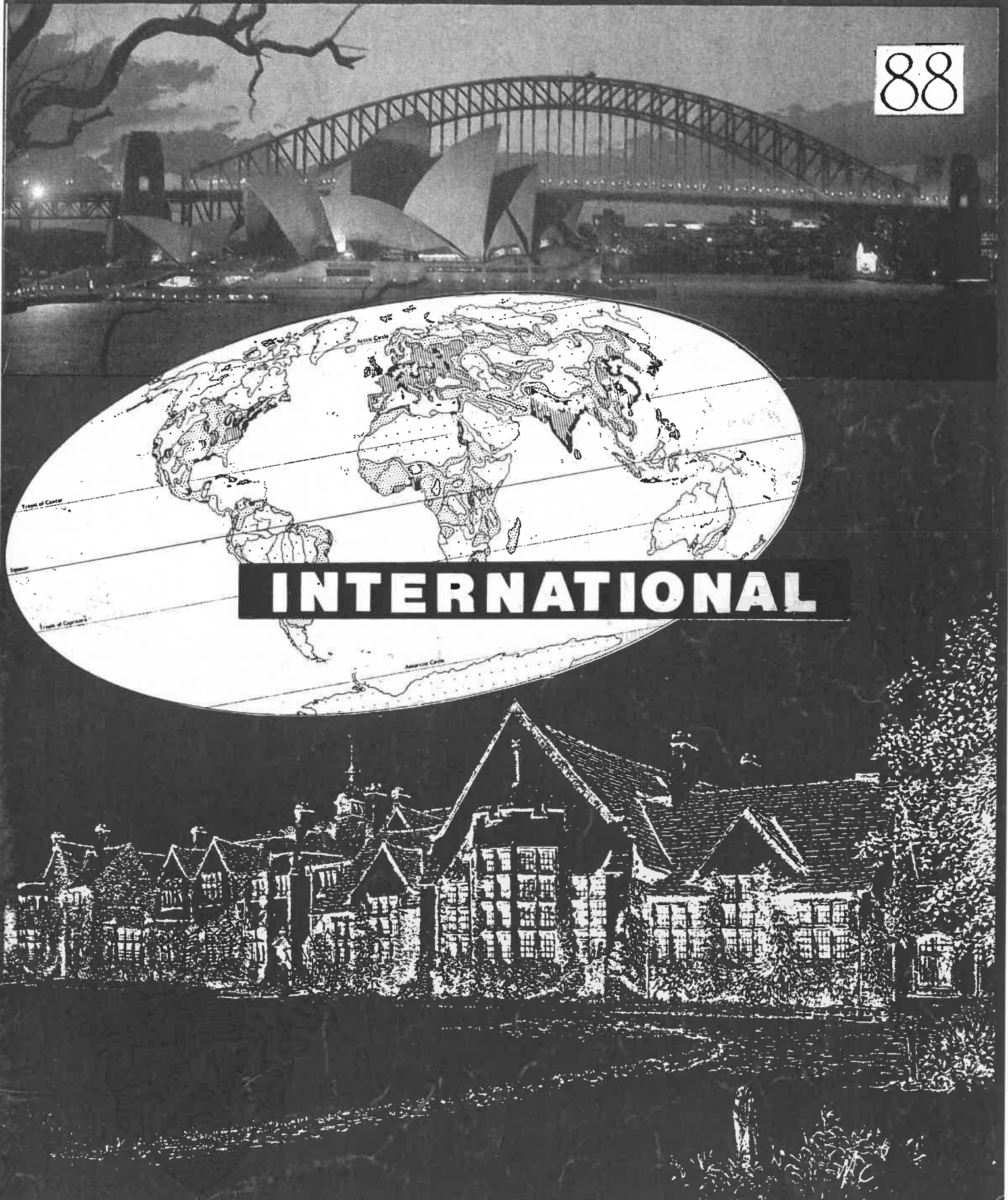


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Editorial

1988 sees a great change in education with the introduction of the G.C.S.E. This has meant a great deal more effort for both staff and students regarding course work and projects and consequently magazine contributions have had to take a lower priority. However, in spite of the pressure, deadlines on the whole have been met and the high quality of previous years has been maintained.

On reading through contributions I was struck immediately by the great variety of activities pursued by pupils at the school and in particular the number of these which take place out of school time and indeed out of the country. The obvious leaders in the field were the 1st XV Rugby Squad who toured the world, but the junior teams also visited London, Edinburgh and Jersey. Holiday trips were made to Alsace and Risoule in France. There was an Exchange Visit to Germany and there were outings seemingly to all parts of the British Isles by various groups and societies. So it can be seen that there is much more to education at Kirkham Grammar School than academic work – although is by no means unimportant as the examination results following will illustrate.

However perhaps the most impressive statistic to be found in the following pages about life in the school comes under the heading Charity. Over the last ten months over £3,500 has been raised for various charities, reflecting pupils' concern for others and the efforts they have made to do something about it – a great credit to all concerned.

B. F. Taylor

From the Chairman of Governors

I begin by referring to one important change shortly to occur in the structure of the Board of Governors. Five of the Governors are Nominative Governors, and at present they are nominated respectively by the Old Kirkhamians, Manchester University, Liverpool University, Hornbie Charity, and Lancashire County Council. Subject to the approval of the Charity Commission, the County Council are to withdraw as a nominating body, and be replaced by the Drapers Company. It is felt that, having happily and successfully renewed our links with the Drapers Company, this will be a significant change.

As I mentioned at Speech Day last year, our contractors will indeed arrive on site during the summer vacation, to begin the construction of the Multi Purpose Hall. Let us be under no illusion, massive building works of this nature will cause considerable disruption, and I do hope that those affected will show understanding and patience during such works.

The location of the Multi Purpose Hall, between the gymnasium and the canteen, necessarily involves the demolition of several buildings, so as to clear the site. These ancillary works are already well advanced, and the new building, situated to the north of the Norwood Complex, has been recently constructed to provide

additional classrooms and to allow for the replacement of the sixth form centre.

The Governors had decided to accommodate the Bursar's Department, the Examination Administration Office, and the Careers Centre at Greystones, which lies at the corner of the east drive, and the property had already been partly refurbished. Unfortunately, it has become necessary to lodge an appeal to the Department of the Environment against the Local Authority's refusal of planning permission for a change of use to offices.

The above developments are being undertaken against the backdrop of a very healthy and encouraging demand for, and acceptance of, places at Kirkham Grammar School. In particular, there has been a substantial increase in the applications for boarding places for sixth form girls. As a result, during the Summer vacation, Fenton House will be extended by the provision of new first floor accommodation. This will have to be built and opened for September 1988.

In addition to the building works outlined above, it is necessary for the Governors to deal with an ever increasing amount of business, and I do thank my colleagues for all their efforts, particularly in the forum of the seven committees, which have the detailed responsibility of considering and recommending upon matters to the Governing Body itself.

However good our buildings may be, and however well organised we become, I acknowledge that the dedication and hard work of Headmaster and the school and boarding house staff are of paramount importance. They are to be congratulated and thanked for the very high quality of their contributions, both during and outside school hours.

As always, support continues to come from the Friends, and we are truly indebted to them for all their efforts.

Since we reverted to independent status in 1979, the Governors have continually expanded and developed the School, but always within our financial abilities. Looking ahead, a Junior School, more extensive playing fields, and the replacement of old buildings, are all included in our future programme.

P. J. Hosker

Old Kirkhamians' Association

President: Robert Bailey, Esq.

The Old Kirkhamians' Association continues in a mood of great optimism following last year's successful Annual General Meeting and Dinner.

After several years of dining in the School Hall the dinner transferred to the Clifton Arms Hotel in Lytham and achieved the highest attendance for over a decade. The officers and committee of the Association were delighted to see so many recent school leavers there. Karl Tuner, who was seconded on to the committee certainly encouraged our younger members to "test the waters" of the Annual Dinner.

The A.G.M. and Dinner is on Friday, 23rd September, 1988 at the Clifton Arms Hotel. This year's school leavers would be made most welcome and no doubt there will be a discount on the ticket price.

The O.K.A. plays sporting fixtures against the School and Staff. The two current matches being cricket and tennis.

Under Rugby Football Union rules, we are unable to play a School XV. However, the Association is keen to try and put together two teams from within its own ranks. Other former students' associations on the Fylde are being asked if they would consider playing sporting fixtures against the O.K.A.

Should you wish to play for the Association on leaving School please let us know.

New members – P. Goodridge, First Class B.Sc. Econ. Liverpool University; A. Fotheringham, 2(II) B.Sc. Econ./History Liverpool University; S. R. Wood, B.Sc 2(I) Bio./Chem. Leeds University; N. D. Kitchen, B.Sc. Mech. Eng. Loughborough University; D. C. Watkinson, B.A. (III) Hist./Econ. Essex University; B. N. Calam, B.Sc. Hons. 2(II) Managerial/Admin. Science; A. S. Gregson, M. Archive Admin. Liverpool; J. Hardwick, B.A. 2(I) Cambridge; N. Bernie, B.A. Hons. 2(I) Eng. Lit. East Anglia University; J. P. Dovey, B.Sc. Hons. Second Class Geology Goldsmiths London. R. Tattershall, Ph.D. (Chem.).

A special mention must be made of Fiona Dickson who was Kirkham Grammar School's first girl at Oxbridge. She graduated with a B.A. in Chemistry from Worcester College, Oxford last year and is now in Australia at the invitation of the Australian Government to continue research in Nuclear Waste Disposal.

D. W. Stirzaker, Hon. Sec.

The Friends of K.G.S.

Chairman: Mr. Michael Walmsley

Two questions often asked – "Who are the Friends?" and "What is their purpose?" and secondly, because the most obvious source of new members will be parents "What additional benefit derives from membership when I already patronise the School through the attendance of my child?"

In answer to the first question, the Friends of K.G.S. is an association formed from past and present governors, parents and staff, past pupils and well-wishers of the School. The main object of the Association is "To advance the education of the pupils by providing and assisting in the provision of facilities for the School". In furtherance of this object, the Friends are committed to extending the social contact between its members and to engage in activities which provide material help to the School

The second question is probably best satisfied by emphasising the social aspect of membership and by outlining some of its related events. The Friends organise social events such as a Dinner Dance and Las Vegas Evening. These are always well attended and the success of these many occasions is underlined by the many requests for tickets we receive from participants of previous years. The conviviality is reinforced with food and enhanced by a licensed bar. In addition, other functions such as Auctions, Jumble Sales, Boot Sales, Fashion Shows and Bingo evenings have been held. One of the early functions to take place in the Autumn Term is a Cheese and Wine or Pâté and Punch party with the express purpose of introducing new parents to each other and to us.

We are not complacent about our social events and constantly seek new ways to forge new friendships and bonds within our membership.

The tangible help given to the School is brought about by our main fund raising event of the year – the Christmas Draw. This raffle usually doubles takings and thanks to parents and friends who support it with magnificent prizes – people who are unable to attend other functions.

Large and small items have been supplied to the School such as a Mini Bus and Sports equipment. At the present time, the Friends have promised £15,000 to the Multi-Purpose Hall Fund – this is the approximate cost of the Foyer – and this target has almost been reached.

One final point, it is not always by means of finance that the Friends provide material help to the School; from time to time projects are undertaken which benefit from the expertise and direct involvement of members. If you have any ideas and can contribute to the efforts in this way, the Friends will be very pleased to hear from you.

From the above, one hopes you will perceive a friendly, progressive and worthwhile organisation. Those involved think so and it can be fun. Please come and join us.

Stop Press:

The next Friends' event is the Sponsored Walk and Treasure Hunt to be held on Sunday, 26th June. Come and join us.

Staff Room News

We were without Mr. Clarkson for the majority of the Winter Term because of illness, from which he is now happily recovered. He was replaced by Mr. Ross Wells, who came out of retirement to help with R.E. and stayed out of retirement to take over from Mr. Willat in the Geography Department.

Graeme joined K.G.S. from Repton School in 1984 and in his time here contributed greatly, particularly in the Boarding House and C.C.F. and he played an important role as an occasional member of the Staff Cricket XI, the highlight being a boundary catch of which Clive Lloyd would have been proud, when he helped to dismiss professional Bob Ratcliffe, guesting for one of our opponent's teams. He was also very prominent in Outward Bound activities, often taking solo walking holidays abroad. He left us to take up an appointment as House Master at Southwell Minister School, Notts. His sartorial elegance will be greatly missed.

This year we have welcomed two new members of staff, Mr. David Woodhead, who has taken over the English Department, and Miss Debbie Easterbrook, who has come to help with the Boarding House, C.C.C. and girls' games.

David is a Manchester man who crossed the Pennines to study at York University. He gained his P.G.C.E. at Manchester before taking up a post at King's School, Macclesfield. This was followed by three years at Trent College, Nottingham, in the English Department, but principally as Director of Drama, and so to K.G.S. His hobbies are too numerous and varied to mention but he claims to be a keen cricketer.

Debbie's home town is Cheltenham and after attending Cheltenham Technical High School she joined the Armed Forces and has seen service in the U.K., Germany and Brunei as a Physical Training Instructor and Administrative Assistant. She is interested in all sports and travel and enjoys dressmaking and knitting. We wish them both a very happy stay at Kirkham.

Congratulations must go to Mr. Jim Roberts for his efforts in finishing runner-up in the prestigious Times Crossword Competition which was held in the Park Lane Hotel, London.

Mr. Lister Redman has produced and had published Essential G.C.S.E. Physics – a series of Worksheets specifically designed for the new G.C.S.E. course.



Tom Jackman K.G.S. 1954–1988

A period of 38 years in teaching is a long time in education, and 34 years in one school might seem like a life-sentence to many people. But not to Tom Jackman, who retires at the end of the summer term after 34 years at Kirkham (35 if you count National Service). It is the end of an era, for during his time at Kirkham, Tom has seen the school grow from 370 pupils to 500, the staff double in size, new buildings erected, girls enter the school, and he has served under three headmasters and seven deputy heads.

As a teacher he became Head of Mathematics in 1955, the year after he joined the school, and held the post until 1985 when he became Senior Master. He has also taught Physics, Religious Instruction and been involved in Games, coaching the under 15 XI for 10 years. During that time he has had the 'privilege' of teaching such luminaries as Mr. John Caterall and Mr. Arthur Baines, and now finds himself teaching the sons and daughters of past pupils both here and at Lancaster, where he began his teaching career.

Tom is a man of many parts, a person who enters wholeheartedly into everything he does. This has been so from his earliest days. After a distinguished academic career and no small honour on the sports fields of soccer and cricket, with full involvement in the life of his University at King's College, Newcastle, he did his National Service, completed his Post-graduate Certificate of Education and, after three years teaching at the Friends' School in Lancaster, he arrived at Kirkham. Since then he has been an upper sixth form master, a house master, sung in the choir, organised the stage lighting for many dramatic productions, played cricket for the staff, and been responsible for all school textbooks and stationery. In addition he has fulfilled outside educational calls, with the Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association and the Joint Matriculation Board in particular. He has also managed to cram much else into a busy schedule outside his family life being involved very deeply in the Methodist Church in Fleetwood.

What more can we say? Well, we shall miss him very much. We'll miss the dutiful, painstaking care over the minutest matters, the lovely, neat, enviable handwriting, the ability (given to few) to know the best routes to anywhere on the globe, his championing of the much-maligned strawboard the way he begins a statement with his inimitable impression of a sealion, but perhaps, especially, those many moments when he can be found giving extra help to so many pupils. Many pupils have left who appreciate what T.J. did for them. Now it's our turn. We wish him and Ida every good wish for the future, and we feel that now it can be revealed, that he is probably one of the finest exponents of the lost art of ballroom dancing. So, put your best foot forward in your well-earned retirement.

R. M. Clarkson



Kirkham Grammar School Diary

A year at K.G.S. – a sample of some of the people and events making the news in 1987/88 (with apologies to those who did not make these pages due to lack of space).

The academic year begins in September with the G.C.E. results which are published below. The 'A' Level results allowed over two-thirds of Upper Sixth leavers to attend university, polytechnic or college, but it is the last 'O' Level results which make impressive reading. Pride of place amongst the many successful candidates must go to **Jason Taylor** who passed all his six subjects, gaining two 'A' grades and four 'B's. This may not sound so special, but Jason suffers from Friedrichs Ataxia, a disorder of the nervous system which confines him to a wheelchair. Because of his handicap a two-and-a-half hour paper involving five essay questions took Jason over five hours to complete. Jason left us to attend Hereward College in Coventry which is specially designed for handicapped people, to study his 'A' levels. If courage and persistence gain their due reward Jason will do very well.



Jason Taylor — courage in a wheelchair.
(Photo courtesy of Lancashire Evening Post)

'O' and 'A' Level Results, 1987

The following students obtained 'A' Levels – Grade 'E' and above in the Summer 1987 Examinations:

5 Subjects:

Dodenhoff, C. J.

4 Subjects:

Benson, C. J. F., Bill, J. J., Carter, D., Clarke, S. M., Cornah, E., Dickson, D. P., Fallon, A. E., Greening, A. C., Heath, S. T., Higginson, J. C., Howells, M., Johnson, A., Johnson, K. S., McIntyre, C., Nice, N. E. J., Pateman, M. E.

3 Subjects:

Licence, S. C., Simpson, M. J.

2 Subjects:

Ansell, R. S., McAusland, A. J., Nelson, M. C., Palin, A. H., Pickervance, J. M., Scambler, S. G., Sowerbutts, M. R., Spicer, N., Whittingham, S. J., Williams, M. T., Wilson, S. C.

1 Subject:

Bailey, M. R., Doughty, P. P., Wilkinson, S. A., Shakespeare, D. T. (1st year sixth form)

The following students obtained 'O' Levels – Grade 'C' and above in the Summer 1987 Examinations:

9 Subjects:

Baron, J. S., Benson, C. A., Carroll, D. D., Carroll, W. D., Debicki, R. J., Farnhill, C. H., Hartley, J. M., Heaton, A. M., Livesey, D. M., Johnson, A. D., Mellor, P. B., Midgley, A. D., Musson, J. R., Piggott, C. J., Reddy, V. C. E., Stevenson, A. J.

8 Subjects:

Brammer, T. M., Burnett, S. J., Chadwick, R. E., Clarke, J. R., Collinson, J., Croston, J. N., Fountain, S. B. J., Hardman, C. L., Jones, A. S., Lees, M. J., Mitchell, A. P., O'Neil, R. J., Read, N. J., Simpson, R. J., Singleton, L. G., Slack, S.

7 Subjects:

Clay, P., Gault, C. E., Lewis, M. D. H., Moyes, J., Phillipson, N. J., Rainford, A. T., Rawcliffe, M. S., Swinn, D., Ward, J. M., Woodruff, J.

6 Subjects:

Bateson, W. M., Blair, M., Clunie, G. N., Dagger, N., Davies, M. J., De Maine, S., Falconer, M. L., Gaskin, P. H., Greening, H., Hamlin, S., Moyes, D. R., Phillips, E. J., Riley, L. I., Robinson, T. A., Smith, J. J. A., Taylor, J. B., Valentine, S. L., Ward, W. N., Whiteside, M. W., Williams, S. P., Yates, T. B.

5 Subjects:

Buckley, B. N., Field, T. J., Green, S. R., Hall, S. A., Harley, S., Hawe, N. T., Ralston, A., Spinks, P. J., Whittle, P. A.

4 Subjects:

Holmes, M. A., Rhodes, M. C., Robinson, J. D.

3 Subjects:

Benson, S. K., Fallon, A. D., Gladstone, S. E., Sharpless, S. P.

2 Subjects:

Fairclough, K. D. M.

1 Subject:

Allison, D. C. W., Collinson, S., Coxon, H., Ribchester, P. R., Strettle, W. T., Whiteside, P. A.



*Herr Jürgen Faber presents the Coat of Arms of Linden to Mr Summerlee on the German Exchange visit.
(Photo. Courtesy of Lancashire Evening Post)*



*Comic Relief. Red noses are the order of the day.
(Photo. Courtesy of Blackpool Evening Gazette)*

Making the news as well, and indeed the front page of ISIS (the Independent Schools Information Service) were identical twins **Daniel** and **William Carroll**, who not only took the same nine 'O' Level subjects but achieved identical grades – eight 'A's and one B.

Also in September the School played host to our exchange school the Gesamtschule Grossen-Linden. The German students played a full part in the life of the school whilst also enjoying days out to York and the Lake District. This was their third visit here and the return part of the exchange is reported elsewhere.

We welcomed Mr. Christopher Patten, Minister of Overseas Development as our guest of honour on our Speech Day in October. He also had noted the excellent efforts of the pupils in their charity fundraising and mentioned this in his speech. Another notable visitor to the school was Antarctic scientist Dr. David Walton who returned to his old school to give a lecture on his work to the Sixth form.

In December the school received a certificate from Dr. Barnados area organiser Preston Councillor Frank McGrath for collecting more money for the year's flag day than any other school in the Fylde area. The other big charity fund raising event was Comic Relief Day, and as the accompanying picture suggests a great (and profitable) time was had by both pupils and staff.

Most other people and events achieving newsworthy status, particularly in drama, art music and sport are mentioned elsewhere but particular mention must be made here of **John Black** who was selected to play for the England Under 16 XV against Italy. At this point mention must be made of Kirkham Grammar School's last Under 19 international **Mark Preston**. Mark was the captain of the school's successful trophy winning side of 1985 and went on to achieve an England 'B' cap as the country's leading try scorer this season, before changing codes and signing professional forms for top Rugby League Club Wigan. He made his debut before a crowd of more than 20,000 and in his five games played at the time of writing has scored eight tries – a most encouraging start to his new career.

