

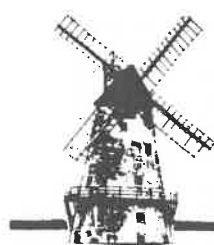
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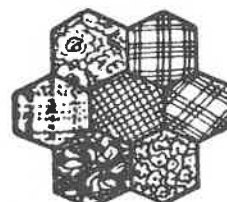
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Of the many changes experienced by the school during its long and eventful history, surely the most radical and controversial occurred as late as 1979, when the all-male preserve of the school was broken by the introduction of a handful of "gals". This change, brought about by the necessity for the school to move to independent status, left us reeling for some considerable time. However, the teething problems did not prove to be insurmountable, and the girls have been gradually accepted into the general running of the school with only a few cries of "Sexist" or "M.C.P." echoing around the buildings. Just what K.G.S. has done for the "debutantes" can be seen in the accompanying photographs, showing the angelic faces of those first 1979 entrants, and a recent photograph of those from that group who have made it through to the Upper Sixth.

In addition to the more subtle changes witnessed by the school, such as the constant preening of the K.G.S. 1st XI before, during and after their matches, and the integration of girls' games into the curriculum, there have been some more obvious changes to the face of the school, for example the unceremonious conversion of the Deputy Head's room to a girls' cloakroom.

Overall, the impression gained from those sixth form girls who have completed their seven years with us is one of slow but sure integration and acceptance from both pupils and staff. However, many of the girls still believe that there persists a somewhat patronising attitude to their presence, perhaps most obviously seen in the presentation of girls' sports results.

However, it must be stressed that the appearance of a female point of view into discussions and lessons has led to a new outlook from many members of staff on many topics studied, not least in English and the Social Sciences, where the expression of opinions and the use of discussions form an integral part of the work.

All in all, it seems fair to say that the switch to co-educational education, now complete at all levels, has been a success for both the girls and the boys.

Andrew Mackintosh (Editor)



*The first intake of girls to K.G.S., pictured shortly after their arrival in September 1979. Now turn over and see some of those faces seven years later . . .*



Upper Sixth girls who have been at K.G.S. since 1979: Front Row: Sarah Butler, Monique White, Samantha Marfieet, Phillipa Hardman, Karen Moss, Anne Baron. Front Row: Lorraine Anderson, Susan Russell, Helen Wignall, Andrea Fish, Nicola Woods.

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THURSDAY, 4th SEPTEMBER, 1986	2.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.
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# K.G.S. NEWS

## From the Chairman of Governors

In 1979, when the School reverted to independent status, a long term building programme was commenced, with the object of providing facilities and opportunities for everyone, so as to enhance the academic, social, sporting and artistic life of the School.

Last year, I mentioned in my Report that the Governors had resolved to build a new Multi-Purpose Hall. This year, that objective has moved forward towards reality. The Governors have resolved to find £100,000 from the School's own resources, and also to launch an appeal for the balance of £350,000. As you will know, the Appeal was launched before Easter.

I wish to thank the Governors, Staff, Old Kirkhamians, Friends and others for their most generous support of the Appeal to date. A successful outcome will have incalculable advantages not only to those now at the School but to future generations, and thereby keep Kirkham Grammar School as the leading co-educational school in the area.

The academic life of the School receives very detailed attention by the Governors, who are anxious that, at all times, an education is provided which leads to high academic standards. The most important decision in this respect has been to strengthen the Mathematics Department, and we wish Mr. Andrew Reid, the new Head of Mathematics, and his highly qualified and experienced team, every success for the future.

It is important that our Playing fields are further improved, so that not only is the sporting life at the School fully developed on a broad base for both boys and girls, but also that the reputation of the School's sporting successes is maintained and widened. Accordingly, important and beneficial changes are currently being considered by the Governors in conjunction with the staff at the P.E. Department.

The artistic life of the School has always impressed me, ranging as it does from the School Play to the Easter Concert, and we all look forward to the exciting developments which will undoubtedly occur when the facility of a new Hall is available. At present, tickets for productions in the present Hall are always quickly sold out, and therefore the new Hall will give many more people the opportunity of enjoying this most important aspect of school life.

The Boarding House is itself a vital part of the life of the School, and we are most grateful to the resident staff for all their good work.

The Friends, as always, continue to support the School, and we are indebted to them for all their efforts.

My colleagues on the Governing Body have devoted, during the past twelve months, an increasing amount of time to the affairs of the School and its development, and I am very conscious and appreciative of all their loyalty and support, which they give so willingly.

The life of the School is made what it is by the hard work and dedication of Headmaster and all of the School's staff, who discharge their duties, both during and outside school hours, to the considerable advantage of all. They are to be congratulated and thanked most sincerely.

P. J. Hosker

*The new Norwood Block Chemistry Lab, which was opened in September by Dr. Peter Manning of British Nuclear Fuels Ltd. Dr. Manning is pictured with the Headmaster, the Chairman of Governors, the Head of Chemistry Dr. Brian Summers and fourth year pupils Mark Lewis and Michael Lees.*





## Staff Changes

The end of the Summer Term 1985 saw the departure of three well-known faces from the staff of K.G.S: Mrs. Kathleen Bagley, who retired from her post in the Maths Department and as Mistress in Charge of Girls, and Mr. Stephen Crook, who left after lengthy service as Head of Classics and in the Boarding House, are featured in separate articles. The third member of the departing trio, Mr. Tony West, had not been with us for as long, but in his six years in the History Department, he made a valuable contribution to all aspects of school life. In the classroom, his enthusiasm for history and politics communicated itself to many of those whom he taught, and was reflected in the success and popularity of history and British Government and Politics in the Sixth Form. Many K.G.S. pupils, past and present, have heard the virtues of proportional representation expounded at length by their own real life would-be Alliance Councillor. This enthusiasm for current affairs made Tony an ideal organiser of the Sixth Form Society, whose Friday afternoon programme was greatly enriched by his imaginative choice of speakers and films. He was also much involved in the sporting life of the school, coaching the Under Fifteen Cricket Team with enthusiasm, and appearing regularly for the Staff Cricket Team. Even sport in miniature benefited from the West touch: he ran a successful Subbuteo table-football society at school, which appears to have declined since his departure! We wish Tony and Sue West every happiness in their new adventure of life in the Middle East: Tony's new job is at a school in Dubai.

September 1985 therefore saw a minor influx of new faces in the Staff Common Room. Following Mrs. Bagley's retirement, Mr. Jackman assumed the post of Senior Master, leaving the post of Head of Mathematics, which he had held for many years, vacant. To this post we welcome Mr. Andrew Reid, formerly of Hulme Grammar School, Oldham. A native of North London, Mr. Reid's career has taken him steadily Northwards. He was educated at Isleworth Grammar School in Middlesex, and at Queen's College, Cambridge, prior to taking up teaching posts at Latymer Upper School in Hammersmith then at Oldham. We hope that he will have a long and happy stay in the Fylde, and look forward to hearing more of his distinctive piano playing which often drifts from the Hall at lunchtime.

In place of Mr. West, we welcome Mr. Tim Miller to the History Department. A native of Chorley, Mr. Miller was educated at the local grammar school and at Runshaw Sixth Form College, then at Hull University and St. Mary's College, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Having worked for the Lancashire Area Health Authority, he then taught at Runshaw Tertiary College and Upholland College before coming to K.G.S. He is a keen sportsman, with particular skills in hockey and cricket: the Under Fourteen girls' hockey team has this year had the benefit of his enthusiastic coaching and umpiring, whilst the Under Fifteen and Staff Cricket Teams look set to profit from his expertise. He was also once Secretary of the Blackburn Rovers' Supporters' Club, but that is perhaps best forgotten!

We also welcomed in September two additional recruits to the staff, to strengthen the Art and Crafts Departments of the School. Mr. Fred Bostock joins us as assistant to Mr. Hill in the C.D.T. Department, following a career which has taken him all around the world from the Fylde Coast, where he has lived since the age of eleven. After taking an H.N.D. in Mechanical Engineering at Preston Polytechnic, he worked for five years as an engineer before taking a teaching certificate at Bolton. He has subsequently taught for fourteen years, half the time in the Third World, including countries such as Zambia, the Seychelles and Sri Lanka, and half the time at schools

in Lancashire. His skills have already proved to be a valuable asset to K.G.S., and he has taken over as Chairman of the Auto Society.

In the Art Department, we welcome, as part-time assistant to Mr. Porter, Mr. Simon Gardiner, an old boy of the School, who is now seeing life from the other side of the Common Room door. He took a degree in Fine Art at the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne before returning to these familiar pastures, and since his arrival on the staff, he has become involved with the Photographic Society and the R.A.F. Section of the C.C.F.

The new School Year in September also saw two other changes: Mrs. Bagley's retirement left vacant the post of Mistress in Charge of Girls which was taken up by Mrs. Shirley Piggott, who has been on the staff for seven years now. We wish her well in the unenviable job of "Chief Witch" (as Mr. Sayer puts it!). The other change saw the temporary departure of Mrs. Jane Taylor from the P.E. Department, on Maternity Leave, and we were delighted to hear of the safe arrival of a baby daughter, Claire Elizabeth, in October. During Mrs. Taylor's absence, we were fortunate to have the services of Mrs. Sandra Griffin to teach girls' P.E.; she has now moved to a permanent post at Greenlands High School, Blackpool, in which we wish her every success. Mrs. Taylor, meanwhile, appears to be coping admirably with the dual demands of motherhood and teaching!

At the end of the Spring Term, 1986, we said goodbye to Mr. Ian Partington who, after a stay of three years, has decided that his future lies with the Police Force. His contribution to the School was considerable: as a skilled teacher of Mathematics at all levels; as a rugby coach; and as an officer in the Army Section of the C.C.F. Undoubtedly, the Police's gain is our loss, and we wish Ian, his wife Wendy and their baby son Mark all the very best for the future. We look forward to seeing him, in uniform, as a visitor to school in future.

In his place, we welcome Mrs. Sylvia Fletcher to the Mathematics Department. Mrs. Fletcher, who has a daughter, Anne, in the school and a son due to start in September, was born and educated in the Preston area, and took a degree in Maths, Economics and Operational Research at Lancaster University. Prior to entering the teaching profession, she worked for ICI at Runcorn and for Preston Borough Council. She joins us from Blackpool Collegiate School, and we wish her and all other new staff a long and happy stay.

On the ancillary side of our staff, Mr. Ken Norris, our Assistant Caretaker, left at the end of the Summer Term. In addition to his official duties, he will be particularly remembered for his amateur physiotherapy skills. In his place, we were joined in September by Mr. David Dunlop, an old boy of the School who has provided cheerful and efficient service in his new role.

A. R. Long

## Mrs. Kathleen Bagley

Mrs. Kathleen Bagley was one of the many natives of the White Rose County who ventured westwards to our Red Rose County. It was as Miss Kathleen Heron that she left Mytholmroyd to take up the Langdale Hall Scholarship at Manchester University and there she gained an honours degree in mathematics and a teaching diploma. Her first teaching post was at Alleyenes Grammar School, Stone, which was in the process of changing from a boys' school to a coeducational school. It was not long before she became Head of Mathematics and Senior Mistress.

It was in Stone that she met an old boy of the school, Peter Bagley, who became her husband, and after their marriage they moved to Manchester, where their three children were born. When his job brought him to Preston,

they moved to Wrea Green and it was his interest in cricket that brought the family into contact with some of the cricketers on the staff of K.G.S. This was very fortunate for the school, because Kath was able to help us out when Mr. H. H. Wood had a serious heart attack. She took over all his mathematics classes until he was able to return.

The connection with the School continued whilst their eldest son Jonathan was a pupil from 1968-75. It was in his last year, before following his mother to Manchester University to read Mathematics, that Kath was appointed to the staff of K.G.S. to teach mathematics on the retirement of 'Dad' Wood, in 1975. She very quickly settled in and it soon became obvious that she was more than just a teacher. She was a very active chairman of the Astronomical Society, braving cold, star-lit nights to enable the members to have viewing evenings. She would be seen in her tracksuit (and waterproofs, if necessary) judging the long jump event in school athletic matches. When the School became independent in 1979, her previous experience and general qualities made it natural for her to be asked to take responsibility for the girls' welfare as the school changed to coeducation.

Since retiring from teaching, Kath has taken up examination work with the J.M.B. again, and already she has been back to K.G.S. to supervise some 'Pre-Test' sessions. Like so many of our colleagues who have retired, she seems to be finding plenty of things to do.

We extend our best wishes for the future to Kath, Peter and their family.

T. Jackman

### Stephen Crook

In July 1985, Stephen Crook left Kirkham Grammar School after 19 years. During that period he was resident in the boarding house and was Head of the Classics Department.

After a period at Mill Hill School he gained a scholarship to Trinity College, Cambridge, but before he went up to Cambridge, he spent 2 years in the Royal Artillery for his National Service, including eighteen months in Germany. After his time at Cambridge he spent

several months in Canada where he worked in a lumber camp. Back in England he did 2 terms' teaching at a Newcastle Secondary Modern School before returning to Cambridge to acquire his post-graduate Certificate of Education. In 1960 he joined the staff at March Grammar School to teach Classics. After 6 years he moved to Kirkham.

Here he taught Latin and Greek to O-level and A-level, as well as junior History. He was also involved with games, especially tennis. For some time he was responsible for the Library and organised the Railway Club and Photographic Society.

As a resident in the Boarding House he proved to be a loyal and dedicated school teacher. He was a quiet and retiring man who was rarely seen to push himself forward, yet he was always there when needed and was a person who could surprise you. He was a devotee of Country and Western Music and would travel to such out of the way places as Rochdale to hear famous American artists. He also had a great passion for Steam Railways, and travelled regularly to places like India and Turkey where such transport still exists. He also collected railway memorabilia including nameplates of old steam engines.

Moreover, he had a quiet and perceptive sense of humour, but you could easily miss the amusing aside. He was a kind and helpful man who could always be relied upon, for he had a tremendous sense of duty and of loyalty, qualities on which you cannot put a price.

I shall miss the well-known Crookie hover, the late-night jogging, the distinguished handwriting, the midnight forays to School House kitchen and his penchant for sweet white wine and nutty flip, as well as the Scholarship and the readiness to do the many simple tasks willingly. Many more people will, I know, miss him too.

We wish him well in his new post.

R. M. Clarkson

*Mr. Stephen Crook, Mrs. Kath Bagley and Mr. Tony West, pictured with the Headmaster before leaving at the end of the Summer Term 1985.*





## Congratulations

The past year has again brought success to K.G.S. pupils in a variety of activities. Academic successes included a remarkable 11 Grade 'A' passes at 'O' Level for **Christopher Dodenhoff**, in subjects ranging from Latin to Computer Studies. Amongst these, we learned from the examining board that his score in Physics was the fourth highest out of their total entry. Another noteworthy success was achieved by **Derek Hurton**, who gained a place at St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, to read Politics, Philosophy and Economics.

On the sports scene, our pupils have continued to perform with distinction, indeed 1985 was the School's best year ever in terms of trophies won. In the Summer Term, our **Senior Athletics Team** won the Senior Schools' Championship for a record fifth consecutive time, whilst the **Under 17** and **Under 15** teams won their sections of the **Fylde Coast Championships**. In **swimming**, the **Senior Boys' Team** won the **Senior Schools' Championships** for the second year in succession. The **Under 12** and **Under 14 Rounders Teams** both won at the **Blackpool and District Tournament**, giving K.G.S. a "clean sweep" of trophies at that event.

Individual honours have been many this year: at **rugby**, **David Lee** was selected for the Lancashire Under 18 side, whilst **Tim Hutchings**, **Nick Sinclair** and **Kirk Wilkinson** were selected for the County at Under 16 level. In addition, **Paul Ribchester**, **Alistair Fallon** and **Michael Rawcliffe** all played for the North Lancashire Under 15 team.

A number of girls also achieved representative sporting honours this year: **Sandra Fountain**, **Karen Campbell**, **Sarah Demaine** and **Sheryline Harley** all represented the Fylde Area Athletics Team, whilst **Rebecca Higginson**, **Gail Hull** and **Karen Campbell** again were all selected to play for the South Fylde Under 16 Hockey Team.

These honours, and other less spectacular sporting success reflected elsewhere in this magazine, show the remarkable results which the P.E. Department continues to produce, despite the limited numbers from which they are able to select their teams compared to other, larger schools.

Similar success has also come the way of a number of pupils in the musical sphere. Choristers **Chris Turner**, **John Nichol** and **Neil Taylor** were all selected by the Royal School of Church Music to sing with the Northern Cathedral Singers, whilst one of these boys, **Neil Taylor**, along with classmate **Stuart Hull** received the Provost's Chorister Award in Blackburn Cathedral for their work as church choristers over the past four years. Meanwhile, trombonist **Mark Lewis** gained a place in the Lancashire Youth Band for the second year running. Mark is also a regular member of the Poulton-le-Fylde Band.

Another honour for a K.G.S. pupil went to **Jason Taylor**, who travelled to London to receive one of the Child of Achievement awards from T.V. personality Wincey Willis. Jason, who suffers from the crippling disease Friedrich's Ataxia, is confined to a wheelchair, but shows a degree of cheerfulness and good humour which is an inspiration and example to all of those more fortunate than himself.

From the staff, **Mrs. Anne Boll** has been awarded a fellowship for the Summer Term at Newnham College Cambridge, to research new developments in English. Her term in Cambridge will also offer her the opportunity to promote valuable links with the University.

Our congratulations go to all who have achieved distinction in such a variety of activities, bringing credit upon themselves and the School.

A. R. Long

## 'O' and 'A' Level Results, 1985

The following pupils obtained 'A' Level passes at Grade 'E' and above in the Summer 1985 Examinations:

### 5 Subjects:

Howells, J., Vaughan, R. J.

### 4 Subjects:

Buckley, J. D., Forster, S., Green, M. J., Hosker, J. E., Ingham, G. P., Irwin, G. J., McDonald, N. D., McIntyre, S. J., Phillipson, S. R., Preston, D. M., Proctor, A. D., Richmond, A. D., Shaw, S. J. F., Sillery, R. M., Uppard, T. J., Willis, T. J. N., Wright, A. W., Youll, J. M.

### 3 Subjects:

Barnes, D., Calland, J. F., Dobson, J. I., Lees, C. M., Reed, P. A. D., Sloane, C. S., Swift, S. A.

### 2 Subjects:

Boyd, R. M., Davies, I. W., George, S. M., Hull, G. D., Mort, M. E., Parker, R. J., Plummer, J. A., Porter, R. C. X., Rawcliffe, D. J., Richards, N. J. M., Robinson, R. P., Rowe, J. N., Russell, B. J.

### 1 Subject:

Brook, D. A., Cook, R. A., Darley, C. S., Gilmore, T. M., Lee, J. R., Mudd, S. J., Reid, P. A., Sharpless, K., Swarbrick, R.

The following Lower Sixth pupils passed in one subject, taken a year early:

Calland, N., Hardman, C. G., Holden, C. F., Thistlethwaite, A., Turner, K. S.

The following pupils obtained 'O' Level passes at Grade 'C' and above in the Summer 1985 Examinations:

### 11 Subjects:

Dodenhoff, C. J., Morgan, L. J.

### 10 Subjects:

Heath, S. T., Howells, M., Nice, N. E. J., Noden, A. M., Scambler, S. G.

### 9 Subjects:

Abbott, S. O., Higginson, J. C., Hutchinson, J., Johnson, K. S., Kershaw, J. A., McIntyre, C. A.

### 8 Subjects:

Benson, C. J. F., Clarke, S. M., Cornah, E. L., Fallon, A. E., Lee, D. G., Mackey, J. T., McAusland, A. J., Pateman, M. E., Sarti, E. J., Wells, J. C.

### 7 Subjects:

Ansell, R. S., Dickson, D. P., Greening, A. C., Kings, J. H., Mears, R. S., Pickervance, J. M., Ramm, D. J., Simpson, J. A., Spicer, N. E., Williams, M. T., Wilson, S. C., Wyper, J.

### 6 Subjects:

Bamber, P. J., Carter, D. R., England, C., Gardner, K. J., Haslem, C. M., Licence, S. C., Nelson, M. C., Palin, A. H., Simpson, M. J.

### 5 Subjects:

Bill, J. J., Fenton, R. L., Gladstone, K. L., Heaton, J. S., Sowerbutts, M. R.

### 4 Subjects:

Bailey, M. R., Doughty, P. P., Green, E. M., Newton, J. E., O'Gara, D. K., Oliver, M. P., Stevenson, R. D., Whittingham, S. J., Wilkinson, Julian A.

### 3 Subjects:

Cookson, A., Garner, N., Hamer, N. P., Hawe, A. M., Hindle, J. M., Powderly, L., Rhodes, S., Wilkinson, S. A.

### 2 Subjects:

Sylvester, L. J., Wareing, S. A.

### 1 Subject:

Cuttle, S. J., Green, P. R., Metcalf, E. J.

## School Play, 1985

For the first time in the recent history of the Dramatic Society, the school play was staged for 3 consecutive nights on July 8th, 9th and 10th. 'Oh, What a Lovely War', by Joan Littlewood's Theatre Workshop Company, proved to be a very ambitious choice, because it was the first musical ever to be attempted. Under the guidance of Mr. Roberts, Mrs. Boll and Mrs. Jones, with the additional expertise of Mr. Catterall, a successful combination of singing, dancing and acting was achieved.

