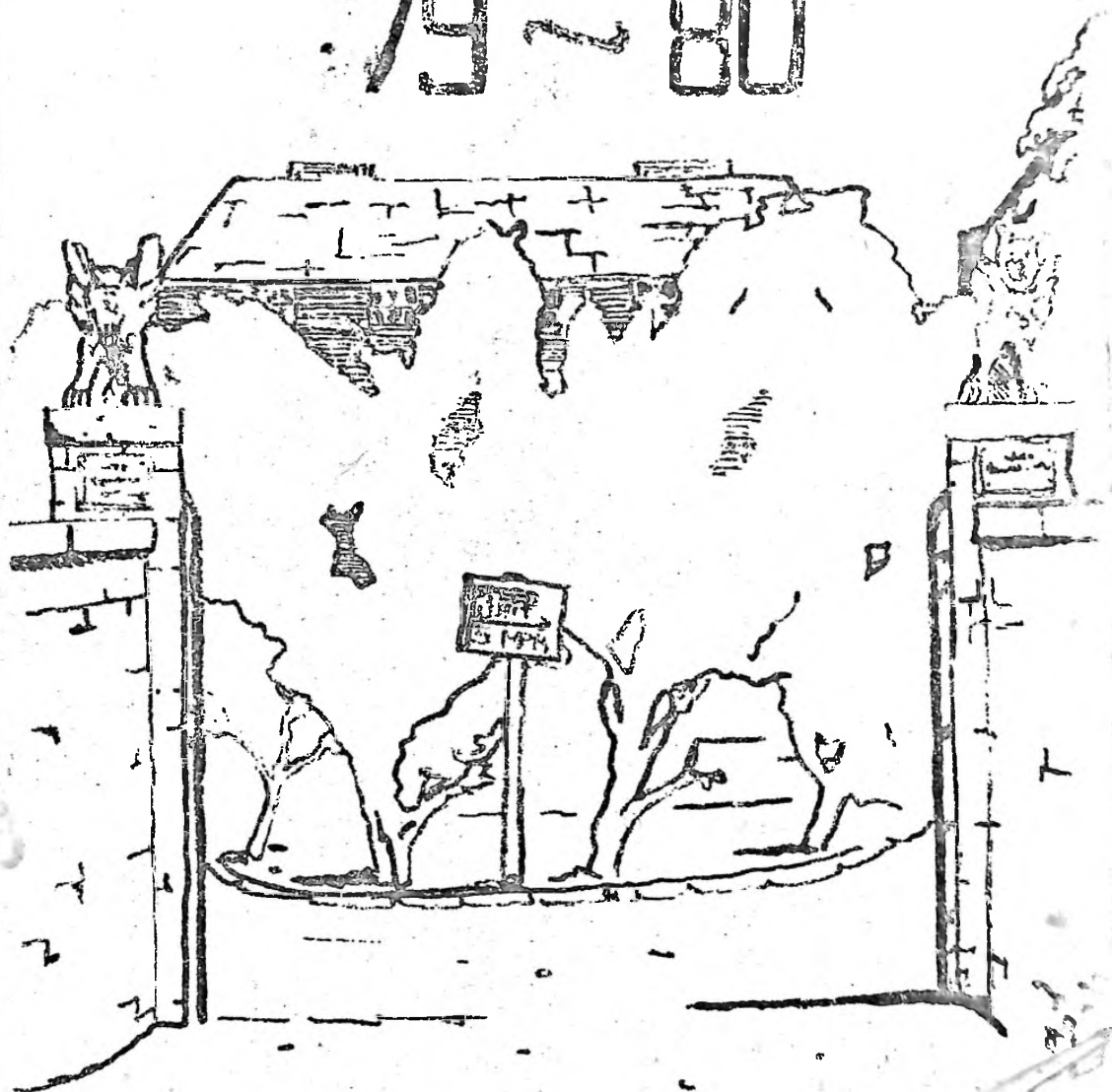


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THE PASTONIAN.
de rebus Pastoniensibus et quibusdam aliis.

Editorial.

Although this issue of the Pastonian may appear very much the same as ever before, it does mark the beginning of the end of the old era. This volume will be the first not to reach what we know as a complete school. For those who do not yet know the fate of the School, it can now be confirmed that by 1984 it will have become a Sixth Form College, mainly on the present school site, although probably using some High School facilities. As a result of this decision we have already been, and doubtless will be, in the next few years, continually bombarded with the specious demand that either we must change or die. In fact, the world changes basically very little and it is more the whim of fashion than the wind of change that the Paston School must now bow to. One wonders how many years it will be before the School changes again, perhaps even back to its Grammar School state. Meanwhile we can only hope that the Sixth Form College, which will be keeping the name of the Paston School (for what it is worth), will not mean an end to the atmosphere and the worthier traditions of the School.

Despite our 'death sentence', this year, as if in defiance, has proved to be a truly full one. Firstly it saw the retirement of Mr. Gouper after 43 years of dedicated service during which he stood for everything good within the School, and I know that I am only one in literally hundreds who owe him much for his knowledgeable teaching and generosity. We wish him much happiness in his retirement and also extend our good wishes to Mrs. Purdue in her new post.

We also saw the start of a brave new venture, the Sixth Form Charity Project Committee, who greatly increased social events at the School - although there were several times when they had skilfully to avoid causing civil war in one form or another.

To end, I would like to thank Mr. Brown for being the driving force behind this magazine and to wish my successors good fortune with future issues and may there be many

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more of them.

A.P.J.B.

School Officials.

Captain of the School - R.A. Hems.

Vice-Captain-
D.R. Gedge.

Captains of Games:

Football - D.W. Minter.

Hockey - J.D. Coward.

Cricket - P.R. Davison.

Athletics - R.J. Hamilton.

Cross-Country - R.J. Hamilton.

Tennis - N.S. Pennington.

Magazine Committee:

Chairman - Mr. A.D. Brown.

Sports Editor - A.V. Fiske.

Editor - A.P.J. Billington.

Illustrations - J.A. Shirley.

Salvete

AUTUMN TERM 1979

Form IA - S.W. Alexander, M.R. Bacon, A.D. Batey, S.R. Bird,
R.J. Buck, J. Cameron, S. Clifton, J.P. Coatesworth,
J.B. Cutting, T.R. Dack, S.J. Gant, M.I. Gee, R.K. Harmer,
J.W. Harries, M.J. Hindle, K.W. Jonas, C. Lawson, S. Lynch,
S.J. Massingham, W.G. Minns, S.J. Moore, A.H. North,
M.J. Starling, D.J. Sutton, S.D. Swanson, J.F. Tomkinson,
J.P. Ward, A.R. Watts, J.G. Wayman, C. White, A.S. Wright.

Form I Alpha - C.D. Abbs, M.D. Ayton, R.J. Collyer,
S.D. Connolly, S.R. Cooper, N.B. Drake, N. Faircloth,
M.J. Farley, S.J. Flloyd, M.D. Goodliffe, R.J. Grand,
S.B. Holden, C. Hughes, T.M. Kemp, D.M. Lee, P.R. Little,
S.J. Loughran, C.P. Mapperley, P. Mason, S.R. May,
J.G. McEachern, J.R. Newstead, J. Northway, M.L. Radbourne,
D. Rathbone, K.E. watts, P. Winterbourne, A.J. Woodford,
P.W. Yallop.

Form IIA - C. Bryant, P. Munford, M. Payne.

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Form II Alpha - D. Axten, J.M. Cooper, M.G. Hurst,
M. Pasha.

Form III M - S. Anstey, J.D. Noble, A.D. Williams,

Form IVA - C.A. Marshall.

Form IV M - J. Cooper, R.P. Reynolds.

Form Lower Sixth - N. Carr, A. Farquhar, N. Flatt,
T.A.T. Hobden, H. Mapperley.

SPRING TERM 1980.

Form II Alpha - T.J. Hall.

Form III Alpha - R. Hornby.

Form IVA - G. Bennett.

Form Lower Sixth - M. Williamson.

SUMMER TERM 1980.

Form IIA - N.J. Prior.

Form IV Alpha - I.M.S. Roberts.

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AUTUMN TERM 1979.

Form II Alpha - J.M. Cooper.

Form IV Alpha - D.G. Sparrow.

Form IV M - A.J. Jones.

Form Lower Sixth - D.A. Eddison, B.C. Foulser,
D. Gibson.

SPRING TERM 1980.

Form VA - R.J. Banks.

Form Lower Sixth - P.S. Jenkins.

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SUMMER TERM 1980.

Form I Alpha - C. Hughes, S.J. Loughran.

Form IIA - P.J. Logghran.

Form IIIM - C. Anstey, P.D. Hughes.

Form VG - D.J. Browne, R.J. Field, D.A. Holiday, S.J. Howe,
A.E. Walker, D.J. Watts.

Form VA - T. Lawson, M.D. Lunn, J. Nevell, I.J. Pycroft,
C.A. Spicer.

Form V Alpha - A.R. Beane, C.A. Bell, C.J. Brown, K.J. Dewing,
R.J. Hannant, S. Hornby, D.A. Hunn, A.J. Locke, M.R. Skate,
A.M. Walding, S.R. Worme, G. Zelos.

Form Lower VI - H. Mapperley, M. Williamson.

Form Upper VI - M.A. Aitken, K.J. Amiss, R.J. Appleton,
M.L. Bate, M. Birtwell, M. Bradley, I.E. Brodie, M.R. Brown,
D.W. Buck, M. Campbell, N.K. Connolly, J.D. Coward,
R.G. Cox, C. Cross, P.R. Davison, S.P. Evison, D.R. Gedge,
A.C. Gordon, M.T. Green, D.J. Gregory, R.A. Hems, J.G. Holmes,
D.E. Hunter, T.S. Jones, J. King, D.W. Minter, P.J. Moy,
B.D. Newman, A. Nobbs, P.G. Nobbs, A.N. Payne, G.C. Peake,
N.S. Pennington, A. Potter, G.A. Richardson, M.I. Ridout,
N.W. Robson, R. Seager, N. Smith, J.R. Starling, P.K. Taylor,
N.J. Tudman, N.B. Ward, I.M. Wones, P. Wright.

