

## MALTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER No.2 1980

### 1980 GRADUATES

We are pleased to congratulate the following Old Maltonians of whose graduation we have learned in recent weeks, whilst apologising to any whose name has inadvertently been omitted.

Chris Cundell (Leeds)

Mark Gresswell (Loughborough)

Joanne Suddaby (Loughborough)

Anne Lacey (Birmingham)

Mark Windle (Leeds)

Michael Wilson (Newcastle)

Heather Blenkin (Newcastle)

Jackie Powell (Liverpool)

Graham Richardson (London)

Gillian Dronfield (Lancaster)

Valerie Leigh (Kent)

Claire Rutter (Warwick)

Helen Magson (Bristol Polytechnic)

Andrew Leeson (Sussex)

We also congratulate Denise Miller, who left the 6th form in June 1979, on receiving her Commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the WRAC on 6th August. Her first posting, which took effect from 25th August, is as a Platoon Officer at the RAOC Battalion and Training Depot at Blackdown Barracks, Deepcut, near Camberley, Surrey.

We are pleased to report that Margaret Thompson has been offered a place at New Hall, Cambridge for October to read Economics, Margaret is the third of our 6th form in the last 5 years to be placed at Cambridge.

### MALTON & NORTON LIONS CLUB

The school has this term been the very fortunate recipient of a most generous donation of money to be used to assist in the putting into effective use the increased proportion of time to be devoted to the teaching of Science in Year Three which we have been planning over the past year.

On Wednesday July 9th, Mr. Paul Exley, President of the Malton & Norton Lions Club came into school together with Mr. B. Miller and Mr. R. Patterson of the Save & Prosper Group, to hand over a cheque for £720. This sum, made available to the Lions by the Save & Prosper Education Trust which exists to support projects in education in both the public and private sector, will be used to purchase Chemistry, Physics and Biology textbooks for use in year three, whilst additional equipment and up-dated teaching material for Years One and Two will be found from capitation.

We are exceedingly grateful for this generosity particularly at a time when capitation provided by the County has not kept pace with inflation, thus making it much more difficult to put projects of this scope into operation.

It was unfortunate that inaccuracies crept into local press coverage of the presentation of the cheque. In particular the suggestion that it was hoped "to remedy" a situation where too few 6th formers went on to read science in further education was unfortunate since over the years the balance of Arts/Science candidates has been quite pleasing and indeed last year more left us to take up Science degree courses than Arts.

### **6TH FORM THEATRE VISITS** *P. Kneeshaw 6th Form.*

The Lower 6th form group made two enjoyable visits with Mr. Ashworth. The first was to a production of Ibsen's "The Master Builder" at Leeds Playhouse. The entire group were most impressed by this excellent presentation. Especially convincing was Bernard Horsfall in the title role. In June, some members of the group visited York Theatre Royal to see a rare production of "The Devil's Law-Case", a little known tragi-comedy by John Webster. The acting, lighting and costumes was most rewarding.

### **HOUSE TROPHY WINNERS - SCHOOL YEAR 1979-90**

#### **SENIOR GIRLS**

Hockey - Byland/Rievaulx  
Netball - Byland  
Badminton - Kirkham  
Tennis - Kirkham  
Rounders Rievaulx

#### **JUNIOR GIRLS**

Hockey - Kirkham  
Netball - Byland  
Rounders - Kirkham

#### **COMBINED EVENTS**

Athletics - Rosedale  
Swimming - Rievaulx.

#### **SENIOR BOYS**

Soccer - Byland  
Hockey - Byland  
Basketball - Kirkham  
Badminton - Rievaulx  
Cross Country - Byland  
Cricket - Byland  
Volleyball - Rievaulx

#### **JUNIOR BOYS**

Soccer - Kirkham  
Hockey - Byland  
Basketball - Kirkham  
Badminton - Byland  
Cricket - Byland

### **WORK EXPERIENCE - JULY 1980** *Mr. J. Cristal 1st Deputy Head*

For two weeks near the end of the summer term, 55 of our 4th formers took part in Malton School's first full Work Experience scheme. The participants went to a wide variety of workplaces - farms, estates (doing gardening, forestry or gamekeeping); garages, riding stables; hotels, offices (including the Council offices); engineering works; primary school s; a school for the handicapped (in Scarborough); the hospital; the public library; building sites; etc.

