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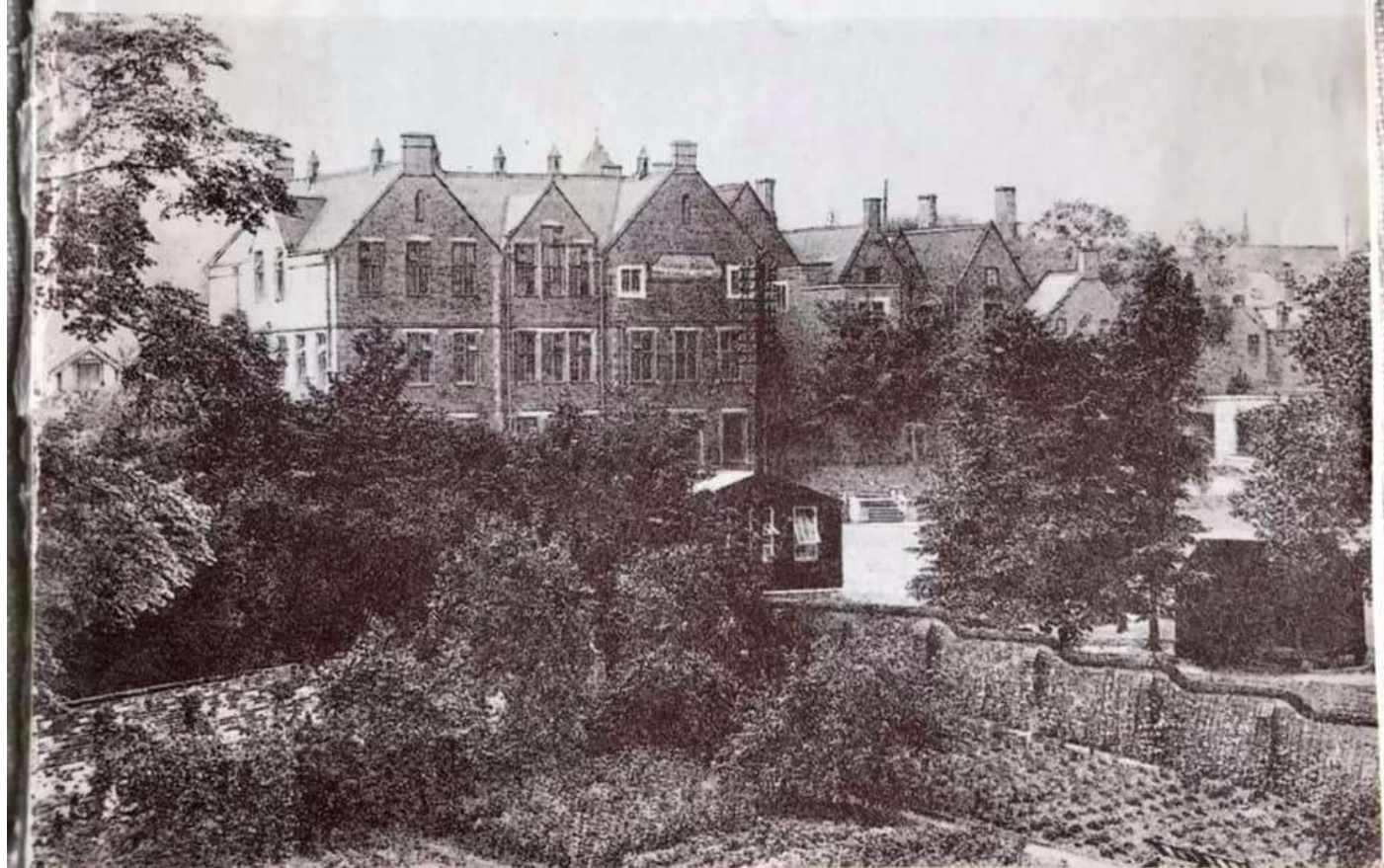
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# CESTREFELDIAN 1970



## **COMMENT - 1970**

### **Why Comment?**

The old editorial was becoming rather parochial in its attitude and because of this some immediacy was lost. In the new format it should be easier to comment on a wider range of activities, internal and external. What we say may not always please, nor do we believe that it should, since a platitudinous magazine is a dead one.

Having said this it is perhaps necessary to state that views expressed here and throughout the magazine are not necessarily indicative of Editorial or School policy.

### **Professor C. B. Cox**

We are pleased to include our first 'celebrity' interview and we are grateful to Professor Cox for giving it. Professor Cox is well known in literary circles for his criticism and the Critical Quarterly. More recently he has acquired some notoriety as co-editor of the Black Papers on Education.

### **"40 Years On"**

Last year saw the publication of a book of School Songs—a copy is available in the Library—and it was pleasing to find our song recorded. Less pleasant was the review of the book—and of our song—which appeared in The Listener. Admittedly the song has no literary merit, but it is ours—though it would probably be hard to find a boy who knows it.

### **Teachers on Strike**

The past six months have seen unprecedented militant action by teachers in support of an interim pay-claim. It seems to us strange that the education of thousands of children should have been interrupted whilst the authorities inched their way to the figure asked by the teachers. If the claim could be met after six months of strikes, it could have been met at the beginning. We now await with interest next year's appraisal of the salary structure.

### **Cestrefeldians Abroad**

Since the last issue of the magazine, boys have enjoyed holidays in St. Malo where they were joined by the Headmaster and his family—and in Austria. The latter, a winter sports holiday, was an extremely successful new venture.

### **Staff Changes**

In July we said good-bye to Mr. I. Newsome, Mr. D. A. Clark, and Mr. P. O'Brien. At Christmas Mr. C. A. Bryars left after 21 years for better weather in South Africa and, at Easter, Mr. T. H. Sidebotham left. We have welcomed Messrs. W. Walker, D. Gower, R. E. Orris, J. Hargreaves, and R. D. Moon; we hope their stay with us will be a happy one.

### **Congratulations**

First, the Old Cestrefeldian's Football Team on reaching the final of the A.F.A. Junior Cup, and especially to their captain Mr. T. E. King. Next, to the newly-formed Table Tennis team on its outstanding performance. Then to those boys who have won Duke of Edinburgh's Awards, and to those who have been awarded places, exhibitions and scholarships at Oxford and Cambridge Colleges. Lastly, to ourselves! Among the number of letters we received congratulating us on the new style Cestrefeldian was one from Mr. Robin Gregory, the editor of Orbis, a regional magazine centred on Youlgreave. We value his opinion since Orbis is one of the most interesting magazines to come our way for some time and we commend it to our readers.

### **Copy Date**

The Copy date for the next issue of The Cestrefeldian will be Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 1971.

## **AVE ATQUE VALE**

### **C. A. Bryars**

At the end of the Christmas Term 1969 the School said farewell to its Musical Director, and Hall and Common Room heard of due regard and esteem for a Master and Colleague of more than twenty years standing.

Charles Bryars, son of a Cutler, was nurtured in the tradition of Methodist Choralism, Henry Coward and the Philharmonic Chorus. Complementary was his very early initiation as an habitue of Bramall Lane.

So came the teenage L.R.A.M., a University Degree in Music, a Prizemanship at the Royal College of Organists and an unswerving allegiance to Yorkshire Cricket, not forgetting an inbred disgust of all affairs conducted at Hillsborough.

Like Johann Pachelbel who sang tunelessly whilst playing, Charles sang whilst conducting. None dared call it tuneless, but many regarded it but hardly as bel canto. It was indeed a measure of his infectious enthusiasm still treasured by many who still sing and make music. May its magic be known at Selborne College, East London, South Africa.

For us, memories; the avuncular figure of so many Edinburgh Festivals; the survivor of marathon Teutonic music makings; that Michelin-man referee gear.

For this writer, and many more it will ever be the five beat resolution which closes old Pearsall's setting of "In Dulci Jubilo".

B.B.A.

## HOUSE NOTES

### BRADLEY

"Nisi Dominus Aedificat"

Housemaster:	Mr. G. Jephcote
Junior Housemaster:	Mr. F. J. Elgar
House Staff:	Messrs. B. Chinnery, P. F. Hodge, M. N. Johnson, T. E. King, F. Naylor
House Captain:	R. Bannister
House Vice-Captain:	C. Ward
Prefects:	R. Bannister, W. D. E. Holmes, C. Ward
House Prefects:	K. Allford, K. D. Arthur, R. M. Billinge, I. J. Bradley, D. Bright, C. M. Boag, R. G. Bown, A. J. Callan, A. G. Chapman, P. D. Dale, D. I. Dove, M. P. Godber, R. M. Johnson, J. Leary, J. M. Marples, S. J. Middleton, G. Miller, P. F. Morris, B. C. Shaw, S. Smith, R. J. Trueman, R. Wagstaffe, R. J. Weston, D. K. Woodhouse-Roe.

We started the year well by winning the School Sports. The number of entries this year is again high and we hope to repeat last year's success.

On the soccer field G. Miller, K. Allford, K. Pickering, R. Wagstaffe and S. Middleton have all played for the 1st XI. We were also represented by C. Ward and C. Humphries in the 1st XV at Rugby, and by G. Miller and I. Bradley 1st XI cricket team. Trueman is this year's Soccer Secretary. The House football teams have done fairly well this year: both our U. 13½ team and U. 15 teams reached the final of their age groups and our senior team has reached its final.

Probably our teams have not met with the usual success because many of their players have been picked to play in school teams

Cummins and Miller both play for the school Table-tennis team, the latter being captain.

We were sorry to see the departure of our House Captain, D. K. Brown, and also of J. Parkes who represented us in so many different fields. Several other senior boys have left to take up jobs before going into University next October.

I should like to thank the Housemaster, the House Staff and all the House Prefects for their help and service throughout the year, though there have been one or two members of the House who have not turned up promptly for House Duty.

Finally, I should like to wish all the boys the best of luck in the forthcoming examinations.

*Richard Bannister*

## CLARKE HOUSE

*"Ex Pulvere Palma"*

House Master: Mr. J. F. W. Searcy  
 Junior Housemaster: Mr. J. H. Moore  
 House Staff: Messrs. A. H. Yorke, R. G. Cooke, D. R. Blagg, R. Dobson, R. N. Sheppard  
 House Captain: M. Kerley  
 Vice-Captain: A. Beevers  
 School Prefects: R. Lewis, C. Davie, C. Morris  
 House Prefects: C. Anthony, A. Ball, N. Birks, J. Burns, S. Davison, S. Everett, G. Farmer, D. Goucher, B. Gunn, J. Harvey, C. Hill, J. Holmes, B. Hopkinson, T. Hubbard, R. J. Lowe, P. Marriott, M. Millington, D. Moore, C. Pates, M. Pates, P. Pickering, D. Swale, M. Shrimpton, R. Staton, I. Turner, P. Vaughan, R. Wallis, P. Wright, A. J. Yates, J. W. Yates, D. Elliott

We were sorry to lose Mr. Bryars in December but we extend a welcome to Mr. Searcy and hope he will be happy as Housemaster.

On the cricket field the House enjoyed considerable success winning the 2nd and 3rd form league and the 4th and 5th form knockout competition. Tweedy and Wright represented the School on several occasions.

Much credit is due to Davie and Huckerby of the 5th forms for efficient management of Junior Soccer teams. In both Junior knockout competitions the teams reached the final, the U. 15 team beating Bradley and the U. 13½ team losing to Lingard. All teams in the leagues are well placed and M. Pates, Hubbard, Coleman, Marriott, and Davie have played in School teams.

We also have representatives in the school rugby and hockey teams. Moore, Vaughan, C. Pates, Firminger, Rhodes and Wallace all played for the first XV and Millington, Hubbard, T. Hopkinson, B. Hopkinson and Lewis represented the first XI. Vaughan was awarded half-colours for rugby and plays for the county as does B. Hopkinson.

This year Clarke won the inter-house sailing competition and D. R. Swale and A. Swale were both awarded County Colours for Sailing. The swimming teams finished third equal in the gala. The House was second in the athletics sports and M. Pates and C. Pates were awarded full colours for athletics.

Congratulations go to the many members of the House who gained places in Universities and other places of further education. Academically it has been a sound year and we hope to achieve even better results this year.

*Max Kerley*

## FOLJAMBE

“Craignez Honte”

Housemaster: Mr. W. H. Jones  
 Assistant Housemaster: Mr. R. M. Adlen  
 House Staff: Messrs. R. E. Young, D. Mellors, C. Turner, J. A. Clutterbuck, R. D. Moon  
 House Captain: R. R. Banner  
 Vice-Captain: P. J. Riden  
 Prefects: P. J. Craig, I. Friend, R. P. Hill  
 House Prefects: M. P. Bond, P. A. Botham, D. J. Easto, A. P. Gaging, J. R. M. Giles, S. J. Hayward, A. Hoskins, N. W. Kennerley, R. E. Kettell, J. P. Medley, G. Milne, A. T. Navin, J. R. Orton, B. R. Pullan, G. N. Shrewsbury, A. N. Raby, A. D. Thompson, B. Wragg.

Although Foljambe has in the past been more successful in games and athletics, academically the year has been memorable. The Vice-Captain, Philip Riden, has won an open scholarship to St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, and Stuart Turner a commoner place at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge. Robert Banner and John Raby have gained places at King's College, London and Liverpool University respectively.

In games and athletics the House has achieved more individually than collectively. The House tennis team finished second in its competition but Robert Banner has been awarded full school colours and has played for the county. The

captain of the sailing team, David Cotton, has represented the county and has gained both school and county colours. Although the House came sixth in the athletics sports, S. J. King in the senior section and S. J. Tamsett in the junior both won individual championships. In neither football nor cricket has the House done especially well, although at present the senior football team could reach the final of their competition. In the recent swimming gala Foljambe came a commendable second, with the fourth forms winning their competition.

As usual grateful thanks are due to Mr. Jones, Mr. Adlen and the other house staff; to the captains and managers of House teams; and to those House prefects who have helped with house duty.