Staff Notes.

The chief items of Staff news in this, the last edition of "The Pastonian", are the retirement of Mr. G.V. Couper after 43 years' service to the School; the aftermath of that departure; and what will be happening to the rest of us in the near and more distant future. As is fitting, Mr. Couper's retirement is dealt with separately. The vacancy so created the Governors with complete rightness chose to fill with Mr. P.H. Williams, and we heartily congratulate him and wish him all good fortune on his promotion to Deputy Headmaster: his outstanding success as Head of Geography

betoken an equal success in the higher appointment, fraught with new perils though that be, in this time of nebulous uncertainty and making do. Similarly our congratulations go to Mr. G.H. Lamb on his becoming Head of the History Department and gaining a Second Empire after Stationary, and to Mr. A.J. Sampson on his elevation to the loftier contours as Head of Geography; two other well-merited promotions which recognised zeal, service and ability.

The whirligig of time brings about everything, and in July we said an actual goodbye to Mr. H. Grantham-Hill, who, after trying not very hard for a year, finally conquered his aversion from becoming an Old Pastonian, and quietly was no longer the genial genius of the place. We also said farewell to Mrs. P. Purdue, who was appointed to the new North Walsham High School, where we wish her a happy and successful time. To Dr. C. Hill, who helped keep History floating after Mr. Couper's exodus, we also send our gratitude and best wishes.

For the rest, I could a tale unfold, as Hamlet's father's ghost used to say: but this eternal blazon must not be to ears of flesh and blood. We are in the Valley of the Shadow of Reorganisation, and our end is near. In September 1980, the new North Walsham High School will have opened, at Spencer Avenue; in September 1984 - a significant date, perhaps - the Paston Sixth Form College will be hatched phoenix-like from the ashes of the Paston School. Will it live longer than its parent, nearly four centuries, or be dust within a decade? Or will a reborn Paston School emerge in A.D. 2006? Answer comes there none, and that is - hardly odd. Ten Paston Staff have been offered appointments at the College, and one at the High School: of the remaining dozen, by 1984 some will have retired, some will have departed to posts with a present and a future, and some will be "on the beach". Of the remaining seventeen College Posts, eleven have gone to North Walsham Girls' High School Staff and, at the time of writing, six, including those of the Head and Deputy Heads, are still vacant. Of the forty-one High School posts, thirty-eight have gone to the Staff of the North Walsham Secondary Modern School. Our sincere congratulations go to Mrs. B. Barrett, and to Messrs. C.H. Ball, T.J. Bartlett, R. Drage, R.H. MacPhee, P.H. Moore, F.P. Pointer, M.H. Stannard and P.H. Williams on their

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appointment to the College, together with our best wishes for their survival in the jungle. Equal wishes go to those who will be taking up the challenge of retirement or of fresh woods and pastures new.

This is a plangent and puzzling time. After three hundred and seventy-four years we have only four more. There will be nothing glorious about our demise; we are being bled to death; This is the way the world ends, Not with a bang but with a whimper; if that. Confusion will be making his masterpiece; there will be increasing quantities of cross-period consequence on the absence of the odd which will free then the Hind, forms and so on; and to avoid the disappearance of subjects consequent on the disappearance of the Staff who taught them: and there will be more and more co-operation with the Girls' High School for the same reasons. The confusion will eventually subside, no doubt, into the pure luminescence of a radiant future, but, at the moment, that is difficult to see. However, Big Brother is watching us, and he loves us all, so everything will be all right.

F.E.H.

Gems from the Exams.

"Bigger artillery was used, with a greater ranch."
And a higher chaparral, no doubt.

(III alpha)

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"Only bye-planes were used in the First World War."

They were, however, good-bye-planes; the
monoplanes came in stereo.

(III alpha)

" 'Journey's End' has only a few mind-teasing, blood-curling incidents." (III alpha)

The bent corpuscles ran awhey, of course.

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"The other guests drank out of emerald sudded golden goblets." (II alpha)

Presumably these were washed in Fairy Green Liquid, which is famous for removing tea stains.

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"Romans ate mainly with their fingers, although they did have knives and folks." (II alpha)
Which they used for the yorks of their eggs, we suppose.

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"The rider that one the race got maybe a laurel reef but no more." (II alpha)
Not even a chorale wreath?

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"The Air Force Type had a large mousetouche." (III alpha)
It prevented him from getting ratty.

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"Henry thought that the law system would be easier if Beckett became Chaucer to Henry." (IV alpha)
That made a long Canterbury tail shorter.

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"The Green Revolution is a sign that one day all foods will be grown mathematically." (III alpha)
And served on log tables?

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"All this is commonly called one thing, caoses." (IVA)
You're telling me!

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"The electrons are drawn away from the hydrogen, leaving a bear proton." (Lower VI Sc.)
What a grizzly result! Something's bruin.

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"The plan was to parachute a squad of six pot-holers on the boarder." (IVA)
It's that Roger, the Lodger, again.

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"I would like to compare the Cathedral with its appearance in the film 'The Hunched Back of Notre Dame!' " (IVM)
The latter had fallen arches, of course.

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"Catherine introduced boring schools into every province."
She knew the drill, you see. (Lower VI Arts)

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"Bloggsworthy is the worst thing that has happened to this school since the boys' doormatry was bombed in the war."
No 'Welcome' on the carpet for him. (IA)

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"The bank clerk led me to a volt." (IA)
I had a current account, of course.

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"He fried his pistol." (IA)
Snap, crackle, or pop?

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"I would get a rough baring on where the treasure was." (IA)
On Bikini Atoll, presumably.

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"A hole crowd began to chase me." (IA)
Alongue to the cavify?

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"The wolfs owled and wined." (IA)
The owls wolfed and dined.

'Nuif said,

F.E.H.

GEORGE VICTOR COUPER.

I have been asked to write a few words about the retirement of Mr. G.V. Couper, which took place at the end of the Easter Term.

A long time ago, in the summer of 1937, he and I were appointed to the Staff of the Paston School by Major Pickford, and we started - our first posts - in the following September. In those days the School consisted of about 250 boys - some paid fees, most didn't, many stayed only

4 years - and 12 Staff. There was no 1939 building; science was taught on the top floor of the 1928 building; the Assembly Hall was the gym; there were no school dinners; Art was in the History Room; Woodwork in the Biology Lab., and the School Field in the Summer Term effectively ended at the end of the Swimming bath, which was filled with a murky, green fluid.

George had a more illustrious background than mine, Captain of Cross-Country at Oxford and an athletics blue; and he was appointed to the Staff a fortnight before I was. Quickly he had Cross-Country established as a major school activity, and he was delighted to find that he had in R.G. Mace - now a well-known North Walsham personality - a runner of no mean ability.

Then the War. I recall George - who had been in Berlin for the 1936 Olympics - realising at the time the enormity of Chamberlain's mistake at Munich. We did some fire-watching - including on the roof of the 1938 Building which was now in use. George was called into the Army in mid-1940 - North Africa, Italy, badly wounded in his leg at Monte Cassino. We both returned to Paston in September 1946, and the boys at that time seemed glad to see us (one is on our Staff now) because our war-time replacements had been very elderly and odd - the fate of most school-masters, I suppose.

After a few years, the Senior Master, Mr. Mainwaring, died and it seemed to us sensible that George should succeed him, in a post which - at the School grew - was more correctly referred to as 'Deputy Head', and this became 'Acting Head' when Col. Marshall had a prolonged illness, and in the interregnum between Col. Marshall and Mr. Horre.

The School saw George as the organiser, using just enough discipline to keep things running smoothly, whether it was the day-to-day routine of the School, school or G.C.E. exams, Speech Days, exceptional events, expected or unexpected (helicopters on the School lawn, 1928 building on fire). The Staff saw George not only in this way but as the source of the necessarily endless stream of notices, lists of names which enable the routine to work smoothly. What qualities are needed to carry this out? Patience, tact, thoughtfulness, understanding of boys and of one's

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colleagues, these are qualities which George showed that he had in abundance, and he always shouldered more than his share of any extra work that arose.

The years ticked away and in a few minor ways the School suffered change; but the essential friendliness, good relations between Staff and boys, continued, and for this the example and directing of our Senior Master we have much to thank.

Of course it wasn't just doing a deputy-head's job which George allowed to fill up his time. Not only was he teaching history, but he was keeping the C.C.F. going and teaching boys to shoot every Friday evening, and he was actively engaged in all school Cross-Country and Athletics events - keeping the School right in the front of Norfolk schools in these.

Yes, it was the right decision to make George Senior Master those 30 years ago, and we wish him and his wife many years of happy retirement.

H.G-H.

Speech Day.

Speech Day was held at the School on Thursday, September 25th. The Chairman of the Governors, Ben Burgess Esq., opened the proceedings with a short address. This was followed by a report by the Headmaster and the Presentation of the prizes and a short speech by T.R.C. Blofeld Esq., The Head Prefect, M. Auckland, gave the Vote of Thanks.

The proceedings were concluded by the Presentation of an Illuminated Address by Harry Pascoe Esq. to Mr. Blofeld, listing his many services to the local community and by no means least those connected with the School.

Prize List.

FORM PRIZES

IA	J. Wayman
I Alpha	S.R. Cooper
IIA	M.J. Payne
II Alpha	J.J. Anier
IIIA	J. Wayman

S. Clifton
M. Faircloth
J.M. Holland
D.C. Bale
G. Coleman

III Alpha	D.R. Mason	P.H. Wilton.
IIIM	S.T. Haines	S.R. Little.
IVA	S.S. Gibson	P.S. Browne.
IV Alpha	C. Mulley	R.J. Williams.
IVM	G.B. Woods	T.M. Jarrold.
Vth. Year.	R.M. Fellowes, D.J. Gidden, A.F.J. Warner, S.A. King, I.C. Moxted, A.E. Walker.	