Particular credit must go to Paul Barnes as Sir John French, and to Isabel Leeson who belted out a rousing "I'll make a Man of You" and Stephen Licence as the master of ceremonies. Finally John Howells excellently portrayed Haig. Other supporting singers were Richard Vaughan, Andrew Wright, Matthew Pateman, Kevin Johnson, Christian Benson and Karl Turner.

Also memorable were William Carroll and Daniel Carroll as Austrians debating the demise of archduke Ferdinand in Sarajevo. However, numerous minor parts were played with equal enthusiasm by the other members of the cast, who had at times to achieve some extremely quick changes. Such an instance occurred when Lorraine Anderson, Andrea Fish, Isabel Leeson, Fiona Burnett, Linda Morgan and Ann Noden, after being involved in the acting, re-appeared as chorus girls performing a song and dance number.

Andrew Greening, Mark Howells, Phillip Walmsley, David Wilson, Osman El-Jendi, Richard Wedge, Caroline Gault and Rebecca Simpson all competently filled several minor roles.

Of course, the success of a production depends as much on the competence of the backstage team as on that of the actors. Shaun Wilson skilfully handled the slide projector, which showed photographs of life and death in the trenches, often in poignant contrast to the cheery songs of the period. Andrew Mackintosh again produced a set of splendid sound effects, while the stage lighting of Mr. Willatt and Michael Nelson was always effective. Thanks to Mr. Porter, Mr. Hill and their hard-working Sixth Form assistants who yet again showed that an effective set can go a long way towards disguising the limitations of the School Hall stage.

Many thanks to all those who participated and of course the audience without whom the play would not have been such a success.

Andrea Fish (Secretary)  
Lorraine Anderson (Pre)



Members of the cast of "Oh, What a lovely war!" Left to right: Daniel and William Carroll, Lorraine Anderson, Barry Russell, Andrea Fish, Paul Barnes and Samantha Marfleet.

## Music

The past twelve months have been very busy but, as usual, most enjoyable for members of School's largest Society – the Music and Orchestra Society.

Last May, the School Orchestra provided music for the CCF General Inspection and the Guard of Honour marched in perfect time to the R.A.F. March by Walford-Davies. Richard Cuttle played trumpet for the General Salute.

The Founders' Day Service followed soon afterwards and the School Choir performed many pieces including Stanford's Te Deum in B flat, and Rutter's Gaelic Blessing.

Towards the end of the Summer Term, at Open Afternoon, despite a strong westerly wind, the Tea Garden Orchestra entertained valiantly on the School Lawn – albeit with the help of wooden pegs to hold the sheets of music in place! During the afternoon, several members of the Choir and the Orchestra performed for parents in the School Hall: Christopher Turner (2Y) sang Schubert's Ave Maria, Sarah-Jane Heath (2X) played the flute and Linda Morgan (5X) played the violin. Several Senior Choir members sang a selection of the songs which would be heard in the School production 'O What A Lovely War'. When this play was staged, the enjoyment of the "male voice choir" as it gave us renditions of such old-time favourites as 'Pack up Your Troubles in Your Old Kit Bag' was memorable – to say the least!

The first major event of the Winter Term was Speech Day and the Music Society was represented during the proceedings when Christopher Turner (3Y) sang "Hear My Prayer" by Mendelssohn.

Christmas came early to KGS once again. At the end of October, strains of well-known and less familiar carols were heard drifting from Rooms 24 and 25 during Special Choir rehearsals for the now-famous KGS Christmas Carol Concert and, yet again, within ten minutes of tickets going on sale in early December, there were none left. The concert was, as usual, a great success. Mr. Catterall prepared 20 carols with the Special Choir, Mrs. Greaves organised the Junior and Senior Girls' Choirs and Mrs. Jones arranged special Christmas readings which were well-received.

The Full School Choir and Girls' Choir sang at the annual Carol Service held at St. Michael's Parish Church on December 13th. Stuart Hull (2Z), Christopher Turner (3Y) and Ruth Parmley (5Z) were soloists. A few days later, a group of singers went to Wesham Park Hospital to perform a selection of Christmas items. It was obvious from the expressions on their faces that the elderly people enjoyed the entertainment very much.

The House Music Competition was held during the Spring Term, and Mr. Salter, Lecturer in Music at Lancashire Polytechnic, was the adjudicator. After a very closely fought contest, Fylde House was awarded two more marks than Kirkham House and were declared winners. School House were third and Preston House were fourth.

The School Easter Concert opened with the School Orchestra playing 'Divertimento' by Haydn and 'Scipio' by Handel. Individual pieces from the House Music Competition by Monique White (Pre), Mark Lewis (4Y), Sarah-Jane Heath (3X) and Christopher Turner (3Y) were heard next. There then followed a performance of the Gilbert and Sullivan (rechristened Arthur and Billy Schwenk by Mr. Clarkson in his very amusing introductions) operetta, The Gondoliers. The Music Society would like to thank Mr. Baines for all his help in staging this production, Mrs. Greaves for her accompaniment and, of course, Mr. Catterall for putting us

through our paces. Honours Ties have been awarded to Lorraine Anderson, Stephen Licence, Derek Hurton and Paul Barnes.

Finally, the thanks of the Music Society go to Mrs. Greaves for all her tireless efforts and, of course, to Mr. Catterall. His dedicated hard work with the Choirs and Orchestra is much appreciated – and his enthusiasm is certainly infectious!

Karl S. Turner (Secretary)



## Music Examination Results, 1985-86

The following have been successful in Music Examinations during the past twelve months.

<b>Grade 2</b>		
Christopher Butterworth	Violin	Pass
Martin Caren	Cello	Distinction
Robert Fielding	Piano	Distinction
Kathryn Hart	Piano	Pass
Kati Herz	Piano	Pass
Michael Jameson	Piano	Pass
Sheridan Piggott	Cello	Pass
Richard Wedge	Cello	Merit
<b>Grade 3</b>		
Gary Clunie	French Horn	Merit
Anne Fletcher	Piano	Pass
David Henckel	Clarinet	Distinction
Joanne Gornall	Piano	Merit
Paul Gornall	Piano	Pass
Teresa Kendrick	Piano	Pass
Ruth Parmley	Piano	Pass
Neil Taylor	Piano	Merit
<b>Grade 4</b>		
Fiona Gilmore	Piano	Pass
Christopher Jameson	Piano	Pass
Vickey Kellett	Flute	Pass
Michael Lees	Trombone	Pass
Alison de Maine	Piano	Distinction
Glenn Peterson	Piano	Pass
Timothy Roberts	Piano	Pass
Patrick Watmough	Trumpet	Pass
<b>Grade 5</b>		
Sarah-Jane Heath	Flute	Pass
Esther Phillips	Piano	Pass
Susan Scambler	Piano	Pass
Christopher Turner	Theory	
Stuart Wright	Theory	
<b>Grade 6</b>		
Laura Connell	Clarinet	Merit
Christopher Turner	Clarinet	Pass
<b>Grade 8</b>		
Monique White	Piano	Pass
Alexia Phillips	Piano	Pass

## Drama

For the first time pupils were entered for the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art Examinations in Spoken English, Acting and Reading. Pupils went along to Lunchtime Workshops run by Mrs. Jones during the Spring and Summer Terms of 1985. The examiner, Mrs. A. Newson, visited the school in November. All the candidates were successful. The Workshops became so popular that Mrs. Carole Davis, a peripatetic teacher of Speech and Drama, was invited to help by coaching the many enthusiastic boys and girls who wish to enter for these examinations in 1986.

### Results

<i>Spoken English</i>	<i>Grade</i>
John Earnshaw	2
Grant Gillespie	1 (Distinction)
Phillip Griffiths	2
Lisa Haresceugh	2
Richard O'Neil	1
Christian Reddy	1
Tracy Robinson	1
Nicola Ryder	1
Jenny Tobin	1 (Distinction)
Julie Tomlinson	2
Richard Wedge	1
<i>Reading</i>	<i>Grade</i>
Mark Bagshaw	1
Cathy Benson	3
Grant Gillespie	1
Joanne Gornall	1
Katrina Johnson	1
Sheridan Piggot	1 (Distinction)
Kathryn Read	1
Christian Reddy	1 (Distinction)
Esther Smith	1
Megan Vipond	1
Richard Wedge	1
<i>Acting</i>	<i>Grade</i>
John Black	2
Bruce Craven	2
Naomi Digger	2
Caroline Gault	2
Teresa Kendrick	1
Alyson Loan	1
Stacy Valentine	2
Michael Ward	2

## "Speculate to dissipate" – Economics Games for the Lower Sixth

In the annual Stockpiller competition, an imaginary £50,000 was invested by this year's syndicate. On the sound (?) advice of Michael Bailey, our sleeping partner, we moved into South African mines days before Mr. Botha declared a State of Emergency! This failure was followed by another unwise decision: we invested in a Package Tour Company days before a price war started. At the time of writing our portfolio stands – well, kneels – at £35,000, but at least we beat the Upper Sixth.

We also entered the "Running the British Economy" computer game, which took place at Lancashire Polytechnic. Again, the Lower Sixth beat the Upper Sixth, coming a creditable second in their heat despite a computer breakdown. The Upper Sixth also finished well, in third place.

All Lower Sixth economists, Kevin Johnson, Stephen Licence, Lee Sowerbutts, Julian Wilkinson, Simon Whittingham, Craig McIntyre, Michael Bailey and our "economistess" Nicola Nice, would like to thank Mr. Bruce for organising our entries to these events; we trust that he did not take offence at our total disregard of any advice offered.

Kevin Johnson, L6M.

## Schools' Challenge

After much deliberation, or perhaps I should say a desperate search for victims, a team was finally thrown together to take part in "Schools' Challenge" at Q.E.G.S., Blackburn.

As this was our first adventure into this competition, we only had a vague idea of what we were letting ourselves in for. In our first match, we faced the lightning-fast reactions of Arnold School, so it was not so much incompetence, but rather lack of speed on the buzzer which caused us to lose by 300 to their 800.

In the next round, however, we redeemed ourselves with a narrow win over Q.E.G.S., with much credit going to the enthusiastic and determined John Baron. After a short break, we played Hutton G.S. in the Semi-Finals, and despite a good performance by the team of Cathy Benson, Claire Hardman, Chris Dodenhoff and myself, we were once again beaten.

Despite our lack of success, it was an enjoyable evening, and provided valuable experience which, together with more practice, should help us to greater success next year.

Michelle Simpson, L6A.

## Charity Committee Report

During the past year the school has collected for a wide range of charities including Help the Aged, Christian Aid and Shelter. We decided that this year we would like to shift our collecting emphasis more towards local charities and started our campaign with the Yvonne Shelstone Appeal and the local Leukaemia Research Council. We hope to continue with this throughout the year.

Mr. Summerlee donated a number of soft toys to the Charity Committee which were raffled and the proceeds sent to the BBC's "Children in Need" Appeal.

A representative from Dr. Barnardo's came to school to ask 6th formers to collect for them, the response to this was very good indeed and a large amount of money was raised. There are still some 6th formers doing community service at Pear Tree House and Wesham Park hospital and hopefully the numbers will increase next year.

In the Summer Term, there may be a non-uniform day and if enough support is gathered, a junior disco.

I would like to thank all the pupils and staff who regularly contribute, especially the lower years whose efforts are commendable. Finally, I would also like to thank Mr. Clarkson for all his help and support.

Emma Cornah, LVI SC.

## Charity Accounts

### Summer Term 1985

Blind	45.00
Cancer Research	45.00
Leprosy Mission	45.00
NSPCC	35.00
Shelter	35.00
Multiple Sclerosis	350.00
UNICEF	150.00
Animal Welfare	10.00
Pestalozzi Villages	20.00
Les Evans Holiday Fund	20.00
Dr. Barnardo's	20.00
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	£775.00

### Winter Term 1985

Peter Phillips Fund	75.00
International Christian Relief	75.00
Help the Aged	100.00
Sing a Song for Christmas	116.65
Heartbeat Appeal	
Yvonne Shelstone Appeal	100.00
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	£466.65

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# SPORTS REPORTS

## Cricket Reports, Summer 1985

### 1st XI

P	W	L	D
10	3	3	4

Even though the summer of '85 will be remembered for it's monsoon rainfall we were very fortunate not to lose any fixtures due to inclement weather, although the teachers' action in some state schools did cause problems.

Early in the season, on some "sporty" wickets, (many thanks to Gordon), we produced our best form. Against a rather weak Runshaw side we had a comfortable win by 6 wickets. Captain Graham Hull showed his potential with the ball by taking 4 wickets for 9 runs. Another win against Baines showed that Hull could also "waft the willow a bit", scoring a fine 52. Here the bowling honours were shared by "Charlie" Rawcliffe, 3 for 36, and Torben Wills, 4 for 21 (despite playing in trainers on a wet wicket!)

Our visit to Ormskirk was yet again disappointing. Their captain, Snellgrove, (still repeating his A levels!) scored a fine century and then went on to bowl us out in the last over, only 35 runs short. A very good game of cricket, enjoyed by all, which could have gone either way. Both Habergham and Clitheroe were draws that could quite easily have been wins. Hull again produced good figures of 6 for 25 and 43 N.O. but it was a relative newcomer, Warburton, who shone with a fine 48 against Habergham. The less said about Arnold and Batley, the better. Both proved far too strong for K.G.S., despite a valiant 38 N.O. by Chris Hardman who batted through against Batley.

Our best result was probably the win against old, local rivals King Edward's, Lytham, who thought they were safe but did not reckon with Robin Parker, who hammered their bowling for 74 to gain his cap and an excellent win. It was a shame he was not available all summer due to his tennis commitments, as the team was always strengthened by his inclusion, both with bat and ball.

The annual Old Boys fixture provided both old and young with an excellent afternoon's cricket, (even yours truly, whom I include in the latter as I represented the school.) I shall not mention my 12 from 3 balls off Steve Crispin, but, yet again, Graham Hull gave a captain's performance with an excellent 41 and 3 for 37, ably supported by Hardman with 32. Unfortunately for the School the older boys held on for a losing draw. This moral victory for K.G.S. was echoed in the Staff game, when the rearguard of Smith and West hung on for a meagre draw despite, yet again, probably the best cricket of the season played by the 1st XI.

Thanks to all who played for making many enjoyable games to umpire with some close, if not unlucky results; to G. Hull for his able captaincy and "eagle-eye;" to the tea ladies for their excellent "bitties and cake" (although difficult to run on!); to Gordon for his dedicated work on the wicket (very good to run on!) and finally to R.J.B. for all the administration and kit sorting, which just runs on and on.

Full Colours were awarded to: G. Hull (re-award).

Half Colours were awarded to: J. Warburton, C. Hardman and D. Rawcliffe.

I. M. Scott

### Averages

#### BATTING

	Innings	Runs	Not Out	Highest Score	Av.
Parker	3	108	1	74*	54.0
Hull	9	239	3	52*	39.8
Hardman	9	136	2	38*	19.4
Warburton	8	121	0	48	15.1
Sharpless	8	79	1	22	11.2
Shaw	6	53	1	28	10.6
Rawcliffe	8	59	1	21	8.4
Turner	9	58	0	20	6.4

#### BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Average
Hull	109	25	19	222	11.6
Parker	29	6	5	89	17.8
Wills	51.5	8	8	221	27.6
Rawcliffe	57.4	8	4	259	64.7

### U15 XI

P	W	L
3	1	2

Four matches were lost due to the teachers' action in some schools or other reasons.

The main problem this year was shortage of cricketing talent though there were a few exceptions. Wincott showed ability with bat and ball though his bowling was erratic at times. Yates bowled well against Baines, helping the team to its one victory. Others to show some talent were Hutchings, Butterworth and Reid, whilst Bagshaw scored nearly forty runs.

There was some enthusiastic fielding but it was sometimes difficult to field a side with eleven keen and properly-kitted cricketers.

A. P. West

### U14 XI

P	W	L
3	0	3

The U14's have played only 3 games this season and although unable to win any one of these have greatly improved as the season has developed. J. J. Smith and Rawcliffe had good innings and Davies also batted with confidence. The bowling is weak but Baron could develop into a useful spin bowler - he bowled well against both Q.E.G.S. and Arnold.

The biggest disappointment was the defeat by King Edward's. Having bowled them out for a small total the batting collapsed and the match was thrown away.

The fielding is improving and with the good spirit which the team has, the boys can look forward to better results next year.

E. W. Mitchell



## U13 XI

P	W	L
4	1	3

After a good report from last season and an encouraging first match win against Hutton, the remainder of the season had no real continuity and the other three matches were lost.

Craven, who could develop into a very good captain, and Giles, who was technically very sound, were the most consistent batsmen. The remainder of the batting looked fragile at times, though Whittingham at Q.E.G.S. and Francis against King Edward's batted well.

Fountain was the unluckiest of the bowlers, beating the bat on numerous occasions but only capturing four wickets. Whittingham, the other opening bowler, swung the ball considerably but often too much to be any danger to the batsmen. Black turned in a good bowling performance at Q.E.G.S. and Parrish, playing in the last match, looked as though he could be an asset to the side next year.

The fielding was generally good, but at times concentration lapsed and some unnecessary runs were given away.

I believe that overall there is enough potential amongst the players for the team to have a successful season next season, providing they are prepared to practice hard to overcome their weaknesses.

R. J. Browning

## U12 XI

P	W	L	D
3	0	2	1

After a disastrous start against a very strong Q.E.G.S. Blackburn side, the team slowly improved and in the last game they earned a creditable draw against King Edward VII, Lytham. Brown, Buckley and Smith batted well at Arnold and the left-handed Brown again batted sensibly at Lytham. Pegg, Ratcliffe, Astin and Telfer all showed promise as bowlers. The batting technique of the side slowly improved but the team obviously still has a great deal to learn but they cannot be faulted for lack of effort and enthusiasm.

T. J. Bruce

## Boys' Athletics Report, Summer 1985

1985 was an outstanding athletics season with the Senior Boys winning the Senior Schools' Championship, and the U17's and U15's winning the Fylde Coast Championship.

### Seniors

#### Senior Schools' Competition 1st

School Matches:	P	W	L
	4	2	2

Without doubt the highlight of the athletics season was the success of the Senior Team, winning the Senior Schools' Championship for the fifth consecutive time, a feat which has never been achieved since the competition started in 1937. The team would surely have repeated last season's Fylde Coast/Senior Schools double if the Fylde Coast Senior Championship had been held.

The team performed well in school matches, defeats being close ones at the hands of Rossall and Lancaster, the latter being beaten into second place at the Senior Schools' Championship. Like last year's Senior Team its success was fully deserved as the team was enthusiastic, training hard with a willing attitude and setting an example for juniors to emulate.

Captain Mark Preston's exciting pace ensured he won the sprints easily, Roger Cook performed consistently well in the shot while one of the excellent group of javelin throwers, comprised of Darren Thornton, Andrew Richmond and Andrew Goddard, usually won the javelin event. It was a boost to all concerned with the team to see Graham Ingham back high jumping after a break of two years because of a back complaint and he responded by winning the senior schools high jump and breaking the high jump record on Sports Day with a jump of over six feet - of 1m.85cms. Ian Davis won the senior schools pole vault and David Barnes the steeplechase in a typically committed run. Others to perform well for the team were Mark Mort, Paul Reid, Derek Hurton, Stephen Swift, Chris Lees, Mark Herrington and Tim Gilmore.

Some of these athletes would have performed extremely well at the Lancashire Schools' Championships had they been held and one or two might even have represented Lancashire in the English Schools' Championships.

### Colours Awarded:

Full Colours:— Re-award: D. M. Preston, D. A. Barnes.

New award: R. A. Cook, I. W. Davies, G. P. Ingham.

Half Colours:— Re-award: A. D. Richmond.

## Under 17

### Fylde Coast Championship 1st

School Matches:	P	W	L
	4	1	3

The record of school matches does not look impressive but these matches were held against the strongest opposition and does not reflect an improvement shown during the term both in attitude and performance.

Until this term the team never performed near its potential but a welcome maturing of attitude was seen in most athletes this term which was quickly rewarded by the winning of the Fylde Coast Championship. This was a triumph for team effort as only the outstanding Sean Wilkinson (Javelin) and Kirk Wilkinson (Shot) were placed first, but many contributed to the result by securing good positions. David Lee re-emerged as a fine athlete, Simon Heath regained most of his old jumping ability, Nick Hamer still showed much potential, Julian Wilkinson trained particularly hard and was an example to others, while Andrew Greening, Matt Hindle, David Carter, Christopher Doddenhoff, Richard Stevenson and Matthew Pateman all performed well at some time.

## Under 16

### Senior Schools' Championship 4th

School Matches:	P	W	L	D
	5	2	2	1

The team performed well as a whole in most matches, one of the defeats (against Rossall) only coming through losing the relay. Unfortunately despite an improved season the team was below par at the Senior Schools' Championships, the position gained not reflecting the talent of the team. Nick Sinclair and Tim Hutchings added to the strength of the side, the latter improving greatly as the term progressed. Kirk Wilkinson went from strength to strength in the Shot, Jamie Brammer, Simon Black and Mark Yates developed well as runners, Peter Reid as a High Jumper and Anthony Bagshaw as a Pole Vaulter. Others who performed well on occasions were Ian Knott, Jonathan Colgan, Andrew Shaw, Simon Smith, Paul Gornall, Philip Ryan, Anthony Smith, Tony Brennand, Shaun Kelly and Stephen Wincott.