*R R Banner*

## **HEATHCOTE**

*"Conjunctis Viribus"*

Housemaster:	Mr. G. T. Fomison
Junior Housemaster:	Mr. R. Parkin
House Staff:	Messrs. J. Hetherington, S. E. Davey, F. I. Chapman, S. Harris, N. Rowbotham
House Captain:	N. Lindup
Vice Captain.	A. McPhee
Prefect:	C. K. Whitehead
House Prefects:	A. Combe, R. Curtis, A. Darnell, C. B. Elliott, R. Graves, C. James, R. Johnstone, G. Jones, M. Marsden, F. J. Morris, R. Pinchbeck, B. Sewell, C. Stone, H. Woodcock, M. Buckley, G. Challands, T. Franklin, J. Gaunt, J. Geary, T. Hardy, B. Hawkins, P. Mate, M. Portas, G. Richards, P. Rose, C. M. Whitehead, K. Wright

House duty has been carried out conscientiously, for the most part, but it should be pointed out that conscientiousness does not necessarily mean efficiency, and it is here that certain people fail to make their mark. These are few in number, but the House Staff have noticed that often the ground floor, in particular, is very noisy even when sixth formers are on duty there. It would be appreciated if during the next months Heathcote's sixth-formers would attempt to use the powers vested in them to more effect, particularly when patrolling the ground floor.

This year Heathcote has once again been active on the sports field, and not without success. In football we were top of the second form league and reached the semi-finals in the Senior Cup. Our thanks are due to Ritchie, Menzies and Combe for very able management of our teams. McPhee has played for the school's 1st Rugby XV. In the Swimming Gala we won the 5th-form section, but our final position was sixth.

Academically, too, the House has had a good year. Our congratulations go to Edney, who has won a place at King's College, Cambridge; to Simpson, a former House Captain, who is now at Sheffield University; to Lindup, who is to go to Pembroke College, Oxford, in 1971; to Goodrum, also a former Captain, who is to go to Bristol University; and to all other members of the House who have gone on into higher education. We wish them and other leavers every success and good luck for the future.

*N Lindup*

## **LARGE**

*"Magnopere in re"*

Housemaster:	Mr. J. North
Assistant Housemaster:	Mr. A. G. Page
House Staff:	Messrs. N. S. Jinkinson, D. A. Peart, J. H. Sidebotham, M. Hughes, W. Walker
House Captain:	N. Moss
Vice-Captain:	M. H. Edwards
School Prefects:	E. C. Bates, J. R. Haslam, K. Muncey
House Prefects:	M. P. Dziecioi, R. Hall, P. B. Palethorpe, J. S. Challice, P. K. Jones, M. Spencer, I. Bloxham, D. Hird, H. F. Birks, A. M. Jinkinson, G. Turner, J. M. Gorringe, J. C. G. Bingham, S. C. Ward, M. Atkinson, P. E. Dodd

Since the last edition of the Cestrefeldian we have said goodbye to many members of the House, and best wishes for the future are extended to Mr. P. W. O'Brien whilst we welcome Mr. W. Walker to the House staff.

In the academic sphere congratulations go to R. C. Haynes, the former House Captain, who is now at King's College Hospital Dental School, and to M. P. Thomas who has gained a place at Sussex University.

On the sports field the House has not proved a force to be reckoned with especially in the junior football and cricket leagues and in sailing and athletics. The Senior cricket team were unlucky to lose in the final of their competition. New full-colours for cricket were awarded to N. Moss and half-colours were re-awarded to B. Handley. Full colours for tennis were awarded to A. Newcombe. M. P. Thomas, former captain of hockey was awarded full colours and county colours; K. Muncey, captain of rugby, was awarded full colours for rugby. Our performance in the athletic sports was again rather poor although P. R. Holmes won the Howard Glossop Cup and S. C. Ward was awarded full colours for athletics. Fortunately, Large House has an extremely strong swimming team and this year the swimming team gave a magnificent performance throughout the inter-house competition to carry off the swimming trophy for the third consecutive year.

I should finally like to thank the House staff for their support and guidance in House affairs, and to thank the sixth formers who, for the most part, have carried out their duties conscientiously.

*N. Moss*

## **LINGARD**

*"Loyal Je Suis"*

Housemaster:	Mr. J. J. Higgins
Junior Housenaster:	Mr. J. H. W. Woellhardt
House Staff:	Messrs. G. A. Blount, D. W. Bramley, N. Spink, D. Gower, R. E. Orriss
House Captain:	N. C. Rigby
Vice-Captain:	S. Keelty
Prefects:	R. Allen, I. Revill
House Prefects:	C. J. Anstey, K. Bell, S. R. Costigan, W. R. Kennon, B. Lake, A. May, H. Mitchell, N. G. Pope, M. Bedford, J. Boulby, I. R. Brackenbury, R. Caudwell, A. Fell, V. Halksworth, A. Hattersley, S. B. Lister, T. Ramsay, J. Roog, I. Serrell, P. Williamson.

Last year we bade farewell to Messrs. D. A. Clark and I. Newsome. We wish them success in their new appointments and welcome to the House Staff in their stead Messrs. D. Gower and R. E. Orriss.

On the soccer field the House has performed creditably. We have won the Under 13½ shield, and are represented in the 1st XI and County sides by R. Mihaly and M. Woolgar. K. Buxton, too, plays for the 1st XI. I. Revill is captain of both soccer and cricket, and has full school and county colours in each sport. In football he has in fact reached a final trial for an England youth cap.

Lingard cricketers put in some fine performances to win the Senior House Competition. R. Cox and M. Bedford played for the School 1st XI and for County sides.

The House is well represented in the School rugby and hockey teams, and in the swimming and athletic squads. S. Keelty, a county reserve, has received school half-colours for athletics, and B. Lake half-colours for rugby.

The activities of members of the House have not been confined to the sports field. Our congratulations go to S. K. Rhodes, former Vice-Captain, and to S. Keelty, who have gained gold awards in the Duke of Edinburgh's scheme, and to R. Cox, who has gained the bronze award.

Finally, I should like to thank all team managers, the House staff and sixth-formers for their service to the House and good-natured co-operation during the year.

*Nigel Rigby*

## **O.C.s' Notes**

### **Annual Reunion**

The 50th Reunion and Dinner was attended by nearly 100 Old Boys, the largest attendance for some years. One of the reasons for this was that presentations were made to Mr. Glistler, to mark his retirement as Headmaster, and to Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Swain to mark their retirement from their positions as Joint Secretaries.

Although it was not possible to hold last year's Reunion at the School, preparations are well advanced at the time of writing to ensure that this year there are no hitches. It is hoped that holding this event at school will tighten the links between School and Society, that older members will have the opportunity to be inevitably jealous of the facilities which present pupils enjoy and that young members will be encouraged to make an early return to familiar surroundings.

In January, 1970, Mr. H. C. Day retired from his position as Hon. Treasurer. He held this office for 36 years and his service was marked by the presentation of a suitably inscribed silver salver. By coincidence his son, Professor A. C. L. Day, being President of the Society, made the presentation.

With Mr. Day's retirement, the Society has lost the services of the last of the stalwarts who have looked after affairs for so long. We wish all three along and happy association with the Society in the years to come and thank them for their services.

### **Annual Dinner / Dance**

This function was again held in the School on Friday, 13th February and despite the date the weather was kinder than last year. 135 O.C.'s and guests sat down to dinner and we were pleased to welcome particularly the Mayor, who is also Vice-Chairman of the Governors, and the Mayoress, Alderman H. C. Day, who is Chairman of the Governors, and Mrs. Day and the Headmaster and his wife.

It is one of the mysteries of life, however, that so few members come to the Dance itself. The cost of the evening is modest and the surroundings congenial. As it is, the efforts of the Dance Committee are not well rewarded. 30 or more couples would fill the empty spaces and ensure a resounding financial success.

### **Annual Cricket Match**

The match against the School was played in glorious weather on Wednesday, 23rd July. Although the O.C.'s did not manage to win, there was a bigger difference between the sides than the scores or the performance of two School batsmen suggest. Batting first the O.C.'s ran into early trouble but a good innings of 32 by R. Flanagan and an undefeated last wicket stand of 31 runs by M. Hughes and R. Parkin took the score to 154-9 declared. It did not seem likely that the School would survive long when their innings started since their batsmen were too slow to deal with the pace and movement of Flanagan's bowling. By luck and involuntary deflection, however, runs came and only two wickets were lost by tea. There then followed a fine stand for the School by I. Revill and Miller and when they were parted the School was safe from defeat although shortage of time and some tight bowling at the end prevented any chance off victory. When stumps were drawn the School had reached 123-5.

O.C.'s who would like to play in the 1970 match are asked to contact R. Parkin by the beginning of July.

### **Freshers' Meeting**

As an experiment the Society is organising an evening for boys leaving School during which, over a pea and pie supper, they will be invited to meet officers and members of the Society and of the Soccer Club. The aim of the evening is to sell the Society, its activities and advantages of membership and to seek an active involvement of younger members from the outset.

If the evening is a financial and social success it is hoped to make this a regular event.

### **President-Elect: Mr. F. N. Colledge**

At the Annual General Meeting, Mr. F. N. Colledge was invited to become President for 1971-72. Leaving School in 1919, Mr. Colledge joined Robinson and Sons Ltd., gaining experience in all the manufacturing departments before joining the Sales Staff. Finally he joined the Accounts Section and remained there until his retirement in December, 1967.

A keen tennis player in his younger days, Mr. Colledge is now an avid cricket watcher. In addition to this he is a keen gardener and active member of Storrs Road Methodist Church, where he is an assistant organist. Most O.C.'s who attend the Reunions will know Mr. Colledge for his spirited performance at the piano during the School Song.

### **Association Football Club**

The abandonment of last season's league programme following the severe weather conditions of February and March was a great disappointment to the Old Boys, although some small measure of success came from our first ever entry in



the Ashover Six-a-side Competition in which we were beaten finalists. The disappointment we suffered has served as a spur to greater efforts in our new "campaign" and I am pleased to report that the 1969-70 Season has brought the Club National and local success.

In the South Yorkshire Amateur League Premier Division the first team is poised for the long "run-in" which we hope will result in our first Championship win, whilst in Division Two the second team is well-placed and a sustained effort over the last few weeks of the season could mean promotion. The third team contains a number of players fresh from School and their performances against older and stronger opposition have been extremely encouraging. A summary of our league results reads as follows:-

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
"A" Team	13	9	2	2	55	18	20
"B" Team	13	8	1	4	47	25	17
"C" Team	17	6	1	10	33	52	13

The league programmes of the first and second teams have been hindered by success in their respective cup competitions. In the Sheffield and Hallamshire Junior Shield the seconds won through to the fifth round before going down 1-3 to West Green W.M.C. of Barnsley after a hard struggle in atrocious conditions. The first team tasted defeat in the third round of the New Derbyshire Junior Cup, but it seemed that the players were saving their best performances for the Amateur Football Alliance Junior Cup Competition. This competition attracts the cream of London's junior sides and the team has made the long trek to London on four occasions to return with convincing wins. A single home tie was also convincingly won and the semi-final at Derby saw us clinch victory in the last seconds of extra time, much to the relief of players and supporters alike! The final is due to be played towards the end of March at Chiswick and we have high hopes of bringing back the trophy to Chesterfield for the first time.

In the field of representative football, we were honoured when four members of the first team, Trevor King, Chris Renshaw, and David and Neil Argyle, were selected to play for the South Yorkshire Amateur League XI against a Lancashire and Cheshire XI and the Midland Amateur Alliance XI.

Our continued success rests on the number of young players who join us from School and I should be very pleased to hear from anyone who would like to play with the Club.

Ian Green—Honorary General Secretary



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## COMMENT – 1971

### Staff Changes

At the end of last year the School bade farewell to Messrs G. A. Blount, R. E. Orriss and R. Moon. At Christmas Mr. D. Mellor took to water and Mr. B. B. Andrew decided to retire completely—we wish him a very happy retirement. At Easter Mr. R. G. Cooke left to take culture to Stoke-on-Trent.

We welcome Mr. G. Bates, Mr. K. R. Chappell, Miss B. Cresswell, Mrs. Naylor, Mr. C. Allen and Mr. E. Sweet and wish them a pleasant stay with us.

We applaud the addition of two ladies to the staff - they brighten what might otherwise be a dingy array.

### Local Government Reform

Although it may appear to be adopting a highly parochial view, we contemplate with alarm the proposals for the reform of Local Government.

Apart from the disturbing prospect of having a County Office for Derbyshire in Matlock (thus making complaints and queries to a distant office which knows nothing of the immediate problem tedious and almost pointless) Chesterfield will lose its status as an Excepted District. This will mean the decisions about Education will be made outside the town. We feel that it is both ill-considered and dangerous to change schools in a wholesale fashion - as Mr Pollock said in a recent report, we want quality, not quantity. For these two reasons alone we find that the proposed reform is streamlining which, although perhaps necessary, is not effective when administered in this way and we feel that Local Government will acquire the faceless characteristics displayed by Central Government in Whitehall.

### Staff, Pupils and Societies

The decline in attendance at School Societies and activities is noted with concern. There has ever been a trend in long-established Grammar Schools to treat examinations and syllabuses as the limiting factors in teaching, thus tending to turn the classroom into a 'factory'. It is time that pupils recognised that by sacrificing time to societies they can widen their knowledge and help to make their stay at school a full education. This trend is also helping to increase the gap between staff and pupils. The time spent in societies is useful if only because it permits semi formal discussion between staff and pupils. However, the pupils are not entirely to blame for their apathy – they cannot be encouraged by the tendency to persist in 'teaching from behind the desk'; it is a method which lacks appeal. We hope that next year will bring a resurgence of life to the societies and that staff and pupils will make greater efforts to get to know and understand one another.

### Prize Crossword

Last year's crossword prize was won by Dick Hill of U VI A.

### Copy Date

The last date for accepting contributions for the next edition will be Friday, March 3rd, 1972. The Editors welcome all contributions and invite letters and comments.

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School Prefects:	B. Bannister (School Capt), A. J. Callan.
House Prefects:	K. D. Arthur, P. Beard, I. J. Bradley, D. Bright, C. Broughton, J. W. Brownlee, A. G. Chapman, S. G. Clewlow, R. W. Colley, D. Crookes, D. I. Dove, M. P. Godber, K. Greaves, D. A. Holmes,

C. S. Humphries. R. G. Kench, J. M. Marples. G. Miller, P. F. Morris, D. A. Nadin, T. N. Pearson, J. K. Pickering, C. B. Shaw, G. J. Watson, C. Whyatt, D. K. Woodhouse-Roe.

Unfortunately the house had little success either at athletics or swimming, but during the summer we had more success at cricket with a good victory in the junior section and were closely defeated in the final of the series.

On this theme I feel it is necessary to say something of perhaps the greatest achievement in the school last year. We were very proud that G. Miller, one of the senior members of the house, was selected to play for his country on the cricket fields of India, and I am sure that every boy in his house would again like to congratulate him on this achievement.

We began this year very well with the win in the U13½ football section. We were represented by B. Wagstaffe, K. Allford, S. J. Middleton and J. K. Pickering in the 1st XI, R. Wagstaffe captaining the side until he left the school.

