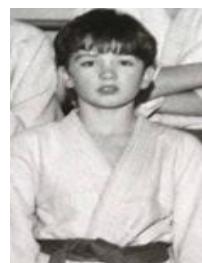


Lion Pride



Chapter 13 Minor Sports



This Chapter has been brought together by Mark Knight, with a care and attention to detail that will substantially contribute to the archival value of this Chapter and the whole "Lion Pride" publication. Mark has imparted much personal research and, being closer in age to some of the latter years, has been able to add with emphasis, an awareness of the real achievements of many of the Price's players.

Sport, along with the successes of different extracurricular enterprises, enhanced greatly the overall quality of life in the School and College.

The so-called "Minor Sports" were named thus on the basis that, compared with Soccer, Hockey and Cricket, which were part of the School's earliest activities, these were of shorter duration, rather than of lesser significance.

Some of these sports developed from pupil-demanded opportunities then growing into fully-fledged School / College teams, properly-kitted and with published fixture lists. No greater credit can be given to the originators of these activities, for sharing with others, the benefits of their interests.

One or two sports were rather short-lived but even then, there was ambition to seek proper facilities and development. Within the body of the Staff there were some very capable performers in their own right and many Staff offered their time and coaching skills willingly in the pursuit of opportunities for the boys.

In later years, when legislative expectations of adults leading groups of younger children became more rigorous, such willingness tended to fade away but even when there was support for teams, it became more difficult to build a fixture list with fewer participating Schools.

Teachers' tenure of appointments tended to be lessening, and younger Staff will have been confronting conflicting obligations that might have reduced willingness to offer time and effort freely, against an environment of rising risks. Eventually, Teachers' industrial action

had a major effect on the “School team” concepts and the Saturday morning and after School, midweek fixtures.

The present day (2020s) reveals a transfer of provision for younger sports players largely shifting from Schools to civilian Clubs - themselves responsible for satisfying legislative demands with institutional organisations for health and safety, and safe-guarding obligations, etc.

This review of the Price’s School, and College situations (in the separate Price’s Sixth Form College Years Chapter) shows how fortunate were the boys, and later, girls, working in an environment much enriched with a diversity of opportunity, and many, gifted coaching Staff and performing pupils.

Coverage of the “Major Sports” is to be found in a parallel Chapter by Roger Starkey. Likewise, Athletics and Steeplechase (Cross-Country) appears in another Chapter by David Goldring.

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Chapter 13.1

Badminton



Badminton is one of those sports in which it is possible to take part with little or no previous experience so long as you have the requisite equipment, i.e., racquets, shuttles, and a net. Many boys will have started to play with a couple of cheap racquets, possibly using the washing line in the garden as a makeshift net.

It is possible to gain great enjoyment and even to become an effective player with little or no coaching but plenty of enthusiastic practice. However, like tennis and squash, to become a truly skilled badminton player requires dedicated specialist coaching and practice, something not always available or possible in a "generalist" sporting environment such as Price's unless one of the staff members happens to be a keen player themselves.

It is inevitable, therefore that such sports only begin when there is a critical mass of players with the enthusiasm to get things moving and a master who is prepared to supervise proceedings. Unless the master has the necessary coaching skills the quality of school teams relies to a large extent on the natural ability of those taking part together with the skills they bring with them from outside activities.

Admission to the Price's School Badminton Club was, initially at least, restricted to members of the 6th form. Membership was by subscription which appears to have been adequate to provide shuttles and, over time, to replace nets and improve the quality of racquets. Over the years, however, there are still references in *The Lion* to the club being indebted to the Sports Committee for the purchase of new racquets, to the headmaster for use of the hall and to the kitchen staff for loan of equipment for refreshments.

In the days before the dedicated gymnasium was constructed (and during external examination periods, afterwards) badminton had to take second place behind other calls on the large rooms required to play such as school drama performances which had a detrimental effect on the ability to practise.

Mark Knight

Badminton

1933

The first mention in The Lion of badminton being played at Price's occurs in December 1933. However, it is evident from the report that the sport had been played for a number of years as it refers to the keenness shown having led to a distinct improvement in the general standard of play compared to that of previous years.

At this stage badminton was being played in the hall (presumably the large room that subsequently became the library) and appears to have been limited to members of the upper school. A school team comprising Powell ii, Dyer and Dixon (but not including Etheridge who was away that day) played and lost against the staff. Although the school was unable to win a set, many of the games were very close and with a little extra steadiness at critical moments might easily have gone the other way.

The author provided an encouraging critique of the three school players thus:

- Powell especially showed distinct promise, his smashing, picking-up of smashes and well-placed drop shots from the back of the court being at times excellent.
- Dyer played many delicate drop shots.
- Dixon, besides having an occasional winning service covered vast distances at the back of the court.

The following seven “brief hints” were also appended in the hope that they might be of help to everyone:

1. As in all games, it is essential to keep an eye on the shuttle, especially in playing drop shots and smashing.
2. Keep on the toes – no shot can be played correctly unless the feet are in the right position – and the feet will never be in the right position if the player is late in starting for a shot.
3. Clear to the back of the court, otherwise good opponents will kill the return easily.
4. Whenever possible, hit the shuttle downwards, taking it as high as possible above the head do not hit with a bent arm.
5. Try to disguise the direction and speed of the shot about to be made.
6. For drop shots the racquet should be held firmly, especially with the fingers – the shuttle should be hit, not merely allowed to rebound from the racquet.
7. Remember that a high service, to be effective, must be high and to the back of the court, and a short one that clears the net by more than a very few inches can always be rushed.

Badminton then seems to have entered a quiet period so far as the Lion is concerned as it receives no further mention until 1952.

1952

Whilst there has been no mention of badminton in the Lion since the December 1933 edition, it is evident from the report in January 1952 that the club had continued in some form in the intervening years. It was reported that club membership had increased beyond all expectations, and it was anticipated that in the following season the school would have one of the strongest teams they had seen.

The report bemoaned the state of the court and its need for repainting which was carried out less than successfully by volunteers who could not paint straight lines and the quick-drying paint that was anything but. Once again, serious play had to stop to facilitate erection for a play, of the stage which covered the end of the court.

Three external matches were played of which two were drawn and one lost. Teams comprised four pairs including the following: Moulson and Hedgecock, Gregory and Purkis (captain), Dimmock and Coombes, Lewis and Whitcombe, Percival, Byng. The school was “hopelessly outclassed” against Alverstoke “A” but all matches seem to have been enjoyed by players and spectators alike.

Purkis was re-elected as captain for the spring term in which four matches were played, two at home and two away. Of these, three were won fairly comfortably with a single close defeat. The team comprised Byng and Dimmock, Moulson and Hedgecock, Gregory and Purkis, Coombes and Whitcombe with Lewis also playing in some matches. Gregory and Moulson were due to leave at the end of that term and would be missed very much.

1953

In the Lion of January 1953, it was reported that the term (presumably the autumn term of 1952) had been one of the most successful in the history of the club, having won all four of their fixtures. It looks optimistically forward to repeating the feat in the following year as most of the team would still be at the school. It was asserted that this is the most popular of the indoor societies affiliated to the school as it now had 26 members.

The previous year’s members had continued to improve, particularly Whitcombe and Percival. First year DC Rudling had shown himself to be one of the powers of the school team but other newcomers Cossens, Doughty and Harvey earned a mention as likely to serve the club well in future.

In various combinations, the team comprised the following members: Hedgecock, Whitcombe, Purkis, Dimmock, Percival, Rudling, Coombes, Lewis, Cossens.

In the spring term a handicap competition was held, and nine matches were played against other clubs with some instructive coaching kindly provided by Mr R Powell, an old boy of the school. Rudling beat Percival in the tournament final but together they were the most consistent doubles pair for many years.

New players joining the team in addition to those listed above were Chinnery, Wooden and Dove with Ridett also playing once. Match results varied from two comfortable 14–2 victories over Purbrook to a narrow 6-9 loss to St John’s College but overall, the season was W 4, L 2, D 3.

1954

Badminton in the Michaelmas (autumn) term is always hampered by the erection of the stage but this term the club played five fixtures with mixed success (W 1, D 1, L 3). Only Whitcombe had left from the previous season’s team, and he had since had a trial for the County team.

Rudling and Percival as a pair were not beaten throughout the term and were the most consistent pair in the club’s four seasons of “active existence”. Purkis and Lewis, with excellent covering and powerful and accurate shots had used their experience to become a steady number two pair. Chinnery and Wooden played some excellent games but were inconsistent and Dove and Dalton never developed the understanding to have confidence in each other. Cossens was one of the strongest players in the side but was missed in the final game.

In the spring term there was marked progress in the activities of the club since Christmas with regard to the standard of play and match results. To encourage younger and potential team members to improve their play the vice-chairman initiated a coaching scheme and a doubles competition for them. From the start, Dalton and Mason asserted their superiority in the latter season and were unbeaten although Harvey and Scale, Thompson and Farmer and Robertson-Fox partnered by the secretary each gave them a hard game.

The singles tournament produced many keen, exciting matches and some surprise results. Purkis beat Wooden in the final by two sets to one. Laming and Pitt fought for the cup for the non-club entrant who had progressed furthest in the competition with Laming eventually running out the winner by two sets to one. By his fine play, Laming showed that he could become a really good player in the future.

AC Purkis had captained the club for the last three seasons and in this, his last, he led the team to five wins from six matches and being instrumental himself in the successes, partnered with Rudling.

1955

In January 1955, the club membership had reached the record figure of 31 and the general standard augured well for future years. Many experienced players had left the previous year resulting in a slight drop in the team's standard of play but Dalton, Harvey, Shorter and Thompson had filled the vacancies adequately if not expertly.

Among new members, Gullick, Kilford and McLarty all showed particular promise.

Once again, erection of the stage and the consequent shortening of the court prevented the best badminton being played but of the three matches that were possible the home game was won and the two away games lost.

In the spring term, Gullick, Gillard and Kilford alone showed real promise with the badminton overall being a little disappointing as few of the new members of the previous term had developed to a standard comparable with previous years.

Only two of the expected four matches were played with the team comprising Gullick and Percival, Dove and Wooden, Shorter and Mason, Keen and Thompson for the first match which was lost by 6 games to 10. In the other match Thompson played with Gullick and Percival played with Keen, resulting in a victory by 11 games to 5.

In the annual tournament Percival beat Thompson by two straight games in the final. In the earlier matches, Emery, Gleed, Dugan ii and Ireland all gave good accounts of themselves with Dugan ii and Ireland fighting for the non-club members' cup, Dugan ii winning convincingly with some neat well-placed shots.

1956

This was a disappointing term for the club with few new members joining although enthusiasm was shown by those who did so. Experienced players had left at the end of the previous season and their loss was sorely felt. The standard of play fell and once again this was partially attributed to the lack of practice due to erection of the stage. Three matches were played, and all were lost heavily.

The standard of play improved in the spring term with several new members joining. Although the team was still relatively weak, the pairings had settled with Gullick and Gillard proving the most successful pair and Kilford and Short becoming a useful second pair.

The singles tournament was held as usual and attracted a record entry. Crowle ii and O'Leary both knocked out club members and Starkey and Pugh fought their rounds well until knocked out by more experienced players. The cup for the non-club member to progress furthest in the competition again went to Laming. Gullick beat Short in the overall final.

Of the five external matches played, two were won and three lost with Gullick and Gillard and Kilford and Short again being the best pairs.

1957

Once again, badminton was hindered by the stage issue but the general standard of play had improved together with the playing equipment and increased membership.

Four matches were played and despite some good badminton, three were lost and one drawn.

The usual team was Gillard and Kilford, Short and Shepperd, Johnson and Shreeve, Agius and Hardwick. Gillard and Kilford were easily the best pair.

The annual singles tournament was held during the Easter term and six matches were played against outside clubs. In the handicap tournament there were 64 entrants with Gillard beating Rowling in two straight sets in the final and Pugh taking the cup for non-club members.

Apart from the first defeat against Wickham the team pairings were Kilford and Johnson, Gillard and Shreeve, Short and Shepperd, Agius and Hardwick which resulted in four pairs of about even strength.

1958

The club welcomed a dozen or so new players, some of whom showed promise of becoming really good performers. Unusually there was no school play, so more badminton was possible than usual in this term.

Four matches were played of which all were lost. The regular team was Hardwick and Swatton, Holden and McColgin, Dennis and Williams, Phelan and Rowling. Alder and Noot also played for the team. Once again there was optimism that the team was growing in confidence and experience and that with more concentration, better net play and a dose of luck, they could do well in the following term.

In the spring term badminton was played regularly and the general standard of play rose with Starkey in particular who had represented the club on several occasions, Pugh and Evans all showing signs of becoming quite good players.

Five external matches were played during the term. The fact that there was only a single victory was attributed partly to the pairs not being able to play consistently together and partly to the quality of opponents' halls not matching up to the "fine" hall at Price's!

Holden and McColgin were the most successful pair with Dennis and Williams and Alder and Phelan playing well in several games. Hardwick as captain set a fine example both on and off the court.

1959

This was described as a "fairly successful term for the club" although the match results look relatively mediocre having played 5, won 1, drawn 1 and lost 3. The membership increased and as

the term progressed the standard of play rose considerably. Of the new members, Payne played regularly for the team and Baker showed considerable promise.

Holden set a fine example as captain of the team and was unfortunate in not finding a permanent partner. Pugh and Payne were the most successful pair and Rowling, Evans and Noot all played well.

In the spring term the match results had not significantly improved with ten matches played, almost all of which were lost. This factor did not, however, detract from the enjoyment of the game. In the early part of the term, Alder and Holden were extremely successful as the number one pair; less successful were Evans and Noot, Payne and Pugh, and Major and Butler. After half term, Alder left the school to take up a career in banking which was a major loss to the team as he had been the best player. Donohoe re-joined the team after an operation on his right knee, Baker played on several occasions and Skym played one match at short notice.

After a lapse of one season, the handicap tournament was held again. Dugan took the trophy for the last non-club player remaining and Holden beat Payne in the final.

1960's

In the 1960's, Jake Downey, a physical education teacher in London, persuaded a number of schools to meet and form the London Schools' Badminton Association (LSBA) in 1962. The LSBA developed and became affiliated to the Badminton Association of England in 1964. During that period, in various parts of the country, schools' badminton was beginning to develop into more formal organizations. Eventually, mainly due to the initiative of the Cumberland Schools' Association, the English Schools' Badminton Association came into existence.

1960

This term saw the entrance to the club of quite a number of promising players, of whom Dugan had already played 3 times for the team. Although all games played by the team were described as enjoyable, the results were not outstanding (played 6, won 2, lost 4), owing mainly to the fact that on no consecutive match had the team been the same. Other new members of the team were M.J. Ellis and K. Blakeley.

In the spring term the match results were more impressive (played 7, won 6, lost 1) despite the loss to the club of Donohoe, Rowling and Payne who had given preference to their other activities. The regular team was Butler and Johnstone, Major and Baker, Pugh and Dugan, Heritage and Ellis, with Shurlock making a very successful debut against Fareham.

A second team was also formed to give encouragement to those who would form the nucleus of the team the following year. The club also benefitted from a coaching and demonstration match by a team of county players organised by Mr Wyatt, the Chairman of the Hampshire Badminton Committee.

1961

The club was unfortunately denied the use of the court until after half term, presumably due to other calls on the hall, and when it was restored, the court markings had been obliterated and had to be re-taped by the new caretakers. There was a welcome response from the new VI formers and membership climbed towards 25 making it one of the most vigorous clubs in the school. Only a single match was played with the team beating the staff by 8 games to 1.

The notable event in the spring term was the open singles tournament which gave an opportunity of playing to many boys not in the VI form. The results were encouraging, showing that the club would not lack good players in future years. Baker defeated Bevis in the final and Gardner took the trophy for the highest-placed non-club member.

Only two matches were played with one loss and one victory but the improvement in the standard of play led to the 1960/61 season being described as "successful".

1962

The autumn term was quite successful with more members than for some time. The team had played well and was unbeaten before Christmas, winning two games against the girls' grammar and two against the staff. Finances were clearly an issue as indicated by the slight "dig" in The Lion that if more members were as keen on paying as they were on playing it should be quite a wealthy club!

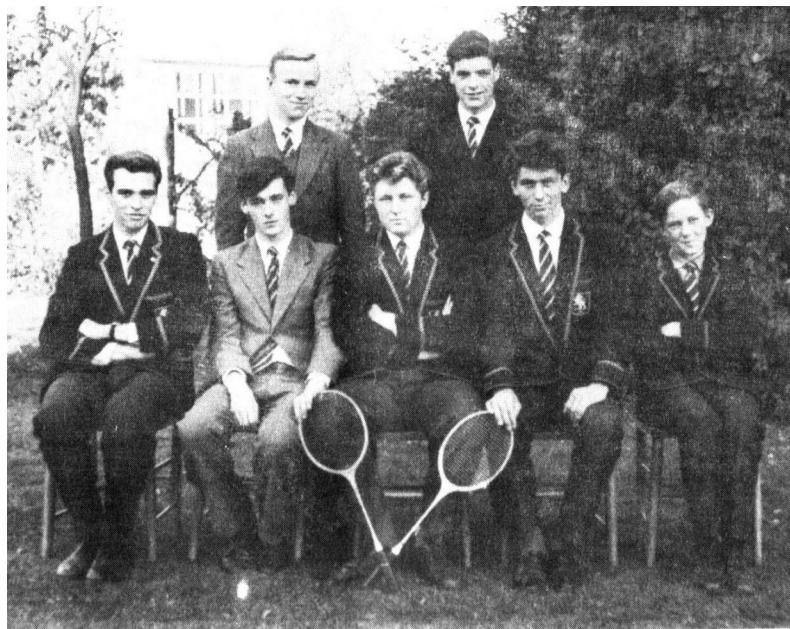
Team members were Thomas M, Palmer, Bevis, Welch, Smith Ward C, Bailey & Martin.

The handicap tournament began during the autumn term and was completed in the spring term being won by G. Hughes who, at that stage, had not entered the 6th form.

The team continued to be successful, winning two matches from two. Two evenings of mixed doubles with the Fareham Girls' Grammar School were entertaining and the two schools joined forces to produce a strong mixed doubles team which played two matches against Fareham Community Centre with each team winning at home.

1963

The first badminton team photograph to appear in The Lion occurred in January 1963 and is reproduced here. The autumn term was successful with four victories from four matches. Welch and Hughes gave consistently good performances; credit also went to Thomas, the captain, for spasms of brilliance. Houghton and Holben established themselves as regular members of the team, Mason and Pynigar showed promise for the future and J.D. Richardson and Gardner also represented the school.



BADMINTON TEAM, 1962-63

At the beginning of the spring term the club suffered severe disruption as the school was in the process of moving into the new buildings resulting in virtually no badminton for a few weeks. Consequently, the initial standard of play was below average, but this was soon rectified once the new facilities came into full use. Hughes put in consistently good performances and Mason and Auckland improved the most during the year.

Six matches were played with four resulting in victories and two defeats.

1964

In spite of a lack of support the club played three matches winning one and losing the other two.

Members representing the club were Borras, Mason, G.J. Hughes, K. Walker, D. Hill, Auckland, Goodwin and Manley with Borras earning a special mention for the good standard reached.

1965

The club was well supported in the 64/65 season with a total membership of 20. Representative players were Auckland (captain), Domone, Ellis, Freemantle, Raby, Ciupek and Bright.

Of the four matches played, three were won and one lost. Two matches were also played as mixed doubles with the girls' grammar school in the autumn term.

1966

The club was fairly popular in the 65/66 season and the team had much success. Congratulations were offered to Todd and Izzard for their progress after only playing for six months. Of the four matches played, three were won and one lost.

Team representatives were R. Todd, J. Ciupek, K. Raby, A. Izzard, P. Gunnell, I. Reeves, D. Weston and B. Payne. The following photograph kindly supplied by the captain, Ken Raby is believed to be the 1965/66 school team. He confirmed that they could only play badminton when they were in the sixth form and used to play almost every lunchtime and sometimes after school. The new school gym, which took over from the old library, had a fairly low ceiling for badminton which made the game quicker. The highlight was a social badminton evening with the Hampshire Badminton Team where the school team did quite well because of the low ceiling and being quite fit at the time.



Back row: Tony Izzard, B. Payne, David Weston, Phil Gunnell

Front Row: Rob Todd, Jan Ciupek, Ken Raby, Ian Reeves

1972

Despite the apparent popularity of badminton in the 1960's the school badminton club appears to have folded after the 1965/66 season as there is no further mention until The Lion of December 1972. A team was formed in the autumn term of 1971 with the object of entering a proposed Hants school league which failed to materialise that year but was confidently (!) expected to start the following year.

Individuals and pairs were entered in various events arranged by the Schools and the Hampshire Badminton Associations. The best results were obtained by Stuart Wilson who reached the final of the Schools' individual championship in his age group. Wilson and Tomkins also won the pairs championship at their age division.

1977

Despite the confidence expressed in the 1972 Lion, there is no further mention of badminton being played at the school until after the formation of the College. Badminton was being played as a 6th form "General Studies" sport in the late 1970's and was also one of the activities on offer at the weekly 6th form club which met in the school hall on Thursday evenings.

However, the next time it warranted a mention was in the College magazine of 1977. At that time it was reported that the College mixed team had been more successful than its predecessors, winning four matches out of seven with a strong squad and improved standard of play. A single photograph has survived from the 1975/76 season as shown below but unfortunately the identity of some of the players has been lost through time!



*Back row, L to R: Brian Thorpe-Tracey, Rob Horlock, N. Beats, ??
Front row: ??, ??, Zoe Smallwood*

In the tradition of leaving the best till last, probably the most successful badminton player ever to attend Price's School / College was Steven Wassell. In the 1976-77 season, Steve, who was in the 4th form at the time, won the All-England Junior Badminton Championship and was a regular county player. The following year he won the under 16 title.

1979

A newspaper report on 24th March 1979 included the following photograph of the successful Price's College team who had just become Hampshire under-19 inter-college badminton champions. The mixed team of six players won 18 of their 21 games competing against 16 other teams at Calshot



Left-to-right: Nicky Barrett, Phil Riley, Jill Ryan, Glen Williams, Paul Timmins (captain), Jane Gibson

On 6th January 1980 Steven, the joint top seed, won the under 18 singles title in the Friends Provident English National Junior Championship at Watford beating SP Butler from Warwickshire 15-7, 7-15, 15-8 in the final. In 1981 at the age of 19 and soon after winning his first open singles championship in the West Hants tournament Steven signed a three-year contract with Sondico International (a sports equipment manufacturer) to use their equipment.

A Retrospective

Despite the formation of the English Schools' Badminton Association in the early 1960's, there is no evidence that Price's School Badminton Club ever became affiliated to the Association. There were references to the Hampshire Schools Association and clearly there were county representatives, albeit none from Price's until Steven Wassell in the late 1970's.

Whilst a school team was formed from club members, the badminton club appears to have remained entirely a pupil-organised activity and one wonders if, had there been a staff member who played or had coaching skills, there might have been more impetus to keep it going on a more solid footing. Although successive headmasters were supportive of the club's activities it evidently had to take second place behind other bookings for the school hall such as drama productions and examinations and this impacted on the ability to practise which was reported several times.

The other limiting aspect of the school badminton club was that membership was restricted to 6th form boys and therefore, there was insufficient time for them to develop their abilities unless they were previously playing in external clubs or leagues. The handicap tournaments which were open to all boys in the school attracted a large number of entries (64 in one year) and demonstrated that there were skilled players in the lower school to whom membership of the club was closed until they reached the 6th form. Had these boys been able to play and represent the school in younger age groups then one can speculate that the overall strength of the squad would have been enhanced.

Editorial:

This is a classic example of what was in reality a self-organised Extra-curricular Club that existed over many years.

Badminton is an excellent activity for all ages, playable socially, in singles, doubles and mixed formats. The Price's Club was well-led, for it instigated internal tournaments of a variety of kinds, including an "Open" event that drew-in younger players and others, some quite good, but who were not "Members". Its matches were against Schools and Clubs. There were coaching opportunities and links with the County Association, but ultimately, all was at the mercy of the greater demands on space for examinations and for drama rehearsals and productions that seriously limited access to the one-only court available.

D.G.



Chapter 13.2

Basketball



Whilst basketball may be practised casually using a net fixed to a wall, to be played competitively it requires a marked court with nets at both ends fixed at the regulation height. Consequently, it never appeared as a sport at Price's until the opening of the new gymnasium in 1963.

Basketball was not widely played in the UK until about 1960 when a National Basketball League was instigated with nine members with a good geographical spread across England. By 1972, the Scots had their own thriving National League and the Basketball Association decided that it was time to relaunch the idea of an English National League.

Boys were unlikely to have played basketball until they arrived at Price's. However, it appears that quite quickly there was a critical mass of players with the necessary enthusiasm to get things moving and a master (Mr. Smallwood) who was prepared to supervise proceedings.

Basketball is one of those sports in which physical attributes, particularly height, can lend a player something of an advantage over those who, although skilled cannot compete on reach terms. In a game which is typically segregated by age group, those who have already experienced their "growth spurt" tended to do better even if not necessarily the most skilled with the ball and this is alluded to in various of the reports in The Lion, one even going as far as to say that "skill is no substitute for height"!

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Basketball

1963

The first mention in The Lion of basketball being played at Price's occurs in October 1963. The opening of the "sumptuous" new gymnasium in the spring term that year appears to have been the catalyst for the formation of a club. The club met on Tuesdays and Thursdays and was initially attended by approximately 12 enthusiastic (and dedicated) players.

[Mr. Smallwood](#) was thanked for the "sweat he had put in" to making the club members into some semblance of basketball players.

By October of that year, some of the initial club members had already left the school at the end of the summer term.

1965

1965 saw the introduction of a new inter-house competition thanks largely to the farewell gift from F.E.C. Gregory who had been Head Boy the previous year. It was decided that the trophy, The Gregory Cup, should be awarded for those sports outside the existing Reed Cup, and that of these, badminton, table tennis and chess should be individual events and basketball, sailing and shooting should be team events.

In that first year, the basketball was won by Westbury but the overall competition was won by Blackbrook.

1968

In 1968 the house basketball competition was won by School who beat Westbury 17-14 in the final.

1969

By 1969, Price's had a 1st basketball squad led by the captain L.G. Gardner. With the exception of Arnot, who was an outstanding player, the rest of the squad was relatively inexperienced at the beginning of the season, and they suffered a couple of "crushing defeats". However, with the coaching of [Mr Tuck](#) they emerged at the end of the season with 3rd place in the SE Hants League and Cup Finalists.

Arnot scored prolifically throughout the season, finishing as top scorer by a large margin and being selected to play for SW England. Foulger, Vote and Farley played well in defence and attack with adequate support from Keith (also club hon sec), Robson and Gardner with Burrows remaining as an undaunted supporter and substitute.

The 1968/69 basketball squad is pictured below. In this first season, full colours were awarded to Gardner, Arnot and Vote. Half colours were awarded to Keith, Foulger, Farley and Matthews. Of the 14 matches played during the season (including two friendlies), 7 were won and 7 lost.

In the player critiques, both Vote and Greenaway were noted as taking advantage of their greater height.

1st BASKETBALL SQUAD 1968/69



Back Row (L to R) J.D.H. Matthews, D. Greenaway, P. Appleton, G. Vote, I.T. Farley,
Front Row (L to R) M. Burrows, R.J. Arnot, L.G. Gardner (Capt.), A.S. Robson, K.J. Foulger.

1970

By 1970, basketball was being played at various age groups throughout the school but only the exploits of the under 14 side in their first season were reported in The Lion of December 1970. A total of 25 matches were played over the course of the 1969/70 season including three cup matches and two friendlies. Price's won 22 and lost only 3 with the result that they finished second in the under 14 league and made it to the semi-final of the cup where they lost to Purbrook.

Once again, the coaching of [Mr Tuck](#) was credited for the team's achievements.

In addition to those shown in the photograph below, the squad also included I. Spencer, M. Ellis and T. Huntingford.

Whitby, West, Corkett, Morton and Kelly all had trials for the SE Hants representative squad. Whitby and West were chosen for the squad and played a considerable part in taking the SE Hants squad through to the quarter-finals of the English National Championship. The squad also topped the local regional tournament.