### Under 15

#### Senior Schools' Championship 2nd

#### Fylde Coast Championship 1st

School Matches: P W L  
4 3 1

The team performed well overall, the best performance, of course, being placed first in the Fylde Coast Championship. K.G.S. has never won this competition at this age group before which makes their success all the sweeter.

The team has no real weaknesses and is well balanced all round but a danger for the future could be the middle distance runners not wanting to do more than the minimum training which would prove to be fatal as they get older.

Most improved performers were Stephen Collinson (400 metres), Mark Lewis (Hurdles), Alistair Fallon (High Jump), while Philip Sharpless performed remarkably well in the Pole Vault at the Fylde Coast Championships winning his first ever Pole Vault Competition. Richard O'Neill (Javelin), and Paul Whiteside (100 metres) also won events at the Fylde Coast Championships and Paul Ribchester won the Shot at the Senior Schools Competition. Other Athletes who performed well at times were Michael Rawcliffe, Andrew Jones, Craig Piggott, Andrew Johnson, Michael Davies, Mark Whiteside, Adam Ralston, Laurence Singleton and Simon Hall.

### Under 14

#### Fylde Coast Championships 3rd

#### Senior Schools' Competition 4th

School Matches: P W L  
5 3 2

This team is better than its record suggests because the team as a whole were not at the best for the championships, one reason being too many matches interspersed with too many discos in too short a space of time. In school matches one of the defeats was close and the other one reversed, and at the Senior Schools' Competition K.G.S. were only placed one point behind second place.

Bruce Craven had an outstanding season apart from the Senior Schools' Competition in both track and field while John Black shows much potential as a shot putter and discus thrower.

Other performers to perform consistently well were:- David Whittingham, Jeremy Francis, while Matthew Stuttard, Damian Hatton, Christopher Fountain, Vic Rooking, Philip Baines, Jonathan Collinson, Christopher McCann, David Doughty, Mark Bagshaw, Christopher Dolphin, Philip Higginson and Philip Walmsley all performed well on occasions.

### Under 13

School Matches: P W L  
4 1 3

This team is also better than its record suggests, one team having beaten K.G.S. twice but K.G.S. would have won the return match if the relay baton had not been dropped. I have never seen a team so poor at baton passing but practice will correct that weakness. Craig Brown and David Pegg were outstanding while Stephen Buckley and Richard Taylor performed well on most occasions. Others to show promise were:- Karl Telfer, Gavin Valentine, Shaun Billsborough, Richard Johnson, Steven Ratcliffe, Peter Cowburn, Scott Astin, Mark Brennand, Jeremy Loftus, Darren Woodridge and Richard Scott.

B. Gornall



Martin Smith, 5X

## Girls' Athletics Report, Summer 1985

A real effort was made this season to boost the performances of our established athletes and to encourage those who enjoy the sport but whose natural ability is more limited.

It is always a most demanding time of the school year. There are end of year examinations and many time consuming events like open days, field days, school play performances and Sports Day to fit into the shortest term of the academic year. Considering all these time consuming commitments then, I was very gratified to see so many girls of all age groups giving up lunch times and after school periods to attend practices and matches.

Those who worked particularly hard on a regular basis deserved, and in many cases were rewarded with, personal best performances and selection in tougher competitions throughout our area.

We completed friendly fixtures against Queen Mary, Arnold and Rossall Schools with teams of all ages and enjoyed considerable success at the various meets held by the Fylde Coast Secondary Schools Athletics Association to find the strongest, worthiest champions of our area.

Queen Mary, predictably, fielded very strong squads and emerged clear winners in all age groups. Although the opposition was particularly capable it was good to see some of our girls responding to the competition by gritting their teeth and showing a determination to win at best some of the events.

Arnold, too, is a school with a long and successful athletics tradition and their senior and junior teams beat K.G.S. comfortably. The tables were turned, however, when the 3rd and 4th year teams competed on our home track. The match was desperately close throughout but a victory in the final relay event gave us the winning result we had been hoping for. Because it was such a closely-fought contest, the girls responded well and many recorded personal best performances.

The Rossall fixture was a new addition this summer and a thoroughly enjoyable experience. We competed well and won the match fielding a team of young athletes against much older opposition. It was good to see how well we can perform against a school which, like ourselves, has only a limited number of girls to choose from, but who nevertheless compete in a spirit of fair play and enjoyment.

## Multi-Event Competitions

Multi-Event Competitions are organised each year by the Fylde Coast Secondary Schools Athletics Association and held at Queen Mary School, Lytham. Their aim is to promote the enjoyment of athletics to schoolgirls of all ages. They take the form of a type of 'Superstars' competition which calls for a mastery of a variety of skills in order to complete the sprinting, middle distance, jumping and throwing events. The competitions, whilst giving athletes the chance to try many different events in a friendly atmosphere, are as one might expect very competitive but rewarding. A total of 18 K.G.S. girls took part in the various competitions. Most successful were the 1st year girls' team, who came 6th out of 12 schools. Individual successes were achieved by Sandra Fountain, who won the U15 Long Jump Competition, and was 5th overall in the U15 section; by Nadine Buckley and Karen Campbell, 8th and 11th respectively out of 24 in the U17 section; and by Alison Holden, 13th out of 34 in the U14 section.

I would like to congratulate Sandra Fountain, Karen Campbell, Sarah De Maine and Shery Hartley who were chosen to represent the Fylde area team and to Alison Holden, Karen Campbell and Sandra Fountain who were the most able and consistent athletes throughout the season.

Many others, although not mentioned by name, have played their part for their fellow athletes and their school in the summer months. I applaud their efforts and look forward to their continued co-operation and positive attitude next year.

## The Fylde Coast Athletics Championships

Although K.G.S. girls' athletics teams are made up of a handful of girls in each year group, many of whom cover two or three events, we were quick to seize the opportunity of entering the prestigious Fylde Coast Athletics Championships.

We entered the maximum number of athletes permitted in the rules and performed admirably in the heats competitions. A total of 12 individuals and 2 relay teams earned places in the very demanding finals – a very fine total indeed.

Athletes who performed particularly well on finals day were: Alison Holden, 6th in the U14 200 metres event; Sandra Fountain, winner in the U15 100 metres event; Sarah Demaine, 4th in the U14 1500 metres event; and Karen Campbell, 2nd in the 800 metres and 3rd in the 400 metres for the U17 team. Our relay teams came second in the U15 age group and 5th in the U17 age group.

## The Senior Schools Athletics Championships

This was another important meeting held at Stanley Park where eleven other schools from the Blackpool and Fylde area took part. 2nd and 3rd year girls' teams competed. The 2nd year finished 11th, and the 3rd year finished 4th.

It was a day remembered for two things: one for the effort made by our athletes and secondly for the noisy enthusiastic support from our contingent up in the stands, with girls and boys together cheering and urging our pupils to greater things.

J. E. Taylor

## Rounders, Summer 1985

Whilst not being played with the same deadly seriousness as other sports, rounders at K.G.S. proved to be the most successful sport, in terms of results, in Summer 1985. The amusement and derision which accompanied the news that "Alfie" had taken over as chief rounders coach soon gave way to admiration as the teams started to clock up a series of impressive wins.

The U13 team ("Alf's Dorises" – thank you, R.J.W.) entered the Blackpool and District League Competition. Having been caught cold in the first week of term, losing by half a rounder at Greenlands, they then won all their remaining matches convincingly. Unfortunately, that defeat at Greenlands proved costly: they just pipped us to the league title. Despite this disappointment, it was a thoroughly enjoyable season for this enthusiastic team, built around the reliable "triangle" of bowler Susan Penney, backstop Susan Swift and 1st base Joanne Hollingworth. Special mention must also go to Alison Holden and Joanne Lowther, both of whom produced some spectacular "slogging" to send opposition fielders scurrying to the far corners of the pitch to retrieve the ball.

The U12 and U14 teams both entered the one day Blackpool and District Schools' Tournament at the end of term. Here, our efforts did not go unrewarded, with both teams winning their age group impressively, remaining undefeated throughout the competition.

We now look forward to emulating and even improving on these performances in 1986. Regardless of results, however, rounders continues to provide enjoyable summer exercise and competition for girls in the lower half of the school.

A. R. Long

## Tennis 1985

### Boys 1st Team

P W L D  
13 4 8 1

Not a good season! All the opposition seemed to have improved a great deal!

The opening match was a narrow defeat by Arnold, which was followed by a good win against Blackpool Collegiate High School. The next matches were against very stiff opposition, King Edward's Lytham and Lancaster Royal Grammar School, and morale suffered. Despite losing other matches the team fought hard and several margins of defeat were very close. Robin Parker and Richard Boyd (1st pair), Michael Bailey and Andrew McAusland (2nd pair) and Greg Irwin and Jonathan Lee (3rd pair) were the nucleus of the team, with David Lowcock and Richard Robinson being willing, able replacements. The Old Boys provided a hard match, and the Staff managed to defeat the school team, for once!

In the house competitions Preston beat School house in the Seniors, but School gained revenge by beating Preston in the Junior competition. However Allison and Fallon from Preston, the losing team, were unbeaten throughout the whole competition.

Once again boys and girls entered Lancashire Competitions. No success was recorded in the U18 doubles, but in the U18 singles Robin Parker lost in the Semi-Final of the Boys' Competition and Joanne Hosker lost in the Semi-Final of the Girls' Competition. The boys' U13 Singles Competition was cancelled due to lack of support (teachers' union action) – a shame, since Jeremy Francis played in this competition as a 1st year and only lost in the final stages – he was certainly a hot favourite for this year. The U13 girls' Singles Competition and the U15 Doubles Competition for both boys and girls were held and K.G.S. competitors did their best.

The girls were actively involved in U13 and U15 League Competitions. The U13 girls team of Sarah-Jane Heath, Cathy Jackson, Joanne Gornall, Jessica Dickson and Susan Penney played well to win half their matches, as did the U15 teams of Gail Hull, Linda Roberts, Karen Campbell and Rebecca Higginson. Linda Roberts had the best results and became the K.G.S. representative in the Nestles U16 Tennis Tournament. Other teams of girls at U12 and U14 level played competitive tennis against Arnold, Blackpool Collegiate and Rossall. A good attitude was shown by all the competitors and, with their spirit and will to win, they should be able to go on to even better success.

B. M. Summers  
J. E. Taylor

## Swimming Reports 1985–86

P W D L  
Boys 9 4 0 5  
Girls 6 3 1 2

This has not been quite as successful a year as in previous seasons, for two reasons. Firstly, through industrial action in the state sector, we have lost many matches which has tended to produce a negative attitude in some of our swimmers for training and consequently we have not generally been as fit overall as we should have been. Secondly, in July 1985, came the end of an era in K.G.S. swimming with the retirement of our very successful senior squad of David Barnes, Steven Swift, Sarah Goldthorp, Philip Halstead and Ian Davies. For seven years, they had formed the backbone of the school team, had always set very high standards and will, I am sure be very difficult to replace. I would like to take this

opportunity of wishing them all the best of luck for the future.

In the boys U12 team, Butterworth, Carr and Lecoustre have been outstanding, and with so many good swimmers in the first year to support them, we look to have a bright future to look forward to. Cowburn, Woodbridge and Peterson have swum well in the U13's, with Collinson and Bagshaw claiming many first places throughout the year for the third years. Phillipson has developed well in the fourth year as has Lewis. The Senior team have always tried to follow in the footsteps of their predecessors with Jackson, Bagshaw, Hamer, Halstead, Bailey, Heath and Lee all giving many fine performances throughout the season.

In the Senior Schools' Championships, the Junior girls team were placed second overall, and the Junior boys third, with Jonathan Collinson gaining a first place in the breaststroke. The Intermediate girls were seventh and the Intermediate boys fifth. The Senior Girls were third overall and the Senior boys first overall for the second year running. Nick Hamer was first in the butterfly and Steven Swift was first in the freestyle in a new record time. The relay team was also first in a new record time. This was an excellent all-round team effort to hold off very strong opposition from Arnold, Rossall and Lancaster.

The Inter House Gala was won by Kirkham House, who narrowly defeated Fylde and School by 3 and 4 points respectively. Nine new records were set by Alison Holden, Chris Butterworth, Neil Phillipson, Andrew Jackson, Katie Hamer, Andrew Carr and the three Kirkham House Relay teams.

P. Smith



Ashley Fallon, L6M

## Rugby Reports

### 1st XV

P W L D F A  
17 9 7 1 290 158

Sporting success tends to happen in cycles, especially in schools which have few players from which to choose teams when compared to many of their rivals. Before this season some people felt that this year would be likened to the "day after the Lord Mayor's Ball" after the heady end to last season. The team this season consisted of one player who had not played rugby for the school before at any level, one who had not played for three years, two who had not played as first choice for their year teams whilst progressing through the school, and only four from last year's team.

However no one associated with the team was numbered among the Jeremiahs. It is the easy option to say that a task is very difficult and sit back, so that when things go wrong it can be said it was expected, but anyone who saw pre-season training would recognise that attitude was the furthest from anyone's mind. Hence many good results were produced and many creditable performances effected through the determination of the squad to play to its potential.

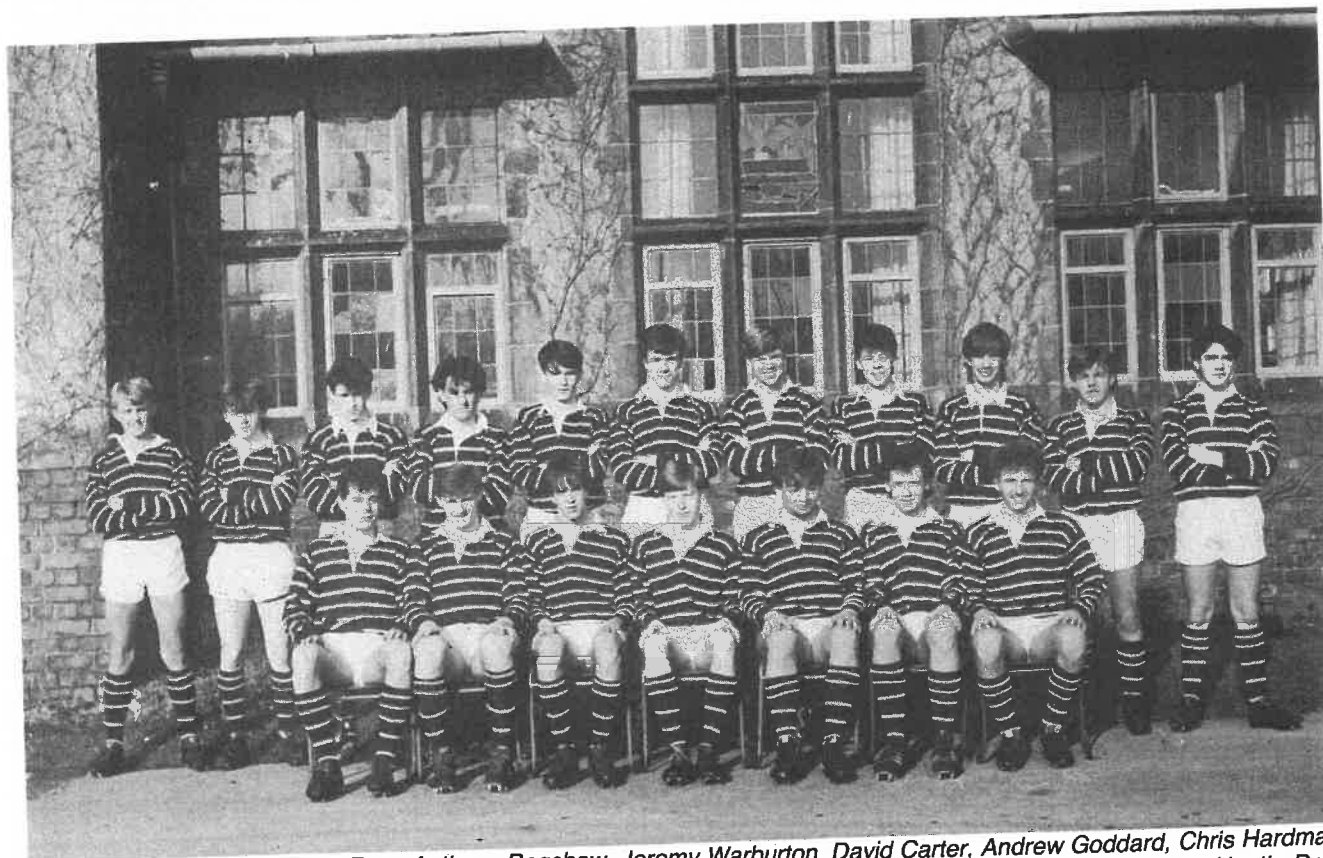
An excellent start to the season came to a sudden shattering stop against Cowley when yet again, defeat was snatched out of the jaws of victory. The team gave an inspired performance in that game, and was leading five minutes into injury time when Cowley scored an eighty yard try to win the game in what seemed like a nightmare to K.G.S. and a fairy tale to Cowley. I feel however that if our opponents had given another name and dressed in other shirts then the psychological barrier of beating the renowned Cowley would have been removed and victory would surely have been the prize of the day. I hope all returning players ponder on this point.

After giving their all and being defeated in so cruel a fashion the team could not recover its confidence against Hutton and K.E. Lytham and the half term break was welcomed in order for players to recover and recharge psychologically.

The period after half term saw some excellent performances, as players relaxed and regained confidence, especially at Rossall when a one point victory was achieved and at Lancaster where a draw was achieved despite two disallowed tries. It was during this part of the season that number eight David Lee was playing outstandingly, inspiring the team and leading to his own inclusion in the Lancashire Under Eighteen team.

After Christmas the team took a long while to regain its form partly because of a lack of match practice resulting from the hard winter and partly because of a self imposed handicap by some players of losing fitness over the holidays through lack of training. Fitness is not a God-given blessing and can only be achieved by a lot of effort which some players, untypically but unfortunately, had forgotten. Throughout this period the team changed its character and only played for half a game against West Park, Stoneyhurst and Arnold showing in one half what could be achieved only to suggest it couldn't care less by not trying hard enough to play well in the other half. This was the only low spot of the season and was most surprising.

After the Arnold performance the team accepted that matters could not continue like this and an extra training session was called after Field Day in order that the unbeaten Ermysteds could be taken on. The team responded well and returned to form with the sort of performance I expected with every player giving his all to take away our opponents' unbeaten record. I hope all players now understand that to get high standards of performance, enjoyment and satisfaction, effort is required.



1st XV Squad 1985-86. Back Row: Anthony Bagshaw, Jeremy Warburton, David Carter, Andrew Goddard, Chris Hardman, Michael Bailey, Neil Calland, Nick Sinclair, Steven Atkinson, Kirk Wilkinson, Craig McIntyre. Front Row: Simon Heath, Dave Lee, Karl Turner, Derek Hurton, Nick Tracey, Paul Barnes, Sean Wilkinson.



At the All England Festival the team was on a hiding to nothing but played magnificently and, I believe, nearly retained the title against the odds. Many teams who had excellent seasons were beaten and at the end of the first two days K.G.S. was the only unbeaten side. In the semi-final our relatively inexperienced side lost 8-0 to St. Brendons' Bristol, the team beaten in last year's final, who had most of their team still at school. I believe that if the team had taken its one chance on the stroke of half time the title would have been retained. However the team played very well against the strongest opposition and many players gained experience for next year. Mention here must be made of Tony Brennand, who because of unavailability of the two hookers, performed great deeds for two days against players much bigger and older than himself.

At the Fylde Seven-a-Side competition the school was pitted against sides who had been practising Sevens for weeks but gained some excellent victories before losing through inexperience to the powerful Belmont Abbey side after leading 10-0 at half time. This illustrated the footballing qualities of the threequarters and should give them confidence for the future.

All defeats during the season came at the end of tight games and all these matches could have been won if there had been a replay. Despite my comments last year there was still only a 40% conversion success rate which holds the team back. The team possesses several potential kickers but none so far have developed the confidence necessary to kick successfully regularly.

The front row did remarkably well with Nick Tracey developing into a fine prop and Kirk Wilkinson showing great potential. Both players made life relatively easy for Steven Atkinson who developed magnificently after a three year lay off, regaining his forgotten talent. Neil Calland and Paul Barnes were a good scrummaging pair of locks while Michael Bailey developed well as a flanker, and David Lee was at times outstanding at number eight and Nick Sinclair showed great potential as open side flanker.

Chris Hardman did remarkably well to learn scrum half play while in the first fifteen, Sean Wilkinson showed mature judgement and dependability at fly half while Simon Heath and Karl Turner improved with every game in the centre. Derek Hurton regained his sprinting speed to have a fine season on the wing while Andrew Goddard and Jeremy Warburton were penetrating runners. Tim Hutchings performed very well in his first season at full back showing that priceless asset of being able to beat players by balanced running.