On the rugby field C. S. Humphries and C. Ward were the only boys in the school to gain the county colours this year and C. Ward captained the 1st XV.

I would like to send my thanks to the house staff for their help and co-operation throughout the year.

*C. Ward*

## **CLARKE HOUSE**

*"Ex Pulvere Palma"*

Housemaster:	Mr. J. F. W. Searcy
Junior Housemaster:	Mr. J. H. Moore
House Staff:	Messrs. A. H. Yorke. R. G. Cooke. D. R. Blagg. R. Dobson. R. N. Sheppard
House Captain:	R. Wallis
Vice Captain:	M. Pates
School Prefect:	M. Millington
House Prefects:	C. Anthony, N. Birks, J. Burns, S. Everett, D. Goucher, J. Harvey, C. Hill, J. Holmes, B. Hopkinson, T. Hubbard, C. Pates, R. Staton, A. J. Yates, J. W. Yates, D. Elliot, R. Coe, A. Rhodes, R. I. Wilsher, D. C. Allanson, D. I. Huckerby, J. Ashmore, P. Coleman, J. Firminger, G. Turner, R. Wilkinson, T. Bailey, A. R. Bruce.

Once more the House has been successful on the sports field, but this year has been memorable for academic achievements as well, the most notable being Philip Wright's acceptance at New College, Oxford.

On the soccer field the House has done well. Last season the Senior Team won the All Ages Cup, and this season the team is in the final. All teams are performing creditably in their leagues and M. Pates, J. Wright, A. Yates, J. Yates, P. Coleman, G. Braves and P. Brown have all played for school teams.

The House did tolerably well on the cricket field with the under 15 team winning the knockout competition, which somewhat made up for the disappointing performance of the Senior Team. Wright and Goucher played for school teams.

We are also represented in the school rugby and hockey teams. Firminger, Rhodes and Wallis played for the first XV and Millington, Hopkinson B. and Hopkinson T. represented the first XI. Hopkinson B. also played for the county team.

Last year we won the Athletics Championship, and C. Pates ran for Derbyshire in the All England Championship.

Finally I would like to thank all House staff for their guidance, House Prefects and managers of House teams.

*R. Wallis*

## **FOLJAMBE**

*"Craignez Honte"*

Housemaster:	Mr. W. H. Jones
Assistant Housemaster:	Mr. R. M. Adlen
House Staff:	Messrs. R. E. Young, C. Turner, J. A. Clutterbuck, G. S. Bates
House Captain:	R. P. Hill
House Vice-Captain:	R. E. Kettell
Prefects:	N. W. Kennerley, A. N. Raby, P. J. Craig

House Prefects: D. E. Ackroyd, P. A. Armstrong, M. P. Bond, P. A. Botham, P. R. Burnham, D. P. Cockman, T. J. Colledge, D. S. Cotton, P. L. Dyson, D. J. Easto, R. G. Ellis, S. Flowerday, A. P. Gaging, J. R. M. Giles, R. Hugh, S. Jensen, C. Lemons, J. P. Medley, G. Milne, A. T. Navin, J. R. Orton, M. Parfrement, A. G. Pollock, L. J. Riley, P. Roberts, A. N. Rodick, A. D. Thompson, P. Wilmot, B. Wragg.

Last year we bade farewell to Messrs. R. D. Moon and D. Mellors. We wish them every success in the future and welcome Mr. G. S. Bates to the House Staff.

On the sports field the House has continued to make progress. In the athletics sports we came from behind to take a creditable second place - a great improvement on the previous year's position of sixth - and C. Harrison, who recently gained widespread recognition by winning a national essay competition, carried off the Individual Junior Championship. New half-colours for athletics were awarded to Tamsett and Rodick. Full colours for tennis were awarded to Kettell, captain of the school team, and half-colours awarded to Kennerley. Kennerley, captain of hockey, was awarded full colours and county colours.

The last year has seen numerous successes for the House on the soccer and cricket fields: the Middle-School cricket team, the second form soccer team and the third and fourth form soccer team all winning their respective trophies. Our swimmers have once again proved a force to be reckoned with by winning the recent swimming gala, and our congratulations go to all who took part.

I should finally like to thank Mr. Jones and the other House Staff; the captains and managers of the House teams; and the House prefects who, for the most part, conscientiously carry out the thankless task of house duty.

*Richard P. Hill*

## HEATHCOTE

*"Conjunctis Viribus"*

Housemaster: Mr. G. T. Fomison  
Junior Housemaster: Mr. R. Parkin  
House Staff: Messrs. J. Hetherington, S. E. Davey, F. I. Chapman, S. Harris, N. Rowbotham  
House Captain: B. Hawkins  
Vice-Captain: A. P. Combe  
Prefect: J. C. Stone  
House Prefects: A. P. Combe, C. R. James, R. A. Johnstone, P. A. Rose, G. Challands, J. A. Gaunt, P. J. Mate, M. S. Portas, M. Ripley, J. J. Geary, T. C. Hardy, A. Norman, C. M. Whitehead, K. H. Wright, I. Fairbank, D. A. Fogg, A. J. Slaughter, F. A. Burrows, R. Chappell, J. R. Collard, I. G. Stenhouse, J. S. R. Derbyshire, D. Duce, D. T. Goodrum, D. J. Lee, M. Needham, D. Parkinson, C. N. G. Wilkins, C. G. Wilson.

The House sends its best wishes to those Senior Members who have gone, either on to Further Education or to earn a living in the outside world. On the Sports' Field too, the House has had another very active year and I should like to thank all the managers of the cricket and football teams for their untiring efforts behind the scenes. In football especially the House has seen success, winning the Under-15 Knock-Out Competition. The House has been well-represented this year in the School cricket, football, hockey and table-tennis teams. Unfortunately, Hawkins, the School Football 1st XI player, broke a leg while playing football and so has suffered a long absence from the game. The House extends its best wishes for a speedy recovery to him. Congratulations go to Darnell, who left school earlier this year, for his recent success in gaining the Gold Standard in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

I should like to thank all sixth-formers for doing House duty but, unfortunately can thank only some. A few of our senior members seem to fail to realise how necessary and important duty is. Finally, I should like to thank the Housemaster and his staff for their never failing support and guidance.

*Chris. Stone*

## LARGE

*“Magnopere in re”*

Housemaster:	Mr. J. North
Assistant Housemaster:	Mr. Page
House Staff:	Mr. Walker, Mr. Peart, Mr. Jinkinson
House Captain:	S. C. Ward
Vice-Captain:	J. C. G. Bingham
School Prefect:	A. N. Smith
House Prefects:	P. B. Palethorpe, P. K. Jones, M. Spencer, H. Birks, A. M. Jinkinson, M. A. Atkinson, P. J. Dodd, A. M. Parums, P. Robinson, J. R. B. Trundle, R. W. Copping, R. Francis, P. Mapes, G. Fletcher, A. F. Tagg, K. M. Fletcher, D. V. Priestley, P. J. Colledge, R. G. Hall, S. Hewitt, R. J. Moroz, I. G. Wheeler, D. A. Hough, C. D. Findlay, C. Fleetwood, S. J. Rowland, C. W. Smallwood, C. W. Teale, T. Nesbitt, D. H. Marsh, N. P. Hardy.

The House has lost the valuable services of Mr. T. H. Sidebotham since the last edition of The Cestrefeldian and also our former House Captain, Nigel Moss and Vice Captain, Mick Edwards who have gone on to further education at Birmingham and Manchester. Although they will be missed in the field of sport there is much cause for hope as we achieved a creditable third in the sports as well as remaining undefeated in the Swimming Championships.

Results in football have been of mixed success. In the Senior House Cup we were narrowly beaten by very strong opposition. In the Middle School, seven of our boys played for the various school teams and A. Parums represented the school at county level.

In swimming, which seems to be our strong point, we will be depending on our new boys in addition to our older stalwarts, to carry off the swimming trophy for the fourth year in succession.

The number of entrants in athletics is encouraging and if performances from last year are anything to go by we will be in with a sporting chance.

Finally my thanks go to the House Prefects who have generally made an effort in House duty and to all the House football, cricket and swimming managers who have done excellent work.

*S. Ward*

## LINGARD

*“Loyal Je Suis”*

Housemaster:	Mr. J. J. Higgins
Assistant Housemaster:	Mr. J. H. W. Woellhardt
Junior Housemaster:	Mr. D. W. Bramley
House Staff:	Messrs. N. Spink. C.J.Allen, K. R. Chappell
House Captain:	W. R. Kennon
Vice Captain:	S. R. Costigan
Prefects:	I. R. Brackenbury, T. N. Ramsay
House Prefects:	C. J. Anstey, M. Bedford, P. J. Bennington, T. A. G. Bright, K. B. Buxton, D. E. Cartwright, J. Caudwell, J. R. Clayton, R. Cox, A. Fell, A. R. Gash, V. J. Halksworth, P. M. Hart, A. P. Hattersley, S. B. L. Lister, R. R. Mihaly, M. K. Payne, R. Riggot, J. V. Roog, D. Rowland, I. R. Serrel, J. C. Stanley, J. A. Stubbs, P. A. Williamson.

Once again. Lingard House has proved a force to be reckoned with on the sports field. After winning the Senior Cricket cup, our success was carried on into the football season where we reached the finals of the U13½ shield and the U15 cup. Having advanced as far as the senior football final, we have every chance of carrying off that trophy with a team including two 1<sup>st</sup> XI players in J. Roog and K. Buxton, and two county players; M. Woolgar and R. Mihaly, the latter being selected as county captain. The House also won the six-a-side hockey cup earlier in the year, and we are now preparing for our attempt to regain the athletics championship in the summer.

Whilst featuring prominently on the sports side, the House has maintained its high academic standard and we extend our congratulations to S. R. Keelty, the school captain on winning a scholarship to Oxford and to R. Allen, the appointed house captain, who has left prior to taking a degree course in food science.

At the end of the summer term last year, we bade farewell to Messrs. Blount and Orris and we now welcome Mr. C. J. Allen and Mr. K. R. Chappell to the Lingard staff.

House duty has been carried out conscientiously by the majority of senior boys and I should like to ask them to accept my sincere thanks for all the help given to me, and for their time given to other House activities.

It only remains for me to thank the House Staff for their assistance and encouragement in our pursuits and to wish all boys the best of luck in forthcoming examinations.

*W. R. Kennon*

## **OLD CESTREFELDIAN SOCIETY NOTES**

### **President Elect.**

Dr. E. Windle Taylor, C.B.E., Director of Water Examination for the Metropolitan Water Board, has accepted an invitation to act as President of the Society for 1972-3. Dr. Windle Taylor has enjoyed a distinguished career and has acquired an international reputation in his subject.

### **Mr. T. E. Haslam**

It was with sorrow that news of the death of Mr. T. E. Haslam on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 1970 was received. Mr. Haslam left school in 1887 and went on to achieve business prominence, to give service to the community and to become a much loved figure at Reunions as his seniority developed. Although latterly unable to attend the Reunion, he retained his interest in the School and Society. The letter reproduced below stands as a memorial to this interest and his courtesy.

### **Annual Reunion**

There was an encouraging attendance at the 1970 Reunion, the first to be held in School. As a result of requests made at the Reunion, a number of O.C.s attended a Pea and Pie supper in July and then made a tour of the buildings and facilities, which ended in the language laboratory - with many envious noises being made.

It is hoped that this closer contact with the school will develop and that the number of members attending the Reunion, other society and school functions will continue to increase. To foster this contact, the idea of an Open Day is being considered. The Day is likely to be on a beautiful Saturday in July when various games, both serious and less so, would be played, refreshments provided and an informal dance in the Hall would end the day.

The Committee would appreciate comment and suggestions about this proposal.

### **Theatre '94**

Last year saw the formation of a new branch of the society - a drama group which calls itself Theatre '94 and which is proving a healthy babe. Already the group has a major production to its credit and plans another for September, 1971. The members of the group would be delighted to play to packed houses and all O.C.s interested in production details or in joining the group should contact A. Hine.

### **Soccer**

The Association Football Club continues to flourish and to provide opportunities for a vigorous afternoon for players in three teams. Although the 1st XI has not enjoyed the success of last year in the A.F.A. Junior Cup Competition, it had to make several M.I. trips to London before losing at home in the fourth round. The 1st XI is, however, well placed in the league and the hope must be retained that it will be near the championship. The other teams are less likely to win any honours this year.

The Club has been honoured to provide players for the league side in representative matches: P. Tingay, N. Argyle, D. Allnutt, J. Green and T. E. King.