From all we have been able to ascertain from visiting the pupils at work, from reading their logbooks, the reports back by employers and written comments from parents, it really does seem to have been a most successful venture. Some of the more memorable comments included:

**Parents** ... "he has been a different person during the time he was at work", .."she was very tired for the first 3 days"..., "he has hardly stopped talking about what he did". .."a pity I didn't have this opportunity when I was at school"..., "it gave him a chance of responsibility", .."it has changed his outlook on life,"

**Pupils**..."I really enjoyed myself ".,,"1 felt very nervous the first day out, all the people I worked with were very good with me".,, "I can certainly recommend next year's 4th year to take this opportunity ..."I had to get up very early but I learned a lot" .. "A bit strange working 8 hours a day."

**Employers** ... We were very sorry to see her go", .."thank you for sending such a pleasant fellow, if I needed a trainee I would have no hesitation in employing him" ..."the 2 boys were a credit to both the school and themselves"

Prize winners for the best logbooks were:

1st Rachael Hooks - 2nd Carolyn Dews, Alison Foster, Rosemary Lovett and Pamela Knights.

Best Boy - Robert Lamb.

Others commended were: Anne-Marie Bowles, Emma Caley, Lindsey Smith, Bridget Woodall, Cheryl Dooks, Julian Chubb, Brian Langataff and Adrian Watson.

### **FRANCE 1980** *Louise Johnson, Rebecca Pay & Sarah Abbey*

We set off from Malton School at 10 o'clock and travelled all night in a Gardiner's coach. Before we arrived at Dover we stopped for a drink and something to eat. We arrived at Dover an hour early at 4.30 am. and caught the 6.00 am. ferry to Boulogne. The crossing was quite rough and a new experience for most.

When we arrived in France we did not go through customs. The roads were very long and straight. The countryside was different, especially the trees, driving on the right hand side of the road seemed funny. After the long journey we arrived at Chamerolles, at 4.30pm. The camp consisted of 100 chalets. They were made of wood and had a kitchen, two bedrooms, a bathroom, toilet and a dining room. They were in amongst trees and next to a small lake.

On Sunday morning we all slept in until 10 am. We had coffee, cocoa or hot milk. After lunch we went to Fontainebleau; we could not look around the house but we walked around the grounds and gardens. We then walked around town for about an hour and did any shopping which we wanted to do. When we arrived back we went back to our chalets or played volley ball. We went for our supper and had salad, spaghetti and bread.

After getting up at 7.15 on the Monday, having breakfast and getting on to the coach, we set off for Vendome. After walking round we boarded the coach again and travelled along a small road, we stopped near a small wood to eat our packed lunch. After lunch we went to Blois and after we had looked round the Chateau, we got back on the coach and went to Chambord. We did not have enough time to go inside, but we did see the outside and the gardens.

Tuesday was our day of leisure. After breakfast we lounged around, took lots of photographs and played volleyball. Some of the people went down into the village to get stamps and postcards. Wednesday was the day which we had all been waiting for, our trip to Paris. It took us about 2 hours to get there from Chamerolles. When we got there we picked up our guide, near the Statue of Liberty. We went to the Arch de Triomph but we did not get out of the coach. We also saw where the Pope was going to celebrate open-air mass, then went back to the thing we had all been waiting for, the Eiffel Tower. We ate our packed lunch in a park next to the Tower. We went to a massive store which was 9 stories high. Hardly anyone bought anything because it was so expensive. We went back to the coach and after the long journey, we arrived back at Chamerolles. We had our supper and went to a disco in the dining hall.

On Thursday we spent the day at Pithiviers. We took a packed lunch with us which we ate

near a wood. We visited a chateau there. When we got back to the camp we had our supper and went to bed early, so we could get an early start for the long journey back on Friday. Miss Speak woke us up at 4.30 am. We locked our chalets after one final check over and handed our keys in. We boarded the coach and set off.

We were tired when we arrived at the docks as the journey had lasted all morning. We had lunch on the ferry, after that we went for a look round and bought small presents for our families.