Last but far from least I should like to thank Derek Hurton for being a most enthusiastic, reliable and conscientious captain, Nick Tracey for his leadership of the pack, Simon Heath for being club secretary and George Sowerbutts Esq., the physiotherapist whose skill has ensured that injuries were minimised to such an extent that the whole season was played with only nineteen players, eight players playing all matches.

#### All-England Festival Results

##### Group Matches — Friday

v. Wirrall G.S.	WON	4-3
v. Ermysteds G.S., Skipton	WON	20-0
v. Bolton	WON	22-0

##### "Winners" Group Matches — Saturday

v. Woodhouse Grove, Bradford	WON	12-0
v. K.E. Lytham	WON	24-0
v. Bradford G.S.	WON	8-4

##### Semi-Final — Sunday

v. St. Brendons, Bristol	LOST	0-8
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##### Award of Colours:

Half Colours: Re-awards: David Lee, Simon Heath.

New awards: Kirk Wilkinson, Nick Sinclair, Tim Hutchings, Neil Calland, Karl Turner.

Full Colours: New awards: Derek Hurton, Nick Tracey, Sean Wilkinson.

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##### Representative Honours:

Lancashire (Under Sixteen): Tim Hutchings, Nick Sinclair, Kirk Wilkinson.

Lancashire (Under Eighteen): David Lee  
B. Gornall

#### 2nd XV

P	W	L	F	A
14	3	11	151	246

When one considers that the 2nd XV was on the point of being disbanded in September, this is a remarkable record in that the team managed to fulfil all of its fixtures. The problem in September was that vital members of the front row did not return to school and it was felt that, as the tougher fixtures arrived, difficulties would occur. It was decided, however, to assess the situation before each game.

The first three fixtures, in which the K.G.S. pack contained six fifth years, were lost but, after much shuffling of players, a win was recorded against Ripley St. Thomas. This success was short-lived and a bleak period followed: a severely depleted team was well-beaten at King Edward's, lost to a poor Marple Hall side and the low point of the season was reached at Rossall where we were hammered 0-44. The term finished, however, on a higher note: an excellent game was played against Lancaster R.G.S. and though we lost this game, victories were recorded over Dallam School and Ormskirk G.S. After Christmas, the programme was curtailed by severe weather and the four games which were played were all lost, though with some honour. West Park (0-34) and Arnold (0-26) were just too strong for the team but perhaps the best performances were against Stonyhurst (3-14) and Ermysted's (4-14) and reflected the improving status of the side.

The problems for the team undoubtedly started in the front five and as we searched for front row forwards, D. Carter (a former winger), S. Kelly (a No. 8) and J. Wells unselfishly shared the propping duties, while A. Brennand and M. Williams (both back row forwards) learned the skills of hooker. The loss of P. Gornall, our largest forward, in the second match was a blow, though it did lead to the emergence of C. Benson, who played with increasing authority, and also meant that S. Wincott was not lost to the game. Unfortunately, our back row was usually going backwards and therefore had to fight a primarily rearguard action, though the experience should prove invaluable. Because of the lack of forward platform, the backs found it difficult to show their attacking flair and thus limited the contribution of N. Hamer and A. Greening, though the latter showed great improvisation. Courage in the tackle was at a premium and this was amply displayed by A. Bagshaw and I. Birtwistle. The backs were strengthened by the return to school of S. Whittingham, from injury by M. Pateman and occasionally, from the 1st XV of A. Goddard.

The 2nd XV problems can be summed up in the facts that the same team has never played twice this season; that Simon Smith has played half his games as a forward and half as a back. Yet this is also the team's strength in that enforced versatility can only contribute to the future strength of senior school rugby. It was also a delight to see A. Brennand and I. Birtwistle flying the 2nd XV flag at the All-England Festival.

Perhaps, however, it is best to look to the future; I am sure that the 2nd XV will settle some scores next season.

R. J. Watson



## U15 XV

P	W	D	L
23	11	0	12

This is not an impressive record for a team who were so successful lower down the school. It could, and should read played 23, won 22, lost 1, but I am afraid that theory does not always materialise into fact. After a bad season last year through injury which produced an unsettled side, the squad found it difficult in September to blend quickly into a team and seemed to lack confidence in their own ability. They had tended to rely on the efforts of three or four key players in previous years, and this, coupled with the fact that they were now the smallest side on our rugby circuit, made the job of gaining good results very difficult. We lost our first four games, before gaining our first win over our local rivals King Edward VII in a closely fought game. It was in this match that the team showed the first signs of their immense talent. We then lost to Hutton through poor tackling, but won our next four games, two of which were played in the Isle of Man.

After Christmas, everything seemed to fall into place. The team suddenly began to play with confidence, flair, aggression and skill. It was a pleasure to watch them develop into the classy, talented and covering side that we had waited so long to see. The most exciting fixtures were against West Park, Stonyhurst and Arnold, and although all three were narrowly lost, the team played entertaining rugby and enjoyed themselves which is the most important thing.

Throughout the season, the pack have scrummaged well and always held their own even against much larger opposition. Ribchester and Johnson have been cornerstones in the pack with Davies and Lees giving support in the power house. When Fallon, Jones and Mellor played well in the back row, there was no unit better in any other school. Brammer has developed into a talented scrum half, with Musson controlling the backs from the outside half position. However, in the last five games on tour, Piggott took over as fly half and really was outstanding in every respect. Collinson, Ralston and Rawcliffe have all developed well throughout the season as has Read on the wing.

Three boys from the squad, Ribchester, Fallon and Rawcliffe, all represented North Lancashire U15's.

Finally, I would like to end this report by thanking all the parents for the excellent support throughout the season both at home and away and very far away matches.

P. Smith

## U14 XV

P	W	D	L	F	A
14	5	1	8	122	260

Despite no apparent improvement in the playing record this season, compared with 1984-5, the team's rugby techniques and general standards of play improved immensely as the season progressed. The overall size of the team was a problem again, as in many matches, man for man, they were smaller. However, with the pack playing as a unit and the backs putting their opposite numbers under considerable pressure, many of the sides went away knowing they had had to play very well for their victory.

As in 84-5 there were disappointing performances, notably at Lancaster and the second half at King Edwards. However, the good outweighed the poor and it was pleasing to reverse the previous year's defeats against Morecambe, Marple Hall (who could not believe that such a small side could beat them), Ermysteds and Arnold (the highlight of, and a marvellous way to end the season).

With long term injuries to Baines, Griffiths and C. Kenward, who hopefully will be able to resume playing again in the not too distant future, and numerous short

term absences, it was pleasing to see new and improving players, such as Doughty, Morson, Parrish and Walmsley, emerge into the squad, which was also further strengthened by the arrival of Jameson in the school. Throughout the season the team was captained by Black, who led the side well by example. Craven, Turner and Bagshaw proved a mobile back row while Collinson, Rooking, Thornber and Cowburn were solid members of the front five. Fallows and Francis shared the duties of linking the forwards with the backs, who were ably marshalled by either Hatton or Whittingham at stand off. Fountain, McCann, Hodges and S. Kenward all played and performed admirably in the three quarters.

Finally, I would like to thank all members of the squad who, for the past two years, have trained, enthusiastically in the main, in all weathers. With this attitude they will surely have greater success in the future.

R. J. Browning

## U13 XV

P	W	D	L
14	2	0	12

On reflection this was a season of poor results and disappointing games. It is infuriating to waste a Saturday morning, losing matches, which could have been won with determination and effort. It is this lack of determination and effort that has been the main problem. The overall size of the team was also a problem, as in all matches, man for man, we were much smaller. However, with Brennan ably leading the pack there were several games when the pack played as a unit, but far too often the forwards lacked aggression and mobility.

There were several poor performances that influenced the result, notably Morecambe, Ripley and Dallam. With effort, these should have been victories. The last two matches of the season against Arnold and Ermysteds saw the team playing good rugby, wanting to win, competing for the ball. Hopefully this spirit will carry through to next season – which if they grow, (why are K.G.S. junior teams so small?) – should give them a good foundation on which to build.

After a quiet, anxious start Paul Morgan and Richard Taylor have had a good season and are improving all the time. The team have in Jem Smith a very capable leader who always led by example – ably supported by Mark Brennan, David Pegg and Craig Brown.

A. M. Hill

## U12 XV

	P	W	D	L	F	A
'A' XV	10	5	0	5	142	143
'B' XV	2	1	0	1	18	16

The Under 12 XV have had a better season than their record suggests; several of the defeats were very close and with a little luck could have resulted in victories, and their cause was also not helped by playing seven of the first eight fixtures away from home. Their motto is now "Join the Kirkham U12 XV and see the world".

Only two of the ten fixtures this season resulted in ridiculous results: There was a 70-0 thrashing of a clueless Dalham school, and a 66-0 defeat at the hands of a very accomplished West Park side, all the other matches were very close and enjoyable contests, with only Lancaster Royal Grammar School having the upper hand.

The side was captained jointly by Salt and Bannister. Salt, who is as good a back row player as anyone on the circuit, led the forwards by his own fine example and was ably assisted by Summers and Nelson in that department. At fly half Bannister struck up a good relationship with the very talented scrum half Rogers, and as the season progressed improved immensely his reading of the game.



*Action from a 1st XV rugby match.*

Finally a special mention for Tony Pickering who arrived at Kirkham in September as what can only be described as a vast immovable object, and with a great deal of self determination and encouragement from all quarters has improved his physical condition and fitness beyond all recognition, and made the tight head prop position his own, and out-propped all opposition in the process – well done Tony Pickering.

A. C. Hall

## **Badminton**

The Badminton Club has continued to be well supported and successful, with Friday evening meetings after school being particularly well attended. Tuesday lunchtimes have been devoted to junior coaching and these sessions have attracted an enthusiastic group of first years.

It is unfortunate that many matches this year had to be cancelled, but we hope for a successful season in the coming school year.

I would like to thank all those who have played regularly and have shown so much enthusiasm and to wish the new Secretary, N. Sinclair, well as he takes up his new post. Finally, I must thank Mr. Rushton and Mr. Hill for all their enthusiastic support and advice with Badminton, and for their willingness to devote so much of their time.

S. Musson (Secretary)

## **Squash**

Senior pupils (non-rugby playing boys and non-hockey playing girls) have once again been playing squash at Ribby Hall. After competition against each other two matches were arranged against Arnold School.

The first match was played at St. Annes Lawn Tennis and Squash Club. The opposition was very strong and an enthusiastic K.G.S. team was beaten 1–4, Mark Sorrentino being the only K.G.S. winner. The team was S. Musson, A. McAusland, M. Sorrentino, A. Thistlethwaite and C. Thistlethwaite.

The return match was played at Ribby Hall. As last year our team contained a "small change". Jeremy Francis of 3X played as the K.G.S. number one. This was not quite the surprise for Arnold as it was last year – however the sight of a six foot, sixth former playing Jeremy looked to be a mismatch, especially as he lost the first two games. He fought back to take the next three games to win 3–2. His win inspired the rest of the team who went on to record a 4–1 victory. The team was: J. Francis, S. Musson, A. McAusland, M. Sorrentino (repeating his victory of the away match) and A. Thistlethwaite.

It is very pleasing to record the enthusiasm of those playing Squash and it is hoped that the standard of those playing will continue to improve. Certainly it is a pleasure to play in the plush surroundings of Ribby Hall.

Andrew McAusland, L6A



*U15 Squad 1985-86. Back Row: Adam Ralston, Michael Davies, Nick Read, Michael Lees, Paul Ribchester, Paul Mellor, Jonathan Collinson, Andrew Jones. Front Row: Andrew Johnson, Alan Rainford, Julian Ward, Paul Spinks, Paul Whiteside, Jonathan Collinson, Andrew Jones, Phil Clay, Michael Rawcliffe, Derek Swinn, James Musson, Mark Whiteside, Philip Whittle, Craig Piggott, Jethro Smith.*

*U14 Squad 1985-86 Back Row: Chris Kenward, John Rooking, Phillip Walmsley, Chris Turner, Ian Cowburn, Benny Thornber, Philip Griffiths, Mark Bagshaw, Jonathan Collinson, Stuart Kenward. Middle Row: Phil Baines, Damian Hatton, Chris Fountain, David Whittingham, Mark Parrish, Edwin Hodges, Chris Jameson. Front Row: Bruce Craven, Andrew Morson, Andrew Fallows, David Doughty, Jeremy Francis, Chris McCann.*



## Girls' Games Report – Winter 1985–86

My return to K.G.S. on 6th January, after the birth of my baby daughter, went ahead as planned. Someone, somewhere had upset the Gods for within three days of my arrival snow lay on the ground and the first bitterly cold days heralded a long arctic spell of almost five weeks. One could have expected the P.E. department to have ground to a very cold and stiff halt in the prevailing weather conditions, but every cloud has a silver lining, and the 'big freeze', whilst hindering Rugby playing, positively helped our hockey. The frozen grass pitches proved to be a perfect hard surface and for more than a month girls clad in extra warm clothing experienced hockey as a quickly flowing game placing extra demands on skills and fitness.

There is no doubt that our results this season bear testimony to the girls' increasing awareness of the game and willingness to practice and master basic, and in some cases, more advanced skills. The summary of all matches shows that cancellation of fixtures played a major part in curtailing enthusiasm, nevertheless we will be seen, by those who appreciate the game, to have made considerable progress. Cancelling matches is always disappointing, particularly after the teams have worked hard in practice and games sessions to prepare for competitive games.

Attempts have been made this year to broaden our fixture list and promote K.G.S. as a hockey playing school. We have, therefore, travelled to schools such as Bury Grammar, Lancaster Girls' Grammar, Morecambe High and enjoyed a refreshing amount of success away from the predictably strong area of Blackpool and the Fylde. Of course we have the healthiest respect for Queen Mary, Elmslie and Arnold Schools and will continue to have regular fixtures with them and seriously attempt to beat them – we all know how good it feels to overcome difficult opposition. It is worthy of note that this season, apart from the Senior XI, not one of our hockey teams has lost to Arnold School. Indeed one or two notable victories have occurred, as well as many drawn matches, indicating our improved performance:

## Hockey Teams' Results

	P	W	L	D	F	A
Senior XI	12	3	7	2	14	22
U16	6	3	2	1	25	10
U15	7	3	0	4	10	6
U14	10	6	0	4	30	2
U13	7	3	1	3	16	9

### Senior XI

The Senior Girls have improved their match record in comparison to last season though we recognise that there is still far to go. We were able to upset Hutton Grammar School for the first time beating them 1–0. We lost to Arnold on two occasions but the matches were very competitive and the girls enjoyed the physical and mental effort involved in order to contain a strong side. Philippa Hardman deserves special mention as captain as does Louise Mendelsohn as vice-captain. They have played to the very best of their ability in all matches and been a source of inspiration to the rest of the team, their enthusiasm and endeavour rubbing off on the younger and less experienced team members. Two girls have been awarded full school colours and half colours respectively. Other players deserve special mention too. Angela Cullum and Andrea Moore, who joined the Sixth Form only recently, found themselves included in the hockey squad and have been happy to be selected for the team on occasions. Karen Campbell has had some fine performances on the wing and should do very well in her own age group next year.

It should be noted that the Senior XI is a young team, at least half of the regular players are under sixteen. They have proved worthy opponents against older opposition, so let us hope next year we can improve still further.

J. E. Taylor



Senior Hockey Team, 1985-86.

Back Row: Linda Roberts, Sharon Lee, Kirsten Bell, Mandy Clarkson, Louise Mendelsohn, Nicola Spicer, Nicola Nice, Gail Hull. Front Row: Monique White, Helen Wignall, Laura Connell, Philippa Hardman, Karen Campbell, Ruth Parmley.



## U16 XI

In the Autumn Term the U16 team played in the South Fylde Hockey League for the first time. Their match record, it must be said, was a little disappointing for they had ended the previous season with some fine wins and shown great potential.

Competition within the league was fierce with strong experienced hockey playing schools taking part and we finished a creditable fourth, the winners being Queen Mary School.

Several of the girls attended area trials this year and we were fortunate to have three girls selected to play for the South Fylde U16 team. The girls, Karen Campbell, Rebecca Higginson and Gail Hull were commended by their team manager for their performances, attitude and behaviour on and off the field. This kind of positive recognition can only serve K.G.S. well and we would hope to continue in the same way in future seasons.

J. E. Taylor

## U15 XI

The U15 team have made considerable progress throughout the season. In all their matches throughout the Spring Term they have shown fine team spirit, a willingness to work for each other and have grown in confidence as their mastery of skills and games awareness has flourished. They should go far next season if their fine performances at the end of this season are used as a measure. The team reached the latter stages of the U15 Lancashire Schools' Hockey Tournament and were very unlucky to be runners up to Queen Mary School in the well-supported Blackpool & District Schools tournament.

I hope their interest and enthusiasm combined with talent and an appetite for hard work and success will find just rewards next season.

J. E. Taylor

## U14 XI

The team have had a very good season and all players have made good progress. They were undefeated throughout the year having an excellent record. The most pleasing results were a double success against Elmslie School and a hard-fought 2-1 win against Arnold.

All players made progress and Bernice O'Donnell showed tremendous ability as a midfielder, Karthyn Hart and Alison Holden were both excellent forwards scoring over half of the team's goals and showing that both had a desire to "go for goal" whenever they were presented with the chance. Sarah-Jane Heath has proved herself to be a very competent full-back, with the ability to read the game and is strong in the tackle.

The whole team however has played as a unit and showed a tremendous team spirit and willingness to play and run for each other. This team spirit enabled them to again be unbeaten in the Fylde Hockey Tournament but they were unfortunate not to reach the final on goal difference.

T. P. Miller

## U13 XI

As is often the case at this age a team made up of keen netball players was soon smitten with the hockey playing fervour. Early in the season they responded to the freedom and team play that the game of hockey affords and have been successful in all their encounters with the exception of Rossall School. Of course their appreciation of positional play and ability to use skills and think quickly under pressure can still improve to a great degree, but they are willing to work hard and show real enthusiasm and endeavour in matches.

Two or three players' performances have been particularly pleasing: Megan Vipond has potential in the centre of the field, she has shown plenty of attack and sees space well, Teresa Kendrick has proved herself a valuable goalkeeper, whilst the work rate of Jeanette Powderly is excellent. Finally Anne Fletcher is remembered for her individual performance against Greenlands when she scored 4 goals. I hope the team will seek to emulate the U14's record next season and further our growing reputation as a hockey playing school.

J. E. Taylor

## Netball

The Netball teams have again had a busy season. Their performances are as follows:

	P	W	L	D
U12 'A'	4	0	4	0
U12 'B'	1	0	1	0
U13 'A'	7	2	4	1
U13 Tournament	5	3	2	0
U13 'B'	1	1	0	0
U13 'B' Tournament	4	2	2	0
U14	10	2	7	1
U14 Tournament	4	2	2	0
U15	13	6	6	1
Seniors (friendlies)	4	0	4	0

The U15 team have had regular league fixtures for the Winter and Spring Terms. The U14 team joined them with league matches during last term but experienced far fewer victories than their elders.

The U15 team have enjoyed some fine wins, some exhausting and disappointing defeats but their opposition has been strong and they have the kinds of personality that enjoy a real challenge. All have performed well but Esther Phillips, Sarah De Maine, Helen Greening and Sandra Fountain have often swayed the outcome of fiercely competitive matches. The other team members, whilst not outstanding, form a dependable, hardworking core of the team and deserve mention too.

The U14 team lack the determination and drive exhibited by the older girls – they 'enjoy' the game in a rather more relaxed way. This does not belittle their efforts, they try hard, but rather illuminates the very different personalities teams can have.

Our other netball teams have found the schools within our area very able and experienced and successes have been few. Nevertheless they should not be too despondent, after all pleasure and satisfaction is in taking part not winning at all costs. It is fair to point out too that our energies year by year are principally being channelled into the game of hockey, and netball must be regarded as a second winter discipline. Still we shall be entering Netball leagues again next year in an attempt to make ourselves seen and heard in the district and to cater for those girls who see Netball as their first love.

