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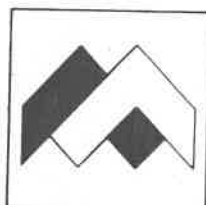
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K.G.S. NEWS

My first thoughts on becoming Chairman of the "Kirkhamian" were to try to add Beef to the magazine – to try to make it different. I began by asking the question, "What should a school magazine do?" I came up with the following answers. It should reflect the academic, cultural and sporting life of the school. It should show the school community at home and away, illustrating the multiplicity of activities that take place. It should interest the community (students, staff, old pupils, parents, friends) in these activities. It should acknowledge effort and attainment at all levels. It should entertain. I believe that the "Kirkhamian" has achieved all these things in the past and the briefest of glances through the following pages will, I hope, show that the tradition has been continued. I therefore make no apologies for not being the new broom and for continuing along a well-established road for this year's edition

From the Chairman of Governors

The coat-of-arms of Kirkham Grammar School, by its design, says much about a school which for over four hundred years has infused a love of knowledge and of service in those who have breathed its atmosphere.

On the shield are the dove of Kirham town and the triple crown of the Drapers' Company – symbolical, in turn, of the ties which bind school and town together, and of the benefactors who, from its early days have watched over the interests of the school. The crest contains a windmill resting on a book – an emblem, it is said, to indicate that Kirham's Grammar School derived its inspiration from the sturdy, industrious spirit of the Fylde.

Although the Drapers' Company ceased to have an active association with the school in or about 1958, the historical record, going back to the Will of Henry Colbourne in 1655, stands for all time. I am therefore delighted to report that in 1987 our links with the Drapers' Company are being renewed and indeed, the Trustees have agreed to make a grant towards the Multi-Purpose Hall Appeal.

I wish to thank the Drapers' Company, and also the Governors, Staff, Old Kirkhamians, Friends and others for their most generous support of the Appeal. That support has enabled the Governors to move forward, and at the present time the anticipated completion date for the new Hall is the end of 1988.

A Multi-Purpose Hall, however important, cannot replace the part played by those who are involved in running the School and the Boarding House; the Governors, the Headmaster, and all the staff. That caring and dedicated involvement continues, and it is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

The Friends as always, have played an important role in helping the School in so many ways, and I am grateful to them for all their efforts.

The Assisted Places Scheme, which was introduced in 1981, will be abolished if there is a change of government. The Governors, however, consider the Scheme to be very important and are pledged to support it, because it allows academically able children from lower income families to

attend Kirkham Grammar School. Assisted places pupils in this country, have done consistently well in public examinations. In 1985, for example, three out of four leavers were accepted for degree courses at universities, polytechnics, and other colleges. A survey of schools in 1986 showed assisted places pupils achieving a 90 per cent pass rate in A levels, with an average of 3.2 per pupil and 54 per cent at A or B grades.

Kirkham Grammar School must serve and be part of the community on as broad a base as possible, and so the Governors will continue to pursue policies to achieve that objective, and thereby reflect those ties revealed in and by our coat-of-arms.

Peter J. Hosker



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Keen readers of this section of the magazine will notice at once the curious heading. Eric Waite, our Secretary for some six years has finally had to relinquish this post, and in doing so mid-term, his contributions to the Association both in and out of office must not be overlooked. We thank him most sincerely for his efforts on our behalf at a time when the School and the Association are changing rapidly.

Equally our grateful thanks are due to Mr. M. J. Summerlee for being so willing to hold a watching brief on our behalf until – great news this! – David Stirzaker will once again take up the office of Hon. Secretary for a second (dare we say longer?) term. Mr. Summerlee could hardly have been more involved at the time of Eric's departure, organising the Oxford Dinner, which, since we were to be "sans" Eric Sidebottom as mine-host in Oxford, placed further burdens on him. I think that he and the Association can feel well-rewarded by the turn-out at St. Edmund Hall on March 28th of some three dozen of the faithful – most of them good men and true of the 1950's and '60's vintage. One small quibble! The event was billed on the menu as an "Old Boys' Reunion Dinner". As though to personally challenge this we were all very pleased to welcome Miss Fiona Dickson, our first lady member to attend this function. Angus Leeson too was present helping, amongst other things, to lower the average age of the assembly.

Such a good turn-out for this event was a relief after a very poor showing at the A.G.M. and Dinner held in School last September. Worse was to come when the Annual Dinner Dance had to be cancelled because of lack of sufficient support. The effects of these failures to rouse support from the Membership, let alone those who could be so closely connected with the School in this way if they so chose is disheartening to the current President and Committee. It can only be hoped that the President-elect, Bob Bailey, will enjoy a better year in terms of personal support of his fellow Old Kirkhamians.

In spite of these problems many new and traditional events have been made available to us. The Multi-purpose Hall Appeal still goes on – have you contributed in any way yet? The Christmas Carol Concert, Carol Service and Easter Concert along with an earlier Founders' Day have attracted local members. We can claim to have been represented by Steven Berry in the K.G.S. Select XI v. Lancashire C.C. at School in April. An immediate past School Captain, Karl Turner has joined the Committee and the recently published School Calendar for Summer 1987 advertises an O.K.A./1st XV Rugby Dinner in May, a Leavers' Dinner on June 26th (in the School) and an Open Day on Saturday, July 11th when the Old Kirkhamians challenge the School at Tennis and Cricket. Surely there is something for everyone here – even in less than half a year? Can we look forward to your support, particularly by your attendance at some of these events yourself?

Old Kirkhamian, Mr. Dick Wilson broke all records when he appeared for the Old Boys' Cricket XI v. the School last Summer. He has played for the Old Boys for 50 years. The Headmaster presented him with an engraved silver tankard in honour of his golden jubilee.



Dick Wilson receives his memento.

The Friends of K.G.S.

At the Friends of Kirkham Grammar School Annual General Meeting in October we welcomed four new members to the Committee. We have now handed over £7,000 to the fund for the new Multi-Purpose Hall. This money has been raised from Social Functions during the past two years. Parents of new pupils enjoyed a Pâté and Punch evening in September. This was followed in October by a very successful Autumn Ball which is being repeated this year on Friday, October 2nd at Broughton Park, Preston, which we hope you will all support. (Tickets: £13.50, from Mrs. Josephine Gornall, Catforth 690664.)

We will again be organising a Christmas Draw, and tickets will be sent to you later in the year.

The Prize Bingo evening in November was as usual well supported by the residents of Kirkham. Our special thanks go to the shop owners of Kirkham who donated prizes so generously.

We are still continuing our Popmobility classes every Tuesday and Thursday evening at 7.45 p.m. in the Gymnasium and our grateful thanks go to Mrs. Ann Ralston who continues the good work on our behalf.

We held a Las Vegas evening in March which proved to be very successful. Everyone enjoyed gambling with large amounts of Casino money and excitement mounted at some of the winnings in excess of £1,000,000.

At Open Day last year we had our usual Uniform Market. Please keep any items of uniform or sports wear that are no longer needed for our Market on Open Day this year. There is a great demand for it.

We hope that you have enjoyed the social events provided by the Committee and would remind you that we are always looking for new ideas for fund raising. If any parent would like to join us on the Committee this October please contact either our Secretary, Mrs. Josephine Gornall on Catforth 690664, our Social Committee Chairman, Mr. Michael Walmsley on Preston 718977 or myself on Kirkham 683607. Thank you for all your support.

Margaret P. Stevenson
(Chairman of the Friends of
Kirkham Grammar School)

News from the Staff Room

Kirkham Grammar School is fortunate in that it has a remarkably stable staff. However it is inevitable that from time to time members of staff leave for pastures new. In July 1986 we lost the services of Mr. Roger Gill who left to take up an appointment as Head of Modern Languages at Epsom College. A former Chairman of this magazine he was also active as a Boarding House master, as an officer in the C.C.F. contingent and, as an occasional member of the Staff Cricket XI, he made a great impression with his unorthodox, head-down style of bowling. We wish him every success in his new post.

Dr. Peter Durkin also left to join the staff of Douai School. He was replaced briefly for one term by Dr. John Rousseau who made a meteoric passage through the staff room. The new appointment to the Physics Department is Mr. Nigel Jobling. Nigel, a North-easterner, was educated at Dryden Senior High School, Gateshead and, after a four-year apprenticeship in Electronic Engineering at Osram (G.E.C.) Gateshead, attended Crewe and Alsager College of Higher Education. He joins our staff from Brookhouse High School, Stoke-on-Trent. He is a keen sportsman, being particularly skilled at Table Tennis – he has represented County Durham at both Junior and Senior level at this sport. He is a fanatical supporter of Newcastle United.

Mr. Gill's replacement is Mrs. Anita Devine. Anita previously taught at K.G.S. from 1977–79 when she left to have her family. She returns to us with two sons aged seven and four. During her absence from full-time work she has taught part-time at Blackpool and Fylde College of Further Education. As Secretary and Interpreter Anita has organised the Kirkham–Ancenis Twin Town exchanges since 1978.

By the time of publication of this magazine the School will have lost the services of Mrs. Anne Boll. Anne has been Head of English since joining the Staff from Kynaston Boys' Comprehensive School, London in 1974 and during her thirteen years at K.G.S. would like to be remembered for introducing Drama to the timetable. She was also responsible for producing several school plays and helped a great deal in the production of the "Kirkhamian". On one memorable occasion she actually made the Staff Cricket Team. She leaves us to become Head of a Sixth-Form House at Cheltenham Ladies' College. We wish her well in her new appointment.



The Fijian touring party stretch their legs. (Photo courtesy Blackpool Gazette)

Out and About

Birley Lecture 1987

The School played host to Mr. J. Fitzpatrick, the Chairman of the Port of Liverpool Authority on Friday, 6th February, 1987. To an invited audience of Sixth-Formers, Mr. Fitzpatrick gave a lecture entitled "What Industry expects of Education". In his talk our guest pointed out the many strengths and weaknesses of British Industry and bemoaned the fact that foreign investment in this country had not always brought the benefits expected. He suggested that a greater awareness of schools by the need to turn out men and women who could contribute to the wealth producing aspects of industry would pay dividends in the future; 'home-grown talent' in the manufacturing industries was in short supply.

The audience were mostly overwhelmed by the erudite and forceful nature of the speaker and a short question and answer session which followed the lecture served to show how great was the gap between our students and the men at the top; the overall impression, however, was of an excellently academic and thoughtful lecture which was extremely useful and enlightening for the audience. Refreshments were served in the dining-hall afterwards and many students were able to speak more informally to Mr. Fitzpatrick and this also proved most rewarding.

E.W.M.

Fiji comes to Kirkham

The School also had its unusual visitors. One day in the Winter term the touring Fijian Barbarians were entertained by the School and later spent some time training with members of the 1st XV.

School hit for six!

We also had the pleasure of entertaining the full Lancashire County Cricket XI who played a match against a K.G.S. Select XI captained by former West Indian star Clive Lloyd and including such well-known test players as Frank Hayes and David Lloyd and the Liverpool goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar. In a low-scoring match on a pleasant April afternoon the professionals had an easy victory, but it was an enjoyable experience for all participants, particularly Cricket Captain Sean Wilkinson who took a catch to dismiss England opener Graeme Fowler.



*Clive Lloyd leads out
the K.G.S. Select XI*

(Photo courtesy Blackpool Gazette)

Congratulations

As usual, in the past year K.G.S. pupils have achieved success in many fields. **Christopher Dodenhoff** continues to show excellence after his outstanding 'O' Level results mentioned last year. Chris. has been awarded a place at Queen's College, Oxford, to read Physics after achieving Grade 'A' results in the new entrance exam. Of last year's Upper Sixth leavers, 48 have gained places at University, Polytechnic or Colleges of Further Education, ranging from Oxford, Dundee, Cardiff and Munich, to read such diverse subjects as Veterinary Science, Music, Engineering and Modern Languages. A full list of academic achievement is printed below.

A former student **Brian Watson**, after having gained a degree in Engineering at Cambridge, has returned to his first love, Art, and is pursuing a Masters Degree at the prestigious Royal College of Art, London.

There have been successes by pupils in the musical field. The Royal School of Church Music has offered **David Shakespeare** a place on the Cathedral Course at Canterbury in August. **Terry Petersen** and **Matthew Naylor** gained the Provost's Chorister Award at Blackburn Cathedral for faithful service to their Choirs. **Mark Lewis** once again will play the trombone with the Lancashire Youth Band and **John Baron** played in the finals of the National Electronic Organ Competition at Nuneaton. Many pupils have achieved success in Music and Drama exams, lists of which can be seen later.

A first for the school was **James Blackburn's** performance at Chess, where he is **Lancashire U12 Champion** and there was an excellent performance at Tennis from **Richard Scott**, who won the **U13 Boys' Singles** title at the Lancashire Championships.

On the sporting side of events in general there has been, inevitably, a decline from the heady heights of last year, because unfortunately, teams break up. However, on the Athletics field the **U17 Team** won the **Northern Independent Schools Championship** and the **U14 Team** are **Fylde Coast Champions**. Individually **David Lee** is the **Lancashire 110 metres Hurdles Champion** and **Andrew Goddard** won the **Javelin** event.

In contrast to this however, there have been great successes in the sphere of Rugby. Pride of place must go to **Paul Ribchester** who reached the **Final England Trial** at U16 level and represented the **England President's XV** v. Portugal. Other representative honours at senior level were gained by **David Lee**, **Nick Sinclair**, **Kirk Wilkinson**, **Simon Heath**, **Tim Hutchings**, **Craig McIntyre** and **Michael Bailey** details of which can be seen in the Sports Section, whilst **Bruce Craven**, **John Black**, **Ben Thornber** and **Chris Jameson** have all played for the **North Lancashire XV**. These honours reflect great credit on the boys themselves, and on their coaches Mr. Brian Gornall and Mr. Paul Smith who have managed to develop such talent – a marvellous effort, considering the relatively few boys in the school.

Our congratulations must go to all the students mentioned above and to all other pupils who have achieved success in a much more modest way. These pupils, whilst not getting the individual glory, are equally as important, for, unless there is a sound team as a background the stars cannot shine.

'O' and 'A' Level Results, 1986

The following students obtained 'A' Level Grade 'E' and above in the Summer 1986 Examinations:

4 Subjects:

Barnes, P. S., Baron, Anne, Brown, D. M., Calland, N., Hardman, C. G., Hardman, Philippa M., Holden, C. F., Hurton, D. S., Mendelsohn, Louise, Russell, Alison J., Russell, Susan C., Sorrentino, M. A. V., Thistlethwaite, A., Turner, K. S., White, Monique E.

3 Subjects:

Anderson, Lorraine A., Atkinson, S. T., Connell, Laura N., Mackintosh, A. S., Musson, S. D., Taylor, R. J.

2 Subjects:

Butler, Sarah J., Cuttle, R. T., Goddard, A. R., Johnson, Andrea C., Thistlethwaite, C. J., Thompson Candice M. T., Warburton, J. F., Wignall, Helen, Woods, Nicola J.

1 Subject:

Birtwistle, I., Burnett, Fiona M., Daniels, Elise S., Dickson, Helen C., Fish, Andrea C., Marfleet, Samantha, Taylor, R. B., Tracey, N. P.

Christopher J. Dodenhoff passed 'A' Level Mathematics one year early – Grade 'A'.

The following students obtained 'O' Levels – Grade 'C' and above – Summer 1986:

10 Subjects:

Brammer, C. J., Hogan, Victoria F., Shakespeare, D. T., Smith, N. W.

9 Subjects:

Akers, Lindsay S., Darley, J. H., Hetherington, Kathryn J., Knott, I. S., Shaw, A. D., Wincott, S. W.

8 Subjects:

Brown, A. P., Butterworth, A. D., Gornall, P. D., Grossman, P. M., Roberts, Linda J., Whitworth, Emma J. W.

7 Subjects:

Astin, Nadine, C., Bagshaw, A. W., Chell, Rebecca L., Kelly, S. P., Smith, M.

6 Subjects:

Beswick, R. D., Black, S. N., Jackson, A. C., Sackfield, J. R., Sinclair, N., Smith, Fiona J.

5 Subjects:

Buckley, Nadine A., Brennand, A. N., Cuttle, H. K., Haresceugh, M. I., Heyes, Magdalen, Hutchings, T. J., Kitt, D. J., Parmley, Ruth E., Smith, S. N., Whitehead, N. M.

4 Subjects:

Butterworth, Andrea, Hodkinson, G. E., Lee, Sharon A., Ryan, P. J.

3 Subjects:

Bell, Kirsten M., Hart, R. M., Hull, Gail L., Lansom, S. L., McDougal, D. I. H., Wood, A. J., Wright, S. C.

2 Subjects:

Clarkson, Amanda J., Downs, Sandra L., Colgan, J. F., Powell, N. J., Wilkinson, K. A.

1 Subject:

Bucklow, Joy L., Campbell, Karen, Carruthers, B. L., Clarke, D. H., Dickinson, A. F., Higginson, Rebecca A. L., Lowe, R. A., Nutter, Michelle, Seed, P. A., Wileman, B. A.

Drama

1987 was another busy year and offered those with an interest in Drama a multitude of opportunities to indulge it.

The Wednesday afternoon Dance-Drama group invited Mrs. J. Anderson to teach them the rudiments of jazz dance choreography. They enjoyed the session very much. Again members of the same group who were interested in stage design spent a fascinating evening at Manchester's Contact Theatre on an evening workshop called "Behind The Scenes".

Over the year many theatre trips have been organised and a few memorable ones were a guided tour and lecture on the Grand Theatre, Blackpool; a visit by fourth and sixth-formers to the Octagon, Bolton, to see the classic comedy "Hobson's Choice"; the sixth-formers went to Stratford-on-Avon to see "A Winter's Tale" and more recently, "King Lear" at the Grand Theatre, Blackpool. The junior members of the school were not forgotten and Manchester was the venue of "The Little Prince" with its spectacular set and lighting, and recently, a small group went to the Opera House, Blackpool, to see "The Voyage of The Dawn Trader".

The juniors, who enjoy performing and who attended Monday and Wednesday lunchtime workshops, presented an afternoon of Drama on Open Day. With Mrs. Gault and Matthew Pateman coping back stage everything went very smoothly. Mark Hood, Kathryn Read and Michael Ward highlighted the problems of a fashion-conscious world along with Thomas Connolly, Kymberly Davis, Esther Smith, Peter Marfleet and Osman El Jendi. All did splendidly both in their acting and modelling sequences! Emma Whittaker and Jane Youll impressed audiences with their improvisation skills. Ix's documentary drama called "We Shall Never Die", which showed conditions of the early industrial years, was well done and it displayed a wealth of talent; budding musicians, dancers, actors and technicians. Well done to all who were involved.

The Carol Concert gave the thespians another opportunity to perform! Emma Topping (IX) read clearly; Susan Scambler (U6) caught the audience's imagination with her recital about carol singers by Dylan Thomas; a group of Ix did a piece of light-hearted choral verse; Fiona Smith and Ruth Parmley (L6) amused the audience with their dialogue "The Twelve Shopping Days to Christmas" while Matthew Pateman and Christian Benson showed their comic skills in their version of "A Child's Countdown to Christmas".

Professional Theatre came to K.G.S. when the company "Willpower" introduced the G.C.S.E. Theatre Studies Group, first and second years to their programme "Shakespeareance". Rhiannon Bell describes their visit:

On Tuesday, 3rd February "Willpower" came to visit our school. There were seven people in all, but only four actually did the acting. The others organised the driving, producing, costumes and lighting. As well as performing extracts from six of Shakespeare's plays, they also acted out pieces of his life and discussed his work with us. They performed many comedies and some of the historical plays. The plays they performed were "The Two Gentlemen of Verona", "The Taming of the Shrew", "A Midsummer Night's Dream", "The Merchant of Venice" and short pieces from "King John" and "Henry IV".

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" was very funny especially when they acted out the play of "Pyramus and Thisbe". One of the men dressed up as Thisbe with a yellow straw-like wig, whereas the other man dressed as Pyramus with a massive helmet through which he could only just see. "The Taming of the Shrew" was also quite funny. The fight between Petruchio and Kate was really good. In many of Shakespeare's plays there was a woman disguised as a man. This happened in "The Merchant of Venice" and also in "The Two Gentlemen of

Verona". They acted out the court scene from "The Merchant of Venice" where Portia dressed up as a lawyer to defend Antonio, and Shylock the Jew is punished.

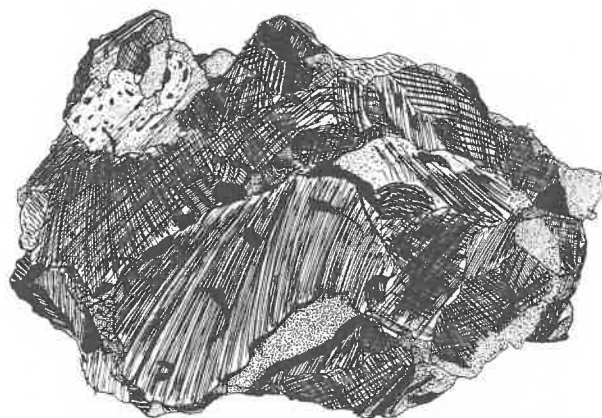
They acted in front of the first and second year classes and performed at the back of the hall. This was because there was more room. The audience sat in a semi-circle to give the effect of the Globe Theatre. I was sitting near the back and could hear them clearly. They had a lot of lines to learn, but they were word perfect. In some of the plays they wore very little costume, but in other pieces they wore quite a lot. They also did an interview with Shakespeare and his wife which was very amusing. I very much enjoyed the two hours that they were with us.