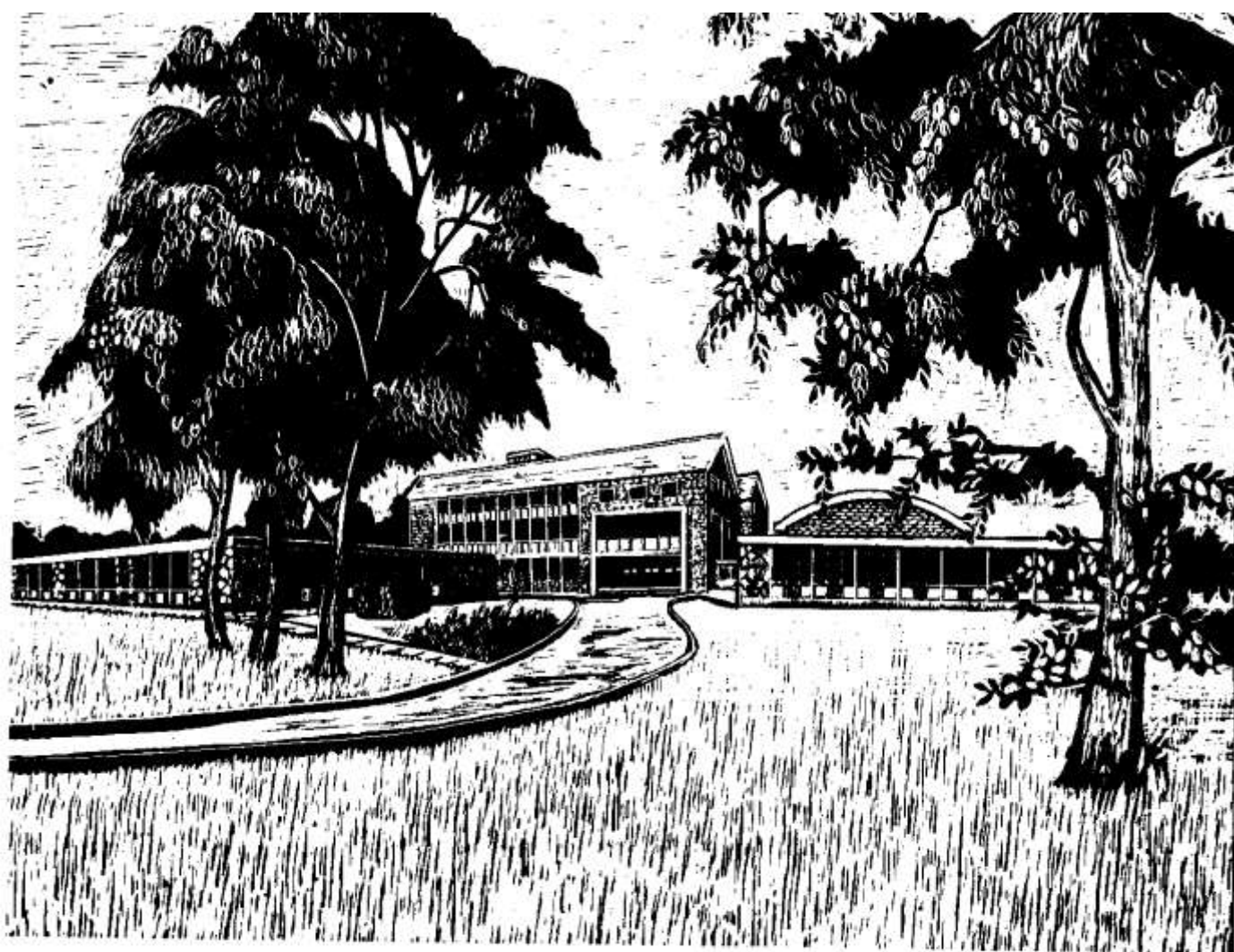
## **Cricket**

The match against the school provided an exciting finish after fortunes had favoured first one side, then the other. Batting first, the school openers were unable to play the pace and movement of R. Flanagan and it seemed that the innings would soon be over. However, the doggedness of the school captain, Moss, good fortune and some less than accurate bowling enabled the school to score 107 runs. Not, it was thought, a difficult total when O.C. batting strength was considered!

When the score was 22-7, a hiding at the hands of Mihaly, the school fast bowler, seemed inevitable and spectators prepared to leave. From this shame the O.C.s were saved by a fighting ninth wicket stand between R. Longmate and P. N. Sheppard which took the score to a tie. Even then a wicket fell and the match result depended on the batting frailty of one of the Joint Hon. Secretaries. A one wicket victory resulted - as the Iron Duke said of another occasion "a damned close run thing".

Anyone wishing to play in the 1971 match on Wednesday, 21st July, and strong enough to take the strain, should contact R. Parkin at the School.





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## COMMENT - 1972

This has been another year of strikes and industrial disputes during which unions, management and government have restated and reinforced their essentially 19th century attitudes and fought again the battles of last century. The old clichés have been brought out and polished a little, the old solutions have been dusted and given a lick of paint and the old faces have been called in to bring peace with honour to both sides. In Ireland the centuries old problem remains unresolved and the shootings continue, but though the weapons are modern, the war-cries and causes are those of an age long past. How much longer, one wonders, must we listen to the arrogant nonsense of the politicians, the unions, the I.R.A., Miss Devlin, Mr. Paisley? How long will it be before these self-seekers realise that the world they inhabit no longer exists, that social conditions are changing, that the individual grows daily more jealous of his individuality? No doubt when the very structure of social order falls about their ears, they will look up, baleful in their innocence, and wonder what went wrong. In Education things are little better and the worst educational decisions are inspired by the meanest political motives. Everyone it seems knows more about education than those actively engaged in it; everyone, from minister herself to those local worthies who creep unwillingly to school, when staff and children have long gone, to exercise their gubernatorial functions, knows better what should go on in a school than those who spend their days there. This year the school leaving age will be raised to sixteen. In his book "Deschooling Society", Prof. Ivan Illich remarks that substance is often confused with process and that once this occurs the false logic that more means better is assumed. This is clearly the case in this issue, a false logic has been assumed and while the politicians clap each other on the back — they have, after all, postponed the unemployment crisis — the public is required to believe that an extra and often unwilling year at school will produce a better educated person. If true educational motives had existed that year would have been added at the nursery school end where it is desperately needed and would genuinely serve a useful purpose.

This picture is not happy, nor is it meant to be meant to be, and one can only hope that the next twelve months will see the emergence of a little common sense and integrity amongst those who order our lives.

## AVE ATQUE VALE

### J. H. A.W. Woellhardt

Walter Woellhardt took over the teaching of German at Chesterfield Grammar School in 1949 and was solely responsible for the language in the school for 22 years. His forceful personality impressed itself on many hundreds of pupils and was always sought out by boys returning on visits.

He combined firm discipline with a very personal sense of humour. He maintained the highest academic standard and was a grammarian in the classic tradition. Unfortunately, the organisation then obtaining did not bring him very many highly gifted linguists.

Outside the Classroom - and he taught English, French and Spanish in his time, he was widely known for his devotion to school swimming, at a time when it involved a walk from Sheffield Road to the Central Baths after school hours. In the face of considerable difficulties he kept the spirit alive and enabled us to make a show in local competitions.

Like others who come to driving in middle age, he became an enthusiastic driver and travelled the Sheffield Road with great élan; one suspects he became well known to other regular road-users.

"Willie", as he was universally known, was a man of wide reading and great practical ability. With his interests and hobbies we are sure he will find in retirement a full and enjoyable life. We wish him many happy years and extend our best wishes to Mrs. Woellhardt, who was a faithful supporter of school functions.

### Staff changes

Last year we said goodbye to Messrs. J. Clutterbuck, D. Gower, J. Hargreaves and E. J. Sweet, and welcomed Messrs. D. Grafton, T. Grimshaw, I. V. Hartley, D. Hinam, P. Page, G. Poulton, J. C. Richley and Monsieur G. M. Vincent and hope their stay with us will be happy. We also lost Miss Joan Goodwin, our Secretary for a long number of years. We thank her for her loyal service and wish her well. In her place we welcome Miss A. M. Turner and hope she will be happy with us.

## The Cestrefeldian

This issue of the magazine differs from those of the past sixty-odd years in that it is the first produced wholly in school, a change brought about by sharply rising costs. We hope that readers will find the new style satisfactory.

### Chesterfield Races

The race meeting at Chesterfield, one of the oldest in the country, was flourishing in the early years of the Eighteenth Century. One of its founders was the Duke of Devonshire and the meeting was held in Newbold and part of Whittington - hence Stand Road and Racecourse Road. The races were held on Bank Holidays and the bells at Chesterfield Parish Church were rung at the races, but this was discontinued by order of the vicar; his action prompting the Mayor to call a public meeting.

A normal meeting lasted three days. On the first day the prize was a £40 plate, on the second a 10 guinea plate, and on the third a 20 guinea purse. In 1735 race meetings in general were at a low ebb and the meeting at Chesterfield was the only one held in the county for the next two years. Despite the 1741 Act of Parliament, which forbade any race for a prize of less than £50, the meeting continued to flourish.

In 1830 the race stand was taken down and, despite its flourishing status of 1741, the last real meeting was held in 1877. The last race was run in 1924 and the meeting ended owing to the Jockey Club's rule which stated that prize money must be £3,000 per day and the minimum of £100 per race.

Sir Walter Scott makes several allusions to the races in his book 'Peveril of the Peak' and in July 1864 the Rector of Newbold, R. K. Bolton, who did not like horse racing, wrote the following about the race meeting in his parish magazine:-

"The annual galloping on the Common is fixed for an earlier date this year than it has been hitherto; and so we shall see this month ..... mixed up with respectable workingmen and thrifty housewives of Newbold and the neighbourhood, all the tramps from a range of fifty miles or more; the scum of Sheffield, Chesterfield and Nottingham ..... Will the company and amusement of the Race-course improve your daughters' morals, strengthen your young sons in Christian principles, make women better mothers, or men better husbands and fathers?.... There is only one good we could ever seen in the Races, and that is, that every house is well cleaned from garret to cellar in honour of them."

Andrew Bryan

### House Notes

#### BRADLEY

*"Nisi Dominus Aedificat"*

Housemaster:	Mr. G. Jephcote	
Junior Housemaster:	Mr. F. J. Elgar	
House Staff:	B. Chinnery, P. F. Hodge, M. N. Johnson, T. E. King, F. Naylor	
House Captain:	K. Pickering	
House Vice-Captains:	C. Broughton	
	C. Whyatt	
House Prefects:	D. R. Addison	S.A. Holmes
	J. C. Bailey	R. G. Kench
	I. J. Bradley	G. L. Kerss
	N. Bradley	R. J. Knight
	S. G. Clewlow	P. N. Martynenko
	R. W. Colley	A. P. Nunn
	D. Crookes	J. O'Brien
	K. Greaves	C. R. Rahn
	J. R. Henderson	J. L. Redfearn

J. P. Heston	C. J. Rodgers
D. A. Holmes	S. A. Strong

As the school year draws to a close, Bradley House has every reason to look back upon the year with satisfaction, for in that time the House won no fewer than seven trophies - all five football trophies, and once again the Athletics cup and the Junior Cricket cup were won by the House.

At football there were seven members of the House who played for the senior elevens:- J. K. Pickering, A. P. Nunn, J. O'Brien, C. Whyatt, I J. Bradley, N. Bradley and L. Kerss. J. K. Pickering also represented Derbyshire. At cricket Bradley provided five members of the first eleven: G. Miller (who ably captained the side), C. Whyatt, L. Kerss, C. Broughton, I. J. Bradley, Miller and Whyatt represented Derbyshire, the former being selected for the English Schools' Tour of India.

It would be unfair not to mention the efforts of the seven-a-side rugby team, which although including only one member of the First XV, B. G. Hench, were runners-up in the tournament.

House duty ran very smoothly during the last year. We have many conscientious sixth- formers who performed their duties well, and as usual, the members of staff in the House played an invaluable part in maintaining the efficiency with which each successive duty was carried out.

C. Whyatt

## CLARKE HOUSE

*"Ex Pulvere Palma"*

Huusemaster:	Mr. J. F. N. Searcy	
Junior Housemaster:	Mr. J. H. Moore	
House Staff:	A. H. Yorke, D. H. Blagg, H. Dobson, P. N. Sheppard, D. Grafton	
House Captain:	M. I. Millington	
Vice-Captain:	M. R. Pates	
School Prefects:	D. C. Allanson, J. Holmes, J. Wright	
House Prefects:	P. A. Adams	P. H. Davie
	D. C. Andrews	J. F. Elliott
	J. Ashmore	S. J. Evans
	T. Ball	T. Hopkinson
	A. Bestwick	D. I. Huckerby
	P. P. Blackwell	S. Lyne
	D. C. Bowler	H. C. Nuttall
	P. M. Brown	A. W. Rhodes
	C. D. G. Bruce	A. M. Swale
	R. Coe	R. J. Turner

During the year we lost the services of Messrs. R. G. Cooke and E. J. Sweet. However, we are pleased to welcome Mr. D. Grafton.

The House has been successful, once again, both on the sports field and academically. On the latter note, credit goes to John Holmes and Mark Millington.

Turning to soccer, many notable achievements have been made. Both junior and senior teams played throughout the season. Wright, Evans, Oliver, Brawn, Browes and Huckerby played for the school, Pates being unable to play due to injury. John Wright, soccer secretary, played for the County and was awarded full colours.

Our cricket performance was relatively good, having reached the semi-final of the Senior House Knock-out Competition.

In rugby, Firminger and Rhodes played for the 1st XV and carried full colours, while in hockey, Hopkinson and Millington played for the 1st XI.

In the Athletics Championship last year we were placed third despite some outstanding work by our teams. Chris Pates, to whom full colours were re-awarded, retained the Senior Championship. Barker received half colours.

Firstly, my thanks go to the House staff, my colleagues in the Prefects' Room, House Prefects and to all concerned with House teams. Particular credit should go to Martin Pates and John Wright who, as acting Captain and Vice-Captain in the absence of Mark Millington, worked extremely hard.

*David C. Allanson*

## **FOLJAMBE**

*"Craignez Honte"*

Housemaster:	Mr. W. H. Jones	
Junior Housemaster:	Mr. R. M. Adlen	
House Staff:	C. Turner, R. E. Young, I. V. Hartley	
House Captain:	P. Roberts	
House Vice-Captains:	D. Cockman	
	S. Jensen	
School Prefects:	A. Thompson, G Milne	
House Prefects:	D. E. Ackroyd	P. A. Armstrong
	R. Ellis	P. Hugh
	M. Parfremment	A. G. Pollock
	A. N. Rodick	P. Wilmot
	M. Amos	G. W. B. Adamson
	A. Brown	T. Brown
	M. A. Bull	R. D. Gillingwater
	C. Hicklin	D. R. G. Holden
	D. K. Nunn	I. P. Proctor
	A. P. Robinson	N. P. G. Thomas
	M. H. Wilson	

House duty has been carried out conscientiously by most senior boys and I would like to thank them for this. Thanks, also go to all boys who helped in organising House teams and activities.

On the sports field the House has enjoyed a fairly successful year. In the cricket season the Senior team lost a closely fought out final of the Knockout Cup, with the Junior teams both finishing well placed in their respective leagues. Brown T, Lemons, and Roberts all were ever present members of the 1st XI, the latter being awarded full colours.

Another notable achievement in the summer term of last year was the fact that the House finished second in the School Sports.

The winter term has again brought marked success. The House won the new "Seven-a-side" rugby tournament, and the "Six-a-side" hockey cup. On the football field the seniors made an early, although unlucky, exit from the Knockout Cup, but the Junior teams fared much better, with the 1st years finishing fourth, and the 2nd and 3rd years being runners-up in their respective leagues. The House was well represented in school teams. Armstrong, Hugh, Brown, A., Thomas and Jensen played for the 1st XV rugby team; Armstrong and Hugh collected half-colours, and Jensen full colours. Booth and Roberts were members of the 1st XI soccer team, the latter gaining full colours and county honours. Ackroyd was a member of the 1st XI hockey team.

I would like to wish all boys taking important examinations this term every success and to every boy in the House I hope this is a prosperous and happy term.

Finally, I would like to thank Mr. Jones and the rest of the staff for their encouragement and guidance over the past year. It is greatly appreciated.

