening in the cool sunshine.
A robin lands on the bush
Shaking the dew from
The twigs, and breaking the
Intricate threads of frosted cobwebs.

A small, plump hand
Reaches amongst the network
Of twigs, brought from the warmth
Of a woollen pocket. It tugs at
The small, red jewels and the
Bush, relieved of its fruit, springs back.
A pink soft fist clenches
Its treasure, though the hard, smooth
Skin no longer shines.
It is thrust, from the cold, into
The deep, dank pocket to wither and perish
Its beauty gone with the sun.

Catherine Davies 4th year

MY DREAMS BELONG TO ME

I close my eyes to thoughts I hear
I see colour, faces, love and God.
I see a mist before me
Then my dreams of all my things
I see happiness of the day
My good dreams belong to me.
I see nightmares so real
But later so false
Always a mist between me
And my dreams.
I see sadness of the day
My bad dreams belong to me.

Keiron Carroll 4th year

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I lay upon green grass,
The sun lay upon me,
Nothing there to disturb me,
Just the birds singing their songs
And a tractor coming along.

A fly is buzzing round my nose,
The trees a-rustling close to me,
The sun has gone in
And it's time for tea,
Goodbye beautiful countryside.

Cathy Muff 3rd year

THE SEASIDE

Water, crystal clear,
Lapping against the rocks,
Waves frothy white,
Salt spray against the wind.

Little pebbles on the beach,
Smells and seaweed everywhere,
Tar patches here and there,
But sand stays the same, soft and golden.

Sally Horsley, 3rd year

STORM

Sunlight danced and sparkled on the top of the sea as the waves rolled under it before rearing up with white tips to come down on to the sand like a kitten pawing at a toy mouse, then quickly scurrying back, every now and then a larger one would come like a mother cat playing the same as her kittens but not wanting to take out the fun.

Slowly black clouds drifted over to cover the sun and it became chillier. Drops of rain began to fall, it became heavier and faster; the sky was dark now, when suddenly, a flash of lightning seemed to split the sky in two and looked like the sun was shining, then it became dark and in the distance thunder rumbled. The sea was now grey-green instead of blue and the waves were rearing up their froth-covered heads, then crashing down, tearing at the beach like a lion with his kill. Then slowly the storm went, the thunder died and the sea stopped lashing at the cliffs and it became calm again.

Kerry Wratten 3rd year

DIVER

Bubbles rise to the surface,
The diver is slowly sinking,
The weights round his waist,
Help to pull him down.

Fish of many colours,
Dart past his head,
Oranges, greens, purples, indigo,
Darting this way and that,
A large school of fish
Turn silver and leave.

A shark!
The man in his mind
Senses great danger,
The shark in all its beauty and power,
Circles, then dives to go on,
The man goes on unharmed.

Harriet Gifford 3rd year

THE RACE

A rabbit raced a tortoise,
You know the tortoise won,
The rabbit came back
A little hot cross bun!

Simon O'Gorman 3rd year

SYLLABLE POEMS

THE STORM
Wind
Howling
Trees blowing
People running
Lightning and thunder
Crashing timber
World is still
All gone
Calm

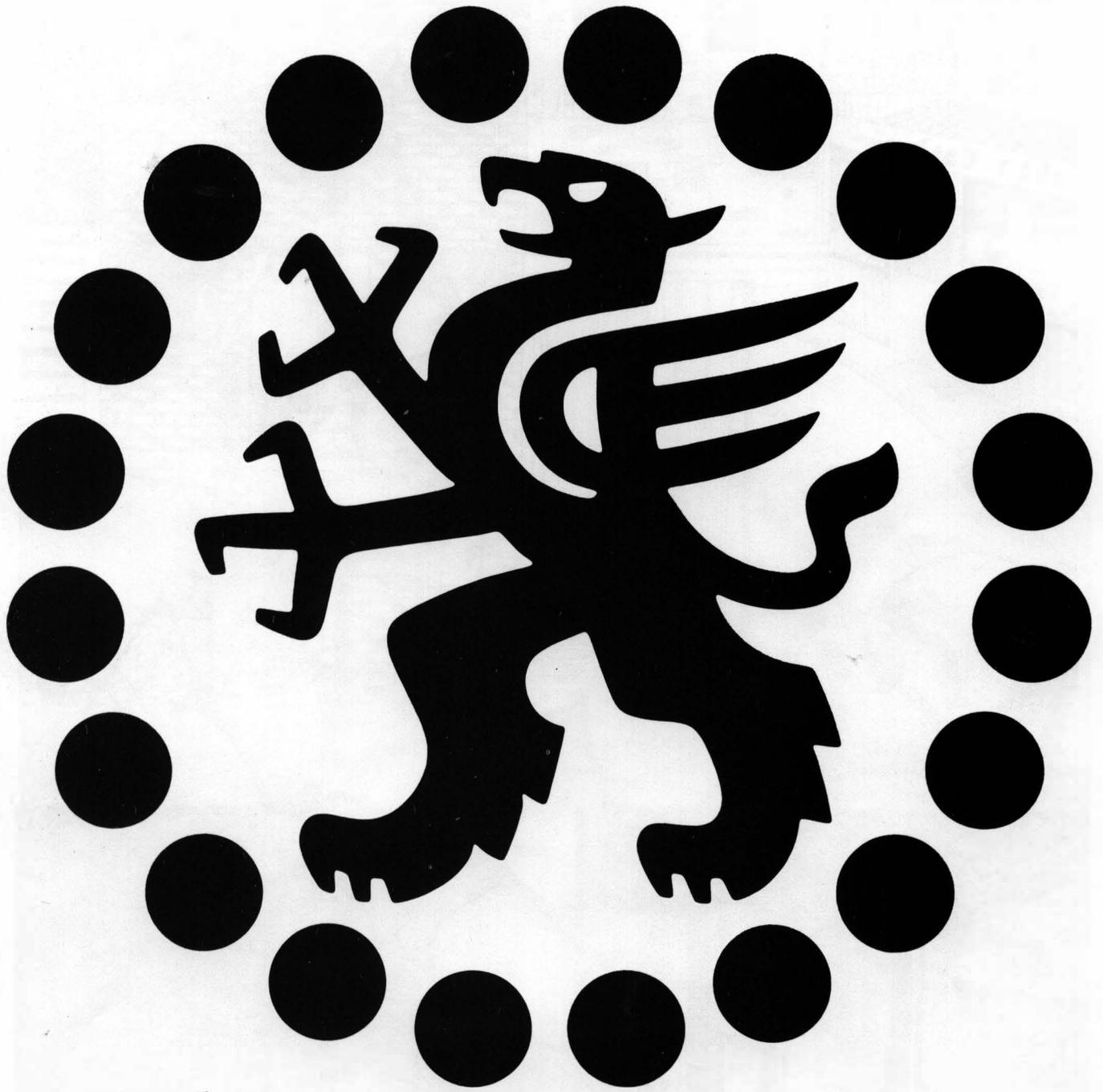
Jane Harper 3rd year

THE BUBBLE
Puff
Emerge
Whirling globe
Agile gliding
Swollen bulbous sphere
Disappearing
Nearly gone
Going
Lost!

Sara Binns 3rd year

SYLLABLES
Ugh
Dirty
Messy boy
Ragged muddy
Standing in the road
Crying calling
Help me please
Small wet
boy

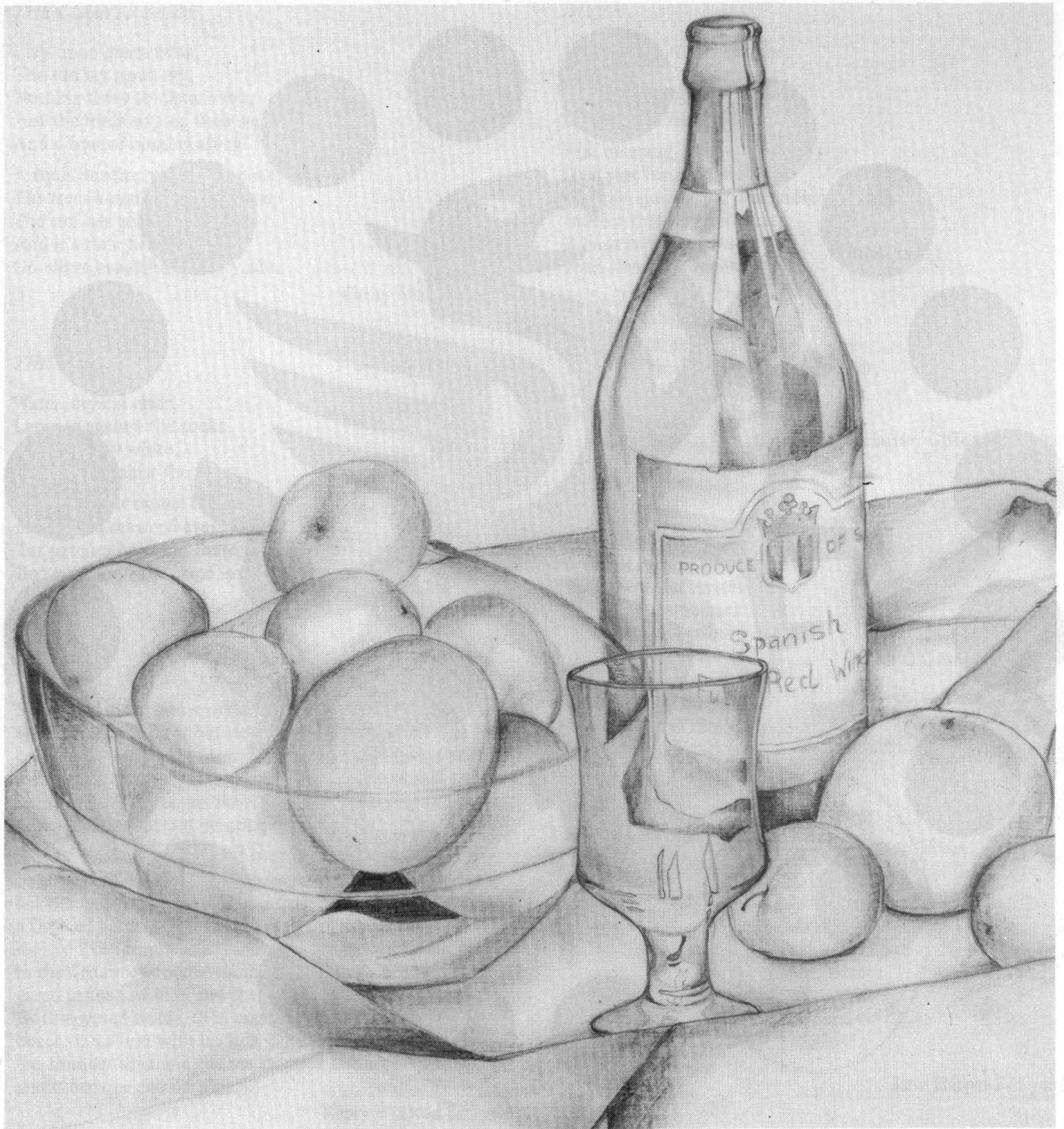
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Jane Munchin 6th Form

THE BEST OF MISPRINT

Misprint is an internal newspaper which is published several times a year. We reprint here some excerpts, marked (*M*).

BOYS MOVE IN

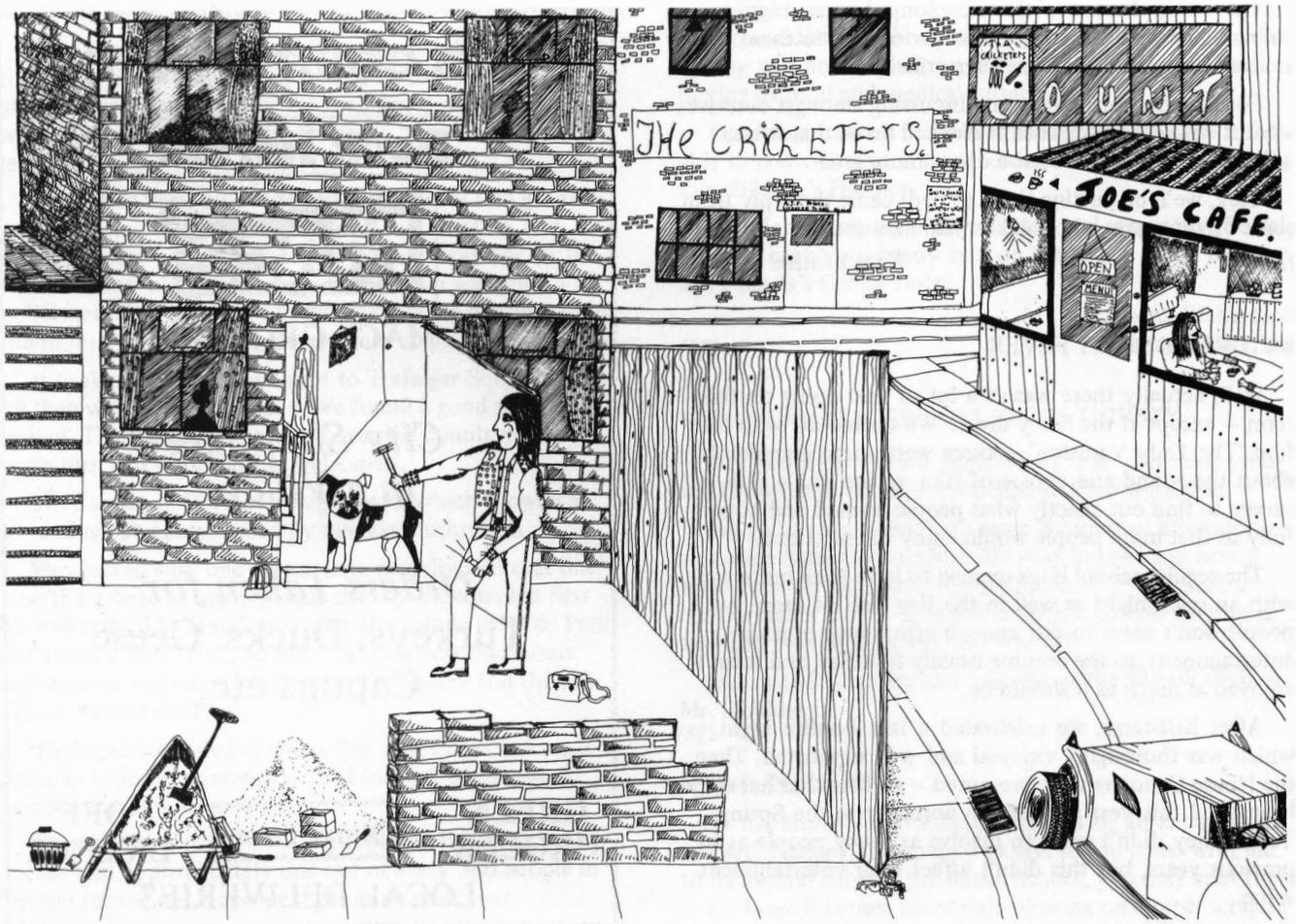
For years Penn Girls have been slowly going down hill – but has the brake now been applied? Are we really going to be put back on top, or is this just another hoax to keep us quiet?

We were promised that the house would be redecorated in the summer of last year. Then we were told it was going to be postponed until next year (building would start in summer 1981). Everybody went away disappointed.