Finally the L.A.M.D.A. results for which Mrs. Davis and her students deserve congratulations for their hard work!

<i>Acting</i>	<i>Grade</i>
Sarah Kendrick	3
Joanna Simpson	3 (Distinction)
Michael Ward	4
Jane Ansell	3 (Distinction)
<i>Speech</i>	<i>Grade</i>
Michael Hall	2
Rhiannon Bell	2 (Distinction)
John Earnshaw	4
Charles Simpson	4
Naomi Dagger	6
Elspeth Giles	2
Dawn Gaskin	2
Simon McArdle	4
Daniel Kings	4 (Distinction)
Rhys Jones	2 (Distinction)
Jenny Tobin	3
Emma Sidebottom	4 (Distinction)
Susan Bannister	4
Caroline Powell	4 (Distinction)
Emma Cartwright	4 (Distinction)
Kim Harris	4
Kathryn Read	4
Joanne Gornall	5
Esther Phillips	6 (Distinction)

Indeed a busy, and most satisfying year of Drama!

Y. E. Jones



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A production of "Return to the Forbidden Planet" – a science fiction, rock 'n' roll spoof based on Shakespeare's "The Tempest" – was rushed through in about two weeks' hectic rehearsal, and staged in front of the school. To produce a play, especially a musical, in so short a time was a remarkable achievement, and great credit and thanks must go to the cast of Matthew Pateman, Kevin Johnson, Stephen Licence, Elaine Sherring, Fiona Smith, Paul Barnes and Mark "I broke the wheel" Howells, but especially to three old boys, John Howells, Barry Russell and John Buckley, who provided us with the robot, and – most importantly – the music. Thanks to the unflappable Andrew Mackintosh for special effects and video wizardry, and to Mr. Roberts for his enthusiasm, commitment and O.T.T. acting!

The Society has also been busy organising visits to theatres near and far. Among those plays we have seen have been Brecht's "The Good Person of Szechwan" and "The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui", Shakespeare's "King Lear" and Pinero's "Dandy Dick".

On the 13th and 14th July, 1987, we shall stage Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream". We very much hope that this will be well-supported.

Finally, I should like to thank Mr. Roberts for his unstinting energy at all times, despite his belief that we are all "wooden actors".

Matthew Pateman
(Secretary)

Dramatic Society

Despite there being no public performance of any play last year, because of the summer term's ending two days early owing to G.C.S.E. teacher-training, the Dramatic Society has been very busy.



The cast of "Return to the Forbidden Planet"
(left to right): Matthew Pateman, Fiona Smith, Elaine Sherring, Paul Barnes, Kevin Johnson, Stephen Licence.
(background): Mr. J. Roberts, Mark Howells.

Music

The last twelve months have been very busy and extremely successful with the best choir for many years. It has been very enjoyable and rewarding for all the members of the School's largest society – the Music and Orchestra Society.

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

Towards the end of the Summer Term at Open Day Afternoon, the Tea Garden Orchestra (armed with clothes pegs to combat the gale force winds) entertained valiantly on the School Lawn. Also during the afternoon the Madrigal Group performed in style and several instrumentalists gave of their talents.

The first major event of the Winter Term was Speech Day and the Music Society was represented during the proceedings when John Nichol and Stuart Hull sang "Ave Maria" by Schubert.

For a change Christmas at K.G.S., was in December and as usual J. C.'s fame spread far and wide and the tickets to see his performance were sold out in ten minutes. 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. A few days later, a group of singers went to Wesham Park Hospital to perform a selection of Christmas items and the elderly patients were obviously impressed. After the performance we all tactfully declined orange and biscuits due to the Salmonella poisoning scare.

The full School Choir and Girls' Choir sang at the annual Carol Service held at St. Michael's Parish Church. Once again Mr. Harold Jackson played the organ.

The House Music Competition was held during the Spring Term and Mr. Wishart-Hodgson from Lancaster University was the adjudicator. After a very closely fought contest, Kirkham House was awarded the trophy.

The School Easter Concert opened once again with full houses on both nights. The School Orchestra opened the proceedings with a "Polka" by Dvorak and "Processional March" by Woodhouse, followed by individual pieces from the House Music Competition, a trombone solo "That God is Great" by Handel, performed by Mark Lewis (5Y); a clarinet duet "Voi Che Sapete" by Mozart performed by Louise Green and Rebecca Rawstrone (1Y) accompanied by David Shakespeare (L6); an electronic organ solo "Spanish Gypsy Dance" by Marquina and Amparito Roca by Texidor, played by John Baron (5Y); a trio called "Valse Russe" performed by Stephen Licence (Pre) on the violin, Richard Wedge (3Z) on the cello and Daniel Carroll (5X) on the piano; and a piano solo "Noel from the Seasons" by Tchaikovsky played by David Shakespeare (L6).

The Junior girls choir sang a selection of songs, "Tiger! Tiger!" – Sanson, "Littly Polly Flinders" – Diack and "Any Dream will do" – A. Lloyd Webber, a mixture of all the Junior Choirs sang "Jonah Man Jazz" by Michael Hurd, the Narrator was Benjamin Stuttard.

By far the most prominent part of the proceedings was the impeccable performance of Haydn's "Nelson Mass", for which the Music Society is most grateful to Miss Watson and to the Watson String Orchestra for their assistance with the evening's performance. The soloists were James Blackburn, John Nichol, Neil Taylor, Paul Nand, Stuart Hull, Nicola Spicer, John Baron and David Shakespeare. The performance received acclamation from high places.

Music Honours have been awarded to Nicola Spicer and David Shakespeare.

Finally, the thanks of the Music Society must go to Mrs. Greaves and Mr. Catterall whose dedication and hard work with the choirs and orchestra are much appreciated.

Nicola Spicer (Secretary)
Stephen Licence (Pre)

Associated Board Music Examinations, 1986–87

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

Grade 1		
Jane Ansell	Piano	Pass
David Cowburn	Piano	Pass
Anna Fryer	Piano	Pass
Richard Gornall	Piano	Pass
Craig Hughes	Violin	Pass
Simon McArdle	Piano	Merit
Sudip Ray	Violin	Distinction
Jane Youll	Piano	Distinction
Grade 2		
Martin Caren	Cello	Distinction
Alison DeMaine	Violin	Pass
Sudip Ray	Violin	Pass
Tracy Robinson	Violin	Pass
Grade 3		
Jayne Boardman	Piano	Pass
Alistair Cairns	Piano	Pass
Louise Dunn	Flute	Pass
Kimberley Davies	Flute	Pass
Alexia Fielding	Piano	Merit
Joanna Forder	Flute	Pass
Alistair Gardner	Piano	Merit
Caroline Gault	Clarinet	Pass
Louise Green	Clarinet	Distinction
Nicholas Hill	Piano	Merit
Matthew Hogan	Clarinet	Merit
Mark Hoad	Clarinet	Pass
Michael Jameson	Piano	Pass
Rebecca Rawstrone	Clarinet	Merit
Katherine Salt	Clarinet	Pass
Richard Wedge	Cello	Distinction
Grade 4		
Helen Allison	Flute	Pass
Anne Fletcher	Piano	Merit
Joanne Gornall	Piano	Merit
Louise Green	Piano	Merit
Angus McEwan	Piano	Pass
Sudip Ray	Violin	Merit
Neil Taylor	Piano	Pass
Grade 5		
Emma Cartwright	Flute	Pass
Claire Farnhill	Flute	Merit
Fiona Gilmore	Piano	Pass
Matthew Hogan	Clarinet	Merit
Esther Phillips	Flute	Pass
Monique White	Clarinet	Pass
Karen Whittle	Piano	Pass
Grade 6		
Mark Lewis	Trombone	Merit
Susan Scambler	Piano	Pass
Laurence Singleton	Piano	Pass
Nicola Spicer	Clarinet	Pass
	Violin	Pass
Grade 7		
Christopher Turner	Clarinet	Merit
Grade 8		
David Shakespeare	Piano	Distinction

Easter Concert 1987

K.G.S. has a well-deserved reputation for the excellence of its music and this year's Easter Concert on the 5th and 6th March proved how well founded this reputation is.

The programme was an interesting mixture of items which indicated the range and variety of musical activity throughout the school. The first part of the programme contained items from the Inter-House music competition, two items by the school orchestra, three songs from the junior girls' choir, and a performance by the massed junior choirs of Michael Hurd's "Jonah Man Jazz". This was tremendously enjoyed by the singers and the audience, and was sung with great gusto and considerable expertise.

The second part of the programme was Hayden's Nelson Mass. It is extremely impressive that a school of our size can tackle such an extremely demanding and complex work, that they should perform it so well is even more impressive. On behalf of the audience I would like to thank all those who worked so hard to give us a most enjoyable evening.

A. G. Boil

The Library 1986/7

No doubt the reappearance of the Library Report in the "Kirkhamian" leaves many of you waiting with baited breath (whatever that means). Unfortunately, this is not to announce the introduction of a computer based catalogue system – though this is under consideration with R.J.B. – nor is it to reveal that a video loan section is to replace the Classics section.

Much of the work done in administering the Library is rather mundane and is a matter of keeping on top of things: in the last year a fair number of new books have been introduced, but the majority of time has been spent selecting books for repair and catching up with filing a backlog of catalogue cards, as well as carrying out regular chores. Apart from the everyday expense of newspapers and magazines, money has been spent on the backing and repair of books and the general improvement of the appearance of the Library. One may say that, after a period of almost profligate expansion, a period of retrenchment has been taking place, no doubt prior to another golden era of expansion and innovation.

Of course, the erudition on offer in the Library would not be so accessible without the sterling work done by the Senior Librarians and I would like to compliment this year's bunch – not that they are anything like coconuts – on being, under the careful monitoring of Kevin Johnson, possibly the most reliable set of librarians I can remember. (This has been of particular value to me as I spend several lunchtimes a week up to my knees in rugby.) What a pity, however, that their reliability has not been matched by a genuine love of returning books to shelves – a chore which they seem to abhor. Never mind – this minor failing may lead to the re-introduction of Junior Librarians in September 1987.

See next year's exciting instalment!

R. J. Watson

Senior Librarians 1986/87

Secretary: K. Johnson

A. J. McAnsland, M. R. Bailey, A. H. Palin, M. T. Williams, M. J. Simpson, S. C. Wilson, M. E. Pateman, M. Howells, L. Sowerbutts, C. Dodenhoff, J. H. Kings, S. M. Clarke, A. Cullum, M. Nelson, S. Scambler, A. Fallon, S. Wilkinson, E. Cornah, D. Carter, A. Johnson.

Charity Committee Report

As decided by the Committee last year the School has continued with its policy of supporting local charities, focusing on the Victoria Hospital Scanner Appeal and more recently the Hospice in the Fylde.

A special effort was made for the Katherine House Hospice appeal and I would like to thank Nicola Nice, Michelle Simpson and Angela Cullum for all their efforts for this particular charity and for the time they put into organising a successful junior fancy dress disco (raising £365 overall for the Hospice).

The Dr. Barnardo's representative again visited the school to ask sixth-formers to collect for them, the response was as usual pleasing. Sixth-form community service has been somewhat boosted by the enthusiasm of this year's Lower Sixth girls who visit individual old people, and the children at Pear Tree House.

This term there has been a concerted effort to raise more money with cake and coffee sales being arranged and another non-uniform day scheduled for next term.

I would, as usual, like to thank all the pupils and staff who have contributed weekly and finally Mr. Clarkson for his assistance and support.

Emma Cornah, U6S/M
(Charity Secretary)

Charity, 1986–87

Summer Term

	£
Dr. Barnardo's	20.00
Les Evans Holiday Fund	20.00
Pestalozzi Villages	20.00
I.F.A.W.	10.00
U.N.I.C.E.F.	150.00
Multiple Sclerosis	350.00
Shelter	35.00
N.S.P.C.C.	35.00
Leprosy Mission	45.00
A1 Cancer Research	45.00
R.N.I.B.	45.00
L.E.P. Scanner Appeal	100.00
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	£875.00

Winter Term 1986

Commonwealth Games Appeal	518.40
R.A.F. Association	20.00
I.T.D.G.	75.00
Dr. Barnardo's	100.00
Hospice Appeal – Katherine House	365.00
Shepherd St. Mission	110.00
Pestalozzi Villages	22.00
Poppy Appeal	15.80
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£1,226.20

Spring Term 1987

Victoria Scanner	90.00
Blind – R.N.I.B.	80.00
Hospice in the Fylde	70.00
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£240.00

The Sixth Form Union and Sixth Form Common Rooms

In the last week of the summer term 1986, the responsibility for the Sixth Form Unit (as it was then known) changed hands. In the course of the last year, several changes have occurred: some for the better; some, perhaps, for the worse.

During the course of the summer holidays, a group of sixth formers implemented a number of practical changes. This committee (A. Palin, S. Wilson, L. Sowerbutts, N. Spicer, A. Fallon and J. Pickervance) with the approval of the Sixth Form and the financial assistance of the School were responsible for: the cleaning and painting of the common rooms; the introduction of a carpeted area and net curtains; the refurbishing of the kitchen and the introduction of a coffee and tea system. Much time and effort were spent on making the Sixth Form Common Rooms more civilised places in which to spend leisure hours.

During this time, the committee also drafted a constitution which was approved by the Headmaster and implemented on return to school: membership fees were charged and cards issued for the Sixth Form Union; the unit was re-christened, 'The Sixth Form Common Rooms', and House Rules were laid down; general and disciplinary committees were established; duty rotas were set up. All of these are published in the S.F.C.R.

What then has happened since those days of hope and innovation? Well, the S.F.C.R.s are not as clean, neat and pristine as they were in September, but that is hardly surprising after two terms hard wear by some seventy sixth formers. It is pleasing to note that little real damage has occurred, though the net curtains are, perhaps, a little impractical as, it was discovered was the coffee system.

What of the constitution? The disciplinary committee has met on two occasions and carried out its duty effectively on both occasions, but since then the Chairman has seen fit to impose discipline from on high. Why? With several exceptions, all disciplinary matters have been of a general nature relating largely to the tidiness of the Common Rooms which have resulted in wholesale changes to the duty system. Three different systems have been tried; the latest one, introduced in February, appears to be working.

Those of you who are leaving in July will perhaps feel that not a lot has been achieved and those of you who worked so hard last summer will have felt feelings of despair at fellow Sixth Formers' lack of gratitude and respect for your efforts. I would disagree with the former and point out that much has been learned from mistakes made during the course of the year. The latter, I would suggest, have laid firm foundations for future years and while the practical efforts made last summer may have been short-lived, the constitutional progress should be far-reaching. True, the grandiose schemes of social events talked about last summer have not been achieved at the time of writing (April 1987) but certainly events have taken place outside the Official S.F.U. which show potential and, perhaps, the way for future years.

Attitudes to, and treatment of, the S.F.C.R. have, I think, improved and perhaps future years will benefit from the present Sixth Form's most responsible behaviour.

I would certainly like to think so.

R. J. Watson
(Chairman, S.F.U. 1986/7)

S.F.U. Secretary: A. Palin.

Treasurer: L. Sowerbutts.

Committee: S. Licence, N. Spicer, S. Scambler, M. Bailey, N. Hamer, S. Downs, F. Smith, T. Brennand, S. Smith, P. Gornall, J. Brammer.

Economic Games

"Running the British Economy"

Two Sixth Form teams entered this year's competition held again at Lancashire Polytechnic in February. The organisation is sponsored by Heriot-Watt University and is a computer based simulated Economics game where students get the chance to "run" the British Economy for 10 years. Students can manage the Economy by altering Government spending, Income Tax, V.A.T. and the money supply. The Upper Sixth team tended to rush through the game when making their decisions and ended with a low score. The Lower Sixth team did very well on their first appearance and made a creditable score of 3,000. It was unfortunate that they fell away toward the end of the game. The game is aimed at improving students' Economics' understanding and at the same time being enjoyable.

U6 team: K. Johnson, M. Sowerbutts, S. Licence, S. Whittinham, C. McIntyre, M. Bailey.

L6 team: T. Hutchings, A. Butterworth, S. Lansom, J. Moore, G. Hodskinson, A. Jackson.

"Stockpiler"

This simulated investment game was entered by both U6 and L6 teams. Each team has an initial £50,000 which it can invest in shares and Government Securities. The teams can make decisions to buy and sell securities on one particular Wednesday each month from October to February. They must quote prices in the Financial Times. The U6 team did quite well and ended up with a portfolio value of £65,000. The L6 team were initially doing quite well but a lack of team coordination let them down at the crucial time and they ended up with a valuation of £40,000. Better luck to the teams next year.

T. J. Bruce



Young Enterprise – Profab.

At the beginning of this academic year the Lower Sixth were approached with the idea of producing and selling goods, and hopefully making a profit. The idea was part of an international scheme, known as "Young Enterprise", to introduce young students to the rigours of running a business.

The first item on the agenda was to decide upon eleven members to form an executive committee, whose job was to run and control the company. Next came the question "What to produce?" After much deliberation it was decided to produce First Aid boxes.

As soon as this was decided upon, we went about raising capital in the form of shares. We managed to sell 552 shares, each costing 25 pence each, and a current account was opened at the Midland Bank in Kirkham.

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen problems, production was slow, and as a result a few executives resigned, but were soon replaced by other members of the board.

Production eventually began after the Christmas Holidays, with the Mark I box, and quickly followed by the Mark II box. The contents being as follows:

Plastic Box (Push-on lid)
Scissors
Medicated wipes
Gauze
Triangular Bandage
Sterile eye pad
7.5 cms x 5 m bandage
Sterile dressing
6 x 10 cm Strip plasters
5 Safety pins
First Aid Booklet

Plastic Box (Hinged lid)
Scissors
Medicated wipes
Gauze
Triangular Bandage
Sterile eye pad
2.5 cms x 5 m bandage
8.5 cms x 5 m bandage
Cotton wool
Savlon cream
Sterile dressing
6 x 10 cms Strip plasters
5 Safety pins
First Aid Booklet
Price: £7.50.

Price: £6.50.

The boxes were soon sold with many satisfied customers, and at the moment a new batch is being prepared for immediate sales at the beginning of the summer term.

The company is due to close down at the end of the academic year, when hopefully we may return the money to their shareholders plus any profits!

May I finally take this opportunity to thank Mr. T. J. Bruce, Mr. A. M. Hill and any other members of staff who have offered their advice and support for the successful running of Profab. Also may I thank, on behalf of the executive committee Fylde Insurance Brokers, Kirkham, for sponsoring us, and last but not least, Mr. A. Kerr whose advice has been invaluable to the company.

For any orders please contact Tony Brennan at school.

Anthony Bagshaw, LVI

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FRIDAY 3.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.

MONDAY, 20th July, 1987	2.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.
TUESDAY, 21st July	2.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, 22nd July	2.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.
THURSDAY, 23rd July	2.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.
FRIDAY, 24th July	2.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. and 6.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.
MONDAY, 24th August, 1987	2.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.
TUESDAY, 25th August	2.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, 26th August	2.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.
THURSDAY, 27th August	2.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.
FRIDAY, 28th August	2.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. and 6.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.
MONDAY, 31st August, 1987	2.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.
TUESDAY, 1st September	2.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, 2nd September	2.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.
THURSDAY, 3rd September	2.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.
FRIDAY, 4th September	2.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. and 6.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.
MONDAY, 7th September, 1987	2.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.

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SCHOOL TRIPS

Skiing 1987 – Bardonecchia, Italy

"It was with a mixture of excitement and reluctance that 48 Staff and pupils boarded the coach at 6.00 a.m. . . ." Oh, no! – I hear you complain – another hackneyed account about long journeys, beautiful mountain vistas, modest hotels, snow-white snow, rotten Italian food, duty-free drinks, greasy ski-instructors, kamikaze skiers, discos, pizzas and après ski. Fair enough – what, then, was different about Bardonecchia?

First of all, the weather: the first two days were atrocious – it rained in the valley and snowed on the mountain. This meant that the ski-suits which are built for warmth and not wet were soaked by the time the chair lift reached the pistes, the blizzards and the low cloud. The stylish suits of the girls look very chic in sunshine and snow but resemble saturated eiderdowns in rain. However, skiing soon warms you up and at least in a blizzard you can't see where you're going – which can be an advantage. This weather also gave Mrs. Piggott time to talk of the qualities of her white Gortex suit . . . incessantly. Fortunately, the weather turned for the better after two days and we were grateful for four days of beautiful, clear, blue skies etc., etc. (See "*Kirkhamian*" 1983-4-5-6.)