UNDER 14 BASKET BALL SQUAD 1969/70



A.S. Robson (Referee), S.J. Smithin, G.M. Dyer, C.R. Brain, J.R. Whitby, J.L. Allen, M. Porter, M. Kelly
M.D. Curson, I.M. Corkett, R.J. West (Capt.), T.R. Morton (V.Capt.), K.J. Ashman

1971

The 1969/70 under 14 squad formed the basis of the 1970/71 under 15 squad with the addition of M.G. Hartley, although the team was less successful in the 70/71 season playing 20, winning 12 and losing 8 matches. Price's still managed to finish third in the league with [Mr Payne](#) being credited for his excellent coaching.

M. Porter and S.J. Smith still qualified for the under 14 squad and were captain and vice-captain respectively of that team. The remainder of the squad comprised A.C. Marks, G.A. Davis, J.R. Matthews, C. Merwood, C.R. Fricker, R.M. Johns, P. Marshal and C. Meek. Porter and Smith were also selected to play for the South Hants representative squad.

The under 14 side played 24 matches winning 11 and losing 13. The squad was larger at the start of the season, but the less able boys were playing less and therefore a number left the squad leaving the core team as above.

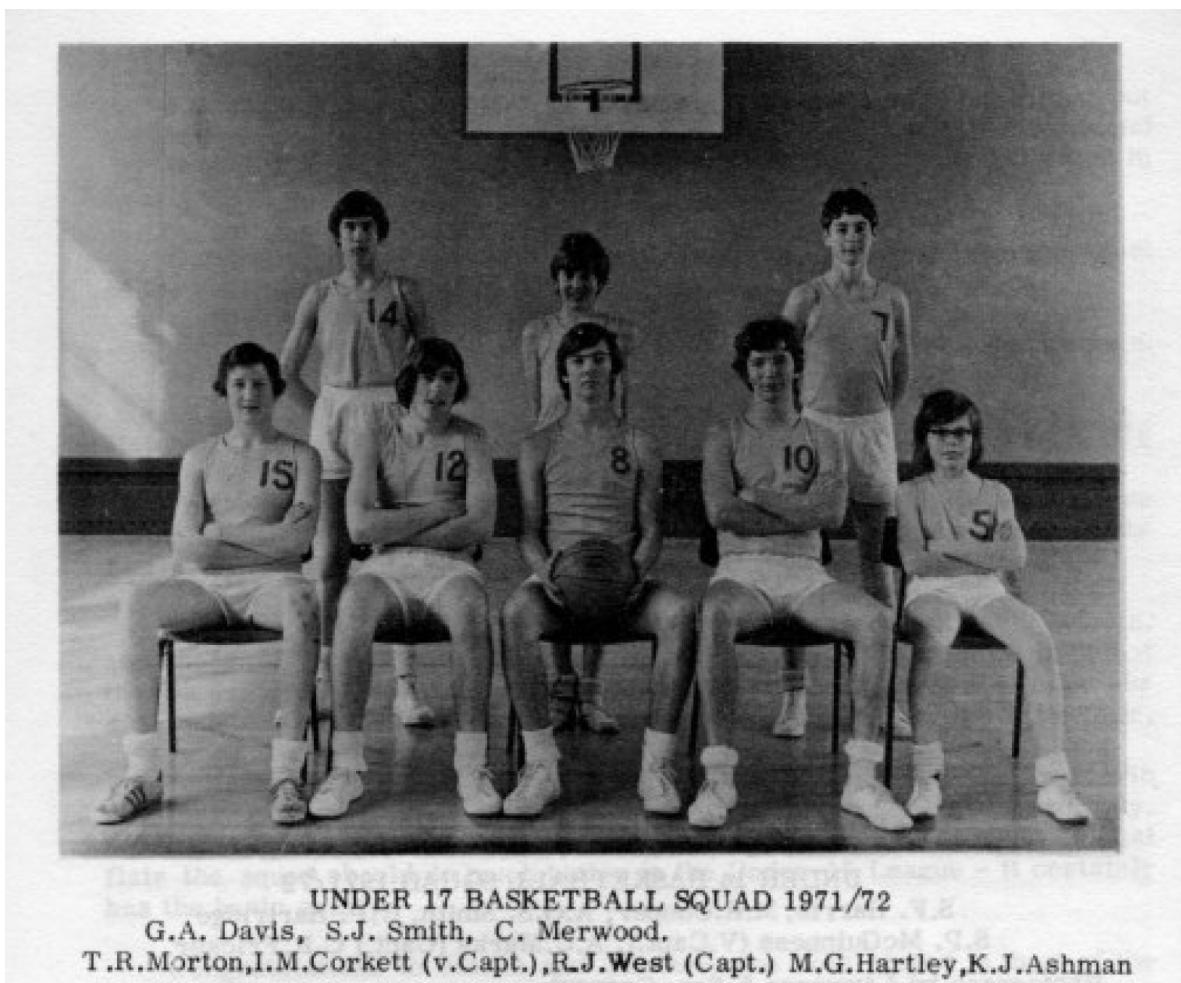
The under 13 squad entered the 1970/71 season, their first competitive season, ranked easily the best squad produced at Price's since the introduction of basketball in 1969/70. It was thought to be the best because of the high level of individual skill together with great strength in depth, with many of the squad of 20 being of equal ability resulting in great competition for places.

Over the course of the season, 26 matches were played including three rounds and the final of the cup, of which 19 were won and 7 lost. The team were runners-up in the SE Hants league and losing finalists in the SE Hants Cup.

1972

By 1972, Price's had an under 17 basketball squad even though all the boys were actually under 16. Finishing third in the league was therefore a great achievement with a record of played 17, won 12, lost 5 and also reaching the semi-finals of the County Cup. Greater success in the following (72/73) season was therefore optimistically anticipated.

Being the senior squad in the school, a critique of each player was provided in The Lion of December 1972. Although mostly complimentary, one wonders whether in this age of "political correctness" and "equal opportunities for all", such a critique would be permitted today. The squad comprised West (captain), Corkett (vice captain), Norton, Hartley, Merwood, Ashman, Davis, Matthews and S.J. Smith.



The Under 15 squad had what was described as an unlucky season in 1971/72 losing rather more games (11) than they won (4), although on no occasion was the side beaten by a large margin. There

were however, some outstanding successes, the side reaching the semi-finals of both the South East Hants Cup and also the Hampshire Cup.

In his report, the captain (Merwood) thanked Mr Tuck for his coaching and Mr Payne for refereeing their matches. Merwood, Smith and Matthews all played in most of the SE Hants U15 representative squad matches.

At this time, it is evident that a number of the better players were competing in multiple age categories rather than just the band into which they would fit by dint of their school year. Merwood, as well as being the under 15 captain was also in the under 17 squad, SJ Smith was also in both squads.



UNDER 15 BASKETBALL SQUAD 1971/72

A.C.Marks, P.D. Gilmour, S.P.McGuinness.

C.R.Fricke, G.A.Davis (V.Capt.), C.Merwood (Capt.) J.Matthews, S.J.Smith.

After the success of the 1970/71 under 13 squad's season, great things had been expected as they progressed to the under 14 team this year. Unfortunately, these expectations were not to be realised as the team won only 8 and lost 6 of their 14 matches. Congratulations were offered to Marks and Fricke who both played in most of the SE Hants under 14 representative squad's matches in the National Championships.



UNDER 14 BASKETBALL SQUAD 1971/72
S.F. Harris, M.R. Cooper, A.G.S. Smith, C.P. Hartridge
S.P. McGuinness (V.Capt.), A.C. Marks (Capt.) C.R. Fricker.

The under 13 side of 1971/72 had an equally disappointing year on paper (played 14, won 6, lost 8) but there were aspects that showed potential promise for future years. The biggest problem for this team, as with a number of others this year, was its lack of stature, with every side they played having at least four players taller than Price's tallest. This is a severe disadvantage in a team that has only five players on the pitch at any one time!

Moore and Harvey both played consistently and were the leading point scorers, closely followed by Mitchell and Kohnert who improved steadily throughout the season. Clyde Moore, being an American whose father was temporarily posted to the UK was one of the few boys who had played before coming to Price's. Ward and Wilson made their mark in the side towards the end of the season as did Sayer, Sturgess and Freemantle. Allen, the captain, turned in some useful performances early on in the season.

A total of 20 boys represented the team during the season: Allen (captain), Moore (vice captain), Harvey, Mitchell, Kohnert, Freemantle, Sayer, Ward, Wilson, Southwell, Fekri, Burge, Bradbury, Bussell, R.H. Taylor, Tinker, Sturgess, M.R. Taylor, Sunderland and Thomas.



UNDER 13 BASKETBALL SQUAD 1971/72

S.Thomas, R.H.Taylor, S.J.Ward, J.A.Freemantle, D.Sturgess, K.Tinker, J. Sayer, N. Fekri, J. Sunderland.
M.P.Mitchell, C.S.Wilson, C.Moore (V.Capt.), M.R.Taylor, M.W. Tricker.
P.A.Harvey, J. Turner.
J.R. Allen (Capt.) Absent from photograph.

A sponsored basketball match took place around 1971/2. At the time, although Price's had its own swimming pool and indeed allowed other local schools to use it (my own primary school had use of it in the years before I went up to Price's), Fareham itself had no public swimming pool. There was a public appeal under the name "Splash" to raise money for a pool, the location for which was to be the so-called "second field" across Park Lane from the school, where the leisure centre was subsequently built. The class I was in at the time (probably Form 2B but the memory's not too solid on that point) decided we would hold a sponsored basketball match to raise money for the Splash appeal. We played for 12 hours one Saturday or Sunday, taking it in turns to play half-hour stints. From memory, I think it was just our class that took part and there was an element of competition to see who could raise the most money. Strangely, I know the result of that because Ian Hind raised the most and I was second. Being in 2B at the time, Neale and Nader must have played in it as well so maybe they can add to my recollections.

1973

As anticipated by the report in the 1972 Lion, the 1972/73 season proved to be excellent for the school under 17 squad. They remained unbeaten throughout the season winning both the League and Cup titles, in one game amassing over 100 points. Brune Park had been the only side capable of making a close game of it and once they had been beaten the League Championship became a formality.

There was serious praise from Mr Payne in his report, claiming that there were very few better sides in England.

The squad included some boys from younger age bands who fitted in seamlessly to the top 5 and comprised the following: T. Morton (captain), I. Corkett, M. Hartley, C. Merwood, J. Matthews, S. Smith, G. Davis, K. Ashman, A. Marks and C. Fricker.

By contrast, the under 14 squad suffered another poor season winning only one of their 14 matches and once again, this lack of success was attributed mainly to their lack of height. There were some notable improvements in individual play during the season but this failed to prevent their relegation. There was, however, optimism that with their new coach, things might improve the following season.

The squad was as shown in the photo plus John Freemantle. Top scorers were Rudi Kohnert with 60 points followed by S.J. Ward with 49 and Chris Wilson with 38.



U 14 BASKETBALL

J.L.Sunderland, K.E. Tinker, J.F. Southwell, R.H. Taylor, M.R. Taylor.
J. Turner, S.J.Ward, C.S. Wilson,(Capt.), R.W. Kohnert, J. L. Sayer.

1974

Under their new coaches of [Mr Tuck](#) and J Matthews (6th form), the under 15 team of the 1973/74 season were indeed more successful with an equal number of victories as defeats from their 14 games. They started well, which boosted morale and consequently the standard of play. Over the whole season they scored one more basket than their opponents.

Rudi Kohnert was again the top scorer with 118 points, but all team members managed to get on the score sheet at some point during the season. Wilson, Kohnert and Ward were the backbone scoring 80% of the baskets between them.

The entire squad comprised: Wilson (captain), Kohnert (vice-captain), Ward, Legg, Sayer, Freemantle, Fekri, Southwell, Sunderland, Tinker, Tricker and Taylor.

As seems to have become something of a tradition, the under 13 squad of 1973/74 was quite large comprising a total of 15 players, most of whom are shown in the team photo below, only Keans and Pike who played one match each are absent.

This team was new to competitive basketball, but skill levels and tactics developed well during the season and with a year's experience behind them it was hoped they would do well the following year. John Wassell, the captain, played every match and was the top scorer, benefitting from being one of the tallest in the squad. He was complimented on his jump shot and others were noted for their 'feed' and dribbling ability. The team's failings were mostly an inability to shoot accurately and quickly enough but it was felt that this would come with experience and practice. The whole side was complimented for its immaculate turnout and regular attendance at training sessions (surely the key to all successful teams!).



U 13 Basket-Ball
K. Broadley, A. Smith, M. Bascombe, R. Waldron, B. Thompson, A. Wells, S. Cansdale,
D. Bendon, N. Williams J. Wassell A. Pennycott R. Palmer J. Talbot

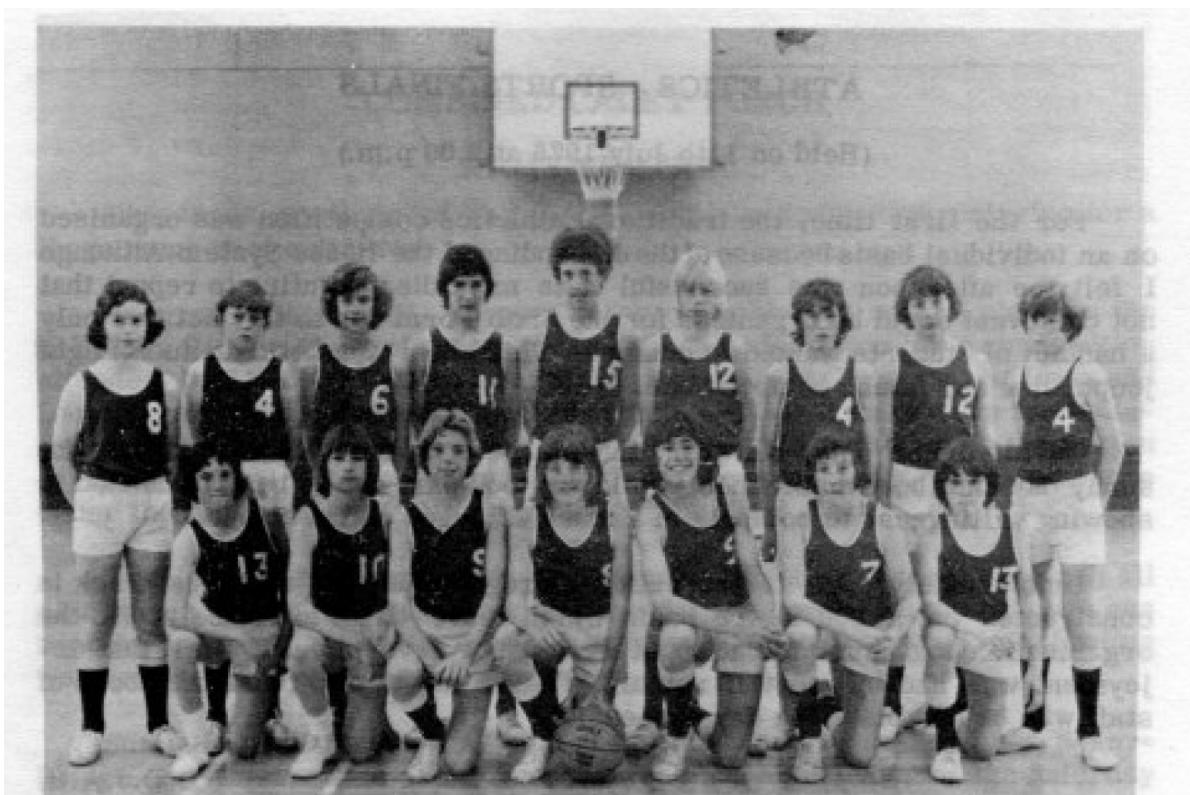
1975

John Wassell retained his role as captain of the team as it progressed into the 1974/75 season as the under 14 side, representing what was now Price's College. The squad was slightly more successful than the previous year, winning 5 and losing 3 of their 8 matches. However, they felt robbed of a

potential trophy having won through to the final rounds of the cup before the SE Hampshire League decided that the final cup fixtures were unable to be played.

Once again, the team was well turned out, playing and enjoying the game in good spirit and John Wassell was thanked for his help in organising the administrative side of running the team which consisted of the following: Wassell, Pennycott, Williams, Waldron, Bendon, Talbot, Palmer, Wells, Cansdale, Smith, Goodman, Moran, Castell, Jempson, Bascombe, Pike and Thompson

The under 13 team of 1975 are shown below. These were part of the final intake to the grammar school but sadly their team exploits were not reported.



UNDER 13 BASKETBALL 1975

S. Day, A. Bell, R. Armstrong, G. Connett, M.J. Young, M. Austin, I. Welch,
A. Westbrook, M.C. Young
P. Cardrick, M. Adams, M. Botterill, G. Evans, J. Godfrey, K. Anderson,
C. Cawte

1977

The 1976/77 season marked the beginning of a new era for basketball at Price's with the entry of the senior side into the Portsmouth Men's League. No results were provided but they were reported as not being good although the team had been playing very well and even had a couple of (un-named) representatives at county level.

The under 15 side of 1976/77 was one of the most successful basketball sides ever to represent the school / college, having lost only one match in three years. Despite players dropping out, the College was represented by a small nucleus of boys who worked hard and enjoyed their game.

Julian Godfrey had been the leading scorer over the previous few seasons but was amply supported by Russ Connett, Gary Evans and Mark Botterill, all four of whom had represented South East Hants.

Basketball higher level representation

The following boys are known to have played basketball at various representative levels as indicated in the table.

Name	Level	Year(s)
R.J. Arnot	SW England	1969
R.J. West	SE Hants U14 & U15	1970 & 71
T.R. Morton	SE Hants U14 & U15	1970 & 71
J.R. Whitby	SE Hants U14 & U15	1970 & 71
I.M. Corkett	SE Hants U14 & U15	1970 & 71
M.G. Hartley	SE Hants U15	1971
Russ Connett	SE Hants U15	1977
Mark Botterill	SE Hants U15	1977
Gary Evans	SE Hants U15	1977
Julian Godfrey	SE Hants U15	1977

Note that the table shows only those known to have played representative basketball and does not include other representative honours. For example, T.R. Morton also played representative cricket during his time at Price's but this is covered elsewhere.

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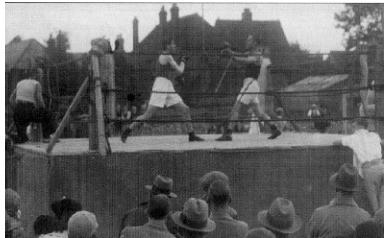
Basketball is traditionally a sport played at the highest levels by very tall people. In a school environment, however, one must work with the skill levels and physical attributes of the pupils available. In some cases there are natural ball players who have the skills to turn their hands to a range of sports and in others there are those who have the necessary physical height but who are not natural ball players. One of the skills of the coaches therefore is in blending the abilities of these two disparate groups to achieve the most effective overall result.

Very occasionally, the natural ball players are also blessed with the physical attributes, and these are the ones who tend to have excelled and proceeded to representative levels at county or even national level.

A keen group of players who are prepared to practise may still not achieve their potential without specialist coaching. In Charlie Tuck and Dick Payne, the Price's basketball teams (and other sports too) were fortunate in having two masters who provided this coaching and were adept at encouraging the boys and bringing out the best of their abilities, a point recognised in many of the sports reports in The Lion.

Another factor in a team's success is being able to keep a group of players together who can develop an understanding as a team as well as continuing to practise and improve their skill levels. This was certainly beneficial in the case of the under 17 squad of 1973. Many of the players had been together throughout their Price's careers, they had developed their skills and consequently thrashed all opposition that year.

Editorial: A team-only sport, but one which is very much prone to individuals' successes based on height and a general sporting instinct. An example of an activity that is totally resource-dependent (in the UK), although there are some outdoor recreational facilities in parts of the country with a strong demand. With the inexorable input of a member of Staff providing coaching and enthusiasm, it is easy to see why the appeal in the School was sustained and at times manifest in the ability to field teams at U13, U14, U15, and 1st levels.



A Tournament at Portchester Castle.

Chapter 13.3

Boxing



1927 in the Price's Staff Room must have been a bit lacking in excitement, for a suggestion to come forward that there might be an Inter-house Boxing Competition. It seems from the 8 more years that elapsed until something of the kind actually took place that maybe there were more interesting things to be done for, in that same Year a Singing competition actually started.

So, 1935 it was, before the day arrived for the first Price's Inter House Boxing event took place, outdoors!

Houses were to nominate 1 boy per weight @ U6, U7, U8 and U9 stone classes. This produced a 1st round and then the Final. Rounds were initially 2 minutes each, but later that was reduced to 1½ minutes, with the Final of 3 minutes. A referee was appointed from outside of the School and there were also 2 external judges.

The 1935 contests produced some 1-sided outcomes. Westbury House was the overall winner.

In 1936, Blackbrook House won the Tournament .

1937 saw an extra weight, @ U10 stone added. The common pattern was of boys concentrating on blows to the head, when there was a bigger target in the body. Mr Hollingsworth was giving tuition in the two after School sessions each week, but the standard had not improved much since earlier years.

1938 brought forth that few boys were attending practise / training sessions by contrast with there being no lack of entrants for the contests themselves.

Comments were reported on ambitions to have an indoor ring. No mention on the supply of gloves, headgear or any safety precautions, nor of any boys who were injured.

There is no Report for December 1939, and nothing was recorded in the War years, so maybe that was aggression enough, and the initiative launch was one that was tried, found wanting and thereafter discontinued.

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Chapter 13.4

Chess Club



Another example of an activity that is easily started to occupy time, if needed. It can be played at a modest level without much beyond a set of simple rules to govern what can happen. But unfortunately, so many of the “plays” in Chess bump into rules that represent constraints on freedom of choice. Learning the game structure is best done with a concentration on what the individual pieces can do, rather than with all pieces on the board, which unnecessarily complicates matters. Having complete sets with matching pieces is a good inducement but, resulting from a lack of concern to store kit away at the end of a session, it is easy to find a kit that is anything but well cared-for, and a disincentive to use.

Chess is a game of strategy with recommended early moves to prepare the contest area, and getting young players used to that can take time. Extending the preparations as a recommended tactic can frustrate many. Like learning to ride a bike, or play a musical instrument, or developing other sporting skills, time and routinizing strategies will pay dividends.

Some youngsters can seem to be gifted at the games because they can calculate several moves ahead, and recall other experiences from other contests. Faced with such skills, many older players can feel disgraced in the face of prodigies. But chess demands time, long periods when an opponent is thinking and the outcome of a long game might be just a half point draw. It is easy to lose interest in Chess, unless there are contrived situations when games are played under different time or handicap rules e.g. moves on the sound of a buzzer every 5 or 10 seconds, or whole game in 5 minutes on the clock, or when a group of players combines to defeat an acknowledged expert “Simultaneous” opponent, each player with his own game, versus the expert who visits each board in turn after each move.

Chess at Price’s showed some signs of variety in format over the years. It had some benefit of a fairly good set of Masters to look after the Club activities. Several players became County representatives in their age groups.

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1. First formed in 1946, but had to use members' kit brought into School
2. [Mt J Shaddock](#) gave several years of teaching into the Club, which had a fluctuating membership – mainly upper school.
3. Had a visit from an adult member of Fareham Chess Club who played a "Simul" with all players and won each game.
4. By May 1949, there were enough members with some ability to form 2 internal leagues of 5 players
5. Membership was extended to 3rd Formers, and a subscription of 1 shilling per term, needed to buy equipment
6. Small collection of Library books accrued – members urged to read, for improvement.
7. [Mr Shaddock](#) continues to give untiring interest and often stays late into the evening to help players, but he leaves in 1953, a Club that has waxed and waned in numbers, but has been sustained by his interest
8. He is succeeded by [Mr E. \(Ted\) Melville Royds-Jones](#) who brings added benefits of crowd-control!
9. Jan 1955 sees two matches that launch the Club successfully into outside competition: Gosport C.H.S 6½ -½, and Fareham S.M. 4½ - 2½.
10. In May 1955, a small internal league is mentioned with Adshead being its winner. A junior match against Fareham Secondary Modern School is won 4 - 1, and senior matches against Gosport County High School (4½ - 2½) and Purbrook School (5 - 5) are satisfying outcomes. (There is no fixed size for teams – it is a matter of what numbers can be matched, and of transport.)
11. Further reporting of Chess Club activity has to wait until 1958 when there is a first involvement with an outside League – the Portsmouth & District Chess League (Schools' Division), into which a Senior & a Junior team were entered. Internally there was a Ladder Event, in which some of the Juniors were doing well.
12. In 1959, the Portsmouth League participation continues and remains so for several years. A Senior League is established in School and, the Sports Fund purchases 4 new sets, and continues to support match expenses into the future.
13. A report in May 1960 makes reference to a Price's pupil losing a match eventually, after a 4 hour struggle! (It is the reality that Chess can consume great chunks of time and demand concentration on an epic scale. In later years, I am sure that common sense would have prevailed, either to reach an adjudicated position, or with the introduction of chess clocks which can be pre-set to a given time period, with the capability to record the actual thinking time used up by each player- an outcome from which is that a player might lose, on time, whereas his quicker-thinking, but maybe less well-placed opponent gets the point! [Ed.](#))



14 Participation in the Portsmouth Schools' Leagues continue, and with its support from the School Sports Fund. In 1961, the Seniors are doing well. Barry Keen and Richard Tyack are selected to represent the Portsmouth League in a match against the Southampton Schools.

15 The internal, School Championship takes a new shape, to maintain interest loss for those defeated in their first match. Pools of 4 ensure 3 games for all, with possibly the top 2 progressing to a final phase. Another new venture is an entry into the TIMES (Newspaper) National Championships, which is for teams of 6 players, and team success depends on matching a pre-determined score according to the age handicap, A bye, a default result and a defeat in the 3rd round of the County Zone meant an exit and no further mention of that competition

16 [Mr Annetts](#) is now looking after the Chess.

17 1962-63 season sees the introduction of friendly matches such that there is a competitive event every fortnight. Regularly, below-par teams have meant a disappointing season

18 Modest performances in the 1963-64 Leagues after promising starts. Juniors are 2nd in their Division

19 Each team is in the lower half of its division. [Mr Gaultier](#) overseeing the Chess.

20 In 1966, only a Junior & a Minor League team in action. Some Parental help, and 6 new sets funded by the P.T.A,

21 1967-68: "Chess Fever" strikes! 2 Junior League teams and 3 Minor teams. Junior "A"s were 2nd in their division and the Minor "A"s win theirs – **first ever team league win** – played 8 won 7, drawn 1!

22 67-68 5 teams in the League. First recorded involvement in outside tournament – Hampshire U16, from which Newbury was selected for the County U18 team. [Mr Lord](#) now i/c Chess. PTA purchased a Chess clock.

23 68-69 "A most interesting & successful season". 6 teams in the Portsmouth Leagues, from a membership of 40. Senior "A" won all matches though lost narrowly in the play-off to St. John's College

24 69-70 – not a very successful season for the teams but several boys in County team: M.Peagram, Shore*, Berry*, Penney. Newbury has been in both Junior & Senior teams. * + Lampert played for Portsmouth League vs Southampton Schools, but Newbury has been the most successful player: 3rd in Hampshire Senior Championships, with Smithin 2nd in the U16 group. School Colours awarded for first time. Chess offers subsidised transport, better refreshments at all matches. Continuing to benefit from the hard work of [Mr Lord](#).

25 70-71 [Mr Chapman](#) now i/c Chess. Contact with external Clubs & Associations encouraged. Chess magazines available for personal advancement. An increase in membership brought only disappointing results. Newbury playing for the Hampshire Senior (adult) team. Peagram, Shore, Smithin, Lampeot, Woods & Walters in Portsmouth team. 3 teams in Times County Tournament, but not successful. A new Anniversary Year event organised: a "Swiss Tournament", won by 1st year boy- Leckie. P.T.A funds purchase of 8 new sets.

26 71-72 There is now a James Trophy for internal, Minor (graded) competition, won by J. Newbury, and a New Handicap event (Walker Trophy). [Mr Harcus](#) is now i/c Chess. 4 League team were generally unsuccessful. 2 teams in the Times Tournament this year. This age group event, organised in County groups has an age handicap structure. This is one compensating mechanism for younger players, but it also brings players into contact with other Schools beyond their immediate hinterland.