We were on the ferry for about 1.5 hours and we did not have to go through customs but many other coaches did. We all cheered when we pulled out of customs and on to the road, everyone was excited now as we drove closer towards home. We all said goodbye to Charlie, the driver and thanked him very much. It all seemed like a dream from which we had woken.

On behalf of all the pupils who went on the trip, we would like to thank all those members of staff concerned in arranging and taking part in this holiday.

### **GERMANY - VENTURE ABROAD** *Sarah\_Hutton*

The gathering of eager children and apprehensive parents looked weird in the yellow light of the street lamps in Middlecave Road. Soon our suitcases disappeared into the metallic black coach that we were soon to know so well. We left our home county and went on towards Dover, passing through London and reached Dover in the early morning. The crossing was a good one and by 1 o'clock we were settled into the Palace Hotel, Ostend, Belgium. We all met in the foyer and went to look around Ostend. From then on we were all enjoying ourselves.

We travelled on to Koblenz, Germany the next day and 7 of us were taken to a guest house which, for that time, was home. We went on trips to Trier, Heidleberg, Rheinfels Castle, Rudesheim and Cochem and were all impressed by the neatness of our surroundings. The people were all very friendly and one night, we were invited to a school disco by a girl called Gabi and her friends. Many of us went and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

We had a trip on a steamer down the "Romantic Rhine" an experience none of us will ever forget. The fairy-tale castles on the surrounding hills were situated amidst breathtaking scenery. We ate the crispy bread buns typical of Germany and enjoyed the soups and many other dishes placed before us. The churches we visited were magnificent, as was the Porta Nigra in Trier. The latter is one of the most famous Roman relics in Germany. In Heidleberg we visited the castle and saw the famous University. We wandered round many tiny back streets, intrigued by the flower decorations and delighted by the small tankards and postcards which we kept as souvenirs.

When we returned to Belgium, Koblenz was fresh in our memories but the intricate lace-work we saw in Brugge fascinated us. We took a boat trip on the surrounding canal before going on to Ostend. The next day we left for England, travelling back through France, catching the ferry and watching the white cliffs of Dover appear slowly through the mist. We were all sad to return home but our parents tolerated our excited talk as we recreated the delights of going abroad, not only for them, but for ourselves too.

### **CAMPING IN FRANCE** *Mrs.M.Wood*

A group of 10 girls from the 1st and 2nd years went to France with Mrs. Wood and Mrs. Key from the 17th to 25th July. This was the first expedition of its kind and obviously a few lessons were learned but generally everything went well and we hope everyone enjoyed themselves.

Some memorable moments were our lack of fuel on the M11 and Mrs. Wood's inability to operate French telephones (the alleged telephone vandalism is hotly denied: - Mrs. Wood also found French telegraph poles worthy of close inspection) Our first night in France was definitely one of those forgettable occasions with high winds and rain which we could easily enjoy at home without all that driving! However, everybody was soon trying out their French in the shops, Post Office and during visits to markets. We saw the tapestry and museum at Bayeux, the landing beaches and some of the old German gun emplacements. Eventually the sun came through and we found a sandy beach with good swimming to complement the heatwave. The sun continued to shine until our return to Malton so that we could show some degree of tan and peeling noses to prove that we had been abroad.

### **CAMPING EXPEDITIONS 1980**

The usual programme of camping expeditions has been undertaken during the summer term and 6 members of staff have been responsible for 3 groups of 1st year pupils. In addition a group of 17 4th year pupils went camping in late June.

The campsite visited is the National Trust site at the head of Great Langdale, 10 miles to the west of Ambleside. The site is well organised with a resident warden and a special area for school groups. Facilities include hot and cold water for showers, washing and washing up. In all there are 3 separate toilet blocks. A small, well-stocked shop is open for 4 hours each day.

The Langdale valley offers a wide variety of walks. Many suitable long walks involving arduous climbs are available especially on the Bowfell-Crinkle Crags ridge. Additional long walks are available in the nearby Coniston and Helvellyn ranges. Suitable low level short distance routes are close to the campsite in the Langdale aikes.

The whole area is spectacular in appearance. The glaciation of the Borrowdale Volcanic series of rocks has left a legacy of magnificently rugged rock scenery. High altitude tarns in corries with high bank walls are common.

