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EDITORIAL

If BIG BROTHER'S aim is to wreck the education system and produce a nation of half-wits who'll realise their freedom has been taken away from them when it's too late, well, He's doing fine. But He's not having things all his own way - at least as far as our School is concerned. The crop of Oxford and Cambridge awards and places this year was an all-time record for the School, reaching a level that very, very few comparable schools have attained. While putting up two fingers to Big Brother we therefore congratulate The Headmaster and his Staff as well as those who have gained awards and places.

OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE AWARDS AND PLACES.

In the list which follows it should be noted that two awards and one place went to Old Maidstonians; but the total of 12 awards and 11 places to boys actually in The School is still by far our best performance.

Scholarships: Oxford.

N.M. Bolas and D.J. Burns..St. Catherine's College.....Natural Sciences  
S.J. Darke (Gunsley).....University College.....Mathematics

Scholarships: Cambridge.

P.F. Brasington.....Christ's College.....English  
S.J. Telfer.....Clare College.....Natural Sciences  
J. Golinski (left 1976)....Christ's College.....Natural Sciences  
P.D. Wynn (left 1976)....Churchill College.....Natural Sciences

Exhibitions: Oxford.

C.G.G. Chase.....Oriol College.....PPE  
P.J. Heather.....New College.....History  
D.M. Keegan.....Keble College.....Engineering Science  
R.Solly.....Magdalen College.....History

Exhibitions: Cambridge.

P.A. Brown.....Clare College.....Engineering  
H.M.P. Couchman.....King's College.....Mathematics and Physics  
J.R.P. Moss.....Gonville and Caius College....English

Places: Oxford.

R.B. Arnold.....St. John's College.....Modern Languages  
N.M. Hadlow.....Wadham College.....Modern Languages & Philosophy  
K.I. Wittwer.....Trinity College.....Theology  
N.D. Whitbread.....Magdalen College.....Modern Languages  
P. Wynn-Owen.....University College.....History

Placés: Cambridge.

P.J. Foreman.....Fitzwilliam College.....English  
 S.G. Goodyear.....Churchill College.....Mathematics and Physics  
 C.I. Howell.....Trinity College.....Mathematics  
 R.J. Marsh.....Emmanuel College.....English  
 P. Mavin.....St. Catherine's College.....Geography  
 S. Pilgrem.....King's College.....Architecture  
 D.E. Russell (left 1974)...Jesus College.....Modern Languages

NEWS OF OLD MAITSTONI'NS.

D.J. ATKINSON (1962) is Chaplain of Corpus Christi College, Oxford. His brother  
 A.F. ATKINSON (1965) is in Australia; and the third member of the family,  
 P.G. ATKINSON (1971) is at Westcott House, Cambridge, preparing for ordination.

P.J. RAUGHAN (1973) is at Nottingham doing research for PhD. He seems very well-  
 satisfied with his progress so far. He is hoping for a commission in  
 the RNVR (and may have it by now).

C.M. BOOTS (1972) who left us to go to school in the Bristol area, is hoping to do  
 electrical engineering at University; he has a conditional offer from  
 Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and firm offers from both Manchester  
 and Bristol.

P.D.J. BOWEN (1974) hopes to do a course in Chinese Literature at Tokyo University  
 for one year, afterwards returning to Oxford.

D. BUCKLE (1973) is in the Town Planning Dept. of Maidstone Borough Council;  
 he has gained his H.N.C.

J. BURMESTER (1967) has for the past ten years been an Antiquarian Bookseller in  
 London. He is married, with two children, and living at Smarden.

P.D. CARNE (1972) is getting married on August 5th.

T.K. COLERAN (1976) is very happy at Warwick; he would, however, like to see more  
 of his contemporaries.

Flt/Lt R. CULLINGWORTH (1970) has announced his engagement to Miss Alexandra Cooper  
 of Debenham Suffolk.

P. CURRIE (1977) has written an Oboe Quintet, which is to be (has been?) performed  
 at Cambridge.

G. DIFROSE is alive and well at Nantwich, Cheshire. He is I.C. Environment  
 Section I.C.I.

J.D. DODGE (1954) has been appointed Professor of Botany at Royal Holloway  
 College, London.

P.B. EVANS (1960) visited the school on February 1st. He has been eight years in  
 Vancouver as manager of a firm of Consulting Civil Engineers; he was  
 on a year's sabbatical leave, and passed through en route from Canada  
 to Katmandu. He was married in 1966, divorced in 1974, and has twin  
 daughters aged  $7\frac{1}{2}$ . He holds a pilot's licence, has done parachuting and hang-  
 gliding, and has a lively interest in art, music, philosophy, world religions and a  
 heap of other things.

