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FOREWORD

It is part of Stover's tradition to be outward-looking. During the past year every member of the sixth form volunteered for social service, their association with the International Voluntary Services and Operation Youth Enterprise forging a link with young people in Torbay which we greatly value. Each form contributed, as is customary, to raising money for Christian Aid by such means as a fancy dress parade, a drama competition and a coffee morning, and many girls in the upper school took part in a sponsored walk on behalf of Shelter. Arrangements have been made for pupils to enter for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award; the scheme has aroused widespread interest, and we are proud that, in spite of the short time available, three girls qualified at Silver Level. We hope that they will have many successors.

This aspect of school life deserves emphasis because of the recent lowering of the age of majority. Schools now contain adults among their pupils, a fact which was brought home to us when some sixth formers voted in the General Election. Training in citizenship is now doubly important, so we hope that the decision to gear the lower sixth course in general subjects to the Home and Community Studies syllabus will commend itself to girls and parents alike; the chance for the latter to add an Alternative Ordinary pass to their G.C.E. certificates may be regarded as an additional incentive.

Every new departure in education represents a new responsibility for the staff. At Stover these responsibilities have been accepted willingly and indeed with enthusiasm, and it is good to be able to report that no member of the teaching staff left at the end of the summer, for we value stability and continuity. On the administrative side, retirement cost us Miss Gaukrodger, whose service to the school spanned a quarter of a century, Mrs. Newton-Mason and Mrs. Noall, while Miss Carmen Prado, after eight years at Stover, returned to her home in Spain. This term we welcome Mrs. Shillabeer as Secretary, Miss Whitechurch as School Sister, and Mr. and Mrs. Cottle as Cook-Caterer and Housekeeper—the last brought with them a dog and two cats to enlarge the personnel.

The staff, for their part, express their gratitude to all those who guide or support the School in all its endeavours: the Governors, the Friends of Stover, and the Old Girls' Association. We welcome a new Governor in Mr. E. R. Day. We thank the Friends for financing the renovation of the Junior Common Room—a work no sooner completed than they began to plan other improvements in our amenities for the coming year—and the Old Girls' Association for their gift of a clock for the Long Corridor and of £50 for books to be placed in Belever. Contributors will be pleased to know that girls had already volunteered to catalogue the existing books in this fiction library. The new books, most but not all of them chosen for the junior and middle forms of the school, will constitute an inspiration and an incentive and, in future, this library will be in the care of the Lower Fifth, where the original volunteers are now to be located.

In conclusion, we thank parents for their help and encouragement. One of the principal advantages of a small school is that each pupil can be treated, from the beginning to the end of her school career, as an individual, and in this process the co-operation of parents with staff is invaluable. Stover is a Christian foundation. For boarders, Teigngrace Parish Church is their place of worship and Canon Morecombe their pastor, but the village church is too small to accommodate a school service, with a congregation enlarged by day pupils and parents. With this in mind, we decided that a Carol Service should this year be held in St. Mary's, Abbotsbury, on the last day of the Christmas term, and were glad that, in addition to staff and pupils, many parents, other relatives and friends were able to attend.

C. A. SMITH.

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MISS KATHLEEN GAUKRODGER

When Miss Smith asked me to write something about Miss Gaukrodger's time at Stover for the magazine, I tried hard to be business-like over it. An appreciation of her work at Stover should surely start with a few facts, such as the date on which she joined us. This I cannot recall, but it was shortly after the war—so much I remember. Rationing was still in force, and the part-time secretary who had spared us a few weeks had been with us only long enough to lose our "catering licence" or whatever licence we were granted at the time, and to make hay of our filing system in the office. For most of the war, in fact, we had no secretary, and Miss Lidgate and I shared the duties. To cover the mistakes made by our lack of experience and time, we invented a mythical "Miss Snoggins" whom we blamed for any errors. So Miss Gaukrodger took over an office which certainly was anything but orderly, but she set to work with an unruffled calm which I came to realize was characteristic of her. Looking back over the years, my time at Stover falls into two periods, I find—pre-K.G. and Gaukrodgerian, the second emerging, as it were, from the Dark Ages into civilization.

I remember with gratitude the relief it was to have someone dealing tactfully with the telephone, finding essential documents, preparing statements for the governors, arranging interviews, and bringing properly typed letters for signature. I do not think I ever saw Miss Gaukrodger sitting idle during her early years with us, but the fact remains that she took on more and more as time went on, and how she found the time is her secret. She never said, "It can't be done, I haven't time," and what she undertook was carried out.

She became a veritable encyclopedia of knowledge of school affairs, and of persons connected with the school—names, faces, addresses, her memory rarely failed.

But all this would have been incomplete without her friendship and helpfulness and her unflinching patience. This meant a great deal to me, personally, and I owe her a debt of gratitude I see little opportunity of repaying! Those of us who have worked with her realize what a lot she has done for the school. Thank you, Kathleen, for your devoted service to Stover over so many years. May you have many happy years of retirement. But please do not strike roots so deeply in Spain that you lose touch with your many friends at, and near, Stover.

P. DENCE.

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MADRID, 11
October, 1970.

My Dear Girls and Old Girls,

First of all may I say how much I appreciate the kind and generous gifts which both past and present girls contributed to. Thank you all very much indeed.

After nearly twenty-five years at Stover it was quite a wrench to leave it, and its beautiful surroundings. I am lucky, however, to have some beautiful mountains in the distance, which remind me of Haytor and the Moors, which can be seen from our terrace.

I will be reminded of you often when I use the pen and pencil set, and the beautiful crystal bowls and vases you gave me. I have not yet spent the cheque, but am waiting for just the right opportunity before doing so.

When Carmen and I set off from Stover at the end of July it seemed a great adventure for us both, and the appearance of "Matilda," our Mini, caused great amusement to other road users, with our bulky roof load and heavily laden interior. (Thanks to Mr. Guntrip's help, it never moved on our journey). At Bilbao the Customs people took one look at us and called us to one side for questioning, but Carmen was able to assure them that the chair and Axminster rugs were only for our own use, and we had no washing machine concealed in the car! We did not mention any other electrical gadgets, but they waved us on without more ado.

We made very good time to Madrid, though I was rather fearful that our heavy load would be too much when climbing a high and long pass on the way to Burgos, but we made it quite comfortably. It took us and our flat's porter and his wife nearly an hour to unload Matilda, and when I saw it all on the floor of our sitting room, I could hardly believe we had been able to bring so much.

We just took off the dust sheets on our beds and fell into them thankfully (the flat had been shut up for a year).

As you can imagine, we had a very busy time arranging for the electricity and gas to be connected, and for some time we "camped" as we only had a small electric ring to cook with.

We were fortunate in having a friend of Carmen's to help us, and he was invaluable. As well as being an electrician he was one of those most useful persons who could do just anything, and soon he had our lights fixed, pictures put up, curtain rails fixed and curtains hung—in fact, he helped us to make the flat a home. We were in good hands—his name was Jesus!

We feel we are extremely lucky as, when Carmen put her name down for the flat, it was not built and she did not know exactly where it would be in relation to other blocks of flats. However, she had the last one in the block, and only just in time, as someone else was wanting it. We find however, that, we have a delightful situation, facing north (most desirable in a country with so much sun), and with extensive views over a very large park of pine trees on the west side of Madrid, looking over to the Guadarrama mountains. We are only about fifteen minutes from the city but are almost in the country. We are only five minutes from a station on the suburban railway and the journey costs less than sixpence, which takes us as far as we want to go on the Metro. We use it all the time as traffic is heavy in the city and parking is difficult.

Madrid is a very beautiful city, with wide streets, many tree-lined, and attractive squares and parks. It seems much more lively and gay than, for instance, London, as it is full of cars and people until all hours of the night, and the lights are very attractive. Shopping is very easy as shops open from

9.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. and then from 4.30 to 8.30, and one sees people going out with their shopping baskets at 7.30 p.m. when the local markets are full of people. There is a large one near us, and you can go round comparing the prices and goods and picking the best. Everything one needs is there under one roof, and two floors are full of stall-holders selling everything from meat and fish, sausages and cheese, to fruit and vegetables and bread and cakes. (There is even a shoe repairer).

One can buy breakfast rolls and churros from 6.30 a.m. and again in the evening until 8.0 p.m., and the suburban railway and Metro runs from 6.0 a.m. to 1.30 a.m.

The dustmen call daily, even on Sundays, and a man comes around with a little horn to warn the householders the dust-cart is on its way. We are spoilt, as we put our rubbish-bin out of our flat door at 10.0 p.m. and our porter comes up with a big bin and empties it for us.

Though we are so near the city (we have a distant view of the lights from our terrace), we feel in the country, especially when an old man and his dogs come past daily with a flock of sheep and goats which graze over waste land on the edge of our built-up area. A nearby donkey keeps us amused with his wheezy complaints.