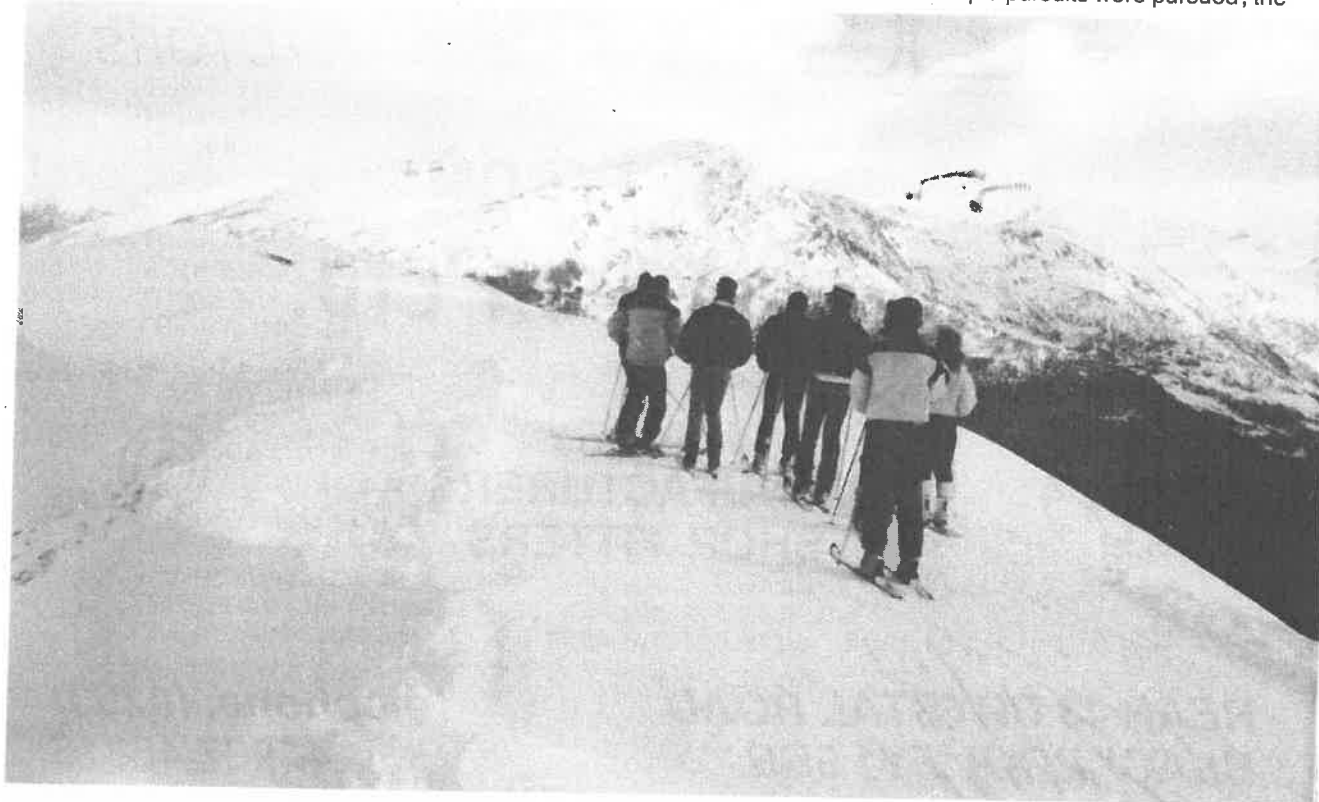
Next, the skiing: this was found to be interesting and varied and to the tastes of most people – but was it any different from previous years? Well, there was a variety of pistes and some of them went through wooded areas. Group A – "The Lunatics", led by Kneesapart Beaker, the Scorching Snowplough ("who cares about style – let's have a good blast") perhaps found things a little too easy as they are only happy when out of control or leading less adventurous members down dangerous black runs (Scott of the Antarctic is not the only Scott to have led innocents into lethal snowbound wastes). Group B, "The Cowards" ("COW-RAGE is what you need" was the cry of Guiseppe the Instructor: "On your ski-bike" was the reply the group

side-stepping down the mountain) consisted of the rest of the staff who have all been skiing for at least half a century but have mastered the art of skiing badly enough on the first morning to avoid the "Lunatics" group, a number of ambitious beginners and quaking drop-outs from the "Lunatics". The other groups were made up of those who have skied a little and go everywhere very fast.

Once again, we were fortunate to take people who enjoyed their skiing and were willing to persevere; injuries were few and made light of by those who suffered them; everyone took advantage of the excellent conditions which prevailed for the last four days and showed true K.G.S. spirit in their approach to this most enjoyable, if demanding sport. A few questions: will Chris Fountain ever cease to be a danger to the skiing fraternity by learning to stop? Will Jochan Robinson ever stay upright for more than fifteen seconds? Wouldn't he have found skiing easier if he had not smashed his glasses on the first morning? Does Mrs. Piggott really look as good as SHE says she does? Will Dr. Summers ever keep his knees together without a piece of string? How do Mr. Scott's skis bear the weight? Whatever happened to Mr. Browning's green bobble hat?

Our hotel, "The Imperia", which was in Melezet, just outside Bardonecchia, and literally a couple of minutes walk from the chairlift to the slope, was typical of an Italian guesthouse of its type – though very well run by the owners, ably assisted by a most efficient Schools Abroad representative. For comments about accommodation, food etc., see the "*Kirkhamian*" 1983-4-5-6.

Although we were ten minutes drive from Bardonecchia, this did not adversely affect the après ski life of the party. Two visits were made into Bardonecchia: one to the "Popeye" discotheque which had, much to Mr. Scott's discomfort, some clients of dubious nature, and where normal discotheque pursuits were pursued; the



The experts

second visit was to a pizzeria, where the waiters conscientiously took orders for the various types of pizza and then brought everybody exactly the same pizza. A good time, of course, was had by all.

The real centre of social life was, however, the disco/bar in the basement of the hotel where the party had a great deal of fun and the staff made fools of themselves by pretending to be young, which they obviously are not. Much enjoyment was had on a games night which was won by the second year boys: it was a delight watching Andrew Heaton, who obviously wished he'd been standing next to Sharon Lee, trying to pass an orange to Paul Gaskin without using his hands – photographs will be distributed later; Neil Phillipson almost resorted to physical violence when defeated by Michael Summers at "musical newspapers"; the senior boys and girls also appeared to enjoy the rapid changes of ski clobber which was required for one of the games. This evening's entertainment would probably not have done a great deal for the seniors' "street cred" – blow football is not, I fear, either cool or trendy – but certainly looked good fun.

The fancy dress night was a hoot where once again K.G.S. pupils showed their inventiveness which outshone rival parties: the second year boys' caterpillar was hardly likely to turn into a butterfly; the fourth year girls adopted a "backward" look – in clothes, not intelligence; the Fourth Year boys reverted to type with ease, making convincing-looking babies "mewling and puking" (Shakespeare) though not literally, of course; Mr. Scott's attempt to contain himself within Mrs. Piggott's ski-suit ("it's Gortex, you know") was valiant but always impossible – "it's the pasta, honest" – though it was felt the make-up did wonders for his wrinkles if not his image. The pièce de résistance was, however, Rebecca Higginson's impersonation of I.M.S. (when did she get a pillow large enough?) appearing with moustache and various vices on show, including a "girl" on each arm – was it really J. J. Smith and Paul Spinks? Once again, photographs were taken and no doubt bribery, blackmail and corruption will flourish in the Summer Term.



... and not so experts



I.M.S. and friends (alias Paul Spinks, Rebecca Higginson, Jethro Smith).

On the final night, presentations were made and everybody received an award of some description: Mrs. Piggott realised that wearing a white Gortex suit did not entitle her to a Gold Star; R. J. W. proved that crawling did entitle him to a Gold Star; the Sixth Form girls realised that their intellectual efforts had been worth it and were rewarded with a bottle of bubbly for winning the treasure hunt; Dr. Summers received a stronger piece of string for his knees; Guiseppe, the "Cowards" instructor, received far too much whisky and had to "serpentine" all the way down the mountain.

Does it sound much the same as other years? Perhaps that is inevitable: skiing is nearly always enjoyable and this year the party was particularly affable and – most pleasing – a credit to themselves and the school both on the slopes and après ski. Perhaps it is as inevitable as the sweatshirt bought for Dr. Summers as a sign of our appreciation of his efforts throughout the year; perhaps as inevitable as the wine bought by the seniors in appreciation of the staff's efforts during the week. Let us hope the inevitability continues in Risoul, France, next year.

Franz Klammer (O.A.P.)

The Party:

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| Staff: | Mr. and Mrs. B. M. S., R. J. W., R. J. B., I. M. S. and S. P. |
| Sixth Form: | Amanda Clarkson, Sharon Lee, Rebecca Higginson, Emma Whitworth. |
| Fifth Form: | T. Field, P. Gaskin, M. Heaton, N. Phillipson, J. Robinson, P. Spinks, J. J. Smith, A. Stevenson, W. Strettle, J. Ward. |
| Fourth Form: | Jane Boardman, Fiona Gilmore, Lisa Haresceugh, Sarah-Jane Heath, Briony Summers, Julie Tomlinson.
P. Baines, I. Cowburn, C. Fountain, C. Kenward, A. Parmley, A. Swift. |
| Third Form: | Megan Vipond, J. Coupe, P. Cowburn, J. Fraser, M. Hood, C. Hughes, R. Renwick, R. Wedge. |
| Second Form: | A. Carr, D. Chant, N. Le Coustre, P. Anderson, T. Petersen, M. Stevens, M. Summers, A. Clegg. |

Mini-break in Boulogne

At short notice it was possible to arrange a brief trip to Boulogne during the Easter holidays. Having set off from school late on Sunday, we travelled through the night to catch the early morning ferry for Boulogne from Folkestone, during which Mr. Rushton, aided and abetted by a group of fifth formers, demonstrated his vast general knowledge on the "Give us a break" machines.

Once in France, the party was divided into groups and there was sufficient time for us to explore Boulogne – and for James Musson to collect several posters, thanks to the kindness of the local shopkeepers. Our first real opportunity to practise our French came when it was lunch-time, when we very ably asked for tables in restaurants, ordered meals and drinks and finally asked for the bills. After dinner we managed some souvenir hunting – and found that we could understand French shopkeepers – and that they could understand us. Then it was off to the hotel in Le Portel – only five minutes or so from the centre of Boulogne, and after a brief rest we were out exploring the town. Eventually a game of football was arranged on the beach – for those who chose not to go for a paddle – and here it became obvious from Mr. Clarkson's footballing skills and knowledge why Preston North End are currently in Division 4 and also why Richard O'Neil will never again be asked to be goalkeeper in a football match.

We then returned to the hotel and after an excellent meal either settled down for a games evening in the hotel or went to see what night-life was in store for us in what appeared to be the French equivalent of Wrea Green. Mr. Clarkson proved to be no better at table football than he was at the real variety, although the sheer professionalism of Mr. Bruce was a revelation!

An early rise was planned for the following morning, and somehow became even earlier than intended, although sufficient time was then available for packing, both before and after breakfast. A visit to a hypermarket just outside Boulogne followed, where we were able to stock up with food and drink for the return journey. After our final meal at the hotel we set off for the port and back to England.

It was at this point that our second form vigilantes, led by Gerard Cuthbert, decided that enough was enough and intentions were made to re-pay Mr. Rushton for his persistent antics, but his greater experience in these matters saw him through.

Once back in England, the journey back to school was rather quiet – despite Rebecca Wilkinson's attempts to liven things up with, among other things, a sixties sing-along. By now, however, almost all the party were too tired and settled down for some sleep.

Thanks must go to all members of staff who gave up part of their holiday for our benefit – to Miss Walsh, Mr. Bruce, Mr. Clarkson and Mr. Taylor – and to Mrs. Roberts and Mr. Rushton (who ended up making one or two extra trips on arrival back at K.G.S., for which the writer of this report is particularly grateful) for organising the trip at such short notice. We all thoroughly enjoyed the trip and would like to thank the staff for making the stay so enjoyable. When we arrived back at K.G.S. we were all left wishing that we could have stayed a bit longer.

R. O'Neil, 5Z

Lower Sixth Geography Field Trip, 1987

It was 9.15 a.m. when the minibuses eventually left K.G.S. for Scarborough – the town we had heard so much of over the past six months.

Once we reached Scarborough the first port of call was Oliver's Mount where we were supposed to see the layout at the old Viking settlement. This proved to be a waste of time, due to the fog which restricted our view to a few trees about ten metres in front of us.

We arrived at the Scalby Manor Hotel at about 1.00 p.m. and after a scramble to the rooms – all trying to avoid the supposedly "haunted" room, we were taken on a tour around Scarborough Castle. This trip, however, was made more entertaining when Simon Smith and Kirk Wilkinson "accidentally fell" into the castle moat, with a "little" help from Tim Hutchings.

That evening the group continued their education in the way of "bottle walking", in which Mr. Scott emerged as champion – by a long way!

The following day was the village survey, and the group was split up into four and taken to their various villages where we spent the day asking innocent pedestrians a wide variety of questions. It was on this day, whilst in a Duchy of Lancaster Estate Office, that Anthony Bagshaw asked to see the Duchy of Lancaster!

On the Wednesday we were taken off to the town centre, armed with clipboards, tape-measures and Clinometers in order to find the lengths and heights of certain shops. There were some very funny looks given as we pulled tape measures across the face of Marks and Spencers, and other such shops.

During the evening we were entertained by an 18th birthday party. The main attraction at the evening being Shaun Kelly – for reasons he wishes to remain private amongst us.

After breakfast (of which Tim "Human dustbin" Hutchings managed to eat 3), we prepared for the river survey. We were abandoned in the Yorkshire Moors, from where we had to follow the river, taking surveys at various points along the way. One group had to walk five miles, part of it in the water.

After the battle for the baths we settled down to dinner. That evening a few of us were in for a shock: after talking in a room for half an hour, a buxom blonde emerged from under a bed. She had originally gone in to pretend to be a ghost, but we had arrived too soon, so she hid under the bed listening to the conversation. There were a few embarrassed people – not least Simon Smith!

The next day, Saturday, was the beach survey. It was a wet, windy day which didn't help feelings when the "sadistic" Mr. Willatt forced people into the North Sea to measure waves. After about the fourth survey Kirk Wilkinson was swept off his feet by a freak wave, and so after that everybody just gave up trying to stay dry, all except Tony Brennand, who was trying to balance in the water on just two crutches!

As it was Mr. Scott's birthday we all went out in the evening and ended up singing late into the night. We all assumed that this was his reason for his absence in breakfast the next morning, even though he denied it. After breakfast we were taken to various parts of the area to do land use surveys. This was a full day spent walking and noting the various crops grown and interviewing farmers about their livestock and crops.

That evening we got our own back on Wendy, the girl under the bed, with the help of Roger Sackfield and his glass eye! Afterwards we made an educational visit to the Bryerstones.

The Final project to do was the soil sampling at the Yorkshire moors, and afterwards we were taken to a local history museum.

The final day went smoothly when repacking the mini buses for our return journey via York, finally arriving back at school about 3.00 p.m.

Finally, I'd like to thank on behalf of the Lower Sixth Geography set Messrs. Scott and Willatt for providing such a beneficial, yet entertaining week, and also to the staff at the Scalby Manor Hotel for helping to make the week such a success.

Anthony Bagshaw, L6Mod

socialising the individual. Each student is expected to be involved on a rota basis in sharing in the routine domestic arrangement of cooking, cleaning and other "chores" consistent with self-catering and communal living.

The highlight of the week has always been the use of the inshore vessel "Escourt" for sampling the water in the estuary. However one's personal memories of a lasting kind may be something more trivial. From the conversations on the way home for instance many had appreciated being introduced to and using "the fiddle factor"; getting to grips with "gundge" and "crud"; supposing "you are a nymph"; not spelling Gammorus and Buxinum – glamorous and buxom; sifting through answers to the question – "just what is a Fisherman's Friend?"; grumbling about the docking hours of Buffalo and Bison. Clearly once again, for the tenth time of asking, all had had a whale of a time!

A.R.B.

Biology Fieldwork Course 1986

Variously referred to as the jolly, the hol., the excursion, the perk, or simply, the esoteric swindle, this year's course reverted to its more usual Winter term, calendar slot of October 13th–17th, 1986.

If the formal programme as advertised for such an Ecology Fieldwork Course in Marine and Littoral (i.e. Shore!) habitats had not fully seized the imagination of the students to be involved during the countdown preparations for the week ahead, the prospect of seeing and sampling the extended and revamped facilities at the Knott End Sailing Centre had. It was these necessary alterations which had held up the similar course for 1985 so that it only eventually took place just before Easter 1986. If two courses in one year was a novelty to the organisers one other feature made this current one extra special – it was to be the School's tenth successive visit!

By midday on the 13th the 8 boys and 2 girls in the K.G.S. party had been safely delivered en bloc by A.R.B. in the School's own "yellow submarine" mini bus. The mile or so walk to the Centre, luggage-laden, noisy and brightly coloured 'civvies' served to compensate for the bleak out-of-season Knott End foreshore. What a relief to all however to have arrived after negotiating the Shard Bridge Checkpoint!

Shank's pony journey ended, we were greeted by Dave – the Centre's 'factotum' (but mainly Boat Engineer) about to set off with 'borrowed' Super Market trolley, for the week's provisions. In his absence, John Clare, the lecturer for the week from Lancaster and Morecambe College of Further Education arrived with a cursory nod we thought, but once the fees and receipts had been exchanged via Rick (the resident warden) we found a smiling face behind the frowning providence after all.

The accommodation proved spacious, up to 18 students can be catered for. Emma's unfortunate early departure created even more breathing space – much appreciated by the other 4 asthmatics amongst the party this year. It also enabled A.R.B. to wax lyrical about Autumn dawns over the Wyre estuary!

Happily this was to prove the week's biggest and only real upset leaving John Clare to inject many a sobering thought about what had happened to K.G.S. students in the past and what history might repeat itself.

Whilst such a course represents a concentrated week of hard work in the field and poring over results etc., it is a most enjoyable experience and a useful exercise in

Down to the sea from slips.



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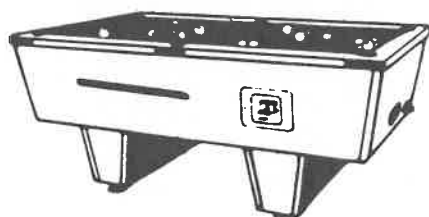
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SPORTS REPORTS

Cricket Reports, Summer 1986

1st XI

The least said about the 1st XI Cricket Team the better. With not a match being won out of the twelve played and only two drawn games, this was rather a dismal season.

The first match started well, Runshaw College being held to 117 runs, with Mark Yates taking 7 for 56 and being awarded a cap, but our batting collapsed to 26 all out! This set the tone for the remaining games losing by 97, 105, 121 and 152! However, we did salvage a draw against Belfast Academy, who were on tour. Here Warburton scored 41, Yates 38 and Turner 25, but this was very much a one-off, as poor batting for the rest of the season caused our defeats. Only Karl Turner came good late on with a 41 against King Edward (our other draw) and 49 against the Old Boys.

A narrow defeat against the Staff XI at the end of the season was caused by Dr. Hall's swashbuckling 81 and Mr. Mitchell's 3 for 3 in addition to his stylish 30. It appeared that age and experience overcame youth and enthusiasm.

Let's hope for better things in 1987 with some sunshine, hard batting pitches and much practice. Many thanks to Groundsman, Gordon and Mr. Browning for his admin.

I. M. Scott

U15 XI

P	W	D	L
6	2	1	3

The Team produced some excellent performances and contained a number of good players. The highlights of the season were the defeat of Baines H.S. and in the last match the defeat of King Edward School, Lytham, by 6 wickets. The low point was a 100 run defeat by Clitheroe G.S. which exposed limitations in the lower-order batting.

Rawcliffe led the team ably as captain and Smith and Davis were able to make claims as good all-rounders. The bowling of these three was well supported by Clay, and the spin of Piggott showed encouraging signs for the future. During the season the morale of the team did not fall and all team members gave 100% effort on the field.

T. P. Miller

U14 XI

P	W	D	L
8	1	2	3

Despite the weather before Half-term, the first match was against Ripley on a sunny evening but amazingly it had to be abandoned due to injury to an opposing player. By contrast the following match was abandoned because of the inclement weather. After Half-term, the Team successfully completed six matches. Baines were comfortably beaten thanks to good bowling. Poor batting at Hutton (when will they learn to play forward?) did not give the bowlers enough runs to play with. The defeats by King Edward and Clitheroe both produced exciting finishes. Chasing 99 against King Edward, the team lost its way in the last five overs and finally lost by 9 runs, while against Clitheroe the team was fighting a rearguard action from early in the innings, finally succumbing on the very last ball of the match.

Craven, the captain, proved to be the leading run-getter, though at times he played rather casually. His captaincy improved and he appeared to have thought more about the field settings. He does, however, need to be more specific when moving fielders and look less like a

policeman on traffic duty. Giles batted well with a straight bat, while Francis, Whittingham, Black and Baines all had useful scores, the latter batting particularly well against Clitheroe.

On the bowling front, Fountain was deservedly more successful than 1985 and he was the leading wicket taker. Giles proved to be a useful inswing bowler, while Whittingham swung the ball away from the right hand batsman, though he needs to be able to control the initial direction more. Unfortunately little was seen of Black's spinners, but hopefully he will persevere with them and will get a chance in the future.

The squad was completed by Collinson, an improving wicketkeeper, Singleton, Parrish, Fallows, Earnshaw, Jameson and Hatton.

This squad has the potential to become a very good team, but unfortunately in the 1986 season there were usually only two or three good individual performances in each match and this was not good enough to gain a more successful playing record. Hopefully the potential will be fulfilled in the near future.