27 72-73 The A, B & C teams finished the league season bottom of their groups, and the D was just one better. 2 teams in the Times Tournament and another local event – no successes

In summary:

Chess is one of the longest-lasting “Club” activities, beginning in 1946, as a modest, in-school only group. In these formative years. Mr Shaddock was the one who encouraged and oversaw its early life. A variety of other Masters have had oversight of the Club, but [Mr Shaddock](#) was amongst the most influential and appreciated. Whilst others have been in the role, few have had major impact of a kind that might have brought forth a reasonable and consistent level of success to engender ongoing enthusiasm. That the Club had at least a run of continuous activity from 1958 – 1973 is testimony to the stickability of the boys in the face of a lack of real success.

For a few years, activity seemed to be confined to what can be fitted into lunchtime and occasional after school sessions. Initially, all kit was brought into school by the boys, and then some borrowed.

Internal competitions of various formats were offered, with some age-differentiation an early necessity. New types of events appeared throughout the Chess Club’s activity.

First record of inter-School matches is in 1955, again on an age-basis. The Portsmouth & District Chess leagues (Schools’ Division) offered a more structured programme, probably with a necessity to travel between venues, rather than all to one central location. Measurable success awaited 1968 before a Price’s team won a Trophy – the Minor’s “A” team winning its Division.

The PTA responded to requests to purchase new kit from time to time, and in 1960 a Chess Clock appeared!

Teams might fail, but their individual players can still be seen to make progress and the first representative selection were identified in 1961, with selection of Barry Keen and Richard Tyack invited to be a part of the annual Portsmouth vs Southampton Schools’ match. Michael Peagram, Shore, Berry, Penny & Newbury gained selections for the Portsmouth League teams and also their County League age group teams. M.Newbury has emerged as the most consistent and capable player, playing also in the Adult teams.

A new Handicap event is introduced at School.

There have been various attempts to make headway into the Times (Newspaper) National Schools’ competition. This is operated on an age handicap basis. But no successes beyond the first round were encountered.

Lots of years, lots of boys and in different competitions have been tried. Some good success but no great-achievements. Representative honours for a few. The important thing however is that lots of boys took advantage of tuition from older pupils and learned at least the rudiments of a strategic game. A valued part of life in our School.

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Chapter 13.5

Judo



Judo was one of the shorter-lived 'minor' sports at Price's. It first started under the supervision of [Mr Hubbard](#) in the late 1960's but was a total failure due to lack of attendance and enthusiasm. Subsequently, Mr Meffer, who ran the Bridgemary and Rowner Judo Club, stepped in and helped the Price's School Judo Club to become recognised by the British Judo Association (BJA).

Belonging to the BJA entitled club members to attend gradings held at larger clubs in the area at which to attempt to attain higher grades. 1970 saw the club transfer from the BJA to the Southern Ju-Jitsu Society which was viewed as a change for the better. Grading was undertaken in May that year and all members who attended returned with a higher grade.

The thriving club was open to all boys in the school and met for an hour on Thursday evenings. Members were indebted to Mr Crossman, the school caretaker, for looking after them, as without this, the club would have ceased to exist.

In **1972** it was reported that the club had "re-formed" the previous school year with the assistance of HMS Collingwood Judo Club. Its first major engagement was the school fete which was regarded as a great success as it was necessary to do two performances, both of which were packed out. The club was also highly successful at the next grading event held at the Frimley Park Budokan, where all members, both Senior and Junior, reached at least two grades higher than when they entered. Particular praise was reserved for the four boys entered for a senior grading against adult contestants and who walked off with orange belts.

Ever optimistic, the club had received its full quota of new members in autumn 1972 and was toying with the idea of asking if a school team might be formed and was attempting to set up an inter-house competition.

John Tompkins, who was a club member from 1972 provided the following anecdote:

"The black and white photograph (below) was taken in the gymnasium at Prices, whilst we were trying to break the world record for continuous judo training in 1972 or 1973. We broke the previous record of about 24 hours and raised about 200 - 300 pounds to buy a new mat."

The Judo Instructors were all from the Royal Navy, all from the same establishment. The main instructor was called "Rod". Their whole ship was posted up to a base in Scotland so the Judo club folded in about 1974.

I can't remember that many names. Top row 3rd from left was a boy called Smith; his father was a teacher at Price's who taught mathematics. I am middle row 3rd from left. Front row 2nd from left is Chris Davies. I also remember that there were two brothers in the photo, top row 1st left and bottom row, 6th from left."



*Back row L to R – I. Jones (in school uniform), H. Cook, P.B. Smith, J. Beats, R. Champion
Middle row L to R – M. Evans, M.I. Denham, J. Tompkins, P. Hawkes, R. Herbertson, M. Hobbs (in school uniform).
Front Row L to R – S.E. Jackson, G. Davey, D. Smith, R. Trinder, M. Johnson, H. Jones*

The colour photograph (below) was taken at a grading which was held in a social club at Fawley Oil Refinery in about 1972. As you can see, all of the boys have the Prices Badge on their Judo suits.

Bob Herbertson identified himself in the photo: “*Regarding the Judo Club photograph - I am just in front of Jerry Beats, and I think the chap on my left was called Bob Champion. (Ed: – I believe his name was Ralph Champion) It also appears that my mother used Daz for extra bright whiteness!*

In the autumn of **1973**, the Judo Club was meeting every Thursday evening from 7:00 to 8:30. In the temporary absence of their instructor, Mr. Chadwick, it was being run by P.B. Smith (form 5D) with assistance from other seniors, J. Beats, I. Jones, H. Cook and N. Clark.

Howard Cook provided the following identification of the boys in the “colour” photograph below:

“*I saw the website and that you were looking for photographs. Here is the school judo club from about 1972/3.*”



Ieun "Bones" Jones, Howard "Buzby" Cook, Paul Smith and Jerry Beats in the back row.

Club members took part in a variety of activities including two junior gradings, one at Esso Recreation Club and one at Southampton Bushidokan, at which everyone went up several grades. Senior members also attended a grading at Esso at which all Price's members who attended went up a grade despite having only two fights each.

The club took part in the Hants Junior Boys' Judo League and entered two competitions at Esso Recreation Club and Court Moor School, Fleet and were hoping that the next meeting might be held at Price's.

The biggest event of the term was the sponsored fight alluded to in John Tompkins' anecdote above. The fight was held in the school gym and raised £100 for a new judo mat. The record was successfully broken, the fight lasting for 13 ½ hours, and it was hoped that this would be recognised in the next edition of the Guinness Book of Records.

The new mat was due to arrive some time during the subsequent summer term which would have enabled the club to take on more new members.

Whether the mat arrived, or the record appeared in the Guinness Book of Records, we may never know as December 1973 marked the final report on Judo at Price's. As mentioned by John Tompkins, the club folded around 1974 when their instructor from HMS Collingwood was posted to Scotland. This would seem a shame as there appeared to be no lack of support for the club, just a lack of a suitable instructors or supervisors.

Mark Knight



Chapter 13.6

Rugby



For a national sport, rugby at Price's appears to have started relatively late and one wonders why this may have been. It is surmised that as rugby union (the version of the game played most widely in the south of England) is a 15-a-side game, the school authorities may have decided that a small school (as Price's was in the early 20th century) could not compete effectively due to the small pool of potential players. Alternatively, it may have been too difficult to raise a rugby team at the same time as either a hockey or football team depending on which term the sport may have been played.

This is another sport where one's physical attributes are of benefit in certain key positions but, as there is no one size required for all, boys with a wide range of physical characteristics can find a place in the team. Understanding between the scrum-half and fly-half and achieving physical balance between members of the pack can be more of a challenge and this was alluded to in many of the reports.

Rugby was initially only played by the sixth form but as it was extended down the school age bands, results appear to have benefitted from the earlier experience gained.

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Rugby

1938

Although not obviously being played at Price's as early as 1938 there is a report that Price's old boy, Captain F. Tarrant had the honour of playing rugby for the army at Twickenham in the 1937/38 season.

1961

The first mention in The Lion of a rugby club appeared in January 1961. However, it is evident from that report that the club had been in existence for some time before that as it refers to there having been large attendances the previous spring.

Club activity in 1960/61 were limited by the number of boys prepared to turn up regularly for practices. However, despite this drawback some enjoyable seven-a-side games were played in the evenings after school until bad light and lack of numbers made playing impractical.

VI formers were also permitted to practise during games periods, and this was regarded as a hopeful sign that one day, if enough enthusiasm could be raised, rugby might become one of the main games of the school.

[Mr Oxford](#) and [Mr Howard-Jones](#) were thanked for giving up their time to help the club.

1965

The rugby club seems to have been moribund in the period after 1961 as, in The Lion of May 1965, the report speaks of the rugby club emerging from a motley crowd of most unpromising looking youths gathering outside the gymnasium passing around a weird-shaped ball as if this were a completely new venture.

However, from September 1964 onwards practices were held, albeit on the worst of days this "band of savages" revelled in the mud and muck and in many cases the practices degenerated into a free-for-all!

The first match, against T.S. Mercury took place on a rock-hard pitch and, to the amazement of onlookers, the opponents and Price's, the school squad won and walked off the field like heroes. Unfortunately, the success was short-lived and a series of narrow losses and draws ensued, punctuated on rare occasions by a win. The overall results for that inaugural season were: played 15, won 4, lost 10, drew 1.

Thanks were offered to [Mr Hedley](#) and [Mr Thomas](#) for their efforts at recruitment and [Mr Garvey](#), who refereed on several occasions.

1966

By the beginning of the 1965/66 season, general interest in rugby in the school had gained momentum and the embryonic rugby club had formed a school First XV as shown in the photograph (clearly incorrectly labelled by a fan of an 11-a-side game!).

The season was more successful, partially as a result of the larger number of boys from which the first fifteen could be selected. The team that year won 9 matches and lost 6.

Because rugby relies less on individuals and more on the experience of the team it is characteristic that every player is potentially useful if he has been playing long enough. The way to achieve this is for rugby to be played from the first form so that a substantial reservoir of players could be built up

in the school. The formation in 1965/66 of an under-16 team was seen as a step in the right direction towards rugby becoming a rival to soccer as the main game played in the school.

House rugby matches were also played at both senior and junior level with School house triumphing in both championships.



RUGBY XI (Photo by Colourcrest Studios, Bournemouth.)

1968

1967/68 was a season of mixed fortunes so far as the first XV results were concerned but there was a tremendous improvement in the all-round ability of the squad, particularly in the spring term. Only poor tackling prevailed as a general weakness. The results were a great improvement on the previous season despite several heavy defeats with the match record being: played 21, won 11, drawn 2, lost 8.

The improvement in the spring term was evidenced by the difference in results against the Gosport and Fareham RUFC Colts XV before Christmas (lost 29-3) and after half-term (lost 13-0). Other heavy defeats were not discouraging since they were effectively played against men's sides or against traditional rugby schools.

With at least 6 of the pack expected to be available again the following season it was hoped that this continuity would bode well for the next year. A total of 26 players represented the first XV during the season, 18 of whom scored at least one try and 16 of them shown in the team photo below. A

critique of the first XV players was given by Mr Tuck in The December 1968 Lion which, although probably fair at the time, would not be permitted today. Full colours were awarded to Elner, McPhee, Young, Crawshaw, Hole and Smith and half colours to Smithin, Lynch, Lee and Simpson.

The boys who represented the school at under 14 level that year began the season as complete beginners resulting in some heavy defeats. Nevertheless, in the one game when they faced a team with similar experience to themselves they achieved a decisive win which was even more encouraging given that many of the boys were actually under 13 years of age. Overall, six matches were played with the single victory and five defeats.

Team players were: Thorns, Elvin, Burton, Gledhill, Thwaites, Emery, Andrews, Cook, Sheridan and Morant, all of whom were awarded colours. Lock, Downing, May, Brisdion, Howard, Forrow and Hale also played.

School House were decisive winners of the house rugby taking victory in all three of their matches.

1969

The first XV did not have quite so successful a season in 1968/69 as in the previous year with 10 wins, 10 losses and a draw from their 21 matches. Early season confidence was shaken by the news that the regular halfback pair would both be leaving and would be unavailable after the first match. It took a while to find a satisfactory combination to replace them and in consequence a number of heavy defeats were suffered in the interim. Results picked up after Christmas once the new team had settled in.

Perhaps the most important lesson learned from the 68/69 season was the importance of that nebulous quality "team spirit" which the first XV possessed in abundance and which enabled them to overcome some shortcomings in technique and the disappointments of the early season. In his report for The Lion, the vice-captain bemoaned the fact that the future of rugby at Price's was uncertain, and it was hoped that enough new players would come forwards for it to carry on. The inter-house tournament was not played in the 1968/69 season.

1st XV 1968/69



Back Row (L. to R.) B.W. Moxey, P.N. Hennam, M.H. Dasper, J.A. Dixon, M.E. Genge, S.Keith, M.N. Fisher, I.W. Attfield (linesman)

Front Row (L. to R.) R.D. Llewellyn, R.W. Elner, J.N. Smithin (V.Capt.), C.A. Young (Capt.), R.A. Lee, R. Lynch, N. Balchin.

In Front

K.M. Askew

J.G. Snowball

[Mr Tuck](#) once again provided an incisive critique of each team member and it is hoped that this served as encouragement for players to work on the necessary improvements.

R.A. Lee played for the Hampshire Schools under 19 side on several occasions during the season; full colours were awarded to Lynch, Smithin and Lee and half colours to Llewellyn.

1970

The first XV began the 1969/70 season with an entirely new front row who mastered the previous year's pack when playing the pre-season skirmish against the Old Priceans. The difficulty this season was in finding a 2nd row forward to match R. Lynch in size, strength and experience.

Team performances were unpredictable, an example being a loss of 45-6 against Midhurst away but a 27-11 victory at home. Overall, 8 matches were won and 9 lost, but the team were not discouraged as, for over half the team, this was their first full season of competitive rugby. There can be no doubt that the school first XV would have benefitted from boys coming up through the school having played the game from a younger age. Rugby was certainly an option in the lower school games lessons in the autumn term of 1970 and [Mr Tuck](#) was clearly keen as was the new biology teacher, [Mr Wilkie](#), so one can only assume that there were additional factors preventing competitive age-group matches being played against other schools.



Once again, a first XV critique was provided by Mr Tuck highlighting the particular strengths and weaknesses of individual players and listing those awarded full colours (Lee, Balchin, Dashper, Lynch and Genge) or half colours (Moxey and Fisher).

1971

There was no rugby report in the 1971 Lion but M.E. Genge had been appointed as the school captain of rugby for the 1970/71 season.

Congratulations were also offered to Genge and Ian Virgo who were both selected to play for the Hampshire under-19 rugby XV.

Sadly, no appointment of a rugby captain for the 1971/72 season appears to have been made and this is the final mention of a first XV team,

1974

In April 1974, many members of the first form (the final full year intake to Price's school) turned their boundless energy and enthusiasm to the rugby field with a considerable measure of success. Due to the hard work of the boys during lunchtimes and after school a rugby team of 9 players was picked, trained and competed in a tournament all within three weeks! By reaching the semi-finals of the Hampshire Schools Mini Rugby tournament they proved that their effort was worthwhile.

The limited time available meant that a small squad of players had to be selected and intensively coached, particularly with reference to the rules of the game. The enthusiasm and success of the team caused many others to become interested in the game so that in the 1974/75 season it was anticipated that there would be a limited number of 15-a-side fixtures.

[Mr Wilkie's report](#) for The Lion in December 1974 concluded by hoping that there would be many future seasons of rugby football at Price's. Alas, it was not to be and that proved to be the inevitable kiss of death to the game at Price's.

1978

After a gap of several years, a Rugby XV was reformed and, in their inaugural year, coached by [Ian Wilkie](#), the team was unbeaten.



Back row, l-r: R.Dunham, T.White, S.Cansdale, D.Wilson, G.Williams, M.Botteilll, I.Welch, G.Pike, R.Millen

Seated, l-r: M.Young, J.Wilkinson, N.Good, B.Smith, C. McGhee, D.Walker, P.Timmins

A Retrospective

It appears that Rugby Football always played second (or third) fiddle to soccer and hockey as a winter sport at Price's. Despite international rugby having been played since 1871, international tours taking place from the early 20th century, the five nations tournament including France from 1947 and televised games appearing from the early 1960's it was not until 1961 that the sport earned a mention in The Lion.

In the subsequent 15 years there was sporadic interest among the boys and the fortunes of the first XV waxed and waned according to the abilities of those prepared to put in the effort of training. The first XV player critiques show that individuals were not short of talent and one or two even went on to play representative rugby for Hampshire.

There is no obvious answer to why the sport was a "late starter", or why it did not garner the enthusiasm of a larger pool of players. There were capable coaches in Mr Tuck and latterly, Mr Wilkie and, as mentioned previously, it is a game in which boys of a wide range of physical attributes can find a place, not simply the fastest, strongest or tallest.

Rugby was an option in games lessons in the early 1970s except when the field was out of action and the whole year group was dispatched off on the hated cross-country run. In the 1965/66 season, attempts were made to extend competitive rugby into the lower school and increase the potential pool of players for the first XV but this appears not to have had the desired effect. So far as can be recalled, there was no external competitive rugby except for the first XV by 1970 and even this had ceased by 1975.

Mark Knight



Chapter 13.7

Sailing



From 1959 until 1973, a remarkable story of success, starting with a small, casual sail from Fareham Creek to Portchester Lake, a nucleus of already-experienced sailors gathered around them enough interest to create a momentum that would last for 14 years and take-in success along the central south coast of England where the Name of Price's sailing became widely known and respected.

The story is an excellent example of how enthusiasm from a small group of boys, for an interest that did not arise from any curricular provision, gelled and flourished over a number of years, under the generous oversight of Messrs. Mollard, Briscoe, Iredale and Hedley, enabling representation of the school, and growing success for it in a sport, rich in its own code of competitive and social values, much as rugby and cricket had at the time, all of which would have added much to the teenage years of boys already benefitting from everything else that Price's had in its traditions and record of enrichment.

This report takes-in internal House Matches, local residential training courses, participation in "domestic", local Club events, to County Schools', Regionally-focussed N.S.S.A. Regattas, National Class Championships and International representation.

Most of the reporting is in the verbatim words of the pupils who took part.

Credit is due here, also, to the members of the other local sailing clubs. Civilian and Armed Service in nature, for access to and use of their facilities, for Price's School had none of what was necessary for the interest shown by the boys involved. Now, in 2021 when this is written, some 60 years later all who contributed, as Parents, Individuals or Club members, should feel pride at what ensued from Mr. Mollard's initial invitation, but regret also that during a later phase of educational change and re-organisation, this Sailing was one of the many facets of activity that has been lost.

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- The Chronological sequence
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- Remarks from Bob MacDowell
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1959

Under the guidance of [Mr. Mollard](#), during the last year a School Sailing Club has been formed. The membership, as yet, has been limited to a very small number of entrants, as there is only one available dinghy, Mr. Mollard's 'Enterprise.' Sailing has only been possible when the tides have permitted at Fareham, the dinghy being kept at Fareham Sailing and Motor Boat Club.

Even so, several trips have been made, the longest being to Portchester on Wednesday 15 July via Hardway the trip being made in 4½ hours.

"Leaving the clubhouse at 4.30 p.m. we sailed to Hardway in a fresh breeze, passing Fleetlands Shipyard and Bedenham Pier. After staying at Hardway for a while, we proceeded past the aircraft-carrier HMS Theseus to Portchester Creek, where the wind livened up considerably. The going was good, but wet.

After cruising around the creek for a while, we returned along the same route to Fareham in a lighter breeze. "

It is hoped, in the future, that an additional Enterprise will be built in the Woodwork Shop by the boys concerned.

J.T.

Since the above was written an even longer day trip to Fishbourne, Isle of Wight, was made.

Sept 1960

From 16 to 23 July 20 boys attended a sailing course at Fairthorne Manor, Y.M.C.A. Camp, Botley, whilst at the same time four others attended the canoeing course there.

By that time all school examinations had finished and we took advantage of these courses to sail and canoe every day, morning and afternoon, weather permitting. On Fareham Creek the time for sailing is restricted to a few hours at each high water, but on the Hamble River -below Bursledon Bridge - a barge, *Wessex*, is maintained by Fairthorne Manor and it is possible to find sufficient water at any state of the tide. Whilst it could not be claimed that on every day we enjoyed ideal sailing conditions - heavy rainstorms and high winds were our lot - yet, notwithstanding, every day we sailed at some time. Indeed, one afternoon the wind fell so light that the heaviest craft had to be rowed. Then some of us found handling an oar more strenuous than controlling a sheet.

On three occasions some of us found ourselves in unusual situations: in a dinghy sitting in water up to the gunwale, the hull appearing like a submarine about to enter a dive. Later, during a goosewing

demonstration, the jib wrapped itself around the forestay; out of control the dinghy was swept onto a moored yacht which had appeared to be deserted, but soon a worried owner emerged from the cabin with a boat hook. On the last day a main sheet block became jammed, the main sail was out of control and with the first gust of wind the dinghy was lying on its side. On two different occasions an individual fully clothed found himself in the water alone without companions. No, his dinghy had not capsized; he, of his own free will had stepped or slid into the water.

Lest any parent should think his son was in great danger, he should remember that a look-out was posted all the time on *Wessex* who could at any time summon either one or both of two motor vessels standing by. During our whole week these rescue motor vessels were called out only three times.

Thursday and Friday afternoons a line of about twenty canoes was seen paddling near the river bank: our four canoeists – Harris, Pratt, Harknett and Jenks – had been practising their art and were now joining in a trip from Botley down river to Hamble Common where they spent the night in a bivouac, returning the next day by river to Botley. Their enthusiasm was so alive that some of the dinghy sailors are considering sampling this activity next year.

By the end of the week every sailor had helmed a boat on at least two occasions but high winds on the last two days prevented a trip into Southampton Water. That adventure must wait until next year.

One evening we were pleased to welcome some parents who had come, perhaps, to be re-assured no accidents had occurred. This particular evening turned out to be the wettest, rainiest and most dismal evening of the whole week. We would like to assure them that Fairthorne Manor is not a bog where a foot always has to dodge a puddle. Indeed on other evenings we played tennis, cricket and a campers' football match against *T.S. Warfieet*. On all these evenings the sun was known to shine.

By the end of the week we all appreciated there was still much to learn about sailing and we said *au revoir* to our new friends from Hamble, Ringwood, Norway and Israel.

The inter-counties school sailing match arranged for 16/18 July was cancelled owing to unfavourable weather forecasts but we hope better conditions will obtain on 24/25 September when some R.A.F. members of the C.C.F. hope to compete at a regatta organised by the R.A.F. at Hamble.

Finally we should like to thank Mr. Thompson (especially for his knot instruction), Mr. Hardy for the loan of two life-jackets and Mr. Briscoe for making a canoe available for use.

Sept 1961

This term, thanks partly to suitable weather, four sailing matches were held. The first, limited to the R.A.F. section of the Cadet Corps, took place at Thorney Island R.A.F. Sailing Club. Other entries from eight schools including Churchers. Peter Symonds and Bradfield were our competitors.

In our qualifying heat Bennett and Keith led the held until they over-sailed a mark and then found they were in last position, trailing the others and finishing third (with only two to qualify). However, they did qualify because one of the leading crews was disqualified: and so to the Final. This was soon a duel between Bradfield and us, which by superior handling and tactics, we won, although the Bradfield helmsman had previously sailed in Chichester Harbour and knew something of its tides and

currents. Thus for two successive years our name has been on the silver cup awarded to the winners of this event.

On 17 June Aldred and Freemantle represented Hampshire in a match organized by Nottingham County Sailing Association, which is reported elsewhere.

On 7 July Dimmick and Warde, Sailing their C.P. 14, represented the School at the second annual Schools' sailing races sponsored by King Edward VI School, Southampton. After their win they were acclaimed by the Southern Evening Echo as Champion schoolboys of the Southampton area. Forty other entries from eighteen schools were competing - well done!

The innovation of House Sailing races re reported in detail in the appropriate section.

P.W.Mollard

House Sailing Competition

For the first time it was decided to hold Sailing House matches this term. The interest in this activity has been growing steadily in recent years thanks to the Fairthorne Manor courses and Mr. Mollard, and so as an experiment, Senior and Junior races were held on Fareham Creek. The day proved to be very calm, and in the end the experience of some of the more regular sailors triumphed: notably Dimmick and Warde who won the Senior race by more than 2 minutes, and Freemantle and Fitch who won the Juniors by about 4 minutes.

Seniors	1 st	Cams	G. Dimmick & G. Warde
	2 nd	School	H. Roddis & P. Keith
	3 rd	Westbury	Lunney & P. O. Jenks
Juniors	1 st	Cams	Freemantle & Fitch
	2 nd	Westbury	Beddis & Earle
	3 rd	Blackbrook	Aldred



G. Dimmick and G. Warde, winning crew in the Second Annual Schools' Sailing Race sponsored by King Edward VI School, Southampton, with Mr. Uffa Fox and the second crew.

(By courtesy of *The Southern Echo*)

The R.A.F. Yacht Club Cup race was held this year at R.A.F. Station, Thorney Island, and we were successful in retaining the trophy. Eight schools competed and congratulations are due to N. Bennett for his skilful helmsmanship and J. Keith for his very able assistance in crewing.

Sept 1962

The following crews were selected to represent their Houses in The House Matches:

Blackbrook:	Senior: Aldred, R. B. & Forward A. J.,	Junior: Stublings P.J. & Goff D.V.
Cams:	Senior: Fremantle, J.D. & Fisher, R.	Junior: Booth. G. & Joslin, T. A
School:	Senior: Roddis, H. A. J. & Gilbert. C. R.,	Junior: Ward M.G. & Keith P.
Westbury:	Senior: Lunney & P.St.C. & Hawkins M.G.,	Junior: Croker M.D. & Shaw R.M.

Jan 1963

SEEING THE WORLD

THE SAIL TRAINING RACE, 1962 TORBAY - USHANT – ROTTERDAM

Eight Hampshire and Isle of Wight Sea Scouts entered the Royal Artillery yacht "St. Barbara" in the Tall Ships Race last August. We had an afterguard of three Gunner Captains and one R.N. officer, to whom we owe a great of praise.

As the "St. B." is a club yacht, she is used a great deal during the season and so we had only one weekend aboard her. During this weekend learnt how to bring gales by sticking knives in the mast (we had a spike lashed to the mast which brought similar results), how to bring storms by whistling, and how to reverse the effects of these two by whistling.



1958 *Gorch Foch*

We appeared near Cowes on a fine Sunday afternoon (after “going about” some 84 times!) with eight rolls in the mainsail, and a fully reefed stormsail. This, we were told was to terrify the Cowes yachtsmen. It did: after twenty minutes we were the only people afloat in the Medina.

However, we left Cowes two weeks later, and almost immediately put into Yarmouth rather than risk the Channel passage to Torbay in our green state (of sickness, not rawness). On the Saturday morning we reached Brixham, and after a short make-and-mend session in the harbour, we thrashed out past Berry Head into the teeth of a force 7 Channel gale. We led our class of ships of 50 tons and under until we reached the Ushant mark-vessel, when we were lying fourth: we retained this position until the end of the race.

Soon after rounding the Ushant mark, we split a £400 sail very badly. This was followed the next night by the breaking of three jib-sheets which control the foresail; they were calculated to stand a strain of some seven tons, yet the wind alone broke them.

Soon after this discovered several passengers aboard; one a terrifying hall-cheese which required three of us to lift it from its cool hole in the bilges. Most of us went through the agonies of sea sickness for a short time; however, one of the boys was almost too sick to stand most of the race, but with great courage turned out for every watch

In spite of efforts of the Chanel and the North Sea, we arrived at Rotterdam after five days of gales and of flat calm. To our salt - crusted eyes, which had seen nothing but twenty-five foot rollers for a week, the city heaven. The chief delight was a shower-room in the Royal Maas Yacht Club, in which place we made up entirely for our unwashed (by fresh water, at least) week.

The city was cleaner, pleasanter and more friendly than many an English City; everyone wanted to shake our hands and try their English on us.

The race was a magnificent experience. Any hardships we may have suffered were made-up for entirely by the spirit of comradeship and brotherhood and our dauntless, constantly cheerful Officers.

P. J. Stubbings, D.J. Rivett.

As Germany had lost all of its training vessels as war reparations after World War II, the West German Bundesmarine decided in 1957 to have a new training ship built following the plans for Gorch Fock. The new ship was a modernized rebuild of Horst Wessel. Coincidentally, her design had been influenced by another shipwreck: whereas the 1933 Gorch Fock was built in response to the Niobe disaster, the plans of SSS Gorch Fock were altered somewhat after the sinking of Pamir in 1957.