We don't feel we have left Stover quite behind, as below us (we are on the seventh floor) there is a school for girls from four to ten, and when they have their break, they rush about the playground shrieking and playing games. They seem to us to work very hard, as they begin at 9.0 a.m. until 1.0 p.m. and then return at 3.0 until 6.0 p.m.

I will shortly be going to school myself as I will be attending a "crash" course in Spanish next month, doing five hours a day and two evenings a week for two hours for a month. I hope at the end of it to be a little more vocal as, though I can get the gist of what is said to me, I am very lazy about putting my thoughts into words.

We have already had our first visitors from England—my cousins—and they were delighted with our flat and its furnishings, though we warned them beforehand that it was not very large and our kitchen and bathroom were very tiny. We were lucky in being able to buy our furniture when the summer sales were on, which saved us a lot of money.

We still cannot really believe we are fortunate enough to be the proud owners of a flat which gives us more pleasure each day.

The climate here is wonderful, and in three months we have only had about two hours rain, and only three or four cloudy days. Even in August, when the heat was intense, we were cool and comfortable in the flat. When my cousins were here at the end of September they were delighted to be able to wear summer clothes and to stroll around the streets in the evening enjoying the coolness. They found, too, that visits to such places as El Escorial and the Valle de los Caidos were so much more pleasant with fewer people going around at once. They have promised to come again soon as they could have spent much more time at the Prado Museum, with its wonderful collection of pictures.

I already feel quite at home in Madrid, and find Spanish people charming and friendly.

Carmen is attending a refresher course in commercial studies and hopes to get a congenial post shortly.

We both send our best wishes to you all for 1971.

Yours affectionately,

KATHLEEN GAUKRODGER,

SALVETE

September 1969

- L. VI. Barbara Evans
 U. V. Tracies Kelly
 L. V. Zhore Arab
 Kim Claridge
 Mary Mickleburgh
 Mercedah Vojdani
 Pornpimol Wongsanguan
 U. IV. Josephine Hiscox
 Susan Thorneloe
 L. IV. Veronica Halloran
 III. Joanne Barnardo
 Nicola Bartlett
 Deborah Loud
 Mary McGahey
 Geraldine Marshall
 Claudia Roberts
 Joanne Robertson

January 1970

- L. V. Virginia Seaford
 U. IV. Karin Rietdijk
 III. Karine Laudun
 Rita Stoner

April 1970

- III. Christine Pratt
 Sally Skinnard

VALETE

December 1969

- L. VI. Jennifer Parkinson
 Nicola Wilson
 L. IV. Caroline Falconer-Hall
 Nazira Kassem

July 1970

- U. VI. Belinda Atkinson
 Veronica Barlee
 Caroline Bullock
 Caroline Chatfield
 Hilary Reeve
 Irene Spence
 Jane Stephens
 Jasmine Taylor
 Valerie Williams
 L. VI. Angela Beer
 Barbara Edwards
 U. V. Rouja Azodi
 Gillian Benton
 Vanessa Foster
 Victoria Genet
 Caroline Glanville-Jones
 Felicity Hancock
 Sally Hart
 Judith Irving
 Tracie Kelly
 Margaret Michelmore
 Philippa Nelson
 Fiona Nevile
 Katherine Parkhouse
 Belinda Peaker
 Judith Pick
 Rebecca Sharp
 Serena Sanderson
 Barbara Tilbury
 Serena Wood
 L. IV. Anne Ferguson
 Diane Tilbury

March 1970

- L. V. Isobel Morgan-Giles
 L. IV. Christine Archer

SCHOOL OFFICE HOLDERS

HEAD GIRL	.....	.....	Irene Spence		
DEPUTY HEAD GIRL			Caroline Bullock		
GAMES CAPTAIN	.....		Caroline Chatfield		
HOUSE CAPTAINS	.....		Queen Elizabeth House:	Belinda Atkinson	
			Queen Mary House:	Caroline Bullock	
			Queen Victoria House:	Hilary Reeve	
PREFECTS	.....	.....	C. Chatfield	B. Atkinson	V. Williams
			J. Stephens	H. Reeve	L. Genet
			H. Reeve	A. Beer	V. Barlee
			T. Elliott	A. Day	B. Wigram
			R. Wilson	S. Guest	G. Holding
			R. Partington	J. Taylor	

A Silver Badge was awarded to Irene Spence

SPEECH DAY

MAY 22nd, 1970

LIST OF PRIZES AND AWARDS

FORM AND SUBJECT PRIZES AND CUPS

Prize for Advanced Level performance:				Clare Thomae
Head Girl's Prize	.....	.....	.....	Irene Spence
Sandhurst Cup	.....			Rosalind Partington
Harvey Cup, Award of Merit R.L.S.S.				Caroline Chatfield
English Essay	.....	.....	.....	Senior: Sarah Edwards
				Junior: Janet Foster
Classics (Miss Hill)	.....	.....	.....	Roberta Chubb
Modern Languages	.....	.....	.....	Senior: Victoria Genet (French and German)
				Junior: Pauline Woods (French)
Blair Memorial Prize	.....	.....	.....	Susan Emrich (French Oral)
History (Mrs. Milne's Prize)	.....	.....	.....	Senior: Susan Guest
				Junior: Anne Dixon
Mathematics	.....	.....	.....	Melian J. Pappin
Science	.....	.....	.....	Senior: Adrienne Day
				Junior: Catherine Roseveare
Needlework	.....	.....	.....	Senior: Margaret Michelmore
				Junior: Elizabeth Cambridge
Art	.....	.....	.....	Senior: Roberta Chubb
				Junior: Antonia Russell
Music	.....	.....	.....	Rosalind Partington
Form Prizes	.....	.....	.....	Lr. Vth Caroline Haycock
				Up. IV Caroline Pape
				Lr. IV Caroline Andrew
				III. Geraldine Marshall

GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION

Advanced Level (June/July 1970)

B. Atkinson	.....	.....	.....	.....	Geography
V. Burke	.....	.....	.....	.....	English
C. Bullock	.....	.....	.....	.....	English, Latin
C. Chatfield	.....	.....	.....	.....	Botany, Chemistry, Zoology
I. Spence	.....	.....	.....	.....	Religious Knowledge
J. Stephens	.....	.....	.....	.....	History, Religious Knowledge
V. Williams	.....	.....	.....	.....	English, History, Latin (Use of English)
J. Taylor	.....	.....	.....	.....	Botany, Zoology

G.C.E. Ordinary Level

The following girls passed in four or more subjects:

*R. Chubb (6)	A. Day (5)	T. Elliott (8)
V. Foster (5)	V. Genet (4)	*A. Hunt (7)
J. Irving (4)	P. Lovegrove (4)	M. Michelmore (4)
F. Neville (5)	M. Pappin (7)	*K. Parkhouse (7)
R. Sharp (5)	B. Tilbury (4)	S. Wood (7)

*These candidates each passed one additional subject on an early entry

UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE

C. Chatfield: Birmingham (Combined Sciences).
J. Taylor: Exeter (Botany).

NURSING TRAINING

B. Atkinson (St. Thomas's Hospital).

SCHOLARSHIPS

As a result of the Spring examinations, School Scholarships were awarded to Frances Dann (St. Gilda's Convent, Langport) and Geraldine Marshall (St. Michael's, Tavistock, and Stover).

The Sixth Form Scholarship was shared by Louise Genet and Susan Guest

 THE ASSOCIATED BOARD OF THE ROYAL SCHOOLS OF MUSIC

(Piano unless otherwise stated)

GRADE I. ....	.....	Rosemary Bone D. Tilbury (with Merit) P. Woods (Violin with Merit) P. Cowell H. Bartaby A. Thomas J. Robertson
GRADE II. ....	.....	J. Kneel B. Vine (Violin) P. Woods (Violin with Merit) M. Cahill (Theory)
GRADE III. ....	.....	C. Hichens (with Merit)
GRADE IV. ....	.....	R. Partington (Viola with Merit)
GRADE V. ....	.....	V. Foster T. Elliot (with Merit) S. Guest (Clarinet with Merit) A. Hunt (Flute with Distinction) S. Edwards R. Partington (Viola) S. Guest (Theory)
GRADE VI. ....	.....	B. Atkinson (Singing, with Merit)
GRADE VII. ....	.....	R. Partington (with Merit) A. Hunt (with Merit)
SENIOR PIANO DUETS	.....	B. Atkinson R. Partington (with Distinction)

SPEECH DAY

On May 22nd the annual Speech Day was held at Stover. Governors, parents, staff, girls present and old, gathered together for a religious service, customary speeches, musical entertainments and a gymnastic and dancing display.

Our speaker this year was Mr. Tony Church, Director of the Northcott Theatre, Exeter, who addressed us about the work of the Northcott Theatre, its endeavours to be outward-looking and its very real contact with young drama enthusiasts throughout the South-West.