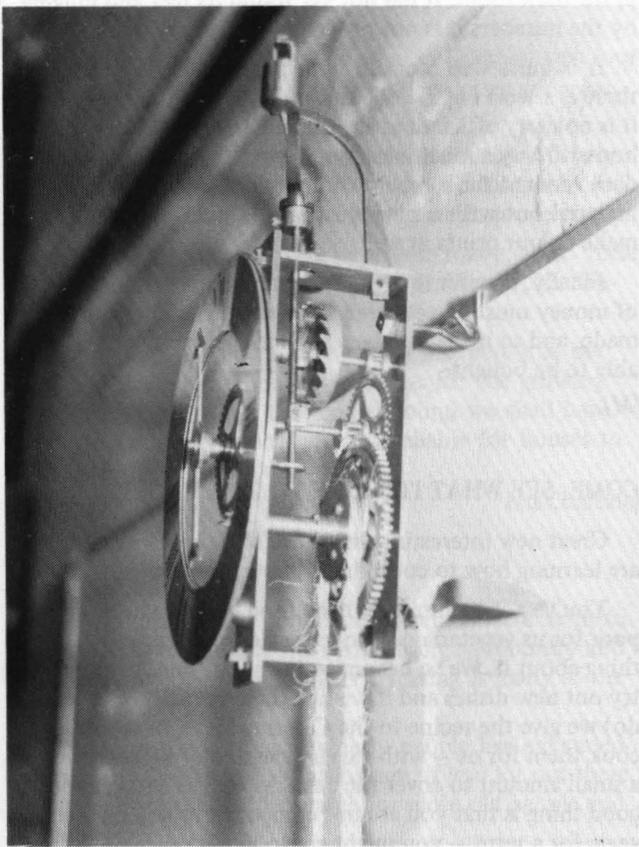
Meanwhile the cracks got bigger and the walls continued to fall down. Tempers were raised by the arctic conditions in the end dorm.

It came as a great surprise when the Headmaster and his wife suddenly marched in one night. What had we done this time? Was it some interesting scandal? Seeing some late-comers faces was quite amusing!

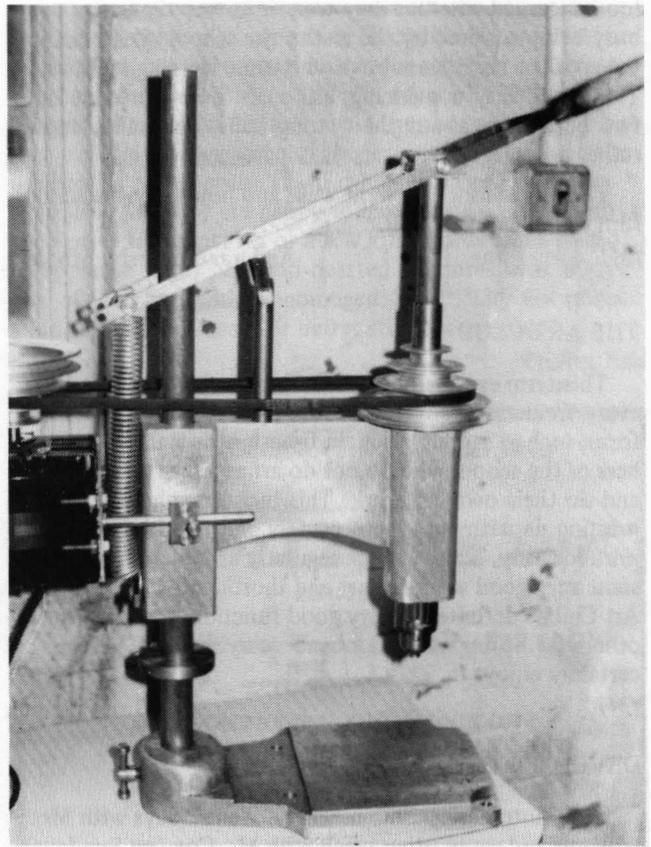
Mrs. Lynk announced that the Head was going to speak to us about repairs to the House. 'Yawn, yawn', 'Not again', 'What a bore', we all thought. But this time it was to be different. Something made us sit up and listen. Bigger house – use of Manor Art Room as Common Room, paint, carpet and as a bonus – **BOYS !!!**



Guy Prince 4th Form



Clock by Neil Morris



Drilling Machine by Keith Little

The atmosphere was electric. Some looked highly embarrassed while others had a colourful glow to them. A few smiled while most just bore large grins.

For ages that night we were discussing amongst ourselves what it would be like. Then it dawned on us that it was only 1st to 3rd years. What a disappointment!

'Hey, we'll be putting them to bed! came the reply from some bright spark; who shall remain nameless!

(M)

Kate Feather 4th year

SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER

Well, actually there wasn't a lot of that going on this term – except at the fancy dress! We started off with the film 'The Lady Vanishes' – there were some complaints about the sound and choice of film, so we had a film survey to find out exactly what people wanted and hopefully so that more people would enjoy the next one.

The regular school hops seemed to have gone quite well, with an open night as well in the first half of term, but people don't seem to put enough effort into organising entertainment, so the evening usually falls flat, and it isn't enjoyed as much as it should be.

After half-term, we celebrated a late bonfire night, which was thoroughly enjoyed and well supported. Then the House Concerts were presented – an idea that has only been tried this year as they are normally in the Spring Term. They didn't seem to involve as many people as in previous years, but this didn't affect their entertainment value.

The Fancy Dress was a great success, with a large number of participants and a lot of prizes, but no-one seemed too concerned whether they won or not, as they were too busy being admired by the rest of the school – especially those of the sixth form boys who came wearing nighties. They were very convincing, although there were one or two comments about the 'young ladies' muscular and rather hairy legs.

The last school hop went well, and hopefully the school film will be good as well.

(M)

Amanda Endersby 5th year

THE ART CLUB

This term especially the Art Club has been in action on every Wednesday afternoon. Run by members of the sixth form, such as myself, its main function is to allow members of the school who do not do art as a lesson, to come and do their own art work. This includes a good screen printing department where posters and tee-shirts can be printed easily. Many juniors regularly attend and produce some very good works of art and thoroughly enjoy it. The Art Club is definitely a very good function to have on an otherwise boring afternoon and everyone who attends certainly enjoys it.

(M)

Jon Coleman

DEVELOPING AN INTEREST

The Photography Club meets on Wednesdays with Mr. Williams and every other week with Mr. Cox (on Sundays) in the main Art Room although most of the work is done

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in the dark room. It has not yet found its feet and judging by the numbers it is not proving to be very popular.

It is quite well stocked with paper and chemicals and there is a working, if very ancient, enlarger. Due to its age it is not very efficient at its job and as a result Mr. Cox hopes to buy a much newer enlarger for the school. The dark room at the moment can only handle black and white material but with a new enlarger it would be possible to make colour prints as well.

Finally, in order to buy new equipment a certain amount of money must be collected so a fee for membership will be made, and so if the numbers rise more equipment will be able to be bought.

(M)

Thomas Houghton

COME, SEE WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE A VEGIE!

Great new interesting dishes are being rediscovered. We are learning how to cook them as well as eat them!

You've got to admit that the food here has been pretty poor for us vegetarians – so we vegies decided to do something about it. We've been meeting about once a week to try out new dishes and if we like them (which we usually do) we give the recipe to the Catering Manager who tries to cook them for us – with varying degrees of success! We pay a small amount to cover the cost. As well as eating another good thing is that you are not compelled to go. Try being a vegie for a term – you might get to like it!

(M)

Kate Feather

MARCHING FOR PEACE

On a Sunday morning a few weeks ago I went with friends to the Westminster Meeting House. Here we were given banners and placards. We then drove on to Hyde Park where a crowd of about two thousand had already assembled.

Ropes had been set out to separate us into two groups – regions and religions. We joined the Quakers and watched more people arrive. Our column was one of the first to set off along the march route which was lined with policemen. Pamphlets and badges were being distributed by the thousands and several chants were being shouted.

It took us half an hour to get to Trafalgar Square which by then was already crowded. We found a good place and waited. The speakers – from all over the country – stood up in turn and were warmly welcomed.

They spoke in front of a huge poster which showed a screaming baby surrounded by nuclear mushrooms.

We chatted with one person who proudly said that one year there were so many people that by the time the first lot had arrived in Trafalgar Square the people in Hyde Park hadn't even left! Well, on this day there was four hours between the arrival of marchers in the Square and the last people leaving the Park.

The speaking ended at about five o'clock and we made our way to the car extremely tired but full of the march and the speakers advice.

We estimated that 100,000 people participated, which means that approximately one out of every 580 people in Britain turned up! Hope we'll get more next year.

(M) William Maxwell 4th year

CACTUS CLUB REPORT

From the first meeting on a Friday in October with four cacti, the club now has over fifty on permanent show in Room 21.

Some of the cacti are quite rare with stories of their own e.g. the LOPHOPHORA WILLIAMSII long held in awe by the Aztecs of Mexico as having magic properties.

Contributors to the collection have been many: – Mr. Todd, Mr. Goodwin, P. Lowe, Miss Lemon, Mr. Wright, M. Yeomans.

At the moment the club is having a rest period as the cacti go into 'hibernation' in readiness for the growing season in March. When that comes round we shall have many new cuttings which will be available for houses to start their own collections.

(M) Ian Charnock

SOCIAL SERVICES

The Social Services Committee meets twice a term to discuss issues concerning the surrounding community and is constantly looking for new ideas involving as many of the school as possible.

This term the visiting of elderly people has expanded enormously thanks to the enthusiasm of you lot out there and we are continuing the search for more old people and volunteers.

Our emergency Earthquake Fund raised (amazingly) £20

despite its dangerous proximity to the tuck shop. The Social Services added a further £100 to your contributions so our money will now be helping to relieve suffering by the buying of food and medical supplies.

Our latest interest is in Helen House and we hope to be able to contribute next term towards the building costs of this children's Hospice.

In order to keep up with your alive and very active Social Services keep your beady eyes on the notice board next to Mr. Francis's Cubby Hole.

(M) Fiona Richardson
Anthony Wingfield

SQUASH MAKES THESE PLAYERS THIRSTY

Are you a glutton for punishment? Can you exert yourself for 40 minutes? If so, the Squash Club is for you.

We go to play in Banbury most Wednesday afternoons and some Saturday evenings. We play in pairs and have a table to show our positions in the club. If you beat a couple higher than you in the table you go into their position and they drop down into yours.

Interested? If so see any member of the Squash Club or Mr. Holliday.

(M)

MUSIC IN SIBFORD

Is the Musicus Sibfordiensis extinct or an endangered species? Neither, I am happy to say. If you come with me to its natural habitat, the Music School, you may spot the lesser Lone Practiser plaintively blowing on a pipe, scraping on string or hammering on ivories (this last kind is also called the Strumming Chopstickiensis). Sometimes you may catch whole groups of Warblers of both the Minor and Major sort, clusters of squeaking Recordus Decantiensis or herds of assorted Orchestriensis, who together can create the most stupendous sound effects, especially if the drumming variety join in. On the whole they are a shy breed but it is possible to coax some of them to perform their arts to the benefit and pleasure (?) of others like the Friendship Club. For this they are happy to have a few crumbs from the festive fare provided or a few kind words and a round of applause. They are kind hearted creatures who always give of their best when encouraged. So . . . why not sponsor a Musicas Sibfordiensis, or better still, become one?

(M)

Pauline Roe

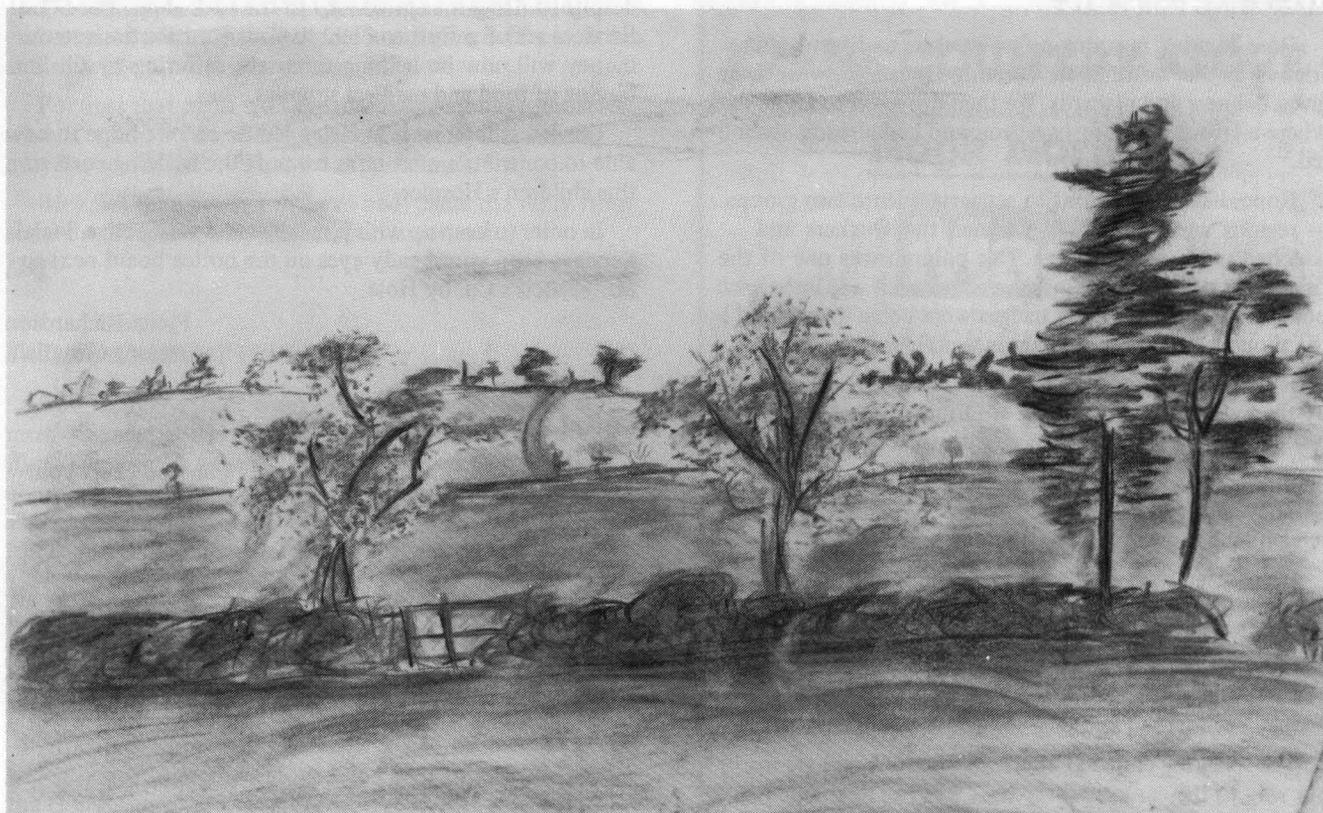
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JUNIOR YEARLY MEETING 1981

Junior Yearly Meeting this year was held at Great Ayton in Middlesborough. It is a gathering of about 150 young people between the ages of 16-19 from the nine Quaker Schools in England, plus representatives from Monthly Meeting and a few people from Ireland, Switzerland and Sweden. The gathering took place from April 9th-14th. Over the five days we took part in talks, debates, free time activities, walks, workshops and discussion groups.

On our arrival we were given name badges which also had a colour on, and it was decided by the colour as to which discussion group we were put into. Although on arrival many people knew each other already, those who knew no-one very quickly did.

On our first evening a theatre trip was arranged to go to see Sir Ralph Richardson in 'The Early Days' in Newcastle. On the other days we were entertained by disco's, country dancing or films.

On the Sunday we went to meeting at local nearby meetings and then had a picnic lunch with local Friends and a walk in the afternoon, either on the Yorkshire Moors or along the sea front.