The modern-day Gorch Fock was launched on 23 August 1958 and commissioned on 17 December year.

St Barbara V is owned and operated by the Royal Artillery Yacht Club. Launched in 2000, she is the third Rustler 42', and the first built for sail training purposes. She is the Club's 5th Flagship and is the largest yacht owned by UK Service Clubs. The club has existed for 74 years for the benefit of its members and the Royal Artillery.

The club uses St Barbara to develop young (and old!) soldiers and officers through the adventurous activity of Offshore Sailing.

St Barbara spent last winter in the Canary Islands conducting 7 adventurous training periods, with a particularly demanding return leg to the UK in February. She is spending most of the summer season

in UK waters, except for her participation in the Tall Ships' Race, and current plans see her spending next winter in the Mediterranean. The Club hope to send her to the Caribbean in 2007, as part of our 75th Anniversary celebrations.

Oct 1963

From 6 to 13 July, eleven boys under the care of Mr. Smallwood attended a course at Fairthorne Manor, Botley. Using: the barge "Wessex" as their base, they were instructed in "Wayfarers" and, despite the unseasonable temperature and winds, they sailed every day, twice venturing out of the River into Southampton Water. On the last a race was organised but no result was declared as racing rules were broken and one crew fell overboard. However, at the end of the week some boys crewed for their instructors in the Hamble S.C. regatta events, so some of them must have been judged competent.

The following weekend, 13 - 20 July, three boys attended a canoe course at the same place. On the final day, Lynch's was placed third in the last race.

A sailing match against Portsmouth Grammar School was arranged for 26 June at Tudor S.C., Langstone. But high winds capsized six of the eight boats, one and one bung mislaid. The match was re-sailed on 10th July with Freeman, Williams. Keith and Steele as helmsmen. The final result was P.G.S. 43.5 points v Price's 33 points.

Price's House matches were arranged for 23rd & 24th July, at Langstone, using the County's Fireflies. As the weather forecast for Tuesday morning was fine, and settled weather was promised for the next three days, it was decided to use the first day for practising. Alas the weather changed by the Wednesday morning the wind force 4/5 in the morning, force 6 was promised for the afternoon, so matches had to be cancelled.

23 July. Freemantle and Williams competed In the Visitors' race in the regatta organized by; King Edward VI, Southampton and were placed third on handicap. We congratulate Freemantle and wish him luck at inter-counties Schools' meeting in Northamptonshire, when he will be one of the helmsmen representing Hampshire



He was particularly successful in the Phantom yacht (shown below from the Wikipedia entry) where he became World Champion.

Phantom Past National Champions

1973

JOHN FREEMANTLE

October 1964

This term the school has, through the purchase of a 'Cadet' class sailing dinghy, been able to do considerably more sailing than formerly. Little of note has taken place on these occasions except for a classic capsize – on the slipway with helmsman and crew sitting to leeward.

The inter-House sailing matches took place on sunny the fine sunny Monday 13th July, at Calshot. The crews assembled at the School of Navigation's pier at Warsash and were taken to Calshot where they found their "Firefly" class dinghies waiting.

Each House entered a three-man team, and four races were sailed over an elongated triangular course which unfortunately had no proper windward leg. Thus the results of the races depended very much on quality of the start.

Croker and Booth, with displays of excellent helmsmanship each won two races, despite the fact for a time the liner "*France*" appeared to be joining the contests. Thanks are due to Mr. Mollard and Mr. Briscoe for their organisation, and to Mr. Brown. the Deputy County P.T. organizer, who looked after the crews so admirably.

Westbury	1 st , 2 nd , 1 st , 2 nd	Croker, Rivell, Manley
Cams	4 th , 1 st , 2 nd , 1 st	Freemantle, Booth, Brown
School	3 rd , 3 rd , 3 rd , 3 rd	Steele, Todd, Westbrook
Blackbrook	2 nd , 4 th , 4 th , 4 th	Williams, Johnson. Thomas

P. J. Stubbings.

SEEING THE WORLD

TALL SHIPS RACE 1964

L'ecoute! Vite! Vite! Vite!

Such was the panic on board the French yacht "Glenan" at the start of this year's Sail Training Association race from Plymouth to Lisbon.

Stubbings and myself had failed to be selected for a place on "Tawu", Britain's entry for the race to the race to Lisbon, the race to Bermuda and the Cruise up to New York.

The skipper and navigator were friends of ours for we had sailed with them in "St. Barbara" in the 1962 S. T. A. race to Rotterdam, but this appeared to be a disadvantage. Then, one morning a letter arrived offering me a birth on the French yacht "Glénan".

On my original application form to 'Tawu' I had mentioned that I was still straggling with 'O' French. I told I had been selected for "Glénan" because of my wide knowledge of French! With the laughter of Mr. Foster still ringing in my ears, I posted the letter of acceptance.

"Glénan" is a 12-ton cutter, designed by two British designers, Illingworth & Primrose ; but though she was the smallest in the race, she was placed halfway up the handicap list. She is a very fast boat, having won several ocean races and she was the winner of the 1962 Sail Training Association Race. We were hoping to repeat the performance, but when we visited the Royal Yacht "Bloodhound" at Plymouth, we were told that we could only come second. We were shown round this boat; we saw

its high-powered motors, its electric pumping system and a book with "H. R. H." written in it. What a super present for the Prefects' Study!"

Our stay at Plymouth also included visits to the two French topsail schooners "L'Etoile" and "La Belle Poule" and attending the S.T. A. and the Mayor's Receptions. Such was social whirl at Plymouth. On the Saturday before the start of our race, we watched the start of the Single-Handed Transatlantic Race. At 10 o'clock the next our own race started.

The wind was force 1; this did but this did not stop hundreds of boats coming from Plymouth to watch the start of our race. The beautiful "Danmark", the only square-rigger at Plymouth set her topsails; and boom – "Tawu" was the first boat to cross the line at the start for the class II series

Class III started 15 mins. afterwards. The class was for boats of under 50 tons and included such ocean racers as "Bloodhound", "Glénan", "Lutine" and "Peter von Danzig". The former had the best start, while 'Glenan' had the honour of being last to start, being becalmed on the line and taking 20 mins to cross it. Finally, a light breeze sprang up so we set the genoa and hardened it on the sheets for one long tack out of Plymouth Sound. But "Glénan" was so much better to windward than the other boats, that after an hour she had taken back the lead.

So we set our course to Lisbon; came round off the wind onto a reach and set the spinnaker. This is the in race where you into watches, while the rest the fleet spreads out. You may within a mile of another boat several days, or you may not see one for a whole race. But when the final positions are determined, It is only matter of seconds between placings.

And so in "Glénan", after six grinding days, including having to beat down the whole length of the Spanish coast, we reached Lisbon, to find that, on handicap we were placed second equal with "Lutine", the difference between us being a tenth of a second. "Bloodhound" had beaten us by 11 minutes having averaged over 10 knots for 500 miles

After leaving Plymouth, the wind never dropped below force 6, and combined with the huge Atlantic swell, life was very uncomfortable. We worked three four-hour watches a day, with no dogs. When off watch one had to work, eat, cook, as well as perform such tasks as mending sails. On watch one took a turn at the helm, helped to change sails, and generally drove the boat as hard as she would go. The lee rail was underwater constantly, and at times two people were needed on the helm. The slightest change of wind demanded a change of sails, and working on the thirty square feet of foredeck could be dangerous. Near the end of the race one of the crew. He had his arm set at one o'clock In the morning and later on in the day eight French-speaking and one English yachtsmen were seen, wet, weary and salt stained, crawling into the showers of the Cascris Yacht Club.

"Glénan" set sail to France after a couple of days, but I stayed on at Lisbon. One night was spent on board a Dartmouth minesweeper, but then I moved onto HMS Londonderry. After spending 5 days on the golden beaches of Lisbon, and watching the start of the race to Bermuda, that ship brought me back to Penzance. On board I was messed with the Ordinary Seamen, though on the bridge, I was expected to do the duties of 2nd Officer of the watch. The rest of the trip, hitchhiking home from Penzance at 10 O'clock at night, was easy compared with the ordeal of weeks before. At 7 O'clock the next morning a surprised sleepy-eyed father unbolted the door for his well-travelled son

D. J. Rivett.

Ed- Les Glénans is a French sailing school, operating as a non-profit organization. Most of its instructors are volunteers. It was founded in 1947 by Philippe and Hélène Viannay, who had

been involved with the French Resistance during World War II. Its first site was the Glénan archipelago, about 10 nautical miles (20 km) off the coast of southern Brittany. No internet images of the ship are available,

May 1964

SEEING THE WORLD

WHAT-YOU-A SAILING INSTRUCTOR?

This is the first general reaction whenever I mentioned that a job as a sailing instructor had been offered to me by a sailing school at Gosport which urgently needs some Instructors --- any instructors! Within a week I had been interviewed, was taken-on and was sailing. The interview consisted mostly of the Manager's Sea-Scouting anecdotes, and the wages were £3 per plus board and lodging. The work was to teach sailing and almost everything conceivably concerned with the operation of a sailing school, which usually took up about eighteen hours or every day.

The technique we employed was to teach the pupils, who aged between 6 and 63, first to rig the boats, then to sail them and lastly, very cautiously to let them sail a boat alone and learn from their own errors, such as capsizing which some members of a girls' school managed to do on every possible occasion – even before leaving their mooring!

Nothing while sailing is possibly foreseeable, and since a great many things happen at a very high speed, extraordinary situations develop with amazing rapidity. On one occasion when sailing an extremely fast and light dinghy, with an elderly lady as a crew, while a strong wind was blowing in sharp gusts, the crew contracted a malady known as "marine turpitude"; that is she became paralysed with fright and could neither sit-out nor spill the wind from her sail to keep the boat upright. One of my most 8unforgettable visions is of the boat "taking it green" over the leeward side while I freed my feet from the toe straps and slid into the limpid waters of Portsmouth Harbour, gurgling instructions to the crew. I surfaced with ropes tangled around my neck and feet and was relieved to see the old lady's beaming face bobbing at the other side of the boat. She was rescued – with great solicitude and taken out of earshot declaring that she had thoroughly enjoyed the whole incident. I spent the next half hour dismally waiting to be rescued.

That same week which was the worst, weather-wise, of the season, all the weaknesses, of all the boats were shown in no uncertain fashion. The cordage lashings of most of the masts were due for replacement, a fact we realized when three masts snapped in quick succession; this is a terrifying experience for the helmsman, whose only warning is the crack that the preliminary parting of the windward stay makes. I was fortunate in being able to bring the boats head into the wind, and make a temporary repair, but for the others, the snap of the lashing coincided with the sickening tear of the wooden mast, as fibre rent from fibre, and the mast, rigging and sails crashed into the water.

Three others capsized that week and I found I had developed an unenviable gift for being on hand when the mishap struck. This was manifest when I sank the largest boat the School possessed, and again the day after, whilst teaching a potential racing helmsman some refined tactics for sounding marks when in another small racing dinghy. Spinning t boat rapidly through 180° must have cracked the rudder blade, for the next time I altered course, I lost control and no matter how I flicked the tiller the boat not answer, but pointed into the wind, sails flapping, heeling violently. Glancing over the stern, I saw the rudder blade lying flat in the water, attached

only by a length of wire. By now, the pupil, with magnificent presence of mind, had taken down the mainsail, probably preventing a capsize. This was easily the worst experience I had at the School as, without a rudder, we were virtually helpless.

Even capsizing became fun after the initial shock; we eventually did a demonstration exercise to show the pupils how it should be done. Unfortunately it turned into a demonstration of "how-not-to-do-it" as I had not yet developed a technique to avoid falling headlong into the water. In addition, we had not lashed the bailer in. The result was that, after righting the boat we were not able to empty it and drifted several hundred yards down wind, capsizing with monotonous regularity as we did so. We spent the next hour tied to a buoy, clad only in swimming trunks, trying to bail out the water with our hands in a bitingly cold wind, from time to time pronouncing appropriate nautical epithets. From this exercise the pupils agreed – they had learned --- some appropriate nautical epithets.

Parting was always sad, since we had made so many friends and lost them again, just as quickly, from the stout Welshman Dennis, who had not come to learn to sail at all, to the Scottish stock-farmer and his family who had brought their own boat and from Roger, the Australian working his way around the world, to the Bermudan businessman who was roused by the Police at 1.30 am, suspected of being "The Weasel". But the most unforgettable parting took place one night when a young, rugby-playing greengrocer had been ashore to the local hostelry for some celebrations. About 1 am. A klaxon sounded from a boat outside my cabin, and as I struggled from the depths of sleep, the scuttle was thrust open and the business end of a hand pump hose was pushed through, my drowsy protests were drowned by the renewed braying of the klaxon, and the slosh of water through the hose!

P.J.Stubbings

Dec 1967

Inter-House Sailing Results

1 st	Blackbrook	Thacker & Prior
2 nd	Westbury	Forrow & Lawford
3 rd	Cams	Hartridge & Evans

Conditions were very good for racing and in spite of some very heavy rain, a very enjoyable day was had by all. Thacker and Prior are to be congratulated on their racing skill and excellent team-work.

Dec 1969

INTER—HOUSE SAILING COMPETITION

This competition was at Christchurch Harbour again this year, but in very adverse conditions with the tide just to flood and the wind gusting force 6.

We reached Christchurch at 10.30 and rigged the boat ready for a practice nil before the Start at 12.30.

When the time came for the start only Warwick and Entwistle were anywhere near the starting line which was between the safety boat and a flag on the bank of the river, and therefore the Start was postponed for 15 minutes.

At the next start Fisher and Leedham took the lead followed by Warwick and Entwistle, then Cooper and Beaton and Deer and Allen who were sailing on jib alone as they had capsized just after the launch. Due to the very shallow water we found we were running aground including the safety boat which broke a paddle getting off the sand.

It was a fast run to the buoy and Warwick and Entwistle took the lead from Fisher and Leedham, but due to the strong wind we were going so fast that the safety boat could not keep up with us to put the on the buoy to be rounded but by some quick indications we were told which buoy to go around.

Warwick and Entwistle rounded the buoy the wrong way and realized this, therefore losing the lead in repeating the turn correctly but able to regain the lead when Fisher and Leedham went aground.

The other two boats could not manage the beat back home on jib alone and had to be towed back in. Deer and Allen had unfortunately broken the rudder pintle on running aground, and were finally unable to sail back.

1 st	School House	Warwick & Entwistle
2 nd	Cams	Fisher & Leedham
Retired	Westbury	Cooper & Beaton
Retired	Blackbrook	Deer & Allen

E. Warwick & D. Entwistle.

THE SAILOR'S PRIZE

This year the winners of the House sailing competition were awarded a weekend cruise in the Solent on board "Charlotte Amalie", an Elizabethan 29", owned by an Old Boy of the School who wishes to remain anonymous.

The cruise started for us on the Friday at Wicor, Portchester, which was where the boat was moored. We met the owners of the boat and then rowed out to her moorings. Once aboard, in the old-fashioned way had turned in for the night.

Saturday morning we were up very early so we could catch the tide going west in the Solent. Once breakfast had finished we were able to hoist the sails and to get down to what we had come for: a good long sail.

As soon as we were clear of Portsmouth Harbour and Gilkicker, up went the spinnaker, and we were off, speeding westwards down the Solent to Cowes. We had decided Friday night that we would go up towards the Needles and Hurst Castle and probably berth the night at Yarmouth or Lymington.

Well, we decided on Yarmouth in the end as I hadn't been there for a couple of years. As soon as we were tied-up, Sid Warwick and I blew up the rubber dinghy and scrambles ashore just before the shops shut.

After we had supper, all four of us went ashore to the "Bugle" where we all had a couple of jars, then the clock struck eleven and it was everybody back to their boats.

Sunday morning we were up much later. In fact I had only just got out of bed when the Harbour Master came round for our fee for the night.

We set off back out again just before Dinner, with very little wind. We were finding it very difficult to beat back against the tide. But later on in the afternoon, the wind did get up a bit and we were able to average 5½ knots, which is very good for a boat of her size.

Back in Portsmouth Harbour, our speed was over 6 knots, so ended very nicely a good weekend's sail.

D.J. Entwistle

INTERNATIONAL OPTIMIST REGATTA 1969

This, the world's largest youth regatta, was the 8th one held, from 19th to 31st July and our local sailing club at Stokes Bay had the honour of holding it.

Perhaps you would like to know what an Optimist is? It is a small, pram dinghy with spirit sail designed for sailors of 8 – 15 years of age starting international racing. Although many people enjoy sailing them, others prefer cut-throat sailing. It gives enjoyment to both.

The object of annual regatta is to bring different nations of the World together, regardless of the conflicts between them. Every year, the regatta is held in a different country. Next year it will be in Spain and there many O.P. sailors who will work hard to get into the team so as to be able to visit Spain. Besides that, on the days when there is no racing, there are opportunities to do some touring. During the 10 days, a lot of friendships are made and it is very sad to say goodbye to very nice people whom you may never see again.

Strictest racing rules were enforced throughout the regatta and each boat was individually measured and looked-over. Surprisingly enough, this one design dinghy is the largest class of boat in the World.

We had a short visit from the Duke of Edinburgh as he passed us on his way to the Power Boat Race. I was next to shake hands with him when he was called away at the start!. Mr Edward Heath also visited the regatta and visited the British team.

Tim W. Rowe



Mr. Edward Heath talking to Tim Rowe: Photograph by The News, Portsmouth.



T. Rowe talking to Sir Alec Rose and Lady Barbara Ramsey Willis,
President of the O.C.R.A., and two team members outside Britannic House, London

Dec 1970

S.T.S. MALCOLM MILLER CRUISE NO. 33

Five anxious looking holding on to the hull of the motor launch as we ploughed our way through the troubled waters of Portsmouth Harbour to our berth, up past the submarines.

We all. Scrambled out of the boat and made our way over a submarine or two to the ship. I can vividly remember now the weight of my gear as I nearly fell into the "blimey".

Once on board, we met our dear friend the bosun, who yelled at us to get down below to the half-deck where we would sign on and change into the ship's jeans and "Mickey Mouse" pullovers.

It was panic stations below. Nobody knew anybody, as we struggled to find a pair of jeans that fit. As soon as we were changed, we had to report to the Captain.

Eventually everybody signed-on bunks were made, clothes stowed away and cigarettes out as we sat around mess tables making friends. Looking round, people were beginning to relax, tell jokes and generally feel at home.

The Captain, followed by his Officers, came down to welcome us all aboard and give us a little talk on the ship, its crew and what he intended to do. Once gone, the 1st Officer read out the duty list for the night and as is my luck, I was on watch from 6am – 10am on Monday morning, and had to wake up the Captain and whole ship.

Night finally came and the time to turn-in drew near. We were still sat around chatting when the lights went out, signalling somebody was ready for bed.

It was quarter to six when Dave and I were woken up for our watch. We stumbled out of bed and made our way to the cabin where we took over. It was cold, but very clear, so we were glad of the warmth of the Officers' room as we whiled away our time. It was quarter to seven and time to wake the captain with his cup of tea, which was cold and weak, to my regret.

Monday morning was spent at our berth while we were taught to handle the ship's sails and hundreds of ropes. Climbing up to the ratlines was not a very enjoyable experience for the first time. Amazingly, no one refused!

Clear of the harbour, we put head to wind and hoisted the sails. At last we were underway, creaming up the Solent in a nice, fresh breeze. Off Cowes roads, we passed the "Sir Winston Churchill", plodding along in the opposite direction. The afternoon was spent sailing up and down the Solent, learning how she handled once underway. Tea time arrived and we were dropping anchor off Cowes. That night, the Purser made his first appearance in the Half Deck, bringing along our supply of duty-free, which were warmly welcomed.

Tuesday morning saw us losing sight of land for the first time on the journey and for some of the lads, their first time ever out of sight of dear old England. Out of the lee of the island, the waves were beginning to roll the ship faces were becoming green as we landlubbers watched the swell roll up and down. Our first night at sea was quite the worst we had to go through in the whole fortnight, as during the night, the wind blew up to gale force. Bodies in bunks were heard to be moaning and groaning, whether awake or asleep.

Morning found us off the coast of Belgium, fighting our way through a force 8 or 9 gale. All the sails were down except a small headsail, and our diesel engine was chugging along against the waves of the North Sea. Bodies were to be seen hanging over the guard rails just about all day. But this did not deter the Bosun from organizing people to clean down the ship's paintwork and brasses.

Another day passed with less wind and we found ourselves looking out for a refinery which signalled we had arrived at Ijmuiden, the coastal port of Amsterdam Canal. Ropes were thrown tyres hung over the side and gang plank laid down. We had arrived at our first foreign port of call. Up the mast we went to stow our sails before we were allowed ashore. A short length of rope and a harness was all there was between the yardarm and the quayside, 60 feet below.

The morning brought more shore leave and more spending as we picked our way back to the ship. It had been planned that we would go up the north coast of Germany but the wind was not in our favour and we were forced to run back across to Great Yarmouth.

On arriving there, thousands of people were out to see us sail in as it was the first time either of the S.T.A. vessels had been here. So, in our honour, we were invited to a dance at the Town hall and, for those not wishing to go, the annual Fair was on. AOs we were leaving Gt. Yarmouth, I was peeling spuds for the evening meal.

A couple more days passed at sea and we arrived at Den Helder, a Dutch Naval Base a bit further up the coast from Amsterdam. It was completely different, but quite nice in its own little way. That night I was on Harbour Duty from 10 until midnight.

The last couple of days at sea were nice and easy as only a very gentle breeze blew. It was the first time we had crammed on all of the sails there were. It must have been a good sight to as we swept by in the dusk, the only sail-powered boat around. Thursday night saw us anchored in the shelter of the Humber estuary. As we came into Grimsby in the morning, the local television people were on board filming the boat and crew as we tied-up along the quay for the last time.



The Malcolm Miller was built in 1967. Half of the construction cost was donated by Sir James Miller, a former Lord Mayor of London and Lord Provost of Edinburgh. She was named in memory of Sir James's son Malcolm, who had been killed in a car accident.

She was used by the Sail Training Association as a sail training ship.

The remaining amount of our money was obtained from the Purser to be blown out on our last night together. Saturday morning saw us with headaches signing-off and making our way to the station. At London, everybody said their farewells and made their way back home.

D.J.Entwistle

1971

INTER-SCHOOLS SAILING REGATTA
At Weston Sailing Club
22nd / 23rd July

17 Schools entered.

Strong winds were the order of the day – force 5 & 6. Courses were set appropriately with a beat, close reach and broad reach. The wind and sea took toll with many boats capsizing at the gybe mark, but rescue was always available when needed. Competitors in the Fast Handicap race were at a disadvantage as they were racing against a Catamaran which, having 2 hulls was stable enough to

avoid capsizing on the very fast broad reach and the gybe mark, where most boats capsized at least once, including Mark and myself in the Typhoon. The last race was very wet and cold with rain at times and the strong wind whipping up a large sea. This race we made no mistakes and sailed across the line to take the gun with a clear lead of about 7 minutes. As the boats came in, we could see the relief on all faces at being able to warm up with a cup of hot soup.

The prizes were awarded by 505 World Champion Larry Marks. Mark & I took first prize along with boys in the catamaran in the Fast Handicap race. Ian & crew came in 5th in the Mirror class, bringing a very enjoyable meeting to an end.

Seeing those many boys and girls of all ages brave the elements and being encouraged by their School Masters, who also helped run the event made me realise what many boys at Price's are missing. We live in the best sailing area in Britain, harbouring many National, European and World Champions at dinghy sailing, yet only once a year do eight boys from Price's get a chance to race, when the House sailing is held on a small river near Christchurch, in boats belonging to Hampshire County Council.

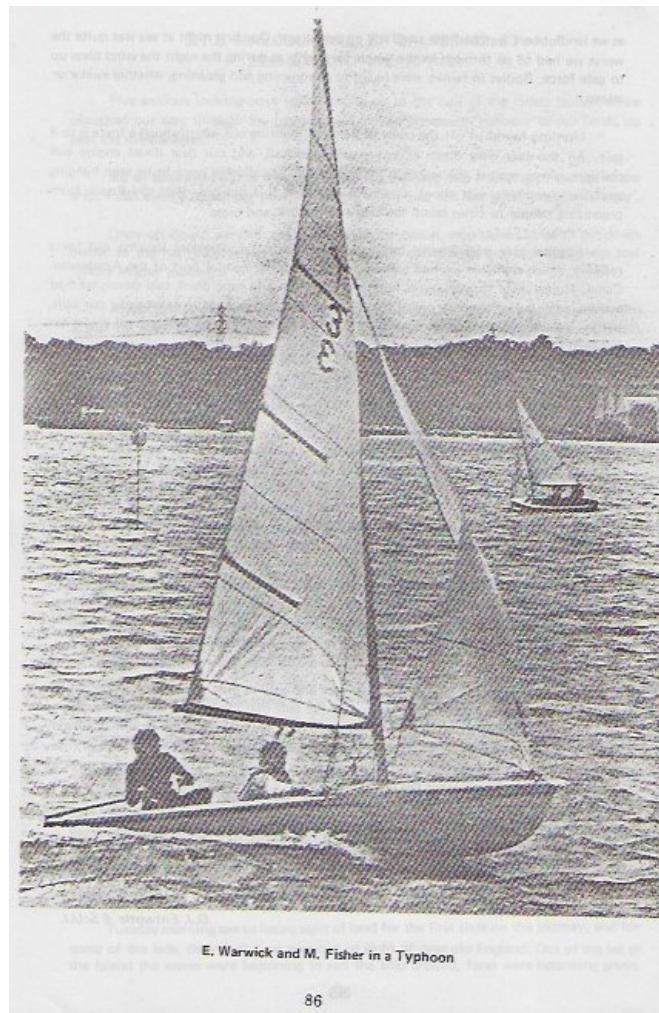
There are many other Schools in the country which have their own boats, but have to sail them on lakes and reservoirs, who would give much to sail in the Solent.

I am therefore proposing that this sport be adopted to train the boys who are interested, giving them a chance to sail in School boats, compete against other Schools in the many regattas organized by the N.S.S.A., thus gaining self-confidence and prestige for the School, in the exciting sport of dinghy racing.

Edward Warwick

After the usual mishaps that befell an organised party striving to reach a place on time, we arrived on Saturday evening at 10 O'clock. more than alive. The regatta was actually held at a place called Arenys de Mar, a large fishing port 2S miles up the coast from Barcelona.

The next day we were introduced to our hosts who looked after us very well, while our boats were being measured. The racing took outside the outer harbour, about half a mile from the beach. We had a great variety of wind strengths, and sea conditions during the fortnight. They were very long and one needed a good night's rest, which difficult due to the many nightclubs around the place.



going of the boat. E. Warwick and M. Fisher in a Typhoon

The Current World Champion is an 11 year-old from Florida in the USA. The team-trophy went to Sweden for the first time. The Regatta basically well-organised even though I would like to have a few more free days in which to go around the place and relax. I liked the British system of prize giving which was to give prizes to the first 12 people in every race. The Spanish gave prizes for the first three. Was the strongest ever and was represented by Ian Gregory, Guy Gregory, Richard Spalding and Eric Brown (an ex-Pricean), Tim Rowe and the captain Chris Gordon, the team leader's son. The team came 6th out of 12 countries and has never been higher placed.

After the regatta most of the team and a others who went to see the regatta stayed in Spain for a further two-week holiday, waterskiing and sailing at resort 50 miles up the coast. Next year it will be in Morocco and the Moroccan committee is going to provide 150 glass fibre the same mould and 150 sails from same maker, the idea being to see who is really entitled to the much sought-after cup.

Tim Rowe

THE 'GULL' NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

26th July, 1970

On an extremely wet Sunday, 40+ "Gulls" arrived at Hayling Sailing Club. The first race of the National Championships was to be held that afternoon, with winds gusting to force 5.

Monday brought a day of medium winds in the morning for the "seamanship" race, incorporating sailing backwards, rowing, sailing without a rudder and sailing properly for a short distance. In this race, many boats retired, mainly because of their inability to sail backwards, but a few had to retire with holes at, above or below the waterline

That afternoon there was a treasure hunt of about 10 miles which everyone who participated thought was too long, and with some silly organization, e.g. rounding a marker buoy three times.