J. E. Taylor

## The Fish Pond

*The sound of rushing water  
From the waterfall.  
The sparkling, bubbling water,  
Dancing in the sun.  
Lilies bloom in pinks and whites  
Amongst the carpet of green leaves.  
Fish glide to and fro,  
Bathing in their colours.  
Goldfish, orfe and koi carp  
All in majestic clothes.  
Reeds sway gently in the breeze  
And delicate iris scents the air.  
A lazy goldfish slowly glides  
From the sheltering lily leaves;  
Basks for a moment in the sunshine,  
Then disappears into the murky depths.*

Philip Higginson, 3Y

## Starlings

*The boys are here;  
a band of hungry starlings  
march in formation across the lawn.  
Strutting this way and that  
to ensure every morsel is discovered.  
Smartly turned out  
in glossy speckled uniforms,  
they importantly give the lawn,  
a thorough once-over.  
Then reform their ranks for flight.  
The squadron wings away  
in search of new pastures,  
to search and to plunder.  
But tomorrow, the boys will be here again.  
On manoeuvres.*

Tessa Milner, 1Z



Martin Smith, 5X

## Rabbit

*I stop, sharp, in midst of field,  
Wary between each bound.  
Large eyes nervous, body still,  
Ears kept frozen to my back.  
Brain orders muscles: move on now.  
All seems safe, no enemies are near;  
Ears jerk in place, eyes look around,  
Body moves. Timidly, cautiously.  
The world is for me, a haven of shrubs,  
Tree-barks and grasses and leaves;  
But to live in this haven of fruitfulness, my  
Eyes must be alert. Aggressors watch and hunt me.  
Camouflaged I against the long grass  
Cowering, cautious of my surroundings.  
Nature made me, and my instincts.  
She also made my foes.  
Nose twitches, I smell trouble  
Wait. Think. Act.  
Run, by impulse in my body,  
Dart into the all-embracing wood.  
All is safe, my body relaxes.  
I chew some bark, I nibble leaves;  
Tasty morsels, grass and shrubs. Yet I,  
A tasty morsel too, never,  
Never do contemplate the future.  
Day by day: eat, drink, and run.  
Bound, and wait — still as stone —  
Then run on, and stop again.  
An everlasting cycle.*

Caroline Powell, 3X

## Rat

*Scutters in the sewers  
Away from any light;  
Water washes away its tracks.  
Stays crouched in the night,  
A creature of darkness.  
Its eyes glisten, aware.  
Speeds through the water,  
Propelled by frantic feet.  
The muddy water froths.  
Goes back to its shadow lair.*

Julie Collinson, 4Z



## Walking Back in Time

*Travelling round the winding, narrow roads of Snowdonia, we came to a beautiful lake covered by a glimmering sheet of ice. We could see the car's image reflecting on the ice as we drove by.*

*My father and I came to an open field, which lay below the path of the Roman Steps. Beautiful mountains towered above the field. A river lay covered in ice, but we could still see the water trickling below it.*

*We started walking up the hill with the restless dogs (Cindy and Tasha) almost begging us to let them chase the sheep. However, I'm sure the farmer wouldn't have been too pleased if we had let them.*

*We walked through a small forest, where little light pierced the trees, then we came out into the open, where the sun shone very brightly. As we climbed farther up the mountain there was more and more snow lying on the ground, until in some places it was knee-deep.*

*We reached the Roman Steps with sheer cliffs either side of us, where icicles hung to the rocks, dripping away.*

*The steps were in beautiful condition for two thousand years of age. They lay together with perfect joins as if made by God.*

*It was climbing the steps that made me think about the Romans, their slaves, and their pack-horses, trudging up the mountains.*

*I thought about every detail, even to what they were carrying. Was it gold (which is still mined in Snowdonia), or copper, or maybe just supplies and money for the soldiers?*

*It was hard to imagine how they had survived in their traditional dress. We had modern walking boots, gaiters, gloves and warm clothes.*

*They must have thought, "Oh no! Not the hills again," while my father and I think that the hills are so beautiful.*

*When my father and I reached the summit of the hill we turned back to modern conveniences, with a sigh of relief.*

*Jeremy Smith, 2X*

## Where I Once Lived

*Seated on the edge of Wharfedale, nestles the sleepy village of Bramhope. Its two church spires look towards Amscliffe crag, and the River Wharfe meanders across the valley floor between the village and the crag. The trees in the beechwood whisper against a background of bluebells. By the side of the road that wends its way from Leeds to Ilkley and beyond to the Pennines, stands an ancient chapel. How the road must have changed in the seven to eight hundred years it has been standing there and what tales it could tell! In the days when the chapel was built, the road was the main pack-horse track from Kirkstall Abbey to the centre of the village, along which the monks would bring the fleeces from their flocks to the spinners, and the woollen cloth woven on the first floor of the cottages was the end result. Two of the weavers' cottages still stand — recognisable by the large, continuous run of windows above the door.*

*The mass of fields and woods provides homes for the wildlife as well as for cattle and sheep. In late spring the gardens are a mass of colour, and in late summer the roses perfume the air. But in Winter, yards of snow falls and the roads are impassable. Even the snow ploughs get stuck and clogged up with snow.*

*There are plenty of dairy farms spread about and the cattle graze in meadows full of buttercups, daisies, poppies, and cow-parsley.*

*The old stone houses look out over fields of flowers. Recently some of the fields have been dug up and modern houses are built — but at least they are made of Yorkshire stone and not red brick!*

*The bungalow that I lived in was pebble-dashed. The front of the bungalow was white with a coloured lamp over the door. There was a trellis over the door with climbing roses which had the most beautiful perfume. I'll always remember the three bright red steps up to the door. It is still there today and it looks as lovely as ever it did.*

*Kathryn Read, 2X*



*Simeon Black, 5X*

### **The School Bell**

*The school bell rings  
At the end of each lesson:  
It gets on our nerves  
At times we like to hear it,  
When it rings at four o'clock.*

*John Bamber, 1X*

### **The Rain**

*The rain is falling,  
It seems to lash out at us  
Like an angry man  
Everything is getting wet  
I am glad I am indoors!*

*Daniel Kings, 1X*

### **Winter**

*The wet, cold winter  
The sky, dark and forbidding,  
The birds freezing cold  
The fires glowing brightly,  
As the snow begins to fall.*

*Ewan West, 1X*

### **Autumn**

*Blowing round the park  
Leaves of golden brown and green  
Crackles when we walk  
Crispy underneath our feet  
The winter will soon be here*

*Emma Cartwright, 1X*

### **Spring**

*Spring is full of life  
All the plants begin to bud  
Lambs frisk to and fro  
Young calves begin to grow  
Easter chicks scratch in the mud.*

*Joseph Clark, 1X*

### **Winter**

*Snowflakes are falling  
The wind is blowing the trees  
Peaks are capped with white  
The snow is crisp under foot  
And footprints are left behind*

*Lynsey Stothers, 1X*

### **A Paddle in the Sea**

*The blue icy waves  
Lapped up against my bare legs  
Further I paddled  
The water reaching my knees,  
Sending a shiver through me*

*Katherine Salt, 1X*

### **The Lion**

*With proud mane, he stalks  
King of beasts, mighty and tall  
Through jungle and plain  
All creatures bow to his roar  
Even man to him must fall*

*Sarah Hart-Barron, 1X*

### **Fire**

*See the fire aglow,  
Burning bright, warm and cosy:  
If you look closely,  
You see strange, ghostly pictures,  
Shapes in the swirling flames.*

*Christopher Butterworth, 1X*

### **The Wind**

*Churning and swirling  
Like a dog howling loudly,  
Moaning and groaning  
Blowing leaves like a whirlpool  
Biting like a vicious wolf*

*Michael Hall, 1X*



## Summer 1985

*My mother and I had to fly to Syria to get to Lebanon, because the Lebanese airport was closed. First we flew from Manchester to Heathrow by British Caledonian, then at Heathrow we got on the plane to Syria.*

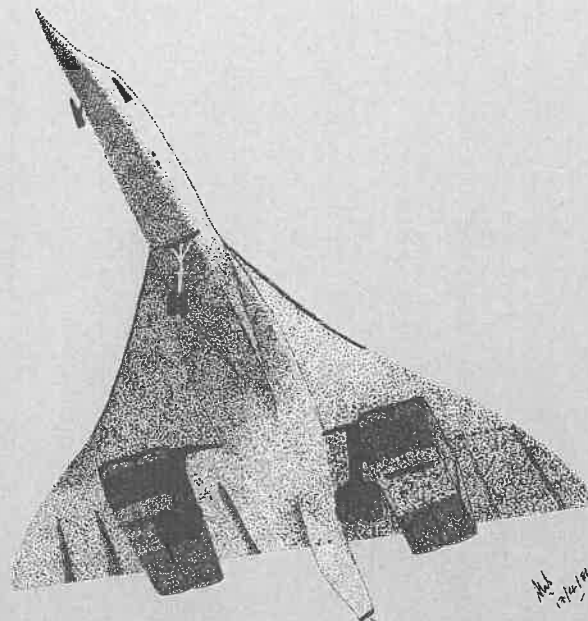
*When we reached the Syrian airport it was about six-thirty in the afternoon and so we had to get our bags and find a taxi to go to Lebanon. When we finally found a taxi, we started off from Damascus and stopped at Homs. At Homs the taxi driver said he would not go into Lebanon because there had been more fighting, so we had to take a Lebanese taxi. When we got to the border we spent about three quarters of an hour there because there was a big traffic jam.*

*Then, as we reached Tripoli, we had to find our new house, which I had never been in before. It was about five o'clock in the morning when we arrived. My father was waiting for my mother and me: he had flown out two days before us. When we sat down my father apologised for not coming to pick us up; he knew that we were coming but there had been a lot of fighting that week, which stopped just before we reached Syria. Then he said, "If you go into the front bedroom you will find that some of your cousins are staying with us". I knew straight away who they were: they come from a place called Bab al Tibani. It was a dangerous part, but where we lived, Bab al Ramal, was quite safe. The next day I played with my cousins; we played catch, and then we played a good game of hide and seek.*

*A few weeks later more fighting started and this time it was right next to us. A bomb went off in a place called Abou Samra, very near where we lived. When the bomb went off the whole building we were in shook, all the people fell down or bent down and covered their heads. Then all the Red Cross and Hilal al Abmar Ambulances were passing in front of us and if we looked out of the window we could see all the injured and dead people, so we ran away the same day to our village which is called Khorabat al Jendi.*

*In the village it was safe and my brother, my cousins and I had a very good time. Sometimes we would go to the top of the mountain where there is a spring. Once we spent a day there; we swam and had a picnic. Then we went picking grapes; our village was full of grapes, almonds, apricots and olives.*

Osman El-Jendi, 2X



Anthony Bagshaw, 5Z

## Belsen

*As the bus drew up, I remembered the stories I had heard in primary school of what had occurred in the past at Belsen. Because I was only ten at the time, these stories worried me yet also fascinated me. I was about to find out for myself if they were true.*

*The story which really intrigued me was the one which said that no birds ever flew over Belsen. I could not believe this, and was determined to see one.*

*We would have two hours to walk round the graveyard which had once been a concentration camp run by the Nazis. Thousands of prisoners had died and been buried there during the Second World War, mostly Jews.*

*We walked in expecting to see lots of separate graves with bunches of flowers decorating them; all that was to be seen, however, were mass graves which, if you did not know what they were, you might easily mistake for big piles of dirt and mud.*

*The only memorial was a plaque saying how many were buried in each grave and the date on which they died; no names were given.*

*At the centre of the graveyard was a huge, needle-shaped monument, surrounded by poppy wreaths, with steps leading away from it in four directions.*

*As you walked away from it, it looked as though it was about to fall on you.*

*I was very glad when it was time to go as there was an eerie atmosphere about the place, although in a strange way I also wanted to stay and find out more.*

*On our way out I took one last look at one of the plaques: it said, "2,000 buried, 17th April, 1943". This was the same date as my birthday, and I began to feel guilty, although to this day I don't know why I had that feeling.*

*While I was there I found out one thing which had intrigued me for a long time . . .*

*Not one bird flew over Belsen.*

Donna Livesey, 4Y

## Earth

*Captain Zr reporting on the Planet Earth, now extinct.  
This planet was advanced in many ways,  
But their great knowledge caused the destruction of  
their life.*

*Unfair that the lives of so many could be destroyed by  
so few;*

*Now there is nothing left, but desolation.*

*Most of the people of this planet lived fairly  
comfortable lives,*

*Though for such an intelligent race it is strange that  
they let some of their people starve.*

*It is most curious indeed.*

*They stored their knowledge in a machine called a  
"computer";*

*This was an ingenious machine that could tell you  
anything you wanted to know.*

*Also these incredible machines could tell other  
machinery to do things:*

*Quite remarkable, yet true.*

*I think they were quite civilised and healthy, generally.  
They had a hygienic and efficient drainage system, and  
were very clean.*

*They enjoyed social activities, were quite friendly.*

*I think my people should learn from their knowledge,  
and their grave mistakes.*

Jessica Dickson, 3Z

## Planet

*It hangs there in the middle of nothing,  
like the head of a man,  
With white swirling hair that moves  
Around and around over the scalp.*

*White like a beautiful pony galloping  
Gallop over the green meadows that go from side to  
side,*

*Trotting over pale blue oceans,  
Which crash over barnacled rocks.*

*Sea creatures splash the surface of the blue, velvet  
ocean;*

*A large creature breaks the top,  
And goes back down to wallow.  
Winged creatures fly along with the clouds.*

*And, alone on islands,  
Wrecked houses are seen,  
All empty now.*

Andrew Swift, 3Z

## The Visitor

*It entered the atmosphere, like a blazing comet,  
But it was a burning ship, that was falling through the  
sky,*

*And finally was extinguished by the emerald sea.  
Its calm, clear waters quickly covered the ship.*

*It continued to sink:*

*Down, down, down.*

*The ship came to rest on the sandy sea bed,  
Deep under the water's surface,  
Its deflagrated shell swayed on the current  
In this fascinating, new world.  
This was like nothing he had ever expected,  
And so he had to explore it.*

*It wasn't long before he began.  
He didn't know quite what to expect.*

*What was to come?*

*Shoals of fish swam by,  
Not noticing the stranger in their midst,  
They were quite oblivious to him,  
Who was so interested in them.*

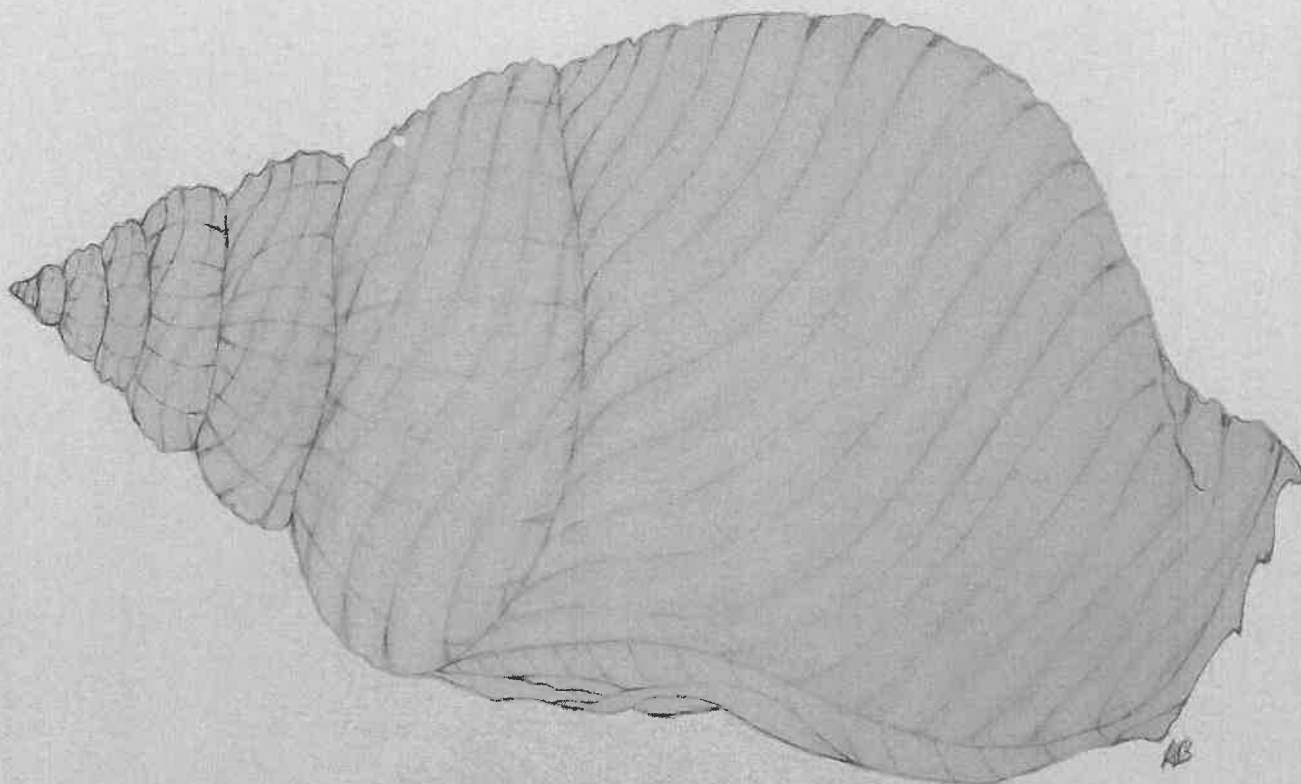
*He took samples of seaweed,  
Of rocks and dead fish too,  
Then back to his safe abode he went,  
To take a closer look at his discoveries.*

*After a few days, he became a little more confident,  
Like a curious child, he strove to learn more;*

*He explored a little further each day,  
And discovered a little more.*

*But one day he found he couldn't move — not at all —  
He was paralysed, weak and lacking in energy.  
He was dying, dying from the nuclear waste,  
Discharged by man into the sea each day.*

David Wilson, 3Z



Andrea Butterworth, 5Y

## Women Take Second Place

*For many years women have been regarded as inferior to men. Many men think that women should stay at home and look after the children, do the washing, the cleaning and the cooking. In recent times, women have become tired of being housewives, and want more.*

*There are still many jobs which are only considered to be jobs for men, such as the church. Women, if they want to, should be able to have an attempt at these jobs. In addition to this, there are jobs which are considered to be mainly women's jobs, such as nursing, secretarial work, cleaning and beauty care. Men should be encouraged to train for these type of jobs.*

*In major industries, the top jobs are nearly always occupied by men. People think of businessmen, not businesswomen. Women are just as responsible as men, and they could do the job just as well as men, yet still men occupy the top jobs and have the biggest salaries.*

*We now have a woman Prime Minister, but there have been many more men Prime Ministers, and most of the other Members of Parliament are men. More and more women are now being regarded as equal when compared with men. Some men are now helping with the housework, and looking after the children, but there are not many families in which the woman has a better job than the man.*

*I think some women are happy to stay at home. On the other hand, some women like to work. These women who like working should not be put to the bottom of the list when they apply for a better job, just because they are women; it doesn't mean to say that they can't do the job as well.*

Susan Penney, 3Z

## Laboratory Experiments on Animals

*The use of animals to perform scientific and cosmetic experiments has increased since the start of this century. Around five million animals a year are experimented on now. These animals include birds, dogs, cats, rabbits, rats and monkeys. The laboratories breed some of their own animals, but others are caught in the wild.*

*These animals are given electric shocks, injected with diseases, fed with poisonous chemicals, exposed to radiation, given eye-drops of chemicals and have tumours implanted into their bodies. Most of these experiments lead to the making of new medicines. It is only because the animals react similarly to humans that they are used, but there are better alternatives. These alternatives include the use, by the public, of alternative medicine, like homeopathy in which no medicines, made with the use of animals, are used.*

*The other main use of animals is to test cosmetics. "It is disgusting to think that animals should go through such pain for the vanity of women", one critic wrote. Cosmetics can be made without involving the pain of animals. One company called 'Beauty without Cruelty' uses no animals. Cosmetic products made from whales are also used less. Instead a plant called the jojoba is used; this is much healthier for the skin and costs less than the mindless killing of whales.*

*Anti-vivisection groups, though, suffer from lack of money and support. Groups like the Animal Liberation Front resort to crime to free animals. What is really needed is a universal and sympathetic response from people to stop buying the goods made as a result of these experiments. Only in this way will the painful killing of laboratory animals be stopped.*

Philip Baines, 3Z



## **We Were Off**

*The sun woke up,  
The wind was just right,  
I put my clothes on and we went outside:  
We were off.*

*Dad hitched the boat behind the car,  
I got my gear:  
We were off.*

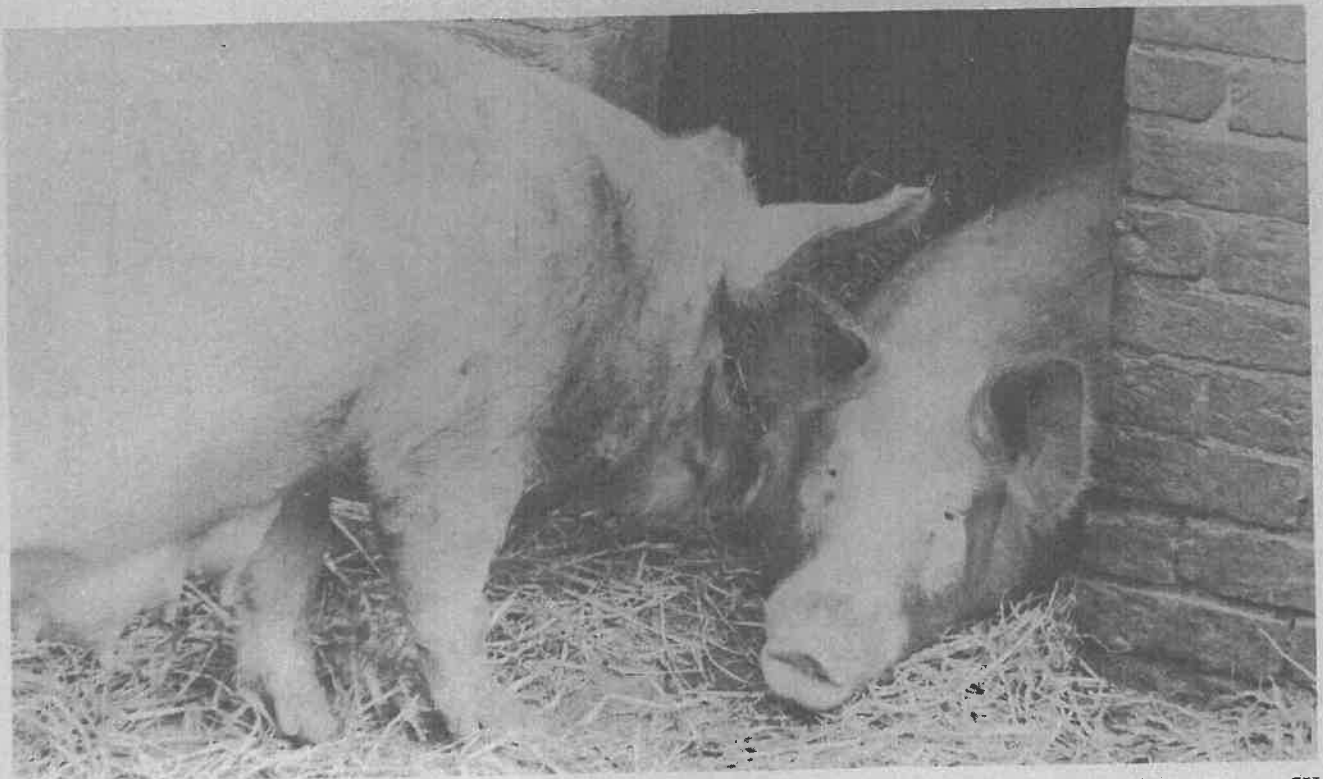
*Ahead of us the water rippled,  
We launched the boat,  
Life jackets on:  
We were off.*