After lunch the girls entertained guests with a programme of ballet, both traditional and modern, and the afternoon was brought to an energetic conclusion by all the girls joining together in a dancing and gymnastic display which replaced the customary athletics events and proved to be far more popular.

THE FRIENDS OF STOVER

During the year September 1969-70, the Committee of Friends has met six times, and quite a lot has been accomplished. The main project during the autumn was the redecorating and furnishing of the Junior Common Room, and this was successfully completed by the end of the year. Twenty-five pounds was given to Miss Evans for curtains and cushions which were made at the school.

At a committee meeting on February 6th it was decided to circularize all "Friends" and ask for suggestions for spending our annual income, to be sent to the committee by the end of May. There was not a very wide response, but the suggestions which came in were duly considered by the committee, in consultation with Miss Smith, and arranged in order of priority for presentation to the Annual General Meeting on July 14th. The outcome of the voting has been the purchase of sixty lockers and sixty folding chairs, also two small tables for the Junior Common Room.

Miss King made application for a grant towards the purchase of a flute, and the committee agreed to allot £20.

We should like to use the same procedure next year for suggestions from members on the allocation of our funds, and we hope that more Friends will avail themselves of it and let us have their ideas by the end of May. This saves much time and prevents overlapping at the Annual General Meeting, and ensures that Miss Smith and her staff are able to give due consideration to the choice of project. Members will receive notices in due course, as they did earlier this year.

We have asked Miss Smith if it is possible for more time to be allotted for the Annual General Meeting, and we should like to thank her for her kind hospitality to us.

Our thanks are also due to the Bishop of Truro and Mrs. Key for so kindly allowing us to hold our committee meetings and give ourselves cups of tea in their house in Stover grounds.

Finally, may I thank all Friends for their continued help and generosity, and ask them to do all they can to recruit more members. Inevitably we lose a few each year and need to replace them in order to maintain our gifts to the school.

P. DENCE.

BUILDINGS

Through the generosity of the Friends of Stover, the Junior Common Room has been redecorated. The walls and woodwork have been painted a gay mandarin-orange and the room equipped with window seat cushions and new curtains of a striped material. Extensive board space gives scope for the girls to experiment in their own ideas concerning posters and pictures.

Other parts of the school to have been redecorated are the Domestic Science Room and some of the study-bedrooms in the annexe occupied by members of the sixth form. A major reorganisation of the cloakroom has provided proper accommodation for staff and visitors and improved facilities for the girls.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION REPORT

Our 1969-70 year started with a splash! Margaret Davies, who in the summer swam for East Devon, was selected to represent the County in the Inter-Counties Championships. Margaret earned her swimming colours and also our congratulations.

The year also ended with aquatic activities. We sent a young Medley Relay team to defend the Rowe Cup—C. Ortman (back stroke), E. Best (breast stroke), M. Davies (butterfly), J. Rooney (crawl). Unfortunately, they were narrowly defeated, but the same team will still be eligible to compete for this trophy next year. Four free-style swimmers travelled to Plymouth for the Schoolgirls' Relay Championship but we had no success there, either. They were M. Davies, E. Best, J. Rooney and A. Dixon.

Our School Swimming Sports was judged this year by Miss C. Morris, of the Newton Abbot Girls' Secondary School, and it ran its usual smooth course.

Many Royal Life Saving awards were earned this year:

DISTINCTION AWARD	.....	I Spence, B. Atkinson
BRONZE CROSS	.....	M. Davies, E. Best, R. Bone, M. Jennings, N. Atkinson
BAR TO BRONZE MED.	.....	E. Best, M. Davies
BRONZE MEDALLION	.....	P. Preston, C. Haycock, G. Channer, J. Rooney, A. Dixon, A. Russell
INTERMEDIATE AWARD		J. Stark, A. Fergusson, J. Kneel, J. Peile
ELEMENTARY AWARD	.....	C. Andrew, C. Foster

The Lacrosse season proved to be a successful and interesting one. The first team won all its friendly matches. It was selected intact to represent Devon as the Devon Schools team—a great honour.

We travelled to Bath for the West Schools Tournament, had an enjoyable day, culminating in a visit to the 'Cave Man' in Cheddar, who fed us well.

The Stover Rally was enjoyed by ten teams. Variation in the weather throughout the afternoon—brilliant sunshine and huge snowflakes—added to the interest. Section One was won by a fast and energetic University team. Section Two was won by newcomers to our lacrosse scene—The Old Hall School, Wincanton. Stover swept the board in the beginners' stick-work competition. First was D. Lound, second G. Marshall, third J. Robertson. We congratulate all three and hope to see them in the junior team before long.

The climax of the Lacrosse season was our entry into the annual London Tournament, where we were shaken by finding our stick-work and speed inadequate. We will try again next year.

Netball was enjoyed throughout the school. The game continues to change in character. Matches are becoming a battle of wits as well as of physical skills. Our main trouble in this sport, as in every other, is the lack of strong opposition within the school to extend our first teams.

Summer term started to the strains of Balkan music as we polished-up our dancing for the Speech Day exhibition. The vaulting box and the trampette were brought outside and we practised with a new freedom and exhilaration in the fresh air.

For the first time we had no Athletics at all. The decision to drop this activity was reached after a great deal of thought. To be successful in Athletics you need thorough training, time, equipment and the will to be better than anyone else. It is the sport of the individual and not of the group, and is therefore relatively costly in time and money. The summer term is a very busy one, with Speech Day, an early half-term, and G.C.E. 'O' and 'A' levels ruling the life of the school for a whole month. I consider it to be more sensible to apply the extra time gained from dropping the Athletics to the raising of our standards in the other three summer activities—tennis, rounders and swimming. The girls agree with me, I am sure, and I have received only one adverse comment on the subject.

It is pleasing to note that, during the season, many day girls, some of whom live a great distance from the school, have taken a full part in our weekend activities. This not only underlines their enthusiasm for the sport but also their loyalty to the school.

The modern tendency seems to be the lack of enthusiasm and team spirit. It is not done to show enthusiasm these days for fear of derision.

Some people have that within them which always spurs them on. Some extend themselves under stern discipline; some respond to gentle rein; some need driving; some need the spur and some the sugar lump; some even thrive on discouragement; others need constant acclaim and cheerfulness.

Girls! Block your ears to the moans and groans of your contemporaries. Shake yourselves to activity. Encourage one another. STOVER NEEDS YOU.

SWIMMING SPORTS RESULTS

Three lengths, open.—1, I. Spence (E); 2, J. Rooney (M); 3, E. Best (V).

One length Butterfly, Open.—1, M. Davies (M); 2, A. Dixon (E); 3,

A. Russell (V).

(J) Back Crawl, Style.—1, J. Peile (M); 2, C. Foster (V); 3, J. Kneel (E).

(I) Back Crawl, Style.—1, A. Douglass (V); 2, C. Pape (E); 3, C.

Ortmann (M).

(S) Back Crawl, Style.—1, V. Barlee (E); 2, C. Jones (M); 3, T. Elliot (V).

(J) Back Crawl, Race.—1, C. Ortmann (M); 2, C. Foster (V); 3, J.

Kneel (E).

(I) Back Crawl, Race.—1, M. Mickleburgh (E); 2 ————— (M);

3, A. Russell (V).

(S) Back Crawl, Race.—1, V. Barlee (E); 2, C. Jones (M); 3, S. Sanderson (V).

Underwater, Open.—Equal 1, M. Thuresson (V) and J. Foster (V);

3, J. Taylor (M).

(J) Breast Stroke, Style.—1, G. Marshall (E); 2, J. Rooney (M); 3,

D. Loud (V).

(I) Breast Stroke, Style.—1, R. Bone (M); 2, E. Cambridge (E); 3,

E. Best (V).

(S) Breast Stroke, Style.—1, I. Spence (E); 2, M. Thuresson (V); 3,

J. Taylor (M).

(J) Breast Stroke, Race.—1, G. Channer (E); 2, P. Cowell (M); 3, D.

Loud (V).

(I) Breast Stroke, Race.—1, E. Best (V); 2, R. Bone (M); 3, E. Cam-

bridge (E).

(S) Breast Stroke, Race.—1, I. Spence (E); 2, C. Chatfield (M); 3, M.

Thuresson (V).

Plunge, Open.—1, S. Wood (E); equal 2, R. Reichwald (V) and S.

Sanderson (V).

(J) Crawl, Style.—1, C. Ortmann (M); 2, G. Channer (E); 3, J. Stark (V).

(I) Crawl, Style.—1, P. Woods (V); equal 2, A. Dixon (E) and M.

Davies (M).

(S) Crawl, Style.—1, H. Reeve (V); 2, C. Chatfield (M); 3, S. Wood (E).

(J) Crawl, Race.—1, J. Rooney (M); 2, J. Stark (V); 3, M. McGahey (E).