Pupils organise themselves into tent units of 3 or 4. They are responsible for their own cooking and washing up as well as sharing with the usual campsite chores. All the necessary equipment is provided from the school stock. This includes tents, sleeping bags, Karrimats, double burner calor cookers, 8oz. waterproof clothing and safety equipment such as ropes and survival units.

As well as an introduction to camping and fell-walking the expeditions offer the pupils the opportunity to experience living in a wild and beautiful environment in physically demanding conditions. It is hoped that this initial experience may stimulate a regular participation in later years.

### **SCHOOL CONCERT - MARCH 31st** *Mr. D. Jones*

Weeks of regular lunchtime rehearsals and individual practise culminated in a school concert at the end of the spring term concert included a wide variety of music performed by the Junior and Senior Choirs, the Orchestra, woodwind and brass groups, recorder groups and soloists - and was thoroughly enjoyed by audience and performers alike. The collection which totalled £64, was a very welcome contribution to extra-curricular music funds.

### **MUSIC IN THE SUMMER TERM**

In June, the woodwind: group and some members of the Junior Choir entertained the Methodist Ladies Circle at one of their Monday evening meetings. It was a very useful experience for the children and they certainly enjoyed the supper afterwards:

In July the woodwind group went on tour to two of our village Primary-schools - Foston and Slingsby - where they demonstrated their instruments in a short musical programme. We hope the children enjoyed the music and learned something by seeing the instruments played 'live'. Refreshments at Foston were very welcome in the middle of the afternoon!

### **"The Mikado"**

In May, a party of 45 pupils attended a schools matinee performance of The Mikado given by the D ' Oyle Carte Opera Company at the New Theatre, Hull.

### **Exam successes**

The following pupils have been successful in examination of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music

Paul Townsley - Flugel horn. Grade 5.

Ruth Hadfield - clarinet,. Grade 4

Nicholas Lovett - clarinet. Grade 4 with merit,

Mandy Iredale - flute. Grade 3, with merit

Liam Spencer - clarinet. Grade 3

Angela Coombes - clarinet. Grade 3

Alison Wilmott - flute. Grade 3

Nicholas Lovett, Rosemary Lovett, Andrea Baxter, Theory Grade 5

### **Plans for the Future**

Regular orchestral and instrumental group practices recommence at lunchtimes this term and we plan to take a programme of music to Malton primary school in October.

Both Junior (years 1-3) and Senior (years 4 and above) Choirs will begin rehearsals at lunchtime just before half term in preparation for the annual Carol Service on December 11th at St. Michael's Church.

Congregational carols will again be accompanied by the orchestra.

Rehearsals also begin in September for our biggest venture this year a school production of the Rodgers & Hammerstein musical *Oklahoma*. The cast will be drawn chiefly from members of 6 Lower and years 3 and 4. Rehearsals will take place at lunchtime and after school. A production such as this is only made possible by the willing help of many members of staff who spend a great deal of time on set design and construction, costumes, lighting, front of house arrangements, etc. Performances will take place in the West Wing Hall on March 25th, 26th and 27th at 7,30 pm.

### **A note to Parents of 1st year pupils**

This year, all 1st year pupils in their music lessons are learning to play the recorder as an aid to reading music. School recorders are available, which are sterilised after use, but your child may, if you wish, bring her or her own recorder to school. In this case please ensure that both instrument and case are clearly labelled with their name and form.

### **CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION 1980 - *C.V. Ashworth***

This year's competition was judged by Mrs. H. Haworth M. Phil. who commented both in her report and personally in conversation, on the originality and maturity of many of the entries and the impressive range of literary skills used. Inevitably many extremely good pieces of writing went unrewarded in terms of prizes, though I feel that the major reward in such work is, in fact, the creation of the piece in the first place. An anthology of many of the entries is however being compiled and will be in the school library next term.

This is the 4th year in which the competition has been organised in the school and several of the winners this year have also been awarded prizes in previous years. It is perhaps significant that although creative writing must by its very nature be a minority interest, each competition since 1977 has been organised in response to the request and interest of pupils from most levels of the school.