*David Fish, 1X*

## **St. George and the Dragon**

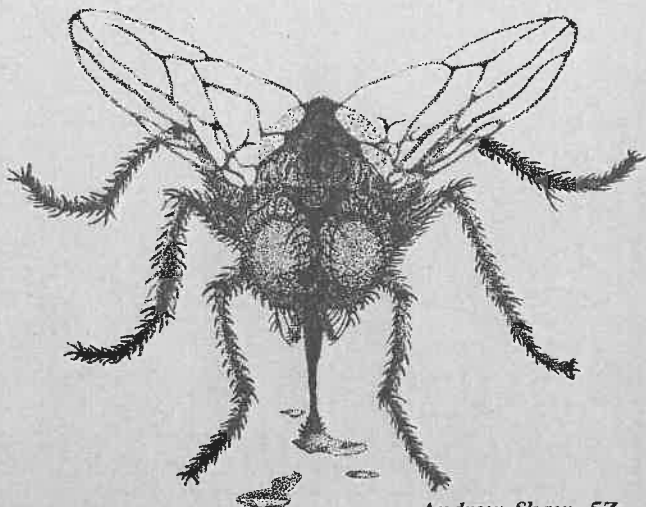
*St. George was riding out one day,  
Upon a horse that would only say, "Neigh!"  
He found a girl tied to a tree,  
Who shrieked, "Oh, do please set me free!"  
He stepped towards the maiden fair,  
When a dragon bellowed, "Who goes there?"  
St. George turned round with great surprise,  
And stared the beast right in the eyes;  
And then drew out his sword, you know,  
And with a mighty, well-placed blow,  
He clean chopped off the dragon's head:  
The maiden cried, "Hurrah! It's dead!"  
St. George and the maiden were married next day,  
With a large reward, I'm happy to say,  
For ridding the town of a terrible beast,  
And the mayor and the council laid on a great feast:  
The banqueting-hall rang with music and laughter,  
And George and his wife lived in bliss ever after.*

*Simon Bradley, 1Z*



*Richard Lowe, 5Y*





Andrew Shaw, 5Z

## Happiness

Mike was feeling particularly disagreeable as he kicked a coke can along the cobbled back street. His father, who had big hopes for him, had just put him into a private school, and Mike didn't much like it.

He noticed an old coloured man sitting on a suitcase who appeared to be staring at him. Mike approached the old man.

"What're you staring at?" he said. The old man nodded, reached into his pocket and produced a small plastic bag containing what appeared to be flour. Mike took it and held it, staring for a moment and then said:

"How much?"

"Nothing," said the man, "but you can find me here again."

Mike walked slowly away, putting the bag into his pocket. Once in the street he thought about school and all the panic-mongering about drugs. He stepped onto a bus as it stopped and went upstairs. He had never grown out of liking to sit on the back upstairs seat.

He took the bag from his pocket and he looked at it for a long time before emptying the contents all into his mouth. It tingled on his tongue and stuck in his throat as he tried to swallow it. When he had swallowed it all (it took some time) he sat back in his chair and smiled to himself.

"What's all the fuss about?" he thought.

After a while he became aware of a nauseous feeling because of what he thought was the motion of the bus. It rocked backwards and forwards, from side to side. Mike blinked as he looked out through the porthole of a ship. But the ship was sinking and he smiled at the fish who smiled back at him as they flashed through the water, the sun shining on their scales. The sun. Mike looked around a beautiful world. Birds sang; butterflies flitted through tall pine trees that reached up into a flawless blue sky. Mike heard singing and he looked to a clearing where strange little people danced to the sound of pipes. These people were happy. For Mike, this was happiness.

A pixie approached Mike. The pixie wore long shoes that curled up at the ends, he wore a tall hat that came to a point that drooped. The pixie's nose drooped too. It held out its hand and uttered something in a strange language but Mike could make out the word "ticket". The little person's appearance made Mike laugh but this only seemed to anger the strange little man and he shouted at Mike, as he laughed and slid off the seat into a dark, lonely happiness.

Sean Slack, 4X

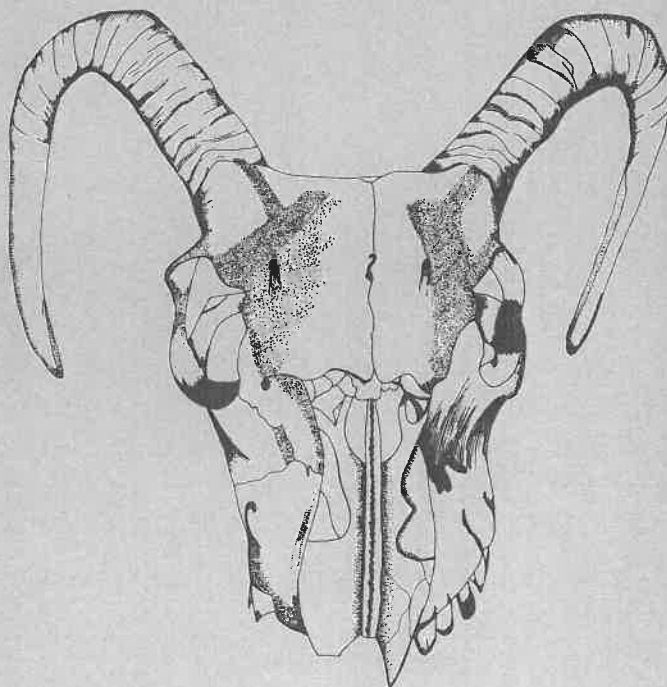
## A Nightmare

I was sitting in bed all snug and warm, when suddenly the door slowly creaked open. A shadow from the landing light hit the wall; with white-eyed terror I stared at the door. Whistling past my ear a knife hit the headboard which started to bleed. I screamed but no words came out of my mouth. I shook with fear: there's no getting out of this one, I thought.

I sat tight in bed staring at a shadow which seemed so real but no-one owned it. The lights started to flicker and the TV flashed; I screamed for help with no reply but the endless terror stricken echo of my own quivering voice. The light bulb dropped from the ceiling and smashed on the floor. Tarantulas started crawling up the walls, some dropping on my bed. I shouted for Dad but I succeeded only in waking up the dead.

There, right in front of me, were two skeletons dressed in slimy rags and blood was dripping from their eyes. One was carrying a stretching rack. They tied my legs and arms onto it. I struggled but I was helpless against the zombified creatures. I yelped as I was stretched with excruciating pain: my joints were being pulled out of their sockets. Suddenly the skeletons were gone and I got out of the rack. The windows cracked, lightning flashed and I felt like dying. I got out of bed and went to switch the landing light on but it did not work. I could feel things crawling around; I swiped at my feet but there was nothing there. I switched the lights on and to my amazement they worked. I ran back into my room and tripping over my own shadow, I landed on my bed. . . . The room started spinning, spinning, spinning, spinning. . . . I woke up rubbing my eyes, and the sun shining through the window was brighter than usual. Suddenly the door slowly creaked open. I screamed, but Mum came in and I breathed a sigh of relief: it had all been a nightmare. Mum shouted, "What's been going on in here? What a mess!"

David Henckel, 2X



Kirk Wilkinson, 5Z



# SIDEBOTTOM AND PLATT

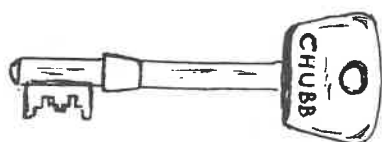
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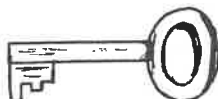
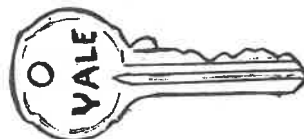
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## SCHOOL TRIPS 1985-86

### German Exchange, Easter 1986. K.G.S. – Gesamtschule Linden

The small group arrived on Preston station shortly after lunch prepared for the arduous 23 hour journey to Giessen in Germany. The journey itself proved to be uneventful, apart from the disappointing quality of facilities and accommodation on the Dutch ferry to the Hook of Holland.

The students were paying a return visit to the pupils whom they had hosted in the previous year and friendships were immediately renewed on Giessen station as they were met by their host families.

During our stay, there were group activities arranged by our German hosts. After the week-end there was a tour of the region during which we visited the Kristallhöhle (Crystal Caves) – a natural cave system famous for its crystal formations, and there was much amusement beforehand as we tried on the various safety-helmets looking for one that fitted. Then we moved on to Burg Greifenstein and, although the tour was curtailed by a heavy snowstorm, we paid an extremely noisy visit to the bell museum in the castle – the region is well known for its bell foundries. Our final visit of the day was to Dillenburg where we toured the most extensive underground fortifications in Europe dating back to the Thirty Years War.

The following morning was spent in school where, following German lessons and a tour of the school we moved to the huge sports hall, divided by a large curtain (each half being much larger than our school gym) and games of hockey and "Licket" (Linden cricket) were played. The morning was concluded by international soccer games – the boys lost, but the girls managed a draw!

Our next outing as a group was to the German-German border. We drove to the barracks of the Border Police at Bad Hersfeld where we had a talk about the history and geography of the border at that point with the use of slides, a large scale model and actual examples of the fence, mines and guns used by the East Germans. After lunch in the police canteen we were escorted to view the border at various points and not only the English students were impressed by the sight of the fence with its watchtowers, searchlights, guarddogs and booby traps. A further insight into the political situation was provided by an American military patrol at one of the view points. The final formal outing was to a reception given by the Mayor of Linden and the Headmaster of the school, who gave a brief talk emphasising the value of exchange visits, mentioning his own friendship of more than 30 years standing with a former exchange partner.

These then were the official outings, but as on any exchange visit the majority of time was spent with the host families and many other visits were arranged. Virtually everyone visited Frankfurt and most visited Wetzlar, Weilburg and other towns in the region and one person even managed a day-trip into France. The immediate vicinity was well explored and all the discos in the district found great approval.

All practised their German and their comprehension of German and knowledge of Germany has certainly increased. We were fortunate in spending the Easter weekend in Germany and thus learned of the differences between the two countries. In Germany Easter seems to have a much greater significance in the non-religious sense. Much time is spent decorating eggs for presentation to all, or to be hidden by the "Osterhase" (Easter Hare) and searched for by the children. There are special Easter decorations of spring-flowering twigs adorned with eggs and other Easter ornaments. Above all it seems to be a great occasion for family get-togethers.

All too soon it was time to return to England. There was as usual a tearful leave-taking at Giessen as we departed after a most successful exchange visit. Friendships were strengthened and apart from the undoubted help to those studying German the visit was beneficial in many other ways – it certainly widened the horizons of the pupils concerned and gave them a new insight into another culture. The only disappointment concerned the weather; it was cold and windy and rained (or snowed!) every single day of our stay – apart from the day we left of course!

B. F. Taylor



*The East-West German border.*

## Lower Sixth Geography Field Trip – Scarborough 1986

9.00 a.m. Tuesday, 18th March, armed with maps, clinometers and stage poles, 15 enthusiastic geographers headed east on the M62 bound for Scarborough. They also took with them Messrs. Scott and Willatt who, as drivers, negotiated the motor cycle circuit on Oliver's Mount despite the thick fog.

On arrival we were met by Mr. Scott's relations, who own the hotel, and were later given the Scott guided tour of Scarborough and investigated some of the local history of the town, castle and harbour, including the cockles and mussels of the crab stalls – Emma had an ice-cream!

Unfortunately visibility was poor. Mr. Scott's highly informative speech near the fish pier had to compete with the local fog horn. The week was spent working in and around the Scarborough area collecting information about village growth and receiving strange looks as we measured widths, heights and depths of buildings in the town. However, the manager of M & S did not think the tape across his doorway was amusing.

When it came to measuring rivers, to keep dry was impossible. The meltwaters of the North Yorkshire snows almost caused hyperthermia in the conscientious student; by now Emma had had enough so she went to hospital that night due to an allergy.

The following day was spent getting just as wet on various beaches while measuring waves, beach and cliff profiles. Nicola managed to lose a 4ft long waveometer; Dick Ansell seemed determined to discover pumice, but volcanoes are hard to find in East Yorkshire, as was the North Sea (he thought it was a lake!) and Craig "well sound" McIntyre attempted a new suicide leap over the cliffs of Flamborough.

Our one free night was spent in a local hostelry, again owned by the Scott mafia. Here Mr. Willatt tried to convince the R.A.F. that he really was Head Boy and not a teacher after all. The Sunday saw the relaxation of the farm and land use survey, but Monday was cancelled. Overnight snow had fallen and the road to the North Yorkshire Moors was blocked, so an emergency wet-weather programme was undertaken on our last day studying tourism and traffic problems.

The journey home included a few hours in York to enjoy the history of the city. Then we headed west again, back to the sunny Fylde. The silence in the bus was indicative of fatigue, and even sadness at having to return home.

Many thanks from everyone to the Scalby Manor Hotel and to Mr. Scott and Mr. Willatt for a very worthwhile and enjoyable week; to Mr. De Kuyper for his crème de menthe frappé; to the labradors for taking Ansell and Williams for a walk and finally to the Bursar for sponsoring the K.G.S. minibus push.

Chris Taller, L6



*The river survey.*



## U15 K.G.S. Euro Tour, 1986

We set off from school at 10.15 a.m. on Wednesday, 2nd April, watching a video on the coach, and arriving at Harwich at 5.30 p.m. After an eventful night on the ferry, several people were ill in the morning. We arrived at Esbjerg at 2.00 p.m. on Thursday. Ribby confused kroners with drachmas, but put it down to the fact he had been abroad too much!

We went to Copenhagen and arrived at "Colditz" – the hostel – to find we had missed tea, so we went to a restaurant. The paper sheets used for sleeping on at the hostel were worse than the toilet paper.

On Friday, one of the organisers called Sern took us on a trip around the Carlsberg factory, which was very enjoyable, especially when everyone had free tasting of lager. We then went into the city of Copenhagen, had dinner at MacDonalds, and then went to see "Young Sherlock Holmes" at a cinema. It was quite good, but the pornographic advert for a newspaper was the main highlight.

The first match was played on Saturday, against a team called RK Speed. Kirkham won 86–0, but played badly. The match was highly enjoyable as 3 "big" girls played on the opposing side. Ribby said he had never seen anything like it, after scrumming with a girl prop. There was a reception after with a presentation from both captains.

On Sunday morning we played the second match. This was against a team called Frederiksberg, and was played on a gravel pitch. This was a much better team performance by us, winning 20–10, even though a couple of 16 and 17 year olds played.

England 2      Denmark 0

There was a reception at the clubhouse with presentations and various drinking races. In the afternoon, the squad was taken to a fair. To spoil the day, after coming back from the fair, we found that the coach had been broken into, but luckily nothing had been taken. At night everyone went to the Hotel D'Angleterre to have what was a superb meal, steak and champagne, with excellent waiter service. Thanks to Bob Ribchester for inviting us and paying for the meal.

The people of Denmark were great, and special thanks to Sern and Thomas, our hosts.

On Monday we were off to Germany, but even though the electrics started smoking, we had a safe journey. We stayed at Lübeck in a hostel which had good rooms, bar football and table tennis. Doc, Smithy and Mel the driver proved to be useless at bar football and table tennis. The food was excellent and it was great hospitality.

We played a rugby match on Tuesday against Wiedenbrück TV, in which we defeated the opposition 52–8. The performance was outstanding, with every player playing well. We had a meal afterwards, and then went back to the hostel.

In the morning, we set off for a long journey to Holland. We stayed at the Hotel Ossowa in Noordwijk.

We played on Thursday against the Bassets who were an older and stronger side. We lost 20–9 but played well with Michael Davies scoring all our points. There was a reception afterwards with both teams out-chanting each other. We then went to a restaurant, having a four course meal, the main course being Chateaubriand steak.

We went to Amsterdam for the day on Friday with Mel showing us where to go as he had been to Holland a few times. We went around two markets, one old, one new, and then looked around the city in **great** detail. Smithy, Doc and Mel were nearly an hour late for meeting everybody. I wonder why? That night everyone went ten pin bowling just down the road from the hotel.

The last match was played on Saturday against Haarlem in which, even though we played well, nothing could be done against 16, 17 and 18 year olds. We lost 54–9. We went bowling again at night, and then had a celebration drink for a successful tour. It was quite an eventful last night in Holland. Our thanks to Hotel Ossowa.

On Sunday we went to a pleasure park called Duinrell which had, apart from other things, a wave machine, sauna, splashland tubes, and a jacuzzi. It was a great place to end the tour. We then drove to Rotterdam and sailed at 6.00 p.m. We arrived in Hull at about 8.30 a.m. and drove back to K.G.S. to arrive at 12 noon. There was a prize for the best player of the tour which went to Craig Piggott. It was a successful tour, with many thanks to Bob Ribchester (representing U15 fan club), and especially to Smithy, Doc and Mel. James Musson, 4Z

## Skiing–Tonale, Easter 1986

The attraction of the Dolomites was there yet again – not the cars as the second year girls thought, but the mountains. For the third time in five years, a K.G.S. ski party headed for Tonale: to the Hotel Torretta, the pizza palace of Trentino, under the protective wing of Doc. Summers *et al* (Hill, of course).

At a quarter past midnight (rather than 0015 hours for Mr. Scott's sake) we set off for Luton airport. Intent on not missing anything, most people remained awake listening to the strains of the Young Ones, and one coach actually enjoyed dawn breaking over Dudley (a sight not to be missed the next time you're in the West Midlands).

In the early hours we arrived at Luton, which is still not finished. A pleasant surprise was the new duty free shop where the staff stocked up for the week. It was here that the junior girls decided to donate purses, bags and hats to the airport authorities.

To have the luxury of a wide body (the plane that is, Mr. Hill!) was far better than the usual 737. However, much to the disgust of our staff, no duty free was served on board the Tristar. Coffee and breakfast was the menu with not even a sniff of G. and T. Doc. "The Gronff" Beaker managed to devour 17 sausages and numerous portions of beans and was disappointed that his meal had no scrambled egg.

Alas, all was going too well. Milan airport was on strike and we were diverted to Turin which caused an extra 1½ hours drive into the mountains. It was on this coach journey we realised the relevance of "Designed by computers, built by robots and driven by Italians!" It was probably for this reason Messrs. Browning, Hill, Scott and Ma'am Piggott required vast quantities of coke – or any other mixer, in fact.

The hotel and snow were excellent, the food – well-Italian, and after settling in and fitting skis an early night was called for.

Ma'am Piggott's dulcet tones were soon to be heard at 7.00 a.m. Breakfast at 8.00 a.m. and lessons at 9.00 a.m. was the order of the day.

"But where's the sun? It's cloudy! It's snowing." This did not deter our intrepid skiers. We were selected on ability and the top group bombed off straight away to ski the powder. I. M. S. claimed to be Ingemar Stenmark and refused to fall all week, except when not being watched. Katie Hamer blended into the snow so well that Kirk Wilkinson skied over her head but injuries were few on the first day.

The evening, however, was tobogganing night. "Que disastro!" I. M. S. and S. P. went off the piste and were ploughed into by Jason Wells. R. J. W., not to be outdone, tore into the sixth form and tore his knee ligaments. Howells tried to stop by crashing into Mr. Scott's shin bone, and R. J. B. stopped A. M. H. in a very painful way. Only Ansell Jnr. perfected the art of surf sailing on snow.



*Paul Gornall shows what K.G.S. skiers can do.*



The sixth form common tried hard to get a second free drink, but Lydia, our courier, saw through them.

Unfortunately the next day brought more disaster. Doc. Wat's knee was so bad he could not ski, so in sympathy Jackie (R. J. W.'s fiancée) decided to break her arm to keep him company. After getting well plastered the weary pair were homeward bound via various hospitals in Iseo.