Tuesday promised better sailing conditions and sun for the spectators. A spinnaker points race was held, on one of the better courses, to the sailors' benefit.

That evening a barbecue was held in one of Chichester Harbour's many creeks. This social event was much appreciated by all concerned, and was a success from the organiser's point of view.

The start of Wednesday's race was affected by the calm, requiring crews to paddle to the start line.

Thursday was also very calm but the wind freshened a little and the 2nd of the spinnaker races got under way. An Under 18's race was held in the afternoon, enjoyed by all in ideal conditions.

Not much wind on the Friday, Competitors were towed to the start, where they lay for half an hour before there was enough wind to drift across the line. This race, with crew Paul mason, I won.

A single-handed race was held on the Friday afternoon. Prize giving ensued. With my crew, and with finishes in only two of the four races, I was placed 13th, of the 46 boats.

A.Pursey

A WEEKEND'S SAILING

Each year after the Inter-House sailing, an Old Pricean takes the winning crew for a weekend's sailing.

This year, the crew to go was E.Warwick and T.Rowe. Unfortunately, Tim had the National Championships that weekend and could not go, so Mark Fisher, Ed's sailing partner took his place

We arrived at 10 pm, on a rather dark and drizzly night, and rowed our gear out to "Charlortte Amiliie", an Elizabethan class sloop.

Before turning in that night, we discussed weather and tide conditions and decided to sail to Newton the next day. The weather report gave 3- 4 West in the morning and 5 – 6 in the afternoon south-west, which would provide us with some good sailing, we hope.

Saturday morning, we listened in to 6.15 am report, rose and in the next few hours rigged the boat ready to sail. At 11.30, we slipped anchor at Wicor and made for the harbour entrance. Once in the Solent, we trimmed the boat, putting-up a short hoist genoa and slipped out the reef. The sail was enjoyable but, teaching Calshot early afternoon, the wind changed and blew up to a good 5 – 6, and Ed and I were in the middle of calculating some dead reckoning which we had to abandon. The rest of the afternoon provided some good heavy-weather sailing.

We reached the mouth of Newton and followed the leading marks, and tied-up in the river. Later that evening, we went for a walk around Newtown and Shalfleet, coming back on board for another excellent meal. We turned-in with Ed convinced we were aground, even though we proved him wrong.

Sunday morning we pulled anchor, while Ed prepared the spinnaker for a good haul back. But we were to be cheated, before we had rounded Cowes, the wind had dropped completely, leaving the spinnaker a sorry sight.

For the rest of the journey, we used the motor and had time to reflect on Saturday afternoon.

As we reached Portsmouth Harbour, the wind came up and we were able to sail the last leg, using the ghosting genoa.

We moored at Wicor, and cleaned the boat up. We bade our farewells, and brought to an end an enjoyable weekend's sailing.

M.Fisher

INTER-HOUSE SAILING

As in years the Inter-House sailing was held at Christchurch in Firefly Class dinghies. Unfortunately one dinghy unavailable and a system of heats was organized which gave a House a void in one race.

Each crew had a charge to practice before the racing which started at 1.30pm. This year the tide was high and the conditions were more suitable with a force 2-3 wind.

The course was triangular resulting in two reaches and a run, but varied as the wind shifted throughout the afternoon. Due to the shortness of the course it was essential to make a good start as once a boat got into the lead, it was extremely difficult to pass it.

Overall places were judged by the results of the heats, winners receiving the Ockenden Cup.

Race	School House	Westbury	Cams	Blackbrook
1	1	-	2	3
2	-	1	3	2
3	1	2	-	3
4	1	2	3	-
Overall	1	2	3=	3=
Crew	E.Warwick T.Rowe	H.Noyce J.Smith	M.Fisher S.Clarke	P.Hannam N.Groves

E.B.Warwick

1971

HOUSE SAILING MATCHES

24th June 1971

OCKENDEN Cup Results

1st	School House	Rowe, Lamont
2nd	Westbury	Noyce, Lillywhite
3rd	Blackbrook	Fox, Groves
4th	Cams	Chilcott, Sandham

The competition was held in Fareham Creek using "Bosun" dinghies from HMS Collingwood.

We congratulate School House on their very high standard of sailing in excellent conditions of wind and weather.

A very enjoyable day was had by all.

Eric B.Iredale

National Schools' Sailing Association REGATTA

SOUTHAMPTON AREA

Representing Price's were:

I. Atkins & T.Rowe	Mirror Dinghy
S.Chilcott & A.Sandman	Mirror Dinghy
A.Brever	Mirror Dinghy
T.Powell & C.Oran	Mirror Dinghy
I.Botting & crew	G.P.14
P.Mason & G.Pigney	Merlin Rocket

The race was held at Weston S.C. on Southampton Water. All Schools in the Southampton area were eligible to participate. A practice race for Mirrors was held, won by Atkins & Rowe.

There were four classes: Mirror dinghies, Torch Dinghies, fast handicap and slow handicap.

Chilcott and Atkins led the Mirror class, with Chilcott just receiving the winning gun. Powell was 4th. Mason & Pigney won the fast handicap in the Merlin Rocket after reaching the starting line just in time.

S.Chilcott & I.Atkins

HILL HEAD SAILING RACE

2nd October, 1971

This rather impromptu sailing race was organized by Mr Hedley and Mr Iredale, with assistance from a few boys and Hill Head Sailing Club. Arrival for an 11 am start.

The early start occasioned an early departure for the contestants from Warsash. The eight crew members were all at the Club House by 8.30 am and the four boats were away by 8.45 am. Due to an almost complete lack of wind, the crews took to the paddles. At one stage we took the boat to the shore and pulled along through the water. At 9.30 however, the wind picked-up a little. It was blowing from the coast which meant beating up to Hill Head. The four boats, despite being of different class, stayed roughly together and, after a long sail, eventually reached Hill Head by 11.30am. Mr Hedley and Mr.Iredale were waiting patiently and the boats were beached while the course was shown to the crews and a start time finalized.

The first race got underway at 12 noon. Of the six boats it was hoped would participate, only the four from Warsash actually sailed. These were a Mirror 14, an Enterprise and two and our G.P. 14s. The course was particularly varied throughout, though rather a short on involving all points of sailing.

The Mirror 14 and our G.P. made particularly good starts and the first buoy in the race was rounded in this order. The Mirror 14, not being a particularly good boat in light weather , did not pull away as far as it could have done.. A miscalculation at the 4th mark forced to round the buoy again wrecking our hopes of a possible first place. The other G.P. crossed the line in 2nd place but won the race on handicap.

A 2nd race was organized around the same course. This time, the G.P. of Botting was always in command, making mincemeat of our particularly good start. The fact that we were the only boat with a spinnaker made little difference.

Dinghy	Helm	Crew	Race 1	Race 2
Mirror 14	T.Groves	N.Groves	2	2
Enterprise	G.Pigney	N.Diment	3	4
G.P. 14	J.Lamont	D.Hutton	4	3
G.P. 14	N.Botley	J.Banks	1	1

Thanks to all boys and to Mr Hedley ad Mr Iredale for organising this race at short notice and Hill Head Sailing Club for the use of facilities.

D.Hutton & J. Lamont

N.S.S.A. REGATTA

Langstone Harbour - 22nd July 1971

The event was organized by the National Schools' Sailing Association and was held at Eastney Cruising Club in Langstone Harbour. Despite last minute complications, 7 boats from Price's competed. 260 boats from all over the country - including N. Ireland, arrived and competed in a week's racing. Accommodation and other facilities were provided by Portsmouth College of Education.

The week's racing consisted of one practice and seven points races. On Wednesday morning a special race for Enterprise dinghies was held and this was for the Mount Hues Trophy. The weather throughout the week was perfect. The smaller classes raced within the Harbour while the larger classes raced within the Solent. On the whole, the Price's team fared well against tough opposition, although the light winds were not in its favour. This year Price's has shown that it has obvious sailing potential. This, in coming years should be developed and teams sent to represent the School in other major events.

The Price's team:

S.Chilcott & I.Atkins	Mirror
H.Noyce & M. Lillywhite	Kestrel
I.Fox & E.Lamont	Enterprise
I Botting & A.Dean	G.P.14
A.Sandham	Mark
A.Brewer	Mark
A.Pursey & I.Atkins	Gull

S.Chilcott & I.Atkins

1972

This has most successful event that we have participated in since sailing was first taken seriously at an Inter School level some years ago.

We went to Calshot confident in our ability to win and came back even more confident, and with two Cups, of which we are very proud, the first of the kind won by the School, and by no means the last.

We could not have asked for a better weekend, bathed in beautiful sunshine and with moderate to fresh winds. We used both to the utmost advantage, feeling the effects of the sun a few days later, using the wind to achieve maximum performance from the boats.

While the other Schools discussed tactics and were working out where they had gone wrong, the Price's boys took the usual flippant attitude towards sailing when on shore, and only became serious when setting foot in the boat. So, while the others were racking their brains, we lapped-up the sunshine, enjoyed our sailing and coughed over soggy sandwiches which acquired a salty taste only available from Southampton Water. (This came about by Lamont capsizing on the way over. Unfortunately he had all the packed lunches on board.)

We had our own fair share of troubles, like Shearwater mast collapsing, National 12 rudder pintles breaking, Cherub spinnakers being dropped over the side and losing their crew in the same manner, and a few capsizes, to mention just a few, but everything turned out well in the end.

We would like to thank Mr Hedley and the H.C.S.S.A. for organizing this event.

Hampshire Schools Sailing Regatta

15th July 1972

All the races except Handicap Race were sailed in Bosuns.

Three Boat Team Race for Seniors

Helmsmen	Crewe	Position
Fox	Groves	2 nd
Mason	Pigney	3 rd
Lamont	Diment	5 th

Challenge Cup was won by Price's, beating Brockenhurst College by ½ point!

Three Boat Team Race for Juniors

Helmsmen	Crewe	Position
Pursey	A.Dean	1 st
T.Powell	G.Pigney	2 nd
Botting	J.Powell	3 rd

Eight Schools competed. Price's won both heats outright and also in the Final.

Individual Race (Open)

36 boats took part. After qualifying, three of the six Finalist boats were from Price's

Pursey and Dean were 2nd. Botting & McDowell were 3rd. Brockenhurst College was the winner. Lamont & Pigney had to retire after a false start and an infringement of right of way.

Handicap Race in own boat

Fox & Groves	Sheerwater catamaran	
Mason & Pigney (S)	Cherub	3 rd
Diment	International Moth	
Lamont & Pigney (J)	G.P.14	
T.Powell & MacDowell	National 12	2 nd
J.Powell & Pursey	Mirror	

Of the seven boats to finish the race, only the winner (Brockenhurst College) was not a Price's boat.

N.Groves

Southampton Schools' Sailing Regatta

Saturday, June 10th, 1972 – Southampton Sailing Club

A good turnout from Price's again at the Regatta. An aim of the Regatta is to find the best Schools' helmsman in the Southampton area.

Our three entries in the fast handicap race did very well, as usual. Mason, in his Cherub "Mon coeur" and Botting in his G.P. 14 "Woodstock" made very good starts and had commanding positions throughout the race. Unfortunately, Tim Powell in his National 12 "Little Brickey" made a bad start but, helming very well, passed the main fleet on the first reach and by the 2nd reach had romped into the lead which he held until the finish.

In his Mirror "Super M", John Powell was with the leaders after the start but, because of a flukey wind which harassed everyone, a couple of boats slipped past just before the line. Pursey in "Perseveer" persevered with the conditions very well but was again beaten by them and finished 7th behind John (6th).

Fast Handicap Class:

Boat	Helm	Crew	Posn.
National 12	T.Powell	R.MacDowell	1 st
Cherub	P.Mason	G.Pigney	3 rd
G.P 14	I.Botting	M.Cowne	4 th

Many Thanks to Mr Hedley for organizing the sail round to Southampton.

N.A.Hunt

1972 HOUSE SAILING COMPETITION

Ockenden Cup – Seniors

1 st =	School House	T.Rowe & J.Lamont
	Westbury	P.Mason & I.Atkins
3 rd	Blackbrook	L.Fox & N.Grove
4 th	Cams	S.Chilcott & N. Diment

RAF Yacht Club Cup – Juniors

1 st	Westbury	T.Powell & A.Pursey
2 nd	Cams	G.Pigney & A. Dean
3 rd	School House	R.MacDowell & M.Smith
4 th	Blackbrook	D.Banks & A.Robinson

The competitions were held in Fareham Creek in June and it was the first time there was a Junior division. Winds were light in the morning but picked up in the afternoon. Highlight of the day was the capsise of Groves & Fox.

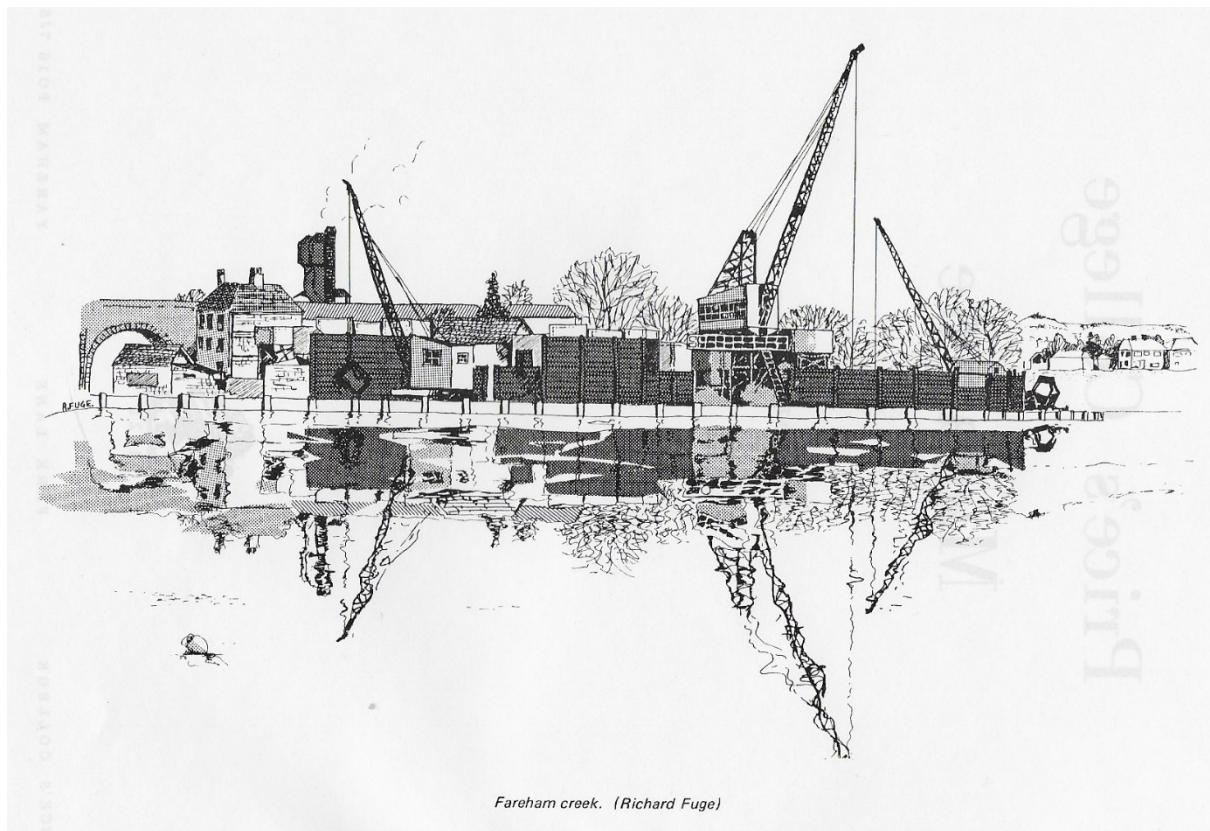
Date of this event not known:

An occasion when we had been given permission to go to the Isle of Wight to compete in a schools sailing competition. We had two boats organised, one crewed by myself and Paul Mason, the other by my brother (Gerald) and Leo Fox.

As we were setting sail from Warsash a fellow Pricean ran down the jetty to stop us because we didn't have a Master to go with us. In rather Nelsonian fashion we said that he should tell the school we had already left.

Leo & Gerald came first in their class, Paul and I came second in ours.

On the Monday the sports results were read out and there was no mention of our achievement. We were simply ignored.



Our thanks are due to HMS Collingwood for allowing the use of their “Bosun” dinghies. And also to Mr Hedley for organizing the event.

N.J.Groves

Notes from Nigel Diment: (Received February, 2021)

I did take part in the 1972 Hampshire Schools Regatta together with Nigel Groves, Jim Lamont, Leo Fox, Tim & Jon Powell, Paul Mason & others –



Nigel Groves



Jim Lamont



Leo Fox



Tim Powell

I recollect Mr Hedley organised our participation in the regatta but because we were a late entry – could only do so if we provided a rescue / support boat. We were able to do this as I had a fast 16 ft day cruiser although as a result I could not sail my International Moth.

At the time all of us were based and competed out from Warsash Sailing Club rather than events being organised by the school. I have lost touch with Mr Hedley and in reality with the others, although occasionally we do bump into each other. If you have any of their contact details – it may be worthwhile contacting them so that a combined effort can be put together – esp. from Mr Hedley.

I have attached a photo from 1973 – the year I left Price’s which was taken just after competing in the Moth Nationals and winning Warsash Hamble & Bursledon regatta.

The following season Graham Hutching (Unicorn National Champion) and I teamed up to sail a Team UK sponsored 470.

As mentioned previously though – coming 4th – 6th in the fleet, meant we would never be selected for the final Olympic team, and moved on. Graham returned to his beloved Unicorn and I moved onto racing cruisers starting with ½ tonners (Class 5) before



progressing up to Class 1, continuing racing through to 1980. Tim and Jon Powell consistently did very well on the local sailing circuit – albeit I think Jon had the edge – although Tim may not admit to this, being the elder brother.

And now, also from **Bob McDowell**: (Received February, 2021)

We have lots of stories from our considered position of a "minority sport". Keep the grainy photos as they are the truth, familiarity with the Racing Marks and tides were more important than having a camera on hand.

We were lucky to have access to Ian Proctor dinghies at Warsash Sailing Club- Eddie Warwick made sure we demonstrated the Topper for example at Southampton Boat Show.

The Marine Industry offered us regular employment on Saturdays' and during the holidays- **all through networking at Prices**.

Ian Botting was a talented dinghy sailor and **designer even when at Prices**. Sadly for all of us; whilst preparing for a keel boat race, Ian was knocked overboard by the boom, picked up by helicopter and taken to Haslar hospital where he was pronounced dead. Ever since then I have promoted designs with boom-less sails or at least canting the boom so when it sweeps the cockpit it clears your head.

Ian and I both became Naval Architects he had a full career ahead of him- I am still working and every time I have a design safety issue a strong guiding hand is there.

On a lighter note we were **strong competitors, team members going on to attend world championships**. At an open event at Grafham Water Reservoir we befriended 3 Kiwis.

They had a long summer with several of the Price's Sailing Team. My brother Tom McDowell, after graduating, went on to work in San Diego where the "Kiwis" and the Commodore of the Mercury Bay Boating Club turned up for the America's Cup. Steinlager sponsored the fridge at Tom's house for those after work sessions!

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It's the Malcolm Miller, again!

Editorial: No doubt a great success story for the sailors. Even though the initial sailing skills will have been acquired through contact with outside Sailing Clubs, there is no doubt the shared experience of School life added impetus to the drive for these boys to have entered into "Schools" competitions which brought success and acclaim, in the process adding to the overall quality of Life in the School / College. Commendations all-round to the boys, the Staff, Parents and local Clubs alike for their role in this remarkable enterprise.

FROM SEASICK TO SEAWORTHY



Melanie Lessels, a student at Price's College, Fareham, who has just returned from a spell aboard the Training Ship Malcolm Miller.

Hill Head schoolgirl Melanie Lessels (17) has just returned from a spell on the briny aboard the Malcolm Miller. Melanie, of Great Gays, was one of 36 girls aged 16 to 24 who took part in the Sail Training Association's scheme to make young people fend for themselves at sea.

For the past ten years, the association has been sending youngsters on one or two-week "character-building" training cruises.

Said Melanie: "It was the experience of a lifetime — jolly hard work.

"When I first started my trip on the Malcolm Miller, I was sick as a turnip with 'the sea' or 'the rolling waves'. I immediately realized I had such a touchy stomach!

"But most of the other girls passed the first three days away in absolute misery. The romance of sailing the seas did not stop the ship from being a three-masted topsail schooner that was lost on us.

"On the fourth day out, we found our sealegs and things began to look up. Everyone helped one another, and we learned that a team job could be done by one girl, so team work was what kept the ship going."

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"On deck, our duties included heaving, keeping watch for passing vessels, taking courses, weather notes, hoisting and lowering sails — all by sheer muscle power — changing runners, climbing the yards, and bunting the top sail."

"The watches lasted four hours throughout the day and night, and were split by three groups of 12 crew members — fore, main, and mizzen, which was my group. Our 12 hours were split into four-hour periods of stand-by, duty, and rest."

"We visited four ports — Marmet, in the Bay of Biscay, Brest, St Malo, and Cherbourg."

"Although the work was hard, it gave great satisfaction to see a sail filling in the wind."

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	Chapter 13.8	
<h2>Shooting</h2>		

Shooting was an activity underway in the early days of Price's School, even before the first publication of the Lion Magazine in 1915. For a boarding School, it would have been an excellent example of activity to form a non-classroom or even an extracurricular activity. Almost certainly an activity for the warmer months and dry occasions, in spite of at least two attempts to improve conditions, a wait until 1960 was in place before under-cover, indoor firing was possible. There is a dearth of any reporting of on-site, regular firing until the 2nd phase of organised shooting emerged in the 1960s.

No reference to any health and safety preventative issues nor any indications of inappropriate behaviour suggest a gainful activity for all who took part.

The CCF Report elsewhere, indicates that opportunities aplenty there were to learn and improve shooting skills at occasional visits to the Browndown ranges, and at annual Camps, though these were mostly associated with .303 rifles experiences

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From 1915 Later, Lion Magazine Reports	Compiled by David Goldring

Shooting

In the Beginning

In the early series of Lion magazines, 1915 onwards, there were regular Reports on shooting on an outdoor range built in 1911, later to be improved, and re-opened in 1928. These years, and later, up to the post WW2 years saw several reversals in Government support for Cadet Forces and with it, there would have been varying attitudes towards the upkeep of the range.

At the start of this series of Lion reports, the Cadet Corps was small numerically, and the shooting contingent was divided into 4 sections, each of 5 shooters.

On a casual flick through the whole series of Lion magazines, occasional reports on Rifle shooting are to be seen, and it is not easy to see if involvement in such events derives from Cadet Corps membership, or what.

Having gathered together some of the Lion Reports, they were sent off to one Pricean known to have pursued his interest in Shooting into his adult years and there gained some success in the competitive events. He could see little to link these occasional Lion Reports in a way that might show an interesting story, and there the quest halted.

Some months later, access to the earlier Lion magazines was uncovered and these show a period of Shooting activity stretching back to 1915, but these activities were distinctly a facet of the then Cadet Corps. So, it is within the Chapter on the Cadet Force / CCF where that activity rests.

The Early Years Shooting

Year / Term	Max	Section 1	Section 2	Section 3	Section 4	Shooting Capt,
1915 (J)	2,100	4 (47.5%)	2 (52.5%)	3 (49%)	1 (58%)	RHS Teek
		Best performance			Teek	
1915 (D)	3,600	4 (48%)	3 (52%)	2 (55%)	1 (60%)	RHS Teek
		Best performance			Teek 86%	
1916 (A)	3,600	4 (48%)	3 (51.1%)	2 (51.6%)	1 (62.5%)	
		Best performance			Teek 87%	
1916 (J)	3,600	2 (55.5%)	4 (49.7%)	3 (49.7%)	1 (58.6%)	
		Best performance			Teek 88.7%	
1916 (D)	3,600	3 (58.3%)	2 (60%)	4 (53%)	1 (61.1%)	
		Best performance			Teek 92%*	
1917 (M)	3,600	4 (53.15)	1 (61.9%)	3 (55.5%)	2 (58.8%)	
		Best performance			Scott 86%	
1917 (J)						
		Best performance			Miller 94.5%	
1917 (D)	3,000	3 (60%)	2 (67%)	4 (58%)	1 (70%)	
		Best performance			Swaffield 85.2%	
1918 (A)	3,600	3 (66%)	2 (66.8%)	4 (60%)	1 (68%)	
		Best performance			Scott 82.6%	
1918 (J)	2,100	1 (66.4%)	2 (67.4%)	4 (60.1)	1 (69.3%)	
		Best performance	Dodridge 92.5%			
1918 (A)	2,700	3 (65%)	1 (69%)	3 (58%)	2 (67%)	
		4	2	3	1	
		No further reports following withdrawal of Government support of Cadet Forces				

All four sections shoot on parade days. The highest score for the 12 best shots in each section is added up at the end of the term. A Challenge Cup for the best section is offered for Competition each term.

An interesting Shooting match was concluded on July 14th, 1915, between four teams of five each representing the four sections of the Corps. Prizes were offered for each member of the winning team, and one for the highest individual score. The match was run on American lines, each section shooting against each other. Section 2 won with a total of 270. Teek (shooting captain) obtained the highest individual score of 70 out of a possible 75. The scoring was done by grouping methods, the object being to improve group shooting.

As a matter of interest, R.H.S. Teek became a Major in the Royal Marines Infantry, and had postings as an Instructor of Musketry. Which of the two Scott brothers is the name listed here is not known, but each became a Brigadier in the Indian Army.

Reports from elsewhere have shown that an outdoor, small bore range was built in 1911 and was well in use at the start of the Lion magazine's first publication. Post WW1, the Government withdrew support for Cadet Forces and the Price's "H" Company of the 2nd Battalion, Hampshire Regiment was disbanded in 1918. Efforts to revive it happened in 1921 and in 1922, it re-started with Captain J.Shaddock's appointment as O.C.

Between 1921 and 1949, there were a series of closures and reformations that illustrate the changing attitudes of Governments. The Lion records a re-opening of the outdoor range in 1928. In 1931, in spite of another withdrawal of support by the Government, there is reference to use of the School range in Summer, and of the indoor facility at the Connaught Hall in Fareham in winter time. 1938 Lions report regular shooting activity. The last reference to Shooting is in relation to the completion in 1960 of an indoor small bore range,

However, my casual glance did not do credit to the shooters, and it is evident there was a decently organised Club activity between 1961 and 1972. Maybe sight of Price's College magazines will show some activity beyond the School years, for the facility existed.

Prone, shoulder-to shoulder firing of 0.22 Air Rifles was the essence of what was going-on. The Cadet Corps / later the C.C.F. was the avenue for experience of .303 firing, gained locally at the Browndown range at Gilkicker Point in Gosport, and during annual CCF Camps, but the firing of such calibre weapons was not a planned part of Club activity.

It is interesting that nowhere in any Report on Shooting, is there any reference to the adequacy of storage and security of the weapons and ammunition. The particular part of the Uplands area of Fareham was not much built upon then and so, chance encounter between stray projectile and any person happening to be downwind of range, might not have happened.