(I) Crawl, Race.—1, M. Davies (M); 2, A. Dixon (E); 3, A. Douglass (V).

(S) Crawl, Race.—1, J. Stephens (M); 2, H. Reeve (V); 3, S. Wood (E).

Junior Dive.—1, J. Rooney (M); 2, J. Peile (M); 3, J. Robertson (V).

Intermediate Dive.—1, L. Lucas (M); 2, N. Atkinson (E); 3, M.

Davies (M).

Senior Dive.—1, S. Wood (E); 2, C. Jones (M); 3, J. Stephens (M).

Junior Medley Relay.—1, Queen Elizabeth; 2, Queen Mary; 3, Queen

Victoria.

Senior Medley Relay.—1, Queen Elizabeth; 2, Queen Mary; 3, Queen

Victoria.

Junior Freestyle Relay.—1, Queen Mary; 2, Queen Victoria; 3, Queen Elizabeth.

Intermediate Freestyle Relay.—1, Queen Elizabeth; 2, Queen Mary; 3, Queen Victoria.

Senior Freestyle Relay.—1, Queen Elizabeth; 2, Queen Mary; 3, Queen Victoria.

Inter-house trophy won by Queen _____.

Junior Challenge Trophy	J. Rooney
Intermediate Challenge Trophy	M. Davies
Senior Challenge Trophy	I. Spence

TEAMS AND FIXTURES

LACROSSE

Teams:

1st	2nd	3rd
C. Chatfield	G.K. G. Benton	P. Woods
G. Holding	P. C. Pape	C. Pape
A. Beer	C.P. S. Thorneloe	J. Stark
P. Lovegrove	3M P. Preston	C. Andrew
	H. Sanderson	
N. C. Wilson	R.D.W. A. Hunt	G. Channer
C. Jones	L.D.W. M. Davies	P. Cowell
R. Partington	C. A. Douglass	D. Brands
R. Reichwald	L.A.W. N. Atkinson	E. Cambridge
J. Parkinson, D. Bennett	R.A.W. E. Best	C. Ortmann
V. Genet	3H P. Nelson	M. Foster
L. Genet	2H F. Hancock	L. Lucas
M. Michelmore	1H M. Jennings	R. Bone

Girls selected to play in the Devon Lacrosse team against Sherborne:

C. Chatfield	G.K.
G. Holding	P.
A. Beer	C.P.
P. Lovegrove	3M
N. C. Wilson	L.D.W.
C. Jones	R.D.W.
R. Partington	C.
J. Parkinson	L.A.W.
R. Reichwald	R.A.W.
V. Genet	3H
L. Genet	2H
M. Michelmore	1H

Fixtures

October	Shute v. 1st XII.	Won 20—2
	U15 XII.	Won 13—1
	Bath Rally	
	Exeter University	Won 10—8
November	Devon Team v. Sherborne	Won 8—5
January	Shute v. 1st XII. and 2nd XII.	Cancelled
February	Dartington	Won 12—6
	Devon Team v. Sherborne	Cancelled
	Exeter Ladies	Won 12—5
March	Stover Rally	
	London Rally	

NETBALL

		Teams	
		1st	2nd
	C. Chatfield	G.K.	J. Stephens
	G. Holding	G.D.	P. Lovegrove
	N. C. Wilson	W.D.	S. Wood
	L. Genet	C.	V. Genet
	J. Parkinson	W.A.	C. Jones
	R. Reichwald	G.A.	P. Nelson
	R. Partington	G.S.	F. Hancock
	U.15		U.14
	J. Foster	G.K.	B. Vine
	P. Preston	G.D.	E. Cambridge
	A. Hunt	W.D.	E. Best
	D. Bennett	C.	A. Douglass
	K. Cook	W.A.	K. Cook
	H. Sanderson	G.A.	M. Davies
	S. Pridham	G.S.	C. Nicoll
	U.13		
	C. Andrew	G.K.	
	C. Pape	G.D.	
	P. Cowell	W.D.	
	C. Falconer-Hall	C.	
	M. Foster	W.A.	
	C. Ortmann	G.A.	
	N. Kassam	G.S.	

Fixtures

September	.....	Newton Grammar v.	1st VII.	.....	Won 13—11
			2nd VII.	.....	Lost 20—11
			U.14 VII.	.....	Won 26—6
			U.13 VII.	.....	Won 12—7
October	.....	Netball Trials			
		Shute v. U.12 VII.			Won 26—8
		Ingsdon Convent v.	1st VII.	.....	Won 13—10
			2nd VII.	.....	Won 12—7
		Teignmouth Grammar v.	2nd VII.	.....	Lost 4—5
			U.15 VII.	.....	Lost 6—12
			U.14 VII.	.....	Won 8—5
			U.13 VII.	.....	Lost 11—12
January	.....	National Tournament			
		Shute v. U.13 VII.			Cancelled
		King Edward VI. v.	1st VII.	.....	Won 17—14
			U.15 VII.	.....	Lost 1—10
			U.13 VII.	.....	Lost 5—7

TENNIS

		Teams	
		1st	2nd
1st Couple	.....	R. Reichwald	L. Genet
		M. Michelmore	A. Beer
2nd Couple	.....	C. Chatfield	S. Edwards
		V. Williams	S. Emrich
3rd Couple	.....	P. Lovegrove	S. Pridham
		V. Genet	V. Seaford
		U.15	U.13
1st Couple	.....	D. Bennett	G. Channer
		K. Cook	J. Peile
2nd Couple	.....	V. Seaford	C. Foster
		S. Pridham	P. Cowell
3rd Couple	.....	A. Douglass	K. Laudun
		E. Cambridge	G. Marshall

		Fixtures			
April	.....	Aberdare Cup, 1st Round, 1st VI.	.....	.....	Won
May	.....	Seale-Hayne v. 1st VI.	.....	.....	Won
		Aberdare Cup, 2nd Round, 1st VI.	.....	.....	Lost
		Dartington v. 1st VI.	.....	.....	Won
June	.....	Shute v. 1st, U.15, U.14, U.13	.....	.....	Won
July	.....	Marist Seniors v. 1st, U.15	.....	.....	Lost
		Marist Juniors v. U.14, U.13	.....	.....	Lost

ROUNDERS

Teams

U.14		U.13	
S. Thorneloe		B.	C. Ortmann
P. Woods		B.S.	M. Foster
R. Bone		1st P.	J. Peile
C. Nicoll		2nd P.	P. Cowell
J. Hiscox		3rd P.	A. Barwell
L. Lucas		4th P.	G. Channer
L. Newman		1st D.	C. Foster
J. Eley		2nd D.	K. Laudun
M. Jennings		3rd D.	J. Rooney

Fixtures

June	.....	Shute v. U.14 IX.	.....	.....	Lost 1-4
		U.13 IX.	.....	.....	Won 41-2; 21-2

HOUSE MATCHES

Netball

		1st	2nd	3rd
Junior	.....	Queen Victoria	Queen Elizabeth	Queen Mary
Senior	.....	Queen Victoria	Queen Mary	Queen Elizabeth

Lacrosse

Junior	.....	Queen Mary	Queen Victoria	Queen Elizabeth
Senior	.....	Queen Mary	Queen Elizabeth	Queen Victoria

Tennis

Junior	.....	Queen Victoria	Queen Mary	Queen Elizabeth
Senior	.....	Queen Mary	Queen Elizabeth	Queen Victoria

SCHOOL MUSIC, 1969-70

The choir began its activities this year by singing a harvest anthem in church, "Bless The Lord, O My Soul," by Armstrong Gibbs. The rest of the term was spent learning J. S. Bach's "St. Matthew Passion" and in practising for the Christmas Carol Service. In the Spring term the choir took part in a performance of "St. Matthew Passion" at the Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, with the Britannia Choral Society and the boys from Shiphay Parish Church, Torquay. Some of the Choral Society came to Stover one Sunday before the performance for a practice, and groups of the sixth form went over to Dartmouth each Tuesday to the rehearsals with Miss King.

We spent the first half of Summer term practising for Speech Day, when we sang Thomas Attwood's "Come Holy Ghost" as the introit and the school and choir sang Benjamin Britten's arrangement of Psalm 150, a contemporary work which proved very popular. This Autumn the junior choir attended our practices, when we studied Henry Ghey's "Te Deum," giving junior and senior choirs the opportunity to sing together.

At the end of the Spring term the traditional House Music Competitions were held and Miss Dence kindly agreed to adjudicate. Despite the shortage of numbers each House managed to produce a concert and the result was a close finish.