*P. Roberts*

## HEATHCOTE

*"Conjunctis Viribus"*

Housemaster:	Mr. G. T. Fomison	
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House Staff:	J. Hetherington, F. I. Chapman, N. Rowbotham, S. E. Davey, S. Harris	
House Captain:	B. Hawkins	
Vice-Captain:	D. Goodrum	
School Prefects:	S. Derbyshire, J. Collard	
House Prefects:	J. Bell	M. Hurley
	R. Chappell	O. Hodgkinson
	P. Cooper	C. Parker
	C. Davis	D. Parkinson
	I. Fairbank	J. Ritchie
	D. Fogg	J. Slaughter
	M. Gunn	I. Stenhouse
	P. Harris	C. Wilkins
	D. Hudson	G. Wilson

The House has not had a very successful year, mainly due to the fact that a feeling of apathy is spreading throughout the House, starting at the seniors and gradually beginning to affect the juniors. This feeling is observed especially in the attitude of our House prefects towards house duties. Our sixth formers are failing to accept the responsibilities placed upon them as senior members of the school. Perhaps next year we will achieve the standards which we have set in previous years.

The misfortune suffered by some of our teams, has been overshadowed by the success achieved individually over the year; notably by John Fearn, who has represented Derbyshire Schools Swimming, he has won the Men's Open Breaststroke Title and also holds a new County record. Congratulations to Goodrum and Wilson, who represented Chesterfield in the County sports. Goodrum also captained the school hockey team. We have had nine representatives in the senior football teams, three of whom attained 1st XI status, K. Menzies, D. Hudson and B. Hawkins. We have also had representation in the rugby 1st XV in Ashall, Parkinson, Harris and Gunn.

Thanks go to Ritchie, Hay, Slaughter and Stenhouse, who put a great deal of their time into managing our junior football teams, their work being rewarded by 2nd and 3rd place respectively in the 1st year league and 3rd and 4th year league.

Special thanks extend to all members of staff, especially to Mr. Fomison our House Master; his enthusiasm and effort has kept the House on its feet throughout the year.

*B. Hawkins*

## LARGE

*"Magnopere in re"*

Housemaster:	Mr. J. North	
Junior Housemaster:	Mr. A. G. Page	
House Staff:	N. S. Jinkinson, D. A. Peart, M. Hughes, W. Walker	
House Captain:	A. M. Jinkinson	
Vice-Captain:	C. W. Teale	
School Prefects:	S. Hewitt, C. O. Findlay	
House Prefects:	R. G. Hall	P. J. Colledge
	A. E. Hall	P. W. E. Jones
	R. W. Busby	G. Gibson
	N. P. Hardy	I. W. Ashmore
	S. J. Rowland	I. J. Gascoigne
	D. M. Turner	M. Gill

C. Fleetwood	I. G. Wheeler
N. Weston	D. H. Marsh
C. J. Storer	C. W. Smallwood
P. J. Parsons	R. W. Copping
D. F. Bowers	P. J. Barnett
T. Nesbitt	S. A. R. Makin
R. J. Moroz	

First of all a welcome is extended to Mr. D. Hinam who has joined our House staff, and we hope he will have many happy years at the school.

Unfortunately, Large House has not proved a force greatly to be reckoned with this year in most, if not all, of its sporting activities, but it is hoped that in the coming year the House will prove itself to be a stronger opposition on the playing fields. School half-colours were re-awarded to A. Parums for his services in both School and County football. A. M. Jkinson was also awarded half-colours for hockey, along with S. J. Rowland.

Academically the House has been successful with several of our senior members gaining places at Universities. A. Parums and A. N. Smith must be congratulated for gaining places at Cambridge and Oxford respectively. Congratulations also go to all other members of the House who have gone on into higher education.

House duty is not, it would seem, a worthy task for certain senior members of the House and, except for the conscientious few, attendances on duty days have been very poor. I hope that in the coming year this problem will be overcome.

Finally, I should like to thank all team managers, the House staff, and all other members of the House who have participated in House activities throughout the year.

*A. M. Jkinson*

## LINGARD

*"Loyal Je Suis"*

Housemaster:	Mr. J. J. Higgins	
Junior Housemaster:	Mr. D. W. Bramley	
House Staff:	N. Spink, K. R. Chappell, G. Poulton, C. J. Allen, J. C. Richley	
House Captain:	P. J. Bennington	
Vice-Captains:	R. Cox, A. Gash	
School Prefect:	I. Brackenbury	
House Prefects:	G. P.. Bennington	P. C. Howarth
	T. Bright	P. J. Malia
	A. J. Bryan	M. K. Payne
	K. B. Buxton	D. C. Revill
	R. I. Carver	D. A. Rhodes
	D. E. Cartwright	K. D. Rhodes
	J. R. Clayton	R. Riggott
	D. W. Clement	A. P. Robinson
	A. Fell	D. Rowland
	S. H. Greenwood	C. J. Senior
	P. M. Hart	J. A. Stubbs
	A. P. Hattersley	M. T. Taylor
	D. J. Hattersley	R. D. Thompson
	I. A. Hegarty	N. M. Wain
	D. M. Horsfield	M. S. Hilkinson

During the year we said goodbye to Mr. Woellhardt, who retired after more than twenty years at the school. A keen supporter of swimming, he will be missed by the House. We wish him well. In his place we welcome Messrs. Ritchley and Poulton onto the House staff.

Once again we had a successful year both academically and in the field of sport. The House Tennis Trophy was retained for the third time and we won the Senior House Cricket Trophy for the second year in succession. Although we are not so skilful at Winter Sports, Lingard boys have been prominent in all school teams. The past year has been a successful one for individual House members. Among them our congratulations go to D. Lowe for his achievements in swimming, to P. Taylor for his success at Table-tennis and to Roy Cot who represented the County in the National Cross Country Championships.

On the academic side we congratulate John Roog who was awarded a place at Cambridge and we were pleased when our previous House Captain, Ian Brackenbury, was made School Vice-Captain.

I should like to thank Mr. Higgins and the House Masters for their interest and support, managers of House Teams, and, finally, the House Prefects, who, for the most, carry out their duties conscientiously and well.

*P. J. Bennington*

## **Old Cestrefeldian Society Notes**

Some sixty members attended the 1972 Reunion, but it was with regret that the popular Dinner/Dance in February had to be cancelled as a result of restrictions placed on the School's use following the industrial action taken by the N.U.M.

The problem of securing a good turn out to Society functions is a matter that occupies the Commflee, as does the need to widen the activities of the Society. To this end plans are being made for an Open Day to be held at the School in the Summer of 1973, when it is hoped to field teams in different sports against the School and to finish the day with an informal Dance. Yet the response from members to a request that they should indicate a willingness to be present on the day has been very disappointing, even allowing for the difficulties of committing oneself for a year ahead.

The sub-committee dealing with the Open Day would still welcome indications of support for the project and suggestions for what should be done.

Some Old Cestrefeldians, away at University or College, are trying to find out whether there is sufficient support for a rugby football team that plays during the vacations. It is hoped that those who do not play regularly with a local club side would welcome the chance of renewing school friendships as well as playing a few games whilst at home. With sufficient support it might be possible to organise a short Easter tour.

If you are interested in the formation of such a group would you please write and indicate your support to Christopher Lake, "Rabac", Chesterfield Road, Matlock, Derbyshire DEQ 3FS.

### **President Elect**

President Elect of the Society is Mr. Eric Turner, who was a pupil in Heathcote House from 1928-34. On leaving school Mr. Turner was articled to Mr. Jack Black and qualified as a Chartered Accountant at the end of 1939.

He then enlisted as a driver in the Royal Army Service Corps and rose to a lieutenant-colonel at the age of 26 years, commanding troops responsible for airlifting supplies to the forces in Burma.

In 1946, after demobilization, he joined Blackburn Aircraft Limited as chief accountant and by 1950 had become Managing Director of a growing company and the youngest head of any aircraft firm in the world. While with this Company he was responsible for the development of the Buccaneer, an aircraft still in active service.

In 1960 he joined the Birmingham Small Arms Company Limited, as Deputy Chairman and Chief Executive, and was appointed Chairman in the following year. In 1968 he was awarded the C.B.E. in the New Year's Honours List for services to export. He resigned his appointments in B.S.A. at the end of 1971, but still retains a wide range of public and business interests.

His main hobbies are golf, racing and backgammon and, though no longer a participant, is keenly interested in all ball games.

### **Old Cestrefeldians' A.F.C.**

Despite the loss of several key players, the Old Boys have enjoyed another successful season as members of the South Yorkshire Amateur League. At the time of writing, the 1st XI looks set to repeat last year's third placing in the Premier



Division and in so doing has attained a record number of points for the Club in that position. In Division Two the 2nd XI has recovered after a poor start and its return to form should ensure a healthy league position, whilst the 3rd XI has been unable to pull away from a lowly place in Division Three despite great efforts by the players and some rather ingenious tactical strategy by skipper Bob Pidcock!

Performances in Cup competitions have not been as outstanding as in previous seasons; the 2nd and 3rd XIs lost in the early rounds of the Sheffield and Hallamshire Junior Shield and the 1st XI was knocked out of the Derbyshire Junior Cup after taking the holders, Poolsbrook M.W., to a replay in the Fourth round. The Club did not this year take part in the Amateur Football Alliance Junior Cup, which meant that the usual keen tussles with London clubs, motorway adventures and the social pleasures of such journeys were missed.

Like the School XIs, the Old Boys have been well to the fore in supplying players for representative sides. Neil Argyle, Trevor King, Tom Roberts, Mick Rose, Richard Wagstaffe and Ian Green were selected for the South Yorkshire Amateur League XI and Ian Green had the honour of being appointed captain. The selection of club members in such large numbers reflects great credit on the Club and it is particularly pleasing to note the success of young players like Richard Wagstaffe in his first season with the Club. Unfortunately, a serious back injury put Richard out of action for the latter part of the season and it is hoped that he will make a good recovery for the new season.

It is hoped that School and A.F.A. soccer will flourish next season when the Club celebrates its twenty-fifth anniversary. Such a milestone will be marked by several special occasions, not least of which will be, we hope, a Continental tour during Easter, 1973. A similar venture in 1967 was a huge success and stories are still recounted of the matches in France and Luxembourg, with accompanying press-cuttings and photographs.

The prospects for the 1972-73 season look particularly exciting but the Club's fixture strength will depend on the number of young men who join from School. The Club exists to provide sporting and social activities for Old Boys and is an excellent means of maintaining contact with old friends after leaving School. Anyone wishing to join the Club is assured of a warm welcome and contact should be made, as early as possible, with the Secretary, Ian Green.

#### **Theatre '94**

No! I am not Prince Hamlet, nor meant to be;

Am an attendant Lord, one that will do

To swell a progress, start a scene or two.

"Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock"

T. S. Eliot

Early in 1970 the prophets of gloom were forecasting that the brainchild of a number of O.C.s - Theatre '94 - would die an early and natural death; that was two and a half years and five productions ago. In those early days a Committee of four was formed and prepared to set the Group on its feet by writing to prospective patrons and members, and by asking the Committee of the parent society for a loan. Within weeks we had gathered a little money, a few patrons and a lot of enthusiasm; by July rehearsals were in full swing for a production in September, 1970.

Fittingly, the first production was "On Monday Next" by Philip King, which told the story of a group of 'ham' repertory actors rehearsing a new play. The moods and eccentricities of the 'Producer', the docile but constant complaints of the 'Author' and the loyal though harrassed 'Stage Manager' had the two full houses roaring with laughter. The production was put over with a verve that obscured the rough edges and endeared the cast to the audience.

Moving to higher things, the Group turned its attention to Medieval Miracle Plays. Appropriately enough, in view of its connection with the School, the venue for the Christmas production was the Parish Church. On a night notable for its sub-zero temperature, the lack of heating in the church and a snow storm, it was not surprising to find only a hundred people, huddled together for warmth, in the front pews. They were treated to a less polished production than they might have expected and the Chairman attempted to rewrite history by omitting some of the Nativity Scene; his excuse that it made the performance shorter on a cold night did not receive favour from the actors in the scene.

The poetry recital preceding the plays went off more smoothly and Lynda Nuttall and Charles Whinehead added a little harmony to the proceedings with their music and song. Although the venture made a loss, a contribution was made to the East Pakistan Relief Fund.

Into its second year Theatre '94 functioned more smoothly. The summer of 1971 saw the murderer's gun and the hangman's noose take the stage at Chesterfield School as the Group tackled Agatha Christie's "Ten Little Niggers". To see the gun was one thing, to hear it was another, much to the chagrin of the actors who had to suffer its temperaments and follow its whims. An influx of new actors and the rapidly increasing experience of the elder ones combined to make this play a success. A sense of impending doom and an aura of mystery were created and produced a fine climax in which Justice Wargrave (Tony Hine) attempts to "hang from the neck until dead" Vera Claypole (Rosemary Cox) but is foiled by the miraculous recovery of the hero, Philip Lombard (Chris Townsend).

For the next production most credit should go to its producer, Peter Farndon. He dragged the cast through two weeks of intensive rehearsals, including Christmas Eve and Boxing Day - Christmas Day was reserved for sewing costumes - but the result was the most polished production that Theatre '94 has achieved:- "The Owl and the Pussycat went to Sea", a children's musical play. The spirit of goodwill and enterprise amongst the cast has done the Group an immeasurable amount of good and the profit gained went to the Nurses' Fund at the Royal Hospital.

The activities of Theatre '94 have increased considerably since the outset. In recent months a number of play readings and improvisations have been organised. In March the first Dinner/Dance took place in the Goldwell Rooms and during the summer an outing to Nottingham Playhouse was arranged.

The story of Theatre '94 is a success story. Setbacks have been overcome with determination and cheerfulness and boys leaving school who have these characteristics (and an interest in the work of a Drama Group) are invited to join the venture. Each year new members are required to replace those who move away; if you wish to join please write to the Secretary of Theatre '94, A. Hine.

### **Other News**

John H. Harrison has been appointed Controller of Hilton-Davis Chemicals, taking over responsibility for research and development within the Company. After graduating at Cambridge, Harrison took a Ph.D. at Leeds University and joined Hilton-Davis in 1967 as senior Development Chemist. Subsequently, he became group leader in the Research and Development Department and then responsible for new process development.

Dr. Harrison now lives at Gosforth, Newcastle, and relaxes by playing squash, sailing, fishing and giving instruction for the British Subaqua Club.

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### Brian O'Kelly M.B.E.,M.A.

Faced recently with the problem of doing justice to range of Brian O'Kelly's interests, the local press despaired, and simply gave his hobbies as walking and gardening. It was probably Bok himself who mentioned these; he could have added paintings, an enormous variety of music, European literature (but he wouldn't have used such a pretentious expression), or sport; and many men would have been glad to give wine as their hobby if they'd had his acquaintance with it.