SPECIAL PRIZES.

English Prize	G.C. Peake.
History Prize	M.R. Brown.
Geography Prize	R. Seeger.
Latin Prize	D. Gedge.
Art Prize	E.J. Wright.
Modern Languages Prize	N.A. Smith.
Science Prizes	I.N. Brodie, A.C. Gordon.
Mathematics Prize	P.J. May.
Craft Prize	D.W. Minter.

Prizes for Service to the
School

R.A. Hams, D.R. Gedge.

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G.C.E. Examination Results

Advanced Level.

Norfolk County Scholars: I.N. Brodie; M.R. Brown,
A.C. Gordon, G.C. Peake.

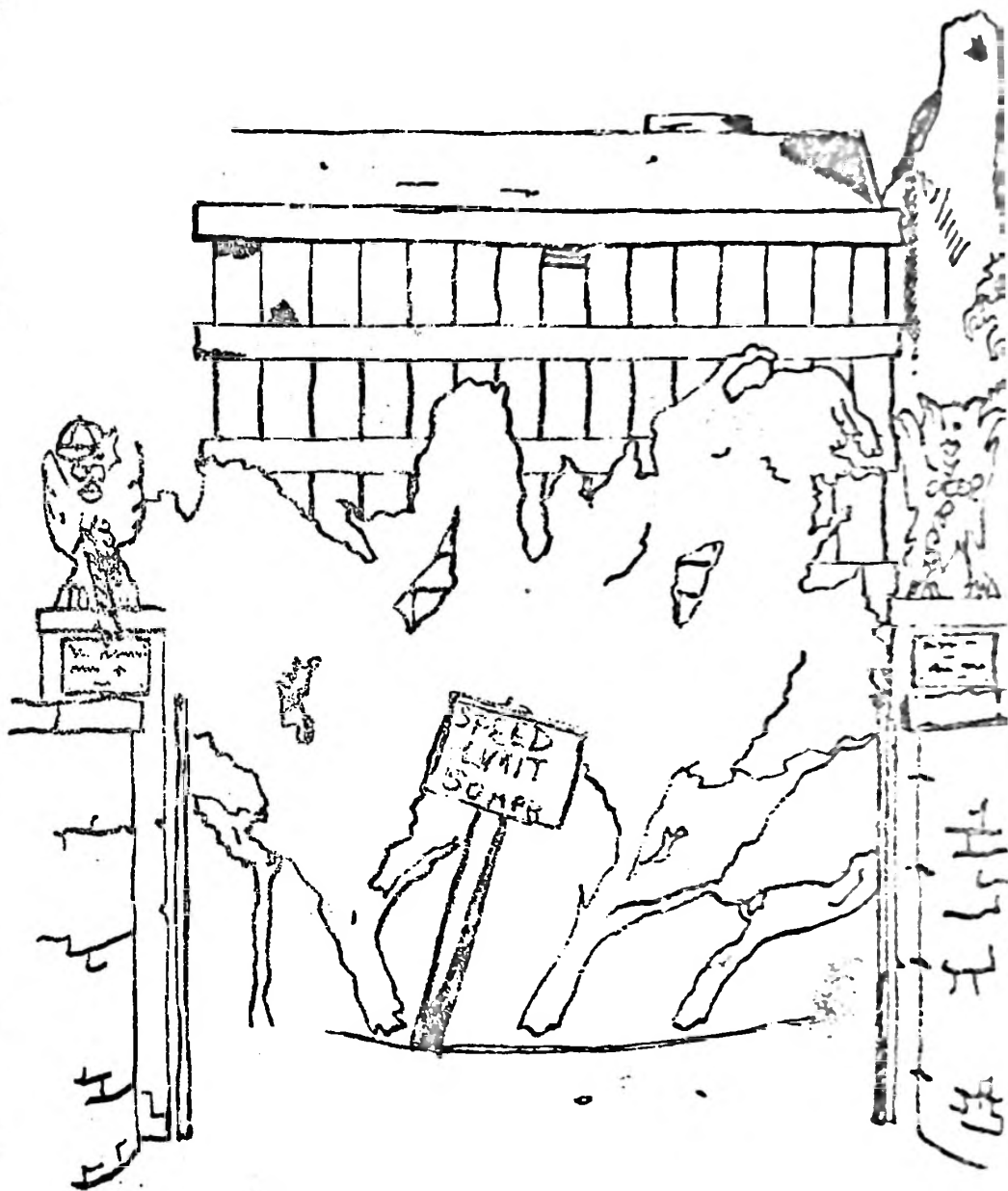
M.A. Aitken	Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.
K.J. Amiss	English(O), Geography, French, G.P.
R.J. Appleton	History, Geography, Mathematics(O), G.P.
M.L. Bate	Geography, Mathematics, Physics(O).
M.E. Birtwell	Geography, French, German, G.P.
M.A.S. Bradley	Mathematics(O), Physics, Chemistry, G.P.
I.N. Brodie	Pure Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, G.P.
M.R. Brown	English, History, Geography, G.P.
D.W. Buck	Geography, French, Mathematics(O), G.P.
M. Campbell	Geography, Mathematics(O), G.P.
N.K. Connolly	Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, G.P.
J.D. Coward	Physics(O), Chemistry, Biology(D), G.P.

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E.G. Cox Geography(O), Mathematics(O), Physics.
 C.R. Cross History, Geography (O).
 P.R. Davison Geography; Mathematics; Physics.
 S.F. Evison Physics (O); Chemistry, Biology.
 D.R. Gedge Latin, French, G.P.
 A.C. Gordon Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, G.P.
 M.J. Green History, Latin, French, G.P.
 D.J. Gregory English (O), Geography, Biology (O), G.P.
 R.A. Hems Physics, Chemistry, Biology (M), G.P.
 J.G. Holmes Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.
 D.E. Hunter Mathematics (O), G.P.
 J.S. Jones Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, G.P.
 J.G. King Mathematics (O), G.P.
 D.W. Minter Geography (O), Mathematics (O), Woodwork.
 P.J. Moy Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, G.P.
 B.D. Newman Geography(O), Mathematics(O), Physics(O), G.P.
 A. Nobbs English, History, Geography, G.P.
 P.G. Nobbs Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.
 A.M. Payne History(O), Geography, French, G.P.
 G.C. Peake English, History, Geography, Art, G.P.
 R.S. Pennington Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.
 A. Potter English, Geography, French (O), G.P.
 G.A. Richardson Geography, Mathematics, G.P., Woodwork.
 M.J. Ridout Mathematics (O), Physics (O), Chemistry (O).
 H.W. Robson Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, G.P.
 R. Seager Geography, Mathematics, Physics.
 N. Smith Geography, French, German, G.P.
 P.K. Taylor Chemistry(O), Biology (O), G.P.
 N.J. Tudman English, History(O), Art, G.P.
 H.B. Ward Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology.
 I.M. Wones History(O), Geography (O), Mathematics (O).
 P.J.K. Wright Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.

(We enjoyed having Lucy Bate with us for two of her
 Advanced level studies. We congratulate her on gaining
 passes in both of these, Music and Latin (with a Distinction)
 and also take the opportunity to record her Open Scholarship
 to King's College, Cambridge in Classics. Well done!)

J.E. Starling . . Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, G.P.
 (O) indicates a pass at Ordinary level.
 (M) represents a merit and (D) a distinction in a Special
 Paper.
 (G.P.) indicates a C grade or better in the General Paper.





Ordinary Level.

The following achieved a grade C or better in the number of subjects recorded below:-

J.P. Arscott 7; T.S. Bailey, 9; J.G. Bale 5; A.R. Beane 1;
C.A. Bell 4; P.W. Boutle 6; B.J. Bradbury 6; T.A. Brooks 2;
C.J. Brown 2; R.J. Brown 7; D.J. Browne 7; A.S. Buck 7;
V.R. Conley 6; D.R. Connolly 6; M.J. Dawes 4; K.J. Dewing 2;
C.P. Downey 4; J.N. Dring 8; A.C. Durrant 7; P.J. Dyball 6;
R.M. Fellowes 9; A.J. Field 1; K.J. Fiske 6; I.M. Futter 4;
D.J. Gidden 8; A. Gobch 5; K.J. Grainger 5; A.J. Green 4;
T.J. Grinsdale 7; R.J. Hannant 7; A.R.J. Harner 9;
A.M. Harris 4; D.A. Holiday 6; S.A. Hornby 1; M.J. Howchin 7;
S.J. Howe 1; D.A. Hunn 7; S.A. King 8; T.J. Lawson 2;
A.J. Locke 7; M.D. Lunn 3; I.C. Maxted 7; M.G. Morrell 7;
J.C. Nevell 6; S.R. Newey 5; B.G. Page 6; I.J. Pycroft 6;
J.S. Richmond 7; P. Sergeant 8; M.R. Skate 1; C.A. Spicer 7;
I.R.N. Tebble 7; A.P. Thomas 6; D.J. Tooley 9; D.R. Tuffrey 8;
G.J. Tuthill 7; A.N. Walding 7; A.E. Walker 8; D.M. Walker 8;
D.J. Watts 5; P. Warnes 7; M.P. Williamson 6; S.J. Wones 6;
S.P. Warnes 4; E.J. Wright 8; G.J.A. Zelos 1; R.A. Woods 7.

N.R. Carr, A.M. Farquhar, T.A.T. Hobden of the Lower Sixth Forms gained one further O level each.

The Following University and Polytechnic Places were attained by last year's leavers. We apologise for any omissions:-

M.L. Bate	Newcastle University
M.E. Birtwell	Leeds University
I.N. Brodie	Manchester University
M.R. Brown	Sheffield University
N.K. Connolly	Bradford University
P.R. Davison	West London Institute
S.P. Evison	Bristol Polytechnic
D.R. Gedge	Stirling University
A.C. Gordon	Balliol College, Oxford
M.J. Green	Birmingham University
J.S. Jones	Leeds University
P.J. Moy	University of East Anglia
A. Nobbs	Nottingham University

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G.C. Peake
R.S. Pennington
A. Potter
N.W. Robson
R. Seager
J.R. Starling

Magdalene College, Cambridge
Liverpool University
Kingston Polytechnic
Surrey University
Liverpool University
Sussex University

Exams.