Other noteworthy achievements which do not fit into any of the categories above were **Susan Bannister's** and **Alison Holden's** gaining the Baden Powell Trefoil – the highest award in Guiding, and Old Kirkhamian **Alexia Phillips** gained the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award. On a perhaps less demanding level was Old Kirkhamian **David Rawcliffe's** efforts in producing single-handed "P.N.E. View" a newsheet about the football club – and this from a base in London.

Congratulations go to all those people and to those mentioned elsewhere for the efforts and achievements in contributing so much to life at Kirkham Grammar School and to society when they have left.

B. F. Taylor



England U16 International John Black

Birley Lecture, 1988

On 18th March, 1988, Mr. Roy Russell (O.K.A.) visited the School to give the Birley Lecture. His audience comprised our own Sixth Form augmented by parties from Elmslie School and Tuson College. The lecture was entitled "Life inside Television" and Mr. Russell, who is well-acquainted with all aspects of television work, gave an entertaining talk, basing his views on his own experience as a writer for TV.

Among other items Mr. Russell recalled the problems often encountered in the studio when the wishes of the director, the sound recordist, the camera-operator etc. often do not coincide and, in any case, rarely match the all important requirements of the Script-writer.

The lecture was followed by afternoon tea served in the Dining Room with the School Prefects acting as hosts. Our guests from Tuson College were particularly pleased with the lecture as many of them were studying Communication Skills and TV Studio work forms part of their course work.

Mr. Russell enjoyed his visit to his former school and we were grateful to him for his time and enthusiasm.

E. W. Mitchell

Charity Committee Report

Much has happened over the year in charity fund raising. Quite apart from the regular Friday charity collections, to which members of the school have continued to contribute very generously, there has been a number of extra fund-raising activities.

During the winter term we collected for Dr. Barnardo's, and as a result of a concerted effort we managed to raise £580 – an amount greater than any other school and consequently we were presented with a certificate by the North-West organiser. As usual, poppies were sold for Remembrance Day and our thanks go to those volunteers who agreed to give their time for this purpose.

During the Spring Term the major event was Comic Relief Day – for which red noses were "a must". After our initial concern that we would be left with 300 red noses unsold, we finally entered into the spirit of the day, and managed to sell over 500 noses! Various activities were organised for the day itself – a marshmallow and custard eating contest (the clear winner was John Baron), a three legged race (how did Mr. Rushton and Mr. Walls qualify for the final?) and a sponsored weight loss (well done ladies on the staff!) A week later a concert was held in the school hall, and I would like to thank all those who organised and participated – their efforts were much appreciated.

During the Summer Term it is hoped that we will be able to participate in the annual UNICEF sponsored walk in Grizedale Forest and a non-uniform day is being planned.

Perhaps one of our most pleasing decisions was to sponsor an Indian boy's education. Deu Nivate is a 12 year old who lives near Bombay and we have agreed to sponsor him in providing money for educational equipment and, more importantly, for basic educational costs.

Mention must also be made of the present second form, who managed to collect the massive total of £620 for the "Help the Aged" appeal – an excellent achievement for which they are to be congratulated.

Charity Accounts	£
Dr. Barnardo's.....	580
Help the Aged	620
Hospice Appeal.....	365
Shepherd Street Mission	110
Amnesty International.....	120
Action Aid.....	90
Haemophilia Society.....	120
Poppy Fund	75
Emergency appeal for Mozambique	365
Comic Relief	950
Mother Theresa Appeal	120

TOTAL £3,515

I would like to thank Mr. Rushton, who took over from Mr. Clarkson during the course of the year, and David Shakespeare for their help and efforts during the past year. But above all our thanks must go to all pupils and staff who have given so generously of their money, time and talents over the past year. Their efforts have been appreciated, much more importantly, by the poor, the suffering and the less fortunate. It is in helping them that we have found reward throughout the year.

R. Sackfield, Pre.
Charity Secretary

Art News

David Carter obtained a place at Goldsmiths College, London to study Painting and Art History. This is very commendable as it is rare for anyone to achieve this other than from Foundation Art School.

Mark Sowerbutts, after one year at Blackpool College of Art, has been awarded a place at one of Britain's leading art schools, Glasgow College of Art, to study Fashion and Textile Design. He has obtained one of only two places awarded to English students for which there were over 300 applicants. In addition to this he has been exempted from the First Year of his degree course. Well done, Mark!

During the Spring Term 23 pupils of K.G.S. exhibited paintings and drawings in the "Evening Gazette" Arts and Crafts Exhibition, held at the Grundy Art Gallery. The works on show demonstrated the range of experimentation, skill and creativity that goes on in the Art department. **Richard Connell**, 2Z, **Rowena Dunn**, 4Y, **Christopher McCann**, 5Z, **Verity Reddy**, L6A and **Sandra Downs**, U6A were among the overall prize winners. **Stephanie Plaster's**, U6A drawing was fine enough to be selected by the "Evening Gazette" to be framed and hung in the Blackpool office on a loan basis for the next year.

R. Porter



Stephanie Plaster — a copy of whose drawing is shown opposite.



Stephanie Plaster

Music Society

This has been a very active year for the Music Society.

In the Summer Term of 1987, the choir sang "The Heavens are Telling" by Haydn and "Lord for thy tender mercy's sake" by Hilton at the Founder's Day Service. The Girls' Choir sang "O be joyful in the Lord" by Ball. On Open Day, there was the traditional "Tea-garden Orchestra" and half an hour's "Music for a Summer's Afternoon", at which the Junior Girls' Choir, and Madrigal Group sang; there were also instrumental solos by Matthew Hogan, David Shakespeare and Christopher Turner, and a vocal solo by Ruth Parmley.

In the Winter Term of 1987, there were two lunchtime concerts. The first was by senior members of the school: piano solos by William and Daniel Carroll and David Shakespeare, a flute solo by Sarah-Jane Heath, a clarinet solo by Christopher Turner, and a soprano solo by Ruth Parmley. The second was by junior members of the school, containing a packed programme: piano solos by Louise Green, Joanne Henckel, Daniel Kings, Karen Whittle and Natasha Walford; clarinet solos by Abigail Gratrix, Rebecca Rawstrone, Louise Green and Matthew Hogan; violin solos by Stephen Guise, Debbie Smith and Sudip Ray; a flute solo by Emma Cartwright, a cello solo by Duncan Gascoigne, a keyboard solo by Damian Savage, and vocal solos by Leslie Hodder, Caroline Taylor, Alistair Couper and James Magill. The Annual Carol Concerts were very successful again. The "mixed" and girls' choirs sang several new carols and many old favourites (and managed to avoid singing an old "not-so-favourite", by a mixture of union action, and bribery afterwards!). Soloists included James Magill, Ruth Parmley and Kim Fairclough. At the Carol Service, the soloist in "Once in Royal" was James Magill. The special choir went Carol Singing for the patients at Wesham Park Hospital, and the shoppers in the Guild Hall Complex (with cathedral acoustics).

The Spring Term of 1988 started with a new, improved House Music Competition. The new format was a tremendous success with 116 entries in the auditions, far more than expected. From these, 25 items were chosen for the final, adjudicated by Mr. Frank Salter, Lecturer in Music at Salford University. The highest mark was awarded to Leah Chadwick of Preston House (22 out of 25) for a soprano solo by Handel "Laschio chio pi'ango". High marks were also awarded to David Shakespeare (piano solo by Debussy - "Arabesque No.1"), Sarah Flack (cello solo by Tabbs - "Study") and James Magill

(treble solo by Adam - "O holy night"). The competition was won by Fylde House, closely followed by Kirkham. The Easter Concert this year was again held in the middle of Lent. This was a performance of the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta "Iolanthe". The stage was packed with all the choirs, the Watson String Orchestra and pupils in the wind and brass sections of the school orchestra. This was a fine performance by all involved. The soloists were:

<i>The Lord Chancellor</i>	Mr. Arthur Baines
<i>Earl of Mountararat</i>	Daniel Carroll
<i>Earl Tollole</i>	John Baron
<i>Private Willis</i>	David Shakespeare
<i>Strephon</i>	William Carroll
<i>Fairy Queen</i>	Kim Fairclough
<i>Iolanthe</i>	Joanne Moyes
<i>Celia</i>	Leah Chadwick
<i>Leila</i>	Emma Cartwright
<i>Phyllis</i>	Ruth Parmley

Thanks must go to everyone concerned for a tremendous effort: especially Mr. Catterall, Mrs. Greaves, Mr. Clarkson for his narration, and Mr. Baines for his inspiring leadership. The term's musical activities ended with 12 members of the orchestra taking part in a joint Rossall-Arnold-KGS concert. The programme included an operatic suite by Handel, an intermezzo by Kodaly, a flute concerto by Mozart, a Slavonic Dance by Dvorak and a cello solo played by Sarah Flack.

All-in-all there is much musical talent in the school: particularly strong are the Lower Sixth singers, Third Years and a very talented First Year.

Members of the school have also continued to participate actively in much out-of-school music-making activities. Alistair Couper and James Magill have been selected to sing with the R.S.C.M. Northern Cathedral Singers (both boys were placed in about the top 30 in the North) who sing at various cathedrals during the year. In addition, Alistair Couper has been selected to sing on the York Minster Cathedral Course this summer. Sarah Flack and Duncan Gascoigne are members of the Lancashire Schools Training Orchestra.

All these activities would be impossible without the music staff, and on behalf of all musicians in the school I would like to thank Mr. Catterall, Mrs. Greaves and the other instrumental teachers for all the time and effort they put in.

David Shakespeare, Secretary



The cast of "Iolanthe".

Music Examinations

The following have been successful during the past 12 months:

Piano

Emma Whittaker	I Merit
Elsbeth Giles	II Pass
Sarah Flack	II Distinction
Natasha Walford	III Merit
Alexandra Hill	IV Pass
Nicholas Hill	IV Pass
Sarah Kendrick	IV Pass
Alistair Gardner	IV Merit
Christopher Jameson	V Pass
Sudip Ray	V Merit
Duncan Gascoyne	V Distinction
Louise Green	V Distinction

Clarinet

Andrew Butterworth	III Pass
Abigail Gratrix	III Pass
Emma Topping	III Pass
Rebecca Rawstrone	IV Pass
Katherine Salt	IV Pass
Louise Green	V Pass
Christopher Turner	VIII Pass

Flute

Dawn Gaskin	III Pass
Emma Sidebottom	III Pass
Joanna Forder	IV Pass
Helen Allison	V Merit
Claire Farnhill	VI Merit
Sarah-Jane Heath	VI Merit

Violin

Steven Guise	II Pass
Sudip Ray	III Merit
Sudip Ray	IV Distinction

Cello

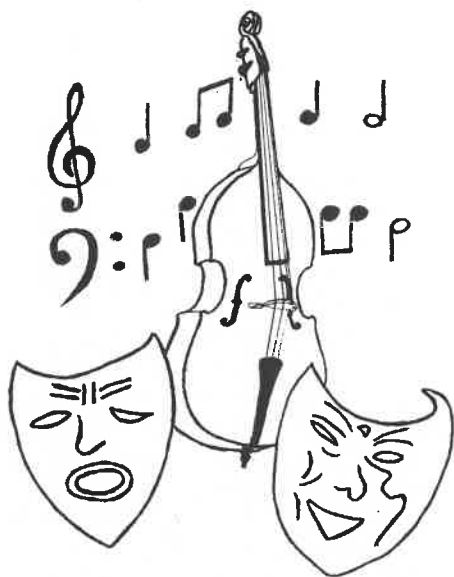
Emily Smith	II Merit
Stuart Clarke	III Pass
Duncan Gascoyne	V Distinction

Keyboard/Electronic Organ

Elizabeth Quigley	I Pass
Lucy Fawcett	I Pass

Passes in the Theory of Music

Claire Farnhill	V
Matthew Hogan	V
Patrick Watmough	V



Drama

1988 was another busy year and many pupils indulged their interest in Drama.

The Wednesday afternoon Dance-Drama group invited Mrs. J. Anderson to teach them a modern dance from "The Snowman". All the girls enjoyed the session very much. Later the same group displayed its skills when it performed to the music "Man In The Mirror" on Open evening.

On Open Day the G.C.S.E. Fifth Year drama students, who rehearse on Wednesday and Friday lunchtime, presented a shortened version of "The Importance of Being Earnest" to give them some stage experience for their 1989 practical examination. Bernice O'Donnell played Lady Bracknell with gusto and some talent; David Wilson and Michael Ward played their roles strongly, bringing out the comedy successfully; Catherine Fletcher and Katrina Johnson looked very much their roles in the glamorous costumes they had acquired; while Jeremy Francis and Tracy Robinson impressed the audience with their characterisations. The cast were strongly supported by Rosalind Winnard and Caroline Barnes playing the servants. With Mrs. Gault, Katy Read and Lorraine Powderly coping backstage, all went smoothly. The prologue to the play, a mime, "Pierrot And His Masks" was presented by Nicholas Barton, Stuart Bradley and Daniel Kings (2X). The lighting for this scene was devised by Joseph Clark (2X).

The Carol Concert gave the Thespians another opportunity to perform! Caroline Taylor and Christian Bonar (1X) read their story well; some second years, namely: B. Stuttard, E. Topping, R. Gornall, J. Clark, A. Fielding, R. O'Shea, C. Beaumont, J. Docherty gave an amusing recital of the poem "The Trouble With Presents". Grant Gillespie (IV) caught the audience's imagination with his reading, as did Kim Fairclough (LVI). Finally David Wilson (V) gave a sensitive recital of the poem "At Nine Of The Night I Opened My Door".

On 20th October professional theatre came to K.G.S. when the company, Artemis Productions, introduced the Sixth Form, Fifth Form and Fourth Year G.C.S.E. Drama groups to the works of Chaucer and Shakespeare in their programme called "Averse To Verse".

Finally, the L.A.M.D.A. results for which Mrs. C. Johnson and her students deserve congratulations for their hard work:

Verse and Prose Speaking:

E. Giles	Grade 4	71
N. Tomkins	Grade 4	76 (Distinction)
R. Bell	Grade 5	81 (Distinction)
M. Wardrop	Grade 4	75 (Distinction)
A. Griffiths	Grade 4	71
E. Sidebottom	Grade 4	73
P. Fairbrother	Grade 6	68
R. Gornall	Grade 4	71
B. Summers	Grade 4	67
S. Bannister	Grade 5	77 (Distinction)
D. Kings	Grade 5	73
G. Gillespie	Grade 4	87 (Honours)
J. Tobin	Grade 4	79 (Distinction)
S. Kendrick	Grade 3	70

Acting:

E. Cartwright	Grade 3	77 (Distinction)
D. Gaskin	Grade 3	73
K. Read	Grade 4	71
J. Ansell	Grade 4	75 (Distinction)
M. Ward	Grade 6	72
J. Gornall	Grade 6	76 (Distinction)

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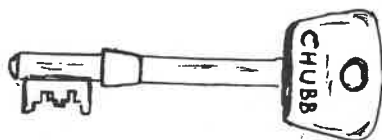
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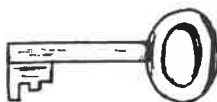
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Dramatic Society

Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" was presented, after many fun-filled Sunday afternoon rehearsals, in the School Hall in the last week of the Summer Term. Both performances were a great success, despite Mr. Robert's poor impression of a hunting-horn when the appropriate tape was mislaid on the second night.

The production was set in the 1920's, and as the New Orleans jazz faded we found Theseus (Mark Howells) and Hippolyta (Lorraine Powderly) elegantly killing time with their retinue (Joanne Forder, Richard Connell and John Nicholl), all immaculate in evening dress. Kevin Johnson's suitably fussy Egeus heralded the arrival of the four variously unhappy lovers: Demetrius (Matthew Pateman, finally securing the romantic lead he never doubted he deserved), Helena (Fiona Smith, splendidly stropky as the wronged woman), Lysander (Anthony Bagshaw, in startlingly beautiful make-up – though I think we *may* have overdone it on the second night, girls . . .) and Hermia (Sandra Downs, type-cast yet again as the only female member of the cast to whom the line, "You dwarf, you minimus of hindering knot-grass made," could aptly be applied).

And so to "A wood outside Athens" where the fairies were also undergoing an ongoing-personal-relationship-crisis: Stephen Licence's Oberon v Caroline Gault's Titania. Louise Green, Rebecca Rawstrone and Anna Fryer played Peaseblossom and Co., Speaking their lines and dancing in an interestingly malevolent way. Equally sinister was Richard Johnson as Puck.

Of the rude mechanicals, the most demanding role is that of Nick Bottom the weaver, taken on this occasion by a characteristically ebullient Christian Benson – the remarkable ass's head suiting (and indeed almost at times weighing) him down to the ground. He and his fellow-tradesmen (Tony Brennand, Tim Hutchings, Mark Hood and Simon Nice) performed the play-within-a-play, *The Most Lamentable Comedy of Pyramus and Thisbe*, with what can only be described as gusto.

Our thanks to all of those who worked so hard backstage to ensure a successful production: to the lighting team (Joseph Clark, Jason Gilman and Mark Holroyd); to Messrs Hill and Porter for the design and construction of the set; to Amber Midgeley and Joanne Cullum for props; Stephenie Plaster, Maggie Heyes, Ruth Parmley and Andrea Moore for wardrobe and make-up; to Robert ("Where the hell's that horn?") Fielding; and to Sean Kelly for his long and lonely hours on step-ladders fixing flats. Our thanks in particular to the members of staff who devoted so much time to the undertaking: to Mr. Roberts for his sheer determination to teach us to act, to Mrs. Jones for her choreography and to Mr. Willatt for all his good work. He will be much missed by the Society.

This year's production is to be "The Coarse Acting Show" by Michael Green; we hope that you will be in the audience on the 5th or the 6th July.

Sandra Downs, Secretary



Some of the cast of "A Midsummer Night's Dream"

(Photo. Courtesy of Blackpool Evening Gazette)

Young Enterprise Report – 1987/88

At the beginning of September 1987 a group of Sixth Formers tried their hand at running a real business for a year. This proved not to be as easy as it sounds.

We raised our own capital by the sale of shares; £140 was raised; the maximum we could have raised according to the rules being £150.

Board members were elected at our first formal meeting of the year. It was decided to run our meetings as a co-operative whereby all members of the Company attend the meetings and have a say in Company policies and decisions.

The first problem that was encountered was to decide upon a product to market. It had to be a product aimed at our main outlet. That was pupils, teachers and friends of the school. After long and heated debates, YUPPIES (like personal organisers) were decided upon as a primary product. These were purchased directly from the wholesaler and sold at a profit. This product proved to be highly successful and we sold over 80 at £3.99 each.

Christmas cards were our secondary product. The cover design was that of our own Arts Designer within the Company, Joanne Moyes. The designs were relatively simple and were in black and white. It was believed that this would lead to a more effective appearance than would colour (they were also less expensive to produce). This proved to be the case and within a month, we had exhausted our stock of in excess of 1,000 cards.

In the new term there appeared to be post-Christmas blues within the Company. Our market had been exhausted and it was a case of beginning all over again with a new product (an awesome prospect). Company members began to lose faith and this led to the resignation of several members. There was growing concern that should our next product be unsuccessful then the Shareholders would not receive their original investment. We already had enough profit to pay them back but should we try and gain yet more business experience by devising and manufacturing a new product?

In the interests of the Shareholders a scheme was worked out whereby their original investment plus a maximum 20% dividend was put aside and could not be used for future investment within the Company.

The next aim of the Company was to actually manufacture a new product. Again, after a lot of thought, cork drink coasters were decided upon since these were relatively simple to make with our limited equipment; again this was a highly successful venture.

My feelings are that Young Enterprise has been a very useful and beneficial experience. Not only have its members benefited from learning the ins and outs of business, but they have learnt how important it is to work as a team. It has taught them to accept decisions even though they may not agree with them. For that reason I wish to thank B.N.F.L. (our sponsoring company) and all the Shareholders who put forward the initial investment and hope our success prompts them to continue to support future Young Enterprise companies within the School, helping other young people to gain the same experience that we ourselves have gained. Thank you!

Richard Debicki, L6 Sci
(Managing Director)



Long-eared owl

S. Plaster

Midbank

During the Winter Term it was decided to start a bank in School which was to be run by the Fourth Year Economics group. This was to be part of a national project run by the Midland Bank. Accordingly a team of seven went to see the bank at work in Kirkham and reported back to the group.

A date was fixed for the opening of the Bank – February 1988. Initially the Bank was only open to Fourth Years but later it was extended to the first three years. There was a very pleasing response and we were grateful for the help given to us by Angela Pickering and Iain Dunlop from the Kirkham branch of the Midland Bank.

There are two types of account available “No. 1” for 11–15 year olds which can be opened for as little as £1.00, and the “Live Cash” Account for 14–20 year olds which takes £20.00 to open.

The running of this bank gives an insight to the workings of the banking system and is very useful in our studies, and we would urge more members of years 1–4 to make use of the facility.

Update – at the time of writing (end of March) the Bank is in profit to the tune of 80 p.

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NEWSPAPER DIRECTOR



Kirkham Grammar School of England taught Nadi College a rugby lesson when they thrashed them 16-0 at P1

Kirkham 18-9 in

England's Kirkham Grammar School ended their tour to Fiji successfully after they defeated Nautica High 19-0 in an exciting battle at the Churchill Park yesterday.

The visitors, who had founded Nautica College on Wednesday put up a fine performance. The tourists ousted all the hosts totally in every phase of forward and defence. Their backline gave play and standing display gave an outstanding display of running and counter-attacking.