This year the orchestra has met weekly on Tuesday. On Speech Day we played the "Andante" from Mozart's Concerto arranged for viola and small orchestra, and a Russian Dance, as the voluntaries, and the accompaniments to the hymns and anthem. The anthem included a substantial part played

on the timpani, competently executed by Veronica Barles. This term we have combined orchestras with Ingsdon Convent School for a musical evening, in which we played a variety of pieces, which we enjoyed very much. Some of the orchestra played with the Newton Abbot Schools Orchestra as regular members and three others played a trio at the Orchestra's Spring concert. Five of the orchestra played at a concert given by the Linden Players (Miss Wall's orchestra) at Coombe-in-Teignhead in the Summer term. This concert was a little unusual in that the orchestra wore Victorian costume, and so frequent visits were made beforehand to Miss Evans and the acting cupboard and some hasty alterations made, some at the last minute! We were also represented in the solo section of this concert by Susan Guest on the clarinet, and received special mention in the local newspaper article written about the concert.

This year we staged a musical play, "The Bells of Bruges," by Longmire, at the end of the Summer term. We were very lucky to have Miss Farrant who came to produce the play, and we would like to take this opportunity of thanking her again for all the hard work she put into it in a relatively short time. We performed the play three times—once at Ilsington and twice at school. At Ilsington we were faced with the problem of having too small a stage for a large cast, and so we had to perform the play on the main floor of the hall, using the stage for entrances and exits. In fact, this proved to be almost better and the performances went off well, due to the hard work put in by Miss Evans and the backstage staff, especially Susan Guest and Sarah Edwards.

Looking back on the past year we find we have taken part in quite a few musical activities which we hope will be continued next year. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking Miss King, Mrs. Last and Miss Wall, without whose help and encouragement none of these activities would have been possible.

BELINDA ATKINSON and ROSALIND PARTINGTON.

THE HORSE SHOW AND GYMKHANA

A fine day on July 4th enabled competitors and spectators to enjoy the horse show to the full. We are grateful to the committee of parents who organise this annual event and to the judges and many others who contribute their services. All the proceeds, after the deduction of expenses, are donated to Stover.

Now that the horse show has become established as an annual event, the committee hopes to obtain permanent cups. They will be glad to hear from any friend of the school who is prepared to sponsor one such trophy. It is intended that each cup should bear its donor's name.

This year's horse show was an even greater success than those of the last two years. As usual, the weather was marvellous and over two hundred and fifty entries were made.

The classes included Showing, Working Pony and Hunter, Show Jumping and a Mounted Fancy Dress, which was kindly judged by Miss Hill and Miss Spang.

The show raised over £100, which was put towards school funds. We are most grateful to the School Governors, Miss Smith, the Committee, and Mr. Ayliffe for the use of his land next to the lacrosse pitch. Thanks are also due to the parents and other visitors who made the day so enjoyable.

CAROLINE TULLY.

THE SCHOOL FETE

This year the school fete was held in the Autumn term on an outings day instead of on the last day of the Summer Term owing to the numerous events and hectic rush of the latter.

We had numerous stalls and amusements, which included the ever-popular bottle stall, where most of the contributions were claimed as prizes almost as soon as the fete opened, a heavily stocked produce stall, a second-hand book stall, a fortune teller, and a "Guess the number of spots on the dalmatians" competitions, the prize for which was a budgerigar in a cage.

Parents and staff very generously contributed gifts and prizes, for which we would like to say 'thank you.'

We managed to raise £70, which will go towards the buying of a mini-bus for the school, and extend this invitation to all readers to make an effort to attend the fete next year and help to make it an even bigger success than this year.

R. WILSON, R. REICHWALD, A. DAY

NIGHT PEOPLE

Gnarled trees distorted and bent,
Surround the dead, cold land:
Icy tombstones say how they went,
And perhaps how some were found.

Spirits lurk in dank, dewy corners,
Waiting to pounce on their prey,
Thinking up evil deeds to do,
Enjoying this night, until day.

Haunting their families and friends,
Having fun with the people they fright:
These ghouls, phantoms, spirits and all of their kind,
Should never be let out at night.

CAROLINE ORTMANN.

THE GARDENS OF PHANTOMS

In the still and silent moonlight,
Ghosts drifted here and there,
Behind trees they float out of sight,
Inside that garden fair.

Ghosts of lovers, fair in their youth,
Old pirates with great scars,
Witches with only one black tooth—
All with no worries or cares.

JUDITH PEILE.

SYLLABLE POEMS**A Tree in Autumn**

The
tall lady
with the russet gown
shakes her head in the rough wind
and her leaves drift and
float slowly
down.

CAROLINE ANDREW.

Horses

Foals
ponies
shining cobs
grouped together
underneath a tree,
contentedly
chewing the
luscious
grass.

PHILIPPA LUCAS.

THE PHOENIX

The rubbing of two woods together
 Produces spark and then a flame;
 It grows and covers up the log
 On which it rested; tongues of orange,
 Crimson, sulphur, merging,
 Leaping from the orange caverns,
 Warm, delightful, burning light,
 Crackling, hissing, spitting, roaring
 As it grows; and then the wood is no more,
 It lessens, flickers, dies, leaving
 The reddish embers, which turn to grey.

But there is still life,
 For, from the cold, grey ashes
 Rises life; the Bird in all its glory,
 Gold beak, gold talons, gleaming eyes,
 Tongues of yellow, crimson, orange,
 Merging together in flames of light,
 It rises slowly, surveying with its eye
 The district round it,
 And then it jumps, spreads out
 Its glorious wings, with a flash
 Of orange colour; lifted in the air
 It soars, with a strong and steady flight,
 A resurrection; to new life,
 The Phoenix has flown.

ALISON THOMAS.

A TRADITION IN PERSIA

"Norooz" is a Persian tradition and, for Moslems, it is like Christmas for people in Europe. "Norooz" begins on the 24th March. Because it comes when Spring comes we say that it is "Norooz" which brings the flowers, happiness and all other beautiful things. It gives life to Nature. We also think that the children who come into this world at this season are prettier and healthier and have a very good future.

The first day of "Norooz" is the best day I have ever seen. It is really beautiful. Everywhere is covered by flowers and the sun shines in the blue sky. You can see happiness in every house and in every face. For "Norooz" the mother of the family sets a very big table with seven kinds of delicious food; the name of each kind begins with the letter "S" and everyone who comes in will taste a little of each kind of food. But in most rooms there are lots of other foods and they are decorated with masses of flowers.

About a quarter of an hour before the start of "Norooz" each family is sitting around the big table, and each person has a gold coin in his hand, which means "To wish you a very happy year." And once they say that "Norooz" has come they kiss each other, and the older people usually give presents to the younger ones. If the present is money, or something small, they put it in the Koran—which is our Bible—and give the present from there. Then, after all this, we go to see the oldest person in the family to wish him a very happy year. He or she usually expects us very happily and gives us all a present and we go to eat something from the big table. At night we all have a party in his house and we stay there until about two or three o'clock in the morning, and after that each day is for one of the old people in the family until the 13th of "Norooz."

As they say that 13 is an unlucky number, no one stays at home on this day. We go out to have a picnic—the best picnic we have ever had. We go to the country and really enjoy ourselves as much as possible.

MERCEDEH VOJDANI.

HOME AND COMMUNITY STUDIES

In September, 1970, a new subject—Home and Community Studies—was introduced into the curriculum of Stover School. The course is designed to last for one year and is available for members of the lower sixth who will take the A/O examination set by Cambridge University at the end of that year. At present those girls studying for the examination are either also taking 'A' levels or resitting 'O' levels—in fact, the course has a great deal of useful information to offer for both academic and non-academic girls.

Several lessons are taught by different members of staff since the wide syllabus includes a vast range of topics, including a knowledge of the history and current activities of state and voluntary services in the community, running a home, purchasing a house, insurance, banking, town and country planning, etc. Visiting speakers also lecture on Tuesday afternoons to all sixth formers, and so far this term we have had talks on house purchase, insurance and social work amongst the mentally disturbed and backward. Those taking the course, and other interested sixth formers, have also made visits to a nursery play group at Newton Abbot Centre, have been taken on a conducted tour of Torbay Hospital, have visited Newton Abbot Welfare Centre to watch a baby clinic in progress, and Langdon Hospital, Dawlish, where we visited patients, were shown around and then entertained to tea. Last, but not least, girls have visited and actually helped in the preparation of school meals in school meal centres and school kitchens in the Newton Abbot area. A project of original work forms part of the course and examination, and it is hoped that visits will give girls first-hand information on the subjects they have elected to research.

It is expected that the course will be continued next year and that more girls will be interested enough to stay on at school after 'O' level to make the subject additional to an 'A' level course in one or two subjects or study this as a main subject. The topics on the syllabus are certainly ones which are of interest to intelligent, socially-conscious citizens and especially to the well-informed mothers of the future.

S. WRIGHT.

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE

Since Easter 1970 the sixth form has taken part in various International Voluntary Service activities, ranging from clearing snow from paths to hospital work. The most popular has been painting houses for those who cannot otherwise afford to have it done. We have operated over an area between Ashburton and Paignton and, as well as working hard, we have been able to enjoy ourselves at these projects. It is somehow very rewarding to see how different a house can appear by the time we have finished.