History, Geography, oh! What a day!
Will this really help when I look for a job?
1066 and all of that stuff,
Who really cares who invented snuff?

Learning Capitals' and Countries' names,
Then overnight they even change.
Fractions, Percentages, Numbers galore,
Nothing's that easy in Maths any more.

I learn my Physics, volts and amps,
While in Woodwork I run out of clamps.
I hate French verbs, future and past,
So I will leave them to the last.

In Chemistry it's mixing different chemicals,
But in Maths it's log, sine and reciprocals.
The Exams come round the same time each year
And, when they do, we're filled with fear!

School Exams.

S. Burki (4 alpha)

A chill whisper in the air
Haunts the Staff and Boys;
Examination time is near,
A blight on summer joys.

Ambitious plans to revise,
Attempts to prepare
For questions that will surprise
Those caught unaware.

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Inexorably it's here,
Electric tension,
Nervous waiting filled with fear,
Released by action.

Silence, shuffling, scraping,
Time passes so fast;
It may have been exhausting,
But, thank heavens, it's the last.

R. Minns (3 alpha)

Sports Day.

On the fourteenth day of May this year, the weatherman was
kind,
The sky was blue, the sun shone bright, the playing-field
was lined
With athletes large, and athletes small, spectators by the
score,

It was Sports Day at Paston School. Who could ask for more?

Even those who were not picked to jump, or throw, or run,
Could cheer or jeer at those who did, or just lie in the
sun.

In any case it was a rest from Latin, French and such,
So even if your House was last, you did not mind too much.

The standard of athletics, I think, was up to par,
For every fresh event we saw, produced another star.
And when the day was over and the points were added up,
Mighty Hoste were champions and took the Victor's Cup.
They thoroughly deserved it, and, as for all the rest,
Do not despair, because, you know, you cannot beat the
best.

D. Mason (IV alpha)

Robin.

Harbinger of winter,
Symbol of grey days,
Sweet, sharp, trilling songster,
Steadfast in his gaze.

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Dowdy drab his plumage,
Shades of wintering earth,
Carmine as the carnage,
Sign of death and birth.

Autumnal reminder,
That spring will return;
Days cold and bitter
Will soften as we learn.

Robin's tiny spirit
is seen by one and all;
Carol days brightly lit
By his gallant call.

R. Minns (3 alpha)

An Industrial Convention.

On Wednesday, July 2nd., The Lower Sixth Forms of the Paston and the Girls' High Schools attended an Industrial Convention organised by some teachers at the High School.

We were introduced to the speakers by Miss Whitworth. These included representatives from British Rail; The Transport and General Workers' Union, Crane Fruehauf, Boulton Paul and the Norwich City College. Our very own Mr. Bartlett, who had spent many years in industry, became a speaker at the last moment, because illness prevented one speaker, who had been invited, from attending.

First there were speeches about the various firms, and the outlook for British Industry presented to us, in relation to Crane Fruehauf and British Rail, was generally pessimistic. The speaker from Boulton and Paul concerned herself with the opportunities for women in industry.

After a coffee break in the Common Room we split up into groups to discuss topics arising from the speakers' points. In our group this task was relatively unsuccessful, because the subject was too wide-ranging. Other groups did not have the same problem, as we discovered, when, after our delegate made her two minute report to the convention, others talked for much longer.

After lunch, which most of us took at the High School

Cafeteria, we again broke up into discussion groups. This time we had a specified subject to discuss - ours was "Can the closed shop be justified?" - and there was a far more lively discussion because many of us had strong, differing opinions.

Again individual reports were made to the convention from the various groups, and we saw that others had had equally vigorous discussions. In the end the convention ran over its allotted time, which shows how successful the day was.

I would like to thank the young ladies for their hospitality, the teachers of the High School and Mr. Bartlett for organising the day, which was both interesting and enlightening, and the speakers for giving up their time to talk to us.

H.L.

Exchange visits between North Walsham and Aubusson.

The English Group arrived in France the Wednesday in March that England beat Spain 2-0 and met our partners from France at 5 a.m. the next day. That day was spent recuperating, and then, during the next day at the French School, there was a 'France v England' Football Match, which 'England' won 6-2, on a pitch more like a swamp.

Visits included one to the 'Tapisserie' for which Aubusson is famous, where we saw how tapestries are made. A major trip took us to the mountains around Clermont-Ferrand, where the Michelin tyre Company has a large factory.

The next day, after a gruelling Physics lesson, the French beat us in a return football match - we could hardly consider ourselves disgraced as they fielded their best team against our unskilled efforts.

On Thursday we visited Nohant, where Georges Sand lived, and where Chopin spent much of his life. This trip took a total of 120 miles by coach, but the spectacular scenery made it bearable. We spent the remaining days with the family with which we were staying, visiting the surrounding area.

Then we left for Paris, where we had a tour of the capital, visiting the sights. In the morning we went off in groups to find ourselves a meal. We left early the following

morning and arrived back in North Walsham that evening.

We would like to express our thanks to Mrs. Wooliscroft and Mrs. Grix for their hard work to make the trip so enjoyable.

The French group that returned to Norfolk on Tuesday, 24th June looked to be in a happy frame of mind and they remained so throughout their stay. They were friendly, polite and always willing to participate.

After the first night with their hosts, the party set off for the Norfolk Show. The French wanted to walk round on their own, and so the party split up. Most of us were very exhausted after that day. The next day the French met up in the town, while their hosts were back at school to finish their exams!

As a formal welcome for the French group a tea party had been arranged at the High School, where Miss Whitworth welcomed our guests for their fortnight's stay. In between organised visits their hosts entertained the French with trips to the Norfolk Broads and other famous local places.

On Sunday, 29th June, a Barbecue had been arranged at Great Yarmouth by the High School girls. Although the wood failed to arrive owing to faulty directions, the Barbecue did take place using wood from the beach and surrounding beach huts.

The next day, as on the previous year, saw a visit to the Wedgewood Glass factory. Everyone went on this trip which involved a stop for lunch at Ely Cathedral and then took in Cambridge, where we spent the whole of the afternoon - unfortunately it poured with rain!

On Wednesday the French alone went to Norwich Cathedral and Rowntree Mackintosh, and on Friday, 4th July, everyone went to a disco at Salhouse.

When we wished our guests goodbye, we all hoped we would see them again sometime in the future. We had all enjoyed each other's company and had also profited from speaking and listening to another language. I definitely recommend this trip to France to sample its completely different way of life.

A.P.Q./ S.S.G.

The Sixth Form Charity Project.

As if to prove that the School is still really alive and kicking, this year saw the start of an ambitious and enterprising group, the impressive sounding 'Paston School Sixth Form Charity Project'. It was the brain child of one, David Gedge, a most eminent member of last year's sixth form, although, strangely perhaps, not Head Boy. His idea was to start something completely new, which would benefit the School, which would be enjoyable for all concerned, but would benefit charities also. The result was a small, but eager committee of VI formers who met once a week to organise various events. We were helped in this enterprise by two persevering, but ever-generous members of staff, Mr. Coward and Mr. Stannard.

The Project proved a success far beyond what we had envisaged. First there were the two obligatory Coffee Evenings and our usual end-of-term dance. Events - somewhat out of the ordinary for the Paston School - included a sponsored walk, which we feel could have been more strongly supported, although the terrible weather was probably a great deterrent. Much more widely supported was a Car Rally, planned by Mr. Drage (to whom we are very grateful), in which nearly everyone managed to get lost, some more disastrously than others. An idea, stolen from the High School, was our non-uniform day. Then, suddenly, in June the Upper Sixth were shocked to find A Levels were upon them and the Lower Sixth were thus left in charge for the Preparations for our 'Grand Summer Fete', which was a joint event with the Girls' High School. Many hard weeks of preparation went towards what we thought would be a warm summer's afternoon, but the English climate lived up to its good name and provided the 'passing shower', which lasted all the afternoon, unfortunately, for our 'fete opener' was none other than B.B.C. Look East's, John Myatt.

The term ended with three events. First a fishing match organised by Mr. Robbins, which we hope will become an annual event. Secondly there was our regular disco. Finally the climax to the Project came with the presentation of the money to the Charities at the Cheese and Wine Evening, which was not a money-raising event and was greatly enjoyed by all who attended.

So as to show to what extent the Project succeeded, the figures for this year can now be presented:-

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Money Raised.

Coffee Evening (1)	£74.	
Non-Uniform Day	£50 - 60	
Hockey Match	£17 - 15	
Dance	£93 - 27	
Bridge Competition	£ 4	
Coffee Evening (2)	£100 - 22	
Car Rally	£45 - 25	
Sponsored Walk	£94	
Raffle	£321 - 07	
Donation from Pop Group, 'Fallen Heroes'.	£55 - 00	
Fishing Competition	£ 3 - 25	
Fete	£180	(approx)
Disco	£80	(approx)
Sponsored Run (on day of Fete)	£300	(approx)

(this makes a total of more than £1,400)

Money Received by Charities.

Norwich Spastics Centre	£300	
North Walsham Eventide, Old Folks Home	£500	(for purchase of a commercial washing machine)
Norwich Muscular Distrophy Society	£200	
Meadow Cottage, Overstrand. Home for Severely Handicapped Children.	£178	(for purchase of two walking frames)

Any money left over from last year's Charity Project will be going into next year's fund.

As well as those people already mentioned, we are greatly indebted to many others, and, although I would like to mention them all by name, the list would probably take up the rest of the magazine. We could not have even started without the help of the staff of the school. Then there were the parents, especially those who helped directly. Then there were As I said, the list is endless.