NHS, where, showed lack of cohesion in the forwards and were slow to grab loose balls. They also failed to produce the back-up services to the half carrier.

Kirkham jotted the first points on the board.

minute through number eight David Lee who dashed with the ball from a lineout out 10 metres to score. Fullback Tim Hutchings' conversion attempt went wide.

Lanky Lee used his height well and snatched most of the about victory for his side. The visitors carried on their back and had it not been of eagerness of the forwards, S could have lost by a margin.

Prop Kirk Wilkinson put his side further up in the 12th minute when he leapt over the NHS players to near the corner.

displayed some fine ball handling and movement.

Natabua's Petero Qio played his heart out and foiled many of the visitors' moves which could have resulted in tries.

Kirkham scored their third try in the 24th minutes after a fancy backhand pass by Lee to hooker Craig McIntyre who set up captain Sean Wilkinson to score near the corner. Hutchings' conversion went wide.

KIRKHAM GRAMMAR VERSUS THE AUSSIES

THE SCHOOLBOYS OF KIRKHAM WENT DOWN AND UNDER
FOR A VICTORIOUS RUGBY TOUR OF THE ANTIPODES

GLOBETROTTING Kirkham rugby aces have touched down in England after scoring a string of successes on a world tour. Members of the Grammar have

Rugby heroes return

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 NEW DAY BEGINS

Outstanding players on the tour were number eight David Lee, flanker Nick Sinclair, scrum-half Craig McIntyre, vice-captain David Lee and props Wilkinson and Paul Ath-

Rambunctious Lancashire forward play and determined running backs pounded Rockhampton Grammar's rugby union first XV 35 points to six, on the touring Kirkham Grammar team's Central Queensland visit yesterday.

Showing the local pack their skills in tight and loose the bigger forward eight steadily overpowered Grammar after opening a, 11-5 lead by halftime.

Tall, elusive outside centre Simon Heath charged through a tentative defence for three tries, in an outstanding performance, as the local side tired under a relentless battering.

After an exchange of penalty goals by Kirkham five-eighth Tim Hutchings and Grammar fullback Gerard Forrest, a break by Kirkham winger Mike Rawcliffe was trailed by Heath, who picked up the tackled ball and crashed over wide out.

Forrest converted a penalty, as Grammar struggled down field, but a kick into the box worked for Kirkham, halfback Anthony Bagshaw dashing over in the confusion for 11-6.

In the second spell, the Kirkham pack galloped through lineouts, mounted passing rushes from loose mauls, and wheeled the homeside scrum repeatedly. The feast of ball produced Heath's second try, and another to restless flanker Nick Sinclair, breaking through a lineout. Hutchings goalling.

Kirkham Grammar completes its Queensland segment against Brisbane Boys College this weekend, and has scored wins over Wesley College, Perth, 24-5; and Townsville Grammar 7-0.

● **PICTURE:** Rocky Grammar locks Steve Mason spoils the lineout take of marker Craig McIntyre (Kirkham).

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WORLD RUGBY TOUR July 15–August 20, 1987

In February 1986, the Headmaster, Mr. M. Summerlee, suggested to me that it was about time K.G.S. thought about a major overseas tour on a grander scale than had hitherto been undertaken. Past K.G.S. tours have been to Denmark, France, Germany, Holland, Spain and Portugal, but he felt it was time to broaden our horizons and tour further afield. I felt it was an excellent idea and discussed it with staff concerned with sport, and parents closely involved in their sons' sporting life, to test the climate of opinion, and found much enthusiasm for the proposed venture.

An executive fund-raising committee was quickly formed, this committee feeling that sufficient funds could be raised for a major tour to be undertaken in Summer 1987 if sufficient number of parents of players would be involved in fund raising activities. At a meeting in March 1986 with parents of senior rugby players in the fifth and sixth forms, the idea of a tour was outlined and proposed fund raising techniques outlined. Those interested were asked to return for a second meeting in March at which 47 parents attended with seven sending apologies, so further details of proposed fund raising activities were given, and it was decided to work flat out in order to raise the necessary finance. I was Chairman, Mr. P. Smith was Secretary and Mr. J. Rawcliffe was Treasurer of this fund raising committee. A Womens' Committee was also proposed with Mrs. E. Ribchester as Chairperson, Mrs. J. Gornall as Vice-Chairperson and Miss J. McKie as Secretary.

After consulting people who had toured many countries in the Southern Hemisphere, it was agreed that Australia would be an excellent place to tour because of the high standard of rugby played in the country, the climate, the scenery and hospitality. As Fiji was close at hand it was felt that the opportunity should be taken to visit such a beautiful country which had rugby as its major sport, and it was also decided to stay over in Singapore on the outward flight, and Los Angeles on the return flight, in order to break the journey. It was also decided to play a game in Los Angeles and to extend the stop to a few days in order to sightsee and rest after what would be an arduous tour. As the tour would involve travelling around the world the tour was named the 'Kirkham G.S. World Rugby Tour'. It was proposed that a maximum of £250 per head only would be asked for as a players' contribution to the cost of the tour, in order that the tour party could be selected solely on merit.

Many travel agencies with an experience of organising school rugby tours were consulted and Mike Williams of Intoursport was asked to arrange flights and fixtures.

The first fund raising activity was in June 1986 and the last in July 1987 with 30 other fund raising activities taking place in a massive fund raising venture. These included a cricket match at school between the full Lancashire XI and a side captained by Clive Lloyd and including past Test players Frank Hayes and David Lloyd, a two-day barbeque, a bonfire evening, a highly successful past 1st XV players dinner, celebrity-amateur golf tournaments and sportsmans dinners climaxing in the final event at the Guild Hall, Preston when 570, including many sports celebrities, attended the Celebrity Dinner. It had been planned to finish fund raising by Easter in order to catch our breath before the departure date, but costs escalated and a few ventures were financial disappointments which meant that fund raising was taking place until departure day, a far from ideal situation for staff heavily involved in tour organisation before and during the tour.

The tour party was equipped with blazers, grey flannels, ties, sweater, two rugby shirts, tracksuit, kit bags,

t-shirts and lapel badges and assorted gifts to give to hosts as well as the personal gifts which all players had bought before departure for the same purpose. It was intended to perform to the highest standards at all times and the team therefore had to be properly presented at all times. Serious training was undertaken three times per week for three weeks immediately on the ending of external examinations as to arrive in Australia at the end of the Australian season from an English summer after three and a half months since playing rugby was inviting disaster unless training was taken seriously. Players were warned about counteracting the effects of jet lag as this would affect performance in the first week and the mistake which would be made if all opportunities of accepting all Australian hospitality offered as well as training, playing or travelling every day. They were told they would be "dead in two weeks" if they did so!

An excited tour party was seen off by a large group of parents, relations, girl friends and friends on the 15th of July with high hopes of an experience of a lifetime. On arrival at Heathrow it was found that the Tour Manager and Coach was not included anywhere in the Quantas records and until a spare seat was found in an almost full aeroplane it looked as if the party could be flying without him, to everyone's amusement.

A great amount of time was spent travelling during the tour and it took a long while for most people to become accustomed to flying huge distances after being used mainly to short-haul flights around Europe. To fly for seven hours to Bahrain and be only half way to Singapore, this being only a stop-over to ease the journey before flying to Perth (which is the distance from Kirkham to Turkey away from Sydney) for the first time is a mind-numbing experience. To check in 31 people with 62 pieces of luggage with up to 400 kgs of excess baggage means arrival at airports up to three hours before flight departure time. This was repeated 10 times in the five-week tour, total flying time being 58 hours, airport time being approximately 30 hours flying through 24 time zones. Also approximately 32 hours were spent on coaches between airport and hotels or travelling to destinations and matches alone. Bags had to be packed and unpacked at least 14 times so it can be seen that travel or preparation for travel was a large logistical exercise and demanding both in time and effort.

Jet lag caused by travelling through many time zones meant that the players, who did not fully understand the need for taking precautions to minimise the effect of it, performed badly in the first week and was a contributory factor towards the first defeat in only the second match. The first match in Fiji was another example of travel fatigue as this was played with the temperature in the eighties the day after a 14 hour journey.

Sport is taken far more seriously in the Southern hemisphere than in Britain and the Australian diet, climate and way of life ensures that their sportsmen and women are fitter than their British counterparts and also more competitive.

Two matches were played in Perth, the first against Wesley College where both sides agreed to play all reserves so we could assess the form of all players in the first week. This game was won but the second game in Perth versus Western Australian Schoolboys was lost owing to a combination of lack of match fitness, jet lag, Australian Youth Laws and a heavy leather ball. Many scoring chances were missed which in two weeks time would have been taken but Western Australia were a large competitive well drilled side and they played better as the match wore on.



Tour Party: Back Row (left to right): T. Hutchings, M. Rawcliffe, A. Greening, C. Benson, N. Sinclair, M. Bailey, S. Heath, P. Gornall, M. Williams, S. Kelly. (Centre row): Mr. R. Browning, N. Hamer, S. Smith, D. Dickson, S. Whittingham, J. Moore, C. McIntyre, R. O'Neil, A. Johnson, C. Piggott, A. Brennand, Dr. A. C. Hall. (Front row): P. Ribchester, A. Bagshaw, K. Wilkinson, Mr. P. Smith, S. Wilkinson (Capt.), Mr. B. Gornall, D. Lee (Vice-capt.), M. Davies, S. Collinson.

One match was played in Sydney versus Trinity G.S., an excellent school where we were made most welcome. This game was lost after being 10 points ahead with 15 minutes left but tries were handed to them on a plate and defeat was snatched from the jaws of victory. The party was now two weeks into the tour and after playing, training and travelling every day and accepting all the generous Australian hospitality the players were "dead in two weeks". This was the only low point of the tour because to travel around the world, play poorly and lose two of the first three matches was not what anyone intended. To have worked almost continuously for 13 months to raise money for the tour and to see the team play poorly was a depressing sight for the staff concerned. The players were given a complete rest, told to refuse some of the hospitality if the tour was not going to prove to be a flop. It seemed the players were upset at their form and all hoped that the visit to Queensland where the play is very hard would see an improvement in playing standards.

Townsville, in Northern Queensland, provided the tonic that the tour party needed with tropical heat, beautiful scenery, the friendliest of people and above all another win. Three of the Townsville squad were in Brisbane at the time playing Queensland trials so it was agreed that last year's players could replace them. The match was played in intense heat although there was some cloud and the locals said we were lucky, it could have been hotter!

Special dispensations are made for British teams and we were allowed to run onto the pitch with plentiful

supplies of water, electrolytic drinks and Slow Sodium tablets at any break in the game. The match was played at the Townsville Rugby Club as a curtain raiser to the local area final versus MacKay, a mere three and a half hours drive away, on a beautifully grassed pitch. The team were determined not to lose and eventually ran out winners after a hard struggle against a large side.

The fifth match versus Rockhampton G.S. in Central Queensland found our opponents weakened by players being called to represent Queensland and K.G.S. running into form as confidence soared and acclimatisation to local conditions occurred. In a beautiful setting on a flat grassed pitch, apart from a spinkler cover which peeled Simon Heath's knee like a sardine can being opened, the team played well and ran out easy winners.

It was felt that Brisbane Boys State High School would provide the strongest opposition in the sixth and final game in Australia and after being 14-3 down after 14 minutes with K.G.S. looking outclassed it seemed our worst fears were well founded but K.G.S. buckled down to claw their way back into the game and win 19-17 in an exhilarating performance by the pack which the opposition said was the best seen that season - praise indeed!

The Fijians were the friendliest of people but their hospitality was most definitely suspended between the first and final whistle of both games only to be immediately resumed after the match which is a lesson to all in the correct attitude towards playing sport.



The party relax at Ritamada, near Rockhampton, Central Queensland.

The first match against Nadi College was played at Prince Charles Park, the fine local stadium, with all the school watching. All the tour party were surprised by the ferocity of the Fijian play but technique overcame this and K.G.S. ran out worthy victors. The second match against Natabua High School at Lautoka was played at Churchill Park, another fine stadium. The team played excellently for half of the game but extreme heat plus some stomach disorders and general weariness meant that the last 20 minutes saw Natabua playing increasingly well in front of the whole school population again but K.G.S. played with total commitment to hold out and win.

It was intended that there would be a ninth match in Los Angeles but although we found out that there was a team in Santa Monica expecting to play us neither side could contact the other and so the match was not played. This was a discordant note on which to end a highly organised tour but the party was able to relax and use the spare time as a holiday.

Vivid memories will live with all the party for the rest of their lives. On opening our bedroom curtains on the first morning to see beautiful Perth bathed in sunshine across the Swan River was the best possible way to start the tour, this impression certainly being the correct impression as the Swan River, beautifully kept parks and lawns, woods and surrounding areas, and scrupulous clean city made it easy to understand why so many English people have settled there.

Sprawling Sydney, set around its huge harbour with many inlets, the Opera House, Harbour Bridge, Sydney Tower and surrounding areas such as Manly, was impressive, but the tropical heat of Queensland with its relaxed way of life, beautiful beaches, blue sea and palm trees made a great impression on all. All visited the beautiful Magnetic Island, so named after Captain Cook's compass lost direction there, and some visited the Great Barrier Reef with its myriad of colours and fish. The Rockhampton G.S. beach property at Ritamada where the party stayed was situated by the beach and was an ideal location for such a property. Noosa Heads near Brisbane was a beautiful place (here we even found some Australian Yuppies!), while Brisbane itself was clean, tidy, spacious and pleasant. Some visited a game park here and were able to feed tame kangaroos, a marsupial for which the British have a great fascination. Fiji was beautiful, and the day trip to Mana Island with its sandy clean beaches, palm trees, blue sea and excellent restaurant was hugely enjoyed by all.



The Nandi College pupils performing a welcome ceremony before the first game.

The outstanding events for the majority of the party in Los Angeles were the visits to Disneyland and Manhattan beach but the city was rather too given over to the motorcar to be attractive generally to most. Of course in a five-week tour of this nature many amusing incidents occur, such as the tour manager attempting to give an impromptu interview with Fijian radio via telephone while holding a faulty telephone wire with one hand, the telephone with the other and attempting to inform the others in a noisy room what was happening. Other incidents which spring readily to mind were the punch-up at Randwick Rugby Club, Sydney, between the secretary who said we could train on the pitch and two teams of 'Golden Oldies' who wanted to play there, Mr. Smith meeting a pet kangaroo outside a newsagent shop in Townsville, being met by sniffer dogs at Melbourne Airport, the traditional Fijian reception before the Nadi game and the banquet and dance after the Natabua match at which Nick Sinclair and Shaun Kelly showed the locals that their rugby talents were greater than their musical talents as they joined the group on stage.

The combination of all the factors listed above would not have meant a happy tour if the players had the wrong attitude. They entered into the spirit of the tour and were outstanding ambassadors for K.G.S., Lancashire and England both on and off the field. Overall the tour was a resounding success from every point of view with 27 young men having the experience of a lifetime in not only playing rugby, but meeting people of varying cultures and

making friends with them and viewing sights such as the ones listed above.

For a venture of such magnitude many people had to help in many ways and thanks must be expressed. The Headmaster gave his continued support, the executive committee of Mr. R. Bailey, Mr. J. Hutchings, Mr. J. Rawcliffe, Mr. R. Ribchester, Mr. K. Sinclair and Mr. R. Wilkinson worked very hard but Mr. Ribchester and Mr. Wilkinson must be singled out for their outstanding contributions. The Women's Committee worked hard and many people supported the fund-raising events. Mr. R. Browning, Dr. A. Hall and Mr. P. Smith worked hard during the tour to assist with the overall smooth running of the tour. Friends such as Bill Beaumont, Brian Cauwood, John Dewhurst, Ray French and Mike Weir all helped, many sponsors helped with financial assistance but special thanks must be given to the Ingleby Group of Companies (Advertising Contractors and Publishers). I should like to record the enormous contribution Mr. P. Smith made to the fund raising activities, as no one outside his closest associates could be fully aware of the stamina sapping contribution he made towards raising money.

Finally but most importantly I wish to thank Mrs. A. Smith and my wife for putting up with so much during the past year.

B. Gornall

Results

Final Record

Played	Won	Lost	For	Against
8	6	2	144	79

Australia

Match 1 v Wesley College, Perth	Won	25- 9
Match 2 v Western Australia, Perth	Lost	14-20
Match 3 v Trinity G.S. Sydney	Lost	10-18
Match 4 v Townsville G.S.	Won	7- 0
Match 5 v Rockhampton G.S.	Won	35- 6
Match 6 v Brisbane State Boys H.S.	Won	19-17

Fiji

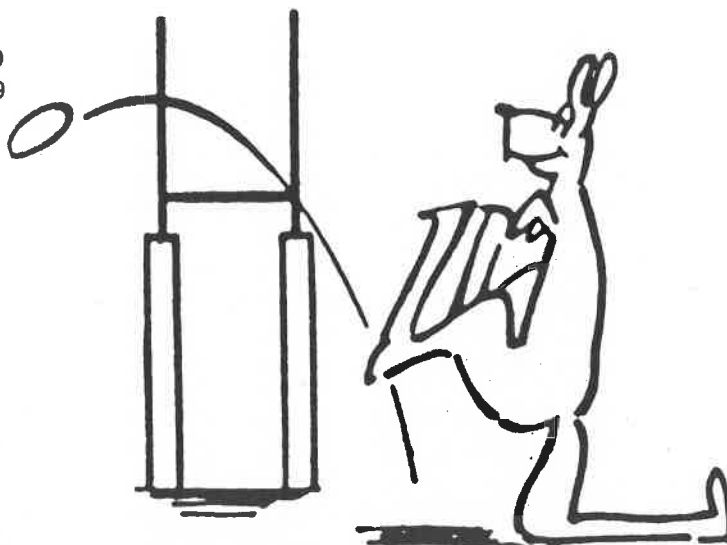
Match 7 v Nadi College	Won	16- 0
Match 8 v Natabua High School, Lautoka	Won	18- 9

Los Angeles

Match 9 Cancelled

Scorers

A. Bagshaw	2T	8 Pts
M. Bailey	3T	12 Pts
S. Collinson	2T	8 Pts
M. Davies	3C 1P	9 Pts
D. Dickson	2T	8 Pts
S. Heath	5T	20 Pts
T. Hutchings	1T 6C 5P	31 Pts
D. Lee	6T	24 Pts
M. Rawcliffe	2T 2C	12 Pts
N. Sinclair	1T	4 Pts
S. Wilkinson	2T	8 Pts



SCHOOL TRIPS

German Exchange

"Hochwasser", "Flut", "Überschwemmung" were words which became very familiar to us during our stay in Germany, returning the visit of the previous September when we entertained the German pupils in England. They are words which indicate a lot of water, due to flooding during the wettest March of the century. However the rain and constant use of umbrellas did not spoil a most entertaining and informative stay in Germany.

We arrived at Giessen station after a 25 hour journey during which people were determined not to sleep, but made up for it by being in bed very early because on our first full day we had to be at school for lessons starting at 7.45 a.m. In between each lesson there were short breaks which were good because they allowed pupils to wind down and prepare for the next lesson. The lessons were much more informal although this was not always a good idea. School finished at 12.30 p.m. but occasionally the pupils had afternoon lessons. We preferred the early start and finish as it left more time to join in community activities and spend time with family and friends.

Tuesday was spent in Frankfurt. In the morning we went to a marvellous swimming complex, not unlike the Sandcastle in Blackpool, but bigger, and it had the interesting variation that you could swim through revolving doors to the outside part of the pools. The afternoon was spent at the second busiest airport in Europe, an event especially interesting because we were on a coach which actually toured the airport itself and we could see and feel the planes landing and taking off from close to, and watch cargo being loaded from the runway side, and it was fascinating to watch our driver look left, right and then up as we crossed taxi-ways and approached the edge of runways.

Our next outing was to the German-German border. We spent the first part of the day at the barracks of the Border Police where we saw some of the equipment they use and learned something of the history of the border and its construction with its lorry traps, explosive devices, watch towers etc. Despite being unable to take photographs because of security reasons we found the morning

interesting and informative. We picked up our escort after lunch and visited the border at several places, attracting the attention of the East German Border Guards who drove up in a lorry and photographed us. We also saw the local equivalent of the Berlin Wall when we visited a village cut in two by the border and there is a concrete wall in the middle of the road to separate East and West.

On Friday evening we were invited to a Disco organised by a committee of pupils. This was not an ordinary disco. It featured voice-overs by the pupils which was very effective and will be kept in mind for future use at a K.G.S. disco.

On Saturday evening the pupils who had taken dancing classes for the previous six months were invited to a ball with their parents and we were invited as well. Although we found it difficult to take part we enjoyed ourselves tremendously. A farewell party was held for us on the final night where there was entertainment by the pupils of both countries, music and refreshments.

These were the highlights of our stay. Other pupils had different experiences and excursions, with families visiting such places as Rotherburg in Bavaria and Rüdesheim on the Rhine but all of us had a marvellous experience living in a different society, travelling on public transport, seeing how other people live. Some of us even improved our German! We were particularly impressed by the caring of the German community for each other and for the towns and countryside. We found the country overwhelmingly clean. There seemed to be fewer litter bins than in England but less litter because everyone used them.

As previously stated this was a marvellous experience and many firm friendships were established with plans being made already for further visits in the future. We can recommend an Exchange Visit to anyone who is intending to study German to improve their knowledge of the language, but it is not really necessary – a good, educational experience is also very valuable. We would like to thank Mr. Taylor for making all this possible.

Susan Banister, 4Y
Louise Warbrick, 4X



Some of the Exchange pupils enjoying a German lesson.