P. EWING is living at Wilmslow and is Distribution Manager for Philips Electrical  
 Industries.

B.A. FAGG (1958) is on the staff of Homewood School, Tenterden; he was one of  
 the two teachers in charge of a Field Study party from that school  
 which had to be rescued by helicopter near Whitby recently.

- P.J.C. FELL (1972) It is with real grief that we record the death in November 1977 of Jonathan Fell, after a long illness which he bore with immense courage. He took his second-year university examinations only a few weeks before he died, which indicates the extent to which he remained hopeful and determined.
- M.D. FENNER (1947) is Secretary of the Kent County Cricket Club. We believe he retired from the RAF with the rank of Group-Captain.
- W.E. GOLDSTRAW (1956) visited the school on May 17th. He was on a 5-week visit to the U.K. from his post of Head of the Science Faculty at Yarra Valley School, Ringwood, Melbourne, Australia. He is still unmarried, holds a private pilot's licence, leads a formation team that sometimes performs at shows, and is keen on mountain exploration.
- P.J. GOW (1977) got a full-page splash all to himself in "The Sun" on March 21st as the godfather (if that's the word) of the first wholly new brew put out by Guinness in two hundred years!
- D. HARWOOD (1969), after spending time working in French vineyards and on a kibbutz in Israel, has been appointed Stockman at Oldborough Manor School. He is married.
- A. HARVEY (1974) has left Proctor and Gamble, and when we last heard was hoping to take up a post with the Metal Box Co.
- C. HARVEY (1976) and S.B. KNIGHT (1976) were both in the Maidstone club seven-a-side team which played at Twickenham recently (as was a member of the school staff, Malcolm Andrew. Simon scored Maidstone's only try. The game was a sort of consolation-prize for Christopher, as he had missed playing at Twickenham a week or two previously in the U...U. final.
- T.J. HAYES (1968) is to be congratulated on having gained a degree from the Open University.
- Air Vice-Marshal P.M.S. HEDGLAND (1940) was awarded a C.B. in the New Year Honours List. He was also mentioned as the Reviewing Officer at the graduation from the RAF OCTU at Henlow.
- Rear Admiral T.B. HOMAN (1939) was likewise made a C.B. in the same Honours List. He was placed on the R.N. Retired List from 31 March, and has been appointed Sub-Treasurer of the Inner Temple.
- C.M.D. HULL (1973) has recently become one of the Assistant Economic Advisers to Dr. David Owen, the Foreign Secretary.
- B.R.A. JENNER (1962) expects to return to England from the Netherlands this summer, and will be seeking employment, preferably in an academic post, though he tells us that he has an offer of a position as a "wine consultant" - which sounds attractive!
- His brother M.S. JENNER (1965) is about to be ordained Priest in the Orthodox Church.
- T.I. JENNINGS (1974) is doing a year in Frankfurt teaching English as part of his Oxford course.
- D. LARKIN (1969) became the father of a daughter, Caroline, on 29th December 1977.
- J. LINE (1977) writes from Selwyn College, Cambridge, to say that he enjoys the life enormously, and hasn't time to do everything. He has been in charge of lighting for the College Drama Group, including a performance of "Measure for Measure".
- G.P. LINK (1970) is on the staff of Grenville College, Bideford. He hopes to bring a team from there in December for a rugby match.
- K.P. LOADER (1975) wrote from The Old Hermitage, Hermitage Lane, Maidstone, with news of some of his contemporaries.