The workshops took place every afternoon and we had the choice of art, drama, woodwork, singing music, weaving or dance. The people who chose woodwork were given the challenge of building a craft to race down the River Leaven which runs through the centre of the school grounds. This may sound easy but there were a few blockages in the river along the way. The race took place on Monday afternoon and this is when the music group played to us their effort of the weekend.

We were given two talks while we were at Young Yearly Meeting and after each talk we divided up into our groups to either discuss the talk further or begin on a completely new topic.

Young Yearly Meeting finished on Tuesday and many people were glad they had gone. Many new friendships had been found and a lot of people were asking if they could come again next year.

(M)

Eddie Bezant 6th form

BEGINNING THE DAY IN WINTER

One of my dislikes at Sibford is waking up on a cold winter's morning.

It all starts when a Fifth Former flicks on the lights walks in and threatens to destroy your bed if you're not out in ten seconds. You stick out your hand from under your bedclothes and quickly pull it back in, "Ooh it's cold". "Who left the window open?" you think. Looking towards the window you see the condensaton frozen to the window pane. Shut that window is your immediate thought. Out you get to shut the window.

After getting washed you quickly get dressed because it's too cold to hang around. You then make your bed and go downstairs.

It is not so bad when you open the House door and walk out because you are in the shelter of the building. When you leave that shelter it is all a different matter. The wind really hits you on a bad day. I think that if you need to shave, you don't have to bother because when you walk into that wind it does it for you.

Jonathan Wallis 3rd year



Sara Chandler 6th Form

THE FEARFUL INJECTION

In morning assembly one day, we were told that during the day we would be having our B.C.G. injections.

We all began to get worried and to fret about it but soon enough we came to our senses and realised it was only a little thin needle that was going to go in to our arm and not a drill.

The time came for the brown door to open and the Sister to walk out. When the door opened I went in. The walls were painted in a cold, shiny, white colour and room smelt between disinfectant and old sick. I could vaguely see the Sister's assistant pottering about, she was singing to herself.

The Sister looked quite nice and had a pleasant smile on her face. She told me to sit down and then she rolled up my sleeve and got the needle ready. I gasped but I needn't have bothered because she had pricked the needle in to my skin and put a piece of cotton wool over the top before I could finish my gasp. She smiled at me reassuringly and I walked out.

As I came out of the door I grinned to all the other children, some of them crying, some laughing and some just waiting patiently.

I wasn't particularly scared when I walked in but I was glad when I walked out of that room that it was all over!

Sarah Grubb 3rd year

MIDNIGHT HAPPENINGS

It's nearly midnight, the dorm is silent except for heavy breathing. In five minutes it will be empty. The "bleep" of the digital watch sounds, the owner is up in a flash and so is the rest of the dorm.

Jeans and jumpers, left on the ends of beds, are pulled on, nobody utters a word. Pillows are stuffed in beds and a queue forms at the door. The first in the queue opens the door and the rest tip-toe out, the door is closed again without the slightest squeak.

They troop out down the stairs still in silence. In the bootroom shoes and coats are hurriedly pulled on. Next the window is opened, but they stop . . . What is it? Two members of staff walk across the quad. Have they been seen?

As silently as before shoes and coats are removed, the stairs are remounted, clothes pulled off, pillows taken out, and people jump into the still warm beds.

Minutes later the dorm is full of heavy breathing and peaceful minds again.

Who knows what could have happened?

Phillippa Wright 4th year

PHOTOGRAPHY AS A HOBBY

One of my numerous hobbies is photography and as I find it immensely enjoyable I feel inspired to write about it and explain my feelings about it.

A good thing, perhaps, is that you do not need to have a 'flashy' camera with 101 attachment bits and pieces. To get started with, I personally had a Kodak 'Brownie' which must have been, as the saying goes, 'as old as the hills'. That camera has served me faithfully for four or five years now and is still going strong. 'But all things must come to pass' and recently I inherited an 'Olympus Trip' which I find a good deal more versatile. Soon I hope to get an even more 'up to date' camera which, I hope, will take my capabilities even wider.

Of course everyone must have taken snaps of 'little Johnny at the seaside' or 'Uncle Fred at the coconut shies'. Perhaps with one of those clever pocket cameras that do everything for you. Of course this can be a record of holidays and trips. But few of these picture takers realise the enormous potential of photography as an art form in its own right. A photograph can often be used to convey a message that would take three or four pages to put down on paper. It plays an invaluable part in the communication of news, and advertising.

I think it may well have the edge over the other 'visual arts' because of its learnability. Other arts and crafts need a lot more skill already there in the fingers and mind of the worker.

And with the 'sophistication', to coin a cliché, of today's filters and the optical effects possible, the old statement that painting and sculpture are more versatile in abstract form now may not hold true although it could have done in the past.

I certainly get a lot of enjoyment out of photography and that really is the crux of the matter. And I think if you approach it in the right way you will find the same.

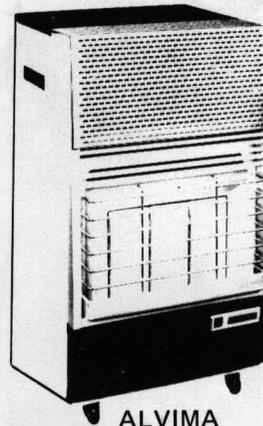
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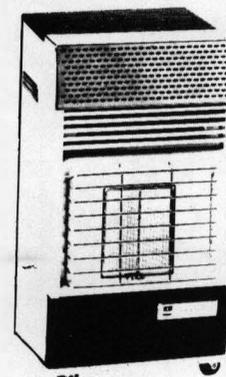
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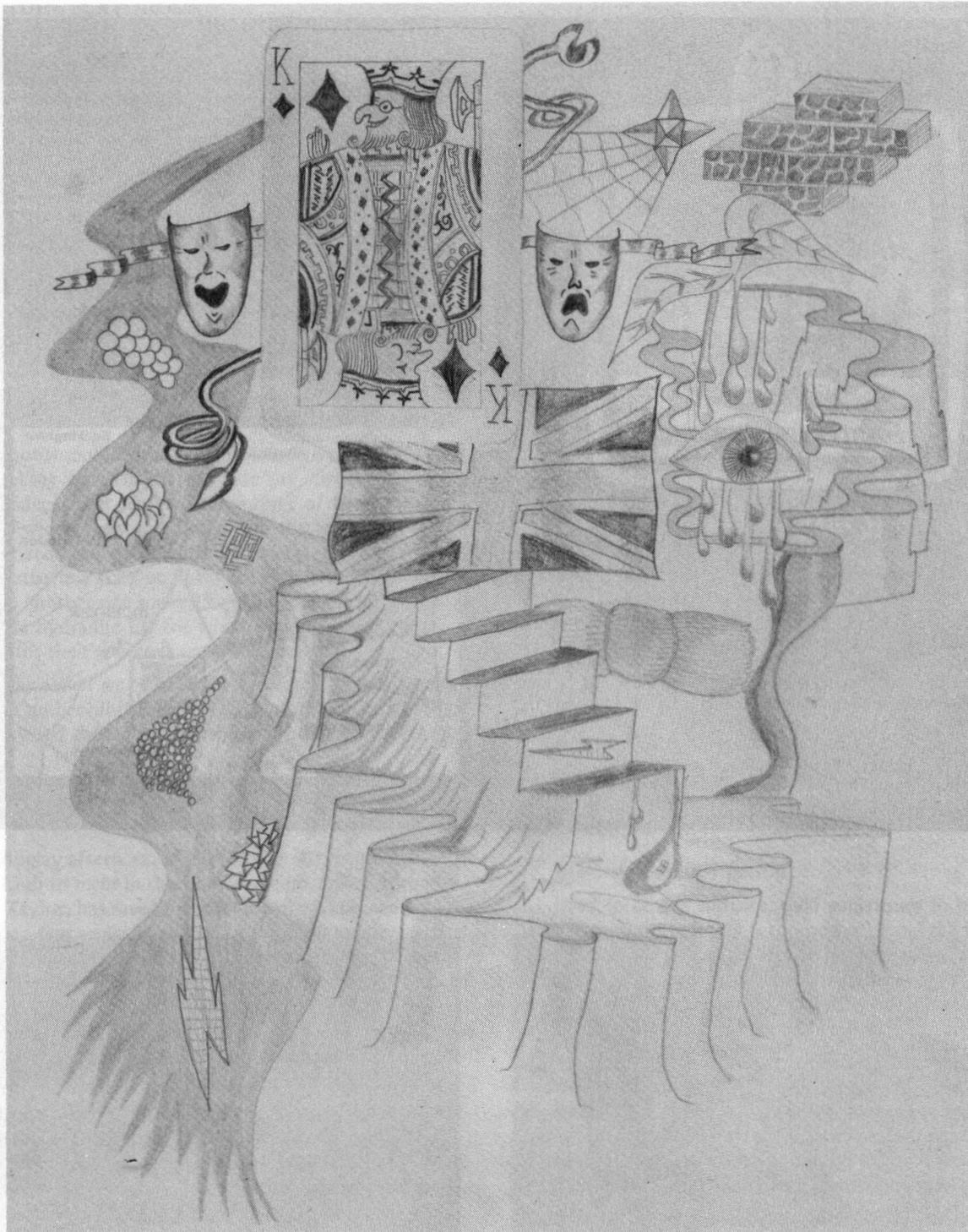
THE SCHOOL TRIP TO AMERICA 1981

Mrs. Lynk, Miss Taylor, Mr. Faulkner and Mrs. Hassell took a trip to Florida. The party was a small one of eighteen pupils, five girls and thirteen boys. We left early on Saturday morning, 4th April. We got up at about 5 o'clock we left Penn Girls' House at about 6.30 a.m. The coach came to pick us up and we left for Gatwick.

The trip was nine hours on an Air Florida plane. Everyone thought it seemed a long journey. We arrived on the same day, it was four o'clock in Florida and the weather was hot, only 85 degrees! When we arrived at the airport the humidity was starting to hit us. A few of us suffered from jet lag but we soon recovered. Our guide met us at the airport. His name was Lee and all the girls thought he was very handsome.

It was only about an hour from the airport to our motel which was called the Aztec Resort. It had one big swimming pool and a baby pool and a big beach with a bar. On the first night when we got to our motel we all settled in our rooms. We had small kitchenettes. There were two double beds in each room. The girls shared a room together and four of us slept in double beds.

Once we had got organised Mrs. Lynk came into our rooms and told us that we would be going out to get a bite to eat so we asked the manager downstairs where there was a place close to the motel where we could eat and he told us that there was a MacDonalds down the road. So we all walked down to MacDonalds and we had Big Macs with



Sheridan Coldstream 6th Form

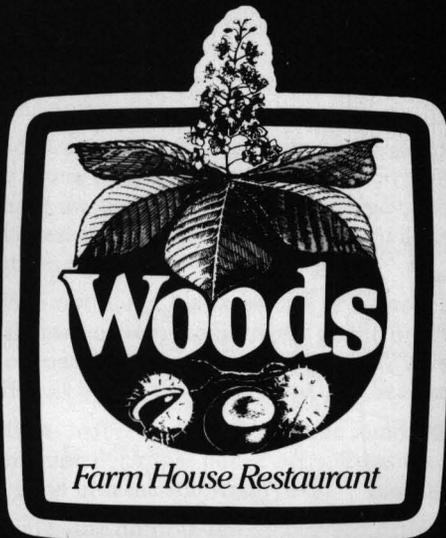
chips and a coke or rootbeer which is like coke. That night we got to bed at about half-past nine to ten o'clock.

The next morning we got up and got dressed in our bathing costumes and put our sundresses or skirts over them and went to the coffee shop for breakfast. We all had pancakes for breakfast and orange juice and after breakfast Mrs. Lynk told us that we could stay around the pool area but we were not allowed to go to the beach. She also told us a bit about the dangers of going into the sea; we had to beware of a big fish called portuguese man of war so everyone was careful. A bit later on in the morning one of the

junior boys decided he would go on the beach. He went in the sea and brought a big portuguese man of war which was a white fish like a ball. He had brought it near the pool and everyone was looking in surprise. Finally Mr. Faulkner and Mrs. Lynk found out that it was a portuguese man of war and what a laugh we all had. The boy had decided to take back the fish and he had a look at himself and found out that on his stomach he had a little rash.

This holiday was great fun and everyone really enjoyed themselves.

Nicole Chitayat 3rd year



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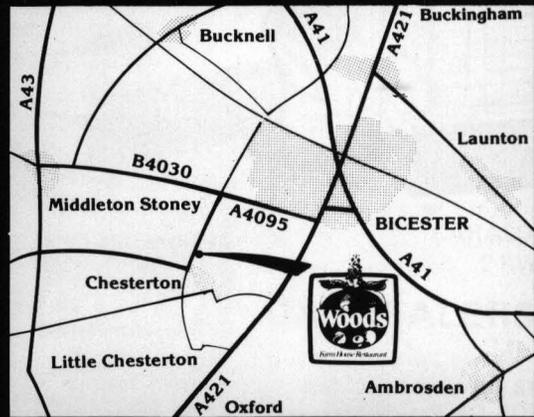
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Peter Donnelly 5th Form



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ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

An important and very welcome boost for the project was the decision by the Old Scholars Association to donate a large sum of money for the purchase of a large four bay swing. It was thought necessary to have a professional structure of this nature on grounds of safety. This has been duly delivered and erected by boys and maintenance staff and has been very well used.

This Summer Term post exam students have cleared the site and the area around all the new trees and constructed two pieces of apparatus — one a climbing frame and the other a tyre swing made from telegraph poles. Stephen Freeman has acted as our hardworking foreman.

S.H. July, 1981.



Swing being erected.

MOTOR CLUB

The motor club has had rather mixed fortunes but is now "picking up". On the bad side the copyright laws against videos have stopped recordings of the Grandes Epreuves which were so popular. On the good side the club have acquired two engines and many spare parts for us to practise our skills on. Also the club now has a car and may have another one soon. The latest acquisition has been an electric hydraulic lift for which we can thank the F.O.S.S. for their generous contribution.

Looking ahead we hope to arrange more trips to circuits, museums, and exhibitions. Finally, a motor cycle club is in its infancy and should prove a valuable addition to school life.

SIBFORD SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB

Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock is the time for Sibford Drama Club to meet in the Hall. The club, which is run by Miss L. Taylor, has several regular members and some who come for a few weeks at a time. In the Club we start with a few warm up exercises, such as walking in different ways. After the warm-ups we usually make-up and rehearse a short sketch, the outline of which is given to us by Miss Taylor. At the end of the short hour that the club lasts the sketch is shown to Miss Taylor and any other groups who might make up enough numbers to do a different sketch.

On one occasion, everybody had to dress up and act through the whole time as the person we were supposed to be. It was amazing the kind of people who turned up — we had a farmer, an old man, granny, belly dancers, and of all people, Sebastian Coe!

Even though we only have one hour a week in which to do our acting we really enjoy ourselves and although we are not packing in the people, we do hope they will feel free to join whenever they wish as it is an excellent club and has proved valuable to all its members.

Mel Cooper

WORKSHOPS

This year we had had some very pleasing 5th and 6th form project work and a display of our work and that of the art and girls' craft departments has successfully been displayed in the Halifax Building Society in Banbury once more.

On an individual basis we are very pleased indeed that

Robert Lawrence has gained an apprenticeship place with the Edward Barnsley Educational Trust starting in September, 1982, and that Peter Copestake has gained a place at Rycotewood to study fine furniture design.

A new venture for us on the engineering side is to have started clock making by being able to cut our own gears etc., and this is being pursued with some enthusiasm which we hope will grow and develop in the future. We look forward to having even more older students in the workshops with the start of the new 6th Form course in September, 1981.

S.H.

ACID DROPS

Alcohol: a deadly poison.