We do realise that there have been some doubts about the Project. Whether, for instance, it is right to take up School time with non-academic work. In reply to these doubts

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there are a number of points to make. First it was not simply a fashionable idea, dreamt up to boost the ego of those involved. There are far less exhausting and easier methods! Also, although academic achievement is the main part of schooling, to bring the School to its fullest strength, one must risk a few extra-curricular enterprises. Most important was the result - £1,200 given to those who were desperately in need of help.

We are continuing the Project this year, although we have an extra difficulty, since the School is now reduced in size with no first form. Thus we are appealing for even more support than before from parents and friends. If you have helped us before, please continue to do so. If you have not, then we really do need your help.

Members of the Charity Project Committee 1979-1980.

D. Gedge (Chairman), Mr. Coward, Mr. Stannard, M. Green, A. Potter, G. Richardson, A. Payne, I. Wones, N. Robson, A. Billington, H. Lester.

A.P.J. B.

Stockpiler.

Once again this year the School entered two syndicates, one from the Upper Sixth, and one from the Lower, in the Stockpiler Competition, which is sponsored by William and Glyn's Bank. Each syndicate started out with £20,000 to invest in companies on the Stock Exchange, and every month for six months on 'decision day' the holdings could be changed. The syndicate making the largest profit over the allotted six month period was the winner.

The Upper Sixth syndicate, under J. Starling's intrepid leadership invested in volatile mining shares and consequently, after two months, had lost £4,000. They were saved however from humiliation by the rocketing bullion price, since their mining shares went up in sympathy and, by the end of the competition, the Upper Sixth Formers had amassed the gargantuan total of £27,000. They finished first out of fourteen syndicates from Norfolk and in the top forty of more than a thousand national syndicates. As a result they

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gained the dubious distinction of seeing their picture in the E.D.P. , and congratulations were much in order.

The Lower Sixth succeeded in making a £2,000 profit and finished a creditable 4th. in the local competition. Our thanks must go to Mr. Brown for keeping a check on our calculations and for his encouragement given to both syndicates.

A.W.

The Paston Wargaming Society.

The Wargaming Society was formed several years ago, but was then known as the Cromer and District Wargaming Society. This title has now been modified to the Paston Wargaming Society.

Members have reached a high standard of wargaming, having progressed from the beginners' World War II wargaming to Ancient Science-Fiction and Fantasy wargaming. A selection of the Society's rules are kept in the junior library. These are for members' use only.

The Society has now been allowed to make use of the School Hall after school on Fridays. It meets there alternate Fridays and in the Physics Lab. at 12.45 p.m. on other Fridays. Membership costs 20p for the first term and 40p each term thereafter. New members are welcome.

J.A.H.

The Bridge Club.

The Bridge Club this year consisted of just four fours and frequently less than that. Despite advertising its activities on the notice board mid-year, we were unable to recruit further members.

The Bridge team, consisting of P. Davison, P. Moy, H.K. Connolly and J. Starling had little success in the two inter-school matches in which it competed. We finished third and second, owing to unnecessary errors.

A larger membership is needed for the Club to ensure it will thrive again as it has done in the past. New members are very welcome at lunch time on a Thursday in

the Physics Lab.

In conclusion I should like to congratulate some of our past members. Woolven and Cox won the King's Lynn Trophy last summer and Whittleton was awarded a £40 prize by the English Bridge Union for gaining the largest number of master points in the county in his division.

J.S.

The Christian Union

We have continued to meet Tuesday lunchtimes this term to discuss ideas and beliefs concerning the Christian faith. Activities have included studies from the Bible, slides and filmstrips, general discussions and - usually towards the end of the term - quizzes. Any members of the School with an interest in our activities is very welcome to join us.

R.A.K./B.C.M.
(Hlrd. forms)

The Sixth Form Geography Field Trip, 1980.

This year's Sixth Form Geography Field Trip to the Isle of Purbeck in Swanage was a great success. Although we went to study geographical landforms and settlement, I am not sure if a meteorological study might have been more appropriate, as in the short time we spent there, we experienced snow, hail, heavy rain, thunderstorms and - even a little sunshine. However, these were just minor setbacks to the sturdy pupils and staff of the Paston School.

Mr. Williams was in charge of the settlement work with help from Mrs. Charles, while Mr. Sampson ably guided us in the geomorphological aspect of our work. However, all three members of staff were instrumental in our detailed study of the Public Houses of Swanage.

Such was the schedule that it was almost a case of "If it's Tuesday, this must be Corfe Castle". but, really, we were grateful for the use of the coach which picked us up and took us to our destinations, like a taxi service.

This was the first time Sixth Form Geographers had

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stayed in a hotel on their field trip and, although we would have preferred to 'rough it' in the 'hard-working atmosphere of Camp Site or Hostel, we pupils, with brave faces, gradually came to terms with the idea of a hotel luxury.

Needless to say, everyone's behaviour was impeccable and we extend our special thanks to Mr. Williams, Mr. Sampson and Mrs. Charles for such a fruitful and enjoyable trip.

N.S.

E.E.C. Conference.

On the fifth of March 1980 some members of the Lower Sixth form travelled to Norwich to Earlham School for a day-long European Seminar. The purpose of the seminar was to learn more about Britain's involvement in the European Economic Council (more commonly known as the Common Market). There was, however, doubt expressed by some who attended, whether the day fully succeeded in its intentions.

On arrival we were directed to a large hall where the organisers greeted us and introduced the first three speakers - one politician from each of the three main political parties. After the speeches came a time for questions, which gave some a chance to attack the politicians on topics not even remotely concerned with the Common Market!

Lunch was provided at Earlham School and was followed by two rather out-of-date films, one French and one British, about the E.E.C. We were then split up into discussion groups, each with an adult leader. However, there was general reluctance among the Sixth formers to speak aloud due to a lack of acquaintance with the basic facts and ideas concerning the Common Market - and perhaps from sheer shyness, too, amongst mainly total strangers. After reconvening and the final summing up of the points discussed the seminar ended.

Although we extend our thanks to the organisers and to Earlham School, we suggest the day could have been organised somewhat differently to have made the day more profitable and more lively.

J.F.P.

The Computer Club.

This, our first year, has been a fine debut for us. The Club has made several trips: to see the main frame computers at Imperial College, London; at Hatfield Polytechnic; and at Norwich City College.

At our first meeting N. Leeder was voted Honorary President and J.F. Plummer Honorary Secretary. Projected events for the Club include a visit to the Girls' High School Computer Centre and the Club's Annual Luncheon.

Anyone is welcome to join, provided they have their own micro-computer, or they have attended a course in mini- and micro-computers at Norwich City College.

J.F.P.

Polyscene '80.

At the end of the summer term 1980, Hatfield Polytechnic held a four-day course for VI form students, called Polyscene '80. This was attended by two members of the Paston School Sixth form.

After arriving on the Tuesday and registering, with much foot-slogging we found the hall of residence that was to be ours for the duration of our stay. After lunch we had an introductory talk by the Acting-Principal Tutor, and this was followed by a talk on student life by the highly-enter-taining President of the Students' Union. The two other events of the day were the introductory session for our course (electrical and electronic engineering) and a careers talk. As a complete change, the day was rounded off with two films: "For Pete's Sake" and "The Driver".

The next day began with the first academic session, which included a rather elementary experiment measuring electrical resistances, voltages and currents. We made an investigation into an induction meter and finally were shown the high-voltage laboratory. At 7.30 that evening, there was a light-hearted Students' Union meeting - "An Extra-Ordinary General Meeting of the Hatfield Polytechnic Students' Union", the motion being that "the British Team should not attend the Moscow Olympics." This was defeated.

The next two days included more interesting academic sessions and also a visit to the Control Laboratories where

we saw the first robot to be built in the United Kingdom. It was reputed extremely vicious and for this reason was caged. We also saw, in the Telecoms Laboratory, a programme of a Star Trek game being run on one of the computer terminals. This was voted the best thing we had done over our stay.

Meanwhile, further recreation included a play, the film "Silent Movie" and a disco, which lasted well into the early hours.

On the Friday, after another session at the computer programming, we were given a concluding address by the Director of the Polytechnic, Sir Norman Lindrop.

The Polyscene course was thoroughly enjoyable, if not at times very academically informative. The course did demonstrate the accommodation, the quality of the meals, the working conditions, the attitudes of the Academic Staff and also something of the social life of a Polytechnic. It also gave us a great opportunity to get out and meet people. Altogether it proved a very enjoyable four days.

J.F.P.

Review 1979.

Once again, last December, a small number of the sixth form set out to shock the world with yet another, stunningly extravagant, Thespian entertainment: the Sixth Form Review. And didn't we have something to follow after the 'Hightly' glories of last Year's review? Our production staff was cut by half, as one member from the previous year had gone into individual production, leaving only a lone, sometimes distraught, but very determined German Master.

We first realised that the review was not going to be the immense success that had at first been envisaged, when, about six weeks before the event, which had only one script which both members of the cast were forced to rehearse again and again and again. This was due mainly to the fact that this year we had no official script writers. In fact we had no script writers at all. Also the writers had a tough struggle to face in that they had been advised to refrain from mentioning a great source of past merriment, a certain verbose, jazz-playing, ex-fighter ace, who must remain anonymous still for fear of a law-suit. However, a

ponic meeting produced an absolute plethora of scripts and extra cast members.

In spite of the efforts of the producer to stage an all-round family entertainment by cutting out all the naughty words (and thus more than half the scripts) it was realised that such material was not for the ears of any pure, clean-minded young ladies. Also, unfortunately, the High School Girls were not able to attend. Admittedly some of the sketches were more risqué than ever before, and none more risky than that which involved jumping 10 feet through a trap door - all done in the name of Art and with a little persuasive torture from the Producer.

Despite these and other dangers - such as flying tomatoes, coke-cans and iron bars- very few people actually broke their necks and the only people really suffering at the end of the Review were the audience.