It is much harder to describe his contribution to the life of the school in the last forty years. He came to us after only a few months in his first post, at St. Albans, and has served since with a devotion which must be unsurpassed in any school. As a schoolmaster he was proud of his profession, keen to maintain its dignity, and superbly good in the practice of it; as first formers we responded with excitement and a certain awe to his seemingly effortless teaching of French, and in the sixth we admired the efficiency with which, having introduced Spanish as a subject into the curriculum, he brought people up to 'A' and 'S' level in two years.

It was in the sixth, in fact, that we were really able to appreciate what he had to offer. He was already starting to develop the oral side of French teaching – later we would have the Language Lab. with the tapes and records. But he also showed us more effectively than anyone else what lovely things were there for us to enjoy: besides his French he had a close knowledge of all sorts of attractive, sometimes recondite English works that we were glad to learn about. He would seem to lose his temper quite violently when we were specially idle, but he and we quickly recovered. We revelled with him in his rich and exotic vocabulary, and caught from him a lively interest in words. Sometimes, I think, he would set out to provoke us, with some such remarks as, "D. H. Lawrence? I don't think I know of any writer so incapable of self-criticism"; and we would rage for a time, then decide on reflection that there was truth in what he had said.

It would take too long even to list the out-of-school activities in which Bok has played an invaluable part. I suppose first would come his work for the A.C.F. (later C. C. F.) in its heyday; he was Commanding Officer for thirteen years, and was awarded the M.B.E. in the Queen's Birthday List in 1959. Not being a soldier by nature I can only admire from a distance his achievements in this field, as also his expertise in an astonishing variety of sports, notably rugby and athletics; it was he who also introduced standard times in the latter, and took charge of athletics during Gordon Jephcote's absence; It was Bok who started the Inter-Grammar Schools' Tournament, and for four years he was Secretary of the Athletics Section of the Derbyshire Schools Sports Association, and ran the County Sports. He had occasionally spoken at the Literary and Debating Society before he took over the Society from Leonard Lodge in 1957; his appearances were memorable, and I clearly remember him making mincemeat of the motion that "Those were the Days", after it had been stormily proposed by a Prospective Labour Member of Parliament. It's good to remember, also, that it was Bok who founded the Erasmus Darwin Society.

As a colleague in the Staff room in the early sixties, one saw other aspects; he was then busy as Chairman of the East Midlands C.S.E. Board, playing a leading part in planning the French syllabus; and several of us benefited from the beautiful way in which he organised school trips abroad, so that while the boys were always well-mannered and civilized, a master who went with him could enjoy a luxurious, relaxed holiday. And as Second Master he has been kind, helpful and characteristically efficient, patient with all kinds of boys and their sometimes petty troubles, and treating hardened offenders with sympathy and understanding, but never sentimentality. What is more, he has brought to the Staff room, as well as some straight thinking, the much needed air of a bigger, less-confined world: his conversation was redolent at times of milieux very remote from Chesterfield: Dublin in the Troubles, London in the early Thirties, and especially pre-war King's, which he regarded with great affection.

It is tempting to try to pin Bok down and label him, but he confounds all one's efforts. He seems to hold together in himself, quite comfortably, so many seeming contradictions. There is, for instance, the dignified, reverend figure, who naturally gets respect, yet for much of his career he has been content to work from a subordinate position, giving support where it was often sorely needed; there is the apparent figure of the Establishment, clearly an ex-military man, but with

a refreshing iconoclast attitude to clay-footed idols; and there is the talented teller of ribald stories, who succeeded when he took morning assembly in making it into a devotional occasion.

Seven years ago, when a colleague was retiring, Bok wrote of him in the Cestrefeldian that he was "a professional. Whatever he undertook he did with extreme confidence." The words applied equally well to Bok himself; but at the same time he was always an amateur, affectionately at home in all kinds of fields.

In fact, the retiring member of staff about whom he was writing is still very actively teaching at school. I hope Bok will think of following his example: he has such a fund of good things to offer, it would be a great pity if for the rest of his life he kept them to himself.

P.T.

### **John North B.Sc.(Econ.)**

Mr. North began his teaching career in Nottingham and, after war service in the R.A.F., came here as Head of Geography and Economics in 1946. He brought to the task considerable skills of organisation, the enviable gift of an ordered mind, meticulous attention to detail, an infinity of patience, and has used these qualities unsparingly in the management and teaching of his subject and in his unselfconscious devotion to the School.

Outside the classroom he will be remembered by generations of boys as Housemaster of Large House, for his ordering of prizewinners, as an organiser of school journeys, as Treasurer of the Dramatic society and by his grateful colleagues for his devoted work as Treasurer of the Common Room. His flair for the keeping of accounts made him, for fifteen years the Treasurer of the Derbyshire Senior Schools F.A. and, more, recently, the Treasurer of the National Senior Schools' F.A., a position he held for seven years. To all these tasks he brought a quiet efficiency.

There will be many, the writer included, who value the friendship of this quiet man, who will remember him and his wife, Muriel, with gratitude for many acts of kindness. We wish them both a long and happy retirement, during which he will no doubt develop still further his remarkable gift for making things.

## **SCHOOL NOTES - 1973**

In July 1972 we lost the services of Messrs. R. Blagg; D. H. Bramley; T. E. King; R. Dobson; C. Turner and S. E. Davey who retired. In September 1972 we welcomed Messrs. P. Turner; M. G. Lewis; A. Moore; S. D. Atkins; M. G. Botham and P. Robinson. In November 1972 Mrs. J. W. Glossop joined the Art Department on a part-time basis.

We also welcomed M. Roger Amar, Herr Werner Freitag and Senor Pedro Ramirez Villen as Assistants.

In July 1973 Messrs. B. O'Kelly; J. North; N. Rowbotham and P. Robinson left and we welcomed Mr. J. Smith as the new Second Master and Messrs. P. Drinkwater; R. P. Chapman and M. Spencer. Mr. B. O'Kelly returned part-time and M. Amar returned for another year as French Assistant. Herr Hans-Georg joined the staff as German Assistant.

### **The Magazine**

Last year's 'Cestrefeldian' - the first produced wholly in school - was well received. This year we have been rather more adventurous in that we have used several colours and tackled the difficult business of reproducing photographs. We are grateful to Mr. Searcy and Mrs. Glossop for the basic design, much hard work preparing art-work and their encouragement and advice to boys contributing drawings and to Miss Turner for typing the text.

### **Lower Sixth Form Environmental Studies**

This year has seen the introduction of a new course for the Lower Sixth which, for want of a better title, has been called "Environmental Studies".

During 1972, designated 'Environment Year', stirrings were felt amongst a number of members of staff to introduce to our students an awareness of the nature and the problems of man's relationship with the world around him. After a series of meetings among interested members of staff the course for the Lower Sixth began to emerge. The course was concerned largely with Population, Resources, Conservation and Pollution. The basic idea was to involve the eight members of staff and the sixth formers in a continuous discussion of these topics. For this purpose we used the special interests of our members of staff, whether it be chemistry, history or economics; films; and a variety of outside speakers from British Rail to the Family Planning Association.

As the course progressed the sixth formers noticeably participated more energetically, and one of the good things to come out of the course has been its function as a forum in which all students could make their opinions heard. The sessions with outside speakers have always been lively.

Perhaps, as a result of the course, sixth formers have attended conferences, joined a committee set up by the local authority and written letters to local government departments. The Summer Term mainly concerns itself with Field Work in the locality: bee planting, questioning the townpeople on local amenities; monitoring traffic routes and proposed routes; investigating traffic noise levels; inspecting local rivers.

We think that we speak for all concerned that altogether the course has been a rewarding exercise.

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## **Old Cestrefeldian Society Notes**

### **President-Elect.**

Mr. J. R. Owen has accepted the Committee's invitation to become President in 1974-75. Mr. Owen joined the staff of the School in 1926 and, except for War service, remained there until his retirement in 1966. At that time he was Deputy Headmaster, but before this he had been Senior Chemistry Master, Careers Master and closely associated with Cadet Corps. His activities went beyond the classroom and many boys enjoyed, under his direction, School Camps at Tenby and abroad; he was also a skilled hockey player and adept at Fives.

The Committee hopes that the occasion of Mr. Owen's year of office will be marked by appreciation from the many former pupils who came into contact with him and from those who wish to pay respect to a devoted servant of the School.

## **Dinner-Dance**

Fewer than usual Old Boys and friends enjoyed the Annual Dinner-Dance in the School Hall on 9th February, 1973. The President welcomed the Mayor and Mayoress of Chesterfield and the President-Elect was also present. It is a pity that the hard work of the Dance Committee does not win support from a larger number of members since the evening is a pleasant and enjoyable one.

## **Annual Reunion**

Attendance at the Reunion was also down, although for those present it was an enjoyable evening. It is hoped to present a questionnaire to members in order to find out, amongst other things, whether an Annual Reunion is wanted, and if so what form members would like the evening to take. As the time approaches when the character of the School is changed from that which existing members know, it seems important that there should be sufficient strength to link the new with the old; if not the Society will eventually die.

From this point it is hoped that the Open Day on 14th July will have been well supported. If only those members who come could bring two of their School friends, there should be sufficient support to avoid dismal thoughts.

The Society can also continue to support the School in various ways. One practical course is the donation of books and journals or donations to buy books for the School Library. Financial resources are under constant pressure from rising prices and the annual purchase of books has to be reduced. Thus, O.C.'s could contribute in an important way to the education of the present generation of scholars.

## **Theatre '94 - report by C. D. Townsend.**

Our group of strolling players has once again strutted and fretted for several hours upon the stage of Chesterfield School during the past year. Theatre '94, in its fourth year, has had two more successful productions.

In September, 1972, we attempted our first play in period costume - the classic comedy by Oliver Goldsmith, "She Stoops to Conquer". Several new and youthful actors took part, together with an ever-increasing stage staff, and all shared a spirit that would be hard to equal in any other drama group. The result of this combination was what many consider to be Theatre '94's best production to date.

New members of the cast for "She Stoops to Conquer" included Alison Oakley (Mrs. Hardcastle), Jill Walters (Constance Neville), Andy Callan (Marlow), Chris Stone (Sir Charles) and Adrian Bramley (Roger). Diane Botham played her first large part for the company as the effervescent Kate Hardcastle.

The excitement of the play was altogether too much for one member of the cast, who fainted at Chesterfield Royal Hospital before the second night of the play. Thus it was that Pete Armstrong, usually seen with hammer and nails during a production, was "lured by the smell of the grease-paint, the roar of the crowd" (and the producer's boot) onto the stage. All went well until he came to his cue. His lines had been cunningly concealed on the top of a table used during an inn scene, but because of the exuberance of Colin Bingham, his view of the lines was somewhat obscured. (Colin, during his drunken song and dance act on the table "happened" to put his size 9's over the lines - a gruelling initiation to the art of coarse acting for Pete.)

The set was the best produced yet for Theatre '94 by David Botham and a hard-working stage crew. Furniture bought from the Royal Hospital and greenery 'borrowed' from Beeley Moor completed the decor and the lighting was once again in the competent hands of John and Stephen Keelty.

During rehearsals for the September production the police made the first of two successful forays against members of the group. "We were proceeding along Sheffield Road one fine August night", when, who should notice that one brake light was not working? Results: a six pounds fine and an endorsement. Part Two of "Softly Softly catchee Theatre '94" follows later.

For the Christmas production we turned once again to the world of fantasy and chose "Little Boy Who?", a play for children. Amidst rather powerful bangs and explosions and fluorescent rockets taking off for Mars, the acting became rather secondary. Two new members joined us for this production - Richard Hill and Andrew Milne.

The actors also had to compete with children on stage singing a Jupiterinian nursery rhyme (which sounded surprisingly like "Old MacDonald had a farm"). So numerous were the children on the second night that the only fit member of the group - the long-suffering Pete Armstrong - was sent down the road for more chocolate before the children went off

stage. It was noticed that one rather large and obstreperous child somehow managed to get on the stage each night. Wearing shorts, a Chesterfield School cap and claiming to be eight, some thought he rather resembled the Secretary - especially with his tendency to upstage all the other children and stand in the brightest spotlight.

Police File - part two. A desolate figure was spotted lying in the middle of Chatsworth Road one starry, starry night. On closer examination it was found to be the production manager. It seems that a car, masquerading as parked, had leaped out and knocked the fatigued Chief Inspector's son off his scooter.

Unable to persuade the police constable of the truth of this, the result was a 10 pounds fine and an endorsement.

On the social side we have held another very successful Dinner/Dance organised and hosted by Lynda Nuttall and the entire Dinner/Dance Committee. Several theatre visits have been arranged and a trip to Stratford is proposed in the summer.

The Borough Education Committee continues to be of the greatest assistance. This year they even provided a lady to help Mrs. Ede serve the coffee: closely followed by a bill for three pounds.

A Vice-President's Scheme has been initiated this year. For the nominal sum of one pound, anyone can become a Vice-President of the group and receive prior booking arrangements and various other advantages. Already we have fourteen Vice-Presidents and are hoping to welcome many more.

It is necessary to build up a healthy balance sheet as the Society is looking to the future with its plans to buy an old building as a base for meetings, rehearsals and parties. Obviously, such a scheme is a long term one, but if Theatre '94 continues to show the determination and effort that it has in the past, then the "long term" may be shorter than some people imagine. On the subject of rehearsal rooms, I should like to make public our gratitude to Chesterfield Royal Hospital for loaning us various rooms in which to rehearse.

Finally, we are losing one of our oldest members – Nick Tither, our stage manager for five productions. He is off to London as it seems he prefers to be a Librarian for the Civil Service rather than a taxi-driver for Fishers. Nick has done a first rate job quietly and efficiently, always lending an air of calm authority to the panic – stricken atmosphere backstage just before the curtain goes up. Theatre '94 would like to say a sincere 'thank you' to him and to wish him all the best with his new career and his new bride.

The future of Theatre '94 looks brighter than ever and this is an exciting time for the group with our plans for the future. Anyone wishing to join us or to become a Vice- President should contact Tony Hine.

### **Old Cestrefeldians' A.F.C.**

The old Boys' twenty-fifth season of football has been one of mixed fortunes and our efforts to mark this important milestone in our history by winning a trophy were thwarted in only the last month of the season.