Used to drown sorrows, used sometimes to bring joy into lives. But the liquid is too powerful and the intakers of the poison are left in an uncaring manner, not aware of what life may bring or of what they are doing. Very often people's minds are overruled and filled with rage and begin a short war where glass may be involved.

As a result of this the enemy is sadly left with an unwanted souvenir: to begin with blood, coloured like the holy robe that oozes its way down the turn of the cheek. Time will pass and drink will continuously be consumed. The injury will also continue to heal, but will never disappear completely; a reminder of an energy wasting task.

Alcohol is the cause of many accidents, a large rate of them are headlined 'DEATH'.

People set out from their homes, leaving behind the warmth of love and affection. These victims go to the local inn, they leave but never return. Instead they lead a motionless life, six feet beneath all human existence.

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Natalie Hall 4th year

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PRESIDENT'S PROFILE

Very few Northerners, I notice, have featured in the list of S.O.S.A. Presidents, but here is one, honoured to be included, for I was born in an industrial part of South Lancashire, not far from Manchester. I was educated at the Girls' Grammar School, Leigh, and at the University of Leeds where I took First Class Honours in Latin with Greek, and completed teacher training with a Diploma in Education. Here I met my future husband and made my first acquaintance with the Yorkshire Dales we both love so much.

My first post was in a developing co-educational Grammar School in Maltby, a mining village in South Yorkshire, where I taught Latin and Music for two years. I then moved to Broughton High School for Girls on the outskirts of Manchester. Almost half the girls there were Jewish, and I soon learned to appreciate their capacity for hard work, putting many of the Christians to shame. As this was immediately before the war, we were constantly to welcome bewildered refugees from the Nazi regime – who could often communicate better in Latin than in English!

We married in June 1940, and lived for a time in Street, Somerset, where I first heard of Friends as represented by the Clark family. We didn't join the Society until after the war, when we were living in Shipley, Yorkshire, so our first Meeting was the lively one in Bradford, a very good

Meeting for newly-joined Friends to share in, as there was ample ministry and a happy Sunday Class for our first two children, Anne and Howard, to attend. I remember with gratitude the Bible Study group on St. John's Gospel led by Richard Graham, father of Sibford's present Headmaster. If in this meeting we were largely receivers, when we moved to the tiny one at Brighouse we learned for the first time to 'give out' because the need was so great. Both experiences have been of enormous benefit.

First Jonas and then I became involved with the Yorkshire Holiday Schools, where for a week in the summer and a reunion week-end in the winter Friends' children from the whole of Yorkshire, Durham and Northumberland met in one or other of the northern Friends' Schools for Quaker study and the usual mixture of fun and games which make these gatherings such happy and rewarding experiences. We have seen nervous youngsters start at eleven and come back year after year to develop into responsible Student Helpers, contributing in Meeting for Worship with a freshness yet deeply-held conviction which has often amazed us.

It was as a result of our years as Wardens of this Holiday School that we felt drawn to Sibford, to attempt to recreate in an educational context something of the same atmosphere. So with a family now increased to three by the addition of our younger daughter Rosemary we first met you all, – and the rest you know.

In retirement at Hook Norton I can still serve the Society as an Elder in Banbury Meeting, our Quaker Home Service and as Clerk to the Ministry and Extension Committee of Berks and Oxon. General Meeting. I have contacts with the local Primary School as a governor and with many of the elderly villagers through the Meals on Wheels service. Five grandchildren now too, so life is never dull!

OLD SCHOLARS GATHERING – AUGUST 1981

The usual worries of what clothes to take were the main concern of Friday afternoon only interspersed with my spouse's war cry to 'get a move on'! Still we were supposed to be the vanguard of Committee members invited to have supper with the valiant band of helpers made up of July leavers and fifth formers – and what a lovely crowd they proved to be, which augurs well for the Associations future.

George Gibson had prepared a superb meal so we all felt at home straight away. As most O.S. take a customary walk to survey the School then no doubt they were astonished to see the changes at the Manor. Gone were the old boys changing rooms and Littleboy dormitory (N.E. end of Lister Girls House) – and yet as if to offset the sadness of losing the old building, the panoramic view unveiled across to the Gower seen from the 'Prom', was breathtaking.

Saturday started cloudy but fine and the forecast was encouraging for the rest of the weekend. Final arrangements for the Reunion were in hand, supervised by Simon Barfoot, the new Reunion Secretary, ably assisted by that veteran of many a campaign, Russell Steed.

After lunch and the preliminary introductions by this year's President, Hugh Maw, the traditional tournaments got underway.

The first major item was the A.G.M. Hugh Maw kept the agenda moving briskly and efficiently. As the A.G.M. is reported in detail elsewhere, it needs little comment here except to mention the impressive approach to the meeting by Jim Graham, who dispensed with the traditional Heads report to invite questions about the School. This was most refreshing and many felt could have gone on for much longer, but as usual *tempus fugit!*

After another splendid supper (The School seems to have a jewel in George Gibson) we were entertained to an excellent Leslie Baily lecture which was given by Joyce Butler about her experiences as a Member of Parliament. Her intimate character sketches of many famous people e.g. Macmillan, Morrison and Wilson were enthralling. Long may lectures of this calibre continue.

Sunday morning was a beauty. We had an Aunt who used to say one of her greatest joys was a 'Sunny, Sunday morning' – probably because it was the only 'day off' in the past – but I know what she meant, it really is a tonic.

Hugh Maw, accompanied by Clive Penman lead a vigorous Choral in which many old favourites were sung.

Meeting at the Gower always seems to inspire the inner thought and this year was no exception. The theme running through was about nature and the world we live in. It might have been entitled 'All Creatures Great and Small'.

After lunch we were led (or was it a route march!) on one of Sibford's traditional lovely walks to Swalcliffe Common via the Elm – so sad to see it shorn of leaves and dying, apparently due to the 'insidious beetle' as Margaret Dring calls it. Most walkers were surprised at the overgrown state of the Common, especially Hill Bottom, where a certain large 'Brummie' guided us into waist high jungle, for which the only escape was thro' a hole in the hedge.' Still, these adventures make the weekend and we all relaxed at a picnic on the hillside by Grounds Farm where the 'Hill' water supply used to be pumped from. That was a lovely afternoon.

Many found their way to the swimming pool afterwards to freshen up before supper.

Presidents choice was vintage Sibford. A rare titbit, where Hugh entertained us to an extravaganza of music and readings, made up of personnel experiences of moments in his life, particularly his time with Harold Turner's ballet and his time at Sibford with Clive Penman. Who will ever forget his finale of an excerpt from a parent's recording of a Sibford School production of 'Noahs Flood'.

After refreshments came country dancing under the expertise of Chris Grimes who forced us to lose several pounds (weight!)

As a conclusion to a very special evening we walked to the Elm for 'Rockets' where we did our very best to breath fresh life into the Elm with the usual traditional displays plus some fresh ideas from the younger element – No doubt the tale of 'Little Rabbit Foo Foo' will be oft repeated!

The magnificent weather continued into Monday. The first item was Frank Rolletts Treasure Hunt – surely he couldn't think up any more obscure clues! Well he did and as usual gave a wrong direction (deliberate of course!) which completely threw everybody off course. (Was the 'Royal Oak' a scheduled stop?) It was a beautiful run where

we were able to witness again the magnificence of the English countryside.

The eventual winner of the Treasure Hunt, was Marion King and party.

Tournaments had to be completed in the afternoon and Paul Frampton made sure that everyone was on time (Just like Mussolini!) In the end we were all delighted that the Tennis was won by two of the young brigade – Julia Walton and Nick Briggs. The Table Tennis also produced a new champion – Jim Thelton narrowly beating Philip Manasseh.

The usual 'unusual' hockey match was (for once!) expertly umpired by the President. Mike Finch's team (Aston Brummies) beat Paul Frampton's team (Somerset Yokels) 3-2. Rather a coincidence that Mike and Hugh (both brummies) were seen laughing together afterwards!

After a refreshing cuppa at Holly House, we joined in the fun of Jeanne Southam's bring and buy sale when many strange items exchanged hands (what on earth was that gold thing Rhoda bought?)

After the group photograph everyone disappeared to prepare for the Presidential Dinner.

The Dinner was excellent – Steak Rossini has always been one of my favourites.

The speeches seem to get better every year. (Was Mike's first meeting with Hugh really on a barrow in the Bull Ring?). Hugh gave an enthralling talk in which he cleverly linked a four course dinner hors d'oeuvre etc, on the sound reasons for Friends Schools. Clive Penman responded with an expertly delivered and articulate address on how he first came to Sibford and his experiences in Friends Schools, and finally John Adamson, the School Committee guest brought the house down by singing to us one of his weekend experiences!

The Reunion officially closed with the joining of hands for Auld Lang Syne and a noisy despatch of Rockets. For many an outstanding Reunion, well organised, well attended and blessed with good weather. Long may they continue.

Scottish Brummie
Sept. 1981

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THE MIDLAND BRANCH

This groups of Old Scholars started the year 1981 with a really well supported party. This was held at Selly Oak Meeting House in January. In spite of the fog, O.S. came from as far away as South Gloucestershire and Somerset.

Stan Ewan, as usual, was the popular Master of Ceremonies and soon had members absorbed in party games. Committee members provided an excellent supper which was enjoyed by everyone.

In March, we went to Graham Trout's Gilbert and Sullivan's production in Redditch. This lived up to the standard we have come to expect of these productions.

Our summer venue was at Churches Farm, Bromsberrow, Ledbury at the invitation of Joy and Bill Rann. It was a happy occasion; 18 O.S. turned up. Our sincere thanks to Joy and Bill.

September 12th brought several O.S. to Vaughan and Jeanne Southam's home in Nailsea. A group of O.S. came from Birmingham while a number of Old Scholars living locally came along to join us. Some of these we had not met for many years and we were pleased to be able to exchange and catch up with various bits of news. We are grateful to Jeanne and Vaughan for their hospitality and our sincere thanks to both of them.

It is a pity that more young O.S. do not join us in these local gatherings. If any O.S. contact me I can inform them of the events we have arranged for the future.

Since writing the above I have heard of the death of Stan Ewan. All O.S. will know him through his regular attendances at the Re-unions and his tapestry work. But Midland Branch O.S. had a special affection for him for he always organised the games at their gatherings and was always there with a cheerful smile and handshake.

We shall miss him greatly.

I. Smith

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS at Re-Union August 1981

Hugh Maw commenced by thanking all for the honour done to his wife and himself in asking him to serve as President for 1981.

He asked himself how could he follow Mike Finch's address last year when he spoke about the history of the school seen through the eyes of the Sibford Elm. He referred to the end of the Elm and thanked Nick Bennett and others for planting in the corner plot new trees – Beeches this time.

Hugh went on to say that his speech was going to be a fresh menu – following the excellent dinner we had enjoyed.

He lightly skipped over the appetizer, the Hors D'oeuvres, the soup and the fish courses enlivening them all with suitable quotations from childrens essays. Then he came to the main course – or as he put it, 'St. Paul's strong meat', or for the vegetarians, the tough fibre, which is more indigestible, controversial and unpalatable perhaps, but neces-

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He went on to say "Gandhi assured us that there is enough for all men's need, but not for their greed. The feelings of guilt we may or may not have from over-eating in a world of plenty, and of waste, through social habit, life-style, accident of geography or history, where the other half - 800 million people - are starving; the still small voice must be listened to, and we *must* respond. Somehow we must all "learn to live more simply than others may simply live;" the right use and sharing of our own and the world's resources. "I come that ye might have life, and have it more abundantly" Jesus said, and he had a lot more to say about food and drink. Conservation, preservation and reverence for all life means that we must start with ourselves by first being friends with ourselves, loving our neighbours then, as ourselves, being friends with each other - with a small and large F, being friends of Sibford, Friends of the Earth, beyond national boundaries or sovereignty. That brings me to Q.P.S. - Quaker Peace and Service, disarmament, human rights and justice for all human beings - ideals we should live for rather than to fight and die for. "If thine enemy hunger, feed him . . ." "Give peace a chance" wrote John Lennon, and withdraw from the ultimate obscenity and insanity of a self-chosen nuclear holocaust.

Wherever I travel in the Middle East people are sick and tired of war and violence, and long for peace. They find the present arms race, in which we all share, incomprehensible! Stanley Keeble - a parent of our time here, has really started something courageous and active with his Peace Tax Campaign, which deserves our support. In serving now on the Q.P.S. Middle East Committee my mind is again focusing on Palestine where the first word was written, and where the last may be written if we do not follow the life and teaching of Jesus of Nazareth. But I have digressed and wandered far from Sibford in this green and pleasant land, where sheep may still safely graze, and where "Ye Menne of Sheepford wendath withersoever they wilen." How rich we are!

What then should we be teaching about people and growth in a Friends School in the 1980's? Clive Penman really sparked off something in me in his researches on what is distinctive - what is special - about a Quaker School. He wrote to me recently that he felt his research project, which he was unable to complete, was a "ghastly mistake". I do not believe it was. Any project, any search for truth carried out in love, sincerity and concern, cannot be a mistake. Sure, we all make mistakes, but a Friends' School should be the kind of place where it is safe to make them, where we can come to terms with failure as well as experience success, however you define these terms. It is also true that we have to learn to "swim in our own juice", and suffer for our own mistakes, and the consequences of our decisions; but suffering can lead to what I believe Leslie Harrison describes so aptly as 'the healing crisis', the death of the old self, the sloughing of the old skin and being born again; seeing things with new eyes and ears.

"Growth", says Douglas Heath in his Pendle Hill Pamphlet: 'The Peculiar Mission of a Quaker School', "discloses new potentials; growth is its own dynamic impetus to continued growth" - and that applies to all of us, teachers and learners, children and adults. I hope you will find time to read this pamphlet. It contains the main course in this

menu, but I can only give you a few quotations from it. Like Clive Penman he asks what *is* this "specific Quaker influence" found in our schools? "I suspect", Douglas Heath continues, "that a distinctive view of education may be embedded in Friends way of worshipping. If we could consistently apply such a view in our classrooms we might so unite our religious and academic traditions that the strengths of each would nurture the other. Perhaps if we more deeply understood Meeting for Worship we might clarify what a Friends' School should be." And let's face it, there's a lot of feeling within the Society against Friends' Schools. But I believe a Friends' school, or any school for that matter, is as good as the people in it. The test - Are they civilised? The answer came to me from Africa.

Helen Neatby, one-time Headmistress of Sidcot, who later taught in the third world, came and gave us an Evening Meeting talk here, in which she gave us an African's definition: "A civilised man is one who grows flowers as well as vegetables in his garden." I hope it won't embarrass him too much if I say that on the staff here, Arthur Dring is such a man. When I invited him to my first staff meeting 25 years ago, and asked him to help us sell the School, he responded in that spirit with quiet deeds and not a lot of fancy words. He and his staff have, in 28 years service, created for the grounds and surrounds - the outside classrooms of the school - as he has done for his own home and taught me to do for mine, the optimum conditions for the growth of garden plants, trees *and* children, of goodness, truth and beauty - with a little help from God - and Margaret Dring of course! (and her staunch discipline).

Douglas Heath, in far better words that I can express own belief continues: "The implications of such assumptions about growth for a Friends' School are several. Its climate should be one of high hopeful expectancy in the potential of its members for goodness. Our hopes can create our reality. If we genuinely, and of course *realistically*, believe in the potential of our students, more likely than not they will rise to that expectation. But our hopes must be pure, not mixed with reservations of doubt and despair. The spoken and unspoken expectations of a Friends School must be in *unity*, and harmony - both of which we've experienced this weekend." (And that friends must above all apply to our O.S.A. if we are to enable both it and the School to continue to grow.) "The school must not preach loving-kindness and mutual co-operation, while its teachers teach in ways that accentuate competitive mistrust that divides rather than gathers students and teachers together . . . A Friends School should be divinely discontented . . . a restlessly searching, experimenting, risking place, ceaselessly seeking to attain new levels of perfection. It is growing that brings a sense of aliveness, even happiness and joy."