1988 Skiing – Risoul, France

Risoul 1988 was always going to be different: it was our first attempt – in the 1980s – to travel all the way to the resort by coach, and we were going to France, also for the first time.

Over Easter, our decision to travel by coach seemed to have been a mistake, the Post Office strike had delayed the collective passport and P & O were on strike and it appeared we would have difficulties crossing the Channel. In the event, our Dover/Calais crossing was transferred to Portsmouth/Cherbourg which added some six hours to an already lengthy journey. The younger members of the party were grateful that Dr. Summers had provided plenty of video entertainment – others were not so sure that “Kung Fu Kid Beats Up Baddies and Wins Girl Next Door While Swearing Very Loudly” was entirely conducive to sleep.

We arrived at the hotel a little weary and glad to see the back of the coach. Unfortunately, we were back on it at 8.30 the following morning for the journey to the ski slopes which were some half hour's drive away.

The skiing was varied and there were a multitude of runs for beginners and intermediates. Though the slopes were somewhat icy in the mornings, few were deterred apart from a couple of members of staff who seemed happier drinking coffee until the last glint of ice had disappeared. Once again, the K.G.S. party threw themselves into the skiing and took every opportunity to ski, despite the fact that if one skied for long enough, one was likely to be water-skiing on the lower slopes by 4 p.m. Of course, this did not affect many of our “expert” skiers who spent the majority of the day on excellent snow at the top of the mountain. Apart from the second day when conditions turned nasty at about 1 p.m. and we had to come off the mountain, we were blessed with sunny weather, and the snow which was deposited on that second day lasted the week.

In previous years, when we have finished skiing, we have spent a leisurely couple of hours relaxing before the evening meal and entertainment. Not so this year – having travelled from the slopes, showered and eaten, one was confronted with the manic and hyper-active Steve, the representative in charge of entertainment, who drained everyone of their last drop of energy in a variety of entertainments. Crazy games night, ice-skating, blind date, tobogganning and disco all ensured that all members of the party slept soundly. These activities meant that the fact that the hotel was in a somewhat isolated village did not affect the après-ski – though it did mean that on three nights the coach was used again and certain members of staff who are past their first flush of youth – not to mention some younger members of the party – would have been happy with a quiet and less active night in the hotel.

The days themselves were also very active. Beginners and experts attended 9 a.m. lessons, while the intermediates were instructed at 1 p.m. after having warmed up on the icy slopes in the morning. Mrs. Piggott had already warmed up in the coach on the journey up the mountain as it resembled a white-knuckle ride on Blackpool Pleasure Beach. After having negotiated several hair-pin bends, we also had to avoid landslips and boulders that had fallen down the mountain the previous evening. “It wasn't like this in Austria last February.”

Fortunately, injuries were few (on the slopes). Vicki Jackson did frighten us all and the Rescue Patrol were nearly called out but all was O.K. The skating evening did allow Bernie Fraser to display his triple-toe-loop which resulted in two stitches in his finger. Not to be outdone, Briony Summers tried to walk up the steps on a broken bottle (she must have seen Mr. Scott's bottle-walking) and seven stitches was the outcome. Niall LeCoustre did

realise the importance of barrier cream, as after the first day his face resembled the skin of a rice pudding.

Other more humorous incidents resulted from the skiing. Wayne Farrell, alias motor-mouth, thought he could mono-ski after only three days on two skis. He must be congratulated for gaining the highest beginners award (along with Richard Thompson), even though he was considered as noise pollution on the slopes. Sean Lawson conquered L-Épervier (the black run where Mr. Scott bottled out on the last day!) but Sean completed it without skis, on his back, resembling the one-man luge in Calgary. He, too, gained the top award in the advanced group, for being crazy along with Michael Summers who had the fastest slalom time on the test (Did he miss a gate?)

After excellent tuition by I. M. S. on how to get on a ski tow, Mrs. Walsh forgot to get off at the top and ended up head first in a wall of snow. Doc. Summers bettered this by pushing her off the ski lift into a muddy puddle and then taking her to the top of the mountain.

Kirk Wilkinson was determined to be the first K.G.S. skier to be airborne, whilst Gaskin and Heaton continually cut people up on the pistes. Messrs. Watson and Browning had learnt all they could about skiing and were now studying the French “joie de vivre” aided by a certain Mr. R. Wilkinson, the governor in charge of international travel! from the safety of the Chouette Café on the Vallon Vert. As per usual the mad Doc. managed to ski every run from the top of the Riszi down to Vars and back again, with everyone who cared to bomb along with him. It was even rumoured that he had asked whether he could heli-ski with his ski pass. “They didn't do that in Austria in February!”

We were fortunate in that the hotel staff were friendly, pleasant and provided food which – if anglicized – was appreciated by the majority of the party, and the hotel itself was clean and well-maintained – if a little more expensive than Italian counterparts. However, this last point was compensated for by the good efforts of our excellent coach drivers, Ted and Darren, who, as well as being most helpful and obliging throughout the trip, provided a constant supply of sweets and drink at cost price – “Bonjour – Good Moaning!”

Once again, our thanks must go to Dr. Summers for his excellent organisation and to the rest of the staff for their help during the course of the week. We look forward to Italy 1989.

Al. Pinecretin



Dry skiing. “It wasn't like this in Austria.”

Alsace – Easter 1988

A party of 42 pupils and five staff left Kirkham at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 6th April, to spend a week in Alsace, Eastern France. We were driven down to Ramsgate by our coach driver, Vic, who was to become a good friend to all of us. The journey south included two stops at service areas: at the first Mr. Bruce proved conclusively, on a video game, that he cannot drive; at the second, a large number of the party discovered the delights of a children's play area at 10 p.m!

At Ramsgate we picked up our other driver, Mike, who proved to be another good friend, and embarked on the small but friendly Sally Line ferry for a rough crossing which left us all somewhat green and groggy for our first glimpse of France at 2.30 in the morning! We then embarked on a lightning tour of Europe as we dozed, passing through Belgium and Luxembourg in the small hours, following Mr. Long's route. For breakfast we descended upon a somewhat startled Metz Station buffet: "quarante-deux croissants" was enough to bring the rotund little waiter out in a sweat!

We reached the Vosges Mountains towards lunchtime, and the coach crawled its way along ever-narrowing roads towards our Centre for the week. "I always knew they'd get their own back for Agincourt", said Mr. Clarkson as the coach slowed to a crawl, with road giving way to dirt track. Finally, the Centre les Cigogneaux appeared before us, and the weary travellers took a late lunch before settling in to explore our surroundings. "Les Cigogneaux" is a modern, purpose-built holiday centre for young people, surrounded by beautiful countryside.

Refreshed by a night's sleep, we explored the local village, Labaroche, on Thursday morning, with Mr. Long making an educational video of us all buying stamps in the Post Office. In the afternoon, we travelled to Colmar, the nearest large town, and made the first of many shopping trips. Sports shops and toy shops appear to be favourites!

Saturday was spent in Strasbourg, a much larger, busier city at the crossroads of Europe. We watched the Cathedral's famous astronomical clock chime 12.00 at 12.30 – half an hour late, as it has always been – then nearly lost our party who got locked in after the tourist hoards had been "driven from the temple", having parted with their 3 Francs entrance fee (bad luck if you just wanted to pray!) We took lunch at a youth hostel, by arrangement with our Centre, then split into groups to explore the City. Mr. Long's group once again made for a toy shop, whilst Mrs. Roberts' group enjoyed a Merry-Go-Round ride. A number of us returned to the Cathedral to climb the 327 steps of the Tower, and were rewarded with a splendid view of the City. We returned to Labaroche for a late meal, after which Mr. Long, Mr. Bruce and the coach drivers took a party of more energetic walkers down to the village, to sample the 'ambiance' of the café.

Sunday saw us going deeper into the Vosges Mountains in search of the town of Gerardner. Unfortunately, on our first route, the road which we were following suddenly became a cross-country ski-run and forced us to divert. At that point, the gloomy weather forecast provided by Monsieur Marchal, Warden of our Centre, was looking ominously accurate. Within an hour, however, we were picnicking by Lake Gerardner beneath clear skies and pleasant spring sunshine. The 'Michel Poisson Award' for weather forecasting went to Monsieur Marchal. Taking advantage of the unexpected sunshine, we all toured the Lake in 'pédalo' boats – ideal pre-season training for athletics!

In the late afternoon, we headed for the spectacular Château of Haut Koenigsburg, passing through the third longest road tunnel in Europe on the way. The Château, perched on a tiny peak, provided some truly spectacular views of the Rhine valley and the Vosges. That evening, we held a sports competition, won by Mr. Rushton's team, due to, it is alleged, his slight violations of the rules.



La Petite Venise — typical Alsatian houses in Colmar

(Photo. D. Kings)

On the Monday, we visited Germany, spending a day in the Black Forest town of Freiburg. In this beautifully clean town, we discovered that German cafés are more generous with their drinks than French ones, and that a branch of 'Kaufhof' (a big department store) can keep English visitors happy for hours. Monday was also Mrs. Roberts' birthday, so on returning to Labaroche, we had a disco in the evening, at which Vic and Mike (our drivers) showed themselves to be good dancers and good weightlifters – the unfortunate Mr. Bruce was carried round in a 'fireman's lift' by Mike!

We left early on our final day, to gain an extra day's sightseeing, travelling to Nancy (Mr. Long's "second home town"). We stocked up at a Hypermarket, then looked round this under-rated city which contains one of Europe's most beautiful squares – the Place Stanislas. A café visited by many of us featured some remarkable toilets, spotlessly clean, with bowls of fresh carnations and piped music! Clearly, the French are out to lose the old 'hole in the ground' image.

For our evening meal, we descended upon "Flunch", one of a chain of self-service restaurants whose cuisine would not disgrace a four-star hotel in England! The till receipt for 47 meals was quite a sight! We then set off back through Luxembourg and Belgium to Dunkirk – a largely uneventful journey, which nonetheless brought Neil Wareing out in spots (chicken pox!). We slept, fitfully, on the quayside at Dunkirk, waiting for the 8 o'clock sailing, listening with trepidation to the wind howling round the coach. Dosed with Sea Legs, our party just about managed a full English breakfast on the ferry before falling asleep on the nearest available bench. On arrival in Ramsgate, a number of them had to be marched around in the fresh air before waking up properly.

H.M. Customs did not delay us unduly, but the Department of Transport ruled that our drivers were technically "out of hours" and so could not take us home. We had to say a very sorry farewell to them, and were driven back to Kirkham by two relief drivers.

Thanks must go to all members of staff who gave up part of their holiday to accompany us – Mr. Bruce, Mr. Clarkson (who made a special effort to be with us following his recent illness), Mrs. Roberts, Mr. Rushton and Party Leader Long – our resident cameraman. We are all looking forward to seeing the video later!

Katy Read, 4X
Esther Smith, 4Y

Biology – Knott End

On an extremely cold but sunny Monday morning last October our band of five fearless biologists set forth. Driven "expertly" by ARB – despite a little trouble getting into reverse – and the wall moving extremely close; we reached our destination safely, if a little shaken, to be greeted cheerfully by Rick (one of the course organisers), and escorted to the isolated (to say the least) Knott End Sailing Club buildings.

After a brief time to unpack, and to get to know the rest of the team (ten more intrepid biologists from Newman College), we were sent outside to be formally introduced to the QUADRAT – an absolutely invaluable device for ecological expeditions. Unfortunately ours was very weak, and upon being tossed on the mud flats to obtain a "random" sample promptly fell apart – good start!

Several hours, a lot of mud, and 3,000 Sportino marina later we headed back to brave tea (food and washing-up was done by us on a rota basis) . . . and Paul's lecture. The rest of the evening was spent playing dominoes and showing how not to play pool.

Next day we rose early for the highlight of the trip – the sea-trawling expedition, when upon climbing into the gently rocking boat Rebecca's need to visit the toilet was emphasised after several trawls and thousands of shrimp-bitten fingers later, David attempted suicide by lunging to pick up a Weaver fish (deadly poisonous) until Rick's terrified yell stopped him. Later that day it was our turn to cook – say no more. There was then another lecture in the Sailing Centre's lab followed by a quick sprint along the sea wall, to sample Knott End's local nightlife. That night David modelled the new "Fashion" – Muddy Wellies – refusing to part with them; Neil had his upper thigh thoroughly examined by two of the girls from Newman; Jamie attempted a surprise attack and discovered that jeans don't look the same after rolling over barbed wire; and I had an interesting conversation with a dartboard.

On Wednesday we came face-to-face with the most dreaded ecological invention – THE LINE TRANSECT. After plodding up and down the shore taking countless readings, we headed back to have the final lecture; drew countless graphs and then cleaned up our rooms. Finally we headed back home – tired but having enjoyed it immensely.

The students who went on the course would like to thank Rick, Dave (the mechanic), Paul and finally Mr. Baines for his help with transport and supervision.

V. Hogan, Pre



Some junior members of the party pictured in Labaroche.

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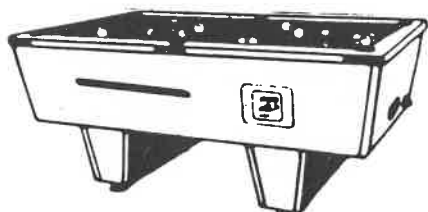
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The geography set measures the waves!

Geography Field Course, March 1988

Saturday, 12th March, 9.00 a.m. Arrived at school, Mr. Scott and Mrs. Piggott, (with little Piggott) arrived late. The first day, after the journey through sunny Yorkshire during which Mr. Scott waved his arms around a lot, consisted of a quick historical tour of the local sights. Mrs. Piggott failed the ditch jump at Scarborough Castle, miserably, even wearing the appropriate tracksuit and optional ski jacket in co-ordinated colours. She did, however, work out the depth of the well by using complicated physics ($s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$). Mr. Scott waved his arms about again, he also forced us all to buy cockles and mussels on the sea front. That evening everyone had stomach ache until the hotel coffee was served, which according to Julie, "killed all known germs-dead".

That evening, after the introductory lecture, (Mr. Scott, yet again, waved his arms about), we discovered the delights of the hotel life, which was of great amusement to us all, especially the girls, who were ecstatic about it. Early to bed to prepare for the next day.

The first working day was spent mapping the land use of local farms and questioning the farmers about their pursuits, which Paul Spinks enjoyed thoroughly. The day involved a lot of walking, (through three inches of snow!) and for Sally, Paul Gaskin and Godfrey a certain amount of running as they took evasive action from a Rotweiler with a foaming mouth – (rabies was not confirmed). Tim Yates, Paul Spinks, Chris and Lucy discovered a wild guinea pig running through their fields!

On the river survey day, (very wet), Sally pushed Paul Gaskin into the water (Barbour, green wellies, flat hat and all) but Chris Wicks needed no help at all as he performed a triple-toe-loop over the bank at Lownorth Beck.

Wednesday night was "free", after work. We visited a pleasant retreat just outside Scarborough owned by Mr. Scott's uncle. On the way back the bus seat collapsed leaving a pile of intrepid geographers on the bus floor. Mrs. Piggott was driving: Mr. Scott waved his arms about, again. Mrs. Piggott gave Chris a hard time at tea with an interrogation about his chicken farm.

The coastal day was thoroughly enjoyed by all as the sun shone, yet Mrs. Piggott was dressed for the Antarctic. Lucy and Julie went pebble collecting and sand castle building between measuring cliff and beach profiles, and Paul Spinks swam out to sea to accurately measure 6 feet waves, and also discovered long shore drift.

Friday was a rural transect of Farndale in the North Yorkshire Moors. On the way back Sally enjoyed the visit to the Moorland Trout Farm in Pickering, as Andrew tickled trout Craig placed a dead one on her shoulder! That night, much to the horror of the hotel staff and residents, the lads became ladies and the girls became rowdy rugby players. A night remembered and enjoyed by all. Julie, Sally and Lucy took advantage of their new position and were seen having friendly wrestling matches in the bar. Craig took to his high heels quite well (lovely legs) whilst Lucy was amazed at how pretty Tim Brammer and Andy were.

The last day was a trip to York and back to Kirkham. With the infamous phrases of the week still in our ears: "When's the next train to Kirkham?"

"Let's get dossing."

"Sorry, wrong room!" and not to mention Paul Spinks' "Oh, Mrs. P. give us a kiss!"

Many thanks to the Granville Lodge Hotel, to Mr. Scott (for waving his arms about, a lot!) and to Mrs. Piggott for a very enjoyable and informative week.

Lucy Riley *et al.*

An Act of Stealth and Troubled Pleasure

*It was a dark, cold night.
 She stared from the doorway
 At the bright lights,
 Listening to the loudly throbbing music
 Of Madonna, Prince and Wet Wet Wet.
 Watching
 Watching with envy creeping through her mind.
 Her eyes were diverted
 To a lonely shopping bag
 Standing by the one-armed bandit.
 Slowly she crept to the machine.
 Pretending to play, she peered down into the nest of
 tomatoes, oranges and apples
 Crowned by a brown purse.
 Looking round, she bent down
 To pick up
 The article of her desire.
 It was an act of stealth
 And troubled pleasure.
 The one-armed bandit loomed overhead
 Like a policeman
 With glowing eyes.
 Her heart turned a somersault
 As a man shouted, "OY!"
 But luckily not to her.
 She stuffed her hand into the purse.
 Twenty pence.
 Her brain clicked. 'Hurry, before someone sees'.
 No luck here.
 She moved on to another fruit machine.
 Fifty pence more in the slot.
 She pulled the lever down.
 No luck.
 Again she pulled the lever down:
 Her oranges won her five pence!
 Slowly, very, very slowly,
 She pulled the lever down yet again —
 Her last chance.
 Ping! One jackpot.
 Ping! Two jackpots. If only —
 Ping! Three jackpots!
 Shiny silver coins
 Crashed onto the tray.
 Quickly, gathering up the money
 She looked up.
 Oranges, apples and tomatoes
 Looked back at her.
 Her mind flashed back
 To the policeman, the nest
 Of oranges, apples and tomatoes
 With the brown purse
 Sitting neatly on top.
 She realised that she should put back the purse,
 With the winnings inside it.
 She walked back to the policeman,
 Bent down beside it as if
 To tie up
 Her shoelace.
 The purse was back in the bag.
 The policeman was still,
 The eyes were glowing
 And haunting her in her dreams.*

Ruth Heritage. 1X

A Crime

*The procession entered room 27. We all sat down. A
 thief cautiously opened someone's briefcase, as the owner
 turned around to talk. His hand felt around inside. It
 grasped for a box. Inside the box was a calculator, model
 fx82b. Slowly the box was lifted out, and stealthily drawn
 to the thief's own case. It was then placed inside; then the
 thief took a master key, and locked both cases. All through
 a lesson and a double period, the stolen calculator was
 fiercely guarded. Although the thief knew it was safe, he
 could not rest. It was clasped through History and Art.
 When at last, the bell went, the thief began to feel guilty,
 and uncomfortable; he knew that questions would be
 asked if the appliance was to be discovered missing. He
 walked to the Cosgroves coach, climbed on board and sat
 down. In his wicked mind, he could not resist the
 temptation to turn back the reel of time, to the point
 where he had first turned the master-key; he replaced the
 calculator. This was done with little fuss.*

Richard Wilson. 1X

The Fly in the Ointment

*Five children stood outside school. Their names were
 Tracy, Donna, Belinda, Mark and Sam. They were looking
 very pleased. Imagine! All homework abolished, and
 school started at midday from today! Sam ripped up his
 homework diary and threw it into the street. Pages tore
 down the gutter, chasing leaves as they were carried by the
 wind. The five children raced and jumped high in the air
 for joy. It was nine o'clock. Three full hours till school
 started! Great! Other children were walking to school.
 Tracy, Donna, Belinda, Mark and Sam pulled faces and
 laughed and criticised them. "Yab! We've no homework.
 Our school finished at three o'clock and starts at midday.
 Ha Ha!" they said. They really were very rude, noisy and
 naughty. Belinda tied her tie round her head and yelled
 and whooped like an Indian. They clamoured for
 enjoyment, Mark joined in with Belinda and soon you
 couldn't tell boy from girl from tie and feet.*

*Amidst all this enjoyment and, indeed celebrating,
 there was someone who didn't like the idea. It was Donna.
 She didn't like the homework being abolished or the new
 school day. In fact, she wanted everything as it had been.
 She gave the others her opinion. They told her she was
 stupid, and what fun they would have with no homework
 and a short school day. Tracy asked her what she was
 going to do about it. Donna said she would complain to
 the authorities, or whoever was behind all this nonsense.
 The others just laughed at her. They weren't going to
 complain, not them. They would have a great time. If she
 wanted school, they weren't going to do anything. She
 would just have to live with it. Anyway, life was better
 now.*

*Donna said that, although school may not seem much
 fun you'll need it when you take your O levels and A
 levels and your G.C.S.E. exam. Also she said that she
 wanted a decent job, and homework is to help you get on
 without the aid of teachers. The others said nothing. Deep
 down they knew she was right.*

Victoria Horner. 1X

A Tall story

"Boom!" said the gas tap. Somebody rocketed off, straight through polystyrene tiles, fell like a stone for two thousand miles, came through the ceiling, and started dancing the can-can on top of the flames. To make matters even better, the head walked in, dressed as a clown, said, "Happy New Year", reversed the charges, picked up a kettle, and told the fire brigade not to come.

Then I promptly went absolutely berserk, and rammed Mark Johnson's head up an electric socket, just for writing an essay about me, and for saying that I was (cheeky twit!) a great purple elephant with a nose like some inter-galactic space fungus.