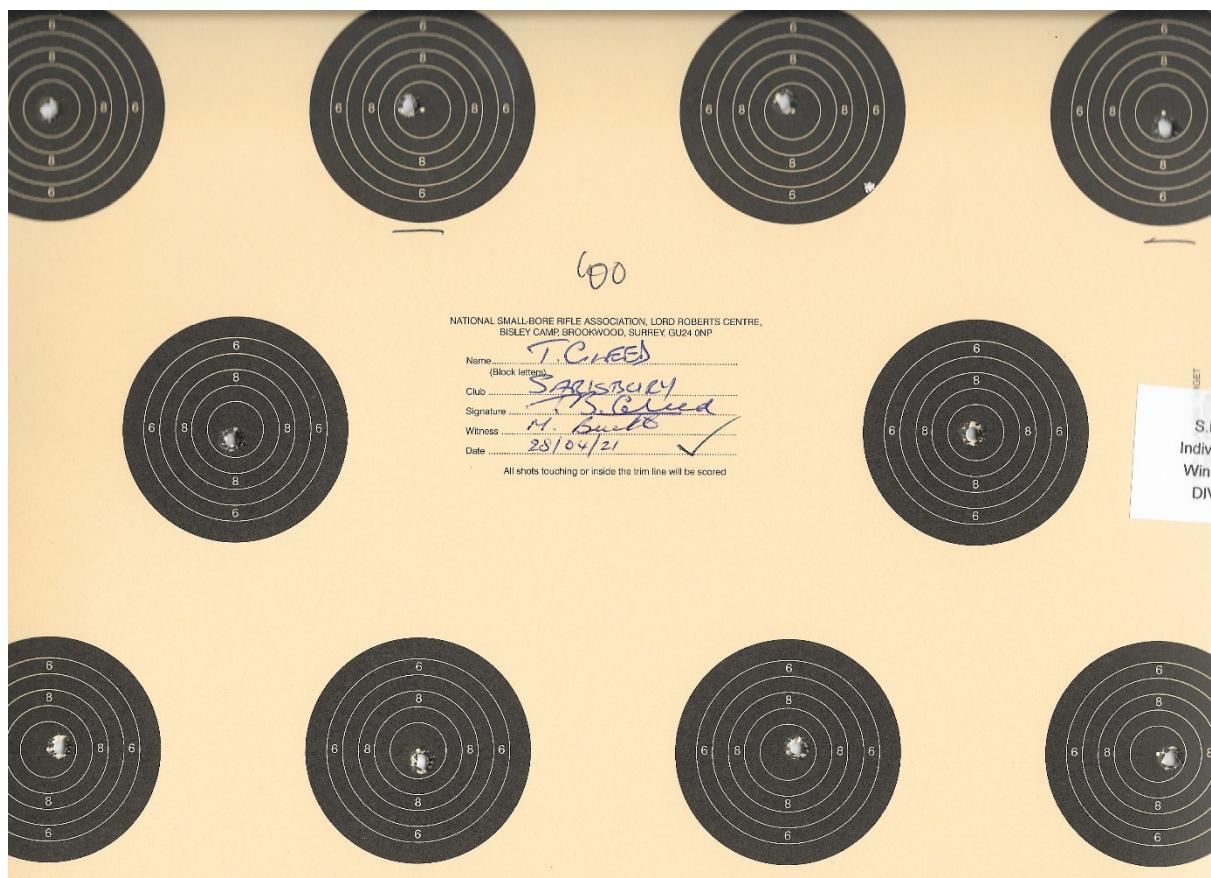
Lion magazine Reports are deficient for 1967 and 1971 – more likely a lack of correspondent than of Club activity.

So, another extracurricular activity that spawned interschool contests that flourished for some 11 years, and while there was adult / teacher oversight in this case, most of the routine organisation was that of the boys. The challenges that confronted these folk were ones of weapon and ammunition security, proper management of a Code of Conduct by the adults and senior boys, commitments to fulfilling fixtures and then dealing with the necessary contacts that arose from cancellations, and the pursuit of honesty in the despatch of scorecards for postal matches. The occasional shoulder-to-shoulder matches would have brought new experiences, but the realities of costs, and of improving resources were aspects of interest-pursuit the boys had to confront.

Terry Gleed (1950-1955) contributes a longer article in the Gazetteer Part 2 section, but here is an extract of what he has written:

"As far as International selections were concerned that happened towards the end of the 90s culminating in shooting for England 5 times and then Great Britain in 1999 just the once. I was getting a bit long in the tooth by then and could not, due to domestic responsibilities and other matters, put in the necessary practice time for shooting at the top level. From then, and still today, I shoot at County level for Hampshire and of course locally for Sarisbury."

"I shot for some 8 years and then went off to sea with Cunard and did not return to shooting until 1981. I joined Sarisbury Rifle Club and shot in leagues indoors locally and also outdoors including Bisley for some 34 years. I was selected for the County XX team for about 25 of those years (Hampshire is still the County to beat) and during that time I was selected to shoot for England on 4 occasions and trialled for Great Britain five times. I only made it into the G.B. team once, in 1999, at the grand old age of 60, in 1999. That was the highlight of my shooting career and is something which I shall forever remember. In 1999 I also made the final of the Small-Bore Championship of Great Britain in which I came 8th - not bad for a sport followed by many thousands of people. I was getting a bit long in the tooth by then and could not, due to domestic responsibilities and other matters, put in the necessary practice time for shooting at the top level. From then, and still today, I shoot at County level for Hampshire and of course locally for Sarisbury."



When enlarged, this target card of Terry's shows 10 "bulls"

The (later) Lion Magazine Reports

1961	The Small Bore Rifle Club was inaugurated at the start of the academic year, with Messrs. Hiles, Howard Jones and Iredale overseeing activities. Firing is on 3 evenings a week after School, in the CCF Indoor Range. In the Shooting "Empire Test" 10 Marksmen, 12 1 st Class and 8 2 nd class shots were declared. A match between CCF Army and RAF section cadets saw a win for the Army cadets. An away match against Portsmouth Northern G.S. resulted in a narrow in for them.
	I.A.Johnston.
1962	Constant Practise has improved the shooting of many members, amongst whom, the following gained "possibles": M.Duffy, McGarry & B.M.Oliphant. Home and away matches against Portsmouth Northern Grammar has resulted in two narrow defeats, but against the Purbrook Park IV, we took victory.
1963	5/5 match scores are a good start to the year! Enthusiastic coaching from Mr.Hiles is appreciated. In the CCF Schools' Staniforth Competition we did better than last year, improving by 40 places! Minor improvements at the range, funded by termly subscriptions include new slings, elbow pads and a partition. Costs incurred in shoulder-to-shoulder matches mean that most future matches will be postal.
	David Howard-Jones
1964	Experienced shooters have left School and new 10-bull targets have proved difficult to manage, so a reversion to 5-bull targets was in place. 5 x postal matches for the "A" team, winning two and losing three, prior to Christmas. The cost of away travel and home hospitality has become high enough to preclude purchase of necessary equipment such as fore-sight, elbow pads and range improvements. Of the 150 teams entered in the Staniforth Cup, the "A" team was 118 th and "B" was 132 nd . The Club is mainly concerned with .22 shooting but last term Club members, with others from the CCF fired a .303 match the A.C.F., and were narrowly defeated.. During the Easter Term, the "A" team won three of its four matches, and entries into the other two competitions were sent off. A founder-member of the Cub will be leaving at the end of the Christmas Term, and Captain David Howard-Jones left in the Summer.
	Frank E.C. Gregory
1965	(May) Constant practise has improved performance all round, though nobody has scored a "possible" i.e. a "highest score, possible". 9 postal matches – six wins and a draw. A modest charge of 5/- (= 25p actually, inflation = cf5) per term is levied to cover costs.
	G.H.Roberts
	(Oct) Mr.Hiles coaching has raised the standard of performance this year against local Schools and in national Championships. We entered the Staniforth Challenge Cup, the Country Life competition (76 th of 153 entrants), and the Assegai (15 th of 75 entrants.) Inter House Shooting is a part of the Gregory Cup group, and was won by School House.
	J.Durrant
1966	Wins – 3, Losses = 3. One match, vs. Portsmouth Northern G.S. was a shoulder-to-shoulder match, the first for three years and hopefully of more to follow, whereas the others were postal matches. 1 st & 2 nd teams attended the annual .303 shoot at Winchester, involving Hampshire Grammar Schools. The 2 nd team did well to get to the final of the Plate competition
	R.Fisher
1967	No Report
1968	At long last the damp spots on the firing point are drying out. Range telescope has been fitted to a substantial post at the rear of the range, for the benefit of the spotters. Mr.

	<p>Nash, a good marksman himself is helping with the 0.22 & 0.303 a shooting. With his help, the snap-shooting apparatus is being repaired. Membership has reached a new peak and attendance has been good during the mild winter, though not always from senior shooters who should realise the benefits from constant practise. Haigh scored a "possible" early on and Club Captain Ramsay, scored three. The upward trend in team results over the past seven years has ended. Team members tend to be Sixth formers who started in the 4th form, so maybe there is an argument for starting lower down the School. Most popular shoots of the season have been The Country Life competition, and the N.S.R.A. contest for CCF Schools (no mention in the Lion)</p>	Mr A.J.E.Hiles
1969	<p>Previous competitions have proved inaccessible to us., but in postal matches (NSRA rules) – we had three victories against Purbrook Park G.S., Portsmouth Northern G.S. and Lord Wandsworth College, with a loss against Portsmouth Grammar S. (Country Life rules). Some matches were cancelled. 15 fixture planned for next winter. New matting is being installed for the firing points</p>	C.F.J.Bard
	<p>Probably arising from in-school practices, successes were gained at the CCF RAF Camp at Little Rissington, with 5 cadets earning RAF marksman badges for .303 shooting, and all cadets gained a badge for .22 rifles</p>	Sgt. S.Emery
1970	<p>For the first time, school Colours have been awarded for Club representation. In postal fixtures against other VIIIs, there were wins v. Churcher's College, Portsmouth Southern G.S. and Purbrook Park's IV, with a loss against the VIII or Portsmouth G.S. Entries in the Country Life and NSRA Junior Winter Competition were not placed.</p>	Ian Virgo
1971	No Report	
1972	<p>Entries to the British Schools' Small Bore Assn.'s Leagues yielded little success. Practice frequency has been interrupted due to range modification and electrical work.. Won 3 & Lost 2 in the Autumn League, and placed 6th of 7 entries in the Spring league</p>	Mr. Gerald Smith
1973	No further Reports	

Mark Knight says a firing range was still in use in 1975. A Mr Gerald Smith (Biology teacher) used to run a lunchtime club

David Goldring

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	Chapter 13.9 Swimming	
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The importance of being able to swim has been undenied, for many years. For pure safety reasons and for the betterment of health have been the main influences here. But it is also undeniable that the provision and maintenance of public, or even private swimming facilities has been a huge drain on a budget. To keep admissions charges bearable, substantial subsidies have been needed. Public pools have been few and far between and for long, were not built to Olympic specifications. A 50m pool with all the trimmings would be astronomically costly. These have become regional centre of Excellence, with associated resources too.

That Price's eventually got the pool so long wanted (1964) is an amazing feat, and its construction a tribute to determination, willingness and leadership. Much of that energy came from the boys, not only in funds raised but also in the construction of facilities once the pool was opened.

Much of the pool surrounds was built with their effort. It was a facility worthy of a name. The precedence would have been the Bradly Memorial Pavilion, were it for the poor quality of almost everything associated with it, beyond the raising of funds.

The pool was managed and cared for in substantial measure by the Caretaker, Mr. Peter Crossman whose dedication to the care for this School asset went far beyond the responsibilities of his post, and what better name to call it than "The Crossman Pool"?

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Swimming – the start of something really worthwhile!

In my times at Price's, 1955 – 1962, Swimming was not a very obvious or important activity. Indeed, it did not feature as one of the Major Sports and, as, by default, a Minor, it was hardly noticeable then, not even contributing to the Inter House Competition for the Reed Cup. So, come Summer Term time which often meant in the decidedly early-year climes of April, when not only was the air temperature likely to be on the chilly side, but the water was also!

1949

A Swimming Club was formed in 1948, and helped into existence by Masters Mike Howard-Jones and Cyril Briscoe, with the latter taking the long-term lead in fostering the sport. An outdoor, cold-water Baths in Gosport, itself some long bus journey from Fareham, was not exactly a tempting prospect for those wanting to improve, or learn to swim.

A Life-Saving group was formed early-on and, over the years was to be an important means of sustaining interest with its structured series of certification assessments, much preparation for which was conveniently done as an after-School, land-based activity. A first entry cohort produced a creditable 15 passes. Swimming proficiency certificates added to the challenges of a stratified set of awards at Elementary, Intermediate and Advanced levels. An early “star” performer was 1st Year pupil R.Bird who, at the age of U12, already had passed at the Advanced Certificate standard.

The record shows that in each of two previous years, Price's pupil, competed as successful winners in two Cadet Corps Swimming events, so there was a slight swell in favour of future success.

An Inter-House Swimming Gala was held in the Summer Term of 1949. Pupils competed in two age-groups: Juniors and Seniors. In the 25 yard, Gosport Borough Pool, the events schedule included: 50/75 yards freestyle or Juniors / Seniors; 50 yards breast stroke and also back stroke for both age groups; a 3 widths individual medley relay and a 4 x 1width freestyle relay. Ding, from the side, and a 25yards towing event were Open-access, as was the Plunge event, on the risks of which, a bit more, later. No place-names are reported this year.

School House was the winner in that first Gala. Overall, an interesting start for a Club with a mixture of in and out-of- season activities, a structured assessment programme that offered ambitions and targets for the boys and, although not realised at the time, the reality of planning in advance for a future occasion.

L.E.Rowe, a recipient of the Royal Life Saving Bronze Medallion, was the reporting correspondent.

1950

Indoor, winter classes delivering on the Life-Saving skills concentrated on resuscitation techniques to the audience, good in size and regular in attendance, in pursuit of Bronze awards, for swimwear and jacket lapel. Large proportion of younger pupils have joined. Reference to a Swimming competition at Summer Camp, but no details follow.

L.E.Rowe.

1953

50 more Gala Certificates earned. Star this time was Ellen who set a new record for 50 yds backstroke for Juniors, and Adams with a new 3W record. Cams was overall winner.

Largest Life Saving Award Class to date.

Standout Seniors were Pitt and Calderhead with 2 wins in the Gala.

MLD

Was this the coldest swimming pool in the country?!

Michael Simpson recalls:
I remember that one point was issued to the House of the boy concerned towards the Reid Cup for each Certificate passed, so we were chased off to the Lido in Gosport each summer term to practice and pass the tests. I hated it. All I remember about Gosport Lido is that the water was always freezing cold - didn't we have any hot summers then? We certainly had some extreme winters.
Actually, I can remember some hot summers days. I must have passed these test in 1952, 53 and 54



1956

High attendance at the Gosport Baths this Summer Life Saving Classes well-attended also.

An U16 team of Thomas, McCann, Evans and Lusty retained the Fontley Brickwork's Cup, against much weaker opposition from other Fareham area entries. Perfect weather for the Gala, with 8 records broken.

R.L.S.S. courses well-attended

1957

Swimming at Gosport is resumed, although the Gala was cancelled on account of Bus Strikes, illustrating the logistical problem that the Baths represent to the School. This year's Certificate points will go to next year's Gala event. Life Saving Classes land work has progressed however, well-supported.

P.H.T.

1958

Most boys seem to have got to the Baths at some time in advance of the Gala, but it was noticeable that the younger boys were of a lower standard than in the past. The 9th Gala was confronted with not-such-good weather, though the competitive spirit was high. The only record broken was

McColgin's splendid effort, in exceeding the previous Senior Plunge distance by 4 yards! Pre-Gala Certificate points enabled School House Juniors to take the Cup for that competition.

1959

Both School House and Westbury needed to win the overall Gala competition to gain the Reed Cup. Success went to Westbury by 26-24. Much use of the Gosport Baths in the final week to earn Certificate points – 56 awarded.

1960

Swimming at the Baths was on Monday afternoons for the 5th forms with other needs met through out-of-hours activity. L.S. classes lacked water practise time so assessments held-over.



1961 Restricted time availability has limited participation, much relying on evening access, for which, transportation is a problem. The Gala Plunge event was held on a Thursday evening to allow an extension to the competitive events.

1962 Life Saving classes flourish. Appreciation extended to Bath staff.

1964 The Official Opening of the new, on-site, School Swimming Pool with 4 House teams competing in a Relay Race. The pool is a 4-lane, 25 yards x 33 yards facility, with a 2 yard paved surround.

An entrance foot bath is installed. There is a 1m springboard and a 3m and a 2-metre fixed diving platform on a tubular frame. Each morning there is a surface vacuuming, and water circulates through filters and a chlorination plant. Daily checks of temperature and pH are taken. Much appreciation to the caretaker, Mr P. Crossman for his work to keep the pool in excellent condition. Funded by the William Price Trustees and the Hampshire Education Authority.

By Gala Day, the pool had been well-used. Water Polo has been introduced with the prospect of it becoming an Inter House event in the future.

Thursday after School Life Saving Classes have been held under the care of Dr Smith.

Certificate swimming is held after School times – 79 awarded this year, counting towards House totals at the Gala.

1965

Good use of Pool. 177 Certificates awarded to contribute to the Gala scores. L.S.S.S. classes given by Dr. Smith well-attended.

Pool extension includes a 2nd changing room, constructed by Sixth Form students

1966

Pool in full use throughout the Summer. Swimming Tuition given in School time. Standards across the board are improving, with 9 new records. 2nd changing room added by work of Fifth form boys. Improved facilities like this provide better accommodation for visiting teams.

School team, after School-sessions have been well attended, as with Water Polo sessions. L.S.S.A. Classes remain popular.

Gala was a bit earlier this year because of exam date commitments. New Relay cup donated, with a set of keepsakes

Cups now, for: Minor House winners (Hills Cup), Junior House Winners (Privett Cup), Senior House (Shaw Cup), Senior Relay (Swinburne Cup)
Swimming Certificates were earned after the Gala and points will be carried forward to next year.



1967

A novelty for the School this year were the three swimming matches, versus Portsmouth Grammar School, away, and Churcher's College, (home and away). Keenly fought, but unfortunately, each was a loss.

A further novelty was the first Water Polo match, against Churcher's College, also lost. There was also an inaugural Water Polo Inter-House competition, won by Cams. Three new Gala records. Higher numbers of Certificates earn points for the House competition

During the PTA Fête a Water Polo and a swimming pool event was staged

1968

The Pool has been repainted, in light and dark blue. Additional to all of this work, were some new, metal filter containers, also made and installed by Mr. Crossman.

Essential to read the notices to ensure being able to take advantages of access to Practise session, especially those during the evenings

An addition to the Swimming experience was the introduction of "Standards", giving all boys a chance to contribute to the Certificate points of previous years. The latter was a series of completion tasks bundled-together which, once achieved, lead to the award of a suitable Certificate having a consequence in the award of a point to the Gala totals.



R.W. Silvester – Winner of Junior Diving

The Standards would be age-related and stratified so that even modest, but determined swimmers could find a way towards the collective House effort. An excellent idea, with “inclusiveness” in mind. There would be two or three separate “bundles” to aim at, according to various aptitudes. 395 Standards points earned, *in toto*.

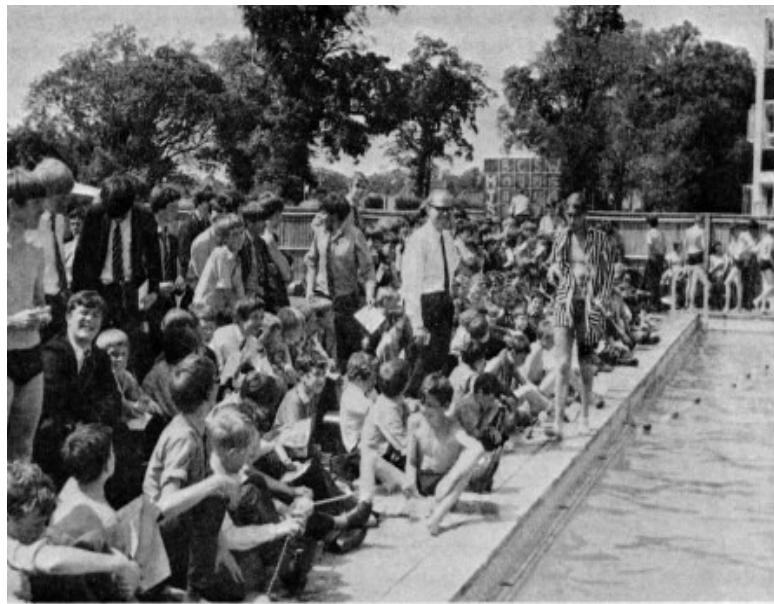
Enthusiasm unbounded, some 300 points were amassed by the four Houses, indication the popularity of this option, and the keenness shown to support the House effort. Westbury was the overall winner in the first Standards contest

The Gala was watched by the whole School and parents, too, on a fine, warm day. Only one record broken, by S.Wheeler, in the Junior 50 yds. Breast stroke, adding to the two records of last year!

Senior pupils declaring non-availability late in the day led to the cancellation of several swimming fixtures. The only one which took place, against Portsmouth Grammar School, was lost. No Water Polo fixtures this season.

1969

That boy Wheeler was at it again breaking his 4th record for the 3 lengths, senior. 4 records in the past 3 Galas! The record lists go back to the start of Price's swimming, in 1949, thanks to Mr.Cyril Briscoe, who has overseen the sport's development these past 20 years. Most appropriate that he presented the trophies this year.



The event programme has changed a bit though time:

25/50/75 yds Freestyle, for Minor/Junior/Seniors;
15/50/50 yards breaststroke for M/J/S; ditto for backstroke;
25 yards surface plate diving for J/S; 75 yards individual medley for J/S; Diving (side/ 1 m, free) for Minors; Juniors had a 1 m springboard, free event; Relays were 4 x 25 yards medley; the 3 x Plunge events were separate this year and there was a concluding 400 yards (12 lengths) Freestyle race.

M.S.Crawshaw

1970

Captains: M.E.Genge, S.A.Wheeler

The Club has now come under the auspices of Mr. Charles Tuck and, for the first time, early morning training was introduced on Mondays and Wednesdays, which transpired to be surprisingly popular. This year, Price's has had a team of fit and competition-ready performers! Lots of records broken at the annual Gala, but a notable number of empty lanes, a marked change from past experiences..

There was also a full programme of interschool matches in the latter half of the season but, although the School teams was ready for the off every Friday evening but a number of opponents defaulted, likely on the grounds of examination demands.



Back Row (L to R)	I.A. Thwaites, P. Mason, J.T. Snelgar, A.M. Smith, A.I. Niven
Middle Row (L to R)	A.J. King, J.D. Smith, I.R. Botting, A. Scott, C. Geary, G.A. Davies, S. Parrock, S. Woolmington.
Front Row (L to R)	C.F.P. Finnimore, A.D. Sturrock, S.A. Wheeler & M.F. Genge (Joint Captain), M. Hartley
On Ground (L to R)	A. Pusey, A.M. Bawcombe

Three matches only were swum and won convincingly, against Churcher's College 156-131; Barton Peveril G.S. 191-121; Southern Grammar School 189-109. Two new swimmers (Scutt and Finnimore) joined at the start of the season improved performances markedly. No doubt the new training regime was responsible for the victories and the thrill and excitement that accompanied them. Thanks to Mr. Tuck.

The Standards exercise was another great success

In the Gala the two new boys made their mark, Finnimore with one record and Scutt with 2. In the Junior group, Mason also had 2 wins, and 2 records. Seems that the Plunge event was dropped this time.

Gratitude to Mrs Pemberton for presenting the awards – a rare opportunity for one of the administrative staff to see the School in action, rather than just to write about it.



←← Former Price's Head Teachers: Eric Poyner, and George Ashton

and overseer of Swimming Cyril Briscoe, with School Secretary Mrs. Pemberton ↓ ↓



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1971

Team Captain: Andrew Scutt

The first two swimming matches were lost by a small margin, and after the third, there followed a succession of cancellations. Competing in an away fixture against the Brune Park team, in a Pool of quite different dimensions, we managed to beat their quite strong team, and secured a final end of season victory against Peter Symonds College. Two new Cups donated by Mr & Mrs Pemberton

1972



A. SCUTT

Team Captain

The coldest April, May & June restricted all forms of School swimming to the barest minimum. The only swimming match we had, against Bournemouth School was at little notice. This was an all-year swimming School and we lost 131- 103, having had little preparation.

Ed: English Swimming Clubs enter for the S.G. Darmstadt age group competitions which are more commonly known as the unofficial European age group Championships. These Championships have 5 age groupings for boys born in 1957, 58, 59, 60 and 61 and younger

The events follow Olympic distances but omit 200m and 1500m freestyle, for time-space reasons. Clubs from America, Egypt and Israel also compete along with European Clubs, but are generally out of the running.

The prime objective of my Club – Southampton – was to win the team Trophy which could make us both Senior and Junior Club Champions of Europe. We did this not by winning many races but by coming 2nd 3rd in nearly all of them. In fact the only Gold Medal we won was that in the boy's relay (Open), in which I competed. I came sixth in the individual 100m butterfly, and won a **Gold and a Silver Medal** in the two relays.

(This must be the highest individual sporting achievement by a Price's boy. Ed.)

Our team of about 30, left in the middle of July, going by boat to Ostend and then to Phunegstadt, a town just outside of Munich. A.Scutt

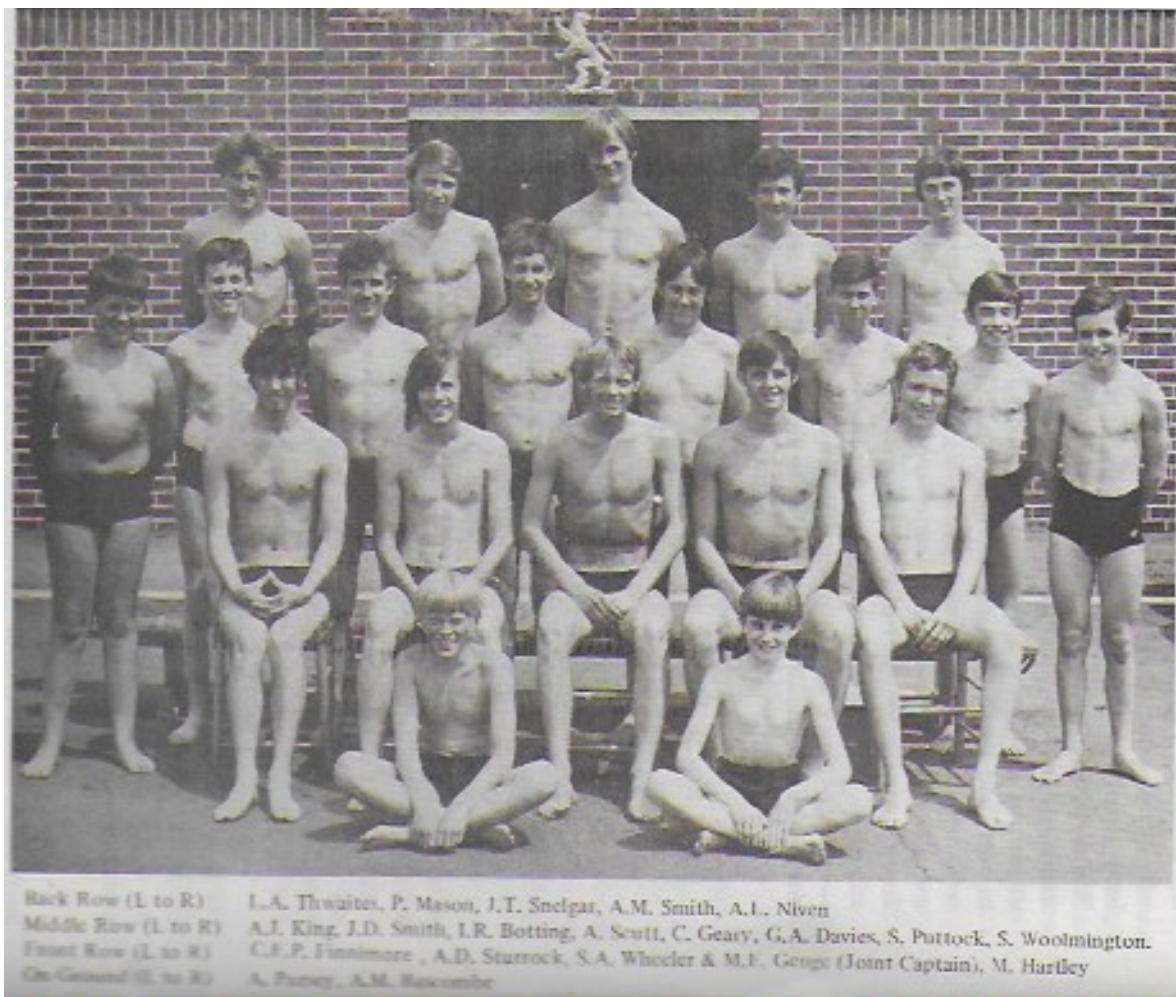
1973

Another fine day, in a fine run of weather. Five new records set, The House Cups were presented by Mr E.F.H. Gros, whose final term this was, prior to retirement. Cyril Briscoe still corresponding on behalf of the Swimmers, 24 years after he started the Swimming Gala.