To sum up then: What are the most important things; principles, values we can share with our growing children, with each other and our growing selves?

First: That each of us, as a responsible member of the community seeks to live more fully in "*Trouthe and honour, freedom and curteisie.*"

Secondly: *Joy and fun*; through active participation and commitment, having a 'go', entering into the spirit of the glorious adventure, and enjoying the marvellous world with enthusiasm "and the self-discipline that enables each member to enter more deeply into Truth."

Thirdly: *Trust*, Trustworthiness, Honesty and Integrity,



1981 President, Hugh Maw addresses school while Head and Deputy Head observe.

by the way we live, behave and respond to each other.

Fourthly: *Courage* – the kind of courage that is needed for living adventurously, and with integrity, witnessing for Truth. We *all* need courage to sustain us and to come to terms with life's inevitable mistakes, griefs and failures, rejections and bitter disappointments.

Fifthly: *Faith*. Something and someone to believe in; Things and people to care passionately about, and in which there is always to be found 'that of God'.

Finally of course, and it should have been put first, *Love* and *Compassion*, and how to sustain and nurture them. We're on to the sweet course at last now! Everyone's right to love and be loved by another. To believe that everyone has the seed of potential goodness and their own special talents and uniqueness is to value them and 'prize' them. Quakers, Christians, and humanists, seek to create this T.L.C. of relationships capable of that "infinite growth." They refuse to participate in violence that extinguishes the light, that kills and destroys the seed of God in others. We can teach these principles only by *being* more loving, opening ourselves up to a loving and forgiving God, and reflecting in turn His warmth and loving kindness to others. "Verbis et Factis."

Dostoevski, in "The Brothers Karamazov" once wrote: "Hell is the suffering of those unable to love," and Alexander Lowen in the "Language of the Body," who quotes him, says: "Each of us must face and go through his own hell to find the way to heaven and home." I don't believe Hell is a place where the 'baddies' go, or that Heaven is where the 'goodies' go when they die. We choose to create these places for ourselves on earth. Nor can we be sent to either place by others – we make our own conscious decisions to live there. "Hell is a state of mind created by the self," said Leslie Weatherhead the great Methodist Minister and Doctor. But I must end this meal with the story of the man who had the good fortune to visit both Heaven and Hell. In hell he found everyone sat around a table piled with delicious food, but their elbows would not bend, and they had no way to get the food to their mouths. The inhabitants of hell had to spend an eternity in this frustrated state. In heaven the situation was exactly the same." "Well then, what is the difference between heaven and hell?" asked a friend. "The only difference" he replied, "is that in heaven *they feed each other!*"

Oh! My! there's still a savoury on the menu, and the fruit basket and cheeseboard on the side, and coffee to

follow – No, well . . . I really must not be so greedy! And I've avoided saying anything about Drinks or whether you may smoke. Yes, and I've strong feelings about them too, everyday problems of reality, the nitty gritty of the job of teaching at home and in school, but at least *I* must abstain before I can persuade others, and abstain from going on about it any more, and before I drive you all to drink and pot!

"Blessed is he who knows when to retire and has the strength of mind to do so!"

Thank you all for coming, and listening so patiently.

CLIVE PENMAN'S REPLY

It gives me very great pleasure to propose this vote of thanks to the President – whom I have known for 25 years. Though you may not believe this from the extreme youthfulness of both of us. 25 years – a quarter of a century.

Yesterday someone said to me "How long is it since you taught here?" I replied "Oh, about 20 years". They then said "It must be a very nostalgic visit?"

Nostalgia sounds like a very nasty complaint – like neuralgia – and in some ways it *is* a nasty complaint, because it is *life-denying*. Always trying to escape into a sun-lit past is wrong – because the sunshine probably wasn't all that bright anyway, and in the words of Philip Larkin "Where have we to live but *here* and *now*?" The past and the future must both nourish the present. You may know T.S. Eliot's lives from the FOUR QUARTETS. "Time past and time future point in one direction only, which is always present".

It so happens that Sibford has not allowed me to lapse into nostalgia, and this weekend has again shown me. Perhaps I can give two examples of this:

(1) Firstly – I noticed when I arrived here that one or two of the recent leavers were giving me rather peculiar looks. I then realized that the name Penman meant something quite different to them. It meant a '6'4", fair-haired youth, quite different from me – my eldest son – who left



Hugh Maw conducts the count for "Rockets".

the staff last year taking one of the young mistresses with him. So nostalgia doesn't damage if you keep the present alive, and we have kept the Sibford present alive through Robert.

(2) A second example – a dreamy dis-satisfied nostalgia is killed stone dead by the renewal of links with the past. This weekend I have met lots of people from the past – and of course they are NO DIFFERENT. People don't change very much – our time has no meaning – it closes up with a *bang*, and the past and present become one. These old friends *look* – *and are* – no different from when I forced them to sing "Blow away the morning dew" or to play the trumpet parts in Noye's Fludde.

The President, I find, is really no different either. I first met him on Banbury station where he had come to fetch Jane and myself from the Reading train. I was in the fourth year of a ferociously difficult job – being the only music teacher in Reading's first comprehensive school of 900 boys. It was a tremendous baptism for one with no previous experience. I was at that time a lapsed anglican – and for some reason it seemed that everywhere I went I met strange people called Quakers. It was quite uncanny. Of Quakerism I knew nothing. It so happened that my brother-in-law was at Leighton Park and my sister-in-law at the Mount. These were my only Quaker connections. Then the Quakers started appearing. I ran a Madrigal Society – one of the Sopranos and one of the Tenors were Quakers. We had a house built – the architect was a Quaker, and so it went on – all the time. Someone, out of the blue, loaned

me Fox's Journal. Then someone said "You ought to teach in a Friend's School, you'd love it". And on the following Friday – *the following Friday* – I saw the advertisement for the job at Sibford. I KNEW – it sounds daft – I was pretty daft – but I KNEW. I really did. Silly, isn't it?

Hugh told you last night that he turned me down. Actually he was much too kind to write CLEAR OFF – he just said that he'd had over 50 applicants and that a lot of them were highly qualified members of the Society of Friends. You might think it comes to the same thing as Clear off! I then did something which I certainly wouldn't do now – and which no-one who wasn't absolutely daft and very young would do. I did a sort of Joan of Arc act – you know "I hear voices!" Utterly ridiculous. I wrote to Hugh and said "I'm sorry I'd teach anything – even DOM SCI – this is destiny – you must let me come to Sibford". What a dreadful nerve! Most heads would have said "Oh Ah – here's another crank – wastepaper basket". Hugh, on the other hand, said (I think) "Oh, Ah – here's another crank – send for him". So, one day in lovely Maytime we came here, to be met at the station by the young Headmaster elect. It was the major turning point in our lives.

It led to 5 years of teaching here, 5 more of teaching at Ackworth, and – so for us, 11 years with the ladies of The Mount. It led to us both joining the Society of Friends. It led to Quaker Schools for our four children. It led to one of them teaching here. We don't yet know where it might lead in future generations. That is the influence that your President has had on our lives.

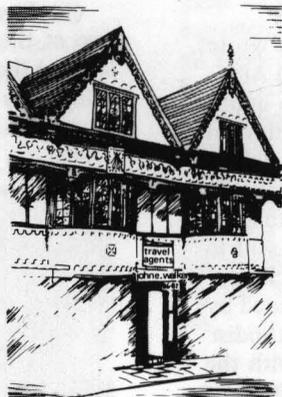
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At that time I knew nothing of Quaker Education. I now recognize that what Hugh was doing was precisely in the spirit of that different and quite stunning thing – Quaker education. It swept me up at once – and I have never escaped from its power. I do not propose to define it. It is what makes Sibford what it is – and what Ackworth is – and what The Mount is. If you want to understand it look at its monuments – these places – and these people.

This is the first time I have had the opportunity to pay tribute to this practitioner of Quaker Education – your President. I offer my vote of thanks – and yours – to Hugh Maw.

THE CHANGING FACE OF SIBFORD



VIEW from the "Prom" of 'Littleboy' Dormitory

In my School Committee report to the A.G.M. last August, the reasons were explained as to why the 'Old School' appears to have been sliding down the valley into the 'Sib', and the subsequent demolition work which has taken place.

In demolishing old buildings, one removes instantly a little bit of history and many memories. I thought it might be of interest to the reader to have listed some of the changes which have taken place at the Manor complex.

As most Old Scholars recall, the demolished building, officially known as the "North East wing of Lister Girls House", was generally known as "The Old boys changing rooms" (Ground Floor) and "Littleboy" dormitory. (First floor). Its usage was changed about 1965 to a staff flat and a kitchen and utility rooms for Lister girls; Many will recall that there was once a 'fives' court at the end of the building.

Originally it had been an open thatched barn which was altered to contain the boys washroom. It is recorded that it had a stone floor and one small window looking out onto the orchard, the remains of which survives to this day.

Along the orchard side ran a long lead trough with a pump at one end. Into this the boys were turned out every morning in batches of six or eight. When the trough was full the boys did their ablutions in the open trough – whatever the weather! Occasionally more thorough cleansing was thought desirable. Two huge tubs which were used for scalding pigs after they had been slaughtered were carried into the washroom and filled with water – warm this time! The boys were all washed from head to foot and turned out

as clean as new pins. Girls of course, didn't have to suffer these indignities and quite properly used China jugs and basins in the privacy of their bedrooms!

Every Saturday, Richard Routh – Sibfords first head, would carefully inspect the boys feet and if they didn't pass, then they would have to return to that cold stone floor and re-wash by the light of a tallow-dip. Knowing Sibford's winters this must have been a very chilling experience.

But what of other changes?

I suppose one of the oldest purpose built developments must be the swimming baths, built about 1860. One can imagine in those days, that for a School to have its own swimming pool would be regarded as the height of affluence. Those who remember it in the early fifties, before the days of chlorine would probably have referred to it as the height of effluence – the water was changed every six weeks. It has now been upgraded, as they say, into a very acceptable place.

Prior to 1860, the 'swimming bath' was the mill dam at Temple Mill – but only boys were allowed to go! It is reported that during one hot summer, one boy took an extra big dive and got stuck, head first into the mud at the bottom of the pond! Alas, even the pool has long since disappeared.

The Manor itself, externally, shows surprisingly little change, but internally much has happened. As you enter through the great front door into the entrance hall it is hard to believe that this was once the School dining room. Before it became a School, the local Squire who lived in the Manor used the entrance hall to collect his rents from the tenant farmers and also to hold court. As a dining room it must have been very cramped. It is recorded that at least fifty children and staff sat down to every meal. On the right as you enter there is a room which is now used as a staff room. During the early days of the School, it was the kitchen. Behind it, backing onto the passage way, was a secondary kitchen where the girls learnt to cook. It later became the library and then it became the 'Visitors' room – usually where one received a ticking off from the Head, certainly in A.J.'s time.

The recent entrance built for Lister girls house, from the old playground, leads into the original dining room area, with its sloping floor and oak tables! Previously this had been the main classroom which had a form of partitioning to create two rooms – probably to keep boys and girls separated!

Nansen girls common room, which was the main girls common room for many years was until the Harrod's time, the Science room. During the 'Sixties' an old wall blackboard was uncovered complete with chalk from a lesson which was identified as Robert Oddie's handwriting! (Sibford's second Head).

Returning to current demolition, Gillett house (Penn girls) which is being renovated, stands on the site of what was the cycle sheds and the boys toilet block in the forties and fifties. Originally it had been a farm yard which was surrounded by various barns, (there seems to have been an awful lot of barn conversion!) which faced onto Mannings Hill. A good deal of the stone work you see today on the road side is based on the original structures. The farm yard was later turned into an harbour (Circa 1890) called the

'Grove' where beech, lime and maple trees were planted only to be desecrated into those awful cycle sheds and toilets! (—And they say thats progress!)

Coming through the 'Archway' and turning right, you will see a brick-faced building which is yet another converted barn! This, as many readers will know was the original School Gymnasium and Hall. The date over the entrance (1892) recalls its opening to commemorate the Schools fiftieth jubilee. It is a building that contains the memories of much laughter and a great deal of Sibfords heritage — Political meetings, for it was the only sizeable hall in the district, Barn dances (literally!), presentations etc. In true Quaker tradition it even contained a balcony, but of course Sibford being progressive broke the traditional by seating the boys upstairs and not the girls! It remained the Schools Gym/Hall until 1953.

(You may be interested to know that I was in my final year at Sibford during the changeover to the 'new' Gym/Hall (later still replaced by the present Hall) at the Hill, and was the last boy to act on the old stage in "Mr Sampson").

Beyond the end of this building were the workshops where Sibfords great tradition of craft work started. As stated earlier all that remains are the facing walls on Mannings Hill.

Finally, just to show that we do tend to progress in circles, I will tell you of the room on your right as you enter from the 'Archway' this is now a maintenance room but previously it was the clay modelling and art room. Just a hundred metres down the 'prom' is the new Pottery room, developed out of the old kitchens, so the kids are still having lessons at the Manor!

There's life in the old building yet!

Michael Finch
September 1981



'Littleboy' Dormitory demolished 1981

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Here lies the body of Emily Gray,
Who died upholding her right of way.
She was right, dead right as she drove along,
But she was just as dead, as if
she'd been wrong.

A BACK-BENCHER LOOKS BACK

(Leslie Baily Lecture Aug. 29th 1981.)

In these days of increasing national and international tension and when our Parliament is exposed to the ongoing trauma of immediate radio broadcast (and soon, maybe TV.) we were most privileged to enjoy some uninhibited revelations of its personalities, and in-House activities and conditions, by JOYCE BUTLER, herself the Socialist and Co-Operative Member, unbroken, from 1955 until 1979 for Wood Green and Wood Green/Haringay.

We heard of her own personal experiences, of her considerable achievements, her wise assessments of Members' abilities, also indications of the domestic strains imposed on a Lady Member by constituency and House duties (not least the occasional all-night Sitting) which must prevent many able women aspiring to candidacy, and, not least, the dedication, research and persistence required to push through a Private Member's Bill ultimately on to the Statute Book. In the latter context (remember, in a male-dominated sphere) our speaker certainly had her successes.

How refreshing it was to hear political observations expressed freely and without bias. To hear from an avowed Socialist not Party propoganda but, for instance, mag-nanimous appraisal of 'Rab' Butler of the other Party, as also of the magic of Macmillan, 'Supermac', an incomparable Prime Minister. And then of that quiet P.M. Clement Attlee, Joyce Butler paid the tribute voiced by many since his passing that he was very much underrated during his term of office. Of Harold Wilson, a man of ideas, being a compulsive talker with whom it was difficult to hold a conversation; while Jim Callaghan by contrast, was a good listener, and receptive to the expressed concern of others. Followed by a most interesting, if not significant, description of the turnabout of Labour opinion of Sir Alec Douglas Home who, when Prime Minister was forever the butt of Socialist M.P.s . . . it was only when he was out of office they considered him an elder statesman of quality. But somewhat to the rear of these Front Bench references we heard briefly of, on occasion, the humility of Ian Paisley; the nervousness of Enoch Powell; the decline of Herbert Morrison; the physical hugeness of Cyril Smith; and lastly of a historic Commons event . . . I quote "Who could recreate the magic effect of Bernadette Devlin making her maiden speech for a few minutes after she had taken her seat for the first time — looking like a tiny schoolgirl, but with an astonishing confidence and flow of oratory which had the old men of the Commons drooling like lovesick schoolboys" (At the time she was barely twenty one years of age). Interspersed with these fascinating personal observations were many brief descriptions of our Lecturer's own pioneer Motions in the Commons including her Anti (Sex) Discrimination Bill ultimately becoming law, then progressing to become the Equal Opportunities Commission; her own Farm and Gardening Chemicals Act to provide warning labels on pesticides; then to speaking against the approval by the E.E.C. of certain hair dyes suspected of being carcinogenic which led to mention of her proudest title — that of Founder of the Women's National Cancer Control Campaign.