The winners this year were:

#### **Junior Section (Forms I and 2)**

1st: Richard Hadfield (The Druids Uprising)

2nd: Steven Lamb (A Day of War)

3rd: Andrew Shipley (Seasons)

#### **Middle section (Forms 3 & 4)**

1st: Nicholas Booth (The Funeral)

2nds Sarah Hutton (Equus) & David ~ Goodwill (Deaths Domain)

3rd: Karen Barker (Who Cared?)

#### **Senior Section (Forms 5 & 6)**

1st Alison Schofield (Sacrifice)

2nd: Fenella Fabling (2 Poems) & Ian Pearson (Life-Poem 2)

3rd: Tim Bull (Reality & the Hammer)

The following extracts from Mrs. Haworth's report will be of interest: "Once again I was genuinely impressed by the general high standard of the entries for the Creative writing Competition. Many of them showed not only originality and considerable literary ability, but also an ambitious determination to tackle themes and styles of quite impressive difficulty. As last year the sheer diversity of the entries made the judging of the competition not only a very pleasurable but also an extremely difficult task, and unfortunately not one that has become any easier the second time around!

Certainly if it were possible to publish a selection of the entries submitted in this annual contest, the result would be a fascinating and rewarding anthology. Its style and subject matter would range from the cryptic and surreal, stark and sophisticated imagery of some of the Senior section to the leisurely detailed descriptions of a homely rural paradise, reminiscent of Thoreau's Walden, from the bleak visions of modern illness, isolation and death to the whimsical yet robust world of Faery.

I was often therefore in a quandary as to how to order this great variety of theme and idea

into the arbitrary sections of 1st, 2nd and 3rd, but such is the nature of competitions, and many excellent pieces of writing have had to go unrewarded. However, I do not think their authors should consider themselves 'losers' if they are not 'winners': creative writing is not quite like playing tennis or running a race. As I hope to have made clear in my individual comments, those who did not win often displayed real talent and potential, and I sincerely hope they continue to write and develop this. Happily I am optimistic that they may well do it, since the impressive evidence I have seen in the last 2 years indicates that the encouraging atmosphere at Malton School provides the right stimulus."

### **SCHOOL MEALS SERVICE**

The County Council's economies in the school meals service have brought about some radical alterations in the operation of the lunch arrangements in the school. Consequent to the decline in numbers of children taking meals last year three of the longest serving members of the staff, Mrs. Ledinghan, Mrs. Tierney and Mrs. Train were offered and accepted terms for early retirement. After the end of term I was informed that the lady who had been redeployed to work as cook in one of the kitchens did not wish to take up the appointment and had resigned. This left me with adequate staff to operate only one of the two kitchens and therefore the East Wing dining hall has had to be closed in so far as cooked meals are concerned. All cooked lunches are now served in the West Wing and children bringing packed lunches eat them under supervision in the East Wing dining hall.

I feel that the quality and the presentation of the meal, as well as the variety and combination of menus available, continue to be of a very high standard indeed and the fact that we are again serving over 400 meals each day perhaps reflects this.

### **EXAM RESULTS 1980**

The results this year were generally quite pleasing. Although our information is not yet complete it would appear that as a result of the A levels at least thirteen, possibly fifteen of last year's 6th form were offered university places and a further 6 places at Polytechnics or other colleges of Further Education.

In the 5th form 60 'O' level 'A' grades were awarded and 66 CSE Grade 1's. This has contributed to building our biggest 6th form so far, 98, of whom 54 are in the Lower 6th. It should be said of last year's 5th that they were in general a most pleasant and sensible group and also that a little of that edge and competitiveness which we have sometimes felt to be lacking was rather more apparent. We look forward to their further success, at the school or elsewhere.

**JMB 'A' level results. Boys:** Adderley D.M. 1, Audsley N. 4, Bielby I. 4., Campbell, A. P. 4, Dodsworth T. A. 3, Gilderdale R. R Laws N.R. 4, Lucas I C. 3, Messenger N. 2, Pearson I. J. 3, Raw, C. D. 2, Slayer D.D.W. I, Staman S.J. 3, Swann D. 4, Tate-Smith P I : 1, Thompson I.C. 4, Townsley D.R. 4,

**Girls** Abbey G.S. 4, Birkett D.E. 4, Blenkin G.A. 3, Cobb M. 3, Hadfield K.M. 1, Kirkwood J.C. 4., Lacy S. 4, Mason J.A.M. 2, Megginson K.J. 4, Schofield D.S. I, Stansfield I.M. 4, Thackray M.L. 3, Thompson M.M. 4, Wright N.J. I, Yates T.J. 4, Young K. 4.