The 1st XI was the most successful of our three teams and came very close to winning the Premier Division Championship of the South Yorkshire Amateur League, but we had to be content with second place despite taking three points out of four from the eventual champions. In the Derbyshire C.F.A. Junior Cup Competition the team progressed to the semi-final stage, where our inability to make the most of our chances proved costly and our opponents scored the only goal of the game just before the final whistle. Our entry in the Amateur Football Alliance Junior Cup was renewed after a season's break, but a first round visit to London to meet Old Parkonians culminated in our worst performance of the season and a 2-0 defeat. Our main problems were caused by the somewhat mystifying performances of the 2nd XI, whose inconsistency seemed likely to secure relegation from Division Two of the South Yorkshire. Ultimately, when all seemed lost, the team revealed its true ability to win seven points from the last four games, including a 5-3 defeat of the winners of the division, to scramble clear of the relegation zone. It is our hope that these late performances will stand the team in good stead for next season and that a more respectable league position will result.

In Division Three, the 3rd XI. began in fine style and won more points from its first ten games than it did in the whole of the previous season, but the team was subsequently unsettled by the drafting of players into the other two teams to cover injuries. As a result, only five more points were won from a possible twenty eight and we had to be content with ninth position in the league table. Neither the 2nd nor 3rd XI enjoyed any success in Cup football, each sustaining a first round defeat in the Sheffield and Hallomshire Junior Shield Competition.



One of the highlights of the season was the renewal of our fixtures against the School and honours on the day were fairly even. In the 1st XI game we presented the School with two gift goals and only a late goal from Trevor King enabled us to save face after Wright and Roberts had made things very difficult for us. Our 2nd XI proved no match for a very skilful School side and was defeated 5-1 but our 3rd XI's strength proved a big factor in an 8-1 victory.

Places in the South Yorkshire Amateur League Representative XI were won this season by Neil Argyle, Trevor King, Mick Rose, Richard Wagstaffe and Ian Green, the latter being appointed captain for the second season.

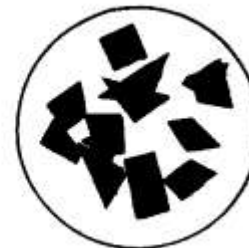
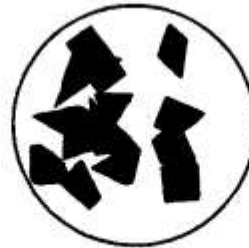
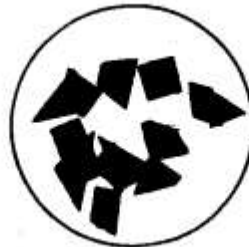
The season was brought to an end by the Silver Jubilee Dinner in June, when we were pleased to have as our guests Bob Wilson the Arsenal Goalkeeper, and Professor Frank O'Gorman, a former player with the Club and currently a director of Sheffield United F.C. and team physician to the England Under 23s. Also in attendance were representatives of the Derbyshire C.F.A., the South Yorkshire Amateur League, the O.C.'s Society and the School, and the evening proved to be a great success.

Having survived our first twenty five years we can look forward to the next twenty five with little trepidation, but our future success depends to a very great extent upon the recruitment of new players when they leave the School. The fielding of three teams each week means that we can cater for players of all abilities and anyone wishing to join us is assured of a very warm welcome and a very enjoyable football season. The Club's Secretary, Stuart Jarvis, will be pleased to hear from interested players.

Ian Green has earned the thanks of the Club and the Society for the admirably efficient way in which he has run the Club during the period of his Secretaryship: it is hoped that his playing connection will be maintained.

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## **SCHOOL NOTES - 1974**

### **Staff Changes**

It is with great sadness that we have to record the deaths of two members of staff, Mr. F. I. Chapman, Head of Biology, and Mr. W. H. Jones, Head of Economics. Obituaries are on the next two pages.

Since the last issue we have said goodbye to Mrs. B. Gostling, Mr. B. Chinnery, Mr. I. V. Hartley and Mr. G. Botham. We also lost M. Roger Amar, our French Assistant for two years, and Herr Schildhorn, our German Assistant. This year we welcome Miss V. Stubbs, Mr. M. Bride, Mr. C. Thompson, Mr. R. Bayliss, Dr. M. Desforges, Mr. D. Pollard, Mr. H. Williams and Fraulein Ekert. We trust that they will enjoy their stay with us.

### **Formal Occasions**

Speech Day was held last year on December 10th. The speaker was Sir William Armstrong, G.C.B., H.V.O., Head of the Home Civil Service. The prizes were presented by Lady Armstrong.

The Founders' and Benefactors' Commemoration Service was held in the Parish Church as usual, as was the Annual Carol Service which for the second time took place in the evening. This new arrangement is proving most successful since many parents and friends, hitherto unable to attend in the afternoon, can now come. This year's service will follow the same pattern and all parents, Old Boys and friends will be most welcome.

### **The Cestrefeldian**

This is the third issue to be produced entirely in school - a venture which seems to be proving popular and one which allows greater participation by a larger number of people. Naturally we don't satisfy everyone's requirements in the magazine - what commercial enterprise would undertake to produce a publication for boys aged twelve to eighteen, their parents, friends of the school, and Old Boys aged up to ninety, comprising sport, poetry, art, etc.? But if you don't find what you want, the answer is in your own hands - write it! And if you still don't like it the next item may interest you! Some facts may be of interest: we have made about 150 metal plates, printed 56,000 sheets of paper, many of them up to four times where colour has been used, and, working practically every day after school, taken about four months to complete this issue. We must offer grateful thanks to Mr. Searcy for his guidance and layout, to Mr. Richley for his hours of work, to Miss Turner for typing, and to Rotaprint Ltd. for technical assistance.

### **Waste Paper**

Elsewhere appears a note on the Eco-action Group and its work. Anyone can help this by collecting together old newspapers and waste paper and bringing them to school. Mr. Bates will be most grateful - and if you really didn't like the magazine you can at least put it to good use!

## **OBITUARIES**

### **F. I. Chapman B.Sc.**

It was with stunned sadness and a universal feeling of personal loss that the Headmaster, the staff and boys heard of Mr. Ian Chapman's sudden death on 19th November, 1973.

As Head of Biology at the School for ten years, Ian's work and influence has left a deep impression on the society of the School and bestowed a legacy of concern for the environment. Ian was motivated by a passionate belief in education: not in the traditional academic sense of the word but as the growing realization within the individual of our responsibilities towards our fellow men and towards our natural and unique environment.

Ian eminently had the courage of his convictions and an integrity of life which did not hesitate, indeed found every opportunity, to put these convictions into action. His involvement in the work of the Conservation Society, The Derbyshire Naturalist's Trust, and in the Wingerworth Community Association, no less than his work in School bore witness to his deep concern with societies and activities that were dedicated to conserve what was vital and humane. "Involved" was one of Ian's characteristic words, almost a first principle in his philosophy of life.

To those of the staff and students who shared his interests and benefited from his teaching: those who were companions on field courses and camps at Breton or Robin Hood's Bay; those who watched through the night as the moths flew in

to the circle of light; those who worked on the original projects in Biology, many of which were given wider circulation by the School Science Review; those who adopted ducks or grew potatoes from peelings; will remember an individual and creative companion.

We remember FIC with gratitude and warm affection.

### **W.H.Jones B.Sc.(econ)**

After struggling bravely for more than a year with an incurable illness, Bill Jones died quietly at home on June 12th.

A graduate of the University College of Wales, Aberystwith, Bill fought in the Spanish Civil War - on both sides he often claimed - and later in the Far East, where he attained the rank of major. After a short period with the Port of London Authority he came to Chesterfield School to teach economics and geography. As a teacher of economics he can have had few rivals, as the large number of his ex-pupils now holding senior economics posts throughout the world will testify; as a schoolmaster he will be remembered by generations of boys for his wisdom, sense of humour, fairness, and above all, his humanity. He also represented his discipline on the Secondary Schools Examination Council until its replacement by the Schools Council. '

In many areas of school life Bill played a valuable part. A keen sportsman, he was much in demand as a referee and an umpire, boys and staff alike recognising his knowledge of the game and the impartiality of his decisions. But it was perhaps in drama that Bill made his greatest contribution to the school and to the town. After many years as Leonard Lodge's assistant, he became producer of the annual play on Leonard's retirement and maintained the well-established tradition, eventually equipping and 'breaking-in' the long-promised stage at Brookside. He was producer for the Caledonian Dramatic Society, a member of the Management Committee of the Civic Theatre, a past president of the Chesterfield and District Welsh Society, and a churchwarden at St. John's, Newbold, where he had found the faith that so helped him through the last difficult year,

Often a solitary man, Bill loved the hills of Derbyshire no less than those of his native Wales, and in all weathers his lonely figure was to be seen striding over the moors, head lifted into the wind. Paradoxically, he was also a sociable man who delighted in conversation and none would ever guess that English was his adopted tongue. Latterly it was sad to see this proud man humbled by disease.

He extend our sympathy and kind wishes to Kathleen and his children. We shall remember him.

## **Exchange Visit to Darmstadt**

### **CHESTERFIELD SCHOOL / ST. HELENA SCHOOL**

At Easter this School year the first joint exchange visit of Chesterfield School and St. Helena School was made to the Viktoriaschule in Darmstadt, our twin town in Germany.

The trip began at 15.15 hrs. on March 28th at St. Helen's House, from where our party departed to catch the 16.21 boat train from Sheffield Midland to Harwich Parkestone Quay. We embarked on the midnight ferry to Hook of Holland. The trip by boat was extremely uncomfortable but the sea remained calm for the crossing. Our early morning train, the Rhine Express, left Hook at 7.21 a.m. and took us direct to Darmstadt via Rotterdam, Venlo, Monchen-Gladbach, Cologne and the Rhine Valley. We were met in Darmstadt by the host families and we very quickly dispersed to our respective homes.

We spent two days in the German school with our new friends. School seems very different in Germany; the pupils are much freer and, with no uniform, much more colourfully dressed than we are in England. Taking part in the lessons was very tiring for us with everything being done in German.... but the French and English lessons were more easy for us.

On the first Thursday we had a civic reception in the Stadthaus and were officially welcomed by Magistrat Herr Schafer, who presented us all with small gifts. The following day brought our first joint excursion into the Odenwald, visiting picturesque towns at Michelstadt and Ehrbach, where there is Europe's only ivory museum. Our return was via Heidelberg.

Other visits included the Sud-Hessesche-Gas-und-Wasser -AG....the local Gas & Water Board, where a quiz was held and excellent prizes were won. A young girl from St. Helena won first prize...a cassette tape- recorder! We also visited the Darmstadter Echo, the local newspaper (a very interesting visit), and the Merck Pharmaceutical Factory, where again gifts and an appetizing meal were provided!

The rest of our time there was spent with the individual families and most of us were able to see many other parts of Germany during our stay.

Our journey back was uneventful...apart from the saga of a lost passport! We were all sad to leave Darmstadt and we look forward to 1976 when the Exchange will take place again.

Our German friends will be in England at the end of June this year and we have organized a variety of events to make them feel at home here, and we hope they will enjoy their stay with us as much as we did ours with them.

Thanks must be given to Mrs. Taylor of St. Helena School and Mr. Grimshaw for organising the trip.

*Roger Hall  
Gerard McNulty*

### **Duke of Edinburgh's Award**

The following successes have been gained in the last year:-

GOLD: B.D. Edwards M. Thompson

SILVER: A.D.Hardwick C.D.Harrison R. B. Kingston S. K. Lester  
D. N. Prince N. J. Smith P. G. M. Willis N. R. Yarrington

BRONZE: N. G. Findley R. H. Kingston S. McDermott D. L.Naylor

This year, instead of continuing with First Aid after the Basic stage, some candidates opted to attend a Police Bronze weekend course at Matlock in November, and then a Silver course at Chesterfield in February. Those taking and passing both courses were:-

B. A. Clewlow P. J. Cotton A. J. Jarvis I. M. Haynes  
D. W. Higginbottom S. McDermott J. R. Middenmiss P. H. Thorneycroft

and those taking and passing the Bronze stage were:-

G. Chapman D. G. Eyley J. C. Hooper D. L. Naylor S. C. Winnard

Those continuing with First Aid, attending a Red Cross course at the Royal Hospital, were:-

HIGHER FIRST AID: B. D. Edwards A. D. Hardwick M. Thompson P. G. M. Willis M. R.Yarrington

ADULT FIRST AID: R.H.Kingston S.K.Lester

The following studied and passed their Basic First Aid at School:-

G. Chapman P. J. Cormie D. G. Eyley G. R. Hall J. C. Hooper N. Hoskins G. A. McNulty  
Ma. Mulvey Mi. Mulvey S. B. Paterson J. B. Scattergood D. Sewell A. Shakich  
R. A. Shaw R. Shelton R. H. Smith A. Whittingham J. T. Widdowson M. Wigglesworth  
S. C. Winnard

At the time of writing, Bronze candidates have completed their Map Reading and Campcraft theoretical training, and have now to do their practice Expedition before the Test. We have again been grateful to Mr. Young for devoting his leisure time to testing Bronze and Silver Expeditions in the summer. Silver candidates have still to finish their theoretical training. This year one group is hoping to do a canoeing expedition.

We also wish to thank again Mr. Jephcote for conducting the P.E. testing, Mr. Batteson for training and testing in swimming, and various members of Staff who have acted as Assessors in the Pursuits section of the Award.

## **Old Cestrefeldian Notes**

Regrettably it has to be reported again that the Society's activities have not attracted the support of many members, yet the members who do attend the various meetings declare how much they have enjoyed themselves. While it is appreciated that some members are unable to come to Chesterfield easily, it appears that many do not come because they are uncertain whether they will know anyone. The solution is to organise a party of contemporaries and, secure in numbers, come to see what happens. Perhaps members who have been at School at any time since 1926 might make a special effort to attend the 1975 Reunion when Mr.J. R. Owen will be in the Chair.

The 1973 Open Day was an enjoyable venture and the rain kindly held off until the sporting activities were finished. The cricket and soccer competitions were keenly fought but the Dance in the evening was poorly attended. For 1974 an invitation to the Parents' Association to join with the Society has been given in the hope that greater support will be given to an increased range of activities.

The annual cricket match against the School resulted in an easy victory for the Old Boys, although less than 100 runs were scored over the whole day. The Society scored 57, with a top score of 19 being made by Bob Wilson, relaxing from soccer duties. The School was dismissed for 34 and took 43 overs to score them. Ronald Mihaly took 4 wickets for 10 runs in 17 overs, Philip Tingay 4 wickets for 3 runs in 8.2 overs - a good day for the professional footballers.

The Soccer Club has continued to field three teams and although championships are elusive, it provides regular entertainment and activity for its members. Boys leaving School who wish to continue to play regular soccer should contact the Secretary. The Club also celebrated its Twenty Fifth year of existence in 1973 and a splendid evening was enjoyed by a large number of past and present players with their friends.