Amateur Swimming Association & National Life Saving Society Awards

Year	Award	Recipients
1949	Bronze Medallion	L.Abbs, N.C.Brown, R.C.Dimmock, I.Dukes, C.F.Fowler, P.Gregory, R.Hedgecock, M.F.J.Herbert, B.Jackman, P.J.McGee, P.Nobes, J.Priestley, R.Rolf, L.E.Rowe, M.A.Stone,
1950	Silver Medal	McGee,
	Bronze Medallion - bar	Priestley, Dimmock
	Bronze Medallion	Jarmain, Swift, Judd, Cockbain, Hayter, Porter, Scott, Weyman
	Intermediate Certificate	Saunders
1951	No reference to Life Saving, Personal Survival or Instructors' awards	
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1953	Award of Merit	Saunders
	Bronze Medallion	Pit, Wooden, Ellen, I.Thomas, Adams, Shepherd
	Intermediate Certificate	Bird, Farmer, Agius
1956	Intermediate Certificate	T.Palmer, C.Pannell, I.Williams
	Bronze Medallion	J.Adams, W.Alder, M.Dugan, I.Johnstone, C.Jones, R.Keyvor, R.Vinall, Lusty
	Bronze Cross	W.Winnicott
	Instructor's Certificate	R.Short, D.Shepperd
	Award of Merit	P.Thorne, R.Short, I. MacColgin, D.Sheppard
1957	Intermediate Certificate	T.O'Leary
	Bronze Medallion	E.Mclarty, T.Palmer, N.Losh, J. Pannell, J.M.Rousell, G.Taylor, D.Fishlock
	Bronze Cross	R.Keyvor, M.Dugan, C.Jones, J.Adams
	Award of Merit	W.Alder, W.Winnicott
	Instructor's Certificate	P.Thorne
1958	Bronze Medallion	D.Edwards, A.Heritage, A.Major, B.Shurlock, N.Bennett, P.Carpenter, H.Beddis
	Instructor's Certificate	I.Johnstone, Vinall

1959	Instructor' Certificate	M.Dugan
	Bronze Medallion	Williams, Crane, Curtis, Short
1960	Award of Merit	I.Johnstone, N.Bennett, G.Hedges
	Bronze Cross	R.Short
1961	Instructor's Certificate	R.Short, K.Crane
	Bronze Medallion	G.Steele, A.Shafford, S.Dowse, M.Ward, T.Woods, R.Ellis, I.Ralph, R.Bamber, P.Lunney
1962	Instructor's Certificate	R.Short, K.Crane
	Bronze Medallion	D.Bamber, S.Dowse, R.Ellis, J.Keith, I.Ralph, A.Shafford, G.Steele, M.Ward, T.Woods
1963	No reference to Life Saving , Personal Survival or Instructors' awards	
1964	Instructor's Certificate	A.Shafford
	Bronze Medallion	P.Graham, G.Hebron, N.Hanson, R.P.Naylor, A.T.Reynolds
1965	Award of Merit	R.P. Naylor, D.Coates
	Advanced Safety Award	D.Coates
	Preliminary Safety Award	E. Hair
	Instructor's certificate	R.P.Naylor
	Bronze Medallion Bar	R.P.Naylor
	Bronze Medallion	W.E.Clements, R.A.Cooper, M.Dennison, P.W.Gallagher, L.E.Holder, G.Laishley, W.J.Miller, K.F.Raby, G.T.Westbrooke.
	Intermediate Certificates	P.F.Davey, P.M.Hawes, S.J.Kimberley, B.W.Moxey, C.P.J.Scott, A.Thomas, D.A.Wheeler, S.P.J. White
1966	No reference to Life Saving , Personal Survival or Instructors' awards	
1967	Instructor's Certificate	M. Crawshaw
	Intermediate Certificates	M.Fisher. , P.Jones, D.McKeever, M.Osborne, L.Thwaites, P.Whitby
	Bronze Medallions	D.James, A.S.Rogers, M.George, P.M.Hawes, C.Scott, M.Tribe, A.Moore, G.Noakes, J.Rogers
	Personal Survival: Silver	M.Cox, R. Sylvester, P.Jones
	Personal Survival: Bronze	A.Robson, C.Scott, A.Walton, M.Lillywhite, P.Frampton
1968	No results reported.	
1969	No reference to Life Saving , Personal Survival or Instructors' awards	
1970	No further content re: swimming, etc.	
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A Retrospective

The Swimming Club is a good example of an extracurricular activity that not only became a formally-organised School team, with matches against other Schools, but also with a Water Polo option, too. The competitive teams though were to face disappointment on account of the numbers of fixtures arranged having to be cancelled, resulting from the pressure of the Summer Examination season – mostly, it has to be acknowledged, with cancellations arising from the opposition.

Attempts to raise Water Polo as a regular feature of the Swimming scene really didn't get off to a good start. Perhaps there were just not enough good swimmers to be able to cope with the demands of the game, and at this late summer term timing, with an unheated pool, for other School, too, too many demands of the examination season.

In the early days it was not an obvious thing to do. The nearest Indoor pools were some miles away, and the Hilsea Lido and Gosport Baths were unheated. Maintaining Swimming Baths was, and always has been a very expensive enterprise, for all the energy consumption and health and safety regulations.

There is no doubt that having available a structured scheme of Water Life Safety qualifications was *a*, if not *the* major incentive. Even when the initial activity is a challenge, providing there was something tangible that work towards, would result in an Award. That has been the cornerstone in practical Music tuition in the Associated Boards schemes (Grades 1–5 performance and theory, then, having passed the latter, onto Grades 6 – 8, each with Pass, Merit and Distinction levels, and a



paper certificate too. That was the key: Keep it Simple!(at the start). Land-based Life-Safety tuition was easily arranged and soon became taken-over by older boys as Instructors – just as was the case in the Cadet Corps. This learning, in the early years, would have introduced some Human Biology that likely would not have been in any science syllabi of the day, to add further interest. Come the better weather of the Summer, water-based practise and further tuition would have been possible

The table above gives clear evidence of the value of the RLSA schemes. Aside from its value for the swimming *per se*, this is but another example of the value derived from an extracurricular activity. For that is how it started, as a Club, interest in which rose quickly such that the education timetable began to accommodate tuition sessions in the Timetable for particular years. At this juncture in time, how it was all financed – the transport to the baths, and the use of the Baths, who knows? If it was a School / Authority based exercise, then it was costing curricular money.

A further feature of the activity is that Swimming quickly shifted to a Curriculum – central element, impacting on whole-school organisation. It had the good fortune to have been overseen by two established teachers, in Melville Royds-Jones and Mike Howard-Jones, but increasingly, and in a way that was assumed normal then, the senior boys in the House and School took more responsibility, particularly in their roles as House Captains, to encourage boys to travel once School had ended, and stay a while, to try harder at things that might not have been enjoyably strong for them, and thus to realise a sort of corporate loyalty to their House.

The Swim Certificate, and later Standards were further ways that modest achievers could contribute, with repeat opportunities to improve, thus to be a part of a large team that was not actually performing on the day, but whose impact could, and often did influence the competitions for Trophies. Athletics tried a similar scheme, but with so many events and in such a large outdoor space, it needed such high levels of staff participation after School, that it was discontinued after just one year.

Sometimes, the chance co-incidence of a talented, or at least a keen pool of performers, and an adult/ teacher/ leader/ coach can produce amazing results. That is very evident in Professional

Soccer and Cricket, but is often the engine-house of the incredible achievements of various youth sports teams. So many chance factors need to come together synchronously that such events are rare, and to be cherished all the more when they happen. Enjoy it when it happens, and rejoice in the memories long after! You might never achieve anything later that matches such success, though that doesn't really matter: it's not important to be the best: it is important to be good enough!

When he took-over the Swimming in 1970, Mr Charles Tuck had such an impact on team performances in so many ways at the School and College. He had the knowledge and drive to get the best out of talented players, if they were prepared to do the work – in quantity and quality terms. That impact was felt in the Swimming, most evident in the willingness of so many to turn-up for early morning training, and commit to other organised sessions on certain evenings. Get teenagers out of bed at 6 am?!? That was a mark of what the boys were prepared to impart to an activity where they felt their own prowess and the coach's skills would meld to produce great things. From personal experience I know how difficult it is for such highly motivated leaders to be able to moderate their attitudes to other, more modest achievers, and it is a sad fact of life, for the coach and his wider community, that some do not enjoy the enterprise. That does not diminish the achievements, however.

C.T. was fortunate to have in his squad a newcomer who, later on, was to feature in a European Championship, Gold Medal-winning performance – Andrew Scutt. There were a number of really good swimmers as well, but no evidence of any outside Club Swimming they may have done. Andrew's success should have been veritably lauded in School for he was a regular School team Swimmer as well and, assuredly, his achievements would have buoyed-on the others.

The manner of reporting results in the Galas has been so variable that it has been impossible for aggregated results for the duration of the swimming Club to be calculated. Some years there was no Gala Report, In other years, correspondents found it difficult to realise the significance of what they were a part of.

At the time of writing this, it has to be noted that, flowing a peak in the developments and achievements, there was an apparent rapid decline in School swimming activity – no Lion Reports, and no listings of awards that were such an important backbone of the swimming era.

Suffice it to say that the overall enterprise was a great initiative at the start in 1949. It has been onwards propelled by some dedicated leadership from Staff and boys. It has done much to raise the collective House Spirit, and been remarkably inclusive through its Certificate and Standards programme in the way it has given everyone a means to contribute to group success. Credit to the Gosport Baths Staff, to Mr.Peter Crossman (Mr Swim!), Messrs Cyril Briscoe and Mike Howard-Jones, and to all the House Captains and others whose input led to the Swimming Club and activities to have been such a valued part of the life of the School.

There is no doubt that one man alone was responsible for all of the value to the School and boys that was derived from the operations of the Pool; Mr. Peter Crossman, Caretaker / Site Manager. Appointed in 1960, he was the master of all of the School's building and groundwork needs. Although the Pool was built in 1964 by a professional company, it was Peter who maintained all of its needs, from general cleanliness, to the workings of the filtration system and chlorination process, erecting fencing and changing shelter around and keeping that painted. It was his project, renovated in 1970, prior to the 250th Anniversary celebrations in 1971.

Prior to his appointment, Peter had been a Warrant Officer, Class 1 – the most senior non-commissioned rank in the RAF and thus he brought with him a wealth of experience to assist in the running of the Air Cadet section of the CCF.

As with all other ancillary staff, Schools cannot operate well, or take a pride in their output without the tireless work of folk like Peter, seen here just before his retirement in 1976.

Before the College closed however, for reasons unknown, the Pool fell into disuse, was neglected and deteriorated, ending its short life as a rubbish dump, doubtless a casualty of the reduction in Sport at the College, in the face of increasing demands on limited School budgets.



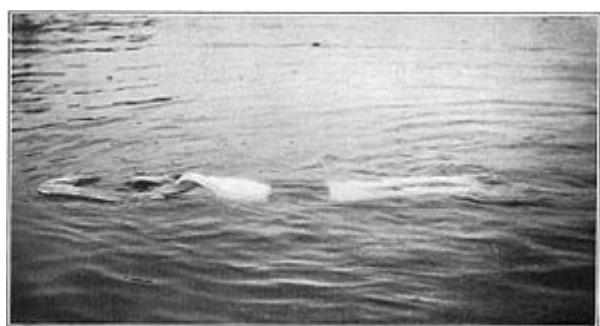
A cautionary note:

The Plunge event was a popular element to the Gala, and was accessible those who were not strong swimmers. A simple event, a bit like a Long Jump in athletics, involving one competitor at a time.

Standing poolside and at the edge, a plunger would ventilate his lungs and dive out as far as possible, arms in front, no leg or other body movement. When forward movement stopped and the swimmer's head broke the surface to gulp air would be the point of measure to score the distance to the tip of outstretched fingers.

Bigger, stronger, fitter boys would tend to fare better than others. Skill involved was limited to the timing of body extension during the dive. Big lungs, strong leg-lever muscles and a flat dive were helpful.

Near the end of the dive, forward movement would become imperceptible to the plunger, who might well hold-on in spite of strong stimuli to take in air. But, in those final seconds, long seconds often, the blood oxygen levels might fall below the levels needed to retain consciousness. Voluntary control over breathing cessation was lost in the blackout, not noticeable from spectators' viewpoint, and involuntary rhythms would take over. But why would that happen?



POSITION IN PLUNGE FOR DISTANCE.

Surprisingly, it is not low oxygen levels that stimulate breathing inhalation, but rising carbon dioxide concentrations – this being the waste products of the cells' respiration of sugars needed for energy expenditure.

Breathing brings in essential oxygen = true: it also excretes waste carbon dioxide. This waste gas rising in the blood, will initiate inhalation of air because its consequent exhalation of carbon dioxide will off-load a great deal of the gas. The problem now is that the lungs have water in them, with less capability to excrete the carbon dioxide, and so the distress of the swimmer results in ever more frantic attempts to breathe.

Face down in the water, there is only one outcome: the inhalation of water into the lungs, and that can be fatal!

D.Goldring 26/02/21

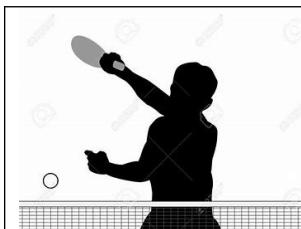


Table Tennis



Table tennis is another of those sports in which it is possible to take part with little or no previous experience so long as you have the requisite equipment, i.e., bats, balls and some form of rudimentary net. Enjoyment may be gained with little or no coaching but adequate practice.

However, to become a skilled singles or doubles table tennis player requires specialist coaching and many hours of dedicated practice. As standards improve, the quality of bat required also increases but, unlike some sports, a bat of medium quality is accessible for those without extremely deep pockets. At least one surprise victory in the school annual tournament was attributed to a player using a sponge bat.

Perhaps the affordability of the equipment is one reason why table tennis was already popular at Price's in the late 1940's. Indeed, for many of the juniors, playing at Price's was their first experience of a full-size surface after the ping pong of the dining table.

Initially at least, the school table tennis club was run by the 6th form for the 6th form but championships were run for all age groups through the school.

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Table Tennis

1949

By 1949 table tennis had already become popular among all sections of the school from members of the sixth form down to the first. As with many other school clubs, the table tennis club was run by members of the sixth form, primarily for members of the sixth form, but no objection was raised to younger boys playing "provided they behave themselves"!

A, B, C and junior teams had been run throughout the season and the results suggested that a very high standard had been reached. By May of 1949, the A team were unbeaten having played many strong men's teams. The B team was not quite so successful, but they had been playing against the A teams of many clubs. The C team had won 6 and lost 3 of their 10 matches and the junior team were unbeaten.

Price's School was entered in the English Schools' Championship which was limited to players under 17 years of age. On that occasion, they were drawn away against Queen's College, Taunton and were eliminated in the first round with Jarmain winning the school's sole game.

Price's own championships were held for open singles, open doubles and junior singles. Special mention was made of a first former, Hansford, who won the junior tournament and reached the semi-finals of the open singles championship.

1950

As is the way with school teams, in the autumn term of 1949, all of the previous school year's A team had left but the new A team still managed to win 2 from 3 of their first term's matches and the C team won one and lost one.

A new table was eagerly anticipated, and this duly arrived in the early part of the second term. Although probably purely imagination on the part of those concerned, the new table was credited with improving the standard of play! As if to perpetuate the myth, the A team won all three of their matches that term.

In the finals of the School Championships Jarmain beat Rochford in the senior event, Spencer beat Hansford in the juniors and in Section 2 of the senior event, Rochford beat Robertson-Fox. It was generally expected that Jarmain would win but very few expected to see a junior boy in the final and it was a very creditable performance by Rochford to reach that stage. Rudling, Percival and Dimmock (all juniors) were also playing well, and it was hoped they might form the nucleus of a particularly good team to enter the English Schools' Tournament two or three years hence.

A house table tennis competition was instituted to play for a trophy presented by PJ Ellis who left the school the previous summer and was now table tennis champion at Nottingham University. The tournament was won by Blackbrook who won all their matches.

1952

In the 1951/52 season the open tournament was played in the term before Christmas in order to leave the second term free to play external matches. It was marked by a lack of club members reaching the last eight indicating a rather low standard of play in the club and the need to call on outside players to fill the school team.

In the senior tournament Percival defeated Spencer in a match of "rather low standard" which was not very entertaining. Randall beat Rochford in the final of the junior tournament which was marked by the large number of first formers entering, with Holden in particular, reaching the last eight.

Only one external match was actually played in the second term, the victorious Price's team comprising Percival (captain), Byng I, Gregory and Whitcombe.

The competitive inactivity of the club was attributed to the hall being unavailable, initially because of the school play which prevented the house matches being played and then due to examinations.

1953

Only a single external match was played in the first term of the 1952/53 season, Price's beating Mercury E who had to be loaned one of the school's own players, Doughty, due to a delay to their own player. Whitcombe, Purkis and Spencer gave creditable performances as the other members of the Price's team. Within the club, Dimmock and Rudling were of a standard with the leading players and improvement was anticipated from Chinnery and Wooden.

Scathing reports of the failings of playing technique in the 1952 and 1953 Lion magazines suggests that, whilst intensive practice was available to club members, there may have been limited tactical coaching available to the team or club members at this time.

The open tournament was played in the second term. Gleed beat Lowe in an exciting final of the junior tournament with Kilford and Mellish also showing promise. In the senior tournament, although beaten by Percival, Viney did exceedingly well to reach the final, not being a club member and therefore not benefitting from the club practice sessions.

1954

The open and junior tournaments were both played in the second term of the 1953/54 season with encouraging numbers of entrants in both. There were few surprises in the senior tournament with matches running "true to form". Farmer did extremely well to reach the semi-final where he lost to Rudling. Percival defeated Purkis in his semi-final and then beat Rudling in the final.

The junior competition was marked by the total eclipse of older players by Ansell, who in his first year at the school, showed himself to possess a remarkably fine eye and a consistency with his backhand returns which overcame all opposition. Starkey was forced to abandon his normal game and was completely subdued by his younger opponent. Agius and Crowle I were the beaten semi-finalists.

The club members were deeply indebted to Martin who made the tournaments possible by skilful and hopefully lasting repairs to the new table and thanks went to Mr Briscoe for allowing him to use the woodwork shed for this purpose.

1955

In the 1954/55 season, the table tennis club's finances were very healthy and the progress in the standard of play across the season exceeded expectations. The team played only one match, represented by Mason, Wooden and Kilford who each won two of their three games.

There was a large entry in the annual tournament held in the second term. In the senior event there were surprise victories for Ambrose over Thompson in the first round and Gleed, who beat Kilford, one of the best players in the club, in the quarter-final. However, normal service was resumed in the final with Percival winning for the fourth straight year.

The junior tournament also produced thrills: Ansell who won it the previous year had a fairly easy time in the first round but only just beat Ashdown in the semi-final. In one of the best finals for some years, Ansell beat Laming and thus won the cup for the second year running.

1956

In keeping with previous years, the annual tournament was held in the second term of the 1955/56 season. The senior section went much as expected until the quarter-finals when Kilford was surprisingly beaten by Targett who was using a sponge bat. Targett in turn lost to Laming in the semi-final and Gullick beat Tomkins in the other. The evenly contested final went to five sets with Gullick running out the eventual winner.

In the juniors, Ansell retained the cup for the third year in succession.

For the first time it was proposed to hold a doubles tournament, but this was not held due to the large number of entrants to the singles and the shortness of the term.

1965

1965 saw the introduction of a new inter-house competition thanks largely to the farewell gift from F.E.C. Gregory who had been Head Boy the previous year. It was decided that the trophy, The Gregory Cup, should be awarded for those sports outside the existing Reed Cup, and that of these, badminton, table tennis and chess should be individual events and basketball, sailing and shooting should be team events.

1966

The 1965/66 season saw the formation of two table tennis teams which developed from the ordinary club activities on Wednesday evenings after school. Attendance had greatly improved following the purchase of new equipment using club funds. The 'A' team was represented by I Reeves, D Weston and G Wheeler and the 'B' team by J Marcus, M Croker, J Ciupek, M Parisot and B Payne. Fixtures were played against Portsmouth Grammar School, Purbrook and Gosport and also against the staff. The first season's results were respectable with 3 wins and 3 defeats for the 'A' team and 3 wins, 2 defeats and a draw for the 'B' team.

The Gregory Cup house table tennis tournament was won by Blackbrook.

1970

Table tennis must have passed through a quiet spell in the late 1960's because in December 1970 the table tennis club was reported as being one of the newer school activities! Membership was open to all boys at the school.

There were two school teams entered in the Gosport and Fareham league. Although no actual results were provided, they were reported as being very promising so far. The team was coached by the Hampshire coach, Mr J Waterhouse who attended the weekly practices.

Despite the apparent enthusiasm, there were no further reports of table tennis being played until 1977.

1974

When Price's School became Price's College in September 1974, table tennis was available as one of the sports for the 6th form general studies activities but there appears to have been no intent to form a college team from those who chose this option. It was also one of the activities on offer at the weekly 6th form club which met on Thursday evenings.

1977

In 1977 a college team had been formed under the captaincy of John Dubber, a regular Hampshire league player. Despite his enthusiastic approach relatively few matches were played owing to the lack of opposition. Of the four matches played, one had been won and one drawn and it was hoped that with more fixtures in the future the standard of play would improve.

A Retrospective

Table tennis was never a “mainstream” sport at Price’s and consequently there appears never to have been a master with responsibility for development of the sport. In its early days, the table tennis club was run by 6th form boys primarily for their peers although the success of the annual tournaments suggests that there were capable players at all levels within the school. Like other similar activities, the fortunes of table tennis were highly dependent on the enthusiasm and abilities of those organising it and as with all schools this could vary significantly from one year to the next as players came and went.

When participation in a sport is restricted to the upper school there is less opportunity to develop the skills and enthusiasm in younger members who would form the nucleus of future school teams. This, in turn, results in a smaller pool of potential players reaching the 6th form with less ability than they might have had if they had been coached from a younger age.

It is noticeable that many of the table tennis players were also badminton players and there is evidence of some conflict between the two sports for the best players, with some clearly preferring badminton over table tennis.

Some natural sportsmen and ball players also gravitated towards table tennis. A few of the table tennis players who excelled at multiple sports whilst at the school are listed in the following table.

DT Jarman	May-49	In May 1949, Jarman won the sole game in the school's entry in the English Schools' table tennis championship. He had only been playing for a year but was already one of the best in the school. He was also captain of the 1 st XI hockey and in August 1950 he was captain of 1 st XI cricket and winner of a race at the swimming gala.
D Percival	May-49	In May 1949, Percival was the beaten finalist in the table tennis junior singles tournament, but he went on to be the team captain in 1952 and won the tournament 4 years running (1952-55). He was also a member of the school badminton team from 1952 to 1955, being captain that year.
AB Byng (AKA Byng 1)	May-52	Byng was a table tennis team member in May 1952, but he also represented the school 1st XI at cricket, football and hockey, he was Victor Ludorum in 1950, 51 & 52, and played hockey for Hampshire Schools.
WR Kilford	Apr-53	In April 1953, Kilford was a table tennis junior member showing promise. He represented the school in May 55 and also went on to be the house captain, captain of football, hockey and cricket, and represented Hampshire at football, hockey & cricket (captain).

Mark Knight

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The major restriction to tennis being played at Price's was the lack of dedicated school courts prior to 1969. It was reported in *The Lion* that a number of schools had offered tennis fixtures, but the limitations of two public courts were such that the offers had always been declined. Despite this, the achievements of Price's boys on the tennis court at various local tournaments were reported in the *Portsmouth Evening News* on several occasions.

Many of the school's pupils were members of external tennis clubs where they were able to benefit from expert coaching, practice and league and cup competitions. When the school courts were opened, tennis became available to many more boys and coaching was provided by masters, chief among whom was AJE (Tony) Hiles who was himself an accomplished player.

Tennis really "took off" once the school courts were available from summer 1971 and the improvement in the team performances from then on was noticeable as boys competed in the school individual tournaments and inter-house competition as well as continuing their external club activities.

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Tennis

1962

The first mention in The Lion of tennis being played at Price's occurred in 1962 when an American Doubles tournament was arranged. The tournament was so well-supported that only 60 of the more than 70 potential entrants could be accepted owing to the number of courts and time available. This took place before the school had its own courts so was presumably played across Park Lane at the public courts in the recreation ground.

The idea of not being knocked out in the first round seemed to appeal to a number of the competitors, especially in the middle and lower part of the school, and in spite of the large entry, the tournament was completed before various boys made their early exit from the summer term.

Short and Taylor won their section and defeated the winners of the other section R.O. Smith and M.D. Thomas in the closely fought final.

1968

Whilst there was no mention of tennis in the Lion between the September 1962 and December 1968 editions, the school notes at the end of 1968 were looking forward to the time when the new school tennis courts would be completed as a considerable number of boys were reported to be very keen.

In the summer of 1968, the Nestlé Schools' Tennis Tournament was the main tennis activity of the school. Price's John Marcus had won the tournament the previous year and was now the Hampshire Junior Champion as well as being accepted for Junior Wimbledon in this, his final year as a junior.

Nicholson won the ladder tournament to be the Price's representative in 1968 being unbeaten in eight matches but was unavailable when the tournament began so his place was taken by Shelley who narrowly edged out Palmer for the privilege.

Although there were no other school representative tennis matches, many of the boys took part in local tournaments, a selection of which included the following:

- M. Palmer played enthusiastically in a round of junior tournaments during the summer holidays reaching the semi-finals of the U18 doubles event at Southampton and the quarter-finals of the U18 singles in the Alverstoke, Lee-on-Solent and Southampton Tournaments.
- Cawte and Skilton did well in the Alverstoke and Lee-on-Solent Tournaments, Cawte reaching the quarter-finals in the U16 singles and the Hants and Isle of Wight U18. Skilton lost narrowly in the mixed doubles semi-finals at Lee-on Solent.
- Cawte also won, for the second year running the U16 singles in the Park Lane tournament, I Corkett being runner-up.

1969

In the summer of 1969, The Nestlé Schools' Tennis Tournament was once again the main tennis activity of the school, and this was the only chance when boys could play competitively against each other. However, Price's was still a year away from having its own tennis courts, so the number of matches played in the ladder tournament was limited by only two public courts being available. After a close match with S. Cawte, M. Palmer won the ladder and went into the knock-out tournament where he lost in the 3rd round to a Hampshire junior player.

Once again, several boys played enthusiastically during the summer holidays in junior tournaments at Southampton, Lee-on-Solent, Winchester, Alverstoke and Southsea. These were M. Palmer, S. Cawte, Simon Whitby, N. Skilton, R. Cooper and C. Nicholson with Whitby reaching the quarter-final stage of the under 16 singles event at Southsea. Cawte also won, for the third year running, the under 16 singles in the Park Lane Tournament, M. Harvey being the runner-up.

1970

In the "School Notes" in the December 1970 edition of The Lion it was noted that "The three hard tennis courts have been completed at last"! These were clearly a very welcome addition to the school's facilities although sadly they were not completed in time for the summer 1970 season.



Despite this, the school decided to start competitive tennis with one team at under 15 level in the hope that this would form the basis of a first Tennis VI in the future. All matches therefore had to be played away and were conducted on a "friendly" rather than league basis.

This first competitive team turned out to be remarkably successful, particularly as four of the team were actually members of the second form, with four out of five matches being won.

Twins Paul and Nick Grace made an immediate impact as the regular first pair losing only two rubbers out of 15. They were ably supported by second pair Bradford and Cooper who were captain and vice-captain respectively, and the third pair, Meek and Wilson.

1971

Summer of 1971 was the first season in which Price's entered sides in the South East Hampshire Schools Tennis League which they did at both under 15 and under 13 levels.

Four of the previous year's team, the Grace twins, Meek and Wilson were still young enough to compete at under 15 and they were joined by newcomers Spencer and Allen who made quite a successful second pair with Spencer being the team captain. The same side played in all nine matches and were undefeated thus becoming undisputed winners of the league. The Grace twins did not lose a set throughout the season greatly enhancing the confidence of the other pairs and all team members were awarded school colours. Five of the regular team members are shown in the squad photograph below.



1971 U15 Tennis VI

Back row, L to R: I. Spencer, Mr. D. Bowler, D. Vidler
Front row: G. Meek, N. Grace, P. Grace, S. Wilson

1971 also saw the introduction of the school's first under 13 squad. 24 1st and 2nd year boys competed for the honour of representing the school making it difficult to pick six obvious players for the team. Various pairings were tried, and 11 boys played for the team over the course of the

season. Representatives of the summer 1971 under 13 squad are shown in the photograph below. Unfortunately, the identity of some players remains lost in the mists of time!