Space does not allow full exposition of Joyce Butler's many other Parliamentary achievements — or an even longer major involvement in Local Council affairs since 1947, to Town Deputy Mayor, then Mayor, etc. whilst still an

M.P. (to say nothing of the fact that at the outset of her Commons career she was, and still is happily married, judging by the presence of husband Vic right through Reunion weekend) also, at the outset they had two small children!

To anyone sickened betimes by political extremists who publicly and rigidly follow a Party line, rarely giving a straightforward answer to a straightforward question, never to hint, while in Office, at the slightest praise for an opponent (as exemplified by the above Douglas Home reference). It was interesting, again, to hear of another type of attitude turnabout when, our Lecturer speaking in Debate on the then current dangerous permitted level of lead in petrol, she was blandly rebuffed by Minister of Power Denis Howell who minimised the danger, but later when out of office astonishingly admitted he had been wrongly advised! (Yes, Minister!!)

There followed two profoundly interesting comments . . . " . . . my own impression is that many of the advisors of Governments – this is probably worldwide – have reached that position mainly because they are older and experienced and therefore comparatively set in their thinking. If so, this is dangerous because their thinking may well be, and often is out of date. Secondly . . ." and the surprising fact is that the young men on both sides of the Chamber, Labour and Tory, are as like peas in a pod in appearance, and often in school and University background." Well, Well!

Joyce's allusions to her personal achievements, so modestly referred to, surely must have qualified her for greater office (see Who's Who) But perhaps the charm and that very modesty and lack of, say, the abrasiveness and ambition of a Barbara Castle or a Jennie Lee prevented this, who knows? But one felt that the Commons had been prematurely deprived of an outstanding Member when she retired in 1979, then the longest serving Lady Member.

There followed a short session of questions from the enthusiastic audience of O.S. and villagers, and the ensuing replies developed the impression in some of us maybe of a sympathy towards the currently emerging Social Democratic Party.

F.R.

THE HAMPTON COURT GRAPE VINE

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The rebuilding of the Vine House at Hampton Court Palace in the autumn of 1969 evoked some interesting correspondence last year in the March and July issues of the Journal as to the origin of the famous vine. It was in 1720 that the Black Hamburg vine was first brought to England by John Warner and grown by him in his garden at Rotherhithe in south-east London. A niece of John Warner had married a Jacob Hagan of Hamburg who settled at Rotherhithe, and it may have been through him that the vine was first introduced.

The Warners were Quakers, John's father was by trade a cooper, living in Whitechapel at the sign of "The Bathing Tub and Milk Pale", where his son was born on December 22, 1674.

John Warner, and his elder brother Simeon, established themselves in business as merchants in East Lane, Rotherhithe, where John Warner laid out an extensive garden. Here he grew a great variety of dwarf pear and apple trees. He also had a stove house for the cultivation of exotic plants, including pineapples.

He was very generous in giving cuttings of his Humburg vine to anyone who would plant them, in 1758 he gave to Sir Charles Raymond at "Valentines" near Ilford, the cutting which became parent to the Hampton Court vine planted there by Capability Brown in 1768.

The records of the Horslydown Quakers show that John Warner, throughout his long life— he was 85 when he died in 1760—was an active member. Among his personal friends were two fellow Quakers, Peter Collinson the celebrated botanist, and Samuel Wilson. Wilson was a wine merchant of Hatton Garden.

It has been suggested that one reason for importing the Black Hamburg vine, and so generously distributing cuttings, might have been that Warner and Wilson were hoping to establish a wine-growing industry in England, in opposition to the concession for importing port wine in this country which had been granted to Portugal in 1711.

George W. Edwards.
Hayes, Kent.

Whilst this year's Reunion was the usual happy gathering, blessed with remarkably fine weather throughout, there were, nevertheless, just two somewhat less happy areas noted therein. First, absence of our flying flag, missing since the evening of the May day Reunion, but only recently recovered. Secondly, and much more serious, was the sight of S.O.S.A.'s own elm tree denuded of leaves (since late June). So, despite our doctoring over the years the dreaded Dutch disease had conquered. The skeleton now stands. Eventually, we are informed that there is value to us when felled.

Our President Hugh Maw kindly planted two small hardwood saplings earlier this year on the elmplot perimeter, however, a decision will have to be made about possibly replacing the main tree.

F.R.



The last of the "New Elm"

SOSA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held in the Old Scholars Room, Sibford School, 29th August, 1981. 47 attending. Hugh Maw, President in the Chair.

In our silence we remembered with thanks the lives of:—

Stanley Ewan	Roger Pattison
Jack Edwards	Eric Grimes
Frances Malan (nee Brook-house)	Herbert Calcraft

Greetings were received from:—

Robin and Kenneth Greaves,
John and Monica Taylor,
Geoffrey and Joan Long,
Godfrey Baseley,
Howard Campion,
Kingsley Lawrence,
Arnold and Daisy Darlington,
Alice Green,
Aimee Eynon-Williams
Dr. Kenneth and Phyllis Southall,
Dr. Agnew,
Mary and Hugh Blasko,
Alfred and Sue Holland,
Jean and Peter Yeoman,
Gladys Burgess,
Dorothy Brigham,
Linda Smith (Hemming).

1. *The Minutes* of the Annual General Meeting of 1980 having been printed in the magazine were taken as read, adopted and signed by the President.

2. *Matters Arising*. There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

3. *General Secretary's Report to A.G.M. 1981*.

Committee meetings have been well attended during the year, matters pleasant and difficult have arisen. The association itself compares well with other Quaker school old scholar associations, probably we can be said to be more adventurous by having both a day reunion and a week-end gathering.

Membership. Grace Beckerlegge's reminders have resulted in a considerable improvement in payments and I believe the new payslip system is well worthwhile.

Accounts. John Miller will be giving a detailed report, but one of the most satisfactory aspects, resulting mainly from the improved cash flow is that we were able to donate £800 to the school and you will see they have bought with its help swings and a mower.

Reunions

a) *One day* — much time and heartsearching over the best way forward, a special meeting with members of the school staff was arranged and the decision to hold the one day reunion in May on a Sunday was agreed. Generally speaking it was successful, even with such poor weather. However, if more thought can be given to a wet weather programme, the Sunday idea might become more popular.

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*"Can I compare thee to a summer's day?"
Philip Manasseh at the One-day Reunion.*

b) August Reunion. Simon Barfoot and Russell Steed have been busy arranging matters for this weekend. From our experience last year, I think we are most fortunate in having George Gibson and his staff to see to the catering, it certainly takes the worry out of waiting for the reunion secretary. We thank George Gibson and staff for their work.

The Magazine. Philip Beckerlegge was hoping to go out with a flourish and I think you will agree he has produced another first class edition. Unfortunately Margaret Fairington has had to withdraw as the new editor and after much arm twisting, Philip has agreed to produce the next edition.

The school have taken a great interest in the magazine and ordered an extra 250 copies this year. As they feel the magazine could play a greater part as a publicity vehicle for the school, we have given a good deal of thought as to the best way of dual production, for it is necessary for the old scholars editor and the school editor to meet more often and agree format. It is with this in mind that the proposed rule change will be put to the meeting under item 9.

Branch Reports

The Midland branch reports an enjoyable year, with a Christmas party at Selly Oak meeting house now becoming an established event. A visit to Graham Trouts opera at Redditch, Joy Rann's Herefordshire home and Jeanne Southam's for lunch on 12th September makes for an interesting programme. Irene Smith is thanked for her work in arranging these events and our sincere thanks to the hosts as well.

London. Little news has been received from London this year, we live in hope however, for it only needs one or two old scholars to arrange to meet, publicise the fact, and a rejuvenated branch could appear.

That brings me on to the Elm, which as you will see is in a sorry state. We have been advised to leave it for another twelve months, in the meantime your president has donated some trees which Nick Bennett planted during the winter. Norman Coxon has kindly agreed to donate another one. We are grateful for these kind offers.

As you now know we are nominating 2 old scholars to the committee this year, one will serve for 2 years and one for 4 years, as will be made clear later. The Committee has been particularly fortunate to have had Lilian Ward's services over the last eight years. I know her wise counsel has been appreciated, always measuring with astuteness her every word. She will be missed, as will her biennial reports to the association.

The other person who is due to retire is Michael Finch. However, he was appointed chairman of Finance and Premises, a position the Committee wish him to continue in. Accordingly Sibford School Joint Nominations Committee nominated him to serve from next January for a further 4 year period. His contribution as chairman of that committee is considerable.

The Leslie Baily lecture is proving to be a great success at these week-ends and we are fortunate to have Joyce Butler with us this time. You will be pleased to hear that Godfrey Baseley, whose brainchild was "The Archers" has agreed to be our guest speaker next year. We thank Frank Rollett as chairman of the group for his work in arranging this successful addition to our week-ends.

Mabel Harrod Bursary Fund. Martin Dodsworth has sent a report which will be read to you. The recipient, one Emma Beath, has also sent a report which is read to you.

Finally I wish to thank on your behalf the School for allowing us the opportunity to meet here and to my SOSA committee colleagues for all the hard work they have put into the Association over the past twelve months.

4. Treasurer's Report. (See separate sheet).

Arthur Harrison proposed the adoption of the accounts, Seconded by Frank Rollett and unanimously accepted by the meeting. John Miller then went on to outline his proposal to set up a bursary fund for children of old scholars. As the Association is not a registered charity, and is unable to comply with other requirements of law regarding bursaries, John suggested a Sibford School Old Scholars Investment Fund, that is to be implemented by the School. The meeting was told that an old scholar is willing to donate a sum of money to such a fund, it is envisaged that the interest only from such a fund would be used. The meeting enthusiastically received this idea and it is hoped that old scholars will feel encouraged to donate to this.

It was felt by the meeting and confirmed later by Martin Dodsworth, that the Mable Harrod Bursary Fund should not be absorbed by this new fund, but be used by the school in the more immediate future.

Following the discussions, John Miller was warmly thanked by the meeting for his report.

5. School Committee Representatives Report. Mike Finch presented this and it is printed elsewhere in this magazine.

6. *Headmaster's Report.*

This came in the form of a question and answer, the Head feeling that many will have read the formal School Report in "The Friend" and elsewhere.

On the question of musical appreciation, the school committee has recently looked at the facilities available, and the Head has now appointed two further resident music teachers.

The effectiveness of advertising the School in the Press was discussed; we were told that "The Guardian" seems to be quite productive.

Turning next to examination results, A-Levels have improved over last year's but are not yet up to the standard the school is looking for. With the O-Levels and C.S.E's it was felt that some children are not achieving their potential; more than a third are taking nine subjects which is as high as many strong academic schools and this policy is perhaps open to question at Sibford.

The remedial department continues to flourish and with a heavy demand the school could be filled, however this would defeat the object of the exercise.

Moving on to curricular developments, the Head felt that it is fixed to a certain extent by a mixture of tradition and outside forces of modern day needs. It is important to work on a curriculum which is appropriate to the range of children. Two areas which are being introduced into the School are practical horticulture and child development, and another interesting change is to be a one year sixth form course. The sixth form is traditionally seen as A-Level achievers and A-Level triers, the latter category often falling between two stools. The new one year sixth form course is to include English and Maths then two new subjects from a selection of Economics, Sociology, Science for Everyday life and Biology, together with practical subjects and work

experience. It is expected that Computer Studies will also be introduced in the not too distant future.

The Head appealed to those old scholars in the Sibford area who might feel able to offer work experience.

The meeting warmly applauded Jim Graham for his interesting and informative report.

7. *Nomination of two old scholars to go forward to Berks. and Oxon. for appointment to the school committee.*

We agreed to the school committee's suggestion for the need to stagger appointments so that election was for one member to serve from 1.1.82 until 31.12.85 (4 years) and for one to serve from 1.1.82 until 31.12.83 (2 years). Both nominees could serve a second term each of four years. It was also agreed by the meeting to ask the person receiving most votes to serve for the longer period. Subsequently Jeanne Southam and Leslie Thomas were nominated, the former having the greater number of votes cast.

8. *Election of SOSA Committee Member.*

Confirmation – *General Secretary* – Paul Frampton
1.1.82 until 31.12.84 (3 years).

Editor – Philip Beckerlegge until
31.12.81 (1 year)

School Staff representatives – Stuart Hedley until
31.12.83 (3 years)

Marion Higgins 1.1.82 until
31.12.83 (3 years)

Recent leavers representative – Edwina Bezant 1.1.82
until 31.12.84 (3 years)

nominated by the General Committee.

1 ordinary member to serve 1.1.82–31.12.84 – Leslie Harrison.

1 ordinary member to serve 1 year – 1.1.82–31.12.82
– Michael Finch.



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9. *Proposed Change of Rules.*

Copies of the rules having been circulated, the meeting agreed (with one absention) to the following rule changes:

Rule 3(v) "Other relatives and *friends* of old scholars interested in the school."

Addition to rules. With one abstention, the meeting agreed to the following addition to rule 6, "6(e)" "The Editor shall be nominated by the General Committee after consultation with appropriate members of the school staff. The nomination shall be confirmed by the next A.G.M."

Following the agreement of the meeting to this addition to the rules, the Secretary brought forward the name of Leslie Thomas to serve as Editor from 1.1.82 to 31.12.84 (3 years). The meeting loudly applauded this nomination.

10. *Election of President and Vice President 1982.*

The names of Marjorie Fielding as President for 1982 and Irene Smith as Vice President were warmly applauded by the meeting.

11. *Forthcoming Dates.*

Football Match – Saturday, 7th November, 1981 at 2.00 p.m.

Old Scholars Day – Sunday, 16th May, 1982

August Reunion – Saturday, 28th August – Monday, 31st August, 1982.

12. *Any Other Business.*

Margaret Le Mare was warmly thanked for her period of looking after births, marriages and deaths. We thank also Norman Coxon for taking on this ad hoc post.

Lily Ratheram brought the Nellie Millard plinth to the meeting. Jim Graham agreed to see that it was affixed to the wall in the old scholars room.

Michael Finch proposed a vote of thanks to the President, Hugh Maw, for the excellent way he conducted the meeting as its chairman.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 17.46 hours.

LOCAL BOYS MAKE GOOD

We are happy to announce the following appointments:—

Philip G. Manasseh (1938-46) as
Chairman of School Committee

David Saunderson (1948-54) as
Deputy Chairman

Michael Finch (1947-54) as
Chairman of Finance and Premises Committee

All appointments run from 1st January 1982.

This is the first time, we believe, that three old scholars have held such positions on the School Committee.

ANONYMOUS

Once again, with gleeful monotony, for the eighth successive year, I was able to announce at the Presidential Dinner the gift of £60 to the Association.

Madam, or Sir, to you our deepest thanks.

F.R.

MABEL HARROD BURSARY FUND

Martin Dodsworth reported that a further £50 grant had been made from the fund by the school on behalf of the trustees in order to help a Sibford scholar, Emma Beath, with a visit to Germany arranged through the school.

He had written to Emma giving some idea of the origin's of the fund and hopefully there may be further to report on her visit in due course.