Amidst all the partying around, someone called Christmas Bonus wrapped himself in gift paper, and sent himself to Santa Claus. Santa Claus sneezed, and blew the parcel down a wishing well, and told him not to come back.

Suddenly out of nowhere came a juggernaut, and on the top of it was the music teacher playing a piano. His music jumped hyper-space for three thousand years, and he himself did something that was pretty weird, and that was to bury himself nose-deep into his opera books, and sing opera to the whole staffroom. The pressure of air that came from his mouth blew the history teacher to the ceiling, and next moment, the head floated by on a cloud, and told her that he was her new husband, at which she screamed, because the head had added her shoes to his clown costume while he had been speaking.

Then in walked a maths teacher. I grabbed a chandelier, tied it around the Queen's nose, swung sixty-seven times around the moon, and came down to stand on her toe. (It was her own fault for wearing open-toed sandals). She screamed, which brought the ceiling and five chandeliers onto a supply-teacher, and ringed with chandeliers, he said in a booming voice, "Roll up, roll up, get the chandeliers off me, and you win Matthew Gudgeon to wallop six thousand times every second".

Timothy Hutchings came in, and jumped hyper-space in three seconds, when he got hit by the head's cricket bat.

Whilst this was happening, the P.E. teacher said to himself, "I've had enough of teaching P.E. and Games, so I'll blow up the gym, and marry the headmaster". Swinging on the back of an African bull elephant, he spluttered a cigar, went singing down the aisle of a cardboard church, dragging the head behind.

Then, in walked a governor, and threw the school onto the rugby-posts, marched into the Norwood block, blew it up, and killed himself. As no one was left, I went home without any homework.

Richard Wilson. 1X



J. Henckel, 1Z

The Best Lesson of the Day

The best lesson of the day is Drama. What I like about Drama is: it is on my favourite day which is Tuesday. It is at a good time of day, after French, and before lunchtime. I like Drama when we do it in the hall. Our hall is just the right size for a Drama lesson, and it has a stage. There are also lights, but we don't use them in every Drama lesson. Sometimes, when the floor of the hall has been polished, you can slip and slide on the shiny floor. For Drama, we remove our blazers and wear our pumps. We leave our blazers and shoes in the corridor near the boarding house — if you are lucky, you can get a chair to put your blazer and shoes on, but there is also a table near the doors to put everything on.

Some of the things we have been doing in Drama are: "The Guard and the Thief", which is using a chair and two people. One person, "the guard", sits on the chair asleep, and the thief has to slink and crawl nearer, and nearer the guard; the guard stretches, then wakes up, tests his torch and suddenly shines it on the thief. The thief is caught and freezes in the torchlight. The "Mirror Images" which are self-explanatory, and more recently, an "Extract from Baron Bolligrew". I am working with Ruth and Caroline. I am Obadiab Boddlenob, Ruth is Sir Oblong and Caroline is Magpie. The thing I have enjoyed most in Drama so far is "Baron Bolligrew".

Victoria Horner. 1X

A Tall Story

I set out in my fishing trawler from Morecambe Bay. It was a dark and stormy night and the wind was howling. He said on the news there were going to be force nine gales. The sea was very rough and I was getting totally sodden.

Suddenly a very large wave smashed a window in the control room. Then I saw it. It was the biggest fish I had ever seen. I thought it was a whale, but whales don't come that near to the coast. I pushed the lever fully forward so we were going full speed. I saw the fish, then looked at my speedometer. I looked up and the fish was gone. Then suddenly it was behind me. I banked sharply to the left. If I hadn't moved I was sure it would have smashed my boat in half. I got my harpoon gun out and fired it at the fish. I got it; slowly the whale ground to a stop. I threw a rope at its tail and started towing it in. I arrived back in Morecambe Bay at four o'clock in the morning. I ran to my boat house and brought my biggest scales from there. I rolled the fish onto the scales. The fish weighed five million pounds. I got into my car and raced to the Lancaster Guardian office. One of their photographers came and took photographs of the fish. I then went home and fell asleep in a chair.

I then woke up swallowing half of Kirkham Swimming Pool.

Andrew Thompson, 1X

The Pencil

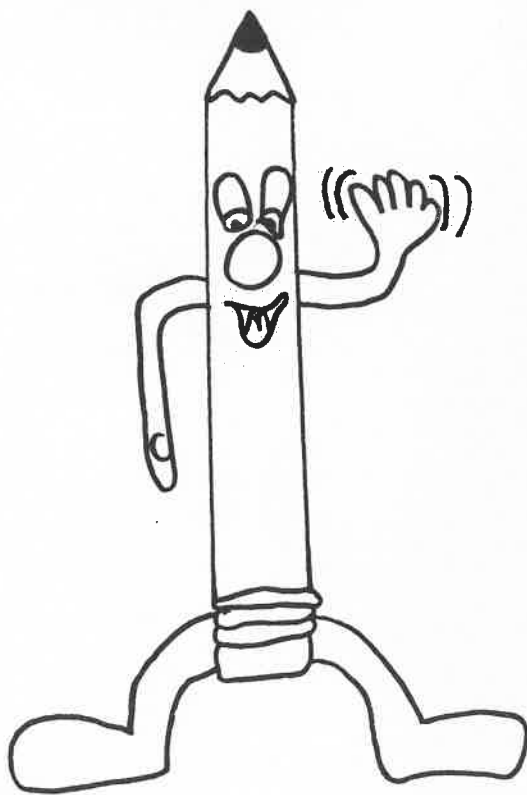
One day a forgetful little boy called Tommy left his pencil case at school. He had left it in his classroom on his desk.

In the pencil case Pauline Pencil and her friends, Robby Rubber, Sammy Sharpener and Polly Pen, were trying to get out of the pencil case. They found an end where the pencil case had ripped. They got out of the case and stood on the desk.

Pauline looked over the edge of the desk and wondered how all of her friends were going to get back to Tommy's house. She went back to her friends and told them it would be hard to get onto the floor. Pauline said that she would risk her life and jump onto the floor so that she could get some string. All of the others agreed so Pauline jumped. She landed on the floor with a few bumps and bruises, but not any the worse for wear.

Pauline wondered whether anybody had dropped any string. She ran along the floor and tripped on a piece of string. She quickly picked it up and started to run back to the desk. When she got there she threw up the string and Robby caught it. He dropped one end back to Pauline and he tied up the other end to a nail in the desk. They all climbed down the string. Suddenly the caretaker came in. He swept up the floor up to Pauline, Robby, Sammy and Polly. He caught sight of them and picked them up. Polly suddenly screamed and he dropped them on the desk. They all climbed into their pencil case and went to sleep. In the morning Tommy found them and apologised.

Alexandra Hill. 1X



G. Pearson, 3Z

The Pencil

Hello. My name is Peter Pencil. I'm very handsome, all red and yellow stripes and a green rubber on top. I belong to a little girl called Anne. We've had quite a few adventures together. Let me tell you about one and myself.

Before I belonged to Anne I lived in a shop. I was just another pencil, hoping to be bought and used well. I cost forty pence and well worth it, too. Of course, I'm a quality pencil. I have it in my lead. Legends say I was made from the same tree as Harry, king of the pencils. Enough of that, anyway. Let's see my first adventure. It was a bit simple really, but it had a happy ending.

A young boy came into the shop. He couldn't have been more than seven. His mother wanted some sellotape. He had a rather large lollipop that wasn't very well under control. He came close to my shelf and the box I was in got hit by the lollipop. It wobbled and fell over!

Oh no! What did I do? I landed on the floor. It seemed as if I was a mile from my shelf. This was my first adventure. Suddenly, a shadow fell over me, large, dark and looming. I threw myself to safety and a great foot came crashing down. Phew!!

Then, a small hand lifted me up and carried me to a lady in a large beige mac.

"Yes Amy, you can have it", said the lady.

"Oh, it's for Anne, she'll like it very much, I'm sure".

I was put on the cash desk with two cards and some Tipp-ex.

"Two pounds thirty five pence please", said the cashier. The lady paid and I was put into a paper bag. I was then planted in a rather large wicker basket. On the journey home I was jostled and bumped. Luckily, it didn't take long.

The next thing I knew was I was wrapped up in "Get Well Soon" paper with a large pink ribbon. It was very elaborate. I was taken to a girl in bed. She was covered in red spots all over.

"Oh Thankyou!" she cried.

I was eagerly unwrapped and a child-size hand held me up. "Oh it's lovely", she said. "I love drawing".

Well, that is Anne. She is really nice and I'm used in all her drawings.

Victoria Horner. 1X

My Worst Lesson

"Come on, you know how angry he gets if we're late", said Penny. "I know", I said. "Just let me put these in my bag".

We got to Biology. We all had our woodlice in front of us. Mr. Sayer was standing there looking at his watch. You could see he was angry by the look on his face, so we sat perfectly silently. He then started to talk. He told us what to do and to get on with it as quietly as possible. "I don't like woodlice", I said. "Neither do I", said Penny, "but we'd better get on with moving them". "Okay", I said. I could have screamed when one of our woodlice escaped. We put the tweezers in front of it to try and stop it, but it merely crawled over them. We looked at it with utter disgust. Mr. Sayer said, "Pick it up and don't be wet, girls". At that particular moment he could have given me a hundred pounds to do it and I wouldn't have. Penny thought the same and in the end he had to pick it up for us. I couldn't wait for that lesson to finish. It was a lesson I'll never forget.

Lesley Hodder. 1X



P. Bridger. 4Y

A Daily Journey

At dawn,
The rising sun
Glinting through the forest branches,
Looks like the glowing embers of a
Gypsy fire.
At noon,
The full sun
Shining down on the lands and seas,
Looks like a luminous ball bouncing round the
Earth.
At dusk,
The sinking sun
Falling into a velvety darkness,
Looks as though it has died and gone to
Rest.

James Clark. 2X

A Strange Meeting

An old man was waiting, waiting by the old castle of Lochora drawbridge. He was waiting for somebody to come out. And, of course, a jolly soul of a court jester came hopping and skipping out. The old, strange man had an evil feeling in him. He was the spawn of the devil. He quickly transformed himself into a giant boulder. The court jester was surprised at this and his happy face turned dull. Then a clatter then a pow and bursts of light shot out. The devil's son changed back and said, 'Would you sell that marvellous golden medallion?'

'No', answered the court jester. 'I am taking it to the market for a better price.'

'You won't get a good price at the market. Why not sell that beautiful piece of metal to me?'

'No'.

'Then swap it for this ring of power. It can do many great things for you!'

But the court jester was afraid and hurried away, shaking his head.

The son of the devil smiled and sniggered, because he knew what would happen.

Robert Foster. 1X



C. Farnhill. L6A

Strange Meeting

We wandered on to no avail,
Down the winding dusty trail.
Suddenly from behind the gorse,
The figure appeared on a big black horse.
He wore no mask for he had no face.
Did he belong to the human race?
Panicking we turned and ran,
And ran and ran till out of breath.
Is this what it's like to be near to death?
"Good morning, dear," my mother beams!
That was a dream to end all dreams!

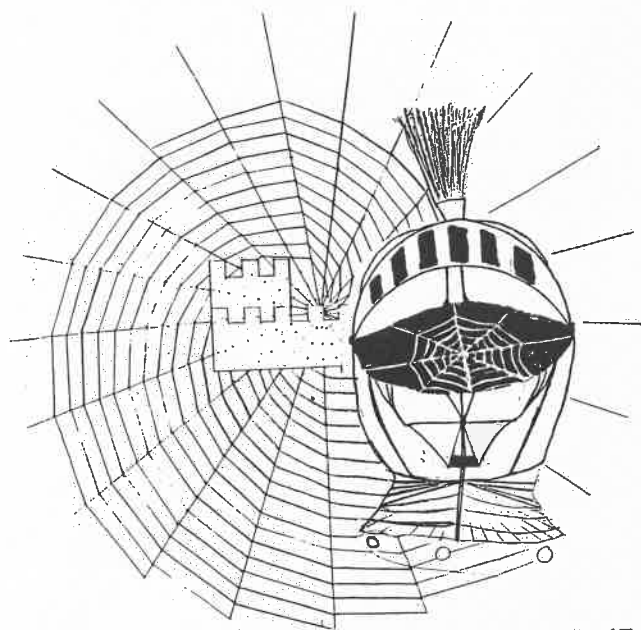
Chantal Cronsaw. 1X

Kublee Khan

(with apologies to S. T. Coleridge)

In Blackpool Town did Kublee Khan
A stately Pleasure Beach decree:
Where Wyre, the sacred river, ran
Through industrial estates measureless to man
Down to a polluted sea.
So five miles or thereabouts
With lots of sewage pouring out
And there were gardens overgrown,
Graced with many plastic gnomes.
The grass round here had not been mown,
The grass around these council homes.
But oh! that deep romantic marsh that slanted
Round a rubbish dump athwart a cedarn cover!
A smelly place! as wholly unenchanted.
As e'er beneath a floodlight bright was haunted
By football supporters wailing as the ball goes over!
Five miles meandering with mazy motion
Through town and by factory the sacred river ran,
And sank in tumult to a polluted ocean:
And here the Pleasure Beach was built
With wheels and roundabouts,
On which one weaves a circle thrice,
And close your eyes, hang on with holy dread,
For he on fish and chips hath fed,
And drunk the coke of paradise.

Simon Bradley 3Z



J. Dickinson and P. Cartwright, 1Z

Webs of the Past

Webs of the past,
Engulf our living,
Slowly filling the gaps of time
Where ageing castles once stood —
Now, brimming houses of technology hum.
Life, now dropped into shroudy concealment by the
spurious security of the modern world,
Knights now vanquished into the electro-magnetic realms
of an encapsulating arcade game,
The equine nobleness of the battlefield lies dormant in
wax armour,
The resounding thunder of multiple hooves,
Incorporates the movie soundtrack.
In reality, lost forever.

Gavin Butterworth. 3Z

Fear

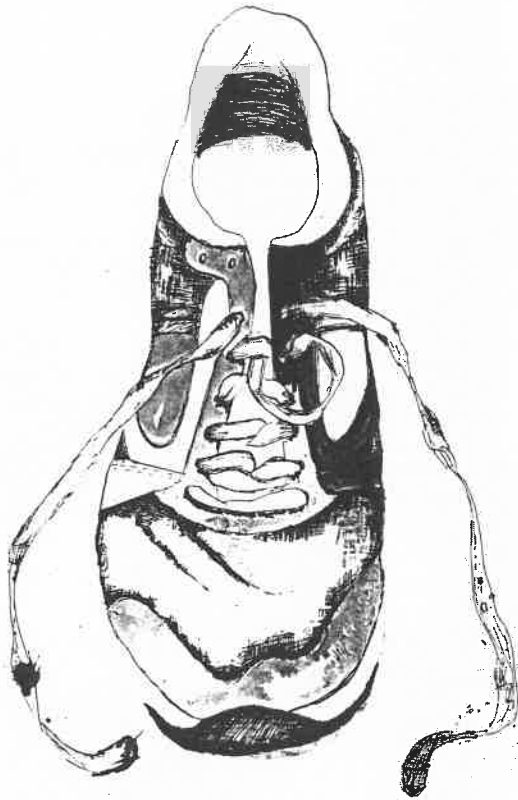
As I lie in my bed,
Thoughts of dread pass through my head:
All chance of safety goes
As the fear grows;
Shadows grow on the walls,
As my grip on reality falls.
A black shape brushes against my arm:
Will it do me any harm?
Shall I reach for the light?
Or will the black shape begin to bite?
At last the light is turned on —
All fear has now gone
As all is revealed —
As the cat makes sounds of appeal.

Leon Skorczewski 3Z

Summer Dream

*Sitting in the schoolroom,
Early in the day,
The teacher's voice goes on and on,
My mind is miles away.
I think about the summers,
That have been and gone.
The wild plans and crazy schemes,
Most of which went wrong.
The blazing, fiery sunsets,
The swallows in the sky,
Swimming in the deep, cool rivers,
Sunbathing to get dry.
Oh days of freedom,
Days of leisure,
Days of no school,
Bliss and pleasure.
Things this good
Can't last for long.
September comes,
With the old school song.*

Anna Fryer. 2X



The Quiet I Treasure

*I treasure the quiet, so I can hear
The sound of silence in my ear,
The beat of a heart in the quietest of hours,
A bee's soft humming among the spring flowers.
And if you remember, I know you've heard
The tender way that a mother bird
Talks to her fledglings as the night nears,
And the first blue star of twilight appears.
And sometimes deep, deep dells
Where there is quiet, and fairies dwell
You can hear the lazy, whispering breeze,
Rustling, rustling, the emerald leaves on the trees.
For you'd never hear of the traffic's roar
Or the break of waves on a crystal shore,
As the tides come in like a sheeted ghost,
To the rock filled caves on a shingled coast.
So I keep treasured the quiet ways,
The soundless dark and the long still days,
The times I rested, the times I lazed
In the golden fields of unreaped maize.*

Maria Wardrop. 2X

Cross Country

The squelching went on for nine minutes and 58 seconds. The colours started to mix and howling went on for three minutes. A bright colour of yellow blended with the blue from right to the left until it came clear. A shade of blue was battling with the yellow. They were yards away from the others. Though the green then the brown, green, brown, green black and green. The colours stopped suddenly and listened for the results and then they tumbled and turned, tangled and even tormented each other and then died away.

Christian Bonar. 1X

Macvitty: The Stupid Cat

(with apologies to T. S. Eliot)

Macvitty is a criminal,

A very stupid cat.

If there was no place to run,

He'd hide beneath a hat;

But when the crime is over,

And you search from ground to air,

A remarkable thing has happened — Macvitty is still there.

Macvitty is a ginger cat, he's very small and round.
Some people even go round saying his feet don't touch the ground.

His right hind leg has lost its hair,

And now his leg has gone quite bare.

But I will tell you once and once again,

Macvitty is, still there.

You may think he is stupid,

But this is just a plan,

For one day last August he ran into an electric fan.

He now walks around with difficulty, with an artificial leg.

When asked why he is bobbling,

He says it is a wooden leg.

Macvitty, Macvitty, there's many a cat like Macvitty.

There's always a cat of deceitfulness and suavity,

He never has a good alibi,

Never thought out with lots of care,

At whatever time the crime took place — MACVITTY WAS STILL THERE!

And they say that all the cats whose strange deeds are widely known,

(I might mention Terrymungo or Toth the Stupid Gnome)

Are nothing more than agents for the cat which does not

give two clucks,

That stupid cat Macvitty; the Napoleon of muck-ups.

C. Miller. 3Z

Loch or Lock

Below the loch, is said to lurk,

Amongst the weeds and mud and murk,

A dark, dim monster, in the caves

Way beneath the dismal waves.

No one knows quite how it looks.

Many a crew without success

Has tried to find the secret of Ness,

But good old Nessie still lies low,

Determined no one else should know

So as technology advances,

What are our poor Nessie's chances?

If she's caught what will they do?

Lock her up inside a zoo?

(If she stays, we'll have to guess

The puzzle held within Loch Ness.)

Nicholas Walmsley. 2X

A Hamster's 'If

(With apologies to Rudyard Kipling)

If you can keep your ears up high,

When all around you people try to stroke you with a grubby hand,

And from the kitchen you've been banned;

If you can tolerate the most beastly boys,

And still stay sane when they shove you in their toys;

If you can keep a fairly straight face

When you're plodding along in the rat race,

When squeaks fail you and all seems lost,

Just remember that yours is the cage

And everything that is in it,

And — which is more — you'll be a hamster, my son.