**JMB '0'levelresults(GradesA, B&C\*) Boys;** Adams T. I, Baxter C. 8., Beanland S. 4.,Brown, S 5 Bull T 6, Casson D. 6, Coulson M. I, Ellis H. 5, Hamer, P. 3, Gibb, P. 3, Jepson, C. 3, Levesley P. 6, Marshall A. 5, Marucci P. 2, Miller N. 8, Milner J. 4, Pope A. 4, Presten J. 2, Ramsey J. I, Ropar S. 4, Saul M. 4, Shaw N. 9, Simpson M., 5, Skelton J. 2, Smith S. 4, Spencer L. 7, Tate-Smith M. 10, Walker S. 2, Ward A. 3, Wood M. 2, Woodall G. 7. **Girls:** Ainsworth P. Archer N. 7, Barnes S. 9, Bielby E. I, Buxton T. I, Boggin T« 3., Gascoyne T. I, Hadfield D. 6, Hamilton B. 9, Hanley E. I, Hollos A. 5, Iredale A. 7, Jones S. 9, Lee S. 6, Lucas H. 2, Millar S. 2, Miincr A. Nicholson J. I, Pay, L. 7, Baines P. 9, Rowntree A. 9, Sanderson D. 7, Seekings K. 8, Smithson H. 8, Tasker W. 6, Thompson J. 9.

**Yorkshire Regional Examinations Board CSE results (figures in brackets denote \*0\* level equivalent) • Boys:** Adams T. 8 (1), Allanby S. 8, Annis R. 6, Batty S. 4, Baxter C. I, Deanland S. 4 (2), Boyes S. 9, Brown S. 1 (1), Bull T. 2 (1), Casson D. 2 (1), Coulson M. 6(1), Crick N. I, Dawson J. 6, Ellis M. 2(1), Hamer P. 3, Gibb P. 4(1), Hill M. 7, Hutchinson ~ 5, Jepson C. 4, Knights P. 9(3) Marshall H. 3(3), Marucci P. 6(1), Miller , I, Milner J. 3(2), Oxtoby D. I, Pope A. 3(2), Preston 6, Ramsay J. S(i), Rookes R. I, Roper S. 3, Saul H. 5(2), Simpson 3, Skelton J. 7(1), Smith S. 4, Tollitt, T. 7, Swallow J. 7, Sylvester R. 5, Tait S, 1, Tute K. 1, Walker S. 7, Ward A. 6(3), Wilkinson 2(1), Wilson P, 2, Wood M. 7(1), Woodall G, I, Fargher N. 7, Farghr H. 6, Scaife I, Weatherill M. 4. **Girls;** Ainley C. 7, Ainsworth P. 1, Archer W. 1, Barnes K. 9, Bielby R. 8(1), Bradshaw J. 9, Buxton J. 4(1), Buxton T. 3(1), Caley A. 7(2) Garbutt G. 8, Clark J. 6, Clark R, 6, Crick S, 3, Crowe L 9, Dobson C. 9(2), Foggin T. 9(3), Gascoyne T. 8 (2), Hadfield D. 2(1), Henley E. 6(4), Humpleby J. 8(1), Iredale A. 1, Jeffrey S.. 2, Lucas H. 7(6), Magee T. 8(2), Millar S. 3, Miller R.8 (4), Milner A. 4(1), Nash M. 6, Newman S. 2(1), Nicholson J. 8(1), Patterson R 9, Paylor V. 6, Pickering A. 8(2), Powell L. 3, Race J. 2, Sanderscn D. I, Shepherd S. 1, Shipley D« I, Simpson P, 2, Stockdale D. 6, Tasker, W. 1, Turner M. 9(1), Wade J. 1, Wardle A 7(1), Waterton T. I, Whincup E. 7, Wilson D. 8, Wilson C. 6.