- W.S. LONGLEY is interested in forming a family name society and asks for information ("for payment, of course!") about people with his surname in the Maidstone area. W.S. wrote from: 100 Maldon Road, Witham, Essex.
- WING COMMANDER L.G. LUDGATE (1945) has retired from the RAF and is now back in Maidstone.
- A.D. MAHONY (1973) had a nasty accident on his motor-cycle, resulting in a serious double fracture of the leg. He was in hospital about 14 weeks, and very fed up about it: we hope life is now looking brighter to him!
- F.M. PALMER (1960) is reported to be head of a school in Northamptonshire, but we have no further details.
- M. PASSMORE (1972) and N. WHITEHEAD (1977) have both done stints of service on one of Stephen Yates's ventures in France.
- R. PENCAVEL (1969) is Marketing Manager with British Aluminium. We learn that he is still keen on the Scout Movement, and holds a Venture Scout Warrant.
- K.R. PRICE (1951) visited the school recently. He has done ten years as a Lecturer in French at the University of British Columbia, and is now doing a PhD at London, based on research into the French writer Giraudoux, an unpublished novel by whom Roy himself had the good fortune to discover.
- J.H. REES (1977) spent the Spring in the West Indies, passed out of Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, in April - and joined H.M.S. Bristol at Portsmouth (until August).
- K. RILEY (1973) has qualified as a dentist.
- P. RYAN (1972) now an engineer with London Weekend Television sent us a chirpy letter from 29, Corner Farm Road, Staplehurst, Kent. He spent four years at college in Plymouth getting a degree in Electrical and Electronic Engineering. While in Plymouth Paul was very involved with the Student TV. Service and became Executive Producer. Of his experience with L.W.T., Paul says, it's amazing to see how chaotic and frantic it is behind the scenes when the viewer at home thinks everything is going so smoothly. The chaos in Paul's own life was calmed by his marriage to Hazel. Says Paul: "She is Welsh and she thinks we all talk funny around here!" (We do, Paul, we do. It will, very likely, soon be a crime to speak the Queen's English). Paul adds: If anyone wants a trip round the studios at London Weekend, give me a call on 01-261-3253 and I'll see what I can do".
- R.M.D. RYE (1966) appears frequently in credit titles on TV programmes, ranging from Blue Peter to The Onedin Line.
- D. SMITH (1975) has been playing for Harlequins" 2nd XV.
- J. SOLLY (1975) wrote a long letter full of news about contemporaries. As well as some treated more fully in this newsletter, he reported on contacts with M. JOSEPH, S. MANN, P. MELLY, P.O'SHEA, J. PAYNE, M. PORTER, N. SAMMELLS, M. SAUNDERS, J. STARTUP, S. WATSON and K. WITTEWER. Jonathan himself is hoping to go in for a career in Law.
- P.J. WADDELL (1962) has reported from 7 Cotton Drive, Hove, East Sussex as follows: "To Peter and Maggie, a daughter, Nicola Claire, 6.3.1978".
- S.J. WAKEFIELD (1972) has just become engaged to Miss Vivian Jones.
- M.A. WATTS (1975) is in the Buying Office of John Haig, Distillers.
- D.J. WOOD (1961) writing from 99a Albemarle Road, Beckenham, informs us that he has left the Foreign Office to become Head of the International Policy Department of the C.B.I.
- J.M. WOODGER (1953) has had contacts with Bob Rylands, who is quite a close neighbour, since John is incumbent of Church Streeton, Salop.

NEWS OF FORMER STAFF.

We are all very sorry to know that Tom Gutteridge's wife, Dorothy, has been very ill recently; another who has not been in the best of health is Vernon Fawcett, though he has, as usual, found the energy for some foreign travel. Ralph Kemp is in robust health, and has been very active in stamp-collecting circles, with exhibitions at Geneva and Bruges. He also represented Kent in the Dawes Inter-County Cup with a specialised display of Belgian postal history. He is now planning a marathon tour for September which will take him to Turkey, Syria, Jordan, Iraq, Persia, Afghanistan, Pakistan, India and Nepal! Nicholas Reynolds has been seen, bearded from his travels, in Cambridge, and is doing a Maths course at Malvern at present; David Gibbs is in educational administration at Enfield, having just moved from the secondary sector to the primary to widen his experience; he has two children, Elizabeth (7) and Robert (nearly 2). John Skinner (Head of Maidstone School for Boys) has been in the news recently, having drafted a report for the Headmasters' Association to the Home Office on the subject of the effects of pornography on young people.

ADMIRAL SIR HENRY MOORE.

O.M.s, particularly those who were in the CCF, will be sad to know of the death of Admiral Sir Henry Moore, long a School governor, who took a very close interest in the Corps. The School was represented both at his funeral and at the memorial service in London. Bob Rylands, as Society President, wrote to Lady Moore expressing the Society's sympathy. Lady Moore replied saying "it is nice to know how much he was appreciated".

COMING EVENTS.

15th JULY : School Fete - including Jumble Sale.  
 19th JULY : Cricket - OMS v The School.  
 15th SEPTEMBER : Recent Leavers' function - 7.30p.m. Market House.  
 27th OCTOBER : Chamber Concert.  
 14th OCTOBER : Parent's Association Dance. (Tickets from school).  
 25th OCTOBER : Joint Grammar Schools Concert - All Saints 7.30p.m.  
 9th to 11th NOV. : School production: "THE PHYSICIST".  
 18th DECEMBER : Carol Service - All Saints.  
 30th MARCH : OMS ANNUAL SUPPER. \*Please note early warning as promised.

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