Martin Caren. 3Z



L. Leach, 3Z

L. Leach



The Storm

*The bombs of thunder exploded
In the sky, scattering deafening
Sound everywhere.
Next the bullets of lightning
Glowing in the sky —
The T.V. explodes, scattering
Deadly flying daggers of glass.
A maddened flame engulfed
The T.V. roaring on and on.*

Charles B. Jackson. 1X

Storms

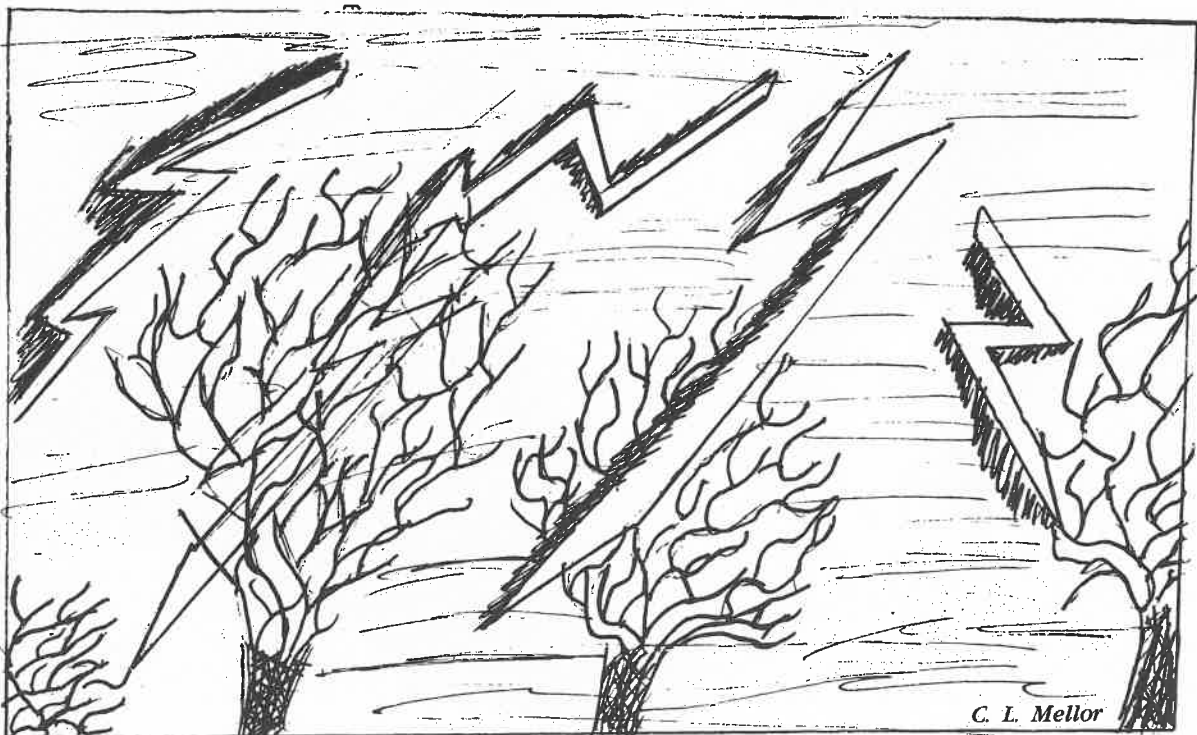
*Rain drumming, lashing, shooting,
Cloud burst and torrents descending,
Angry gods in myths and legends,
Lightning flickering, thunder crashing.
Rain thumping, bumping, banging,
Rolling drums and flashing light,
Wind raging, shrieking, howling,
Blackened clouds, thunder roars.
Drumming, hammering, echoing, booming,
Sparks fly and metal clashes,
Growling, ripping, roaring thunderbolts,
The heavens open, floods and fear.*

Ruth Heritage. 1X

Storm

*In a split-second flame scorched the sky;
an ear-splitting scream shrieked like a corroded bolt,
Demolishing everything in its path like matches;
Sending lightning to pierce the clamour of crashing
confusion.
Rising to the heavens to tear sky like tissue paper,
Burning mortals in its panic-stricken terror,
Like colossal spears; behind it was confusion.
The candle bleached itself out.
The thunder calm, gone for ever.
A scattered mass of confusion in silence.*

Richard Wilson. 1X



C. L. Mellor

Under 12 Rugby Tour to London, 1988

Eighteen highly-trained rugby players and two under-trained staff, all very excited, left for their London adventure at about 9.30 on Thursday morning. Dr. Hall had hired a plush 15-seater with on-board stereo music and comfortable seats; most of us travelled in that, whilst Mr. Smith took all of the baggage and Acton and Johnson in the school's old "yellow banger". The journey down was great fun as we sang along to "Johnny Hates Jaz" and our packed lunches seemed to last all day, it was amazing that no one was sick considering the amount of junk food that was eaten.

We arrived at the Earls Court Youth Hostel in the early evening and found we had been booked into two dorms. Dr. Hall and Mr. Smith held a selection meeting to decide who would have the privilege of sleeping in their room and there are no prizes for guessing who was selected. Sean Wilkinson, last season's 1st XV captain, arrived to see us, and after dining at an up-market restaurant in Kensington (McDonalds) he took us on a guided tour of the sights of London by night.

The day of the first match arrived and everyone was nervous as we waited to kick off against St. Mary's and St. Joseph's School, Sidcup. The opposition were bigger and stronger but there was no way we were going to lose our first ever game on tour. All members of the party played and everyone tried really hard and two tries by Daniel Cartwright gave us a hard earned and much deserved win by 8-0. After lunch the excited party went off to Greenwich Village where we had a great time exploring the Cutty Sark, the Queens House and the Observatory in Greenwich Park (where the London Marathon starts). Because we played so well, Dr. Hall and Mr. Smith took us all to a really "posh" restaurant called Diana's, in Blackheath Village, for our evening meal. We had a slap-up feast and were waited on by two lovely waitresses and Mr. Smith fell in love with one of them.

Saturday morning presented us with the hardest match of the tour against St. Josephs Academy, Blackheath, a strong rugby school, like ours, which also had boys in the England squads. If we thought Friday's opposition were big some of these boys seemed like giants. The team all rose to the occasion and played even better than on Friday. A try, a conversion and a penalty by Zak Bradley gave us a deserved 9-0 lead but the opposition came back strongly and at one stage were only three points behind at 9-6. However, a superb try by Daniel Cartwright, close to the end, made the game safe and we finally won 13-10. Everyone was exhausted, when the whistle finally went, but extremely happy. We had become only the second Kirkham team to tour London and win both games.

Victory helps you recover and we were soon raring to go again. We set off to visit the top people's store (Harrods) and on the way saw Zammo (star of Grange Hill) who was amazed at the chanting of his name from our bus. We had a great afternoon in Harrods and after another big meal returned to the Hostel to find that a party of 30 1st year girls had arrived from another school. They could not believe their luck at encountering an all-conquering rugby touring team and we had a nice evening.

We travelled home on Sunday only stopping for a picnic lunch which Dr. Hall and Mr. Smith had bought the day before. We arrived back at school at exactly 2.00 p.m., right on time, as Mr. Dickinson said, "Better than British Rail".

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Dr. Hall and Mr. Smith for organising the tour, giving up their spare time and making it so much fun for all of us.

Zak Bradley. 1Y

Under 14 Rugby Tour 1988

On Sunday, 21st February, the 20 members of the tour squad boarded the two school mini buses, destined for Scotland. The journey proved to be not the most comfortable we had experienced although we were all impressed by Mr. Hill's superior driving skills as his mini bus was constantly ahead of Mr. Jobbing's (Mansell) who later claimed that he was weighed down by the bulk of the luggage in his bus.

Upon arrival in Edinburgh, we soon realised that our hotel was not exactly of five star quality! This discovery appeared to have a detrimental effect on Paul Nand who was heard to ask such questions as, "Are there any home matches?"

After tea and a quick jog around the park, we were told by our captain, Gavin Butterworth, to "think about tomorrow's game". We were to do quite a lot of "thinking about games" in the days that followed.

Training the next morning was followed by the 20 mile trip to Dollar Academy for our first match. We changed early to allow us time to "think about the game" and after a very competitive match, we narrowly lost 0-4 against a very highly-rated team. That evening back in the hotel we held our post mortem on the game in which the forwards were accused of not trying hard enough - perhaps they hadn't wanted to get their tour shirts dirty.



The Under-14 party at Murrayfield.

Tuesday passed fairly uneventfully with another narrow loss 8–10 against George Watson's College – once again, Mr. Jobling and Mr. Hill were not too impressed by our performance.

On Wednesday evening we committed the greatest tactical error of the tour, we went to the ice rink. Although we all had a great time, everyone came off the ice suffering from blisters.

For Thursday's game against Merchiston Castle School we hobbled onto the pitch ready for the painful game which was to follow. However, not daunted by our handicap and spurred on by the thought of Mr. Jobling's wrath, we won, what was presumed to be the hardest fixture of the tour, by a score of 20–6.

That evening we were treated to a trip to the cinema funded by the many 50p. fines which had been collected throughout the week. I would like to thank Mr. Hill for implementing the fine system and Mr. Jobling, for being the main contributor, his most memorable being when he locked himself out of his room in the middle of the night, dressed in very little, (not a pretty sight).

A special mention must also be made about David Cowburn whose exceptional efforts both on and off the field were recognised when he was rewarded as "best tourist".

We must also thank Mr. Jobling for organising the tour and Mr. Hill for his help whilst on tour and his outstanding driving skill.

Simon Bradley, 3Z

Jersey U15 Rugby Tour – Feb. 1988

Before I start the report I must thank Mr. Smith on behalf of the team, for organising the tour. It was very unfortunate that he could not come on tour through illness. Thanks must also go to Dr. Hall, who took on the job of looking after the squad single handed! and also governor Mr. Roy Wilkinson for his voluntary chauffeur duties throughout the week.

The party gathered at school on the Sunday morning and travelled to Manchester Airport, after being wished all the best from a saddened Mr. Smith and parents.

On arriving at the Hotel Egremont in St. Helier we were allocated rooms, and in the afternoon we had our first look around a deserted St. Helier, the capital of the island. We earmarked all the key places such as Bunny's Kebab House, Funland (an arcade), Manhattan Restaurant and Fort Regent. Fort Regent is a large leisure complex built into a hill. It turned out to be the centre of most of the week's activities such as squash, billiards, 5-a-side football (in which Doc Hall almost collapsed after playing for an hour) and snooker (Doc Hall was keen to play this as it involved no strenuous activity). Throughout the week we were quite lucky as there was hardly anyone there because everyone was at school. Although on the Friday and Saturday nights it was packed with people going to a roller disco and a night club called Bonaparts for which the team obtained tickets.

We played our first match on Monday against De la Salle School, on a large, dry pitch. We played well and notched up a convincing win of 58–0 against a big side which lacked technique. Both backs and forwards had an excellent match and played good rugby, despite the poor opposition, with tries coming from J. Cookson, Shaun Bilsborough, Mark Brennand, Stephen Buckley, Jem Smith, Mark Parrish and Darren Woodbridge converting seven out of the 12.

Our second match was played on Wednesday against a Jersey U15 side. With many injuries, the side performed well with all reserves playing. The final score was 14–4.

Our final match was played at the Jersey Rugby Club, and we played a combined U15 and U16 Jersey team. We were now back to full strength and after a good practice in the morning we had the right attitude to play. This was to be the strongest team we were to play, and on the day we played excellently. There was an added incentive to win as the match was being filmed by Mr. Wilkinson. The trouble was this made Stephen Buckley so predictable, he always ran towards the camera! The final score was 28–0, which was an excellent result against a big side who were quite good.

The week was a good one, with humorous highlights too numerous to mention but just to see Doc Hall after the 5-a-side football was funny enough!

In my view the tour was a great success and thanks should be given to Mr. Smith, Dr. Hall and Mr. Wilkinson for allowing the tour to go ahead after they could have so easily cancelled it due to Mr. Smith's illness. On behalf of the squad thanks a lot!

Mark Parrish 5X



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C.C.F. REPORTS

R.A.F. Section

This has been a successful year for the R.A.F. Section. With another quite large intake of fourth years. Flt. Lt. Greaves has now got the section sorted out and the improvements will benefit the years to come. As with last year the section has participated both in the regional competitions for shooting and drill and also an aircraft recognition competition. In this Thomas Connelley (B. Flight) scored 48 out of 50, the highest area mark and he now awaits an overseas flight, to the envy of most of us! Thanks must go to the cadets who gave up their break times and, of course, the officers (in particular 2nd Lt. Hill) for their valuable time and energy.

The cadets did academic tests too and the results were pleasing, namely eight passes at Advanced, 18 passes at Proficiency Part 2 and 16 passes at Proficiency Part 1. With the introduction of the new SA80 cadet rifle the cadets had to undergo a weapons test, which all passed.

Air Experience Flying has been good this year and an experimental orienteering course was an enjoyable, if not successful in some cases, distraction from the unavoidable wait experienced when cadets go flying. A Field Day was spent visiting R.A.F. Linton-on-Ouse.

Easter Camp was held at R.A.F. Leuchars and Flt. Lt. Greaves accompanied the 19 cadets on her own, without Lt. Willatt (whose presence was missed). The camp was both successful and enjoyable and I must take this opportunity to thank Flt. Lt. Greaves whose hard work was appreciated by all.

To round off, this year has been successful and I hope that next year will be more so. Thanks must go again to Flt. Lt. Greaves as also to Plt. O. Gardiner and Mr. Walls for their hard work and my best wishes go to next years NCOs and cadets.

Flt. Sgt. N. M. Whitehead (Pre)

Summer Camp – Warcop

For this year's summer camp we were at Warcop Army Training Camp in Cumbria. After our initial briefing of the rules we were left with a free night to prepare for the following ordeal.

Breakfast was at 7.00 a.m. What is this unearthly hour? Most people managed to be up in time but by the end of the week a few bodies were not to be seen! The activities were varied and included: canoeing, climbing, swimming, orienteering – all organised by our staff. The army exercises were a little more difficult and included Point-to-Point exercise which involved a lot of running and carrying different objects. There was also a march and shoot competition between the different schools. There were various sections – assault course, shooting the new Ensign rifle and a 5 mile march. The 'A' team recorded the fastest time over the assault course and second fastest time on the march but the shooting let us down. None of the cadets had ever shot the new rifle before, so perhaps this accounts for the weakness here. However we were second overall and it was a very creditable performance by all our teams.

On one of our free evenings we were able, as a result of bribery by our C.O., to shoot the new SA80 rifle and the automatic version the Light Support Weapon. This was enjoyed by all and we were very grateful for the opportunity.

Then came the major operation of the week the "Warcop Wanderer". The title conceals its real meaning, it should say "The chance to run around all day carrying an SLR everywhere, and I mean everywhere, and shouting charge!" We were to attack three guarded locations in an army-like fashion. We were organised into a platoon with Mike Nelson as platoon commander and Roger Sackfield as platoon Sergeant. This was a great day and enjoyed by everyone including Mr. Miller who ran everywhere with us.

I would like to thank the Major and all seven members of staff who went, for making it a great camp. I hope that next year's camp at Culty Braggan in Scotland is as enjoyable.

Staff Sergeant R. Sackfield



Danger — low-flying Spitfires. The R.A.F. cadets pictured at Leuchars.



The assault course at Warcop. The ladies show how it's done.

Adventurous Training

On the morning of Sunday, 21st February 22 cadets and six directing staff left, in high spirits, for Great Tower scout camp. Many comments were passed about Mr. Miller's driving ability, or lack of it, but he eventually made it.

On arriving at Great Tower chaos soon ensued in the small, but well equipped accommodation. Section 3's eagerness was apparent on the first night when the Major's dulcet tones beckoned them to go running as opposed to staying in a warm bed and so with the help of his Land Rover the Major got them running.

The mornings always offered promise in the form of a bowl of porridge thrust into your hands by F.W.S. (any jokes about the porridge and you were out). Camp began with climbing supervised by Dr. Summers and Harry urging you to higher peaks. Day 2 involved sliding down mountains of snow and attempting to stop before you ran out of snow. Mr. Miller's patience must be mentioned here for putting up with comments like "Its windy up here". Other activities included night orienteering and normal orienteering organised by Stan and Mr. Scott.

The final day consisted of walking and dealing with various situations called the Point-to-Point. Although tired everybody enjoyed themselves greatly.

Many thanks must go to Sergeant Harry P. Stamford, Mr. Miller, Mr. Scott for excellent cuisine, Dr. Summers and Major Sayer without whose help all this would not have been possible and congratulations must go to engine four of the Lancaster Bomber, alias Stuart Reid.

P. Griffiths, 5Z



Practising techniques on snow and ice.

SPORTS REPORTS

Cricket Reports, Summer 1987

1st XI

Played 12, Won 1, Drawn 3, Lost 7, Abandoned 1.

This was yet another poor season for the 1st XI as a whole although there were some good individual performances in certain games.

The first two games against Hutton and Barrow produced the heaviest defeats by 9 wickets and 165 runs respectively. Against Q.E.G.S. Blackburn, despite 42 and 5 for 61 by Yates, we lost by 65 runs. Ormskirk and Habergham both brought well earned draws, with Yates again bowling well against the latter with figures of 4 for 55 and Wincott and S. Wilkinson both batting well.

On a very wet wicket at Clitheroe we lost by 5 wickets, playing their spinners as badly as England did against Pakistan. It was indeed remarked that one did resemble Abdul Qadir. The monsoons continued in Lancashire and Arnold's fixture was abandoned, as Yates had taken 3 for 30. The outfield players needed wellies and waders and it was commented that the ball slowed down in the paddy field at square leg.

Our annual fixture against the Tykes of Batley produced a hard fought game, and despite 33 from Wincott and 32 by Yates, and some steady bowling from Baron and Butterworth, we lost narrowly.

During cricket week, local rivals Baines produced our only win by 3 wickets. New inclusion Craven (4th year) proved his worth by taking 4 for 22 off 17 overs and scoring 18 n.o. with S. Wilkinson scoring 35. Andrew Butterworth was again difficult to play and took 4 for 7. K.E.S. Lytham, yet again was a loss by quite a few runs despite a valiant 26 by Tim Hutchings.

The annual Old Boys fixture (they are getting younger every year!) was a very enjoyable game. I speak from personal experience as yours truly was yet again co-opted into the 1st XI (taking 2 for 19). Despite steady bowling from Moore and Butterworth we lost by 100 runs.

The culmination of the season was, as always, the staff match. School batted first and managed 164 off 37 overs with McAusland scoring 37, Yates 31, S. Wilkinson 27 and Wincott 24. The new find was Mr. Jobling, taking 3 for 46 off 12 overs. The staff replied with an excellent 55 from Dr. Hall and 22 from Mr. Scott, being caught by Hutchings on the boundary (his only catch of the season!). After a middle order collapse the Magister's XI managed to bat out for a winning draw for 158 for 7 off only 33 overs.

Yet again an enjoyable season, despite results, and thanks again must go to our faithful groundsman, Gordon, to all who played; the Tea ladies and to Mr. Browning for all his work. Let's hope the sun shines on us in 1988.

Half Colours

M. Yates, S. Wincott, S. Wilkinson, J. Moore.
I. M. Scott

U15 XI	P	W	D	L
	7	4	2	1

In the early part of the season the team relied on their talented captain, Craven, who led from the front and turned in some fine performances. He has the potential to become a good all-rounder and but for injury would have taken part in a Lancashire trial.

However the team as a whole never seemed to reach its full potential. Players tended to think all was well as long as Craven was playing well but if he was out then they felt that all was lost. When Craven was injured this attitude had to change. Black took over the captaincy and not only improved his own game but thrived on the responsibility. The team then began to function as a unit and important contributions were made by Fountain, Giles

and Whittingham with the ball and Black and Singleton with the bat resulting in some notable victories, one by eight wickets over Clitheroe G.S.

If these players work at their game they should become good 1st XI cricketers in the Senior School.

T. P. Miller

U14 XI	P	W	D	L	Tied
	7	1	0	5	1

In a season which started with more players practising than were fit to play rugby at the end of the rugby season, there were several notable firsts.

The tied match at Hutton was the first time the team had not lost and the victory against Baines in the following match was the team's very first victory. Ignoring the appalling performances against Ripley and Arnold, the final match at Clitheroe produced the first occasion that the team scored over 100 in an innings and the first occasion that an individual batsman (Telfer 45 n.o.) scored over 30.

There are a number of talented players in the squad, or so it would seem in the nets, but they have not always performed well on the day. However, if they continue to practise in numbers and learn to apply themselves more in the future, results will surely improve.

Squad: Astin, Brennand, Brown, Buckley, Cookson, Coupe, Gregg, Hardy, Henckel, Johnson J., Johnson R., McIntyre, Morgan, Pegg, Ratcliffe, Renwick, Scott, Smith, Taylor, Telfer, Woodridge.

U13 XI

Badly handicapped by the weather and the unavailability of their coach the U13 XI has had a disappointing season; there was, however, a very good performance against Hutton G.S. before the season became rain-affected. Weak batting against Arnold and King Edwards meant that the team suffered heavy defeats but some consolation may be found in the improved bowling with Corbit and Campell showing promise. Only Rogers and Carr really showed ability with the bat while Bardsley, Bannister and Miller all tried hard all season. To improve still further all the team must gain confidence in fielding and running between the wickets. I hope that next year the squad will find more opportunities for practice and also more success in terms of results.

E. W. M.

U12 XI	P	W	D	L
	6	1	2	3

There was a difficult start against a strong Q.E.G.S. team. After a good partnership by Baxendale and Fletcher we collapsed although Smith made a useful 13 n.o.; Q.E.G.S. won easily by 9 wickets. Against Hutton the U12s obtained a draw, with Baxendale, Thompson and Smith all making useful contributions when batting. We collapsed and were badly beaten by Arnold and King Edwards but beat Baines G.S. by 2 wickets in a very exciting last match. Thompson played a captain's innings and made 18 valuable runs. The bowling has been far too erratic, with no bowler managing a consistently good line and length. Thompson, Buckley, Clark, Cook and Jama all at times had useful spells and were effective for short periods of time. Baxendale, Thompson, Smith and Fletcher were the pick of the batsmen but others like Buckley have potential. They have a great deal to learn about all aspects of the game but were a very enthusiastic squad.

Squad: Thompson (capt.), Farrell, Baxendale, Fletcher, Buckley, S. Wareing, Savage, Smith, Clark, Jama, Stewart, Bond, C. Wareing, Cunliffe, Griffiths, Cook.

T. J. Bruce

Boys Athletics 1987

Senior

This year's senior team had a most disappointing season with little enthusiasm shown by the group of athletes concerned. During the first half of the eighties K.G.S. had countless outstanding seasons but this year saw a complete contrast. An example of this was at the Senior Schools Championship at which K.G.S. had set a record in winning from 1981/1985. K.G.S. were 6th out of 8 this year and for the first time within memory produced no winners. In 3 schools matches, 2 were defeats and 1 a victory. David Dickson suffered from a hamstring injury which weakened the team and Nick Sinclair performed creditably as an all rounder.

Under 17

The team has always been strong and this season won the Fylde Coast Championship, despite losing to strong Rossall and Bolton Schools in a triangular match. Philip Sharpless, Mark Lewis, Paul Whiteside and Damian Hatton, an Under 16, were individual champions, along with the 4 x 100m relay squad.

Under 16

The team improved greatly this year with athletes like Damian Hatton and Christopher Fountain improving greatly and establishing themselves as stalwarts of the team along with Bruce Craven and John Black. This improvement was seen at the Senior Schools Championship when a powerful Lancaster R.G.S. side was beaten by half a point with the result depending on the final relay which K.G.S. won from the outside lane. Arnold were beaten in a school match but Rossall narrowly defeated the team.