During the summer many of us have enjoyed ourselves looking after lost children on Paignton beach, often as many as twenty a day! We have also helped in geriatric wards at Newton Abbot Hospital, and two six formers 'adopted' old people who lived locally in order to go and chat to them occasionally.

As well as the more serious aspects of voluntary work, we have also enjoyed the social activities. Each term there has been an I.V.S. dance and also numerous social evenings, folk evenings and meetings of various kinds which we have attended.

The people concerned are very friendly and have certainly made us feel welcome. They are always ready to provide us with transport whenever we need it, and it has now become a part of sixth form curriculum that I am sure none of us want to give up.

LOUISE GENET.

HOUSE CONCERTS, SPRING 1970

It was a great pleasure to hear and adjudicate the House concerts on March 24th. I should like to start this note with an apology! Owing to my sudden realization that the afternoon had gone more quickly than I had thought possible, I found my remarks coming to an abrupt end before I had time to say how impressed I had been with the standard of the concerts, and how much I had enjoyed them. There appears to be a good deal of musical talent in the

school, and the planning and presentation of the programmes showed a great advance on those I judged two years ago.

All three Houses had improved conspicuously in "platform manners." The entry of House choirs, groups, and solo performers were disciplined and easy, and most girls succeeded in establishing a good relationship with their audience. All three Houses provided their own accompanists, all competent, some very good. Where accompaniment is needed it is a vital part of the item, so that it was good to note the careful attention that had been paid to it.

Perhaps the outstanding feature of the concerts was the amount of arranging by the girls themselves of the music they chose, to suit their available talent. There was some good work done in this respect, and one hopes it may be followed up in the next competition by some original composition.

Queen Mary House came first with a well-balanced programme, plenty of variety, and some good choral and individual performances. Queen Elizabeth was not far behind, and commendable features of their programme were the nice grouping of performers, and the attention and cheerful facial expressions of their choir. Queen Victoria House gave an enjoyable programme, and in all three concerts most of the competitors appeared to be enjoying themselves, which contributed to their audience's pleasure.

In looking forward to the next House concerts I find myself hoping that string-playing will again be popular and programmes enriched accordingly.

Thank you, Stover, for a very enjoyable afternoon. P. DENCE.

HOUSE REPORTS

Queen Elizabeth House

This year our numbers have increased and so, for the first time in some years, we are the largest House by a narrow margin.

Academically we succeeded in winning the House Cup in both the Autumn and Summer terms—a great achievement, as it is also the first time in several years that this has happened.

Despite a shortage in musical talent, we managed to produce a House Concert in the Spring term and finished a close second to Queen Mary House.

In the sporting field success evaded us, but in most cases we managed to finish second. Unfortunately, we failed to win the swimming sports either, to add to our succession of four, but we did win the relay cup and Irene Spence won the Senior Challenge Cup.

This year we went to Dartmeet for a return visit on Ascension Day and enjoyed it very much.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking Miss Bailey for her continued support and enthusiasm, and also Veronica Barlee, the House's vice-captain, Rosalind Partington, the Senior Games Captain, and Elizabeth Cambridge, the Junior Games Captain.

BELINDA ATKINSON, House Captain.

Queen Mary House

Queen Mary made a slow start academically last year, only coming third in the house marks at the end of the Christmas term. However, the senior netball team kept up our spirits by winning the House netball matches.

The Spring term was our most successful as we managed to win the House, senior and junior lacrosse cups and the music competition. The music competition provided considerable scope, and especially for the more inventive of our members. Some of the sixth form composed a second part to the choir song, "Donna, Donna."

The House kept up its standards on the sporting side of things during the Summer term, coming first in the senior tennis match and swimming sports. Although this success was not repeated with regard to the House cup, I feel that we nevertheless made a considerable effort.

From the House Captain's point of view, this last year's results have been most satisfactory, and the efforts and enthusiasm of the House have been very worthwhile. I should like to thank Miss Evans for help and encouragement given as House Mistress throughout the year.

CAROLINE BULLOCK.

Queen Victoria House

Queen Victoria House's academic fortunes have recently lagged sadly. Apart from this the House has scored some successes during the year. The Christmas term witnessed victory in both Junior and senior netball matches and the Summer in junior tennis. The swimming cup evaded us.

Tradition and folk music was the theme of our entry to the House Music Competition, perhaps too much so. The choir sang "No John" with gusto, while the whole House joined in the "Shrimp Song," a West Indian spiritual. Instrumental items were also included.

Victoria means victory. Are we going to live up to it during the coming year?

SUSAN GUEST, Present House Captain.

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME

This year, for the first time, some of us entered this interesting scheme both at bronze and silver levels. Those who were involved found it presented new interests, amusement, and often an outstanding challenge. Some girls took part in hikes on Dartmoor which included staying a night at a youth hostel, while knitting proved to be one of the most popular activities. Stitches were continually being dropped and retrieved by the constant patience of Miss King and Miss Evans.

Three girls have already received their awards (Silver Medals), presented at Paignton by Jimmy Saville. Those to be congratulated are Serena Sanderson, Judith Irving and Tracie Kelly.

R. WILSON.

UPPER FIFTH ACTIVITIES

After G.C.E. 'O' levels last summer the upper fifth as usual were allowed more freedom of movement, which always proves popular.

As "Anne of the Thousand Days" was showing in Torquay, many of the form went to see it and we all felt that Richard Burton and Genevieve Bujold made excellent monarchs. Other films seen were "Where Eagles Dare," again with ever-popular Richard Burton and Clint Eastwood; "Battle of Britain," with its international cast and pilots who actually took part in the real battle; "Dr. Zhivago," with Omar Sharif and Julie Christie. We also visited the Northcott to see a satire, "The Dragon."

Many of our tennis enthusiasts, and some who are not so keen to play themselves, followed the course of events at Wimbledon on television during the afternoons and evenings.

We also had marriage guidance lectures on June 28th and July 10th. They had been voted for by those who are intending, or hoping, to marry!

Each member of the form was required to undertake a project of her own choice, independently or in association with friends. Some of the results were good and supplied ideas for future years.

ADRIENNE DAY.

VOLUNTARY HOSPITAL WORK

In the past twelve months members of the lower and upper sixth participated in voluntary work at Newton Abbot General Hospital. We are glad to say that this work is still being carried on by three members of the lower sixth. Visits are made weekly and we work principally in the geriatric wards. We know that our efforts are appreciated by the nursing staff and the patients themselves, and it gives us great satisfaction to think that we have helped a little in this way. We sincerely hope that the present upper fifth will be interested and will wish to continue with this worthwhile occupation.

TRUDI ELLIOTT.

FIRST AID

Every Tuesday evening eleven of the senior girls go to Torquay Technical College and take part in a first aid course there from seven until nine o'clock. We are all finding it useful and rewarding, and hope to be able to take qualifying Red Cross examinations sometime in the New Year.

R. WILSON, R. REICHWALD.

BALLROOM DANCING

Every Tuesday evening those senior girls interested to take part in ballroom dancing classes which are held in the gym. These classes are an extension of ballet lessons, which have already been held at the school for quite some time. So far we have learned various modern steps in the waltz, quickstep, cha-cha-cha, and samba.

We are all enjoying the classes very much and hope that they will continue to be a success in the future.

R. WILSON.

THE NORTHCOTT THEATRE

It is now three years since the Northcott Company made its first appearance under the directorship of Mr. Tony Church, and during this time the theatre and its company have become an integral part of the West Country. Wherever one goes there is always someone ready to talk about the Northcott. It has presented theatregoers with many new ideas and, for some, it would be hard to imagine life without the Northcott.

Why has this theatre become such a part of the South-West? In the first place the theatre company has never sat and waited for the audiences to come to it; it has gone out to meet the people, travelling far and wide in order to do this and visiting places as widespread as Minack in Cornwall, Bristol and Southampton. The result is that people have returned for more. During May 1970, the theatre played its part in the Devon County Show, where a number of the company staged an Old-Time Music Hall, which must have been watched by hundreds of people. The Youth Theatre has also helped to strengthen the link with local people, and at the meetings young people see in greater depth what theatre is all about and learn just how much hard work is involved in staging a production.

An interest in drama is noticeably on the increase, especially in schools, and the Northcott has helped to stimulate this growth. One only has to glance at the school register displayed in the foyer to realise the extent of the schools touring plan. The company has taken a variety of plays into the schools, such as "Waiting for Godot," "A Day in the Death of Joe Egg," and "Painting on Wood." The theatre is always willing to help schools in any possible way, and we ourselves at Stover have had Mr. Jack Emery to talk to us about his play, "Wesley, A Man Against His age." Every summer the theatre presents a Young People's Festival seen by well over twelve thousand schoolchildren. The Festival basically consists of two or three productions with films, open rehearsals, discussions and technical workshops, which allow young people to see, often for the first time, the work behind the scenes. This year's festival included a selection of Samuel Becket's plays which will have been a new and exciting experience for many.