1971 U13 Tennis squad

Back row: Knight, Mr. Hiles, Horlock, Pike, ??, Radford, Hartridge, ??

Middle: ??, Hind, Benmore, ??, ??, ??

Front: ??, Harvey, ??

Others - Hunt?, Chal ?, Hughes, Johns, Wilson, Ruffels?

Whilst not quite as successful as the under 15 team, the under 13 squad gave highly creditable performances winning seven and losing just two of their nine matches and being runners-up in the SE Hants league as a result. Colours were awarded on the basis of three or more appearances in the team to Benmore, Ruffels, Clarke (team captain), Hind, Beckett, Harvey and Spear. Hartridge, John, Horlock and Radford also played on at least one occasion.

A school under 13 knock-out tennis tournament was also held with Ruffels and Benmore beating Clarke and Bennett in the doubles final and Hind being victorious against Benmore in the singles.

In the inter-house tennis competition, School House topped the junior league and Cams took the minor title.

In the school notes for 1971, congratulations were offered to the Grace twins who were selected for the Hampshire under 15 tennis VI.

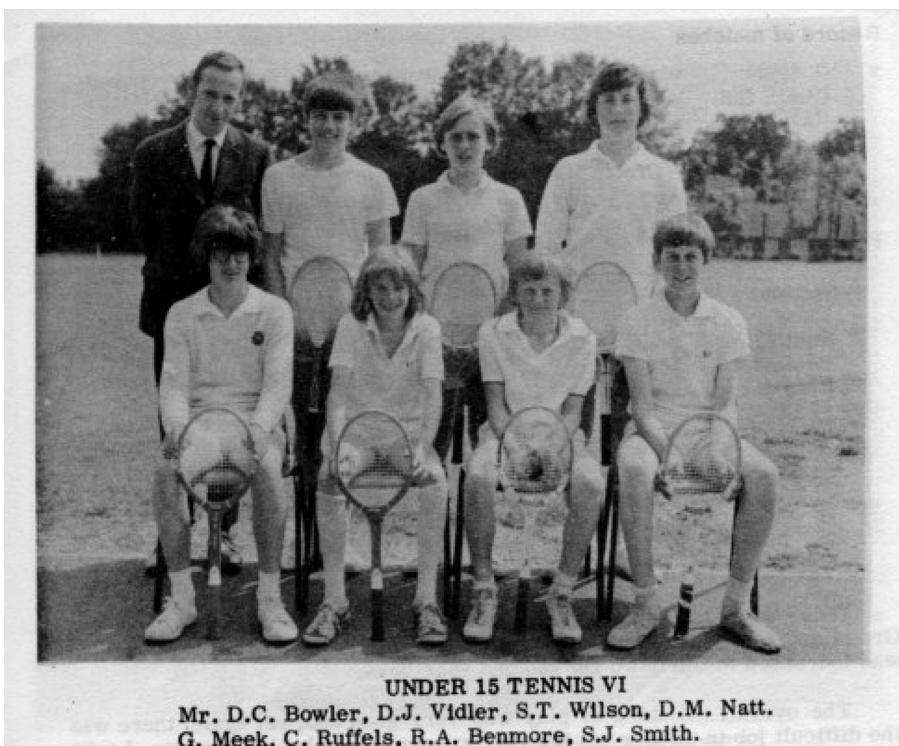
1972

1972 saw the formation of the school's first under 19 tennis team. The Grace twins formed the anchor spot for the team and were ably supported by Cooper, Wilson, Spencer I. and Spencer S. The team performed fairly well considering their ages which indicated a potentially auspicious future. The Senior VI also played in the Schools LTA Glanville Cup competition for the first time and came 3rd in this area's group.

The Grace twins played six times for Hampshire juniors against other counties, trained with the Hampshire squad throughout the winter and had good success in the Lee-on-Solent, Alverstoke, Winchester and Sheen (Surrey) junior tournaments.

Stuart Wilson and Ian Spencer were selected to play for the South Hampshire team and Spencer also had a full Hampshire trial as well as playing for Park Lane in the senior summer and winter leagues.

The under 15 team had another successful season winning eight of their ten matches and finishing third in the league. Apart from a few changes early in the season, the regular team pairings were Wilson (captain) and Meek, Smith and Benmore and Vidler and Ruffles. Under 15 colours were awarded to Ruffels, Vidler, Smith and Benmore, Wilson and Meek having already received U15 colours in the previous season. The squad is shown in the photo below together with their coach, the chemistry master Mr. David (Chuckles) Bowler.



1972 was the second season of a Price's under 13 tennis squad and this time, there were 32 1st and 2nd year boys vying for positions in the team. The overall standard of play was very good, making team selection difficult. However, Locke (captain) and Litchfield, Schofield and Glavin, Baynham and Burridge formed the main basis of the side with Cooper, Brookes and Harvey playing occasionally.

The under 13's won five of their seven matches and finished second in the South East Hants School's Tennis League. The regular team members are shown in the photo below with their coach, the art teacher Mr AJE (Tony) Hiles.



UNDER 13 TENNIS

**P. Scholfield, Mr. A. Hiles, C. Litchfield, N.J. Baynham.
P.M. Burridge, P.A. Locke, V. Glavin**

In the under 13 tournament held in the summer term of 1972, Vince Glavin proved to be the best singles player having beaten Colin Litchfield in the semi-final and Paul Locke in the final.

In the inter-house tennis competition, Cams and Westbury shared the senior title, School House topped the junior league for the second year running and Blackbrook took the minor title.

1973

With the splitting of the South East Hants under 15 league division in two in the 1973 season, Price's was able to field teams at U13, U14, U15 and U19 levels with varying degrees of success.

The Grace twins once again formed the under 19 side first pair with Cooper and Wilson playing as the regular second pair and S. Spencer, Marshall, Vidler and Goddard sharing the third pair duties. With three wins from five matches actually played and two other opponents having forfeited cancelled matches, it was expected that the Price's team would be awarded the points and would therefore top the league.

Away from school, success went again to the Grace twins who won the under 16 doubles of the Ryde (IOW) and Alverstoke and were runners-up in the under 18 doubles at Ryde and under 16 doubles at Lee-on-Solent, their home club. Paul Grace won the under 18 singles at Lee and was losing finalist in the under 18 singles at Ryde and under 16 at Alverstoke.

Stuart Wilson reached the quarter-finals of the under 16 singles at Alverstoke before losing to the top seed and S. Spencer suffered the same fate in the first round. Wilson and Spencer also played for their clubs' senior teams, Park Lane and Sarisbury Green, respectively on numerous occasions.

Splitting the under 15's into third and fourth form groups made running the fourth form team a challenge but despite this Benmore and Ruffles (captain) held the fourth form side together winning most of their matches. Tudor and Maidment gained valuable experience at third pair. Overall, the under 15 team played 5, but won just one of their matches with colours being awarded to Benmore, Ruffles and Spear.

The third form team (U14) were more successful enjoying some close matches with Locke (captain) and Lichfield playing well at first pair losing only one set throughout the season. The team results were played four, won two, lost two, with colours being awarded to Lichfield, Locke, Baldry and Cooper.

Both squads were coached by Mr Bowler and are shown in the photographs below.



U 15 TENNIS

P. Locke	P. Maidment	K. Tudor	Mr. Bowler
R. Benmore	C. Ruffles	S. Spear	<i>Meridoll</i>



1973 U14 Tennis team

Back row L to R – D.A. Cooper, M. Baldry, Mr D.C. Bowler, M.A. Knight, C. Litchfield
Front row L to R – P. Buckingham, P.A. Locke, P. Burridge

The under 13 team had quite a successful season winning eight of their ten matches and narrowly missed winning the South East Hants Schools' League. Brookes and Bascombe made an excellent 1st pair with Scholfield captaining the side from 2nd pair with Powell. There was no regular 3rd pair and many squad members contributed at some time.

1974

In September 1974, Price's School officially became Price's College but sport continued in the lower school much as before. The 1974 summer season was something of a "last hurrah" for the old school tennis squads, being a vintage year for the school in Hampshire competition. The seniors and

intermediate teams came top of the South East Hants Schools Leagues and the juniors lost just two matches and were second in their section.

The school notes recorded that Stuart Wilson and the Grace twins all represented the Hants under 19 tennis VI throughout the 1974 season. Rowan Legg played for SE Hampshire at intermediate level. Stuart Wilson won the S.E. Hants under 19 tennis singles title and with Nick Grace he also won the under 19 doubles title. Rowan Legg won the under 15 singles title and narrowly lost the under 15 doubles final with Paul Locke as his partner.

The Grace twins, Stuart Wilson and Rowan Legg represented the backbone of a very successful senior team which was awarded the Rawlings Cup for the most successful Hampshire School playing in the Boys Schools' Lawn Tennis Association's Glanville Cup National Knockout Tournament. At under 14 level, Brookes and Scholfield won the doubles plate event at the BSLTA's tournament.

The senior team group who represented the school were: P. Grace, N. Grace, S. Wilson (captain), R. Legg, Spencer, Bolton, Duggett, Head, Kelly and P. Locke with all except Locke earning either ordinary or full colours.

Intermediate level representatives were Locke (captain), Litchfield, Brookes, Scholfield, Legg, Glavin, Maidment and Knight with all except Mark Knight being awarded colours.

The minor team comprised Bascombe, Waight, Williams, Jempson, Wells and Pike with all except Jempson and Wells being awarded colours.

In the inter-house competitions matches were keenly fought, with some close results particularly at under 15. School House ran out winners of the senior title whilst Blackbrook won both the Juniors and Minors.

1975

Summer 1975 proved to be the most successful season ever at all levels. Four teams were entered in the South East Hampshire Schools' League at 2nd year, 3rd year, 5th year and senior level and these four teams each won their particular league without losing a match. For the second year running, the senior team won the Rawlings Cup for the most successful Hampshire school competing in the National Glanville Cup competition.

Stuart Wilson and Paul Grace reached the final of the Boys Schools' Southern Region L.T.A. Tournament at Chichester. In the National Nestlé Tournament Paul Grace won the zone group competition and went to Queen's Club for the zone finals.

Members of the College senior team featured in many of the Hampshire junior tournament finals at Lee-on-Solent, Alverstoke, Southampton and on the Isle of Wight. Stuart Wilson, Paul and Nicky Grace did well in senior tournaments and Rowan Legg did well at under 16 in the Southampton tournament.

There were also notable achievements in the Boys' Schools' Southern Region Tournaments at Chichester. Paul Locke and Rowan Legg represented Price's College at under 16 level and came top of their group, eventually losing in the semi-finals. At under 14, Scholfield and Brookes reached the quarter-finals of the knock-out tournament where they lost to the eventual winners.

In the South East Hampshire Schools' Tournaments Godfrey did well to win the second year singles and partnered Daysh to win the doubles. In the seniors, Stuart Wilson beat Nicky Grace in the singles and then, partnering each other they won the doubles. Stuart featured in a third final partnering Elizabeth Nicholl of Portsmouth High to beat Rowan Legg and partner in the mixed doubles.

With the disappearance of the House system, well-supported year group tournaments were held in 1975 with a total of over 160 entrants. Among these were ten entries in the first ever senior girls' tournament which was won by Mary Paxman who beat Susan Bennett in the final.

School team representatives for the year were:

2nd year S.E. Hants Schools' L.T.A winners

Godfrey (captain), Daysh, Sprunt, Westbrook, Evans, Moorshead.

3rd year S.E. Hants Schools' L.T.A winners

Williams (captain), Bascombe, Pike, Wells, Talbot, Smith, Moran.

5th year S.E. Hants Schools' L.T.A winners

Locke (captain), Litchfield, Brookes, Scholfield, Legg, Glavin.

Seniors S.E. Hants Schools' L.T.A winners

S. Wilson (captain), R. Legg, N. Grace, P. Grace, P. Locke, C. Litchfield.

The successful senior and under 13 sides are shown below with team captains Stuart Wilson and Julian Godfrey holding their trophies.





1976

In 1976 a Price's College girls' tennis VI entered the South East Hants Schools Tennis Association League for the first time and did well to finish third. Only lower VIth girls found it possible to play but it was hoped that in the 1977 season the same girls might form the nucleus of the senior team despite their examination commitments. Team captain Mary Paxman also entered the Nestlé National Tournament, reaching the third round.

1976 was another good year for the boys with successes in regional school leagues, local open junior tournaments and with representatives in County training squads. The senior team was unable to compete in the S.E. Hants League due to time-tabling problems, but the main school teams did well. The fifth year team came third, winning four out of six matches, the fourth year team won its pool but lost in the play-off and the third year team were overall winners out of two pools and winning their play-off.

A College year group tournament was held once again and College team members featured in many of the Hampshire junior tournament finals at Lee-on-Solent, Alverstoke and Southampton.

Rowan Legg did particularly well, winning the under-18 singles tournament at Lee-on-Solent, and in doing so, gained the prestigious B.P. ITF Badge. At Southampton, he won both singles and doubles tournaments at under 18 level. He also represented Portsmouth in an international tournament in Germany and played regularly for South East Hampshire during the summer.

1979

In 1979 the Price's College Tennis Championships results were published in the local newspaper as follows:

Men's singles – Neil Sprunt beat Michael Young 7-5, 3-6, 6-2

Ladies' singles – Sally Grace beat Amanda Towlson 6-0, 6-1

Men's doubles – Nick Williams and Gary Pike beat Julian Godfrey and Neil Sprunt 6-4, 6-4

Ladies' Doubles – Sally Grace and Alison Christie beat Ruth Collins and Karen Gough

Mixed doubles – Julian Godfrey and Sally Grace beat Mike Jordan and Ruth Collins 6-2, 6-3

Sally Grace also appeared in an article in the local newspaper concerning the back injury that had temporarily halted her national junior progress. A couple of seasons previously she had been rated among the top British girls at under-14 level and now at the age of 16 she had to make the decision whether to give up competitive tennis or continue her playing career despite the injury. No doubt pleasing the county selectors, she elected to continue playing along with the attendant swimming, weight training and other specialised exercises required to strengthen the back that had caused her so much trouble.

A Retrospective

It is clear from the foregoing that the real catalyst for tennis taking off at Price's was the completion of the three school courts in 1970. Prior to the summer 1971 season, tennis was only possible on local public courts or, as in 1970, by playing "friendly" matches away. Consequently, in the first couple of years the team members and particularly the "star players" were boys who were already playing competitive tennis at outside clubs.

The Grace twins, Paul and Nicky, who featured prominently in school teams throughout their Price's careers were encouraged as players by their father who was for many years, the President of the Lee-on-Solent Tennis Club. Their younger sister, Sally, who attended Price's College for two years from September 1978 was also a gifted player. She became a National Champion Under 12 and played for Great Britain before she went to Price's. While she was there, she won the hat trick of 3 events - singles, doubles and mixed and was also a member of the Hants Senior Ladies' squad.

The annual Lee on Solent Tennis tournament (which was, for many professional tennis players a warm-up prior to Wimbledon) was the most exciting week of the year for the young Graces. Every year their parents found club members who were prepared to host the players (rather than staying in hotels) which gave it a reputation as a very friendly tournament. Every night of the week during the tournament, around 10-20 tennis players would return to their house for dinner and to play table tennis. They met both David and John Lloyd and their highlight was meeting Yvonne Goolagong who won the tournament one year.

The twins and their sisters spent every summer holiday playing in junior tennis tournaments, most notably Lee-on-Solent, Alverstoke, Ryde (Isle of Wight), Winchester, Southsea, Sheen and Chichester as well as training and playing for Hampshire County and for Price's in school competitions.

Simon Whitby's father ran the Park Lane club where Ian Spencer, Stuart Wilson, Paul Locke, Mark Knight and Philip Harvey were all members.

Rowan Legg was already a junior champion when he joined Price's at the beginning of the 4th form in September 1973. He was a member of the Basset L.T.C. (Southampton) where he played in the senior summer and winter leagues.

Although they may have continued playing for leisure after their time at Price's, there is no evidence that any of these students achieved any higher accolades than those listed above. So far as can be ascertained they moved into wide and varied careers, unrelated to their sporting achievements. Paul Grace became Technical Director of the Birmingham Royal Ballet, and his twin brother Nick is the founder and Managing Director of Nick Grace Management Ltd., one of the world's leading producers of international theatre productions. Their sister Sally has been a professional photographer for the last 20 years, running her own successful business.

The sequences of events leading each of the twins to their subsequent careers is covered in a separate volume but suffice to say that although music was clearly a major part of their teenage years, neither had a particular interest in the subject through which they eventually made their careers!

In recent correspondence with David Goldring, Sally wrote:

I attended Price's College from September 1978 for two years when it was a Sixth Form College.

My twin brothers had been at Prices from September 1968 - 1975.

We were a tennis family and all 3 of us represented the county while we were at Price's. I became a National Champion Under 12 and played for Great Britain before I went to Price's. While I was there, I won the hat trick of 3 events - singles, doubles and mixed. I used to love college life and would rush out to play tennis in all my breaks and lunchtimes.

According to her brother Ken, Fiona Raby who attended the college in its later years came close to international selection for tennis. She is now the Professor of Design and Social Inquiry at The New School in New York as well as being a partner in Dunne & Raby, a design studio established in London in 1994.

Whilst there were a number of boys (and later girls as well) who joined the school/college as "players" there can be little doubt that the encouragement, enthusiasm and coaching by the masters contributed greatly to the success of school teams. Tennis took place during summer games lessons, but the majority of the coaching was provided at dedicated after-school squad practice sessions. The master most responsible was the art teacher [Tony Hiles](#) who himself was a skilled player. He was ably assisted with team supervision by chemistry teacher [David Bowler](#) and latterly [Mr. Collennette](#) and maths teacher [John Tomlinson](#). Reports of boys improving over the course of a term and appearing more regularly in school teams after one or two years was surely the result of coaching, encouragement and practice. Additionally, the opportunity to represent the school in younger age groups (starting at under 13), together with continuous coaching over their school career no doubt contributed to the strength and success of the Senior VI by the time those boys reached the 6th form.

Mark Knight

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A Trampoline club was formed in 1963 as one of the activities to take advantage of the brand-new gymnasium. The club was run in conjunction with the (also newly formed) gymnastics club.

At first, only a small number of boys resisted the temptation of the trampoline, but gradually the number of gymnasts increased and, owing to the interest shown, the meetings became twice-weekly. [Mr Thompson](#) announced that the Gymnastics Club was to produce a display for the annual School Fête. A display team was chosen and the hard work began. As the day of the fête approached the frequency of practices increased, until during the final week they were on every night. The constant enthusiasm of Mr Thompson spurred the team on to achieve the required standard, the result being that the display ran smoothly and was enjoyed by all.

The trampoline club continued to meet every Tuesday and Thursday lunchtime during 1964 and although supported by a modest number, it was very active and the standards reached were very high, two of the senior members reportedly having touched the ceiling. Open day in 1964 provided the club with its first public appearance, when numbers swelled from the few regulars to 16.

In 1965, the club met on Tuesday and Friday evenings. It continued to be supported by a small number resulting in a high standard of rebound tumbling being attained by most members. Beginners were making good progress and more experienced members were working on somersaults, twists and variations of basic drops.

In the autumn term that year, practices dropped to just Tuesday evenings at the same time as the Gym Club but the few regulars were working on new drops and twists and were continuing to attain a high standard.

In 1966, [Mr Wise](#) took over as the master in charge and the club meetings were on Friday evenings. Most members were from the lower school but the standard continued to improve. Some members had even reached the stage where it became difficult to practise new tricks without the addition of more expensive equipment. A trampoline display was given to the parents which proved a great success.

There are no further reports of a trampoline club after June 1966 and it is assumed therefore that the club had disbanded. It is not known whether this was due to lack of support, availability of supervisory staff or the limitations of the equipment alluded to earlier.

So far as can be determined, neither the trampoline or gymnastics clubs ever progressed as far as competition with other schools.

There is no doubt that the construction of the gymnasium with its extensive purpose-built facilities was a great boon for the athletic-minded. It permitted regular practice with proper equipment rather than having to take second place behind other priorities of the “hall-cum-lecture-room-cum-

general-half-way-house", available previously. It appears that boys were also more inclined to take part in such activities now that they no longer had to shiver whilst changing or endure icy showers afterwards.

As usual, club activities and standards reached depended also on the dedication of the available staff. The trampoline club evidently benefitted from this at least initially, in the person of Mr Thompson who unfortunately left at the end of 1965.

Although unlikely to be measurable, it was also anticipated that the presence of a trampoline might result in improvements to other sports such as diving.

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Looking Back over all the Minor Sports

This substantial report on the activities of 12 different “sports” might well have taken some time to read through, and to take on board just what a contribution they made to the life of the School. My thanks are to Mark Knight whose personal involvement in some of the activities has rendered each account the more interesting.

Whilst it is perhaps surprising these days (2022), to find Boxing as a notable inclusion, remember that its time was a century ago, and in a social context that is markedly different from current times. Amateur Boxing thrives now as a Club activity with members choosing to take part, but in a School context, there was probably not much choice about it at all – lots of pressure to represent the House, and eager willingness confined to some of the better built boys. But there was tuition, and aspirations for a proper ring, and weight related groupings, and no doubt the occasional scrap between boys with an axe to grind – ‘twas ever thus!

It is almost impossible to imagine a situation in the modern era where boxing would fit into a general expectation of adults that it is congruent with teachers’ general duty of care!

Nonetheless, for a while, it had its day and is reported-on here as a matter of fact. Had my father known of that element in the School’s history, no doubt he would have wanted to try to resurrect Boxing as a routine activity – in 1935, my Dad was Middle Weight Champion of the South of England. His brother, and their father were also successful professional Boxers, though not Priceans, any of them!

	<p>And in the form of SOP Committee member, Lou Stamp, there is a present day link with the sport.</p> <p>Lou Stamp joined the Titchfield Boxing Club as a schoolboy and in 1978 took on a coaching role and began to look after the club’s various projects. Louis served on many committees throughout the southern counties, he is a level 2 coach, supervisor and is on England’s Boxing Officials major judging panel.</p>
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Lou, and his father knew my Dad and of his boxing story.

Chess is another questionable “sport”, but is included here as it was one of the longer-lasting extracurricular activities, with a story of Teacher oversight, but a largely pupil-driven leadership which had a remarkable longevity sustained by participation in local Leagues, and Championship events, as well as internal competitions tailored to age and interest. Chess is an activity in which potential is often not related to age, or size! It has been an interest of mine over many years, but mainly as an organiser of events with interest and enjoyment rather than a player.

Other activities have emerged, had their days and waned. Schools are forever limited by size and funding, let alone adult leadership. Chess had an amazing succession of Teachers-in-charge (nominally), but Table Tennis, Trampoline and Judo struggled to get much beyond a beginner’s state and were dependent on outside Club involvement. The spasmodic rise and fall of Shooting is interesting for there is almost no mention of “Health and safety” issues as we know them today, storage of weapons and ammunition and access to them etc.– an activity almost devoid of Teacher involvement. It has to be born in mind though, that of its time, in the early 20th century, shooting for

food (rabbits!) and as a countryside pastime, was much more prevalent. The end story of it's time conjures up images of somewhat primitive facilities.

Shooting was an early extracurricular activity in the founding years of Price's School, when it seems to have become a routine, competitive activity linked to the Cadet Force of its day. The CCF Chapter has many references to Cadet access to range shooting activity, and an offshoot of that emerged as one of the School's darker days when three pupils were expelled for taking live ammunition, illegally retained from a Summer camp range-experience, to a local CCF Field Day when it's use, in lieu of the standard blank ammunition issued for the purpose, was detected by regular Soldiers accompanying the day's activities. Marksmanship badges became a routine adornment of CCF uniforms, though there is not much mention in the Lion magazines, of other competitive shooting activity.

It is strange to consider now, that Rugby always struggled for an automatic place in the considered list of School sports, but it needs to be understood that, wedged between the rivalry of Portsmouth F.C. (Pompey!), and Southampton F.C. (Saints), it was up against strong opposition. Ultimately, Schools had to decide on what to focus. In my days, it was simply Soccer, Hockey and Cricket. Later, there was a change to a matter of choice. As the School grew in size, a 2-term exposure to both was possible, but at what age School teams in Rugby first emerged is not clear. The Lion reports an Under 14 team of complete novices, and there was a regular fielding of 1st XV sides for several years. Some keen Teacher involvement helped but ultimately the sport gave way to the primacy of Soccer, and even in the Price's College years, support for Rugby was intermittent. It was, nevertheless, properly managed as a School / College activity, with its own kit and fixture lists, reflecting the increased status it enjoyed.

Basketball was another such sport that arose once there was a suitable space, when the new, and first proper Gymnasium was built. First mention was in 1968, with an Under 14's team, but it flourished in the 1970s with an expansion that included teams from U13 upwards. Teams took part in the area Leagues. An example of a sport where enthusiastic coaching by Teachers was important in sustaining momentum. Small team size helped also. Representation at area and county and regional level ensued. Basketball with Sailing and Shooting, was one of the team activities that, with Inter House events, contributed to the new Gregory Cup competition inaugurated in 1965 to parallel the older, Reed Cup that embraced the major Sports. Badminton, Table Tennis and Chess were accompanying, individual contests.

Badminton started its School life in the 1950s and maintained a steady level of input to the programme. It was, however, eternally at the mercy of the demands of major, examination demands and also from the Drama needs to spread a stage into the marked court space. This sport sustained its life into the College years and even produced a National age group Champion.

Swimming had perhaps the strangest story, and the saddest ending. The weekly trek to the then Gosport Public, outdoor baths was always an impediment to getting to the Baths, those who were really needed and, looking back, it amazes me that so many conformed for so long, when the experience at the Baths was assuredly one of the coldest imaginable. Nonetheless, the trek in pursuit of House points, and sometimes also as a part of training for Life-saving awards did the trick and the gala that brought the season to an end was always keenly contested, and enjoyed. The role of the School's standards and the Life Saving Society's graded certificates and Instructors badges, was undoubtedly instrumental, as progress through the Music Graded certificates. 1964 saw the opening, on the Park Lane site, of the School's own, domestic pool, albeit of non-standard dimensions. Greatly used, and a recipient of much voluntary maintenance and development work, this was to become a costly addition to the school's budget and ultimately saw its disuse and demise

as a rubbish dump. With the cessation of Inter House activity near to the closing date of the school phase, the impetus to retain the facility was lost. There is a photo somewhere of the piled waste in this formerly valued asset.

Tennis was also a sport waiting for a facility, and it was in 1970 that three hard court pitches were opened. With the support of Teachers and the luxury of ready-made players from local clubs, there ensued a predictable record of success, with a variety of age grouping and other representations, in local and County events, and even at National events. The popular applause for these successes was due to talented performers from the local Club scene, themselves reaping the rewards of success from input and opportunities already available. Much the same can be said of the School's Sailing fraternity which achieved its acclaim from pupils already experienced from family interests in the sport. The characteristic in both of these cases derives from the opportunistic exploitation of opportunities that arise only through the School system, i.e. pupils added to their club options with a wholehearted grasping of chances via the Schools' events. Teacher support was also available, too, from colleagues who themselves were keen sailors.

Remove all of these sporting, extracurricular opportunities, and the environment in School would have diminished. Identify the Teachers who gave of their time and expertise, and who thus, did so much in support of their charges. Include the pupils who, of their own accord, began the gestation of clubs which later created chances for the pupils to opt for. Sum all of these to realise the stimulus that was available in the School, and College, that impelled the pupils to take advantage and benefit. Every pupil in the School or College thus had an enhanced learning environment, luxuriating in the successes of friends and classmates, and the standing of the School as a whole. Go a bit further and recognise the benefits of successful occasions such as the Cross-Country Steeplechase and Sports Day and even, in this instance, of the CCF and there were ready-made focal points around which a well-honed and resentful attitude could be founded for some of the less active minds – an interesting training ground for the future's dissentient characters, even if they were unaware of it at the time.

For all of the time and effort invested into these running events, there was little spin-off for the better performers, for there has been scant reporting of participation of outside events or Championships. Athletics and Cross-Country was very much a Minor Sport, and much lower in its significance than many others. The saving grace for some however, was the accolade of "Victor Ludorum", and latterly, the award of a keepsake trophy.

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