Under 15

Overall an improvement was shown during the season with Rossall being beaten while losing to Arnold. At the Fylde Coast Championship the team was placed second, an excellent achievement. Richard Taylor won the Pole Vault in his first appearance in this event while John Cookson, Shaun Bilsborough, Stephen Buckley, Darren Woodridge, Richard Johnson and David Pegg performed notably.

Under 14

Both school matches were won, the team narrowly lost the Fylde Coast Athletics Championship to finish second and performed creditably in the Senior School Championship finishing second also. Andrew Clegg, Paul Buckley, Chris Darlington and Mark Campbell all performed outstandingly at times.

Under 13

There looks to be many promising athletes in this age group with Paul Buckley, Michael Stewart, Peter Yeung being particularly fast sprinters and many other athletes doing well. The only school match versus Arnold School was won with ease.

In general, although the senior athletics performance was the worst for a long time there is much talent in the school as can be seen by championship results. Athletics in this area is to be given a boost by the laying of a magnificent tartan track at Stanley Park, Blackpool but whether athletics talent at K.G.S. matures to the senior team will depend on athletes returning to the sixth form and whether they opt for athletics or cricket.

B. Gornall

Girls' Athletics – Summer, 1987

A very busy schedule as far as athletics was concerned in what is always a short, hectic term. We returned from our Easter holidays and within three days were facing two very competitive and able athletics teams from Arnold and Queen Mary Schools on consecutive days! Needless to say our athletes were thrown in at the deep end (as they say) and although both match results went against us some girls turned in creditable performances.

Seniors

P	W	L
4	1	3

Disappointing at first glance but within the results are hidden some very fine personal performances. In particular I would mention Lucy Wilkham our 100m and 200m sprinter who has been consistently in the winning frame regardless of the opposition. Lucy was chosen to sprint for the Fylde Area athletics team at the prestigious Lancashire Schools Track and Field Meeting in June. Although she failed to record a personal best she was placed third and made a valuable contribution to the points tally – the Fylde team being placed second at the Championships. Kathryn Hart our high jump enthusiast has also performed well throughout the season – always to be found giving of her best in amongst the final rounds of any competition. The team generally have been willing and enthusiastic though a little gentle coaxing was required on training days when the temperatures were more like December and grey skies fail to inspire even the most willing spirits. I think it is fair to say that the team lacked strength in depth and in athletics of course this can cost one the result. Nevertheless I applaud the efforts of those who are not blessed with "natural" talent but who still did their best for the team and worked hard for the schools' good name.

Intermediates

P	L
3	3 1 cancelled

Again dismal reading and a similar story to the seniors in many respects. The U15's have some very promising individual athletes but in matches we fail to record enough wins and second places to swing the results our way. Throughout the season Deborah Rowe and Wendy Hart have performed consistently well. Deborah was chosen for the Fylde team and in the Fylde coast championships came third, Wendy, although a disappointing fourth in the championships, high-jumped her way into the school record books on Sports Day. Megan Vipond too achieved two second places when throwing the javelin, firstly at the local championships and secondly at the Lancashire Schools meeting. Her endeavours were rewarded, she received certificates for her performances and helped the intermediates win at the County Competition.

Juniors

P	L
2	2 1 cancelled

Two very difficult fixtures against Queen Mary and Arnold Schools gave this team the experience of competitive athletics. Despite losing the juniors' enthusiasm was not dimmed and they trained regularly and willingly throughout the season. Progress was made, in particular by Kathrine Salt, Ruth Falconer and Tess Milner. Ruth went on to earn a third place in the High Jump event at the Fylde Coast Championships – a very praiseworthy effort. The team generally seemed to enjoy the involvement in athletics and the hard work it requires. I hope to see the same commitment next year.

The First Year girls:

First Year girls seldom have experience of genuine athletics – many can only remember fun on school sports day with an egg and spoon! As is customary they set about their summer programme with great willingness but a little apprehension at the sight of a clearly marked 8-lane athletic's track, an array of throwing implements and a daunting mass of mattresses and bars over which one can jump backwards! The group seemed to have enjoyed their activities, have attended practices regularly and shown improvement. A small team of four enter the multi-event at Q.M. School finishing seventh out of twelve schools. Significantly their position was not their first priority in the team-talk held later. In every case the girls commented on how much they had enjoyed competing and tasting a real athletics meet. It is surely this that will serve to bring them back to the track next year. I hope so.

The Senior Schools Athletics Championships

The championships this year were held at Rossall School and an invitation was extended to senior girls to compete. K.G.S. took a team comprising of Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Form athletes. The standard was high and a joy to watch and the team came a commendable third out of eight behind Q.M.S. and Arnold.

The competition for the U14 and U15 teams was held on a separate occasion on a much more pleasant summer's day. Again we were placed third in both age groups and there were particularly good performances from three girls who won their events. Katherine Salt – Discus, Megan Vipond – Javelin and Wendy Hart – High Jump.

The championships are sufficiently prestigious as to earn sponsorship, are very efficiently organised and run, and fiercely competitive. We welcomed the experience of such a meeting and will be attending in the future.

In conclusion . . . I would venture to say that given the numbers of girls in school, the athletics teams represent

all age groups, try hard and keep the name of K.G.S. very much highlighted in the Fylde areas. Many girls are involved, only few succeed but they are not thought less of for that – their efforts deserve praise.

J. E. Taylor

Netball

This year saw the start of a netball club for the first and second years on Mondays and Fridays. They have played few matches but have enjoyed practising against each other. The U12s competed in a tournament at Blackpool where they gave a very creditable performance to finish third in their group.

P. J. Walsh

Rounders

Summer 1987 again produced some enjoyable and successful rounders games for girls in the first three years. In the Blackpool and District Schools' League, the second year team played with enthusiasm, but limited success. After some heavy defeats early in the season against superior opposition, the girls finally got going against Lytham St. Annes High School, spurred by the incentive of a Mars Bar for their first win! A couple of other victories were not enough to achieve a respectable League position, but their play improved greatly over the season as a whole.

In the end-of-term Tournament at Blackpool, the first year team met with little success, but the third year girls again covered themselves with glory, winning their age group by defeating all the other schools involved. This means that, as a team, they have won every competition for which they have been entered during their three years in school: first and third year tournaments, and second year League. They can justifiably call themselves the leading rounders team in the area.

A. R. Long



Under 14 Rounders team. Back Row (left to right): J. Powderly, E. Whittaker, A. DeMaine, Mr. A. R. Long, D. Rowe, J. Scarisbrick, M. Vipond. Front Row: T. Kendrick, W. Hart, J. Evans, S. Piggott, M. Salt, S. Harris.

Swimming

Boys

P	W	D	L
11	4	0	7

Girls

P	W	D	L
8	4	0	4

Captain: ANDREW JACKSON

Overall, not a set of results as good as we have seen in the past. The standard of swimming at K.G.S. has declined somewhat during the past year, with fewer numbers prepared to attend early morning training.

The U12s, although they have as yet not won a match, do try very hard, but always seem to come up against bigger opposition. The U13s have won five of their eight fixtures, with Andrew Butterworth performing particularly well. The U14s have had a most successful year, winning seven out of their 10 fixtures. There is a wealth of talent in this year with Christopher Butterworth, Andrew Carr, Nial Lecoustre and Gavin Butterworth swimming extremely well. The U15s have also tried very hard throughout the season with Craig Brown developing particularly well in both the breaststroke and freestyle. The U16s and seniors have achieved excellent results with Andrew Jackson setting very high standards both in personal performance and as captain. Richard Moyes, Anthony and Mark Bagshaw and Christopher Kenward have all performed outstandingly in all our fixtures. Christopher and Andrew Butterworth were chosen to represent the Fylde/Blackpool area in the Lancashire Championships.

The girls have won 50% of their fixtures with Alison Holden and Katie Hamer setting high standards and Victoria Jackson, Louise Green and Natasha Walford developing well in the junior section. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank on behalf of the team both Joanne and Jill Mayes for all the time they gave up to act as lifeguard during the early morning sessions.

The House Swimming Gala resulted in a narrow victory for Fylde by three points over Kirkham. School were third and Preston fourth. Christopher Butterworth, Alison Holden, Andrew Jackson, Katie Hamer and the Kirkham House Girls Freestyle team all set new records.

In view of the performances by our senior swimmers throughout this season, I would like to present the following awards:

New Award: Full Colours:

Andrew Jackson, Anthony Bagshaw, Mark Bagshaw.

New Award: Half Colours:

Richard Moyes, Chris Kenward, Jonathan Collinson, Alison Holden, Paul Smith.

1987 Senior Schools Swimming Championships at Fleetwood. 9 schools competing.

Jnr. Girls 6th overall

Jnr. Boys 4th overall

Int. Girls 2nd overall

Int. Boys 2nd overall

Snr. Boys 3rd overall

"An excellent team effort".

Individual:

Carr, Lecoustre, Doughty, Lewis and Katie Hamer all gained 3rd places, as did both the Junior and Senior Boys relay teams. Collinson, Hamer and Katie Hamer all gained 2nd places. Mark Bagshaw was the outstanding success of the evening, gaining two 1st places in the Freestyle and Butterfly.

Senior Schools Swimming Championships 1988

Junior Girls 6th

Junior Boys 3rd

Intermediate Girls 5th

Intermediate Boys 3rd

Senior Boys 4th

Senior Girls 4th

Andrew Jackson, Andrew Carr, Chris Butterworth, Katie Hamer and both the Junior and Intermediate boys medley teams all gained second places.

Alison Holden, Chris and Andrew Butterworth all gained 1st places and were presented with Senior School Championship trophies.

This was another fine all-round performance.

P. Smith



Under 15 Lancashire Team Champions. Back Row (left to right): D. Hatton, C. Brown, M. Bagshaw. Front Row: R. Scott, J. Francis, D. Whittingham, C. McCann.

Badminton

Although still quite clearly a minority sport, badminton continues to do well, and the Badminton Club, held on Friday nights at Ribby Hall, still manages to attract a large number. I must take this opportunity to thank all those who are sufficiently enthusiastic to appear regularly through the winter months. It is good to see such large numbers attending regularly.

It was hoped to arrange a badminton Inter-house competition but unfortunately time could not be found for this. However, after discussion at a House Committee meeting, it has been agreed to include this in the Winter term's calendar.

Teams have been entered in the Blackpool and District Schools' Badminton League and have met with varying amounts of success.

U14 Boys

The team played rather erratically, and just failed to qualify for the semi-final play-offs.

Results: v. Arnold won 5-2
v. K.E.S. lost 2-5
v. St. Annes High lost 2-5

U16 Girls

After a very good result in their first match (a 7-0 victory over Montgomery), the rest of the season was a great disappointment. There has been a lack of commitment and effort, and no sign whatsoever of any enthusiasm from some of the most talented badminton players in the school.

U19 Boys

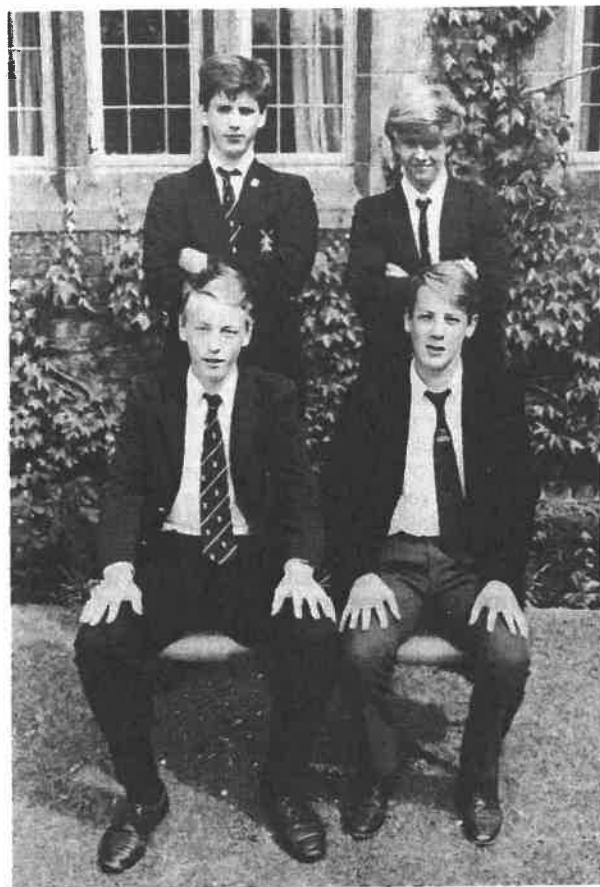
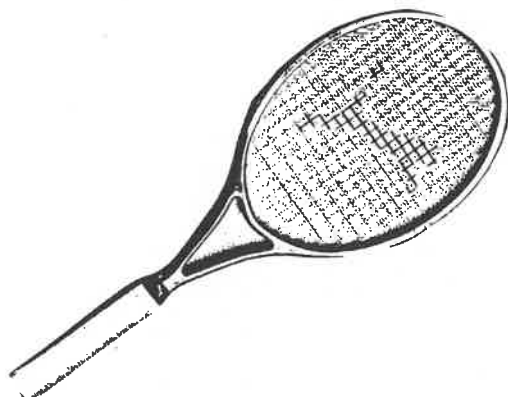
As always the senior boys continue to show enthusiasm and commitment to a sport that has to be played totally outside school time. Their results have been excellent this year and they have shown great determination to reach the final of their competition.

Results: v. Arnold lost 3-4
v. K.E.S. won 5-2
v. Collegiate 'A' won 7-0
v. Collegiate 'B' won 7-0

As a result of this fine record, together with their persistence and dedication for the past six years, Half-Colours have been awarded for the first time for badminton to Jamie Brammer, Tim Brammer, James Musson, Craig Piggott, Mark Bateson.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to thank Mr. Rushton for giving his time to arrange, and transport us to matches and for his willingness to appear regularly at coaching on Friday nights.

T. Brammer
Badminton Captain



Senior Badminton Team. Back: T. Brammer, C. Piggott.
Front: M. Bateson, J. Musson.

Boys Tennis 1987

The Senior team only won two of their seven matches, beating King Edwards Lytham and Blackpool Collegiate High School. The Old Kirkhamian team proved to be very strong and even the Staff enjoyed an afternoon of victory against a weakened school team. Andrew McAusland, the captain, reached the semi-final of the Lancashire U19 Singles Competition before losing to the eventual winner. Andrew and Michael Bailey played in the Lancashire U19 Doubles Competition and reached the final only to be beaten in a very competitive match.

The real success story of the summer was the U15 team. Playing in the Lancashire U15 League they had a really hard opening match against Lytham St. Annes High School - winning only by counting the number of games won (32 to 31). They played even better as the term progressed, eventually winning their league, and then winning the league championship to become Lancashire U15 Team Champions. They must have had an "off day" on the day of the Lancashire U15 Doubles Competition as our doubles pairs were knocked out in the quarter-finals. The team then represented Lancashire in the North-West Area Competition, being defeated by Bolton (the eventual winners) in the semi-final. Congratulations to all who took part especially Jeremy Francis (captain), David Whittingham, Richard Scott and Craig Brown who represented Lancashire.

An enthusiastic group took part in the U13 League and entered the Lancashire U13 Singles Competition - no success, but hopefully plenty of enjoyment for all concerned.

B. M. Summers

Rugby

1st XV

Captain: K. A. Wilkinson
Vice-Captain: T. J. Hutchings

P	W	D	L	F	A
19	14	1	4	359	139

The last season ended and this season, in effect, started with the Summer World Tour, and so it was expected that the season would start with the team "hitting the deck, running". In fact this did not occur and after the second match against Wirral in which the team struggled to win, I privately expected a season with a 50% success rate unless a great improvement was made. Surprisingly there was not a high level of team work, determination or even fitness, but it has to be remembered that only four of the pack and four of the threequarters played five games or more on the five week tour and, consequently some of the team had less pre-season preparation than usual. It was a month further into the season before the team started to play with efficiency and determination.

The team won 15 out of the first 16 matches played and was the last team in the North West of England to remain unbeaten. At one stage the season looked like being the best ever at K.G.S., but the last three matches of the season were both a surprising and disappointing anti-climax with the team playing without spirit at times and all three matches were lost. Eleven out of the 19 matches played were close matches with the team usually emerging victorious through determination and fitness, but when this attitude was missing defeats occurred sometimes against inferior opposition. To have lost the opportunity to be remembered as the best ever K.G.S. team through complacency seems incomprehensible. The quality of loose play depended largely on Nick Sinclair and his contribution to the side can be gauged by the fact that the supply of second phase possession from wide situations largely dried up when he was not present in the four games which the team lost.

Fortunately, the typical K.G.S. spirit and determination was recaptured for the International Festival at Preston, when the team beat some excellent sides like The Leys, Cambridge, Q.E.G.S., Wakefield and Regent House to reach the final against Bradford G.S., Bradford have not lost a 15 a side match since K.G.S. beat them at Preston two years ago and K.G.S. might have "pinched" the final after scrummaging outstandingly well and tackling well in the back row to counter their game plan. However, the team was well supported with the atmosphere on finals day being a happy experience for all players to remember with pride despite losing the final with honour to an outstanding side.

The pack always scrummaged well with the front row of Captain Kirk Wilkinson, Paul Ribchester and John Black never being beaten. The Pontypool club front row used to be famed but I would not expect to see a better school front row than the present one. Line out were generally poor with Paul Gornall being the one regular lock, but four of the locks are returning and should develop into good players. The pack generally rucked well and dynamically even though often suffering through referees allowing players to kill the ball (a British disease), but mauled poorly and statically. Nick Sinclair was outstanding at open side flanker but unfortunately did not realise his potential through persistent injury and illness after November while Simon Smith and Bruce Craven developed into good players by the season's end.

The backs suffered through a lack of quick second phase possession, but were effective when given the opportunity. Tony Bagshaw was, as always, an example

to all with his fearless, totally committed play, and although Tim Hutchings had a poor season by his standards, he is a player of genuine talent. Jim Moore developed to be a steady centre who would perform the basics correctly and efficiently, Craig Piggott showed genuine pace and flair, the wingers David Dickson and Steven Collinson both showed real pace when not beset by hamstring injury problems, Michael Rawcliffe was an ever present at full-back and James Musson showed future promise.

Goal kicking was again a problem with only 13 penalties being kicked in 19 matches and a less than 50% conversion success rate.

Mention must be made of the great honour achieved by John Black in playing for England 16 XV v. Italy at Cheltenham, England winning 22-16. He and Paul Ribchester have both already been selected for a Potential North of England Under 18 players course for season 1988/89 which gets next season off to a flying start.

I also wish to record again the enormous contribution to the team effort made by George Sowerbutts L.C.S.P., who has restored many players to full fitness so quickly and to thank him for this and to thank Captain Kirk Wilkinson for his enthusiasm, Vice-Captain Tim Hutchings and Secretary Michael Rawcliffe for their efforts.

Individual Honours:

Lancashire U18 XV

T. J. Hutchings, N. Sinclair (Captain), K. A. Wilkinson.

North of England U18 XV

N. Sinclair.

England U16 XV

J. S. Black.

Colours:

Half Colours: *Re-Award:* T. J. Hutchings.

New Award:

S. Collinson, S. N. Smith.

Full Colours: *Re-Award:* A. W. Bagshaw, P. R. A. Ribchester, N. Sinclair, K. A. Wilkinson.

New Award: J. S. Black, J. E. Moore.

B. Gornall

2nd XV

P	W	L	F	A
18	13	5	424	71

As the above record suggests 1987/88 proved to be a successful season for the 2nd XV. With the forwards playing well in all aspects of the game and dominating the opposition forwards, the backs had a very sound platform from which they could display their attacking talents and the defensive qualities of the team were rarely tested.

As in the previous season, this season started with the 2nd XV playing well. The first real test, after three comprehensive victories, came in the match at King Edward where the team came back from a 10-3 deficit midway through the second half to win 17-10. After the match at Marple Hall, in which victory was gained after strong early pressure by the home team had been soaked up, two exciting games at Arnold and Rossall were lost very narrowly. At Arnold a conversion attempt by M. Davies hit an upright, thus robbing the team of a well deserved draw. After a good performance in winning on a heavy pitch at St. Bees, two comfortable victories over Lancaster and St. Edwards were followed by a single point defeat at the hands of King's School, Macclesfield, probably the most accomplished team encountered in the Winter term.

In the opening fixture of the Spring term at De La Salle, formerly West Park, a try 10 seconds from the end of the match deprived the team of the draw they deserved in very trying circumstances. The other defeat of the Second term was at Stonyhurst, who were, without doubt, the best side faced during the season and who won fairly comfortably, despite the valiant efforts of the K.G.S. players. Of the victories this term, Kendal and Ormskirk were overwhelmed, Manchester were beaten in a blizzard and Ermysteds defeated after a scare.

The front row of A. Johnson, A. Sumner and M. Davies, with A. Brennand replacing him after his injury, would play in most schools' first team. V. Rooking proved an able deputy in the absence of any of the others. B. Thornber, who played with his usual aggression, C. Jameson, with sure hands in the line-out, and M. Lees, showing improved mobility as the season progressed, shared the second row duties. P. Mellor developed well at No. 8 and it was encouraging to see R. Oneil playing again after a lengthy lay-off due to injury. At wing forward B. Craven was generally the first to any breakdown in play, J. Collinson showed he was prepared to go in where the boots were flying and was probably the most improved player in the side and C. Turner played with considerable enthusiasm.