Each year the theatre produces a comprehensive selection of plays, ranging from Shakespeare to Becket. Ballet, opera and concerts are provided by companies such as the Ballet Rambert and Phoenix Opera, and a wide range of films, some not often screened in the purely commercial cinema, in association with the British Film Institute. In fact, there is something for everyone, young and old. Whatever one goes to see, the friendly atmosphere and original approach to plays provide entertainment and stimulus.

JILL HOLDING.

PRIZE CROSSWORD QUIZ

A prize will be awarded for the first correct entry drawn from a hat early in the new year. Cost of entry is 1/- and all completed crosswords must be addressed to MRS. S. WRIGHT, STOVER SCHOOL, and be received by February 14th, 1971. All profits will go towards the school Minibus Fund.

CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 and 48 Insect (6-3)
- 7 Halfway to good deportment (7)
- 12 Without value (7)
- 14 A terraced potty for tea (3)
- 15 Go itch! (Anag.) (6)
- 17 Cornish container (3)
- 18 Cockney headwear (2)
- 19 Lotus (4)
- 21 Unguents (4)
- 22 Avenge an act (9)
- 23 Treaty organisation (2)
- 24 Send out (4)
- 26 Insect babies (8)
- 29 Notion (4)
- 31 Partner of 'Elie' (2)
- 32 Inborn alcoholic eating house (6)
- 33 Volcanic mixing bowl (6)
- 36 Print of species (4)
- 37 Drowned valley (3)
- 38 Competes with (4)
- 41 Abbreviated Mod. Cons. (2)
- 42 Essential commodity of a sea-side resort (4)
- 43 Motoring club (1-1)
- 44 Drunken hosiery (5)
- 46 Feline Greek letter (2)
- 47 A deceased bank, not allowed to park? (Initials) (2)
- 48 See 1 across (3)
- 49 Ravaging school beast! (5)

DOWN

- 1 A recent Commander had a nasty fall? (6)
- 2 You and me (2)
- 3 Insane self-exaltation (11)
- 4 The Blue Plague—curse of school teachers! (5)
- 5 Allow to hire (3)
- 6 English town (5)
- 8 Brazilian bolt (3)
- 9 Attention to petty detail (10)
- 10 Source of dipsomania (3)
- 11 'Rubbish' said (8)
- 13 Golden moments (7)
- 16 The Nile suffers from optical setbacks (10)
- 20 Our maternal town (12)
- 25 Tidy oneself (8)
- 27 Hannibal's tank (8)
- 28 Personal grind moving South (7)
- 30 Alien conjunction (2)
- 34 Classical hallway (6)
- 35 Summarises (6)
- 39 Within a tint (2)
- 40 The Dutch would agree that this cheese would not do to have holes in it! (4)
- 45 Fatherland patronised by Britannia (1-1)

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PRESENTATION TO MISS GAUKRODGER

At the summer reunion a presentation of cut glass and a cheque was made by the Old Girls' Association to Miss Gaukrodger on her retirement after twenty four years at Stover.

We were all very sorry to say goodbye to her, and hope that she will have a very happy and enjoyable retirement in Spain.

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ENGAGEMENTS

- Penelope Falconer-Hall to T. C. Fletcher.
 Penny Robertson to Lieutenant Paul Hardacres, R.N.
 Sally Waddle to Mr. Robert Vincent.

MARRIAGES

- P. Coles to Patrick Smith, November 7th, 1970.
 Susan Cliffe to Robert Ignaz Pattis, May 9th, 1970.
 Linda Dunsford to Mr. Ian Olive, 27th September, 1969.
 Hilary Smith to Mr. F. N. Edmunds, April 1969.
 Gillian Ridgway to Mr. J. B. Mitchell, 28th June, 1969.
 Jean Watson to Captain A. J. Martin, November 1969.
 Christine Webb to Mr. R. Bisgrove, B.Sc., M.L.A., January 1970.
 Mary Lidgate to Mr. J. Cotterell, 22nd March, 1970.
 Jennifer Neale to Mr. Barrett, 1970.
 Angela Gummer to Mr. J. Read, 11th April, 1970.
 Roslyn Morgan to Mr. D. Gray, 11th April, 1970.
 Sally Waddle to Mr. R. Vincent, 7th November, 1970.
 Penelope Robertson to Lieutenant Paul Hardacres, R.N., 17th October,
 1970.

BIRTHS

- Rosalind Grainger (Mrs. Gardner), a son, 31.12.69.
 Helen Leggate (Mrs. Williams), a son, 2.2.70.
 Mary Ann King (Mrs. Vacher), a son, 25.2.70.
 Elizabeth Morris (Mrs. Armstrong), a daughter, 25.5.70.
 Lisa Pravita (M. R. M. Bhirombhadi), a daughter, 1970.
 Rosemary Poyntz-Roberts (Mrs. Jones), a daughter, 30.7.70.
 Jennifer Ashby (Mrs. Galloway), a daughter, 8.9.70.

DEATHS

Nora Matossian, in a car accident, December, 1969.

OLD GIRLS NEWS

Jennifer Ashby (Mrs. Galloway) is now living outside Whitehaven. She has one son aged 11 and three daughters, aged nine, seven years and a few months.

Marilyn Aucutt was still awaiting the result of her second year examinations when she wrote.

Teresa Barnes (Mrs. Oaksford) is married to a veterinary surgeon. She tells us that **Jennifer Pascoe** (now Mrs. Nicholson) is living in Fowey.

Susan Cliffe (Mrs. Parris) and her husband are living for the time being in Switzerland. Susan tells us that **Susan Bloomfield** (Mrs. Cheshire) is in Scotland. Both she and her husband are Doctors of Geology.

Linda Dunsford (Mrs. Olive), who has recently married a farmer, writes of her wonderful honeymoon cruising in the Mediterranean. Of all the places they visited they found Israel by far the most fascinating.

Susan Dyet is in Perth, Australia, for two years teaching Social Studies as a change from needlework.

Damaris Easterbrook has now taken a diploma of Business Studies and, after a holiday in Turkey and Rhodes, is starting work in the City in September. She maintains her interest in games and in the English Speaking Union.

Susan Evans has finished her second year at college and is taking an advanced main course in Needlework and Textile Science. She was **Jean Watson's** bridesmaid.

Penelope Falconer-Hall is reading English as a first course and the Extended Professional Course as a second. This covers new maths, primary English and Penny's specialist subject, Arts and Craft, which includes pottery, fabric printing, straight printing and also the designing and playing of musical instruments as well as their making. Only eight women are doing this, as it is only just opened to women, and Penny finds it very amusing tackling the enormous machinery used. All the students finished a year of Study Practice. Her sister, **Caroline**, has settled down at home and in her new school, though she missed Stover friends very much at first. Penny also gives news of **Kate Rowe**, who is working very happily at the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth.

Barbara Farmer (Mrs. Crow) writes that both sons are at Plymouth College, and that her daughter, aged six, is maintaining a keen interest in ballet.

Margaret Frew, after a course at St. Luke's College of Education, Exeter, is teaching music in Paignton, although she says she is much more dedicated to organ playing and choir training that she has been doing the last six years at Marlton Parish Church.

Joan Frew is now Deputy Head of Southbourne Infant School and is also secretary of the local branch of Oxfam.

Sarah French has started her nursing training at the Children's Hospital, Bristol. She says that the work is hard but also very interesting.

Rosalind Grainger (Mrs. Gardner), after qualifying as S.R.N. and R.S.C.N., and gaining a gold medal at Torbay Hospital, married and had a son last year.

Margaret Griffiths (Mrs. Doyle) is living temporarily with her parents and working as a Beauty Therapist until her husband, at present in Bahrein, gets a home posting at Dorniford Camp, Watchet, in February, 1971, they hope. Margaret spent the first year after marriage in 1968 with her husband in Gibraltar.

Angela Gummer has left her job in the Queen's Office after two and a half years to get married in May. They went to Cyprus for their honeymoon, and were enchanted by the beauty of the island and its carpets of spring flowers. She is living near Hampstead Heath, where only birds, no traffic, are to be heard! Angela's sister, Priscilla, was also married a week before Angela, and she too had a wonderful honeymoon cruising in the Mediterranean on her husband's small yacht.

Susan Hall is staying with relations in South Africa for six months.

Diana Harding, with a son aged eleven and a daughter of ten, is still living in Sussex. She tells us that **Mary Griffith** is living near Midhurst now.

Elizabeth Hichens has just passed her second year examinations at Northampton Training School of Occupational Therapy. She is finding the clinical work very interesting now.