R. J. Browning

U13 XI

P	W	D	L
5	0	0	5

The U13 team tried hard all season to overcome their lack of confidence and, although the results were disappointing, by the end of term major improvements had been made. David Pegg and Craig Brown were able to produce good performances and Jeremy Smith batted extremely sensibly at King Edwards. It was a pity that Scott Astin and Richard Scott did not bat consistently well, and that the bowlers tended to bowl too many long hops and full tosses.

However there are good players here and, with luck and continued dedication, they will go from strength to strength during the new season.

E. W. Mitchell



Clive Lloyd shows how!

U12 XI

P	W	D	L
6	1	2	3

A difficult season for the U12 XI began with the game at Q.E.G.S. Blackburn. Rogers with an outstanding 27 not out saved the day for Kirkham and heavy rain ended the game in a draw. The team were outplayed by Hutton and Ripley St. Thomas but they came back well against Arnold to earn a creditable draw. Rogers bowled well to take 7 wickets for 12 runs. Bardsley made an encouraging 17 runs when batting and Carr a patient 8 not out to secure a draw. Again the U12 XI succumbed easily to King Edward VII, Lytham, but then played extremely well to secure a win against Baines G.S. in the last game of the season. Rogers and Salt both batted well and Rogers took 6 wickets for 5 runs.

Squad: Hollingworth, Ray, Campbell, Bardsley, Rogers, Carr, Moore, Salt, Johnson, Miller, Bannister, Corbett, Scott, Chant and Skorczewski.

T. J. Bruce

Boys' Athletics Report, Summer 1986

Seniors

- v. Arnold – Lost
- v. Rossall – Lost
- v. Lancaster – Lost

Senior Schools' Championship – 4th

There was less strength in depth than for many years although several good athletes were in the team. The team lost by one point to Arnold, lost heavily to Rossall and Lancaster and was only placed fourth in the Senior Schools Championship after K.G.S. had become the first school to win their championship on five consecutive occasions. At this championship the captain, Derek Hurton, won the 100 metres, Simon Heath the High Jump and Andrew Goddard the Javelin, which meant that the school had more winners than in some years when the championship was won, but on this occasion the rest of the team performed well below par.

Lancashire Champions

David Lee – 110 metre Hurdles
Andrew Goddard – Javelin

Under 17

- v. Arnold – Won
- v. Rossall – Lost
- v. Lancaster – Lost

Fylde Coast Championship – 1st

Northern Independent Schools' Championship – 1st

Although lacking strength in depth there were several good athletes who performed well this year. The team which won the two championships was reinforced by the best under 16's and two excellent performances ensued with Mark Yates winning the 1,500 metres, and Peter Reid the High Jump at the Fylde Coast Championship. The rest of the team competed well, as was the case at the Northern Independent Schools' Championship. Anthony Bagshaw is a most promising Pole Vaulter, Kirk Wilkinson has potential in the Shot, Nick Sinclair is developing into a fine all-rounder while Shaun Kelly, Jamie Brammer, Simon Smith, Andrew Shaw, Tony Brennand and Simon Black should all do well as senior athletes.

Lancashire Championship

Nick Sinclair – 100 metre Hurdles – 2nd
Anthony Bagshaw – High Jump – 4th

Under 16

- v. Arnold – Won
- v. Rossall – Won
- v. K.E. VII Lytham – Won

Senior Schools' Championship – 2nd

This is a strong team with several of the team performing very well at Under 17 level and only the very strong Lancaster team beating K.G.S. at the Senior Schools Championship. The relay team of Paul Whiteside, Steven Collinson, Michael Rawcliffe and Mark Whiteside was outstanding, as were Paul Whiteside in the sprints, Philip Sharpless in the Pole Vault and 100m, and Alastair Fallon in the High Jump while Michael Rawcliffe, Mark Lewis, Adam Ralston, Michael Davies, Tim Brammer, Julian Ward, Simon Hall, Paul Ribchester, Andrew Johnson and Andrew Jones all performed well on occasions.

Under 15

- v. Rossall – Won
- v. Arnold – Won
- v. K.E. VII Lytham – Won

Senior Schools' Championship – 3rd

Fylde Coast Championship – 4th

After performing well in school matches the championship results were disappointing. Bruce Craven was the outstanding athlete, his determination and approach in general being an example to the others. He would surely have won the Lancashire Javelin Championship but for an elbow injury but he showed his versatility by winning the Fylde Coast 800m. John Black performed well in the field events, being first in the Senior Schools Shot, 2nd in the Fylde Coast Discus and 3rd in the Lancashire Discus Championship. Others to perform well on occasions were Christopher McCann, David Whittingham, Jonathan Collinson, Mark Bagshaw, Christopher Turner, Philip Walmsley, Jeremy Francis, Mathew Stuttard, Christopher Fountain, Damian Hatton, who ran excellently to win the Fylde Coast 400m, David Doughty, Ben Thornber and Vic Rooking.

Lancashire Championship

John Black – Discus – 3rd

Under 14

- v. Arnold (Match 1) – Lost
- v. Arnold (Match 2) – Won
- v. K.E. VII Lytham – Won
- v. Lancaster R.G.S. – Lost

Fylde Coast Championship – 1st

Senior Schools' Championship – 4th

The Team has been told on several occasions that it could perform better but at the Fylde Coast Championship all athletes gave their best and showed their talent. This came after a generous improvement during the term and it is to be hoped this improvement is maintained next year.

David Pegg won both the Fylde Coast and Senior Schools Triple Jump and the relay team of Stephen Buckley, Richard Johnson, Mark Brennand and Richard Taylor won the Fylde Coast Championship. Richard Johnson ran well in the 400m, Darren Woodridge performed well in the Javelin while Gavin Valentine, Craig Brown, Karl Telfer, Shaun Bilsborough, Mark Eastham, Jeremy Smith, Cameron Ward, Scott Harrison, Steven Ratcliffe and Scott Astin all performed well on occasions.

Under 13

v. Arnold (Match 1) – Lost
v. Arnold (Match 2) – Won
v. K.E. VII Lytham – Won
v. Lancaster R.G.S. – Lost

The team shows great promise with several athletes performing well in their first season's athletics.

Mark Campbell, Richard Bannister and Craig Hollingworth ran well in the middle distance events, Andrew Clegg in the sprints, Andrew Rodgers performed well in the Javelin while Andrew Carr, Christopher Miller, Daniel Steingold, Anthony Pickering, Andrew Yates, Simon Salt, Euan West, Christopher Darlington, Andrew Nelson, Martin Caren, Daniel Chant, Michael Chodasiewicz, Philip Branton, Michael Summers, Leon Skorczewski, Mathew Stevens, Alistair Gardner, Rhys Jones, Niall Le Coustre, Kenneth Moore and Geoffrey Pearson all performed well on occasions.

B. Gornall

Rounders

The 1986 season proved to be another highly successful one for Rounders at K.G.S., despite problems caused by unseasonal weather and industrial action in other schools.

A second year team entered the Blackpool Schools' Under 13 League, and after an uncertain start in which the opening two matches were drawn, they went on to win five consecutive matches, thereby finishing as League Champions. Particularly good wins were scored over Greenlands, St. Bede's and Knowle, and a total of 48½ rounders was scored in the seven matches. All the team played with enthusiasm, but special mention must go to Jeanette Powderly, Megan Vipond and Sheridan Piggott for their batting, which frequently demoralised the opposition on some of the faster surfaces away from home.

Unfortunately, we were unable to defend our trophies won in the First and Third Year Tournaments the previous year, as the date of the One Day Tournament clashed with G.C.S.E. training for staff at the end of term.

Finally, a rounders report for Summer 1986 would not be complete without mention of the exciting Inter-House Rounders Final, in which Kirkham beat School in a memorable match which drew most of the spectators away from the Staff v. First Eleven Cricket match one rare sunny afternoon. Proof, if it were needed, that Rounders provides a welcome change from other more serious sports, yet still provides keen competition and excitement for players and spectators alike.

A. R. Long

Tennis 1986

A poor season as far as results go – the Boys' Team only managing to beat the Staff and King Edward's Lytham. This last result was particularly good as it broke an unbeaten record of 2 years (admittedly K.E.S. were a little under strength). It was only in this match that all the team played well together. The big problem all season had been one of consistency – some good tennis played at times, but not enough of the time.

In the House Competitions, a very strong Preston Team beat School in the Senior Competition and Fylde beat School in the Junior Competition. In the Lancashire Competition, the following results were achieved:

U18 Boys' Doubles: Bailey/McAusland lost in the quarter-final

U18 Boys' Singles: McAusland lost in the quarter-final

U15 Boys' Doubles: Francis/Whittingham lost in the quarter-final

U13 Boys' Singles: Richard Scott – Champion.
Congratulations a fine victory!

The girls too had a very mediocre season. The U13 and U15 Teams again entered the local leagues but finished in a lowly 6th position out of 7. Too often we found our girls attempting to take on club players who were representing their school, but we lack experience and depth of practice and I'm afraid this was all too evident. We did represent the school in all age groups at the Lancashire Tournaments but sadly no one reached the latter rounds of the competitions, Sandra Fountain and Helen Greening were perhaps our best performers. Our friendly matches against local schools produced more promising results but we do recognise that much practice and time is required if our teams are going to record any kind of real success next season.

B. M. Summers
J. E. Taylor



Richard Scott Lancashire Schools
U13's Junior Champion

Girls' Summer Games Report

The Summer Term at K.G.S. started disastrously both in terms of weather and sports results. For the first half of the term, we battled with long periods of rain, postponement and rearrangement of matches and championships and seldom managed any serious practice or training.

But there was excitement in the air – real fervour of expectation and all that from the men on the staff – why? It was the World Cup of course. Thank heavens we had all those wonderful matches to occupy our TV viewing in the afternoon, evenings, weekends, 4 weeks in fact!! Did we ever find out if Diego Maradona used his hands? Never mind, just as the furore died down, Wimbledon appeared, and we could all follow the progress and ultimate success of Boris Becker.

This was followed later in the summer with the European Athletics Championships which I hope was a source of inspiration and pleasure for those interested in athletics.

As far as Athletics at K.G.S. was concerned, I felt our progress was very encouraging indeed. We had a full range of age groups turning out to practice sessions and experiencing athletics matches.

This term is always hideously short and there are so many sporting championships to fit in, both before our pupils leave to study for their external examinations, and before lower school pupils prepare for their internal examinations, that extra friendly fixtures always appear few in number. Despite this, all age groups, I can re-assure readers, have been busy.

We have in our midst some individual champions now that the Fylde Coast track and field finals have taken place. Meg Vipond won the U14 Javelin event and Kathryn Hart the Intermediate High Jump.

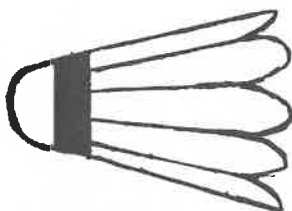
As a newcomer to the school at Easter, Lucy Wickham really made her mark as a sprinter. She proceeded to overwhelm all our regional sprinters and many others in the Fylde area too, and all this without ever realising the value of a sprint start!!

It was a real thrill to witness our girls scoring a team success at the Senior Schools Athletics Championships – our U15 Girls' Team narrowly defeated Arnold School, their victory depending on the very last event. What a nailbiting finish.

Not all matches were as close or successful as this but each fixture demanded preparation and effort on the part of each athlete and often in a situation where they had to discipline themselves to work without me looking over their shoulder – such is the nature of athletics that one cannot be everywhere at once. This willingness to push oneself without constant pressure being brought about by me brings me greater satisfaction often than a number of first places which may be undeserved.

I congratulate the athletes on their term's work and participation, and hope that Season '87 will bring sunnier skies and successful competition.

J. E. Taylor



Swimming 1986/87

P	W	D	L
12	4	1	7

Although the team has gained four excellent wins against strong opposition from Tarleton H.S., Hutton, Deyes H.S. and Arnold, we have found this season that our opposition has greatly improved, which has led to us suffering many heavy defeats. Unlike most schools on our fixture list, not only do we not have our own swimming pool, but we also have fewer Club swimmers. For these two reasons we always find the fight an uphill battle, but we always try our best which is the most important factor in any sport.

In the Boys' U12 Team, Butterworth has been outstanding, with Wareing, Hill, Manning, Stuttard and Blackburn all working hard. Carr, Le Coustre, Butterworth and Smith are very strong in the U13 Team, and all the U14's are trying their best. Collinson and Bagshaw have been excellent throughout the season, with Kenward developing well for the U15's, while Bailey, Hamer, Lewis, Moyes and Bagshaw have all set a fine example in the Senior team.

The Girls' Team of Holden, Hamer, Haresceugh, Jackson and Green have all performed superbly throughout the year.

In the Senior Schools' Championships we had our poorest results for many years. The Junior Girls were 4th, Junior Boys 5th, Intermediate Girls 4th, Intermediate Boys 4th and Senior Boys 5th.

The Inter-House Gala was won for the second year in succession by Kirkham House. Eight new records were set by Chris Butterworth, Victoria Jackson, Jonathan Collinson, Katie Hamer, Alison Holden, Andrew Carr and the Kirkham House Relay Team.

P. Smith

Badminton

Once again Badminton has been a popular option on Wednesday afternoons during Senior Games, with all six courts at Ribby Hall in use, and the Friday evening meetings of the Badminton Club continue to be popular and well-attended.

This year an Under 16 Boys' Team and an Under 14 Girls' Team were entered in the Blackpool and District League and have achieved excellent results. The boys have finished runners-up in their area group, having lost only one match, whilst the girls have won their area group, defeating all opposition. Both teams have, therefore, qualified for the semi-finals and are now awaiting to learn who their opponents will be.

In competition, Sheridan Piggott won the Blackpool Schools qualifying tournament for Lancashire trials and combined with Megan Vipond to win the doubles also. In the Blackpool Schools' Championships very creditable results were achieved by James Musson and Mark Bateson in the boys doubles, removing county players from the competition before losing a close semi-final, and by Mark Bateson and Claire Farnhill in the mixed doubles, again defeating county players before losing in the semi-final also.

I would like to thank all those who have played regularly and shown so much enthusiasm. Finally, I must thank Mr. Rushton for his enthusiastic support and advice and for his willingness to devote so much of his time in arranging fixtures and transporting teams to and from matches and competitions.

James Musson, 5Z

Trapped

I sat in a chair. Just sitting there. I dared not move for if I did something might go drastically wrong. It seemed as if I had been sitting there for hours. There was a huge, fat, ugly thing doing something to my head. I didn't know what it was doing to my precious head, and I dared not ask.

The chair I was sitting on was hard and very uncomfortable. My back was hurting. The room was a horrible colour. In the room there were two chairs, one table, a television and a beautiful carpet, which was being covered with bits of me.

I was beginning to feel a bit light-headed. I could hear the ticking of the clock, but a lot nearer I could hear something saying "Snip-snip, snip-snip." Would this change my character? Would it make me look tough? Would it make me look soft? Would it make me look as if I was a new recruit in the army with hardly any hair at all? Or would it be myself as it should be?

When the "Snip-snip, snip-snip" had finished, a voice said, "I will just go and get a mirror for you." I just shut my eyes at the thought of it. I dreaded to think what I looked like. When it came back I opened my eyes and saw in the mirror my usual self, but with a lot less hair. I jumped up off the uncomfortable chair, gave the thing some money, walked out of the front door and ran for my life.

Angus Smith, 2X

Trapped!

The talking was loud. We talked about what had happened during the week and about whose hair was nice.

Suddenly a loud voice boomed, "Quiet." A shiver went down my spine. They were here. All eyes were on the door. I wished that the ground would open and swallow me up. The knob turned and immediately all chattering, chewing, fidgeting and everything else, stopped. Everyone stood straight with their hands behind their backs. Everyone looked straight ahead. Everyone was silent. The door creaked open. One by one the leaders filed in. The only sound was the click-clack of metal-beeled shoes on a wooden floor. The leaders, in their black robes and out-of-date jumpers, went up the stairs, onto the platform, and stood facing us. They looked smug and that made us feel uncomfortable.

The room was hot and clammy. The leaders sat down. The high priest announced the hymn: number one hundred and five. We all got out our books. The death organ began to play the introduction. Then the untuneful chanting began.

When at last it was over, the leaders sat down. Two helpless victims moved solemnly forward, onto the stage. The first victim started to read about world poverty as the other fiddled nervously with his buttons. Then the second victim said a prayer and the high priest said the grace. After that, when the victims had returned to their places, the secondary priest stepped forward. He was just about to start speaking when a loud thump was heard. The priest looked up and yelled, "Come out here whoever made that noise."

A small child came slowly out to the front, trembling with fear. The room was tense. I felt uneasy and very hot. A feeling of claustrophobia rose like panic over me. I felt as if the walls were closing in around me. The words of the priest blended into one endless, senseless, drone. Gradually it got worse and worse and suddenly . . .

. . . My mind went blank, my muscles limp. I had fainted; I had escaped.

Emma Cartwright, 2X

Trapped

The only sound in the room was the clock ticking, on and on. There was the odd cough and the rustling of paper. I sighed: for how much longer was I going to be trapped in this room of boredom? I took a quick glance at the clock. How long had I been sitting here? It seemed like days.

It was hot, I was sweating and the hard chair I was sitting on didn't make me feel any better. I wanted to scratch myself on the leg, but I couldn't without hundreds of pairs of eyes falling upon me.

I was thirsty, oh so thirsty! I would have given anything in the world for a can of Coke at that moment.

I couldn't keep my mind on what I was supposed to be doing. All I could think of was getting home and throwing myself on a comfy chair in front of the television with a Twix in my hand.

Suddenly there was a break in the silence. Somebody had dared to put their hand up and ask a question.

She spoke: "Yes, boy?"

"I just wondered if I could take my blazer off, please?"

"Yes, you may."

Then the room went silent. I was sure nobody was doing any work.

She got up and walked to a cabinet, her shoes thudding on the floor. She opened it, took a book out, and walked back to her desk.

Suddenly a joyous sound was heard, the bell; everyone heaved a sigh of relief. We all began to pack our books up.

The she spoke, "That," she growled, "was only the first bell." So we all went back to tackling the essay she had given us.

I was timing the next, and final, bell. Only three minutes to go, I thought.

Then it happened. The second bell rang. "You may now pack your books up," she shouted over the noise of relief and happiness. I ran out of the door and into the freedom of four o'clock!

