



A Steak

In The Future

We're all sure you recognise the man on the right of the photograph. Yes, it's Mr. Shaw, the school caterer.

He learnt his trade as a Sgt. Major in the Army Catering Corps. From there he moved to Cunard and subsequently served 10 years with P. and O.

Mr. Shaw has served many famous people, amongst them the Beatles, the Rolling Stones, the Maharishi and the King of Iraq.

We asked Mr. Shaw if he had any ideas about the improvement of the food at Princethorpe.

"Oh, yes. I've already seen Fr. Clarkson about the idea of having a representative from each house to discuss the meals, and the food is definitely going to improve."

Mr. Shaw, apart from being an excellent chef, enjoys driving, and is an Everton supporter. He also likes soccer. His favourite meal, he told us, is a large steak and salad.

The Four House System

Recently at school it has been proposed to curb the present five large houses down to four, for obvious reasons. But, like any other reform it has advantages and drawbacks. Perhaps the biggest problem is to re-arrange the whole house system. It is difficult to choose the house which must disappear. Many boys will have to buy new sports equipment, and who will finance this project? Ways will have to be devised to meet the cost.

The four house system does have great advantages. It cuts out the great difficulty of one house getting a bye in a sports competition. If this were avoided the event could be run on a two-round knockout system. This would also make the competition much fairer.

A vote is being taken to see if this approval will be accepted by the school. If it is, much discussion will be needed to make the idea work perfectly to everyone's satisfaction.

R. PENNY.

A.T.C.

Princethorpe 2028 Squadron is a detached flight of the Squadron based at Southam. In the near future, we hope to become independent.

Since we acquired the buildings much work has been done. At the moment we are on the verge of finishing two rooms. The kitchen was cold and damp—but the canteen profits enabled us to install several new heaters. A recent addition to the kitchen was an L shaped bar; it's now possible to purchase hot pies, coffee and a variety of confectionery.

The second room will soon be available for hobbies, aircraft recognition, engines and the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme.

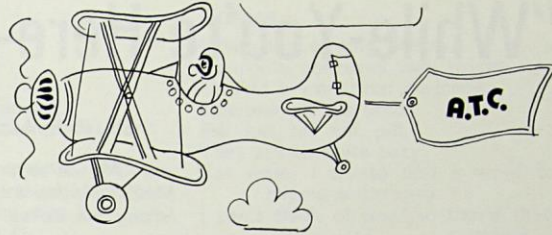
The highlight of the year is probably the Easter Camp, when cadets get the opportunity of visiting an R.A.F. Station for a week. This year's camp is held at R.A.F. Lyndholme—the Strike Command Air Force Base with some of the Royal Air Force's most modern aircraft, such as Phantoms and Lightnings.

Night exercises are very popular with the cadets; the latest one was held at R.A.F. Gaydon and was a great success. It is hoped there will be another before the Easter holidays.

Indoor activities consist of table tennis, darts, basketball, five-a-side football and a quiz team, which on the 23rd February 1972 travelled to Dunchurch to compete against 16 other teams; Princethorpe came 4th out of 17.



Boarders discuss House System (with Fr. O'Connor) in Senior Common Room



TRIP TO SHAWBURY

At 7 o'clock in the morning, the A.T.C. cadets were just coming out of their early morning breakfast. They went off to Shawbury to go flying in a Chipmunk and fire .22 or .303 rifles. And all for 5p.

When we arrived at the airfield, we were marched around buildings until we came to a place marked "Flying Briefing Room", where we were briefed on the controls of a Chipmunk. After this we were marched back to the "Waiting Room". Here we learnt the number of the plane.

Back we went to the Waiting Room, and waited.

After dinner I eventually went up! It was exhilarating to be at the controls 12,000 feet up and still climbing! (Well, the pilot helped!)

M. MARTIN.

Altar Servers

Bro. O'Rourke writes . . . At the moment we have 16 boys who are very keen and very good altar servers. They are all from A and B Forms and full time boarders. Last September, not one of the 16 boys had ever served before. So instead of picking the more senior boys at random to serve when required, I began the first official servers' class in Princethorpe.

From the first moment it was announced, boys came pouring in to the sacristy every Thursday evening for practises. But we decided at the time only to accept full boarders, as most of the serving is done on Fridays and Sundays, and day boys and weekly boarders have gone home by then. Now that we have made such a great success we will recommence practises every Tuesday evening at 7.00 p.m. from February 22nd. A and B Form full boarders interested in serving will be very welcome.

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