Margaret Howell writes from Indiana, U.S.A., where she has just received an M.A. degree in English. Margaret gives us news that **Susan Marshall-Harvey** (Mrs. Hardie) had a son in November, 1968, and that her cousin, **Rosalie** (Mrs. Harvie) is in Canada. June is living at home, and we should like to offer them both our sympathy on the death of their father last year.

Hilary Johns (Mrs. Hatherley) has two children, a boy of four and a girl of three.

Philippa Johnson is very much enjoying her work on a butterfly farm, where she has been for two years.

Penelope Key has been home on a year's leave from her work in New Guinea. She has spent a considerable part of that time working in London hospitals and obtaining further qualifications. She is going back to New Guinea in October this year as a gynaecologist.

Margaret King (Mrs. Vacher), who had a second son in March, says that they have just finished converting two old cottages into one and are now tackling the garden, which was one huge overgrown vegetable patch!

Helen Leggate (Mrs. Williams), with two daughters of four and two years and a baby son, still finds time for part-time nursing at a Family Planning Clinic. She tells us that **Elizabeth Luscombe** (Mrs. Luke) is living in Plymstock, and has two sons aged five and three years.

Honor Langton (Mrs. Wearing) has one daughter of nearly two years.

Valerie Livingstone-Bussell spent two years in Cyprus after visiting much of the Continent and South Africa. When she wrote she was just off again to Norway and then to the U.S.A. to visit her sister Diana and her husband. In the interval she worked for the local M.P.!

Valerie Maidment has had a variety of jobs, including housekeeping in a hotel and matron's work in a school, as well as a short time working as a model in London.

Sally Menneer is in New Zealand, where she is a Community Nurse at Napier Hospital. She is going to Sydney early next year.

Roslyn Morgan is working at the R.V.R.S. in Wellerbourne.

Elizabeth Morris (Mrs. Armstrong) has married an R.A.F. officer and has spent two years in Singapore and six months in Penang. Elizabeth says that **Jane Webber** married her brother last year.

Jennifer Neale (Mrs. Barrett), after two years teaching, married recently and is now living in Portugal, where her husband is teaching English. They expect to return to London, where Jennifer intends to take up teaching again.

Lesley Neale has just finished her training and starts in her first teaching post at St. Albans Grammar School in September after a holiday with Jennifer in Portugal.

Stephanie Parkinson (Mrs. Seagall) is teaching Russian Government and Politics at the City of London College and is also doing part-time work in the British Museum.

Wendy Parkinson was waiting for the results of her final examinations in Occupational Therapy when she wrote and is starting work in London in September.

Jennifer Parkinson is beginning her training at the Tante Marie School of Cookery in Woking.

Mavis Pering (Mrs. Nicholls) has two sons, aged twelve and five years.

Christine Powell-Davies is still in Bermuda working as a district nurse in a very poor area, the inhabitants of which are mostly coloured.

Lisa Pravitra (M. R. M. Bhirombhakdi) has been to England with her husband, but had no opportunity of visiting any of her friends. She hopes to do better next time.

Penny Robertson is Theatre Sister at St. Thomas's Hospital, where she is very happy, and she intends to go on working there until her marriage next year. She was god-mother to **Helen Williams'** son this summer.

Rosemary Poyntz-Roberts is farming near Totnes and has a daughter of three years and another baby in July. She has very nobly undertaken to be Treasurer to the O.G.A. She tells us that **Susan Marshall-Harvey** (Mrs. Young), now living in Sheen, is hoping to go with her family to Australia soon, and that **Wendy Upham** (Mrs. Piper) has three little girls, all now at school, and has just moved into a lovely new bungalow in Brixham.

Hilary Smith (Mrs. Edmunds) was married last year and is still working freelance designing millinery. She also has a very interesting job interior decorating in which she and her husband have a common interest as he works in industrial plastics, chiefly designing and moulding components for aircraft.

Susan Stapleton (Mrs. Fulford-Dobson), with two children, was expecting her third when she wrote.

Kathleen Stewart has left the Foreign Office after her return from Nepal and Cambodia, and is now at the Administrative Staff College in Henley-on-Thames.

Stella Strange is secretary to the Academic Registrar of Lancaster University, and she tells us that **Frances Marshall** is also working in Lancashire as a Dental Nurse in Garstang.

Maywin Sturges (Mrs. Spalding) is doing part-time work as Medical Officer in Cambridge City Council.

Clare Thomae is reading Spanish and Latin American Studies at University College, London. She spent part of her first year in Spain and Portugal taking courses at Madrid and Lisbon Universities.

Jennifer Tippet (Mrs. Codd) says that she has no job, but just three sons of six and a half, four, and two years, all very energetic and having chicken-pox when she wrote!

Rosemary Watts (Mrs. Lewis) has one son a year old.

Anne Waterman (Mrs. Harrison) feels that she is fully occupied with twin sons of three years!

Sarah Waterman (Mrs. Harrison) is an S.R.N. and has two step-children.

Christine Webb (Mrs. Bisgrove), after obtaining a B.Sc. degree (Hort.) at Reading, worked for the Fruit and Vegetable Preservation Research Association. She then visited her future husband who, after also graduating at Reading, went to the U.S.A., where he obtained a M.L.A. in 1969. They visited Florida and New York and came home on the Q.E.2 and were married. Her husband is lecturing on Amenity Horticulture at Reading University. Christine has retired!

Deirdre Whitaker (Mrs. White) has two sons aged 15½ and 13½. She works as a Receptionist at St. Mary's School, Wantage, during term time and spends the holidays cooking enormous meals for the boys. She says that **Norma Bradridge** (Mrs. Brown) is living in the U.S.A. with her husband, who is an economist of the International Monetary Fund.

Kathryn Westlake (Mrs. Tatman) is in Saudi Arabia with her husband and two children.

Elaine Roberts (Mrs. Counsell) is still in Vietnam for about a year more, and would like to return as they enjoy it so much were it not for the sadness of so often losing their friends, who are usually only doing brief tours. Whether or not they will go back was not decided when they wrote in June. Elaine sang a solo at the first joint performance of the choirs of the R.C. Cathedral and the Anglican Church. Just before Christmas their Choral Society flew to Phu Bai and sang 'The Messiah' in the chapel of a vast camp where the young G.I.s were pathetically grateful for a reminder of a normal Christmas. They only leave camp—a sea of mud at that time—for patrol or combat and do not meet any Vietnamese except bar-girls and washer-women and therefore cannot believe they are worth fighting for. During another performance the Counsell's house was ransacked by two armed men and all the money collected for an orphan's party and all the cook's savings were stolen—but they did not wake the baby!

I. Bevington (Carr). Husband was installed as a Prebendary of Exeter Cathedral on October 10th and has recently been elected as Rural Dean. Eldest son David is in the second year at Cambridge. Michael doing Classics in sixth form at school, and youngest son, Andrew, has another two years before 'O' levels and main interest is trains.

S. Chesher (Bloomfield). Since leaving school spent six years at Exeter University, where she gained Upper Second Class honours degree in chemistry and geology. Since then she has spent three years doing research in geo chemistry. At present she is writing her findings as a thesis to be submitted for a Ph.D. She is married to a geologist and they have a small daughter, Dawn.

S. Forward. Since leaving school has shared a flat with **G. Back** for two years. Then spent a year in Sicily with a family to learn Italian. Came back to England for a short while and spent the last year in Paris working for Françoise (Multenard?). She became engaged last January and is getting married on November 14th.

T. Forward. Married in July to Guy Kew, a farmer, and is now living in Chippenham, near Newmarket.

Elizabeth Irvine (Mrs. Tatem), living in Singapore, has a baby daughter.

G. Back. Living in Bristol, where her husband, M. Polonsky, is a social worker for Bristol City Council.

M. Pruen (Mrs. Lindup). Helps her husband run small farm in Somerset. Has two children, Catherine aged six and Andrew three and a half years.

B. Pruen (de Putron). Living in Guernsey and now has three children.

R. Pruen. Senior Matron at the Pilgrims School, the Choir School, Winchester Cathedral.

R. Colquhoun. In second year at Homerton College, Cambridge. Thoroughly enjoying her course and is now very involved with teaching practice.

A. Simpson joined P. and O. Shipping Line in May to work as a female assistant purser. Has now returned to South Africa after spending some time in England and France.

EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS

At the annual general meeting Mrs. V. Donne (Edwards) very kindly offered to hold an exhibition of paintings at the school (Tuesday, July 13th) in aid of the Minibus Fund.

She will contribute paintings herself and would also like to include paintings from past and present pupils.

Any O.G. who could contribute a painting, and who would be willing to help in any way, is asked to contact Mrs. V. Donne at her home address (Fursdon, Moretonhampstead), if possible before the end of March. Exhibits would have to be available ten days before the exhibition.

SUMMER REUNION

The Summer reunion and A.G.M. will be held on Saturday, July 10th, at Stover.