I believe there are still those insane enough to be hoping for a Review next Christmas and maybe now I can appeal for support. Meanwhile all last year's artistes would like to thank (or is it blame?) Mr. Sampson for his excellent help and Mr. Drage for his expert production and also, for simply not giving up on us.

M.A.D.

Austrian Holiday.

During the Easter Holidays 90 boys visited Austria under the supervision of Messrs. Drage, Sampson, McPhee, Sherratt and Ball. After a hovercraft journey from Dover to Boulogne, we travelled to the Austrian-German border via Stuttgart. En route we passed through Ghent, where we observed the night-life!

From our hotel in Grotzens, a village adjacent to Birgitz, we made some enjoyable trips, especially those to Oberammergau, Mittenwald and Gernisch, all in South Germany, and to Rattenberg, where there is the famous glassworks. Most of our presents were bought there, as visitors can choose from a large selection of items made of glass. The trip to Vipetino, in Northern Italy, by way of the Brenner Pass, was also enjoyed by all and especially the view while crossing the Europa Bridge. Other trips included the Olympic Ski Jump at Innsbruck and the Olympic

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downhill ski runs at Axamer Lizinne. Our return journey was slightly prolonged owing to a breakdown of the hovercraft, which necessitated a ferry crossing.

It only remains for us to thank the staff of the hostel for their hospitality and our five teachers for the organisation of our holiday.

D.M.W.

Art Visits.

Although it may sound routine and boring, the National Portrait Gallery in London was one of the most interesting places that we visited last year. With so many artists involved, the styles varied enormously. Many paintings were centuries old. Some were so realistic and so fine that you could almost talk to them.

After this visit we had a break. So we wandered off to Trafalgar Square to pay homage and do a bit of bird watching.

Next was the main event, the Salvador Dali exhibition put on by the Tate. This proved our most popular visit of the year, and most of the paintings appealed to all of us. Dali was a surrealist who painted mainly in oils. His paintings are very modern-looking, and all have a hidden meaning. This was as interesting as the physical quality of the paintings. Dali tried to copy other artists in his early paintings, but, later on, most of his paintings became very personal and unique, as he tried to portray the inner mind. In this he was much inspired by Freud.

Another trip was to an exhibition by Yarmouth Art College. Many models were on display, but it mostly consisted of paintings. One room showed the stages of progress during a four year course at the Art College. The rest of the exhibition was general work by the more advanced art students. As the College produces mainly commercial artists, some of the later paintings were advertisements produced by former students commissioned after leaving. This exhibition was enjoyed, but it could have been rather more extensive, as it was housed in just three large rooms. We enjoyed our lunch break, when we were let loose on the town.

The Sainsbury Art Centre also had the pleasure of our company. The Centre is in the grounds of U.E.A., which itself gives the appearance of a huge colonised bee-hive. The actual Centre is shaped like a gigantic aircraft hangar

and is a work of art in itself. The building has only the one floor, except for the cafeteria which is raised. There is a separate display area, with displays changed every three months. Most of the floor area at the time of our visit was filled with a collection of modern and ancient art from around the world. All were examples collected by Lord Sainsbury who owns the 'large food group'.

Last but not least was a trip to Norwich. First we saw a collection of screen prints by a local artist. The prints themselves were very dull and the method of screen printing attracted more attention than the prints. However, our faith in the art world was soon restored by a collection of science fiction paintings by a local artist who has reached the top in book illustrations and 'bag' designing (record covers). This artist painted very realistically in poster colours and his compositions were very powerful indeed.

M.S. (V M).

Football. 1st XI.

(Played 11, Won 3, Lost 8. Goals For:14. Goals Against:23)
Team:- Jenkins/Nunn/Cox. Davison, Zelos, Moy, Grainger, Aitken, Minter, Amiss, Tuffrey, Richardson, Fiske, Wones.

On the whole this is a disappointing set of results, but the absence of some of our better players from Saturday games had a marked effect on the team's fortunes.

The team played quite reasonably, but, sadly, it lacked any consistent performer between the posts. Gary Richardson played in every game up front and deserves a special mention for his performances and he gave the team his very considerable experience. Martin Aitken and the captain, Dave Minter, had plenty of talent, but they were unfortunately only available for the few mid-week matches.

The experience of players such as Keith Amiss, Ion Wones, Peter Davison and Phil Moy was much needed together with the stability they gave the side, but they were matched by the youthful enthusiasm of the rest of the team. The defence was very sound with two young members, Keith Grainger and Grant Zelos, putting in some good performances, well supported by the old hands, Moy and Davison.

The first game was as usual against Thorpe and, after a closely fought match with both teams missing their chances,

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the game was decided by an own goal scored by Moy as he desperately tried to clear a cross.

In the next fixture the School again came close to a result with Richardson scoring with a header to equalise Yarmouth's first-half effort. However, in the last ten minutes Yarmouth went ahead with ten minutes of continuous pressure, though young Andy Buck in his first match hit the post and there were other missed chances.

The Hammond's match, played in mid-week; resulted in a decisive win by our full-strength team, 4-1, with goals from Richardson, Amiss, Minter, and Davison.

The team was now full of confidence and went into the next game with high spirits. This was our first-round draw for the Cowles Cup, against Hewetts'. Minter gave an exceptional performance and scored all three goals in our 3-0 victory.

The following Saturday saw the return fixture against Yarmouth. Yarmouth proved to be our 'jinx' team, as we could not net the ball despite having 90% of the play. Yarmouth scored from a breakaway and their solitary shot at goal.

The next round of the Cowles Cup was played in quite torrential rain and appalling conditions at Norcat. It was a close match and both teams had difficulty in standing up in the mud, let alone running with the ball. With five minutes remaining, the score was 2-2. Then the opposition scored two late goals, putting us out of the Cup.

Thorpe visited us in the next game and again, despite our having much more of the play, Thorpe found the goal late on in the second half to give them a 1-0 victory.

For our usual fixture against Northgate of Ipswich we travelled with our strongest team, only to be slightly outclassed and we lost 2-0.

By now the team had become dejected and lacked confidence in itself. We lost to Fekenham 1-3 and to K.E.S. 1-7 and it looked as though the team had given up. Our last fixture, however, against Fekenham seemed to lift the team into a final effort and Fiske and Moy scored their first goals for the 1st XI. We won, convincing winners, 2-1, after some of our goals had been disallowed.

A.V.F.

Goal Scorers: Minter 5, Richardson 4, Buck, Fiske, Moy, Amiss, Davison 1.

Football - Other Elevens.

I have kept only a very sketchy record of the 1979/80 season.

The 2nd. XI gave away good leads in their first two matches, to end in a draw against Thorpe and in a 4-5 defeat by Yarmouth. Swaffham were beaten, and also Hewetts by 8-2. But the return Thorpe match was lost with some unexpected characters in the side because the 1st XI were fielding their Saturday team.

The Under 16 XI easily beat East Norfolk, and then lost 2-3 at Thetford in the Watney Mann Cup, unfortunately on the run of the play; but four good players had refused to play and another was needed for a representative match. In the Schools' Competition they won 1-0 at Stalham, in wretched conditions, scrambling a goal and hanging on at the end in the dark. The Downham match was a remarkable affair, as the opposition didn't expect us to have such a good defence, Nunn with Grainger and Locke in front of him, and Walker scoring goals at the other end; at 4-0, the referee having sent one or two opponents off, abandoned the game and awarded it to us. Next they beat Oriol G.S. by 2-1, with yet another goal-keeper, Howchin, being needed and doing well. This win put them into the All-England Draw, and they had to travel to Cambridge. Unbelievably Locke refused to play; prodigious efforts from Grainger supported the forward and we led 3-1, but then came some slips and it ended 3-4.

The Under 15 XI only won once in seven matches. Too much depended on whether Walker was present or not. In the only victory, against F.G.S., he scored 6 goals. In the Tom Eastell Cup, against Helleston, we were doing quite well, but Walker got injured and we lost heavily.

The Under 14 XI had very few games and lost them.

The Under 13 XI were a very brave side as their opponents were always much bigger, stronger boys. An example was in the Caister Cup match against a powerful Hewetts side; first Holland was lamed and taken off; then Buchanan, the goalie, was injured so badly that he had to be taken to hospital; but yet they levelled at 2-2, and then at 3-3, and only lost to two very late goals. They won more games than they lost, and they drew with F.C.S., who fielded a team a year over age.

The Under 12 XI played two draws, lost the next two and

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then won at King's Lynn, which is a rare thing to do. They had some good players: Bacon was captain; Farley in goal; McEchran, Woodford, Grand, Buck, Mapperley, Watts, Drake, Jonas, Cutting.

In the Indoor 5-a-side competitions, we had 3 official teams in the local competition, but several other teams were in part or completely composed of Pastonians. Our senior team was very weak, but it qualified for the County Finals, as did the Under 15, but not the Under 14. The County Finals were held in the Norwich Lads' Club. The senior team had only Buck from the 1st XI, and lost in the final to the North Walsham Y.C. Our Under 15's swept the board, calm and efficient, with a score of 12-2 in the final: Base in goal, Woods, G.B., Grimes, England and Walker.

The Under 14's played in a 6-a-side at Trowse, always against larger opponents. They won one game and lost four, all by a single goal, despite the skills of Kemp, Baker, Overall, Haines, Burki, Chapman and Brodie.

H.G.H.

1st XI Cricket.

The play this season was more fluctuating, and the School played reasonable cricket, without ever playing brilliantly. The team was captained enthusiastically by the ever-reliable Peter Davison, who played the game in the right spirit and took the results in his stride. The School managed to hold on and force a draw in many of the games and at the end of the season the final tally showed the School had won 1, drawn 5, and lost 4 of their matches.

The season started well with a sound opening stand between Davison and Fiske, who both looked comfortable in difficult conditions. Fiske was adjudged out l.b.w. after scoring 13. Auckland took his place and remained until the end, scoring 16, while Davison with a dashing display of strokes scored 73, before he was out. With a good total of 111 for 3 we declared, setting a reasonable total for our opponents. Grainger and Fiske opened the bowling, with Kite first change. Each took two wickets and Langley were 96 for 6 at the close.