The balance in hand now stands at £51.70 which will probably be sufficient for one further grant of this nature in the near future.

EMMA BEATH'S VISIT TO GERMANY

My exchange visit was to West Germany and was arranged by Banbury Upper School where I go to study German at 'A' Level. We left on 26th May, a group of about 20 of us, the journey took 24 hours by train and boat. I was staying with a family who live in a village near Donauworth, where their school is. Something was arranged for us almost everyday including a trip to Munich and Nurnberg, which I missed. But I did have a three day trip to the Bavarian forest with my partner's class, where we stayed in a youth hostel. My family took me to Oberammergau and Austria for the day and also to Augsburg. We had a fantastic summer weather during the whole two weeks which was a great advantage and we returned on 9th June. I learned a lot of German and put to use my limited German knowledge. I hope to see my partner again next summer if possible. I am extremely grateful to you for having made it possible.

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	1980	1979
	£	£
<i>INCOME</i>		
Profit from Sale of 4¼% British Electricity Stock 1974/79	—	6
Profit from sale of Bowater Corporation. £1 shares.	329	—
Donations	165	101
Subscriptions (includes £320 subscriptions in advance not previously transferred)	1206	592
Investment Income	201	214
Reunion	—	17
Bank Interest	198	47
Miscellaneous	—	94
	<u>£2099</u>	<u>£1071</u>

Leslie Baily Memorial Fund

Balance Brought forward 1/1/80	139.00
Bank Interest	23.00
	<u>£162.00</u>
Balance to end 31/12/80	162.00
	<u>£162.00</u>

EXPENDITURE

Net Cost Magazine	753	319
Louis Wright Appeal	—	48
Postage and Stationery	242	162
Grass Cutting	10	—
C.P.R.E.	10	—
Travelling	5	—
Reunion	115	—
General	47	49
Bank Charges	6	—
Expenses re: Purchase of Shares	11	—
Gift to School — Ride on Mower	400	—
— Swings for Children's Playground	400	—
	<u>£1999</u>	<u>£578</u>
Surplus for Year	100	493
	<u>£2099</u>	<u>£1071</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1980

	£	1980	£	1979
<i>FIXED ASSETS</i>				
Land at Elm		45		45
<i>ASSETS OF SPECIFIC FUNDS</i>				
Quoted Investments (Cost)		2991		2572
Leslie Baily Memorial Fund		162		139
<i>CURRENT ASSETS</i>				
Debtors	—		168	
Cash at Bank	653		1013	
Cash in Hand	5	658	—	1181
		<u>£3856</u>		<u>£3937</u>
<i>REPRESENTED BY</i>				
Accumulated Fund		1019		919
Life Membership		2414		2414
Recent Leavers Membership		261		465
Leslie Baily Fund		162		139
		<u>£3856</u>		<u>£3937</u>

Audited and found Correct

BRIAN A. WHITE.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

To the AGM of SOSA 29;8.81

The advent of a new era in Sibfords history, with the appointment of a new Headmaster, one could hardly expect these last twelve months to have been anything but busy. Those of us on the Committee have felt privileged to be a part of Sibford's affairs at this time which is a very exciting period in our School's development.

In December we were sorry to lose the services of Gillian Hopkins and Patricia Nicholas who had been members of the Committee for 8 and 4 years respectively.

Gill is well known to Old Scholars for not only did she contribute wholeheartedly into Sibford School affairs, particularly in the recent Committee re-organisation, but she also combined this with her work as Clerk of London Yearly Meeting and her involvement in Quaker Social Responsibility in Education. Pat Nicholas has also contributed much in her four years, drawing on her long experiences in Social work.

They are replaced by Joshua Watts and Dorothy Birtles. Joshua Watts is a chartered accountant and comes from Gloucestershire. He continues a family connection with Sibford for his father, Harold Watts was a member of the School Committee from 1945-1950. Joshua Watts is also a former parent, his younger daughter, Sarah, was here in the early seventies and was a member of the SOSA Committee. So you can see, Sibfords great family tradition showing through once more.

Dorothy Birtles is also a former parent having sent two children here. She is currently on the Staff at Friends House, but spent most of her working life in hospital administration. We hope that both of these Friends will enjoy their experience in Sibford School Government.

The other significant change is that John Adamson (our guest this weekend) was appointed in May to Chairman of the Education Committee in succession to Janet Sewell. Janet continues on the Committee until December when she retires after twelve years service. Committee will not be the same without her!



John Adamson and wife relaxing at the week-end.

To say that we had spent the year dealing with two major items would be an understatement, but at times it has seemed like it. There have been many weighty matters

and we have enjoyed visiting different departments and assessing them in depth, for example the Sanatorium and the Music School, but all have paled beside the problems with Gillett House and the re-organisation of the School Government.

Taking the latter item first, Minute 23 of London Yearly Meeting of 1978 asked all School Committee's and Governing bodies etc. "To give careful and urgent attention to the relationship between the Schools and their owning bodies; to clarify the nature of that relationship; to review the amount of knowledge and support for the Schools amongst Friends in their area; and to report back, having clarified their relationship, to Quaker Social Responsibility and Education within two years, and through them to Meeting for Sufferings" . . . Sibford, along with the other Friends Schools has considered its position and whilst we were always aware of the love and concern of our Governing G.M. Berks and Oxon, we feel that they were somewhat distant from our needs in the 1980's. The changed functions of Quarterly meetings have made it necessary to look again at the proposition presented to Yearly Meetings in 1955 when Berks and Oxon assumed the Stewardship of Sibford School. The present arrangement does not in fact ensure an adequate sense of relationship between the School Committee and the body which appoints it and to which it is responsible. The recommendation made and accepted by all of the owning General Meetings is that the main responsibility should return to a Sibford General Meeting which was the system prior to 1966.

Sibford G.M. would be responsible for appointing the School Committee and for receiving and approving the Annual Report and accounts. It is still not decided whether the main business meeting should be held at the traditional time in June or at another time to distinguish it from what has become in principle an open day.

The clerk would be independent of the School Committee and would be appointed by the General Meeting itself. It is hoped that this system will commence from 1.1.82. We are sure that it will be to the mutual benefit of all those connected with Sibford.

The problems of Gillett house are linked with Sibford folk-lore of buildings sliding into the 'Sib' and mysterious subterranean rivers that wash away all before them! Well if nothing else we now have the real reason why you could bowl off-breaks all the year round on the boys playground and all the problems associated with buildings in that area.

A ground survey was commissioned by the School Committee about two years ago to ascertain once and for all the reason for buildings to slip. The findings of that commission have since been endorsed by an independent company — Ove Arup, who are world wide experts in this field.

A geological survey showed evidence of a fault in the side of the valley. This can be seen even today by the somewhat strange 'folds' in the sub-soil in that field at the top of Mannings hill. The interesting fact is that this fault occurred long before the buildings were erected and has been settled for decades. Our experts say that it was never a contributing factor. The main reason is as follows:—

During the early extensions to the Manor it is evident that the area affected was the subject of land-fill or in technical terms the insertion of a 'berm'. This was done, we presume, to level the land at this point in the valley. It is a fact that this soil is totally unsuitable for building as it

contains poor compacting properties. Below this soil and in fact the main makeup of the ground is Northampton clay perfectly suitable for building. The main part of Gillett is built on this clay to the point where it inclines sharply down the valley. Gillett as you know is less than twenty years old and it seems to the lay-man and anyone associated with Sibford sheer lunacy to have built there at all. It is not my place to comment here on systems and strategies of previous administrations, but merely to report facts, and if possible for the Committee, as inheritors, to find a solution. Well there is a solution in engineering terms and that is to erect the building on piles of steel which are hammer driven into the clay 30 foot down. This is what is now being done in the reconstruction work.

The cost of this work and re-building the affected North End as well as demolishing the East End of Lister (or as most of you prefer to call it the old boys changing rooms and Littleboy dormitory) will be £175,000. This is a lot of money for what basically seems to be rectification work but it is not simply just that. We as a Committee have a responsibility to ensure that any work done gives us maximum return. Our prime concern is the safety of the children in our care. The old changing rooms were dangerous and no longer had any practical use. That section will be levelled and landscaped never to be built on again (I hope!)

The North end of Gillett is to be rebuilt slightly larger and will contain the staff accommodation. This will now consist of two flats suitable for married couples which has obvious advantages. The rest of the House is being re-designed internally to accommodate thirty-five children, I say children as opposed to girls because it is being designed as a dual sex house to cater for the fluctuations in boy/girl intake. At present for instance there is a waiting list for boys but a surplus of accommodation for girls. One doesn't need to be an accountant to see the need to cover all eventualities in these depressed economic times with a turnover approaching £1 million per annum and fees at £3,000 a child.

No doubt someone would have asked the question – why bother, why not build a new house? Well, all views have been considered but even in modest terms we would be looking to £¼ million to build a new house. We would still have the problem of demolishing North End and making safe the remainder of the building (another £50,000) and then we would be left with a building that would need to be converted to a new purpose. The total cost would be approaching a prohibitive £½ million.

The £175,000 required will be raised from two sources. We are to receive substantial help in the form of a gift and loan from one of the Quaker Trusts. The rest of the money will be raised through the budget by increasing our borrowing capacity. Borrowing will absorb all our proposed capital income over the next five-years. The plain truth is, this job must be done now and this is the expedient way to do it.

If the School is to continue to be progressive then obviously there is going to be a need to raise more capital for new projects and very soon the Committee will be considering the launching of a new appeal. It is now the best part of seven years since the last appeal and covenants etc. are coming to an end so it seems about the right time. I must emphasise that the appeal will be for new ventures and not for repair bills. Having digested that lot the sweeter is that the School is full and interest in Sibford remains

high. I don't think that there has ever been a time when Sibford and its like were needed so much. We continue to say to any potential parent that Sibford is a progressive School catering for children of mixed ability from all walks of life, based on the Christian principles experienced by the Society of Friends.

As you know Lilian Ward and myself retire as your representatives at the end of December, and I think I speak for both of us when I say that it has been an honour and a privilege to serve our association and for the massive experience shared in the governing of this School.

Before I close I would like to speak of Lilian's contribution to the affairs of Sibford School. Firstly her work for this Association in so many ways but most notably as General Secretary for six years and as a School Governor for another eight years. Her expertise in legal matters have been invaluable to the School Committee during a very difficult period. But it isn't just someone's knowledge, it is their personnel involvement, their contribution as a human being, their sympathy and understanding of their fellow creatures. In this area Lilian has no peers. I shall miss her company on Committee both as a friend and for her dedication and love for Sibford. On behalf of this Meeting I would like to extend our sincere love and thanks for a job well done.

And, Finally – Lilian and myself would like to offer our sincere best wishes to the two new representatives, Jean Southam and Leslie Thomas and urge them to enjoy their time on the Committee – it really is fascinating. But be warned! It is hard work and it is time consuming, it certainly isn't a joy ride.

My thanks to this assembly for listening so patiently to my third and final report – Yes, I have to admit that Lilian won on that score by 5 reports to 3!

Michael Finch
29th August 1981



Hugh Maw leads "Choral" on Sunday.

LETTER FROM SOUTH AUSTRALIA

38, Nixon St.
MARION
S.A. 5043.

Dear Sir,

It is many years since I enjoyed the peace and congenial atmosphere of your school in the days of Mr. Johnson,

Frank Parkin, Roland Herbert, Miss Brigham, Miss Burgess, Mr. Colin Prior, Arnold Darlington & Co. back in 1939 to 1941. What fine opportunities were available for learning and we boys failed to appreciate them until after we left. I used to enjoy Sunday morning and evening Meeting, especially singing in the lower school hall. Two songs come to mind, alas they are not in my copy of Songs of Praise which I still have, they are the Harrow School song "Forty Years On" and the cricket song "Willow the King is a Monarch Grand", a lusty rousing song which we used to sing with great gusto! I have occasion to use both these songs at various functions I attend out here, but alas I have not the words of either. I would be most grateful if at some future time if you could post them out to me.

This is a country of great opportunity still for young people who have the ability *to make* and *to do*. I am always grateful for the gardening skills I developed in the upper third. This is the driest State in the driest continent, very much at the mercy of the Almighty for water supplies. With long dry summers and short wet winters it is a paradise for sun lovers. Snow is unheard of out here in South Australia. Hence the love of outside sports, every weekend there are opportunities for young and old and plenty of space to follow the sport of ones calling. The country and the communities are very kind to retired people and pensioners with very few elderly people found wanting the basic needs of life. There is unemployment too, some of this is self-inflicted due to lack of imagination in youth and the inability to recognise opportunities when they present themselves, there is a definite lack of spirit of service to the community and basic good manners. I often talk to my own family of school life and the hard times during the war. We see a fellow old scholar Paul Eddington from time to time on television, he is a sensitive actor, this came through his attitudes at Sibford.

Spring will soon be with you, with apple blossom in the orchard round the sanatorium, a time when the faces of the girls look that little bit more beautiful.

I wish you well in your admirable profession.

Yours sincerely,
Frank Kaye.

OBITUARY

STANLEY EWAN

I knew him and his family since I was a child and can appreciate many of his qualities. He was known to many Old Scholars as a fun maker but I know of his more serious depth of character. He was interested in politics and was often agent for the candidate at elections. For many years he was, with his wife Mabel, a member of the Board of Directors of Ten Acres and Storchley Cooperative Society until it merged with Birmingham. He was a joiner by trade and did some excellent furnishing work for his home until he made a loom which stimulated him to concentrate on weaving — especially Swedish double weaving which has been exhibited at several Old Scholar's gatherings.

When Mable arranged holidays abroad for the Cooperative Women's Guild he was a reliable support for his partner and was happy showing his slides around the country.

But his great love was for Sibford, especially for the years when he was at school which coincided with the time

when his father was imprisoned for his conscience sake and when James Harrod was such a help and inspiration.

I know that he will be missed.

Lily Ratheram



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BIRTHS

David A. & Sue COXON a son, Jonathan Neil on January 4th 1980.

MARRIAGES

Judith WILDE (1965-72) in April 1979, now HARTRIDGE. Present Address: 17 Wethered Drive, Burnham, Bucks.

Josephine COX (1954-59). Easter Sunday 1981 to WHITE. Present Address: 15 Park Lodge, 82 Auckland Road, Upper Norwood SE19.

Fiona, elder daughter of Lewis POULTON to Stephen HOOK at Banbury Registry Office on 24th October, 1981.

DEATHS

Roy Bourne HOSKINS (1931-37) on Boxing Day 1980. aged 59.

Edith France MALAN (nee Brookhouse) (1934) in Cape Town. Memorial Meeting 30th January 1981.

Stanley EWAN (1917-21) suddenly in Hospital on February 20th 1981. Aged 75 years.

Peter HARGREAVES, who changed his name to Peter Hart and wrote lyrics for musicals, under that name died 28th August 1976, at Shamley Green, Guildford.



The picnic.

SPORTS DAY



NEWS FROM OLD SCHOLARS

Ronald DEELEY, now retired, would like to contact his old friends. His address is HENDY, CEMMAES, MACHYNLLETH, POWYS, SY20 9PX.