Helen Allison, 2X

Past, Present & Future

*Many years ago, men lived in caves;
They have now retreated to huge buildings;
In years ahead, men may live beyond the starry
Milky Way.*

*In Victorian times, women struggled into crinolines;
As time passes, we fight our way into slimline skirts
and jeans;*

*In future years, who knows, we may wear nothing
at all.*

*Long ago, weary horses trampled along dusty tracks;
Now motor-cars pollute what beauty the country has;
We hope that in later years the beauty shall return.*

*Yesterday is today's history;
Today will be tomorrow's history;
May tomorrow be history for many days to come!*

Sheba Raza, 1Z

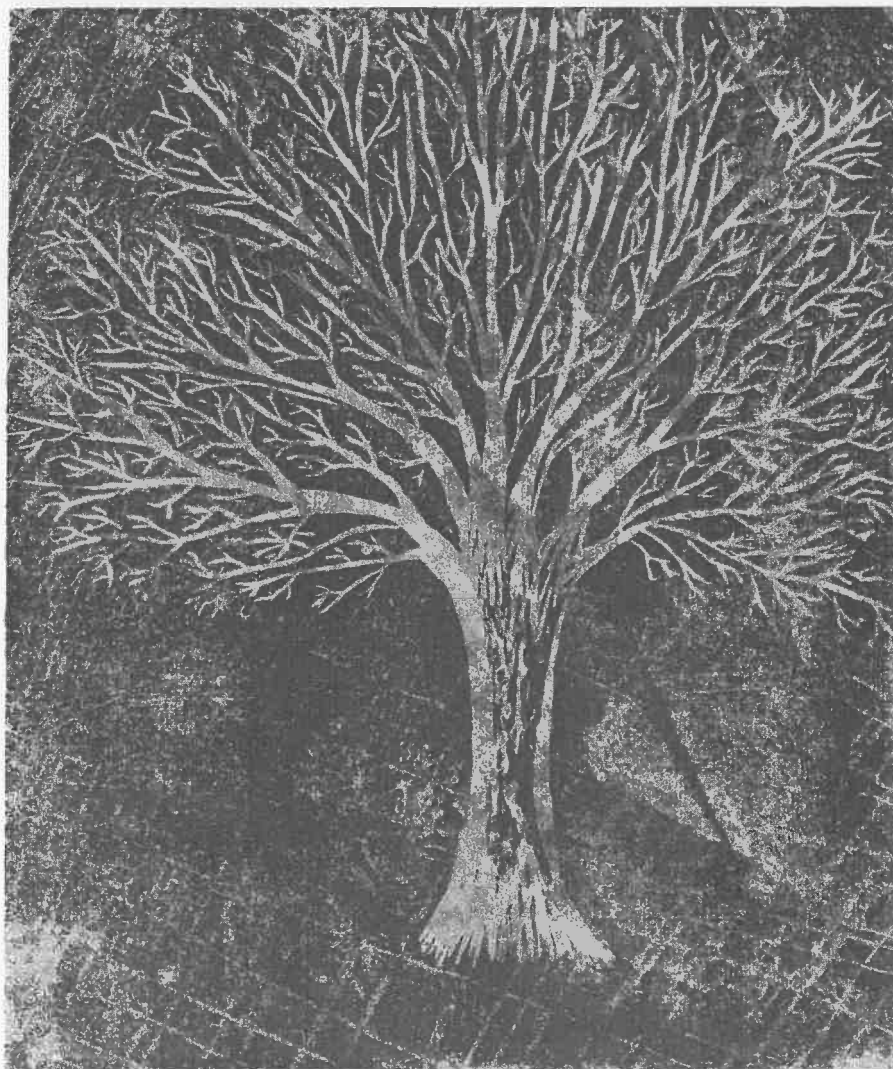
The Record Player

*The needle niggles into the notch, snug;
The sound-circle spins mesmerising,
Then the two boxes cry
Words of happiness, heartbreak and hatred;
Still rotating, the roundel rages on,
Until the turbulent tale recedes.*

Martin Caren, 2Z



Philip Higginson 4Z



Verity Reddy 5Y

Colours

*Red is bright, red is fury.
Red is a rose with thorns on its stem.
Red is the colour of cheerful poppies.
Red is a fireplace on a cold evening.
Red is happy, red is glory.*

*Yellow is the sun shining down on me.
Yellow is an autumn leaf falling off a tree.
Yellow is a lemon.
Yellow is a daffodil.
Yellow is cheerful.*

*Green is the colour of nature:
A leaf, a caterpillar, a cucumber.
Green is an unripe banana.
Green is the colour of herbs.*

*Silver is the moon glistening through the trees.
Silver is the star in the dark sky.
Silver is the molten solder.
Silver is the bell on a sleigh.*

Alexia Fielding, 1X

*Green is the colour of well-cared-for lawns.
Purple is the heather on the mountains.
Brown is the bark of an old oak tree.
Green is lush fields with dew glinting in the early morning sun.
Grey are the rocks that lie upon the ground.
White are the clouds which drift across the sky.*

*David Bond, Nicholas Walmsley,
Simon Wareing, 1X*

*Black is the large board.
White is the dusty chalk.*

*Black is the dark fear.
White is the horrible death.
Black is the sky at night —
When it's dark and gloomy.
White is the glowing moon
Which is the light at night.*

*Black is the ink.
White is the page.*

*Black is a sad funeral.
White is a splendid wedding.
Black is the deep sadness.
White is clear happiness.
Black is the gloomy darkness.
White is the bright light.*

*Black is strong hate.
White is pure love.*

Anna Fryer, 1X

*Blue is the Kingfisher diving into the deep, clear pool.
Blue is the pale moon on a cold and frosty night.
Yellow is the ripe corn in the golden meadows.
Yellow are the daffodils blooming early in spring.*

*Red is a scorching flame burning fierce and bright.
Red is the setting sun dying silently on the horizon.
Black is the demon cruel and cold and frightening.
Black is the night with stars shining in the darkness.*

*Green is the sea, splashing on cold grey rocks.
Green are the apples, ripe and ready to eat.
White are the lambs playing merrily in the meadow.
White is the snow, softly drifting down.*

Maria Wardrop, 1X

*Yellow is the bright, commanding sun in the sky.
Yellow is the lightning bolt thundering to the ground.
Yellow is the banana, ripe as wheat.
Gold is the ring on someone's finger.*

*Red is a poppy in a field of sadness.
Red is the fire of the first of July.
Red is the madness of a madman's dog.
Red is the colour of an inferno alight.*

*White is a clear feeling after homework.
White is the colour of the vast frozen waste.
White is the blank and boring day.
White is the colour of the film star's teeth.*

*Black is a silhouette, shadows on the wall.
Black is a shiver up your spine.
Black is the mask over an assassin's face.
Black is a submarine powering through the sea.*

*Robert Smith, Pippa Bashford,
Ben Stuttard, Richard Gornall,
Simon Hopes, Pearse Andrew,
Robert Fletcher, Andrew Butterworth, 1X*

*Red is a poppy swaying in the breeze.
Orange is the flash of colour of a scampering squirrel.
Yellow is a brimstone butterfly fluttering from flower to flower.
Green is the rustling leaves of the grand oak.
Blue is a Kingfisher perched quietly awaiting its prey.
Indigo is the night sky as the owl swoops for the defenceless field mouse.
Violet is a pansy drooping its black face.
And all these colours form the arc of the rainbow
Across the sky after a summer shower.*

James Clark, 1X

Advertisement

"Daddy, I want a piano".

Deathly thoughts entered Daddy's mind: Where the hell will I get a piano? Will it be cheap? Will we find a second-hand piano that will only cost seventy pounds? Daddy picked up the evening newspaper and flicked through the advertisements. There it was, a second-hand piano and it was only seventy pounds! What a buddhasend (You may think, "Why's he written 'buddhasend' instead of 'godsend'?" Well, the explanation is that the family is Buddhist and the writer has to keep in with the thoughts of the father).

Daddy went to the address. The shop was in a dingy back street. There was a sign above the door — 'U-GOT-IT, WE-BUY-IT' (No refunds, we've considered it very hard and we're sorry but that's the way it goes). He went inside and found an old lady who seemed to prove that there was life after death. She asked Daddy why he was there.

"Well, first of all, my parents met at a dance and afterwards went home and, unfortunately, they hadn't heard of contraceptives. So, can you show me the piano, please?"

The assistant showed him the piano. It was well-kept and when played it sounded beautiful.

"I'll buy it."

"Very good. I'll make up the bill for you. Just sign here."

"I'll pick it up on Thursday afternoon. Goodbye."

Daddy was feeling very pleased and decided to buy some fish and chips. He popped into 'Barry's Plaice' fish and chip shop. (I've often felt sorry for fish and chip shop owners with the name 'Barry' and a totally unoriginal sense of humour).

On Thursday Daddy went to pick up the piano in the Volvo estate. At home the daughter started playing on it. Daddy had a shock on the same scale as the day when he found out that his father had had a walk-on part on 'Coronation Street'. The piano made no sound.

Back at the shop. "Excuse me, but I have a complaint to make."

"What's that, sir?"

"There's a problem with the strings in this piano. There aren't any."

"I'm very sorry, sir. Did you take them out?"

"No, I did not take them out. I want my money back!"

"No refunds, sir."

"What?"

"No refunds, sir."

"I'm going to write to somebody about this."

"Sir, look at the writing at the bottom of the bill you signed."

The note read: "If any customer writes to 'That's Life' or any such persons, the customer shall automatically be sued for everything they own. Have a nice day."

"I'm very sorry, sir, but that's how it is. Good day."

You may think that this is the end of the story. Well, it is. Except for what happened a few days later.

A spaceship landed in Daddy's back garden. There has been some debate as to what walked out. For instance, what colour would it be? How many limbs and other things sticking out from its body would it have? And most important of all, would it have an American accent? The alien had two arms, two legs, one head, and every other human feature, but, to make it different from any other

alien, it did not have an American accent. Daddy walked into the garden, saw the space ship and alien, and had a heart attack and died. The spaceship took off.

The moral of this story is, do not be a Buddhist and buy a second-hand piano costing seventy pounds or you will die from a heart attack after meeting the first alien without an American accent.

Alex Giles, 4Z

Cheetah

*All is quiet and serene,
The scorching hot sun beats mercilessly down,
down upon the parched and arid landscape.
Just then a movement.
A herd of antelope, drift one by one onto the scene.
Graceful, graceful as ever,
Timid creatures who always travel together for
protection.
Suddenly, out of nowhere,
As if by magic,
The streamlined body of the cheetah emerges from the
long, long grass.
He slinks along stealthily as a fox,
His markings disappearing into the landscape
at times.
He gradually closes the distance between himself and
the last stragglers of the herd.
Who still graze unaware of the approaching danger.
Suddenly a slight ripple in the air
And the herd pick up the scent of the big cat.
They seem to freeze for a split second,
Then leap into action as the cat shows himself.
And begins to race after them, accelerating to
full speed.
Fleet of foot though the antelopes are,
As they make haste across the plain,
One of their number is certainly doomed,
Doomed to die.
For him there is no escape.
Even though he dodges, twists and turns frantically.
He is no match for the fastest animal on earth,
THE CHEETAH.
One last bound and the cheetah pounces on his prey.
In one movement the deer is taken by the throat.
And the kill is made with dagger-like teeth.
As he eats his meal his fine spotted fur coat glistens in
the sunlight.
Whilst the antelope hangs limp and lifeless from his
vicious jaws.
His meal completed, the cheetah slopes off
Leaving the remains for the birds.
As the sun goes down on another day
The scene is again tranquil
As if the day's events had never happened.*

Sarah Carrick, 2Z

Nature's Jewellery Box

*Everyone has precious stones,
No one goes without;
Mother Nature makes them all
And spreads them all about.

Dew drops hang from cobwebs
Like diamonds from silver thread;
Tulips blowing in the breeze
Are rubies shining red.

Trees laden with sparkling emeralds,
Bees' coats with jet and gold;
Nature's overflowing treasure,
Her mysteries here unfold.*

Katy Read, 3X

A diary of my visit to my cousin Sindy

Sunday: I have not been looking forward to today. I don't like Sindy. Our car broke down so we arrived at her house just before midnight. No one was awake so we had to let ourselves in.

Monday: I put a large plastic spider in the sink for Sindy to find. It was put there to pay her back for falling asleep before we came yesterday. I now know that she doesn't like spiders. (She doesn't like me now either).

Tuesday: Mum stayed at home with Sindy while me, my brother and my dad went to see the new horror film at the cinema in town. At a really good part, I dropped some ice-cream down my brother's back. He jumped out of his skin! Now he doesn't like me).

Wednesday: My brother told on me so my dad didn't let me out of the house. To get my own back, I locked myself in the only loo in the house. I was allowed out after tea. (Now none of my family likes me).

Thursday: I took the bus into town today. The joke shop there is really good. I bought one plastic frog and a book of jokes (the practical ones). The book is really good. I have read it at least seven times.

Friday: Sindy didn't like the frog I gave her. OK, so it was in an apple-pie bed! What's wrong with frogs? We are leaving early tomorrow morning in case our car breaks down again.

Saturday: Sindy didn't wake up to see us go today. I left her a present. A bucket of ice-cold water on the top of her bedroom door. I don't think she'll ask me to come again!

Karen Hood, 1Z

Seasons of the Year

White lambs on fresh green fields,
April showers on the window pane,
The smell of spring flowers;
Farming smells — fresh manure,
The cool, fresh wind, blowing on one's face —
The taste of the fresh, pure air.

The hot fiery sun, shining in one's face,
Bees buzz around searching for pollen,
The scent of pollen in the many summer flowers that surround us,

The warmth of the happy sun,
The taste of the candy floss in the pleasure parks.

The dry, brown leaves start to fall off their trees,
Strong winds howling; the crisp, dry sound,
As passers by walk on the Autumn leaves,
Guy Fawkes, burning on top of the bonfire,
Giving off thick, black smoke.
The feeling of the humidity in the sky,
From the start of a thunder storm,
Delicious hot pies and pasties.

The whiteness of the snow,
The crunching of the snow beneath the feet,
Pine trees being delivered to houses for Christmas,
The chilly atmosphere; Jack Frost maybe?
Mince pies and Christmas pudding at the festive season.

Gary Woods, 1Z

Adder

I was strolling along in Anglesey,
Down a meandering pathway
surrounded by knee-height thorn bushes,
With the wind gusting in my face.

I came to a little clearing
And sat down on a flat, smooth rock.

I looked to my side,
And saw, coiled up asleep in the
sun like a Mexican's hat,
Much to my surprise,
An Adder.

He seemed to be asleep,
Coiled up like a Mexican's hat,
Basking in the heat of the sun.

Shock and horror swept through
me like a tidal wave,
When I realised my little friend
was the most poisonous snake in England,
And if he hadn't been having forty winks,
I might now be on my way to hospital.

It lay there,
Deathly black coils,
No longer seeming like a Mexican's hat,
More like an enemy,
Whom I daren't kill.

Matthew Stevens, 2Z

High Peak Island

My arms were now so tired from swimming from the wreck of the cruiser that it was with sheer determination that I made it to the shore of the tropical island. I was trying to swim just a bit further to reach the island, when I couldn't move my limbs so I let myself be buffeted ashore by the waves. To stop myself from being taken back to sea, I had to claw at the sand and eventually got my tired body ashore. It was then I lost all consciousness.

It must have been about three hours when I woke from the deep sleep. I tried to open my salt-caked eyes, but couldn't. My face was covered with sand so I rubbed myself to remove all the debris. I sat up and looked around. I saw palm trees; a paradise you would think, but no, not with aching limbs and sodden clothes clinging to me.

With a great deal of effort I managed to get to my feet. I staggered a few steps but fell to the sun-baked sand. I lifted myself up and suddenly I felt scared. What dangers were there? How would I survive with only a few things out of my blazer pockets? There might be dangerous animals and hostile natives. I was beginning to regret the cruise, everything. Then I pulled myself together and looked for a hill so that I could see the whole island.

I walked to the foot of the hill, so far encountering no dangers. My legs were beginning to ache again; I had to sit down.

I stood up to begin climbing the mass that stood in front of me. I reached the summit. I looked around. I could see a clump of trees to my right, which could be shelter. Now I had to find food: fruit; berries; maybe even an animal; and some water to quench my thirst.

Karen Whittle, 2Y

The four seasons

*Daffodils dancing in the breeze,
Birds chirping at dawn,
The smell of newly mown grass,
Stroking a new-born lamb,
Eating a chocolate Easter egg.*

*Seeing the sun blazing down,
Waves splashing against the rocks,
Perfumed roses in the late afternoon,
Soft sand beneath our feet,
Fresh strawberries and cream.*

*Trees shedding their colourful leaves,
Hear the fireworks explode into masses of colour,
Smell the chestnuts roasting on the fires,
Picking the fruit from the orchard,
Eating toffee apples and treacle toffee.*

*Watching white flakes fall to the ground,
Carol singers at your front door,
Smelling the turkey being cooked,
Feeling a parcel for its contents,
Tasting the pudding and brandy sauce.*

Matthew Wincott, 1Z

The Market

He walked down through the dark alleyway into the market, into the confusing, mind-numbing experience of a market. He turned right towards the centre of the market, with stalls flanking him on either side. It was an almost claustrophobic experience as cockney voices assaulted him from all sides. These voices stridently called out the prices of the goods available on their stalls, or in their cardboard boxes conveniently placed for quick escape from the police.

He carried on walking past the food and vegetables, past the voices calling out the price of oranges or the price of apples; then he came to what he was looking for, the stalls where the cheap, fake watches were sold, where stereos were sold, alongside cheap, plastic jewellery.

He searched the stall looking for that one item, that one item that would sum up what he was there for. No, not the watches, not the jewellery or the stereo. It was difficult; what would sum up all that he had seen? What piece of culture, what piece of art would sum up all that he had seen?

What item would summarise Venice, Rome, New York, Moscow, Tokyo, Amsterdam and all the others? Was the item he was searching for here, in London, the item he had not found elsewhere in the world? He hoped so, for then his long search would be over. He continued to look.

He returned to stalls he had passed over, shying away from that darkened alleyway he had come from. He searched the food stalls, finding and discarding all that he found; all the avocados, pears, oranges, potatoes, cherries, grapes and all the others. None of them would do.

He searched clothes stalls, disregarding jumpers, skirts, jeans and all the other paraphernalia that littered those stalls, the items hardly living up to their prospective buyer's expectations; no, not here either, he still had not found what he was looking for.

He went over everywhere he had been already, paying particular attention to the calls of the stall owners. He must have listened to hundreds of different calls: voices

Wizards

*In an ancient world of the Imagination
Where evil Trolls and Dragons roam,
And a host of other stranger creatures live,
Such as Goblins and evil Gnomes;
That is where the Wizards dwell,
Winding and Chanting their ancient spells,
Where Devils and Demons live;
And the Supernatural ever haunt the wells;
The deep, dark dungeons of former Lords,
Of which none shall speak, in time;
Except, those adventurers with their magic Swords,
Who battle long in those dark places;
The Imaginary places of the mind.*

Rhys Jones, 2Y

shouting out prices, the names of items and insults about other stall owners. No, this was useless. He would never find it this way. He would have to try a different tack. What though? Ask somebody, that was it, but who? Whom should he ask, a stall owner or a customer? A customer, that might be better. That one, over there.

He walked over to an old woman who was inspecting some brass oddments.

"Ahem, excuse me, but . . .", he started.

"'Ere you, go away! 'Elp! Mugger!", she screeched in a high-pitched voice. At the same time, she swung her handbag at him, catching him squarely on the chin. It knocked him down, and as he started to get up, he saw some police running towards him. He staggered to his feet, and started to run, to run away from them. He must get away and hide. He glanced at a clock high above him on a wall: he had five minutes left before he needed to go home. There was not much time!

He ran, knocking over people in his path, and leaving boxes of fruit and jewellery strewn over the pavement in his wake. As he ran he searched the stalls, looking for it. Then suddenly, there! On that stall, over in the corner, he saw it. The item that summarised all that he had seen in this world, the item that had enclosed in it the art and culture of this time.

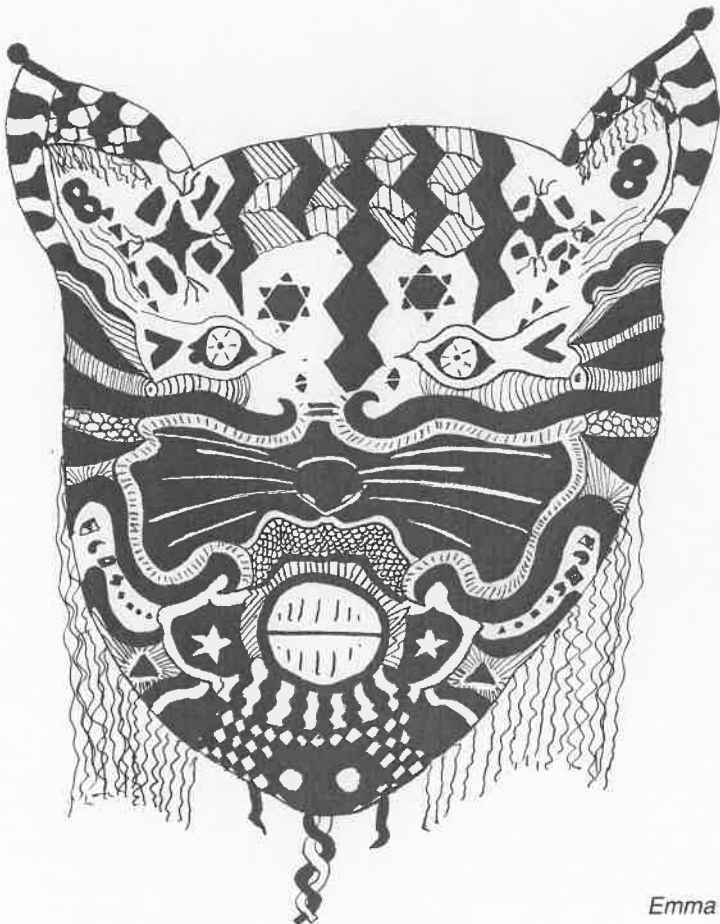
He grabbed it, threw some coins towards the stall owner, and ran towards the dark alleyway. If only he could make it before he was caught! He risked a glance backwards and saw, not ten feet behind him, a policeman. People were now moving out of the way, and a few tried to trip him up, the policeman was getting closer now, he had to reach the portal before they could catch him.

He was there, he had made it, he stepped into the dark alleyway and pressed a button on the watch-like device on his wrist. As he did so, he glanced at the item — a little rubber model of a prehistoric creature, bearing the legend "Made in Hong Kong".

Peter Wells, 4Z



David Doughty 4X



Emma Cartwright 2X

Cow

*I was flying my kite; my twisting and writhing kite,
On the marsh green and endless.
In the heat of the day the seagulls soared above
on thermals — invisible.
The whistle of my kite-strings was the only sound
But for a rustle behind me,
The cow.*

*It was curious, like a baby.
Gentle yet ponderous.
The whiskers on its damp shiny nose twitched
nervously.
I looked at it and it pretended not to notice.
It sniffed the grass as if it were a wine-taster.*

*It seemed to ponder what to do,
Then declined a little, uncertain.
As I was watching it my kite went into a dive.
I pulled it out just in time, but —
The cow seemed anxious and walked a little
further away.*

*It then gained in confidence as its black furry
companions joined it.
They mooed occasionally like car horns.
Some jostled to get a better view,
While some just stood and stared:
It was if they'd never seen a person before.*

*At last the stillness was broken.
The leader — or so it seemed —
Approached my strings and started to eat them.
A deterrent of its own making came into action.
The kite dived and crashed.
The cows, no longer inquisitive, turned tail and
rushed away, leaving me and a very nearly
broken kite.*

*As I walked up to my kite,
I thought that my encounter had a moral.
Inquisitiveness, although it can be good,
Can also hinder progress.*

*I packed away feeling sad;
I looked round to see.
Only to find them gone,
Gone to sweeter, greener pasture.*

Martin Caren, 2Z

Dog

*Deep, deep black eyes,
Set in a rich golden face.
A deep, deep black nose,
Also set in a golden background.
This is Siggy the golden retriever.
Strong, sturdy shoulders,
Strong, sturdy shoulders,
Golden, so golden a back,
A straight tail and sturdy hips.
A stomach so furry.
He looked like a General,
Inspecting his troops.
Just sitting there with a grin on his face and
dancing eyes.
He got up and walked towards the door,
As if beckoning me to go with him.
I did.
As I slipped the leash on he grinned again
Happy that I should take him out.
We crossed the road onto the moor.
I let him off.
He ran, ran so fast.
He ran like a cheetah.
I imagined him as a cheetah chasing a deer.
I stopped imagining and saw he was chasing a grouse.
He pounced.
He missed.
He pounced again, but the bird gained height.
He sat down looking ashamed of what he had
been doing.
Ashamed that I saw him.
I laughed.*

Geoffrey Pearson, 2Z



YOU'VE JUST GOTTA TRY...