The Saturday night disco, however, brought fun and frolic. Italian girls were queuing to talk to J. J. Smith and Italian boys were queuing for our fourth year girls. Jeanette Hutchinson (an old-girl!) had problems with a vampire bat and it was even rumoured that Samantha Harris twisted her knee on the dance floor and not on the slopes.

The weather improved and more fresh snow was found, even in the sixth formers' beds, the consequence being that the fifth form were all gated – and windowed and, even later, balconied!

With memories of Sol y Nieve, the seniors discovered many ways of self destruction. Some even ventured on the black run (Dave Carter after only three days skiing!). The more sensible headed up the more sedate valley to 2,500m where perfect snow conditions were found, despite the avalanche risk which was usually blasted before K.G.S. blasted by. Mrs. P. (the Bionic Banana) did actually discover a 60% slope and during her descent on various parts of her anatomy, was actually heard swearing at I. M. S.

The downhill record for a 1.5 km run was held by P. Gornall. Big John (alias Peter Mueller) clocked 60 seconds on his newly waxed, two metre planks; closely followed by I. M. S. who claimed a weight handicap and B. M. S. who has now perfected the downhill, racing snowplough.

Congratulations to Simon Heath. His French style gained him a three star gold whereas Alan Hill's style was something else – one star plastic, for failing to get out of first gear.

The awards and pizza night brought an end to the holiday, followed by a 4.00 a.m. rise, early breakfast and off to Milan. Very tired and sad to go home we were all pleased we had visited Tonale. Many thanks to all staff concerned, especially Doc. Summers for his endless administration (yet another sweat shirt); to Ma'am Piggot and Summers for their T. L. C. and other medication; to R. J. B. for being financial advisor; to A. M. H. for his entertainment on the slopes and to I. M. S. for having to take over from Franz Klammer (retired) – he will return next year in Bardonecchia! Ingemar Stenmark, 4y

## St. Malo '86

On the evening of April 7th, a small party of 26 pupils and 3 members of staff (Mr. Gill, Mrs. Roberts and Mr. Clarkson) set off for St. Malo via Portsmouth. After a three hour wait at the Portsmouth terminal and several irate phone calls to the Townsend Thoresen ferry company by party leader Gill, we arrived on French soil unscathed. It was now that the party passed through the dreaded customs checks where, naturally enough, the shadiest character was stopped; it took Mr. Gill several minutes to explain why he was importing vast quantities of meaningless facts and figures on the subject of Brittany.

A longish coach journey left us in Paramé which is a small suburb outside St. Malo. It was only now that John Howells recovered from his seasickness pills. Once settled into our "FIVE" star hotel, we were informed of our active schedule for the stay.

The first trip of the holiday was a pleasant, educational trip to the syndicat d'Initiative or the information office and

an informative visit to the "Bureau de commerce" for the more intellectual members of the Sixth Form.

The afternoon brought yet more excitement with a visit to the Tidal power station on the Rance (the only one of its kind in the world). A visit to the prehistoric monuments at Carnac left us all visibly stunned with the simplistic beauty of the dolmens and menhirs but the competition to "spot the dolmen" left many of the Sixth Form confused. Matters were not helped by RMC's suggestion that the monuments were in fact a training ground for Carnac F.C.

The party visited Rennes on Friday – this is one of the largest cities in Brittany. Once again, the dedicated students visited the local Brittany information office and purchased several enlightening documents. The highlight of the day was surely a talk on the growing industries of the region by a stylish Regional official, Monsieur Carlos.

Saturday was the final full day of the trip and it provided the opportunity to visit the local hypermarkets and stock up on the French refreshments.

We must mention the help of Mr. Clarkson who gave up his holiday to accompany us and to Mrs. Roberts for encouraging some of the Sixth Form to converse with Bernard, our French driver.

Finally, and on a sad note, we must thank Mr. Gill as ever for his tireless work both before and during the holiday. Over the years Mr. Gill has become something of an omnipresent force on school trips. However, as many people know, this will be his last trip with the school – he will be sadly missed by countless pupils, so thank you once again Mr. Gill.

Andrew Mackintosh, Prefect  
Laura Connell, Prefect  
Susan Russell, Prefect

## Biology Field Course

On 10th March, 1986, eight sixth form students travelled in convoy to Knott End Sailing Centre.

The walk with luggage from the car park proved difficult for a continental quilt, which wriggled out of a certain person's hands and dived over the jetty! Fortunately for the quilt the tide was out.

Monday was spent getting to know five students from Baines Grammar School, and our lecturers John (who delighted us all with his stories of past mishaps) and Bronwen (of Australian descent).

Everyone had to do the cooking and cleaning on a rota system. The food was usually quite good, except for the custard which was luminous, orange and had to be sliced, not poured!

During the week there were two trawls, one in the afternoon and one at 5.00 a.m. (yawn, yawn!). This was enjoyed by all and nobody was seasick.

Lectures went on until about 9.00 p.m. and then time was spent entertaining ourselves in the usual ways.

Fashion(?) came to Knott End with the advent of a "flat cap" and "Paisley scarf", which was of course worn with renowned "Marki" flair!

Plasters were dispensed regularly due to "close shaves" and sleeping bags formed unusually styled dresses, especially when worn by a member of the 1st XV rugby team!

The final day was spent rescuing the trawler which had struck a metal object and had been damaged badly.

Many thanks to John, Bronwen and Dave (the engineer), for a well organised and workman-like week, from those who managed to stay the course, as well as those who did not!

Helen Wignall, } Prefects  
Philippa Hardman, }

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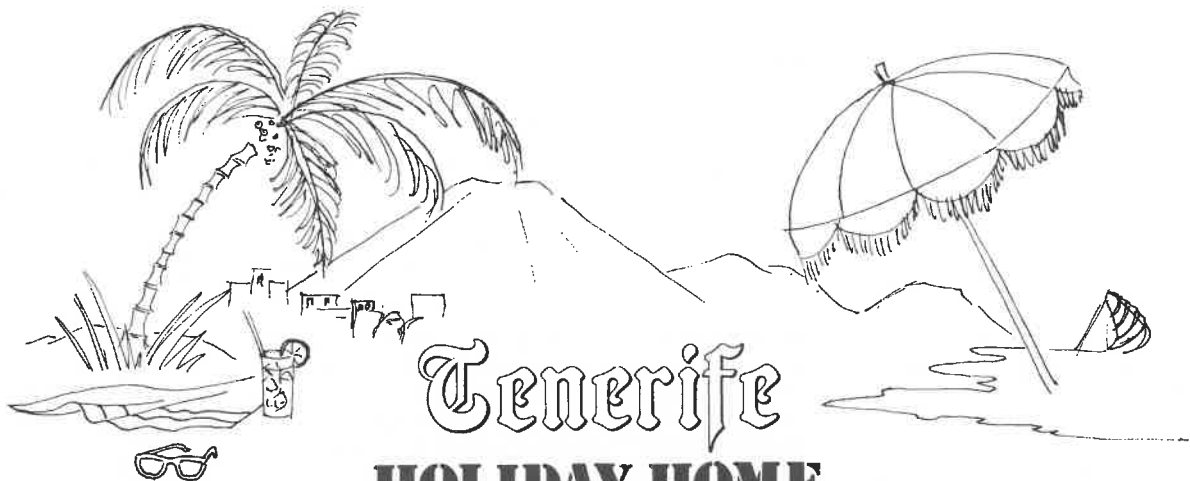


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# HOUSE REPORTS

## Inter-House Competitions, 1985-86

<i>Summer Term 1985</i>	<i>Winner</i>	<i>Runner-up</i>
Junior Cricket	School	Kirkham
Senior Cricket	Kirkham	Fylde
Junior Tennis	School	Preston
Senior Tennis	Preston	School
Athletics	School	Fylde
Junior Rounders	Kirkham	School
<i>Winter Term 1985</i>		
Senior Netball	School	Fylde
Junior Netball	Kirkham	Preston
Play Reading	Preston	
<i>Spring Term 1986</i>		
Debating	Fylde	School
Chess	Fylde	Kirkham
Senior Rugby	Fylde	Preston
Junior Rugby	School	Kirkham
Shooting	School	Fylde
Music	Fylde	Kirkham
Junior Hockey	Preston	School
Senior Hockey	School	Preston
Junior Girls Cross-Country	School	Kirkham
Junior Boys Cross-Country	Fylde	School
Inter. Boys Cross-Country	School	Kirkham
Senior Girls Cross Country	School	Preston
Senior Boys Cross-Country	Kirkham	School
Swimming	Kirkham	Fylde

T. Jackman

## Fylde House

*House Master:* Dr. B. M. Summers  
*House Captains:* P. Barnes/S. Russell

The Summer Term got off to a bad start with the Junior Cricket Team losing by 7 wickets to Kirkham, in a true England v. West Indies match! The Seniors did better and hopes were high as our team, consisting mostly of reserves, won convincingly against Preston in the First Round. However, we were again to be thrashed by Kirkham, losing by 5 wickets despite the best efforts of Sean Wilkinson and Mark Yates.

The poor results continued into the Tennis Competition where both Seniors and Juniors lost in the First Round, and things were looking very bad when we were beaten at the start of the Rounders Competition. Fortunately the problems were sorted out for Sports Day when an overall team effort placed the House a creditable second to a very strong School side.

The new school year brought further success when we made excellent progress in the Chess Competition, with Simon Musson leading the team to a string of victories which eventually gave us the title.

The Winter Term continued well with victory for the Senior Rugby Team by 14 points to 4 over School House. The Juniors also played well and were unfortunate to lose 20 to 18 in the first round, again against School.

The undoubted highlight of the sporting year was the Senior Rugby Final, where a strong forward side led by Nick Tracey came back from 9-0 down at half-time to win, through a rousing performance by 12-9. Try scorers were Nick Sinclair and the captain, whose individual determination rubbed off on the whole side, making it a real victory!

The girls were not so fortunate in the Netball Competition. The Juniors lost 9-2 to Kirkham in the First Round and, although the Seniors made it to the Final, they lost 8-1 to School.

We were unfortunately beaten in the Play Reading Competition but made up for it during the Easter Term in the Debating Competition where we retained the title by beating School in the Final in a close debate which was undoubtedly tipped our way by the speakers from the floor – a real house effort!

The early Easter Term had also seen us retaining the Music Competition trophy with individual performances from S. Licence, D. Carroll and Emma Cartwright. Unfortunately we did not have the same fortune in the Shooting Competition where Neil Calland led the team to a very close second place, losing to School by just two points.

The Hockey is perhaps best passed over as we lost to School in the First Round of both competitions. The story was similar in the girls' Cross-Country but the boys managed better – the Juniors winning the Competition helped by overall winner Bruce Craven, and the Seniors coming second to School.

The last sporting event of the Easter Term was the Swimming Competition in which we were just beaten by Kirkham, 126 to 123 despite excellent performances from Sharon Rhodes and Andrew Jackson.

It only remains to wish everyone the best of luck for future events and to thank all those who organised events, especially Susan Russell, Andrea Fish, Alexia Phillips and Nick Tracey, as well as everyone in the House who has joined in and tried their best – no matter what the odds!

P. Barnes, Prefect

## Kirkham House

*House Master:* Mr. A. R. Baines  
*House Captain:* D. S. Hurton

Over the past twelve months Kirkham House has won five of the Inter-House Competitions, with the results of the Cross-Country still to come; this event having been delayed because of the inclement weather.

In the Summer Term, the Senior Cricket Team successfully defended the title which had been won in 1984; fine performances coming from G. Hull and K. Sharples, in the matches against School and Fylde. The Junior Team also reached one Final, but were defeated by School House after scoring 111 (the dreaded Nelson). In the Tennis, both our teams were defeated by Preston House, and these defeats were followed by an inauspicious 3rd place in the Athletics on Sports Day. The House did however gain 10 first places on the day; the outstanding performance of the afternoon for the House coming from A. Holden who won the Junior Girls Victor Ludorum.

The Junior Girls won the Rounders Trophy for the second successive year, just beating School House by 6 to 5½. The Work Cup saw another victory for the House, and at the time of writing, Kirkham are again leading the Competition.



This academic year the House has come 2nd in the Chess and 3rd in the Shooting and the Play Reading Competitions. The Music Competition also saw a third place for the House, while the Debating Team of C. Benson and A. Mackintosh were just defeated by School House in the Semi-Final because of a lack of support from the floor. Neither of the Rugby Competitions held any joy for the House, although the Juniors did reach the Final of their Competition. The Netball proved to be more successful, as the Juniors won the Competition, defeating Preston House in the Final by eleven goals to ten. Unfortunately the girls could not complete the much sought after double of Hockey and Netball and were defeated in the First Round of the Hockey. The Swimming Trophy, which has historically resided in the Kirkham House Trophy room, returned this year with record performances from C. Butterworth and A. Holden.

This year there has been considerable disruption of the House due to the absence of many Seniors on exams, interviews or open days but the members of the lower school have generally performed well even when called into the teams at short notice.

D. S. Hurton, Prefect

## Preston House

*House Master:* Mr. B. F. Taylor  
*House Captain:* L. N. Connell

This year has been one of mixed fortunes for Preston House. There have been many outstanding performances, but a distinct lack of trophies to show for them.

Last Summer Term saw both Cricket Teams lose in the Semi-Final, as did the Junior Rounders Team, we were placed a dismal fourth in Sports Day and what would have been a disastrous term was saved by some excellent Tennis results with both Junior and Senior Teams winning by 6 sets to 3 in their Semi-Finals. Although the Juniors lost in the Final, the Seniors came through to beat School House in the Final.

The Winter Term again proved to be one of mixed results, with the House winning one trophy and finishing runners-up in two. The best result of the term was winning the Play Reading in which all readers performed with enthusiasm and deserved their success. The Junior Girls' Netball Team was unfortunate to lose in the Final after leading for most of the game. In contrast the Senior Girls' Team lacked the will to win and enthusiasm of the Juniors and were defeated in the Semi-Final 6-0. The Senior Rugby Team had a resounding victory in the Semi-Final 30-0 but started as underdogs in the Final against a formidable Fylde House fifteen. After leading at half-time 9-0 thanks to three penalties from Simon Heath, we lost the initiative in the second half, and a stronger Fylde pack carried them to a 12-9 victory.

The Spring Term found us with only one trophy, that of the Junior Girls Hockey, with the Senior Girls runners-up, despite fielding a weakened side due to absentees and injury. Whilst we only achieved third place in the House Music, our score was a mere three points below the first placed house. Full credit must go to the House Choir who achieved the highest marks for this section. Swimming has never been our forte and in the Swimming Gala the House performed as well as could have been expected with a make-shift team. In the Cross-Country Competition, we again failed to win any trophies, with our best-placed team being the Senior Girls, who finished 2nd.

Finally, I would like to thank all members of the Sixth Form who have helped to organise the teams, all competitors who participated, for the amount of effort they have put in, and also to Mr. Taylor and the House Staff for their assistance when it was required.

L. N. Connell, Prefect

## School House

*House Master:* Mr. R. M. Clarkson  
*House Captains:* R. T. Cuttle, L. Mendelsohn

The Summer Term, 1985, was a fairly eventful one for the House with successes in the Junior Cricket and Junior Tennis as well as winning the Athletics Trophy for the fourth consecutive year.

The beginning of the Winter Term saw an unfortunate defeat in the Senior Rugby, although a close, well-spirited game was fought out against Fylde House. The Juniors, on the other hand, triumphed in the Rugby, defeating Kirkham House 24-4 in the Final, with a good performance by B. Thornber.

The girls have had a fairly successful year. The Senior Girls won the Netball, defeating Preston House 8-0. The Junior Girls were unlucky to lose 0-1 to Preston House in the Final.

A 1-0 victory over Preston House gave the Senior Girls the Hockey Trophy but unfortunately the Juniors lost 0-1 to a strong Preston side in the Final.

The tradition of School House for winning the Swimming was broken and the House came a disappointing 3rd place, only one point behind Fylde House and four points behind Kirkham House, despite all the hard efforts put in by everybody who participated. Quite a number of first places were obtained and a new school record was set by K. Hamer in the Junior Girls' Freestyle.

Finally, on the Sports scene, the Cross-Country: The Junior Girls won with J. Powderly in 1st place and K. Hamer in 3rd place. The Junior Boys came second with M. Campbell in 2nd place. The Intermediate Boys won with A. Bagshaw taking 5th position. The Senior Girls also won and 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th places were obtained by K. Campbell, S. Fountain, L. Mendelsohn and R. Parmley respectively. The Senior Boys came second, 1st and 3rd places were obtained by R. Cuttle and C. Thistlewaite respectively.

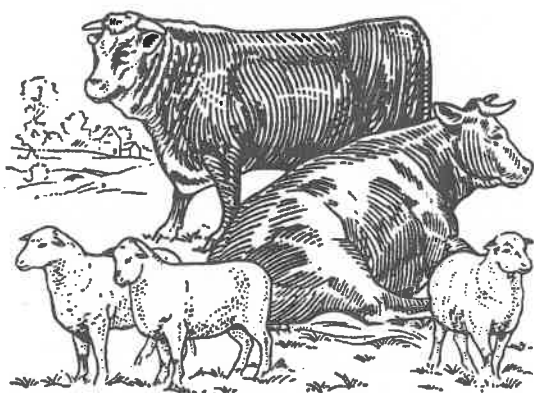
Off the field we came an unfortunate fourth in the House Music Competition. The House Choir sang "Do they know it's Christmas". I would like to thank L. Mendelsohn, L. Anderson and all the competitors for all the time and effort put into practising, I am only sorry that the result did not reflect their efforts.

A splendid performance of "Frankenstein Slept Here" was given in the House Play Reading to give us second place. Once again, I would like to thank F. Burrett and all the participants for the time and effort put into rehearsal.

In the Shooting Competition, we came first with an excellent top score from A. Bagshaw.

Finally, I would like to thank all the members of the Sixth Form who have helped in the organisation of all the teams required for competitions, the members of the House for participating, and all the staff who have helped with the running of the House.

R. T. Cuttle, Prefect



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# SOCIETY REPORTS

## Angling Society

**Chairman:** Mr. A. R. Baines  
**Secretary:** A. D. Butterworth  
**Treasurer:** K. Turner

This year has seen the formation of a new Society at K.G.S. – the Angling Society. K. Turner and S. Atkinson formed the Society and there has been support throughout the school, especially amongst the juniors.

The Society is now fully affiliated to the General School Committee and we have £50 in the Society account. This is being spent on an instructional video on coarse fishing, books, and possibly fishing trips to the Lancaster Canal, River Ribble and River Wyre.

The Society has been granted permission to fish two pits at Treales. One is fishable at the moment and the other, it is hoped, will be improved during the spring and summer of 1986.

Andrew Butterworth, 5Z

## Astronomical Society

**Chairman:** Mr. J. S. Roberts  
**Secretary:** D. Shakespeare, 5Y  
**Treasurer:** R. Debicki, 4Z

This year has been a very successful one for the Society; we have many keen, new members.

Because of the increasing interest in the Society, we have started holding meetings every Thursday, instead of once a fortnight. This year, a large number of talks have been given. These have included: "Halley's Comet", "The Early American Space Programme", "Pulsars and Quasars", "Medieval Astronomy", "Saturn", "Comets", "The Voyager Space Programme" and several others. We have also showed several videos and the Society's tape/slide presentation of "The Space Shuttle".

We have held several viewing evenings this year, but none were very well-attended. During National Astronomy Week, some of our members went to the Preston Observatory to see Halley's Comet (I have included a report of this event, written by one of our members). The Society is proposing to hold a trip to Liverpool Planetarium in the near future.

Once again, I would like to thank everyone, especially Mr. Roberts, our new Chairman, and Dr. Durkin, for their hard work over the past year.

David Shakespeare, 5Y

### *Halley's Comet Visit*

On the 5th November, the Astronomical Society visited the Jeremiah Horrocks Observatory in Preston. After a slight detour, we arrived at the observatory, which was built in 1927, and named after Jeremiah Horrocks, a famous local astronomer. Round the walls there were various posters featuring Halley's Comet, Black Holes and Star Clusters. Models of rockets and the Space Shuttle were to be seen, along with a computer program on Halley's Comet. The main attraction was looking through the 14 foot telescope, which has an 18 inch lens, and can also be used for astronomical and sun photographs. It was a clear night and we were able to view the comet, which was rather disappointing, as it looked like a blob of cotton wool.

Many thanks to Dr. Durkin for organising and supervising the trip.

Matthew Hogan, 1Y

## Auto Society

**Chairman:** Mr. A. F. Bostock  
**Secretary:** P. Gaskin  
**Treasurer:** W. T. Strettle

Owing to the departure of N. J. M. Richards in Summer 1985, I was asked to take up his place as the Secretary of the Auto Society.

At the start of the Spring Term, the committee put together some useful thoughts and organised some meetings on radio-controlled cars. The attendances (made up mainly of 1st years) were so good and enthusiastic that we have purchased a second-hand buggy.

As our Treasurer, Bill Strettle is an avid fan of karting, he is starting a karting section of the Society.

Last term, Mrs. Greaves asked to resign from her office as Chairman, so letting Mr. Bostock kindly take her place. May I on behalf of the committee, thank Mrs. Greaves for her tremendous enthusiasm in the Society and hope Mr. Bostock will benefit the Society greatly.