Theatre '94 has maintained its record of staging an annual major production. Support for "An Inspector Calls" was not as good as previous years and in 1974 the group is presenting a "Doctor" comedy. The Group has been fortunate in retaining the devoted services of some of the founder members but would welcome an infusion of new actors.

The Annual Dinner/Dance could not be held in 1974 because of the restrictions imposed as a result of the miners' industrial action.

Again the continuance of this event is in balance because of the lack of support for the efforts of the Dance Committee.

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## **SCHOOL NOTES - 1975**

### **Staff Changes**

During the last year we have lost the services of Adrian Moore, Roy Parkin, Francis Elgar, Mike Lewis, John Owen and Mrs. Glossop. A special mention should be made of Jerry Owen, who first retired nine years ago when he was Second Master.

This year we are happy to welcome Mrs. P. Barber and Messrs. D. Spencer, R. Bannister, M. Watson and Mr. J. R. Barron. Mr. J. B. Nion is the French Assistant.

We hope that their stay with us will be a happy one.

### **School Events**

Speech Day was held on December 5th, when the speaker was Mr. R. B. Dunn, B.Eng., C.Eng., F.I.Min.E., Director General of Mining, N.C.B., and the prizes were distributed by Mrs. Dunn.

The annual Carol Service was held in the Parish Church on 17th December and the Commemoration Service on July 4th, when the sermon was preached by the Rev. V. Watt-Jones of St. Thomas' Church, Brampton. Various school parties have been abroad to France, Germany and Belgium, the annual exchange with the Lycee Lalande in Bourg-en-Bresse was again a success, and some of our young musicians enjoyed a working cruise to North Africa. Next year it is hoped that a football team will visit Darmstadt and a Mediterranean cruise to Egypt is planned.

### **Re-organisation**

Now that the school is finally on the road to re-organisation we have fewer pupils than for many years past. Although much of value has been lost - the choir, for instance, has suffered greatly - it is noticeable how much more pleasant the school is with smaller numbers, and the temporary advantage of some smaller classes has been welcomed by boys and staff alike. What a pity it is that the advantages are temporary whilst the losses seem permanent.

### **The Magazine**

Last year's magazine was again well received. This year another innovation has been made. The type, instead of being produced on the school's electric typewriter, has been set on the I.B.M. Composer newly acquired by Chesterfield College of Art. We are grateful to be allowed to use this amazing machine and we extend our thanks to Mr. Lewis and Mr. Lovelock. We also owe a great debt to Miss Turner who undertakes this mammoth task each year, and this year has had to learn how to use a new and complex machine. For the technically minded the type-face is Baskerville 10pt with heads in Palatine 24 and 36pt.

## **FAREWELLS**

### **F. J. Elgar B. Sc. Hons**

That Francis Elgar is old enough even to contemplate retirement seems incredible to anyone who has seen him coach hockey so recently. Nevertheless, after giving 29 years of devoted service to Chesterfield School, Mr. Elgar has decided to retire.

Somerset born - as if there was any doubt about it! - and after graduating at Bristol in 1936 and teaching for a year or two in Watford, he came to School in 1946 fresh from the Burma War. He had served six years as an infantry officer in India, in the Arakan Campaign and on the advance on Rangoon in Burma, and was demobilised with the rank of Major.

Recent members of the school will know Mr. Elgar only as Head of the Chemistry Department but for many years he combined the teaching of Botany with Chemistry. This may account for his keen interest in gardening and formerly in the North-East Derbyshire Field Club which he served as President.

F.J.E. has always been a keen player of hockey, cricket and tennis - allegedly 'for enjoyment only.' He captained Chesterfield Hockey Club for three years and has been its President. He was in charge of school hockey for many years and stories of his prowess are legion - and often legendary. He is accused for instance of 'upending' unceremoniously three boys simultaneously in a Staff v School hockey match. An alternative version seems the more likely; with stick in front of closed heels he 'jump tackled' the centre-forward and the two wingers fell over his toes!



Mr. Elgar was a founder member and almost an ever-present at meetings of the Erasmus Darwin Society. He and Mrs. Elgar rarely missed a social or recreational occasion of the Common Room, the Committee of which he was Hon. Secretary for many years.

A keen gardener, philatelist and photographer and with two daughters and two grand-daughters, one each in Australia and in Germany to visit, F. J. E. will find much to do in his retirement. We wish both Mr. and Mrs. Elgar good health and every happiness in the future.

*J.J. Higgins*

### **R. Parkin B. A. Hons**

Roy Parkin left the Staff in March of this year to take up an appointment as Adviser in the County of Humberside: he had been a member of staff for almost fifteen years, and his association with the school goes back over thirty years in all to the time when he first arrived as a pupil.

It was characteristic of Roy's energetic involvement in the life of the school that within a year of joining the Staff he had organized and led a successful school journey to Norway, and the pace never slackened. Over the years, Transport Society, Elizabethans and Erasmus Darwin Society all owed much to his enthusiasm - to say nothing of Oxfam collections and the occasional star performance in a Masters' debate. School cricket, soccer - even hockey - teams derived benefit from his active encouragement, and he was no mean performer either. Many a staff cricket team, facing a fiery school XI, based such slender hopes of survival as it ever nourished on Roy's malicious bowling and rugged rearguard actions with the bat; and if we lost, as we usually did, his revenge could come on the morrow when he re-appeared for the Old Boys. Fives, of course, was (or were) his particular enthusiasm, and his choicest sarcasm was reserved for any misguided philistine who used a fives-court as an all-weather goal-mouth for soccer practice.

As Head of the History Department, he revolutionised both the content of the syllabus and the methods of teaching it, directing the emphasis away from the acquisition of historical knowledge and towards the understanding of historical method. Within the last couple of years he secured the school's participation in the Schools Council's 13-16 History Experiment, and energetically involved himself and his department in the development of the methods and resources required by it.

A barbed wit, more readily appreciated by the observer than by the victim, may sometimes have disguised but never completely concealed that sympathetic understanding of the pupil's abilities, difficulties, and background which made his advice particularly valuable. The Old Cestrefeldian Society, and many Old Boys individually, will remain grateful for his unfailing support. For his colleagues in the Common Room, too he has been the expert and friend to be consulted on a vast range of professional matters, and he has been Chairman of the Social Committee, AMA correspondent, and a representative of secondary teachers on TAC and the Re-organisation Consultative Committee.

The Cestrefeldian' for December 1951, under the heading '1st XI Cricket Characters', includes a comment which still deserves to be quoted - both as a verdict on Roy's achievement here and as a recommendation for his new role:

'PARKIN, R: consistently good in the field, and a source of invaluable advice.'

We offer to him, and his family, our very best wishes for the future.

*R. E. Young*

## **OBITUARY**

### **J. R. Owen B. Sc. Hons**

Mr. John Richards Owen died in hospital after a very short illness on August 9 at the age of 74. "Jerry" Owen had taught in all for 49 years at Chesterfield School, his first teaching post. To Mrs. Owen and to David we extend our deepest sympathy.

Born at Tenby, Pembrokeshire, J. R. Owen was educated at Aberystwyth where he graduated in science and gained his teaching diploma at Cambridge in 1926. He took up his post at Chesterfield Grammar School, as the school was then

named, in the same year teaching chemistry. He became deputy headmaster in 1956. He retired after holding the post for 10 years but continued to teach chemistry on a part-time basis right up to the end of the present Summer Term

He was a past President of the Old Cestreldeians, a past Chairman of the Chesterfield Welsh Society, a former playing member of the Chesterfield Hockey Club and was well known in county hockey circles, regularly umpiring matches up to the last season. He served with the Royal Ordnance Corps during the 1939-45 War, attained the rank of Major and was officer-in-charge of the School Cadet Corps for several years.

J. R. O.'s service to the Assistant Masters Association was in many ways outstanding. He attended meetings of the Derbyshire Branch with unfailing regularity throughout his career. He was first appointed Branch Secretary in 1927-28, only managing to pass on this office, as he explained subsequently by accepting in the thirties the "more prestigious less onerous" post of Branch Chairman. He was a Council Member of the Branch on very many occasions and had a long and entertaining memory of Council meetings held in most parts of the country.

Colleagues and pupils alike will treasure memories of the firm laboratory discipline which this small, slender man extended into general school life a discipline so perfectly fair and administered with puckish good humour throughout. At the Derbyshire AMA Dinner given in his honour on his first retirement, JRO jocularly gave missionary as his profession; recently at his second Common Room presentation, he reminded us that he had not retired but had been declared redundant, though, he added, unlike a certain industrial Chairman, he had not received a golden handshake.

John Owen, the missionary who never retired, will be long remembered.

*From the AMA*

## **Duke of Edinburgh's Award.**

Since the last issue of the Magazine, the following successes have been gained:-

GOLD:	P. G. M. Willis M. R. Yarrington			
SILVER:	B. A. Clewlow	N.G.Findlay	I. M. Haynes	P. M. Thorneycroft
BRONZE:	P. Cormie	A. J. Davis	D. G. Eyley	D. W. Higginbottom
	J. C. Hooper	N. Hoskins	J. R. Middlemiss	Ma. Mulvey
	Mi. Mulvey	N. Renshaw	R. Shelton	A. Whittingham
	M. Wigglesworth		P. M. Williamson	

Public service has taken the following forms:-

1. FIRST AID:- The following passed the St. John's Essentials of First Aid:-

S. M. Bilton	M. Fretwell
D. M. Harrison	S. R. Moore
M. R. Orme	S. W. Proctor
M. P. Smith	S. Wigglesworth
M. P. Davison	S. J. Hardwick
P. R. Marsh	M. C. Nottingham
I. D. Peache	R. Shore
M. Stocks	

Those taking and passing the Initial First Aid Examination at Chesterfield Red Cross Headquarters were:-

D. G. Eyley and J. C. Hooper  
and R. H. Kingston and S. K. Lester passed the Higher First Aid Examination.

2. LIFE SAVING:- The following have studied with Mr. Batterson, to whom we are also grateful for training and testing boys who opt to do the Swimming P.E. Tests:-

R.L.S.S. Bronze Medallion:- N.R.Brackenbury, P. J.Cormie, D. G. Eyley, S. J. Hardwick, D. M. Harrison, N. Hoskins, M. C. Nottingham. M. Renshaw, A.Shakich, R.H.Smith.

Bronze Cross:- D. G. Eyley, S. J. Hardwick, D. M. Harrison, N. Hoskins, M. C. Nottingham, M. Renshaw, A. Shakich, R.H.Smith.

Award of Merit:- N.R.Brackenbury, P. J. Cormie, D. G. Eyley.

Distinction Exam:- C. D. Harrison

Life Guard Proficiency Test, Distinction Exam. and Advanced Teacher Certificate:-  
D. N. Prince

3. POLICE COURSE:- Organised by Derbyshire Constabulary, the Bronze Course held at Matlock was passed by:-

A. M. Cockman	N. Hoskin	Ma. Mulvey	Mi. Mulvey
S.B.Paterson	J. B. Scattergood	D. Sewell	R.Shelton

At Chesterfield, those passing the Silver Course were:-

A.M.Cockman	D.G.Eyley	J. C. Hooper	N. Hoskins	S.Winnard
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4. Gold candidates are also completing their year's service in such things as visiting and reading to children in hospital, School Medical Room duty, Life Saving, and service in Church.

At the time of writing, most boys have completed their Map Reading and Campcraft tests, with varying degrees of peculiar spellings, and some have done their practice expeditions. Six candidates for the Gold Award had a wet practice expedition in the Peak District, but proved adept at making themselves comfortable at campsites. This group is planning the Test Expedition in the Yorkshire Dales. Five of the six also attended a White Hall Easter Course for their Residential section requirement.

A Silver Group is hoping to do a canoeing expedition, under the guidance of Mr.Young, to whom we are grateful for his assessing of Bronze and Silver expeditions in the summer and at odd times afterwards for boys who have a clash of dates.

We also thank Mr. Jephcote, for testing boys in P.E., and various members of Staff who agree to act as Assessors in the Pursuits section. As regards the various Pursuits, boys should remember that Assessors must be kept au fait with the progress made, and show perseverance in their efforts. Occasionally, a boy approaches an Assessor and asks for his Record Book to be filled in, when there is nothing worthwhile which can be commented on. .

*F.Naylor*

## **Old Cestrefeldian Notes**

This year has seen the death of one of the school's most distinguished old boys. Air Marshall Sir Philip Wigglesworth, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.C., a former commander of the British Air Forces of Occupation in Germany, died on May 31st at the age of 78.

He came to the school in 1910. His service career began in the Royal Navy, from which he transferred to the Royal Air Force in 1918, retiring in 1948. The obituaries in the national papers told of his outstanding career in World War II; of his share in the plan to evacuate Greece in just over one hour; his work as 'Tedder's Carpet Maker', providing bombing support for Montgomery's armies in North Africa, and his taking over from Sir Sholto Douglas as AOC in C, BAFO in 1946. He won the DFC in World War I, and was made CB in 1943 and KBE in 1946. He had also been awarded the American Legion of Merit, the Legion of Honour and Croix de Guerre, and he was a knight of the Spanish Order of Military Merit. He was elected President of the Old Cestrefeldians in 1952.

This is the first issue of the Cestrefeldian to appear since Roy Parkin left the school to become a History Adviser in the Humber region, and so gave up the post of School Secretary of the Old Cestrefeldians. He was not simply efficient, though he certainly was that; he actually succeeded in being imaginative in the jobs, and I am repeatedly reminded by my own mistakes and omissions as the new Secretary, how much the Society owes to him. I trust we shall still see him sometimes.

The annual reunion was held at Chesterfield Miners' Welfare on April 10th. The health of the retiring President, John Owen, was proposed by Brian O'Kelly, and the Headmaster proposed the toast of the school. Mr. Owen introduced, as his successor for the coming year, Harry Husband, Headmaster of Dunston Primary School. It was cheering to see a good number of recent leavers at the dinner; I hope they will make this an annual habit.

Readers will realise that certain features which usually appear in these notes are missing. I am sorry about this; I realized too late that to get magazine notes from Old Cestrefeldian actors and footballers one has to chivy them. This will be done in future. It would be pleasant, also, to revive the custom of printing letters from groups of old boys at various universities - I remember as a schoolboy relishing these parades of wit and elegant abuse.

Finally, may I make an appeal, on behalf of Mrs. Ede, our librarian, for some early copies of the Cestrefeldian to fill certain gaps in our collection. The missing issues are in the years 1914-1920.

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