The next game was against the Police and this was comfortably drawn. Buck took 4 for 20 with his deceiving





and Fiske scored a sound 31.

The next game was against a strong Bradfield XI and the School were made to struggle, but managed a draw with only 1 wicket left. Stephen Pooley, playing for Bradfield (!), took 5 for 18.

The following fixture was a tough game against Thorpe and our 'thorn in the flesh' proved to be their captain, Fox, who put on an excellent 68 and they declared for 170 for 6. This was a daunting total for our very weak batting line-up, whose tail was said - rather cruelly - to start 1st wicket down, and we were all out for 78.

The most enthralling match of the season, which, even though we lost, we might easily have won, was against a strong Wanderers 'A' XI. Davis and Moy each put on 20 and the School was all out for 104, a reasonable total for our bowlers to aim at. Fiske bowled well and worked up a fair amount of pace and took 5 for 37, which, incidentally earned him his cricket colours, but he could not capture the last 3 wickets. So our opponents just managed to pass our total in time.

The return fixture against Bradfield resulted in another draw, with Pooley again bowling well for the opposition and taking 4 for 24.

Fiske took over the captaincy and tried hard to plan tactics against the as ever formidable Gravesend XI. Pooley's first appearance for our XI resulted in his taking 4 well-earned wickets. However, our opponents' spin attack had our XI baffled and, after Fiske was out for a stubborn 10, the team collapsed for a score of 37 all out.

Our only victory followed, which was against a junior Norwich School XI, when Grainger put on a good all-round performance, scoring 25 and taking 3 for 15. Pooley took 4 for 15 with his left-arm spin.

Yarmouth was our next fixture, which the School would have won, if the batsmen could have come to terms with Moss' fast attack, which gave him the excellent figures of 7 for 12. We just managed to draw.

Our last game was against a very strong Hammond's XI. This resulted in another heavy defeat with our batting letting the side down.

It had proved a disappointing season and the batsmen,

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or, should I say, our lack of batsmen, let the team down,
despite Mr. Williams' sound advice to play straight -
advice which was not always adhered to, with disastrous
results.

A.F.

Results:-

v Langley School. Match Drawn.

Paston 111 for 3 declared (Davison 73).

Langley 94 for 6.

v N.W. Police. Match Drawn.

N.W. Police 97 for 9 declared (Buck 4 for 20).

Paston 85 for 6 (Fiske 31).

v Bradfield XI. Match Drawn.

Bradfield 125 for 4 declared.

Paston 67 for 9.

v Thorpe. Lost.

Thorpe 170 for 6 declared.

Paston 78.

v Wanderers 'A'. Lost.

Paston 104.

Wanderers 'A' 105 for 7 (fiske 5 for 37)

v Bradfield XI. Match Drawn.

Bradfield 123 for 6 declared.

Paston 75 for 7.

v Gravesend. Lost.

Gravesend 161 for 7 declared.

Paston 37.

v Norwich School Junior XI.

Paston 107 for 6 declared.

Norwich School 44 (Booley 4 for 15, Grainger 3 for 13,
Kite 3 for 4.)

v Yarmouth.. Match Drawn.

Yarmouth. 67 for 8 declared (Kite 3 for 20).

Paston 42 for 9.

v Hammond's. Lost.

Hammond's 146 for 7 declared.

Paston 39.

1st XI Cricket Averages.

Batting.

	Innings.	Not Out.	Runs	Highest Score.	Average.
P. Davison	8	0	158	73	19.8
King	7	3	44	11	11.0
A. Fiske	10	0	106	31	10.6
Moy	7	0	67	21	9.6
K. Grainger	9	0	54	25	6.0
Cross	5	1	21	6	5.3
Buck	5	1	21	11	5.3
M. Kite	9	1	37	11	4.1
Amiss	5	1	12	7	4.0

Bowling.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Avg.
Pooley	27.4	6	85	10	8.5
M. Kite	73	13	242	18	13.4
K. Grainger	101	25	293	19	15.4
A. Fiske	74	17	207	12	17.2

Catches.

Buck 5, Seager 3 (stumpings 4), Moy 2, Cross 2, Pooley 2, Fiske, Davison, Grainger, Quinlan, Grines, Kite 1 each.

Badminton.

Those of us who play badminton are grateful to Mr. Williams, who organises sessions for us Monday and Thursday lunchtimes and also arranges league matches. On Friday evenings the more experienced players have been able to gain extra coaching at the North Walsham Secondary School from Mr. and Mrs. Robbins. Our Under 16 League has played several matches against other schools, as has the Under 18 League - and with a certain amount of success, although we had no success in the Cup. The Under 18 captain was Roger Pennington, who was recently featured in the North Norfolk Junior Gazette. He has been very successful this year and is the County Under 18 Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles Champion. We all thank him for his help and inspiration,

N.R. McM.

Tennis

Unfortunately the organisers of the County Tennis Competitions either ignored the existence of the School this year or the Post Office failed to deliver their missives. We realised too late that we had been omitted and, as the draw had by then been made, we were denied any part in these arrangements.

Two matches were played against Langley. In the senior competition the honours were even. The Under 16's, however, won both their matches, even when fielding two short in the away game they had to concede three rubbers straightaway to the opposition.

Mr. Robbins' Tennis Ladder created a lively interest in the School. The courts were in great use at lunchtimes throughout the summer term. In the George Hare Cup A.S. Buck was the winner, while J.R. Baker won the Mrs. Marshall Cup for Junior Tennis.

N.R. McM.

Hockey 1st XI.

This year's Hockey was again badly affected by the weather; in particular the heavy rain made the pitch too muddy to play on and, throughout the whole term, only a handful of matches and practises was possible. This lack of practise was reflected in the two matches played, the only ones not cancelled owing to the bad weather.

In the first, against a N.C.H.A. XI, the School put up a spirited performance, but they were denied a draw by two goals scored late in the second half. Very favourable comments were made by several members of the N.C.H.A. XI as to the potential of some members of the school team and the enthusiasm they showed for the game.

In the second match, against Langley, the team again gave a spirited display, which obviously unsettled our opponents in the first half. In the second half, however, two errors in defence allowed Langley to score the winning goals.

This year there was a Charity Match against a Staff

XI, which was enjoyed by all who played and by the numerous spectators who turned up. It is to be hoped that this will become a permanent feature of the sporting calendar of the School.

Also, on a lighter note, the 1st XI played a friendly game against the High School 1st XI. It proved an enjoyable, if not too serious, occasion. Our team found difficulty in adapting to their rules of dangerous play, but the game was good-natured and a lot of fun.

J.C.

Cross-Country

This year has proved a good one for those who were willing to participate. A strong team, mostly from the 5th and Lower VI forms, took part in five races in the East Anglian Cross-Country League and ran well against teams from universities, athletic clubs and the Forces. The team, including Hamilton, Lea, Edwards, Aitken and Moxted, can look forward to October, when the first of their fifteen league 7½ mile races takes place.

This year's School Cross-Country Runs at Easter and Christmas were, as usual, plagued by indifferent weather conditions. Nevertheless, there was an enthusiastic turn-out. The Christmas Handicap was won by M. Corke (ex-captain of School Cross-Country); the first school runner home was Pasha; the fastest time of the day was recorded by Hamilton. The Headmaster took part in the race and finished with a commendable time. It is rumoured that he is trying to secure his place in this coming season's team.

The Easter Run, in very muddy conditions, was well supported and at the end of the day Wharton had collected the team honours. Hopkins won the Junior Race, Wormell the Middle, and Hamilton the Senior.

This year also saw Hamilton joining the Norfolk Cross-Country Squad and travelling to Peterborough and Newcastle to compete in the English Schools Cross Country Championships.

Lastly thanks are due to Mr. Stannard, Mr. Grantham-Hill and the Headmaster for their interest, encouragement

and support over the year.

R.J.H.

Athletics Report

Sports Day this year was held on a fine day and three School Records were broken with Dring in the Senior Javelin, I. Wones in the Senior High Jump and Thompson in the Middle Long Jump. There were other good performances too. Heath in the Junior age-group won four events, leaving just enough for Hardy to win two. In the Middle School Woods won two events, as did Thompson, Grimes and Love. In the Seniors Fiske and Hamilton collected two medals each. At the end of the day Hoste won the team event, closely followed by Nelson.

After Sports Day our efforts were concentrated on reaching the Norfolk Schools' Team. Unfortunately, this year, after good performances in the qualifying rounds by Dring, Lea, England and Heath, only Tuffrey secured a place in the team and he put in a good performance in the Six Counties Meeting at Luton.

This year also two Athletic Meetings were arranged for the school team. One match was against the night of the 'Black Swan Athletics Club' and Old Pastonians' and the honours were shared. Mention here must be made of Lea, Dring, Hobden, Downey, Hamilton, Fiske, Tuffrey, Maxted, Thompson, Bradbury and S. Wones, who took part in the events and enjoyed the hospitality of the Sadler family who run the Black Swan.

Once again thanks are due to Mr. Stannard and Mr. Grantham-Hill for their efforts and much appreciated encouragement throughout the season.

R.J.H.

The Athletic Sports.

The following lists the winners only of the various events.