Paul Gaskin, 4Y

## Bridge Club

**Chairman:** Mr. I. Rushton  
**Secretary:** C. Hardman  
**Treasurer:** N. Calland

The Bridge Club has enjoyed a highly successful year. The membership has doubled and meetings are now held at regular intervals. However, the members are mostly Sixth-formers, so younger members must be attracted for the club to continue to flourish. To keep up with the current trend in advancing technology, two bridge stimulation computers have been bought at considerable expense. In the latter part of the Winter Term, the Bridge Club held its annual competition. The standard of play was very high, the eventual winners being Neil Calland and Chris Holden who narrowly defeated Simon Musson and Chris Hardman. We would like to thank our Chairman, Mr. Rushton, for his continued support of our ventures and we hope for another year of success for the club.

Neil Calland, Prefect

## Chess Club

**Chairman:** Mr. I. Rushton  
**Secretary:** S. Musson  
**Treasurer:** C. Hardman

The Monday meetings of the Chess Club have been well attended, attracting a large number of juniors, many of whom are very competent players indeed. It is most encouraging to see the juniors showing such enthusiasm.

Over the last year the Chess Club has purchased several chess programs to be used on the school computers, and they have proved very popular.

Once again the House Chess Competition was organised by the officials of the Chess Club, and became a one-horse race, with Fylde House winning all their six matches by significant margins. Both Simon Musson and Nick Sinclair deserve mention – the former for remaining unbeaten now in his Chess matches for the past two years, whilst the latter, intended originally to be reserve, won all his matches also.

Finally may I wish the new officials well, and thank Mr. Rushton for all the time and effort he is prepared to give to the Chess Club to ensure its smooth running.

C. Hardman, Prefect

## Fell Walking Society

**Chairman:** Dr. B. M. Summers

**Secretary:** J. J. Bill

**Treasurer:** M. Nelson

The Summer Term saw a small party tackling the rather long walk from Langdale up to Scafell Pike. Sunday, 19th May, was rather windy and yet the walk along was very pleasant as we went along Mickledon. However the ascent of Rossett Gill was rather tiring. The walk past Angle Tarn, via Esk House and Broad Crag led to some good views from the top of Scafell Pike. There still remained the long walk back.

The first walk of the new School Year took place on Sunday, 22nd September. After a week of rain we were rewarded with a fine day. We went to Malham to do the classic walk of the area – from Malham via Gordale Scar to Malham Tarn and then return via Malham Cove. The waterfalls were splendid, but caused some problems as we had to climb up one on our way up Gordale.

On 13th October another good day saw a small group setting out from Ambleside to walk the Fairfield Horseshoe. The walk up High Pike from Lower Sweden Bridge proved tiring work for some, and blisters for others. However, all the group reached the top of Fairfield and returned in triumph back to Ambleside via Great Rigg and Rydal Fell.

We stayed in our local hills on 17th November. Our walk took us to the Trough of Bowland and we walked from Tarnbrook along the "Access Strip" – a 12 metre wide area running along a boundary line on the map. After leaving Tarnbrook along a footpath up Tarnbrook Fell, we walked along the access strip over Wards Stone and Grit Fell before descending to the minibus parked at the Jubilee Tower. The weather was very good – a frosty morning with ice covering most of the boggy areas. A good day out for all!

1986 saw us facing walks in very severe weather. The cold and wind meant that we had to be very careful about our choice of walk. This meant that on 2nd February we were once again in Malham. A very different place to that visited on 22nd September. It was bitterly cold with driving snow; the waterfall at Gordale was rather icy and therefore very tricky to climb; the snow was quite deep with drifts and several first year pupils were almost blown off their feet – what an experience! Yet all this was in an area bounded by roads and, with everyone properly clothed, quite safe. A large party, 22, seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves and it was good to see so many new faces.

The walk on 2nd March must be the highlight of this year and will probably be hard to match for many years. From Keswick we set out to walk up Skiddaw, one of the four Lake District 3,000 foot mountains. The day was sunny and bright as the party set out, all carrying ice axes, to make the ascent. After an hour we were in crisp, hard-packed snow and the views all around us were magnificent. From the summit of Skiddaw we could see the Scottish hills and we could also see the Pennine hills, all covered in snow. Several parties of skiers had made the journey to the top and were all set for a great descent into the Skiddaw Forest area. We came down via the top of Little Man and were still enthralled by the views. A beautiful day with sunshine, no wind and fantastic snow-scapes. If all our walks could be like this!!

If you feel like a change on a Sunday, come along and get some exercise and fresh air – you really will enjoy the experience.

Our thanks to our guides and drivers, Dr. Summers and Mr. Taylor.

Jonathan Bill, L6A  
Michael Nelson, L6A



*On the summit of Skiddaw.*



## Electronics Society

*Chairman:* Dr. P. Durkin  
*Secretary:* S. Clarke  
*Treasurer:* C. Dodenhoff

This has been a very productive year with several new kits being bought, and better attendances than ever before.

We have a new micro-electronics kit which is used mainly by the first and second years. It teaches them about how a robot can be pre-programmed and run. We have a new "200 in one", which again is easy to use, and like the robot kit needs no soldering.

Other new additions include four new "Plugloc" kits in which components and boards can be re-used.

We have also been involved in a project using the B.B.C. Micro. We are designing and constructing a light sensor for use with a fast timer programme.

My thanks must go to Dr. Durkin, Chairman, and also to Christopher Dodenhoff, Treasurer, for their good work.

The Society will have a display on Open Day in Room 11.

Steven Clarke, L6SC



## Natural History Society

*Chairman:* Mr. A. R. Baines  
*Secretary:* M. V. Ward  
*Treasurer:* M. Howells

Meetings over the last two terms have averaged 10 enthusiastic junior members. A new feature of the Society was its becoming a subscriber to the "B.B.C. Wildlife" publication and the appointment of Michael Hall (1X) as our librarian.

Members have been treated to a programme since September 1985 in the Winter Term, consisting of "Poisonous plants" (Mr. A. R. Baines); "Unusual Cats" (T. Connelley, 3Y); "Wild flower Collection" (E. Smith, 2Y); "Hedgehogs" (M. Ward, 3Y); and "Australian Wildlife" (G. Gillespie, 2Z) whilst in the Spring Term A. Sidebottom (1Y), A. Yates (1X), B. Harley (1Z) and J. Bardsley (1Z) spoke on "Mammalian Pets", M. Ward on "The Garden Pond" and T. Connelley on "Whales – an endangered Species".

Two videos were also shown during this time i.e. "Hedgehogs" and "Where have all the dinosaurs gone" whilst Mr. Baines gave an audio-visual presentation called "Careering into Biology". An attempted film showing of "The life history of the wasp" was thwarted by a defective projector at the time. The Society's grateful thanks is due to the normal occupant of rooms 7 and 20 for lunch time meetings around a TV screen.

Michael Ward, 3Y

## Photographic Society

*Chairman:* Mr. R. Porter  
*Secretary:* M. S. Lees  
*Treasurer:* D. R. Moyes

This year has seen the continual use of the darkroom, which now contains two enlargers, one 35mm colour enlarger and one large format black and white enlarger. The latter given to the school by an old boy, along with a lot of photographic paper. However, the General School Committee refused our grant application for a new larger format camera to be used with the new enlarger. So unfortunately, the enlarger will never be used. At the beginning of next term the annual photographic competition will be launched.

Michael Lees, 4Z

## Wargaming Society

*Chairman:* Mr. A. R. Long  
*Secretary:* L. Singleton  
*Treasurer:* W. Carroll

The Wargaming Society has undergone a period of change over the past year. The Society now meets at lunch times on weekdays with meetings on Saturdays planned for the future. The Society has changed from playing conventional Wargames to playing Fantasy Role-Playing games such as: 'Advanced Dungeons and Dragons', 'Traveller' and 'Call of Cthulu'. Since the playing of these games has begun the Society has been thriving with an average attendance of forty people from the first form to the fourth form. Large amounts of new equipment such as rule books and scenarios have been purchased and are available for general use. The Society expects to have an increasing membership over the next year with Fantasy board games being played if an interest is shown.

Laurence Singleton, 4X

## Sixth Form Unit

*Chairman:* Mrs. A. G. Boll  
*Secretary:* Samantha Marfleet  
*Treasurer:* Paul Barnes

During the last two years, the present sixth form has been organising and participating in various activities, in order to raise money to improve conditions in the unit. Two such activities were a cake sale – which appealed to many, and cleaning staff cars, for which many staff were grateful. The money raised provided two clocks, a new kettle and new red bins – to brighten up the unit! The governors, inspired by our dedication, gave us a grant with which twenty chairs and tables were bought. After persuasion from Mrs. Boll, a further thirty chairs have been ordered.

During Easter, a group of Lower Sixth formers are coming in to decorate the unit, the funding having come from our General School Committee Grant, so by the beginning of the new term, many improvements will have been made.

Samantha Marfleet, U6A



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# C.C.F. REPORTS

## General Report

The letters C.C.F. appear on Fourth and Fifth Year pupils' timetables for Thursday afternoons and perhaps juniors and parents might like to know a little of what activities are organised for seniors at this time. No matter whether a pupil chooses to "join" the Army or the RAF, a unique opportunity is provided to learn basic military training and drill and a variety of skills such as orienteering, abseiling, shooting and climbing, in the Army Section, and flying in the RAF Section. There are Field Days and Activities each term and Camps are held in different parts of the country at different times of the year. All in all, Thursdays can be exhausting but they are most enjoyable!

## Army Report

1985-86 has been a very successful year for the Army Section of the C.C.F. and I would like to thank all my fellow NCOs for their help and work during this time. In the Inter-Contingent Competition at Warcop during last year's Summer Camp, KGS finished 3rd – a very creditable performance considering the size of our Section.

All Fourth Year Cadets passed with distinction their Weapon Training Tests, again showing that KGS is one of the best contingents in the area. Map reading ability has improved dramatically too – so much so that only three cadets got lost during the Tockholes Orienteering Exercise. A vast improvement indeed!

The Fifth Year Cadets have undertaken a far wider range of activities during the year, thanks to a plan devised by Captain Scott and Lt. Willatt, and put into action by some excellent NCOs! Some of these exercises have included Advanced Drill, Adventurous Training, Climbing and Abseiling, First Aid, Shooting (at Weeton and at Fulwood) and Battle Exercises.

The Sixth Formers involved in the C.C.F. all agree that a great deal of valuable experience has been gained organising activities for Thursday afternoons, for Field Days and for Camps. We would like to place on record our sincere thanks to all staff involved with the Army Section of the C.C.F.: to Mrs. Piggott and to Messrs. Gill, Scott, Willatt and Partington for all their hard work. Similarly, we would like it to be known that the morale-boosting efforts of the Rev. R. M. Clarkson, sometime Archbishop of Lytham, and the boundless enthusiasm of the Rt. Hon. F. W. Sayer have been much appreciated and will always be remembered!

K. S. Turner, C.S.M.

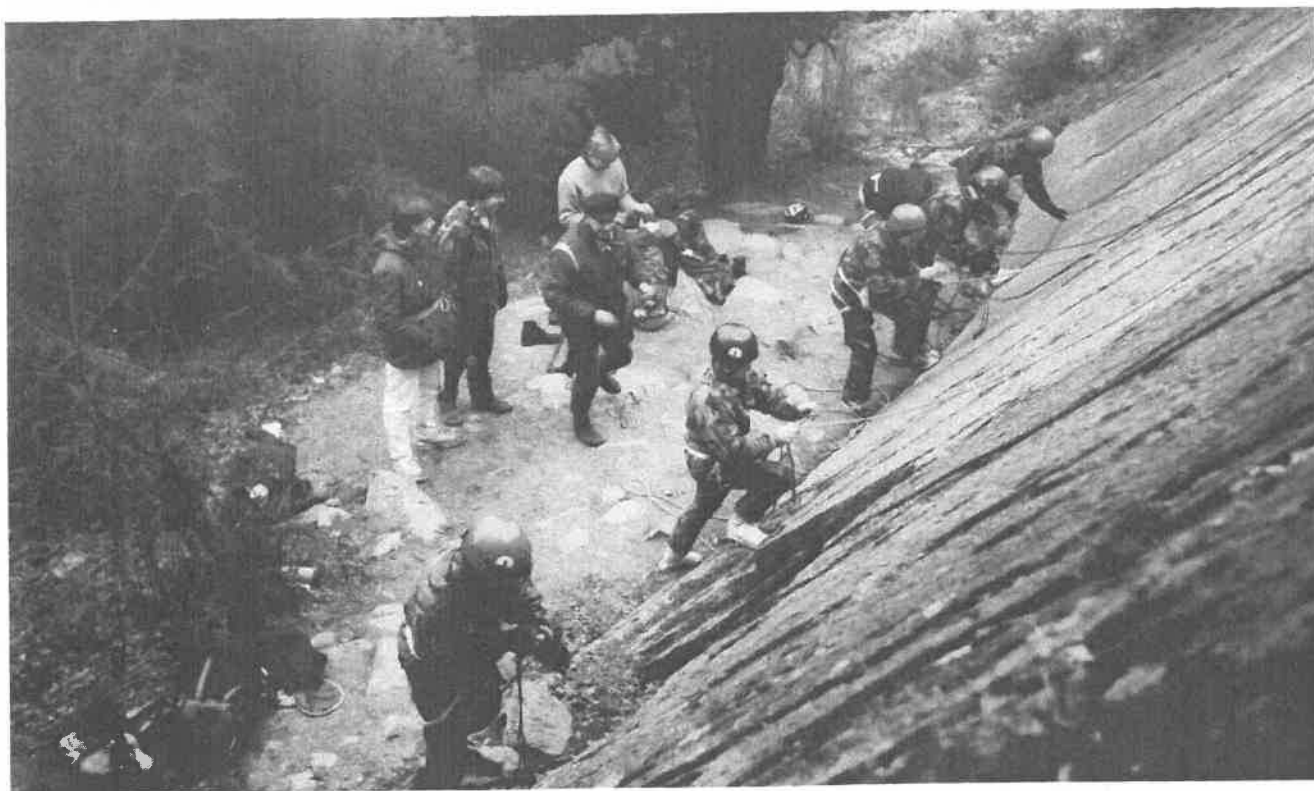
## R.A.F. Section

1985/86 has been a year of great upheaval for the R.A.F. Section of the K.G.S. Combined Cadet Force. The long-standing leader Mr. G. Cheeseborough left, his term of service having drawn to an end. Also, his successor Mr. D. Walls has had to assume a more passive role in the section, and this has opened the way for two new officers – P/O Greaves and Gardiner. This has injected new life into the section with P/O Greaves (Mrs.) making up for her "lowly" rank with a certain female charm which enables her to get what she wants quicker than any number of stripes! The section got a larger intake of 4th years than in recent years and we hope this trend will continue.

We undertook two successful camps: one to R.A.F. Hereford and one to Germany. R.A.F. Hereford, being a training establishment with no airstrip, offered little chance of flying but this was made up for by a number of army-style exercises arranged by our resident "Grunt" Lt. Willatt. As the camp was also a catering college, so the food was excellent and so was the N.A.A.F.I.

I would like to thank P/O Greaves for her tireless efforts and wish her luck in the coming years.

Flight-Sergeant C. Hardman





## Summer Camp 1985 – Warcop

Once again a group of rough, tough, well-trained cadets set forth to Warcop Training Camp in Cumbria. We left K.G.S. in the pursuit of physical endeavour, mental exhaustion and the delights of Army meals.

During the week every cadet had an opportunity to climb and abseil with the help of Dr. Summers. Needless to say, the weather was atrocious, with strong gales putting the wind up some cadets. There was also the chance to do some canoeing on Ullswater, which was a very pleasureable activity, until you capsized in the freezing cold lake.

The training area next to the camp was used for battle craft, battle drills and reconnaissance patrols. But care had to be taken to avoid the obstacles laid down by the sheep. Everyone had the opportunity to swim 50 yards in a shallow, pebbled river, holding their rifles in the air to stop them from getting wet. This was most enjoyable and was watched most enthusiastically by Major Sayer and Captain Scott from the river bank. There was also the chance to run around shooting appropriate members of staff with blanks on our 18 hour field exercise. This involved a night exercise where we fought another school's C.C.F. section.

All cadets had the opportunity to ride in a Gazelle helicopter and have a look round a Chieftain tank.

On several afternoons after the days activities we had a chance to try out the rope swing across the river. All things went smoothly until "Tarzan" McIntyre decided to break his leg. (Rather daft really!) When asked to comment on his misfortune all he said was, "Well, I've been in an Army helicopter, tank and land-rover, so why not an ambulance as well?" Many thanks must go to the staff who very kindly visited him in his time of need.

The camp was enjoyed by everyone and it is safe for me to say that we all had a "smashing" time. Finally I would like to thank all the members of staff who took so much time to organise the activities and make the week very enjoyable and successful.

L/Cpl. S. Heath

## Adventurous Training '86

This February Half Term saw a first for K.G.S. as we did not sleep under canvas. We were accommodated in huts at the Great Tower National Camp Site, Windermere.

The first afternoon was spent settling in and making the place more homely. After our evening meal and briefing there was the problem of deciding how to spend the evening. We were fortunate enough to be able to choose between a thrilling game of tiddly-winks or Mrs. Piggott's Trivial Pursuit. Many a happy hour was spent huddled round these games; what would we have done without them?

The remaining five days were spent on the training activities. The programme ranged from fell walking, which included the possibility of "poly-bagging" in the snow, to orienteering, climbing and abseiling. We were also fortunate enough to be able to use the climbing wall at Ambleside. This was an experience not to be missed and was for most the highlight of the week. Here we have to acknowledge the invaluable help of Swanny and Alan from the 40 C.T.T. The Major was even thoughtful enough to bless us with a night navigation exercise – enough said!

The last day was as usual the Point-to-Point exercise. This year, however, it was made a little more challenging with initiative tests and the use of roads strictly forbidden. For most of our activities we were fortunate enough to have good weather which made all the difference.

Finally our thanks go to the Major and all the staff for the smooth running of such a successful and enjoyable week.

Sgt. S. Russell



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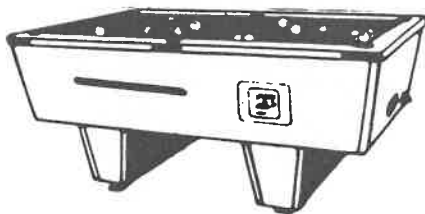
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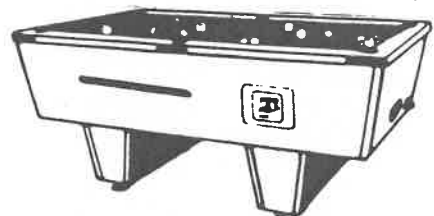


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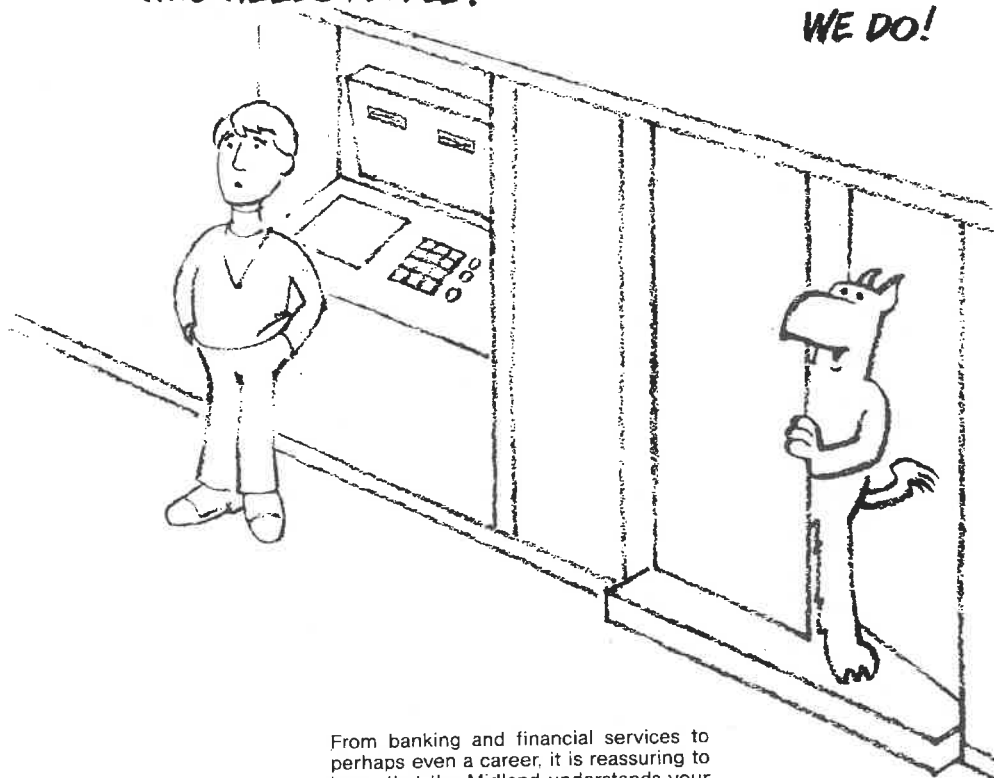
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