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Rugby

1st XV

Captain: S. A. Wilkinson
Vice-Captain: D. G. Lee
Secretary: T. J. Hutchings

P	W	L	F	A
17	14	3	380	104

It was anticipated that the side would acquit itself well this year, and this proved to be the case generally. When the players decided that the opposition were to be feared i.e. gained their respect, the team was a match for anyone, as could be seen in the performances against Cowley, King's Macclesfield, Lancaster – in taking their unbeaten record – and Rossall, but defeats ensued mainly because of players not performing to their potential against good opposition through under-estimating the ability of the opposition. This was the team's Achilles Heel.

The list of representative honours gained by team members can be seen at the end of this report and showed an exceptional amount of talent in the side. It is very rare that any side can have so many good players in it and good results are expected of such players. Of course, results are not the only criteria by which success is to be measured, but ask any good player or coach about their criteria for enjoyment, and winning would feature high up on his list.

The pack developed into a good scrummaging unit through the efforts of the front row of Kirk Wilkinson (Lancashire U18 XV), Paul Ribchester (England U16 Final Trial), the greatly improved Craig McIntyre and the second row of Michael Bailey, who found his best position here, and Christian Benson or Shaun Kelly. The lineout became more productive as the season progressed through the emergence of Michael Bailey as an excellent jumper, and David Lee. David Lee and Nick Sinclair played for Lancashire in the back row and along with David Carter or Martin Williams won much good loose ball, as would be expected. Anthony Bagshaw at scrum half was the most improved player in the side and this was effected through concerted effort in training and spare time. Tim Hutchings as a versatile back showed a great improvement both in confidence and speed. Simon Heath and Captain Sean Wilkinson were two pillars of strength in mid-field, ensuring that few runners penetrated over the gain line very often against them, and linking well with each other and the back row after getting over the gain line in attack. David Dickson, Michael Rawcliffe, Steven Collinson, Andrew Greening and Simon Whittingham developed considerably during the season, and were sound reliable players who played important roles in the team effort.

It was generally hoped that this team could perform well enough to at least reach the semi-finals at the Preston Rugby Festival, sponsored by Guy's Eating Establishments & Procontech but, for at least one month before the event, the full team never trained together because of injuries, interviews, day-trips and cancellations of matches and training sessions owing to poor weather, so I felt the hopes were emotional rather than realistic. However, an excellent victory was achieved on the first day against the powerful Glasgow Academy and all matches were won, thereby leading the group with the team starting to play as a unit. After beating Hutton on Saturday, the side lost 0-3 to our respected rivals, the powerful St. Brendans, Bristol, but K.G.S. looked the better side – only to waste scoring opportunities, one after a controversial refereeing decision. The sense of both frustration and disappointment was great because, as stated earlier, when in the correct frame of mind, the side was a match for anyone.

However, the season is not yet over, as the World Rugby Tour is anticipated with high expectations. This is a

new pinnacle in K.G.S.'s sporting achievements and will be demanding of players, coaches and tour administrators alike but I am confident that the Australians, Fijians and Americans who meet the party will gain a healthy respect both for the standard of K.G.S. rugby on the field, and our spirit and friendliness off the pitch.

I would finally like to thank Sean Wilkinson for being a most influential, conscientious Captain, David Lee for being pack leader and Vice-Captain, Tim Hutchings for being Secretary, Mr. Watson for giving up his spare time to help coach the backs, George Sowerbutts, L.C.S.P. (Phys.) for so expertly, and willingly, helping to repair the extensive crop of minor injuries which the team suffered this season.

Representative Honours

England Presidents U16 XV v. Portugal and England U16 Final Trial: Paul Ribchester

North of England U18 XV: David Lee

Lancashire U18 XV: David Lee, Nick Sinclair, Kirk Wilkinson

Lancashire U18 XV Replacements: Simon Heath, Tim Hutchings, Craig McIntyre

Lancashire Squad: Michael Bailey

Colours

Full Colours: Re-Award: Sean Wilkinson

New Award: Anthony Bagshaw, Michael Bailey, Simon Heath, Tim Hutchings, David Lee, Craig McIntyre, Paul Ribchester, Nick Sinclair, Kirk Wilkinson.

Half Colours

New Award: Christian Benson

B. Gornall

2nd XV

P	W	L	D	F	A
15	8	5	2	312	110

The 2nd XV's season appears to have followed a distinct pattern. During the first half term, the team played well, being undefeated in recording good wins over Morecambe and Wirral, drawing with Cowley and having comfortable victories over K.E.S. Lytham and Marple Hall.

Unfortunately, this promising beginning led to a feeling of complacency at just the wrong time, and the next two games, against two of our keenest rivals, Arnold and Rossall, were lost.

A crushing victory over a weak Dallam side was followed before and after Christmas with four very close games which provided the best rugby of the season – but not the best results. A very exciting and close encounter with R.G.S., Lancaster was lost 4-9; two games, St. Edwards, Liverpool (17-18) and Manchester Grammar School (6-7) were lost by the odd point and, despite lots of pressure, the match against King's School, Macclesfield was drawn, 6-6. At this point in the season, the 2nd XV seemed intent upon providing nail-biting finishes for the entertainment of the spectators. However, on seeing a potentially good record disappearing, the team decided to readjust the balance and won their last three games comfortably.

At best, the 2nd XV played attractive rucking rugby and got themselves into many scoring positions from which they could release a talented and elusive set of backs. Unfortunately, on too many occasions, through lack of experience and wrong choice of option, the coup de grâce was not delivered. A more clinical attitude to finishing will be required if these players achieve 1st XV status.

2nd XV Squad: M. Williams (Capt. Autumn Term), M. Davies, S. Smith, A. Johnson, M. Lees, C. Piggott, M. Yates, A. Brennand, T. Brammer, J. Moore, N. Hamer, P. Gornall, P. Whiteside, P. Mellor, S. Kelly, A. Ralston, N. Read, J. Musson, P. Mitchell.

R. J. Watson



Members of First XV gaining representative honours.

Left to Right: Kirk Wilkinson, Craig McIntyre, Tim Hutchings, David Lee, Simon Heath, Nick Sinclair, Paul Ribchester.

Michael Bailey soars upwards! Action from a 1st XV game.



U15 XV

P	W	D	L	F	A
20	13	2	5	483	160

The U15's have had an extremely successful, enjoyable and exciting season with results, especially in the Spring Term, that have proved them to be one of the strongest teams on the North West circuit, which is regarded as the hardest rugby circuit in the country.

We began the season with a big squad of 26 boys, all of whom attended a pre-season training week early in September. It was very clear to me, that from the start these lads meant business and were setting their stall out for a very competitive season ahead of them. Every boy gave 100% effort in training and as the season progressed, both the standard of fitness and rugby improved dramatically. Their standard of fitness was actually second to none, which proved invaluable against the bigger sides. The pack scrummaged superbly throughout the season and this, coupled with the fact that the back row developed so well as a unit, winning 80% of all the loose ball, meant that our backs found themselves with a lot of possession which obviously makes for entertaining rugby.

Throughout the season, the team has been superbly led by Bruce Craven who has always set very high standards for all the boys to follow. Four boys; Craven, Thorner, Jameson and Black were chosen to represent North Lancashire U15 XVs and were outstanding throughout the season. Other boys who developed well during the year were: Rooking and Whittingham, both of whom had final North Lancashire Trials, Collinson, Griffiths and Turner in the back row, Cowburn in the 2nd row, and Bagshaw and Fountain in the backs.

I can honestly say that 86/87 will certainly go down as an enjoyable season as far as I am concerned. To have a squad of players who give their all in every situation is surely a coach's delight. With this attitude they will all find success in the future.

P. Smith

U14 XV

P	W	L	F	A
15	4	11	150	432

The season started in horrendous fashion, with the team, with one or two exceptions, apparently satisfied with trying for the first half of games and not bothering to compete in the second half. This state of affairs culminated in an appalling performance at Marple Hall on the last Saturday of the first half of the Winter Term. Standing in the wind and rain, the Kirkham supporters had to watch a 6-16 deficit at half-time become a 6-52 defeat, despite having the elements in our favour.

It is pleasing to report, however, that since then, the Team's attitude and efforts have vastly improved, being particularly noticeable at Lancaster and Macclesfield when, although we were beaten, we scored tries very late in the game. It would also be true to say that the standard of rugby has improved as well and the style in which the last two games of the season, against Ormskirk and Wellfield, were won augurs well for the future. One hopes the players will continue to believe in their ability and a continued improvement in their play next season will see a better playing record.

All the squad must be commended for their willingness to turn out to practice, and particular thanks must go to Kenward and Parrish for playing when injuries decimated the side late in the season.

Squad: Smith (Capt.), Bilsborough, Brennand, Brown, Buckley, Cookson, Cunliffe, Eastham, Hardy, Henckel, Johnson, Loftus, McIntyre, Morgan, Pegg, Scott, Taylor, Telfer, Valentine, Ward, Woodridge.

R. J. Browning

U13 XV

	P	W	L	D	F	A
'A' Team	21	11	9	1	310	204
'B' Team	3	1	2	0	20	60

On reflection, it is a shame that more 'B' Team fixtures could not be arranged, because the strength of the Second Year, is the strength in depth. There is no difficulty in raising a second side and this halts complacency for the 'A' Team. Over 25 students have represented school in the 'A' Team this season.

During the season the main improvement has been that of playing as a team rather than as a group of individuals. The handling in the backs has been erratic but the promise is there. Rogers and Campbell have had an outstanding season but the keen unselfish attitude of Bannister has been an example to all.

The weight training has paid off for the forwards and all have had their moments but the constant example to all is the smallest man in the pack, Stuart Bradley, always tackling, dependable and giving 110% even when suffering pain. Miller and Salt always worked hard, the former being a much improved player and only beaten for that award by Leon Skorczewski, much fitter and in with the action – all bodes well for the future.

I would like to thank all those who have helped in what has been a difficult period of time for me personally, parents, players, Mr. Bruce and Mr. Bostock, which has enabled the team to continue with little interruption.

All in all, an enjoyable and beneficial season, which, with the depth of talent, makes the future for Rugby at K.G.S. look promising.

A. M. Hill

U12 XV

P	W	L	D	F	A
10	3	7	0	150	144

The U12's started the season in storming fashion with a massive 44-4 victory over Marple Hall School, and looked very good in the process. However, this early season promise was not maintained and a series of close defeats followed, which severely dented the confidence of many of the players. This lack of confidence, and in some cases commitment, was most apparent in the first match after Christmas, against Manchester G.S., when the team were soundly thrashed 32-8.

A big effort was made over the following weeks to restore belief and confidence and these efforts were rewarded with a 16-6 victory over Hutton, and a good performance, in defeat, against King Edward VII School.

The team should look to next season with confidence, as there is ability in the side, particularly in the backs where Fletcher and Smith have a good understanding at half back and Yeung and Buckley are fast and dangerous on the wings. The forwards are big and strong but on many occasions were far too slow and will therefore need to be much fitter next season.

A. C. Hall

U15 XV Jersey Tour 1987

On Sunday, 22nd February 19 enthusiastic rugby players piled into a coach bound for Manchester Airport. There we boarded a very old aeroplane to arrive in St. Helier on time. Half an hour later we were unpacking in the Hotel Egremont.

We assembled in Mr. Smith's room where he laid down the law to us and handed us our passes into Fort Regent. After tea we all went to Fort Regent, which is a huge leisure centre built into a mountain, overlooking St. Helier.

The following morning was spent swimming in the 50m pool at Fort Regent before we left to play our first game.

Mr. Smith had hired some mini buses to take us to and from the matches. The pitch was very small, hard and dusty. Fortunately we had gone in our Rugby gear because the changing rooms consisted of a small, green hut in the corner of the field. The team played scrappily in the first half but in the second half the Kirkham pack took over and scrummaged the East Jersey side off the field. The final score was 22-10 in our favour.

On Wednesday we played De-La-Salle College on the same pitch as before, and we chalked up a convincing

36-0 victory. Unfortunately McCann was injured during the game and looked as if he had gone 15 rounds with Mike Tyson.

On Thursday night seven lads had to go for a midnight swim (it was - 5°C) because of misbehaviour in boxer shorts?

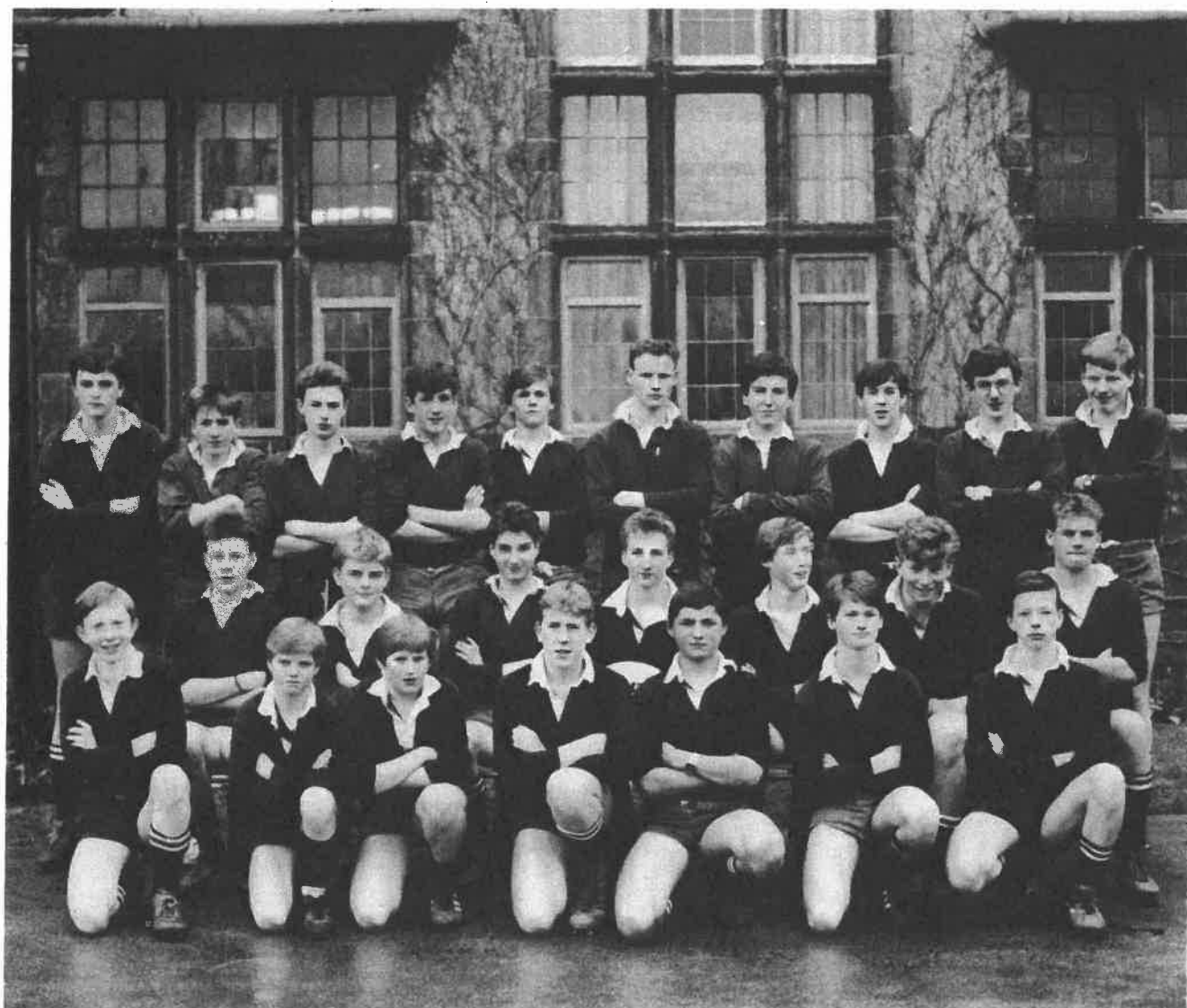
Friday was the day of the big game against Jersey U15 XV. They were a very big, fast and skillful side, but lacked technique and due to an excellent effort by the Kirkham backs we won 28-8.

On the final night, Saturday, we presented Mr. Smith with a signed rugby ball and Doc. Hall with a suitably inscribed T-shirt and a small, but very useful gift.

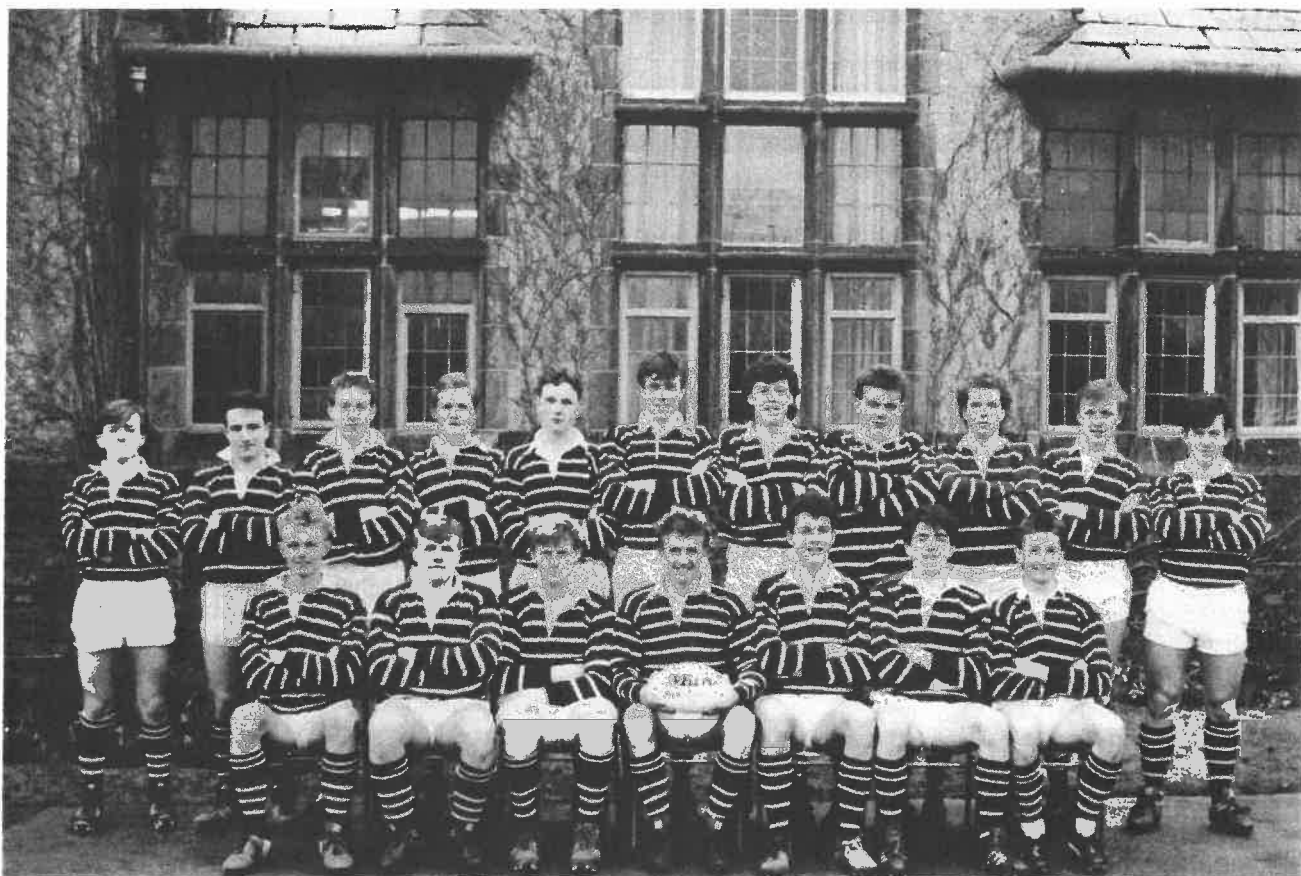
Special mention must go to the five U14's in the squad: Darren Woodridge, Jeremy Smith, David Pegg, Craig Brown and Stephen Buckley, who all played very well in all matches.

Our special thanks for a really great tour must go to Doc. Hall and Mr. Smith for arranging our trip so efficiently.

J. S. Black and B. Craven, 4Y



U15 Squad 1986-1987 Back Row: I. Cowburn, C. McCann, P. Baines, J. Collinson, C. Turner, B. Thornber, P. Watmough, J. Rooking, P. Walmsley, C. Jameson. Middle Row: C. Fountain, M. Parrish, D. Hatton, B. Craven, P. Griffiths, J. Black, M. Bagshaw. Front Row: E. Hodges, J. Francis, A. Fallows, S. Kenward, D. Whittingham, A. Morson, D. Doughty.