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CHANGES OF ADDRESSES, CORRECTIONS,
NEW LEAVERS

Aldington, Richard (1980 leaver), Crabtree Leys, Offenham, Evesham, Worcs.
 Angerson, Dorothy (Nee Tye), 15 St. Peters Close, Bovey Tracey, Devon.
 Angerson, Roger, 4 Avon Ct. Lawn Rd., Fishponds, Bristol.
 Barber, Vera, 3 Kingswood Ave., Hampton, Middlesex.
 Beckett, Stephen, Bowlers Cottage, 18 Watcombe Rd, Watlington, Oxon.
 Bilborough Michael, Room 1, 30 Palmerston Rd, Westcliff on Sea, Essex.
 Benn, Nikki Dyana (1981 leaver), York Lodge, Pingewood, Reading, Berks.
 Benn, Patrick David (1981 leaver), York Lodge, Pingewood, Reading, Berks.
 Bezant, Edwina, Mary (1981 Leaver), 42 Northumberland Ave, Aylesbury, Bucks.
 Brown, Ann (nee McCullum), "Tauranga" 2A The Street, Hollywell Row, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk.
 Cox, Clement & Margeret, Westways, Burdrop, Sibford Gower, Nr. Banbury, Oxon.
 Cooper, Nigel (1981 Leaver), Garden Cott. Sibford Ferris, Banbury, Oxon.
 Cook, Stephen (1981 Leaver), 22 Middleton Road, Banbury, Oxon.
 Creak, Stephen John, Woodcote, Little Baddow Rd., Danbury, Chelmsford, Essex, CM3 4NJ.
 Drakeford, Imogen (nee Stroud), School House, Back Lane, Chapel Allerton, Somerset.
 Edwards, Marjorie & George, 15 Westland Drive, Hayes, Bromley, Kent.
 Everest, Simon, Bridgeburn, Elenbrook, Kewague, Bradden, Douglas, I.O.W.
 Eynon-Williams, A., 5 Ger-Y-Eglwys, Llanstephan, Carmarthan, Dyfed.
 Finlayson, Ian (1981 Leaver), 25 Ord. Close, Pound Hill, Crawley, Sussex, RH10 3NG.
 Freeman, Stephen A. (1981 Leaver), 35, Barchestow Rd, Knowle, Solihull, West Midlands.
 Gaffee, Derek, 7 Greenside, High Halden Nr. Ashford, Kent. TN26 3LT.
 Grant, Robert & Jenny, 5 Concorde Way, Inverkeithing, Fife.
 Gibbs, Juliet Mary (1981 leaver), 31, Wykeham Lane, Bodicote, Banbury.
 Grant, James D.E. (1981 Leaver), 9 Conifer Close, Cumnor Hill, Botley, Oxon.
 Greaves, Nikki Suzanne, (1981 Leaver), "Germain's" Fullers Hill, Chesham, Bucks.
 Hargreaves Margaret (nee Herbert), 6 Ninians Rd, Cumbusarron, Stirling, Scotland.
 Hartridge, Judith (nee Wilde), 17 Wethered Drive, Burnham, Bucks.
 Heeks, Pamela (nee Giles), 6 Staffords, Churchgate St., Old Harlow, Essex.
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 Hughes, John C. 131 Farleigh Rd, Backwell, Bristol, BS19 3PN.
 Hughes, Richard, Church House, Middleton-on-Leven, Yarm, Cleveland.
 Jarrett, Merle (nee Beech), 10 Riverine, Grosvenor Drive, Raymead Rd, Maidenhead, Berks.
 Jones, Harriet F. 54 Alderminster, Nr. Stratford-on-Avon, Warks.
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 Kay, Frank, 38 Nixon St. Marion, S. Australia 5043.
 Kinnear, J. Ross, C/o Hope House, Winderton, Nr. Brailes, Banbury, Oxon.
 Kinnear, Oliver, C/o Hope House, Winderton, Nr. Brailes, Banbury, Oxon.
 Lissamen, Florence, 6 Rose Cottage, Main Street, Sibford Gower, Oxon OX15 5RG.
 Lissamen, Hilda, 6 Rose Cottage, Main Street, Sibford Gower, Oxon OX15 5RG.
 Langford, Malcolm John, 9 Webb Crescent, Chipping Norton, Oxon.
 Lee, Jackie, Bick Yur (1981 Leaver), 5 Roman Crescent Swindon, Wilts.
 Munday, Gillian, 21, Stannton Rd, Headington, Oxford.
 Morley, Jean, "Crossings", 11 Haston Cres, Perth. PH2 7XD.
 Notley, Christian (1981 Leaver), 23, Westfield Ave, Hayling Island, Hants. PO11 6A6.
 Pickup, Ruth K.M. (1981 Leaver), 12 Northmoor Rd, Oxford.
 RATHERHAM, Lily, Oaktree Hse, 153 Oaktree Lane, Bourneville, Birmingham.
 Richards, John, Le Pecachon, Rue de Ip, Trinity, Jersey.
 Richardson, Helen T., 71 Munster Rd, Teddington, Middlesex TW11 9LB.
 Richardson, Fiona (1981 Leaver), Prospect Farm, Via Dene Hollow, Chilton, Didcot, Oxon.
 Rowley, William E., 384, Heath Rd. South, Northfield, Birmingham B31 2BE.
 Saunderson, John W., 40 Axwell Park Rd, Blaydon on Tyne, Tyne & Wear. NE21 5PB.
 Sale, Miranda Jane (1981 Leaver), Bierton Hse, Bierton, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP22 5DL.
 Smith, Rachel (nee Eavis), 39 Kenchester Close, Maubey Est. London S.W.8.
 Stevens, Ernest, 37 Mill St., Hereford HR1 2NY.
 Stevens, Harry, 76 Elm Rd. Reading, Berks.
 Tuckey, Harold, "Cup & Saucer", Cropredy, Banbury, Oxon.
 Van Der Mei, Karen (1981 Leaver), "Meander" 1065, Amstelveen, Holland 1181 WP.
 White, Josephine (nee Cox), 15 Park Lodge, 82 Auckland Rd, Upper Norwood, London S.E.19.
 Williamson, Michael John (1981 leaver), Flat 21, Hollymount, Hagley Rd, Birmingham.
 Wylie, Elizabeth Jessie (1981 leaver), 57, Lindkenschweg, Alsenborg 1041, Brussels, Belgium.

RE-UNIONS

Old Scholars Day – Sunday 16th May, at 11.00 a.m.
 Starts at the Meeting House, Sibford Gower. This is for
 all Old Scholars, whether members of SOSA or not.

August Re-union – Saturday 28th August to Monday 31st
 August.

This is for members of SOSA only, or those who are
 specifically invited and accompany a member.

LONDON MEMBERS

Anyone interested in joining a re-formed London Branch
 should contact either:–

Margaret Fairmington,
 140 Fellows Road,
 London, NW3.
 (01-586-3623)

or

Alan Kidney,
 7 Longcroft Lane,
 Welwyn Garden City, Herts.

RULES

1. **NAME**
The name of the Association shall be 'Sibford Old Scholars' Association'.
2. **OBJECTS**
 - (a) The continuance of the interest of former scholars in Sibford School and its work.
 - (b) The furthering of schoolday friendships.
 - (c) The provision of assistance to the School wherever possible.
 - (d) The encouragement of a spirit of loyalty amongst present scholars.
3. **MEMBERSHIP**
 - (a) The Association shall consist of Ordinary, Life and Honorary Life Members.
 - (b) The following shall be eligible for membership:
 - i. Old Scholars of Sibford School.
 - ii. Past and present members of the teaching and non-teaching staff of the School and their husbands/wives.
 - iii. Past and present members of the School Committee.
 - iv. Husbands/wives of Old Scholars.
 - v. Other relatives and friends of Old Scholars interested in the School.
 - (c) Honorary Membership of the Association may be conferred at any Annual General Meeting as a mark of esteem for notable services to the School or the Association.
 - (d) Scholars leaving the School shall become members of the Association only after completing the appropriate application form. The general Committee shall have power to accept, reject or defer any such application.
 - (e) The General Committee shall be empowered to bar any person from membership and to remove any person from membership for any reason which they think to be good and sufficient. No return of subscription shall be payable to any person removed from Membership.
4. **SUBSCRIPTIONS**
 - (a)
 - i. All ordinary members £6.00 per annum.
 - ii. Life membership £100.
 - iii. Married couples jointly £8.00 per annum.
 - v. Scholars leaving school, for the year in which they leave, and for the following year, £1.00; thereafter £6.00 per annum. Alternatively, for the year in which they leave and the following 3 years £9.00 which could be paid by parents with the last school fees.
 - (b) The Annual subscription is due on 1st January for the ensuing year.
 - (c) Any member whose subscriptions are in arrears for more than two years and who, after due reminder, shall not make the necessary payment shall have his/her name removed from the list of members.
5. **YEAR**
The Association's year shall be from 1st January to 31st December. This shall apply to the Accounts of the Association and to the term of office of President, Officers, Committee, etc.
6. **GENERAL COMMITTEE**
 - (a) The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a General Committee subject to the approval of the Annual General Meeting of the Association.
 - (b) Ex-Officio President, Vice-President, Immediate Past President, General Secretary, Treasurer, Membership/Assistant Treasurer, Reunion Secretary, Assistant Reunion Secretary, Magazine Editor, Local Branch Secretaries, two School Committee Representatives, Friends of Sibford Society Representative, two School Staff Representatives, the Headmaster, the Bursar, the Deputy Head, and six ordinary members elected at the Annual General Meeting to serve for a three year period.
 - (c) Ten members of the General Committee shall form a quorum.
 - (d) The General Committee shall have power to co-opt up to four members at any one time and to appoint any additional officers it deems necessary.
 - (e) The Editor shall be nominated by the General Committee after consultation with appropriate members of the school staff. The nomination shall be confirmed by the next A.G.M.
7. **OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS**
 - (a) The President and Vice-President shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting for one year. Normally the President's year of office shall immediately follow the year in which he/she was Vice-President.
 - (b) The General Secretary and other officers shall be appointed for a three year period at an Annual General Meeting. These appointments should overlap each other to ensure continuity. Two representatives shall be nominated to serve on the School Governing Committee coinciding with that Committee's normal term of appointments. Ordinary Members will not be eligible for re-election after a three year term for a period of at least twelve months.
 - (c) Should a vacancy occur in any office the General Committee shall have powers to fill the vacancy and the person so appointed shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.
- (d) All nominations for General Secretary, Treasurer and other Officers shall be in writing, signed by the proposer, seconder and the nominee and shall be sent or handed to the General Secretary twelve hours before the Annual General Meeting. Nomination papers to be included with the appropriate Annual Reunion programmes sent to all members.
- (e) The Committee shall nominate a recent leaver to serve as an ordinary member on the Committee for three years following the next 31 December. The nomination shall be confirmed by the Annual General Meeting. The A.G.M. shall also appoint one representative each year to serve for a three year term. Should an ordinary member resign during his term of service the Committee has power to fill the vacancy so caused, until the next Annual General Meeting. The Annual General Meeting shall then confirm the appointment or appoint an alternative member for the remainder of the term of service.
8. **MEETINGS AND REUNIONS**
 - (a) An Annual Reunion of members shall be held at Sibford at Whitsuntide or at such other time and/or place as may be decided by the General Committee.
 - (b) The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held during the Annual Reunion.
 - (c) Notice of the Annual Reunion shall be sent to all members.
 - (d) The General Committee shall have full control of all arrangements at these Reunions with power to make such regulations as they may deem to be expedient.
9. **MINUTES**
Minutes of the proceedings of the General Committee shall be duly recorded in a permanent manner and the minutes of the Annual General Meeting when passed shall be available for inspection by any member by arrangement.
10. **LOCAL BRANCHES**
 - (a) Whenever the number of members resident in a locality warrants the course, a local branch may be formed.
 - (b) A Branch Secretary shall be elected at a representative meeting of the local branch.
 - (c) Branch Secretaries shall have power to arrange local reunions and other events.
 - (d) All Branches must be financially self supporting and have no call on the funds of the Association.
11. **MAGAZINE**
A magazine entitled 'Sibford' shall be published annually by the Association and sent to all members whose addresses are known. Where husbands and wives are both members only one magazine will be sent unless an additional copy is specifically requested.
12. **ALTERATIONS TO RULES**
 - (a) Notice of any alteration or addition to be proposed to the rules of the Association shall be given in writing to the General Secretary at least fourteen days prior to an Annual General Meeting. Nevertheless the Annual General Meeting shall have power to deal with any alteration or addition to the Rules without such notice or any notice if the meeting so decided by a two-thirds majority of members who are present and voting.
 - (b) No alteration or addition to the Rules of the Association shall become effective unless passed by a two-thirds majority of members who are present and voting in Annual General Meeting.
 - (c) Rule 12 (b) and 13 (b) cannot be altered except by a 9/10ths majority at Annual General Meeting.
13. **LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND**
 - (a) All subscriptions received as Life Subscriptions shall be invested in the names of Trustees appointed by the Annual General Meeting.
 - (b) The Life Membership Fund may not be spent without prior referendum of the recorded members of the Association. To be effective the referendum must be approved by a 9/10th majority of all the forms received by a date set by the General Committee.
 - (c) The interest from the investment of the life subscriptions shall be added to the ordinary income of the Association.
14. **WINDING UP**
In the event of the Association being dissolved all the assets shall be disposed of as directed by the Annual General Meeting by a simple majority of those members who are present and voting at the Annual General Meeting.

Sibford, incorporating the SOSA Annual Report, is the journal of, and published annually by the SIBFORD OLD SCHOLARS' ASSOCIATION. Enquiries concerning distribution should be made to the Membership Secretary. Items for insertion should be sent to the Editor.



Among those who attended the August week-end Reunion were:—

Hugh & Daphne Maw, Michael & Rhoda Finch, Philip & Janet Manasseh, Lilian Ward, Nicholas Bennett, Lily Ratheram, Philip & Rosamond Morris, May Flinn, John C. Smith, Michael & Wendy Van Blankenstein, Jeanne Southam, Allan with Caroline & Katherine Kidney, Nick Briggs, Reg & Vera Brown, Clive Bennett, Johnnie & Helen Doyle, Jonas & Marjorie Fielding, Arthur Wells, Grace Allen, Dolly Cemm, Jean Morley, Miriam Guest, Diana Lloyd with Hywel & Owen, Wilfrid & Mabel Pollard, Brian & Ethel Wright, Philip & Grace Beckerlegge, David & Mavis Stiles, Amanda Endersby, Dorothy Angerson, Norman & Marjorie Coxon, Winifred Hyde, Olive Dalley, Ian & Jean Wright with Amanda & Simon, Margaret Baily, Mary Elwick, George & Marjorie Edwards, John & Betty Thelton, Judith Kelly, Brian & Pauline Hooper, Arthur Harrison, Leslie Harrison, Frank & Vera Rollett, Irene Smith, Chris & Pat Grimes with Michael & Nicola, Anna Wilson, Mark Mercer, Harold Rose,

Don Ryan, Andy Finch, Freda Gardner, Philip & Loraine Brown, B. Kay Bohn & Roland, Martin & Dorothy Dodsworth, Clement & Margaret Dring, Jim & Joan Shields, Geoff & Anna Squire, Stephen Cook, Stephanie Reynolds, Christian Notley, Julie Greenhill, Vic & Joyce Butler, Geoffrey Moore, L.W. Poulton, Joseph & Janet Sewell, Ken & Elisabeth Francis, Margaret Le Mare, Paul & Ruth Frampton with Charles & Harriet, Robert & Alice Rose, Clark & Loraine Spencer, Gwen Rowntree, Kate Long, Godfrey Baseley, Russell Steed, Simon Barfoot, Eddie Bezant, Julie Walton, Anne Muir, Fiona Poulton, Steven Hook, Harold Pugmire, Clive & Jane Penman, John & Edith Miller, Jim & Maureen Graham, Chris & Jon Leo, Marion King, Graham & Sheila Trout, Ross, Elizabeth & Oliver Kinnear, Trish Matthews, Grace Wilde, Jimmy & Liam Setna, Margaret Fairnington, Pat & Terry Clark, Geoff & Anna Squires, Phillipa Graham, Alfred & Freda Gardener.