	Junior	Middle	Senior
100m	S.H.Heath(T) 14 secs	M.G.Grimes(N) 12.5 sees	A.V.Fiske(T) 12.4.secs
200m	S.H. Heath(T) 31.8 secs	N.Thompson(N) 26.6 sees	A.V.Fiske(T) 26.9 secs

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400m	M.A.Hardy(W) 66.6 secs	R.W.Wormell(N) 62.5 secs	M.A.Aitken(N) 56.4 secs
800m	P.J.Loughran(H) 2mins 43.3secs	G.B.Woods(W) 2mins 31.2secs	R.J.Hamilton(N) 2mins 10.5secs
1500m	M.A.Hardy(W) 5mins 25secs	G.B.Woods(W) 4mins 57secs	R.J.Hamilton(N) 4mins 38secs
High Jump	S.H.Heath(T) 1.25 m	I.Love(T) 1.40 m	I.Wonas(T) 1.676m (Record)
Long Jump	S.H.Heath(T) 4.05m	N.Thompson(N) 5.88m (Record)	C.Cross(H) 6.30m
Hurdles		80m I.Love(T) 13.8 secs	100m C.Cross(H) 15.7 secs
Triple Jump		M.G.Grimes(N) 10.22m	M.I.Ridout(H) 12.25m
Javelin		M.England(H) 37.95m	I.N.Dring(H) 47m (Record)
Discus		M.J.Taylor(W) 28.22m	M.V.Kite(W) 25m
Weight		D.M.Burt(T) 10.11m	C.Cross(H) 12.27m
One Mile Handicap		1.R.A.Hems (W) 2.M.Faircloth(N) 3.S.C.Wellings(N)	5mins 45.3 secs
4 x 100m Relay	1.Tenison 2.Hoste 3.Nelson 4.Wharton 58.7 secs	Nelson Wharton Hoste Tenison 52.3 secs	Hoste Tenison Nelson Wharton 49.1 secs

Final Result:-

1. Hoste 110 points
2. Nelson 105points
3. Tenison 96 points
4. Wharton 90points

Sporting Notes.

Many successes at County level and beyond have been already recorded in individual reports. We are pleased also to record the following .

S. POOLEY played twice and was once 12th man for the Norfolk Schools Under 15 XI. In a match against Reepham School, playing for our own Under 15's he dismissed 4 batsmen in successive deliveries. A record in Paston cricket as far as our records show.

A. P. QUINLAN played for the Norfolk Young Amateurs at cricket. This is the highest Under 18 level in the County.

Particular mention should be made of the sailing feats at the National Schools Sailing Association's competitions held at Ogston Reservoir in Derbyshire, in which about 30 counties compete. N. RUSHTON with a partner came first overall for the second year running in the Wayfarer class. The LYNCH brothers (aged 12 and 14 in an Under 18 category) came 4th overall, winning one of their heats, in the 420 section. They were representing Norfolk, of course.

Winter.

It was a cold winter's evening,
 The sky was clear
 And the moon was high above the trees.
 I could feel the crisp snow
 Sink beneath my feet,
 As I walked across the garden.
 I heard the wind howling among the trees
 In the wood on the hill,
 High above the town.
 I wondered how long the winter would last.
 Would tomorrow bring more snow
 To chill the air
 And send us shivering
 To the fireside's warming glow?

M.T.

The Pastonian.

It is some fourteen years since, after a brief interregnum, I took over the overall surveillance of 'the Pastonian' from Mr. F.E. Hawdon. As the School decreases in numbers and haltingly jolts towards its sixth form college embryo and my own future like that of several others on the Staff is somewhat obscure, I must put down my blue pencil and hang up my typewriter as it were. Others may indeed come forward to continue this honoured tradition, but, should the actual publication lapse entirely or just for a short time, it is intended that a file be kept in the Berney Library where Mr. Hawdon has kindly agreed to preserve any records which are given him.

It may be of interest to record the vicissitudes of 'the Pastonian' over these past fourteen years. When I took over, Messrs. Rounce and Wortley still printed the School magazine and a visit to their premises evoked for me a very similar picture to that described by Mr. Stewart in his reminiscences in 'the Pastonian' of 1977-78. Unfortunately the grip of inflation has killed of 'the Pastonian' in its original form, as it has also decimated the ranks of national magazines. I suppose that if one paid 2/- for a magazine in 1960 (prehistory I fear for our younger readers), one should be prepared to pay over £1 for a similar production to-day, but most of us would jib at such a figure. If only we could attain a larger circulation! It costs little more to produce 1,000 copies than it does to produce 500; but our circulation is only just over 500 with one for every boy and fewer than 100 Old Pastonians subscribing.

Even in the 60s it was not long before we were forced to find ways of decreasing costs and increasing revenue. Advertising was then considered 'infra dig' - something to which at least 'the Pastonian' would not stoop. Actually we were approached by the Norwich Union and "why not?" became "let's try" and some eight pages of advertisements were included. Most of these advertisers remained faithfully with us for as long as the magazine continued to be printed and they bore with stoical forbearance the increases in charges, which over the years became all too frequent. In 1968 we transferred our allegiance to the King's Lynn Press which was prepared to print 'the Pastonian' much more

reasonably - but distance proved awkward for the sending and checking of material and for the eventual despatch of the finished copies of the magazine.

Our association with the King's Lynn Press proved rather short-lived, as costs rose frighteningly and we had to find a cheaper method of production. A School Fund - a terminal payment for every pupil - had been instituted, when I took over, to bear the cost of the magazine and to finance other useful enterprises. A committee was formed to suggest projects which could be financed from this fund, but most were vetoed. The fund, - perhaps unfortunately - never gained full acceptance by the School. So a payment would often be made in the September Term to procure one's copy of the magazine and then the other terms' subscriptions would be ignored. Unfortunately from producing more than adequate funds, these funds soon proved to be barely sufficient. Our last printers were Messrs. Hobbs of Southampton, a firm which specialises in producing school magazines by the 'litho' process. Their organisation was superb and for five years we enjoyed well-produced and well-illustrated magazines, with ample pages of reproductions of photos and line-drawings. If anything, we failed to make full use of the variety that we were offered.

But also Hobbs' charges were increasing. The school subscription was increased, but, even after ten years, it was still not firmly accepted, and so we had to end our association with Hobbs and our rather longer association with our advertisers.

It was decided to end publication - but some Sixth formers thought otherwise, and mainly at the instigation of Peter Wellstead I was inveigled into producing the present duplicated 'Pastonian'. I hope the presentation has improved somewhat over the years and I trust that this year's edition will prove rather better still. For two years we enjoyed the use of the Gestetner at the Area Office, as our own decrepit hand-turned equipment was quite incapable of producing large numbers of copies without wasting vast piles of paper on the way. The Area Office was most forbearing at the inconvenience our intrusions caused, but eventually they found a solution by exchanging our manual machine for an automatic machine which another school had no use for. So now we can produce 'the Pastonian' at the School.

In recent years we have recorded the retirement of Mr. K.N. Marshall after a very lengthy headmastership which all but created a record for Paston, also in the last two issues the retirements of Mr. H. Grantham-Hill and Mr. G.V. Couper after a life-time of service to the School. I wonder whether they may not have often voiced in their thoughts the well-known words of Madame de Pompadour: 'après nous le déluge'.

A.D.B.

The birds

When I watch the birds
Flying away,
For the winter has arrived,
It makes me feel
Lonely and that I too should go.
I do not wish to stay here alone,
As, without the birds,
What is life?

M.T.

The Kestrel

While I was walking to school
To-day, across the fields,
Along the old path
That leads through the wood,
I heard a noise from the sky
Above my head,
A loud, sharp noise.
I stopped suddenly
And looked up above,
Shielding my eyes from the bright morning sun.
I saw a bird, formidable and majestic
Hovering above the meadow
Over towards the village,
And I stayed awhile to watch it,
As it dropped swiftly down into the swaying corn
To claim its prey.

M.T.

THE SOCIETY OF OLD PASTONIANS

President 1979/80: G.V. Griston Esq.

The Annual Dinner was held at the Hotel Wroxham on September 20th. At the A.G.M., which followed the dinner, I. Kiddle was elected President for the ensuing year, with J.O. Creasey as Vice-President. This year's President is also one of the Society's two representatives on the Board of Governors - the first time since 1964 that an Old Boy has held both these positions!

Considerable discussion took place concerning the proposal to form an Old Pastonians Sports Club, and it is hoped this new venture will provide useful opportunities for Old Boys to meet together for a variety of sporting events.

As usual the evening concluded with the School Song. With thoughts of the changes taking place at present in the nature of the School, there seemed to be considerable emotion amongst the members as they sang '....This shall be forever the Paston School'.

Very few items of news have come to hand of Old Pastonians:-

J.H. KEELER (1970-77) has been awarded a Gibbs Prize for Chemistry by the University of Oxford.

J.R. HARRISON (1970-77) gained a B.Sc. (H1) in Geology at Leicester University and has been accepted for further studies in research.

We are sorry to have to report the death of R.S. SHELDRAKE (1962-68) who has been a loyal correspondent in these columns. He died earlier this year in a diving accident.

We must also with regret report the deaths of two Pastonians of a much earlier era.

PHILIP PANK, who was a Fellow of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors, was one of three PANK brothers at the School during the First World War. They were all boarders at the School House. Mr. Pank, a keen sportsman, was a founder member in 1926 of the Old Pastonians Hockey Club which was to become the well-known Norfolk Wanderers.

Dr. CLARE BURGESS, after leaving Paston, read agriculture and economics at Cambridge. He first served with the Ministry of Agriculture, concerned mainly with the Land Settlements Association. He joined Carr's Flour Mills in 1946 and retired in 1971 when Managing Director. He was awarded a C.B.E. in the 1976 Birthday Honours.

F.B.P.

THE CHARITY PROJECT 1980-81.

This year's Charity Project will continue to raise money for local charities. We are able to give a few of the proposed dates, but it would be wise to check these with the School nearer the event.

Sponsored Walk - Sunday, 29th March.
Coffee Evening (with Bring and Buy Stall)
-- Wednesday, 6th May.
Car Rally - Sunday, 10th May.

Forms for the Car Rally and the Sponsored Walk will be available from the School after Christmas. There will also be a Grand Raffle for which tickets will soon be on sale.

Further events - the dates still have to be confirmed - will be:

The Easter Dance.

Fashion Show.

Cheese and Wine Evening.

We do hope that you will be able to support us this year just as much as last year. For it is you that we rely on.

A.P.J.B.