1st Team Squad 1986-87 Back Row (left to right): P. Ribchester, A. Johnson, M. Rawcliffe, S. Kelly, M. Williams, M. Bailey, N. Sinclair, T. Hutchings, A. Greening, J. Moore, A. Jones. Front Row: A. Bagshaw, K. Wilkinson, D. Lee, S. Wilkinson, S. Heath, C. McIntyre, D. Dickson.

Senior Hockey Squad 1986-87 Back Row (left to right): S. De Maine, K. Fairclough, H. Greening, N. Nice, R. Parmley, R. Simpson, A. Clarkson, S. Fountain. Front Row: S. Lee, J. Moyes, A. Cullum, S. Gladstone, N. Buckley.



Cross-Country

1986-87 saw the 'reborn' Kirkham Harriers emerge once again out of nonentity, only to fall back down again to levels previously unknown to Cross-Country running.

Over the past 2 terms, as a team we ran 6 matches, coming 2nd in all of them. Two triangular matches were also run and in one of them we achieved the remarkable position of 4th!!! (losing to a 'B' team). We did however win one match at home, but after many hours of thought, our win was finally put down to the fact that Lancaster R.G.S. had not shown up.

Dr. Hall has asked me to tell you what a dedicated and talented coach he was, and that we will all miss him.

Michael Nelson, Pre.

Girls' Games 1986-87

Hockey

It is only when one is actually made to sit down and make notes in anticipation of the 'day of reckoning' i.e. the end of term sports report, that one realises what a very busy and long Hockey season we have had. The Teams started competing on their fourth day back of the new academic year and 7 months later, stood ready to compete in the end-of-season tournaments. The fact that they had to be cancelled because of poor weather and pitch conditions does not demean the effort that the girls had put into their preparation.

But what of the season overall?

Senior XI

P	W	D	L
13	3	3	7

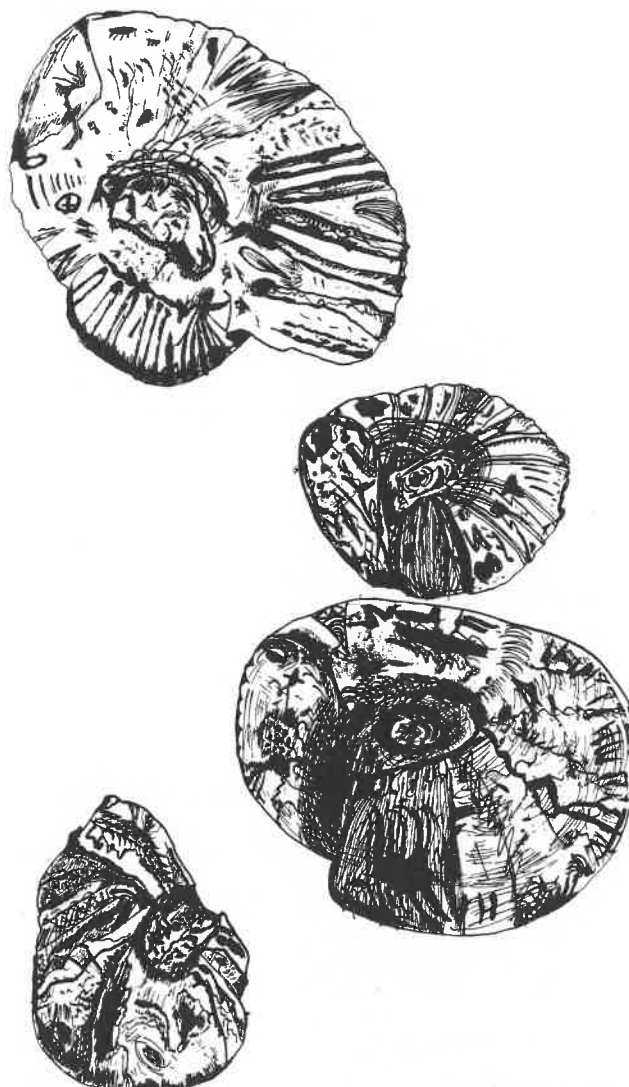
The Senior Team has unfortunately fallen victim to the limited numbers game. This season, although there are more girls than this in the Sixth Form, there have been fewer than eight recognised hockey players available for 1st XI Hockey and in consequence the Team has been fielded using Fifth Form pupils. I in no way belittle the efforts of the younger girls. On the contrary, their contribution was significant and to be applauded but this state of affairs did not help us against strong Sixth Form schools. I am sure anyone who plays or watches the game of hockey is aware of what kind of difference maturity, strength and experience can make to a side. Too often we came up against girls who also played club hockey and who were a yard quicker to the ball and had a hint more aggression. Ironically, it was when we were frequently losing to sides like these that we played our best hockey. This was a frustrating state of affairs for me as coach for it was then one could recognise the potential of our K.G.S Team. What we need is the controlled aggressive energy and will to succeed from the first whistle to the last. Several players did make a valued contribution. Sharon Lee, as captain, demonstrated a willingness to run until the final moment of the game and was a good example of how fitness can affect a result. By constant endeavour she was busy winning back the ball and then in the midst of attacking moves up the field. Angela Cullum as vice-captain set an example to younger players always being punctual, well turned out and ready to give of her best. Sandra Fountain played some important games as centre forward and has a natural flair when it comes to taking players on and running for goal. Some of her goals this season were a joy to watch. But one player or even three do not make a team and I thank the girls for their efforts both on and off the field to promote hockey playing at K.G.S.

U16 XI

P	W	D	L	F	A
10	7	1	2	46	14

The Fifth Year girls have played as a team since they were lower school pupils and this has undoubtedly affected their game in the most favourable way. They do exhibit an awareness of each other's play and movements, and combine to form a very effective force as the results testify. Given this understanding a rather exasperating situation evolved, for this team, playing well, were more than a match for the 1st XI, and could have surpassed their performances against our older opposition on the fixture list.

However, they did find some opportunity to work as an U16 team in some friendly fixtures and when entered in the U16 League. They won 4 of their 6 matches in the league and drew once and as a result finished runners-up to Queen Mary's School. They also gave a worthwhile account of themselves at the Lancashire Tournament though they failed, this year, to make the final. Again one or two players do deserve special mention, Sarah De Maine's standard of play improved dramatically, Helen Greening and Sandra Fountain were chosen to play for one of the Fylde Area teams and Esther Phillips proved to be an irresistible force on the right wing on many occasions. My only disappointment as far as this team is concerned is that they will not return as a full side to next year's Sixth Form which is a real pity. I do hope they will continue to find enjoyment in the sport, perhaps at college or club level.



Katherine Salt 2x



Under 14 XI 1986-87 Back Row (left to right): M. Salt, J. Powderley, M. Vipond, T. Kendrick, W. Hart, T. Connell, A. De Maine, S. Bannister. Front Row (left to right): E. Whittaker, S. Piggott, A. Fletcher, J. Scarisbrick, J. Evans.

Under 15 XI 1986-87 Back Row (left to right): F. Gilmore, A. M. Houghton, L. Wickham, C. Jackson, J. Hollingworth, S. Swift, G. Littlefair. Front Row: A. Holden, B. O'Donnell, J. Gornall, K. Hart, S. J. Heath.



U15 XI

P	W	D	L
12	9	2	1

The U15 XI have had a very successful season under the captaincy of Joanne Gornall. The defence has looked organised and solid, the halves have worked hard and the forwards have been effective in the shooting circle, particularly when the ball was with Kathryn Hart or Alison Holden. Despite my reservations about their lack of real fitness or aggression on the pitch they have recorded some very creditable results. Their one defeat of the season was at the hands of Arnold and was so near the beginning of our new academic year that few of us had recovered from the thought of just getting back to school! This team are skilful and I look for great things from them next year. We must nurture the will to attain a greater level of skill and fitness next year though if we are to achieve at senior level.

It seems sometimes that not only do I compete with the opposition but often I have to reconcile myself with the fashion conscious public image that my own girls have. Unlike boys' or mens' sport, where the image generated is one of "mean machines" honed to physical fitness and mentally ready to "take on the world", I have to worry that the latest fashion is to wear ones socks wrinkled and hunched at the ankle. As one third year girl told me "one is a stiff" if knee-length socks are worn at the knee or one's shirt is tucked in at the waist – after all it does nothing for a slim waistline! Consider also my anxiety about the breakage of the beautifully manicured nail or the wind wafting through hair delicately cemented in place by expensive setting gel. Perhaps I exaggerate, but just occasionally I do wonder if I ever win against odds like these, after all the disco on Friday night – pre-match night – will be around for longer than I.

There is a balance to be struck and I accept that, but please could the scales be weighted in my favour? Practice does make perfect but only with real commitment and we are successful to a degree now, so what dizzy heights await if we too are "mean machines"?

J. E. Taylor

U14 XI

P	W	D	L
14	12	0	2

The team played well during most of the year, their only defeats being to Arnold and on each occasion the team was understrength. Notable performances were made by Jayne Scarisbrick, Joanne Evans, Samantha Harris and Jeanette Powderley. The most improved player was Wendy Hart who turned in some excellent displays on the left wing. During the next season the team and notably the midfield must work to improve their fitness if they are to make the most of their undoubted talents. Overall a fine season from all players in the squad.

T. P. Miller

U13 XI

P	W	D	L
14	4	2	8

The U13 Team have proved to be slow starters. Early in the season they looked completely at odds with one another and the game. They were inexperienced at full 11-a-side games and took a little time to organise themselves. I am pleased to report however, that in the

second half of the season their endeavours have been rewarded. Their results have been more favourable and they are beginning to get a real grasp and fervour for the game. They have practised hard and responded to the banter and encouragement from Emma Cartwright their captain and I look to a more successful season in the coming year.

In conclusion then I feel it is fair to express the view that our Hockey playing continues to flourish. Most of our school teams have been more than reasonably successful, our fixture card has again grown incorporating schools outside the district, and hopefully our reputation for fair play and a healthy standard of hockey has again spread. I look forward with anticipation to 1987-88!

J. E. Taylor

Netball Season 1986-87

It appears that our flourishing hockey standard has been to the detriment of the netball.

The table below does make dismal reading.

	P	W	D	L
Senior VII	2	0	0	2
U16	4	2	1	1
U15	15	2	3	10
U14	13	1	2	10
U13	5	1	0	4
U12 'A'	6	1	0	5
U12 'B'	4	1	0	3

In fairness to the girls who gave up their time to play these matches, some explanation of the poor results is called for.

Firstly, the Senior and U16 Teams do not play on any kind of regular basis. Indeed, the teams were drawn up on a voluntary basis after one or two schools asked if we could field Senior Netball Teams on a games' afternoon. The girls who took part then were playing purely for pleasure and were far from match fit and well practised. Bearing these circumstances in mind, the girls gave a good account of themselves and it was pleasing to see them taking an active part in competitive sport.

The U12 Teams and the U13 Team have played some friendly matches but we tended to choose strong netballing schools such as Arnold and Elmslie and the results showed we had set our sights very high. The girls tried very hard to put their limited netball lesson skills into practice but were generally out-shone by well-drilled teams who give netball more priority than we do. At least the younger girls in school were given the opportunity to play a sport often favoured by them before the taste for hockey is too overpowering.

And a taste for hockey is what defeated our U14 and U15 teams, I suspect, more than the opposition they faced week by week in the local league.

Both teams were particularly disappointing in both practice sessions and matches. The faint or half-hearted are firmly dealt with in local league matches and in many instances we were just that. In the girls' defence, many of these team players also make up the Hockey teams and perhaps their love of that sport, together with pressure of academic work and number of practice sessions took its toll. All that considered though I would rather see our teams go down competing for every throw and catch and make the opposition feel they have beaten us rather than surrender on court.

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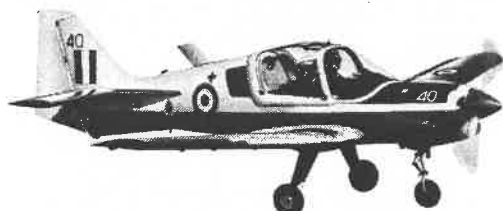
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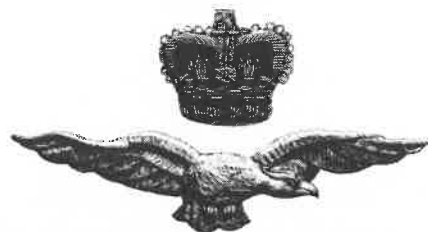
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General Report

This year has again continued the success applicable to the running of the Cadet Force in previous years. The Fourth Year Cadets are already through their "Recruits' Test" and Weapon Training Tests, and well into their Fieldcraft Course. The credit for these fine successes must be given to the NCO's for their hard work and effort. The Fifth Year Cadets are also training very well in their Fieldcraft Course.

All the Field Days, which involve the entire training a Cadet has at school (map-reading, camouflage, concealment, etc.) have been a great success, mainly due to the efforts of the officers of the contingent.

A special mention must go to Tim Hutchings who has brought the contingent a great honour by obtaining a place on the U.K.L.F. Leadership Course. Well done!

Finally, I would like to conclude the general report by thanking all the Officers for their loyal work and enthusiasm and my fellow NCO's whose contributions have been excellent without exception.

S. T. Heath, C.S.M.

Monmouth '86

Summer Camp '86 was again spent at Monmouth in S. Wales. A list of activities was drawn up and each of the 5 sections took turns at each activity.

One of the major and most popular activities was the climbing organised by Dr. Summers aided by Tim Gilmore. This took place in a valley about 40 km from camp at Monmouth, and so tents had to be pitched close to the climbing points to house each successive climbing group. This new site became known as "Camp 5".

Everyone enjoyed their 2 days spent at Camp 5, especially Kim Fairclough who seemed to spend most of her time hanging upside down on vertical rock faces.

The problem with Camp 5 was that each group had to walk part of the way back to Monmouth after their climbing activity was over. This took us over Penn-y-Fan in the Brecon Beacons and past other hills with unmentionable names. This walk took each group about 11 km away from Camp 5, but also away from Base Camp at Monmouth. On one walk, Wendy Ward sprained her ankle and had to be carried for the remainder by her "hunky" section commander. As usual, their section was met at the end of the walk by the ever-cheerful face of Mr. Sayer.

The major exercise of the camp was that of Magpie III which lasted for about 15 hours, from 8.00 a.m. to 11.00 p.m. This involved leading a section of 11 Cadets into an area known to be occupied by the SWAFF (South Wales Army of Freedom Fighters!) The area then had to be reced and an ammunitions box (supposed to be a radar) had to be found, but not moved. The section then had to withdraw and formulate a plan of attack to try to retrieve the box, that night. The whole exercise was very successful and had been organised by Mr. Scott and the amazingly agile Mr. G. P. L. Willatt.

Other activities included a "March and Shoot" organised by our "late" Mr. R. Gill, and also two orienteering courses organised by our 'father in the field' Mr. R. M. Clarkson, and also a remarkable one set up by Mr. Hill, remarkable because, by the time the last group got to the marker point, one marker had moved!

We hold "Ma'am" Piggott responsible for the Initiative Test. She seemed to enjoy watching cadets sliding down astride thick steel wire, slowly losing various parts of their anatomy whilst trying to use them as brakes.

The camp was enjoyed by all cadets and Mr. Sayer and all other members of staff (of whom the list is endless) must be thanked for running such a successful camp and organising such enjoyable suffering.

Sgt. M. Nelson



A hard day's night! (R.A.F. Cosford).

R.A.F. Section

The R.A.F. Section has undergone another growth period with a large intake of Fourth Years for the second consecutive year. Under the new leadership of Flt. Lt. Greaves and P.O. Gardiner and moral support from Mr. Walls, the Flight has revamped and reorganised itself and the range of activities has widened. These include a newly organised Shooting Team and a Marching Flight, both of which have been entered for regional competitions. We have succeeded academically as well with 2 passes at Advanced, 12 passes at Proficiency 2 with several excellent projects for the new syllabus and 15 passes at Proficiency, one including Weapon Training Tests.

During the Easter holidays, 16 cadets spent a very energetic week at R.A.F. Cosford and again as last year Lt. Willatt was seconded to the R.A.F. Our grateful thanks are due to him. This really was a C.C.F. Camp as the other school there was accompanied by a RNR Commander!

Field Days for the Fifth Years and NCO's have been spent flying at R.A.F. Woodvale, a visit to BAE Warton and windsurfing, whilst the Fourth Years have been with the Army Section Map Reading and Orienteering on Darwen Moor.

Several cadets joined with the Army section for Adventurous training camp in February for last summers camp at Monmouth and I would like to thank Flt. Lt. Greaves, P.O. Gardiner and Mr. Walls for their efforts and everyone else who has helped to make this such a successful year. I hope that the high standard can be maintained throughout next year.

Flight Sergeant A. Palin

Adventurous Training 1987

On 21st February, after the usual late arrival – Paul Mellor – a number of K.G.S. Cadets set off for the Lake District. On arriving at the Great Langdale Campsite, everyone was busily employed in putting up tents and moving things from the 4-tonner to the tents.

Outside the tents the ground was swiftly transformed into a quagmire which claimed the feet of many unwary travellers. The cause of the quagmire was mainly due to the weather which ranged from snow and rain to frost and sun.

Social life at the camp centred around the drying tent and the local pub which served non-alcoholic drinks and even food. Talking of food brings up the subject of the cooking. The food cooked by the camp staff was very good and a mention by Egon Ronay cannot be far off.

The day-time activities were often quite strenuous but always good fun. The walking ranged from scree-running to meeting lost walkers miles from where they thought they were, and took place on such mountains as Fairfield, Bowfell and Scafell.

Orienteering proved difficult for some people. The idea was to reach the top of Loughrigg Fell, but this was not easy as the Fell appeared to have a number of summits.

Time spent climbing was divided between the climbing wall in Ambleside, abseiling and short climbs on Scout Crag and a proper 3-pitch climb nearby.

The final day saw everyone taking part in the Point-to-Point exercise which involved a lot of walking and coping with incidents along the way. Despite fog on top of Loughrigg, making the problems experienced during orienteering look small by comparison and torrential rain, the day went smoothly and was enjoyed by everyone.

The list of credits this year could go on for ever as a quarter of the school's staff was present at some time or other, but thanks must go to the Major, all the staff, Stanny and Sgt. Harry for the smooth running of such an enjoyable week.

L/Cpl. J. Brammer



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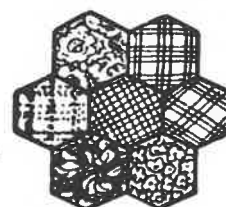
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In the Angling Society activity has been limited because the obvious object of the Society is to enable people to fish, but hopefully there should be some talks and videos shown in the not too distant future. The Society has obtained permission to fish in a well-stocked pond in Treales, near Kirkham. Membership consists mainly of Juniors which is promising for future years.

Andrew Butterworth, L6A

Astronomical Society

Chairman: Mr. J. S. Roberts
Secretary: D. T. Shakespeare
Treasurer: R. Debicki

The Astronomical Society has remained active over the past year, with a meeting almost every week. At these meetings, talks were given and videos shown; these talks have included: "This Term's Sky", "The Sun", "Meteors", "Greek Astronomy", "Mythology in Astronomy", "Black Holes", "Pluto" and several others.

This year the Society held a Christmas Quiz – it was enthusiastically entered by a group of keen new members (and a few others) and was a modest success.

The Society has continued to expand its library of Astronomy books, to help keep members up to date with what is going on in the "big wide world" of astronomy, and this has used up the greater part of the Society's grant this year. We are planning to hold a trip in the near future.

At the end of the Spring Term, there was a complete reshuffle of officials. I resigned as secretary and Richard Debicki took over. Nathan Hawe has become our new treasurer.

Finally, I would like to thank Mr. Roberts and the members of the committee for their hard work over the past year.

David Shakespeare, L6 Sci.

Auto Society

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

The Auto Society has been running smoothly over the past year with numerous talks and videos. The attendances have been fair throughout the year, with around ten attendances per meeting. An interesting talk was given by Mr. Mitchell on "car names and their origins". Videos have been shown, mainly "Top Gear", which has now finished. The Chairman of the Auto Society, Mr. Bostock, has shown a lot of interest and attends all the meetings.

We hope to have larger attendances next term, with the influx of new first years.

Paul Gaskin, 5Y

Bridge Club

Chairman: Mr. I. Rushton
Treasurer: N. Sinclair
Secretary: S. W. Wincott

The last year has been a most successful one for the Bridge Club. Membership and interest have grown to such an extent that meetings are now held every lunchtime with a large number of members in attendance. Although no matches against other schools were possible, a match was organised against the staff and resulted in a very convincing win for them (although on the day of the re-match they were conspicuous by their absence!) It is hoped that next year we will be able to enter one team – and possibly two – in the Lancashire Schools' Bridge League.

Many thanks must go to Mr. Rushton for all the help he has given in organising the Society and for giving his valuable time to teach new members the game.

Steven Wincott, LVI Sci.

Chess Club

Chairman: Mr. I. Rushton
Secretary: J. Brammer
Treasurer: N. Sinclair

Meetings held on Monday continue to be well attended, with much interest being shown, particularly among the juniors.

Particular mention must be made of James Blackburn who is the Lancashire U12 Chess Champion. He and Sudip Ray (2Y) had great success in a national chess competition, reaching the area finals for the north of England.

The house chess competition was as usual organised by the Chess Club, and once again resulted in a convincing win for Fylde House. Good results were achieved by Mark Howells (UVI), Richard O'Neil (5Z), James Blackburn, Sudip Ray and Andrew Carr – all of whom were unbeaten in their matches.

Finally, may I thank Mr. Rushton for all his time and effort spent in organising Chess Club activities.

Jamie Brammer, LVI Sci.

Electronics Society

Chairman: Mr. L. A. Redman
Secretary: S. H. Clarke
Treasurer: C. J. Dodenhoff

This has been yet another eventful year for this Society with over twenty members attending each meeting.

Dr. Durkin left at the end of the Summer term and Mr. Redman took over with the help of Mr. Jobling.

Several demonstration projects have been built with the co-operation of the Physics Department, and these give members good practice at soldering and in the end will be used in Physics lessons.

The sixth form have completed a project on the Physics Department's BBC microcomputer which, again can be used as a teaching aid.

I would like to thank Mr. Redman, Mr. Jobling and Chris Dodenhoff for their invaluable work.

Steven Clarke, Pre.

Fell Walking Society

Chairman: Dr. B. M. Summers
Secretary: J. J. Bill
Treasurer: M. Nelson

The first walk of the new School Year, on Sunday, 21st September, was from Ingleton, over Ingleborough and down to Clapham. This was a splendid day out for a large party. The walk was not too strenuous and was highlighted by a visit to the Ingleborough Caves where we spent an hour underground entertained by a most amusing guide.

On 19th October, we went to Conistone. The walk up Conistone Old Man proved quite interesting! A high wind nearly blew some of the younger members away and a snow storm at lunch-time was an unexpected delight! The return journey past Goat's Water was quite spectacular with the wind creating huge waves and blowing spray everywhere.

The November walk was unfortunately cancelled due to lack of support.

On 8th February, we enjoyed a good walk, starting from Longsleddale and walking over Kentmere Pike and Harter Fell, returning via Gatescarth Pass. This walk became even better as the day went on, with good views of the High Street and Hawes Water. It was rather cold with patches of snow underfoot.

On 15th March, a small party set out from Langdale to face a very wintry landscape. All were well equipped – the Fell Walking Club having their own instep crampons and ice-axes. We went up the Band to the top of Bowfell where we were faced by an Arctic landscape. A long return journey via Rossett Gill proved tiring, with the descent of Rossett Gill being very difficult, because of deep, wet snow.

We know many people enjoy walking and enjoy the countryside. Please remember you are all members of the Society and can come along on the Sunday outings. Unless you give your support, there will be no Society and no opportunities for anyone. Parents and friends are always welcome.

Jonathan Bill, UVI Arts
Michael Nelson, Pre.

Scientific Society

Chairman: Dr. B. M. Summers
Secretary: C. J. Dodenhoff
Treasurer: S. M. Clarke

The Scientific Society has re-awakened this year, slowly but surely, after a long period of inactivity. We now have meetings on average once every 2 weeks in which we show scientific videos which are of interest to Juniors and Seniors alike.

Although at the moment our membership is still quite low, it has been increasing slowly, and I hope this trend will continue next year.

I would like to thank Dr. Summers and S. Clarke for helping to keep the Society running, and to remind everybody that if they have nothing to do on a Wednesday lunchtime, they could do worse than pop into one of our meetings.

Christopher Dodenhoff, Pre.

Sixth Form Union

Chairman: Mr. R. J. Watson
Secretary: L. Sowerbutts
Treasurer: A. Palin

Since last year there has been complete re-organisation and refurbishment of the Sixth Form Unit. The project involved several members of the present year's Upper Sixth and over a period of two weeks in the Summer Holidays of 1986 we purchased, with the G.S.C. grant of £200, decorating materials, carpets, curtaining – and a toaster! – transforming two rather sparse and desolate rooms into comfortable living and recreation areas. Also with the assistance of Mr. Watson a Sixth Form Union Committee has been organised, which meets regularly to arrange further spending of funds and maintenance of the Sixth Form Unit. The entire Sixth Form would like to express sincere thanks to Mr. Watson for his interest and encouragement in organising the Sixth Form as a co-operative with responsibility shared by all members, in an attempt to operate successfully the improved Sixth Form facilities.

Lee Sowerbutts, U6 Arts



Lake District Scene – Fell Walking Club.

Natural History Society

Chairman: Mr. A. R. Baines
Secretary: T. Connolley
Treasurer: Esther Smith

The Summer Term of 1986 ended, as usual, with an exhibition on Open Day. Our main display consisted of an animal stamp collection, property of D. Kings and a tea card collection, lent by M. J. Ward.

In the Winter Term, D. Kings (2X) and J. Clark (2X) set the ball rolling with a talk entitled "Wildlife from Two". Other talks included: "Wildlife Photography" by Mr. F. W. Sayer; "Marshbirds" by M. Hall (2X); "Drugs" by M. Howells (U6); "Ground Creatures" by M. J. Ward (4Y) and "Bugging Devices" by Mr. A. R. Baines. These talks were supplemented by a video "The Living River" and the long-awaited film, "Life Story of a Wasp".

The Spring Term was equally busy, with talks on "Australian Birds" by Mrs. S. Piggott, "Animal Intelligence" by M. Howells (U6) and "Farm Animals" by N. Barton (2X). Two videos were also shown, namely "Pollution" and "The Living Tundra".

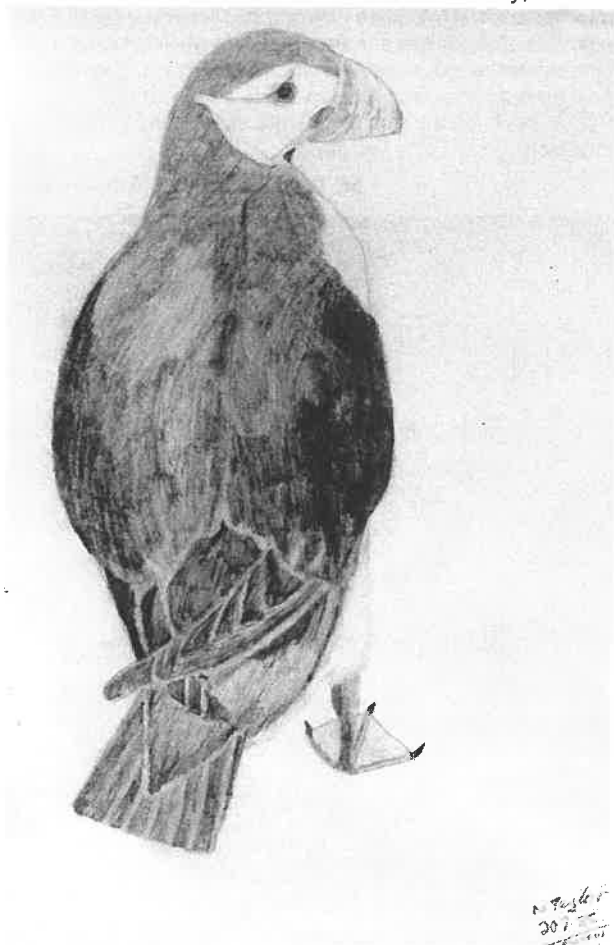
Membership is gradually increasing, and it is pleasing to see so many junior members playing an active role in the Society.

Our thanks must go to Mr. A. R. Baines and his colleagues in the Biology Department, for devoting some of their precious time to the Society, and also to Messrs. Scott and Willatt for allowing the Society to use the video recorder in Room 20.

Thanks also to our long-standing treasurer, Mark Howells, who, sadly, is leaving us this year.

Finally, thanks to our secretary for 2 years, M. J. Ward, who now has the unenviable task of being the Society librarian.

Thomas Connolley, 4Y



N. Taylor 3X

Photographic Society

Chairman: Mr. R. Porter
Secretary: M. J. Lees
Treasurer: A. Midgely

The year started with re-introduction of the membership fee as we were going through about £25 worth of chemicals and paper per term. This was expected to reduce the membership but it did entirely the reverse. It seemed to attract more members from the senior school. Unfortunately, most of these are leaving this year so I hope that the influx of First Years will compensate for this loss.

Towards the end of the Winter Term, Amber Midgely was appointed as the new treasurer, taking over from Richard Moyes.

The General School Committee meeting at the beginning of the Spring Term saw the end of a long battle by the Society to buy a new camera. We had been trying for nearly a year to obtain a grant to buy the camera. A second-hand large format camera is to be purchased in the very near future. The negatives from this camera can be used in the enlarger given to the Society at the end of last year.

Throughout the year the weekly Thursday lunchtime meetings have been taking place. Some boarders have been using the darkroom facilities after school.

Since the beginning of the Winter Term, the Society has been campaigning through the General School Committee for at least one day a term when Societies can advertise, by setting out their equipment to attract new members. A date has not yet been finalised as the Committee has never yet agreed on a day that would be best, as during the week there are no days when the majority of the school are not at a rugby or choir practice. Let us hope that by next term a date will be arranged and we will be able to attract some of the new First Years into the Society.

Perhaps next year the General School Committee will distribute its funds differently according to how much each Society spends, as some Societies have a high balance but do not spend any of it. It this happens the membership fee could be discontinued.

Michael Lees, 5Z

Wargaming Society

Chairman: Mr. A. R. Long
Secretary: L. Singleton

The Wargaming Society, has had another successful year with the membership remaining static at about 30 people. Wargames now take place on Saturday mornings with a regular attendance of about ten people. Since the last issue of the 'Kirkhamian' the rules for "Paranoid", "Warhammer Fantasy Roleplay" and "Warhammer Battles" have been purchased. The Society also hopes to buy "Ravens Hordes" for use with the same system.

Laurence Singleton, 5X

HOUSE REPORTS

Fylde House

House Master: Dr. B. M. Summers
House Captain: S. Licence

The academic year began well for the House with an excellent win in the House Debate against Kirkham. The title "This House believes Christopher Columbus has a lot to answer for" was well argued by both sides, with the good oration from S. Licence and S. Wilson backed up by many good points from the floor it meant a Fylde victory and a place in the Final, which was unfortunately lost to Preston. The most worrying aspect of the Final was the lack of any form of floor speaking from the Sixth Form of both Houses – the courage of one sixth-former to stand up and say a few words coherently could have grasped the competition in our favour – very disappointing.

On the Rugby pitches this year the House performed well in both the Junior and Senior events, with a surprising, but well deserved victory for the Juniors in their first round match against Preston. Fine performances were noted from all participants. Unfortunately both Senior and Junior Finals were lost.

Passing quickly through the House Netball Competition (the less said the better) victory followed in the Play-reading Competition. The short(ish) play "Murder at Moorstones Manor" was well performed and enjoyable to both the Junior and Senior participants. Especially promising was the performance by Esther Phillips which certainly added colour to the production.

After the seemingly endless House Chess it was pleasing to see victory with good playing from all, especially J. Blackburn and S. Ray who won all their matches.

The Music Competition was not the success it is usually for Fylde with only 4th place. I feel this did not remotely reflect the performances of those taking part. We therefore took to heart the words of the judge, "any other adjudicator would probably have produced a different result".

In the Swimming Competition the last two events produced very good performances and good effort resulting in the House being placed 2nd. Although the team performance in the Cross-Country was not good, we managed to produce several good individual performances, especially from Lucy Wickham and Caroline Powell in the Senior Girls, Bruce Craven in the Intermediate Boys, Craig Brown in the Junior Boys and Mark Yates, who managed to win the Senior Boys.

On the whole it was a good year for Fylde House with many pleasing performances. However, there still seems to be a lack of House recognition which results in little enthusiasm for events such as Swimming, Cross-Country, Music and Debating. If this is rectified, success I am sure will prevail.

Lastly I would like to thank Jayne Pickervance for her help in organising all the girls events and S. Wilson, A. Palin, S. Wilkinson, S. Whittingham, R. Ansell and all the other members of the Upper Sixth for their help.

S. Licence, Pre.

Kirkham House

House Master: Mr. A. R. Baines
House Captain: M. Pateman

In a world of ever-increasing violence and confusion, it is heartening to know that there are certain things that you can always fall back on for stability and comfort. The Inter-House Competitions at Kirkham Grammar School is one of those things, and the results of the competitions are almost as predictable as the events themselves.

Last Summer, for example, keeping up a long line of similar results, the Senior Cricket, Junior Cricket, Senior Tennis and Junior Tennis Teams of Kirkham House were all defeated, although an excellent performance by the Junior Rounders Team meant that a victory in this competition was "notched up" for the third consecutive year. Sports Day, as usual, saw Kirkham finishing a poor 3rd despite 16 first places and very good performances from G. Hull, S. Harley, J. Evans and D. Hurton. One traditional result that Kirkham certainly can't complain about is the perennial Work Cup victory, achieved again last year and looking set to go the same way again for 1987.

The Winter Term was, again, mixed with both Rugby Teams being defeated in the semi-finals although each played with a great deal of effort and commitment. The Debating Team of C. Benson and M. Pateman was also defeated, by a mixture of poor speaking, a very curious proposition and Steve 'The Mouth' Licence speaking for Fylde! The Play-reading almost provided us with the first victory of the term, with an *avante-garde* rendering of "Alice in Wonderland" which was, by all accounts, the most enjoyable if not the best acted performance of the afternoon. It was left to the girls again to gain our victories in the Junior Netball, beating Preston 12-1 in the semi-final and School 12-8 in the Final – this scoreline, however, does not show the domination which we enjoyed. The Seniors reached the final and, despite playing excellently lost 6-2. The Junior's victory was for the 4th consecutive year.

The Junior Girls continued their fine performances this term with a 2-1 win over Preston in the Hockey semi-finals and were very unlucky to lose 1-0 to School in the Final. J. Evans and T. Kendrick were extremely good but this must not detract from a very good all-round performance. The Cross-Country was poor with only the Intermediate Boys winning, although there were some good individual performances – especially S. Sharpless. The Shooting Team of N. Phillipson, R. Moyes, S. Sharpless and S. Shaw scored a tremendous 135/150 thus winning that and, despite a camped-up "Green grow the rushes ho!" and an amazing trio from School House, the Music Competition was also easily won with everyone who took part performing very well, especially J. Baron who scored top marks. An excellent performance in the Swimming, with record times from A. Butterworth and A. Holden, meant that Kirkham won that too.

Not a bad twelve months for Kirkham then and we must now wait for the stability-inducing, character-building cycle to start all over again!

M. Pateman, Pre.

Preston House

House Master: Mr. B. F. Taylor
House Captain: A. J. McAusland

Overall this year has been more successful for Preston House regarding the number of trophies won, especially due to the efforts of the Senior members of the House. However, even though the Juniors only managed to gain one victory in the Junior Boys' Cross-Country, this has not been the result of lack of effort or commitment but rather due to bad luck.

Last Summer Term saw little success for Preston House with only the Senior Tennis team managing to record a victory and win a trophy. They beat Fylde 6-3 in the semi-final and won a resounding 6-2 victory over School House in the Final, thanks to excellent performances by Michael Bailey, Simon Heath and Paul Doughty. The only other achievement of the term was the second place achieved by the Senior Cricket team who lost to Fylde by 8 wickets in the Final despite a valiant effort by Chris Hardman.

The Winter Term proved to be more successful with wins for both the Senior Rugby and Senior Hockey teams. The Senior Rugby team convincingly beat School House in the semi-final and went on to win the Final against Fylde 25-10. In the Senior Hockey, after struggling to beat Kirkham 1-0 after penalties, they went into the Final against School House as underdogs. However, after a fine all-round team performance they ran out victors 2-1 after once again needing penalties to decide the match. A special mention should go to Sarah-Jane Heath who scored both of the penalties which decided the matches.

The Spring Term found us victors in both the Debating and also in the Junior Boys Cross-Country. After beating School House to reach the Final of the Debating, Susan Scambler and Christopher Dodenhoff provided stirring performances which, with speeches from the floor, enabled us to win our fourth trophy of the year. In the Cross-Country Competition, we won the Junior Boys race aided by an excellent performance from Richard Johnson who won the event. Other good performances enabled us to achieve second place in both the Intermediate and Senior Boys races. Under the leadership of Christopher Dodenhoff, the Chess team achieved a very creditable second place also, behind an unstoppable Fylde House team.

Finally, I would like to thank all members of the Sixth Form who have helped to organise the teams, all those who have participated, for giving up their time and effort and also Mr. Taylor and the House staff for their assistance when it was required.

A. McAusland, Pre.

School House

House Master: Mr. R. M. Clarkson
House Captain: N. E. J. Nice

The Summer Term, 1986, meant the retainment of the Athletics Trophy with S. Fountain winning the Intermediate Victrix Ludorum and S. Buckley winning the Junior Victor Ludorum. Both Tennis Teams were unfortunately defeated in their respective Finals. Also, the Junior Girls were defeated by Kirkham in the Rounders Final, and the Junior Boys were unsuccessful in the Cricket Final.

The Winter Term got off to a good start with the Senior Girls beating Fylde and Kirkham convincingly to retain the Netball Trophy, but the Junior Girls were unlucky to lose to

Kirkham in their Netball Final with excellent performances from J. Powderly and J. Scarisbrick. In the House Rugby, the Senior Boys were unlucky to lose 8-4 to Preston in the last moments of their semi-final match. However, the Juniors triumphed, beating Kirkham 40-0 and then defeating Fylde in the Final with an excellent team effort.

Both the Junior and Senior Girls Teams reached the Hockey Finals with the Junior Girls being successful, but the Senior Final had to be decided on penalties with a 2-1 result in Preston's favour. The Cross-Country Competitions produced victories for the Junior Girls, Senior Girls, with S. Fountain winning overall, and the Senior Boys with S. Kelly, M. Nelson and H. Cuttle all coming in second.

Finally, on the sports scene the Swimming, though a disappointment, produced many fine performances especially by K. Hamer, breaking two school records, M. Moulding, N. Hamer, A. Bagshaw and M. Bagshaw. Off the field, the highlight of the year was the unexpected rise of School House from the bottom of the Work Cup!

R. Parmley and F. Smith are good prospects for next year, being narrowly defeated by Preston in the Debating semi-final. Some splendid performances in the Music Competition, especially the Juniors' rendition of "Green grow the rushes ho" gave us the second position. I would like to thank A. Moore and R. Parmley, who put an enormous amount of time and effort into organising this event.

Unfortunately, the House's adaption of "Hijacked" was unsuccessful in the Play-reading Competition, but again I would like to thank M. Simpson and all the participants for the time put into their rehearsals.

Finally, I would like to thank all members of the Sixth Form, who have helped to organise the events, all competitors who have participated and all the staff who have helped in the smooth running of the House.

N. E. J. Nice, Pre.

Inter-House Competitions, 1986-87

<i>Summer Term 1986</i>	<i>Winners</i>	<i>Runners-up</i>
Junior Cricket	Fylde	School
Senior Cricket	Fylde	Preston
Junior Tennis	Fylde	School
Senior Tennis	Preston	School
Athletics	School	Fylde
Rounders	Kirkham	School
Work Cup	Kirkham	Fylde

<i>Winter Term 1986</i>		
Senior Rugby	Preston	Fylde
Junior Netball	Kirkham	School
Senior Netball	School	Kirkham
Play Reading	Fylde	

<i>Spring Term 1987</i>		
Debating	Preston	Fylde
Chess	Fylde	Preston
Junior Rugby	School	Fylde
Shooting	Kirkham	Fylde
Music	Kirkham	School
Junior Hockey	School	Kirkham
Senior Hockey	Preston	School
Junior Girls Cross-Country	School	Kirkham
Junior Boys Cross-Country	Preston	School
Inter Boys Cross-Country	Kirkham	Preston
Senior Girls Cross-Country	School	Fylde
Senior Boys Cross-Country	School	Preston
Swimming	Kirkham	Fylde

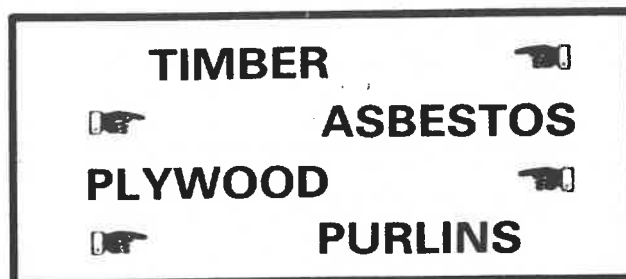
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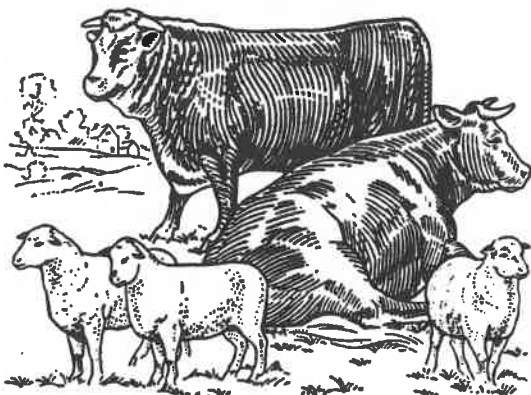
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