While M. Bagshaw proved that strength was his greatest asset at scrum half, the speed of P. Clay was equally effective. J. Musson controlled the backs well before Christmas at fly half. On his promotion to the first team P. Baines moved from full-back to replace him. The rest of the backs, once they had disciplined themselves to practise properly, moved the ball with confidence in attack and tackled well in defence. P. Crossley provided the attacking flair with his jinking runs while T. Brammer and

C. Fountain as his centre partner, both ran straight. On the wings the elusive running of D. Hatton, D. Whittingham and C. McCann, for the short time he was fully fit, provided the finishing touches to the back moves.

In all thirty-one players donned a K.G.S. 2nd XV shirt during the season and, with only sixth of them being upper sixth players, this should augur well for the immediate future.

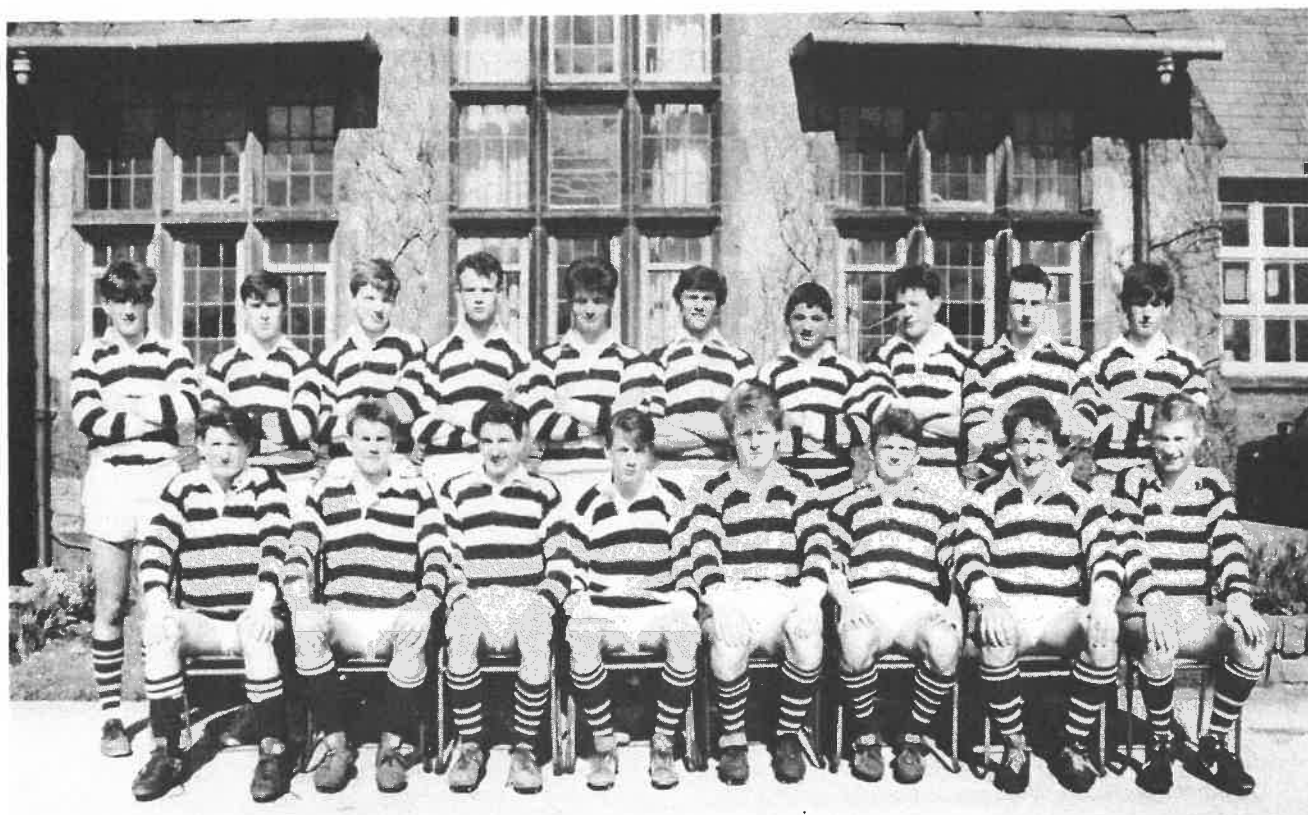
3rd XV

Although the 3rd XV have not managed to win a game this season, they have completed six fixtures without being humiliated, which is an achievement when one considers that there were often only 15 players to select from.

Several from the group have played for the 2nd XV, performed well, and they and several others will probably play regularly next season.

The 3rd XV set exists for a number of reasons: for those who are not quite ready for 1st/2nd XV rugby; for those who are not good enough for 1st/2nd rugby; and for those who enjoy playing rugby but do not wish to train and practise with the commitment which is necessary at 1st/2nd XV Level. The main aim is to encourage an interest and enjoyment in the game and to play some competitive rugby. The small size of the set causes difficulties in finding matched opposition and it is therefore hoped that the set will grow in size over the next few years.

R. J. Watson



2nd XV Squad. Back Row (left to right): J. Collinson, J. Rooking, C. Jameson, B. Thornber, P. Mellor, C. Turner, D. Whittingham, C. Fountain, P. Baines, T. Brammer. Front Row: P. Crossley, M. Bagshaw, D. Hatton, J. Musson, R. Oneil, A. Sumner, B. Craven, M. Lees.

U15 XV

P	W	D	L
21	11	0	10

These figures show a vast improvement on the previous two seasons results with many old rivals soundly beaten and all previous heavy defeats reduced dramatically. The season began with a committed attitude by all to scrummage hard, ruck everything (a must for ALL small sides) and use to the full, the many talents of a most skilful back division. The squad returned to school after the Summer break in a state of fitness that was not conducive to the style and standard of game that we had decided to play. This was quickly put to right, giving many players their first insight into just how much pressure the cardio-vascular system can in fact take! This proved most enjoyable for all, especially Stephen Buckley.

I must admit that looking at the size of the players and taking into account their previous records, I was not too hopeful about the success rate of the team, knowing that we play on what many consider to be the toughest rugby circuit in the country. However they set out from the start to prove me wrong, and won the first game of the season against a big and talented Morecambe H.S. side. They completely out-rucked and out-scrummaged them and looked far superior in the backs who ran and tackled hard. This commitment and style continued and improved throughout the season with victories being gained over many good rugby schools. It was not however the games that were won in which the team were at their most impressive, but in fact in the games that were lost. Against Cowley, Lancaster and St. Edward's, they lost by either one point or one score and could and should have won all three. These were exciting performances when one looks back to last season to find that these games were lost by 60 or 70 points. The season culminated in a 100% record while on tour in Jersey. Three games – three wins.

Throughout the season, the front row of Eastham, Parrish and Bilsborough have been absolutely outstanding as the corner stones of the pack. The pack were never actually beaten up front in the set scrum by anyone, and as a unit, were the best rucking forwards around. Jeremy Smith was excellent at scrum half as were Cookson and Brown in the centre. Stephen Buckley developed into a real class player and fine prospect for the future.

Finally, on behalf of the squad, I would like to congratulate Mark Parrish on his outstanding captaincy. He led the team by example both on and off the pitch and always demanded high standards from his players. It is most uncommon to find a boy of his maturity and ability at this age.

I wish all team members the best of luck in their rugby careers.

P. Smith

U14 XV

P	W	D	L	F	A
18	8	1	9	320	278

This was a fairly successful season which culminated in the Edinburgh tour in late February. Most of our matches were played against schools which have many more pupils than ours which invariably meant that our team played against much bigger boys.

During the first half of the season the boys played very well and achieved pleasing results including a 66-0 drubbing of Q.E.G.S. Blackburn and a 34-4 victory over King Edwards, Lytham. Andrew Clegg was the star of the team with 12 tries and Michael Summers was excellent in the second row.

The second half of the season was very disappointing with the team not managing a single victory in December or January. This was mainly due to the injuries to Summers, Clegg and Moore who were all unavailable for most of the games. David Cowburn did prove himself to be a valuable replacement during the latter part of the season.

The tour of Edinburgh provided the team with some very stiff opposition although they did manage a victory over the highly rated Merchiston Castle School and only narrowly lost their other two games.

This is a talented squad of players who continue to show great promise for the future. Miller and Butterworth both had good seasons in their new positions in the centre and Salt had an excellent season as wing forward.

N. Jobling

U13 XV

P	W	D	L	F	A
16	6	0	10	176	308

There was a very poor start to the season where, on many occasions when the team were several points behind, they would give up and a large score would be run up against us.

A big improvement was seen after the Christmas holiday with much more commitment and several very good wins culminating in an excellent performance in the King Edward VII sevens where we reached the semi-finals.

The backs have produced some exciting and imaginative play with Simon Wareing setting an excellent example with straight running and hard tackling. He was well supported by Robert Smith and the pace of Yeung on the wing was a significant factor in many of the team's wins.

Although the forwards have begun to play well together they must be quicker around the field. There have been some good individual performances from Taylor, S. Smith and Thompson and Farrell can play really well when he concentrates on the game.

Next season the team must win those games which they are well capable of winning especially against local rivals King Edward and Arnold.

A. F. Bostock

U12 XV

P	W	D	L	F	A
13	3	0	10	43	346

On hearing that we had only 31 able-bodied boys in the First Year and knowing that we had to compete against schools often having over 100 boys to choose from, I expected an uphill struggle and did not anticipate very many victories, as we do compete on the roughest rugby circuit in the country. The above record shows that my suspicions were well founded. However the facts and figures above by no means tell the full story of the season.

From the day of the first practice it was obvious that these boys were very eager to learn and a tremendous spirit developed within the squad, which of course included almost every First Year boy. When the first match arrived, against Marple Hall, we were barely ready. However I was pleasantly surprised as we were better organised and showed greater spirit and determination than the opposition and were only overcome by sheer physical strength in the latter stages of the match.

The first really big test came against Arnold, who unfortunately had a particularly strong First Year team this year. They were too strong for us and with only a few minutes left we trailed 0-40, at this point Christian Lee intercepted a pass and left the Arnold team trailing in his wake to score and make the score 4-40. The team were extatic and that one moment seemed to transform defeat into victory and install an amazing spirit of resilience in the team. Over the weeks that followed a series of defeats failed to dampen the enthusiasm of the boys and all the time they were working hard, trying hard, learning and improving.

Eventually all the hard work and effort was rewarded with a 22-18 victory over Ormskirk G.S. This proved to be the turning point as far as results were concerned as the following week the team were only defeated 26-0 by a very strong King Edward VII team, who had previously comfortably beaten Arnold. They came expecting an easy victory and were certainly knocked back by the pack, who were all over them in the first half, and by some excellent tackling in the backs. Had the fly-half and Captain Bradley not been missing through illness we might even have sneaked a victory. On that afternoon we also fielded a 'B XV and therefore every fit First Year boy was representing the School.

The performances against Ormskirk and King Edward VII proved to be an excellent spring board for the London tour. A tour report written by the Captain Zak Bradley appears elsewhere, but I must say that the boys played some excellent rugby defeating St. Mary's and St. Joseph's Academy Blackheath 13-10 and were a credit to themselves, their parents and the School both on and off the field.

Finally I would like to thank the many parents who have attended the matches throughout the season for their enthusiastic support and encouragement and I know that they were as thrilled as I was at the victory over Ormskirk and the results on tour. Towards the end of the season the boys began to reap the rewards for all the previous hard work and effort and as they say in sporting circles. "You're only as good as your last two games."

A. C. Hall

Hockey Season 1987/88

The real winner this season was surely the weather which washed out over one third of the girls' fixtures. Although the water feature near the cricket pavilion was not in evidence (and there are many senior pupils who will remember when it was) I believe I have never seen the pitches as heavy and totally unplayable for such prolonged spells.

When we were not thwarted by rain we were blinded by snow as in January where we showed our stamina and ability to withstand anything, beating Elmslie Girls School as the blizzard raged. And if that were not enough punishment we also had to withstand the gales of February - the 4th year in particular dodged falling trees and flying debris in order to play hockey at Stanley Park, Blackpool.

And it has been this new facility at Stanley Park which has been our saving grace, certainly since Christmas. The new astro-turf pitches, playable in all weathers, and located 15 minutes drive away, have not only allowed us to keep playing hockey but given us an insight into a very different game than field hockey, demanding much movement on and off the ball and greater skills and accuracy. This type of synthetic surface is becoming more and more popular at every level of the game - perhaps we could convince the powers that be that our next series of fund-raising activities might be for an all-weather surface! Doubtless it would be used constantly not only for hockey

but for many other sports, too, and by many K.G.S. pupils.

But do we deserve it? How have our teams fared this season? Is there scope for improvement?

1st XI Girls Hockey

P	W	L	D
13	7	4	2

The 1st XI Hockey Team's record is an improvement on last year's achievement though I acknowledge there is still some way to go before we seriously threaten the very strong hockey sides in our area.

Over half the members of the senior team are fifth form pupils playing, very often, sixth form students who are both stronger physically and more experienced, many of them playing as they do at club level. For our young players the jump from U16 hockey to 1st XI level can seem a wide one and many take some time to acclimatize before making progress.

Players like Alison Holden, Kathryn Hart and Joanne Hollingworth are cases in point. After dominating their U16 team last year their early matches for 1st XI were very tentative - none of them proving to be very effective. We needed them to perform at their best in their key positions and I am delighted to report that they responded to the task beautifully. Their games have markedly improved, Alison in particular is showing herself to be a dangerous centre forward constantly pressurising defences close to goal. Kathryn has shown such progress that she was selected to attend a further trial when the Fylde Area trials were held earlier in the season. Joanne and others like her must surely do well next year as they come to terms with more advanced team tactics and skills and train to acquire the fitness level to put the theory into practice - they have indicated a willingness to do so.

Our sixth form girls have had their part to play. Captained by Ruth Parmley and ably assisted by the vice-captain Julie Collinson they have worked hard to stamp their personalities on the game and sought to emulate the flair of players like Nadine Buckley. In consequence the team has recorded some fine results namely two wins against Rossall and close but pleasing victories against Bentham G.S., and Lancaster G.S. Our main stumbling blocks proved to be Q.M.S. and Arnold; our aim must be to improve on these two poor results next season.

Of course it would be easy to 'cook the books' and arrange fixtures only with schools where we would be likely winners. Next season will not be so as we take on board fixtures with sixth form colleges like Runshaw Tuson and Hutton G.S. - our area, it seems, abounds with strong hockey playing sides.

The team has potential and I look forward enthusiastically to next season when we can hopefully prove our worth.

1st XI Mixed Hockey

P	W	L
5	1	4

There has been a greater tendency this season for schools with sixth forms and sixth form colleges to offer mixed hockey fixtures as opposed to all girls fixtures. Perhaps few girls opt to play hockey on Wednesday afternoons. Rather than disappoint students by calling off such fixtures we have attempted to accommodate them and we have fielded a mainly girls hockey side supplemented by two or three of our senior boys. The results show our inexperience at mixed hockey. We failed to really "get our act together" but despite the record I feel the students enjoyed the experience and would be quite happy to have another go next season.

U16 XI

P	W	L	D
9	3	3	3

The U16 team started the new season rather disappointingly by their standards. The previous season they had recorded a particularly fine set of results but when entered for the U16 hockey league last September they surprisingly lost to Elmslie, Arnold and Q.M.S. and finished well down in the bottom half of the table.

They redeemed themselves at the U16 Lancashire Hockey Tournament held at Q.M.S. They won three of their matches decisively, drew one and lost their last game narrowly 1-0 to Q.M. School. They finished runners-up to Q.M.S. in their section and failed to make the final. Nevertheless it was a rewarding day in that the girls played very well indeed as a team, each working hard for the other, and although it is perhaps wrong to highlight individuals within such a good team performance I will mention the effective goal scoring of Alison Holden and goalkeeping of her sister Claire, called in at the last moment when the first choice goalkeeper was unavailable.

This team group has always been hard working and enthusiastic. So much do they enjoy their hockey that some players are upset because of the few fixtures arranged for them. Unfortunately few schools can field U16 and 1st XI hockey without using the same players (we too are in this position) and inevitably some girls miss out. I apologise for that but hope that they have found some pleasure and self satisfaction in their hockey season.

U15 Hockey

P	W	L	D
10	7	1	2

The U15 team have, for the second season running, produced the best playing record of any of the teams. This bodes well for the future; one hopes their success will continue to senior level.

The results, however, hide the two very different halves of the season experienced by this team. From September to Christmas the team carried on where it had left off the season before. They were enthusiastic, willing to work hard in matches and practices and swept all before them. Fine wins against Q.M.S., Bury G.S Giggleswick, Bentham G.S. made impressive reading. Indeed their only hiccup was an early season 2-2 draw with Arnold School.

Unfortunately as the poor weather engulfed us it seemed to drown the enthusiasm of the team. Rather than the industrious 'team' presence that we had been aware of early in the season there seemed to be an air of indifference which bordered on disinterest. Some players did not fall foul of this disease but we all know that individuals, however hard they work, cannot compensate for a lively flowing effective team performance. The mood was compounded as several games were cancelled, difficult muddy playing surfaces prevailed, and many injuries and illnesses struck first choice players. Perhaps the gods were against us and it is now best forgotten.

This team has much potential. I hope that next season ALL the players can re-discover or develop the pace and determination of Joanne Evans, acknowledge and copy the work rate of Jeanette Powderly, the flow and flair possessed by Jayne Scarisbrick and think and make the telling pass as demonstrated by Megan Vipond. Work at it and we'll try and make the sun shine.

U14 XI

P	W	L	D
11	5	3	3

Although the season began with a defeat by Arnold the team improved and were to suffer their next defeat only in January. They turned in a number of creditable performances including a 6-0 defeat of Chorley Parklands, a 2-2 draw with Queen Katherine's from Kendal and a narrow 2-0 defeat by Queen Mary's. In the Queen Mary invitation tournament the team were undefeated and just missed out on qualifying for the Final.

During the course of the season the players improved their skills due to consistent practice and application. This also generated an excellent team spirit which was to see them defeat schools which had far larger numbers from which to select.

It is difficult to single out individuals, but of the forwards K. Salt, G. Morson and E. Cartwright (Captain) all played well and showed promise and the midfield of T. Milner, D. Gaskin and L. Stothert were aggressive and incisive in their play.

If the team continue to develop as well as they have done in the past year they should provide a formidable 1st XI in the future.

T. P. Miller

U13 XI

P	W	L	D
11	5	3	3

U13 level is the first time that girls at K.G.S. play hockey competitively using full 11-a-side teams. Early in the season the girls looked as inexperienced as they were and we wondered how dismal the results might be by the end of the season. This early despondency was soon dispersed. Losses recorded this season were against Arnold and Rossall School (twice) only and indeed these girls have recorded some excellent wins notably those against Queen Katherine School Kendal, Elmslie, Parklands Chorley and Bentham G.S.

The great turn around is due entirely to their own endeavours (helped by the coaches of course). They exude an eagerness to do well, an anxiety to improve their game and a determination to do themselves justice. What a pleasure and luxury it is when young hockey players come and ask for extra practices or to borrow equipment to take home and develop skills, are desperate to be given a team place and are frustrated and disappointed when games are called off. These girls have a positive attitude, they have promising players who will work hard, they have players with natural flair who too will work hard and I wish them more success next season under Mr. Miller's watchful eye.

U12

The first year girls have played only one competitive match 7-a-side and 'A' team won 2-0, 'B' team drew 0-0 against Parklands, Chorley. In truth there are so many basic skills to master and to many girls hockey is a completely new game to them that many matches are out of the question. But we have made a start and can look forward to season 1988/89 with great anticipation.

J. E. Taylor



1st XI. Back row (left to right): S. J. Heath, K. Hart, A. Holden, N. Buckley, J. Moyes. Front row: J. Gornall, L. Wickham, R. Parmley, S. Swift, J. Hollingworth, S. Gladstone.



First year hockey squad. Back Row (left to right): J. Cuthbert, A. Gratrix, J. Cunliffe, H. Hart, K. Stevens, N. Walford, R. Chant, C. Mellor. Front Row: M. Panayi, C. Taylor, C. Cronshaw, A. Hill, S. Robinson, A. Wardrop.

SOCIETIES AND CLUBS

Auto Society

Chairman: Mr. F. Bostock
Secretary: P. H. Gaskin
Treasurer: A. M. Heaton

It has been an interesting year for the Auto Society, with numerous meetings and videos being shown regularly.

We have acquired a petrol-driven go-kart which is now working in spite of a less than perfect engine and body-work that leaves a lot to be desired. With a re-paint and major engine overhaul it should give members great pleasure for many years to come.

Finally, the committee would like to thank Mr. Bostock and all members who have contributed time and effort to the smooth running of the Society.

It is hoped that next year, the Auto Society will continue to be as popular, perhaps even more so.

P. H. Gaskin, L6A
A. M. Heaton, L6A

Astronomical Society

Chairman: Mr. J. S. Roberts
Secretary: R. J. Debicki
Treasurer: K. Bala

This year has been a highly successful one for the Society. Our weekly membership was increased to about 20 per week due to an influx of members from the lower half of the the school.

The Society had a colourful display at Open Day in the Summer Term of 1987 with its usual exhibition of library books, posters, star displays and demonstrations.

The Winter Term began actively with an organised trip by a dozen people to Jodrell Bank. The day was very enjoyable and most interesting according to all participants.

This term has been a hive of activity including many talks, slide shows, library days and committee meetings; talks have included: "Jupiter"; "Space Shuttles" and "This Term's Sky".

With the prospect of brighter weather next term, it is hoped that the society will have observation evenings whereby the Society members brave the cold nights in search of "celestial bodies".

On the whole the year has been a very successful and exciting one. It is for that reason that I should like to thank our Chairman, Mr. Roberts, on behalf of myself and the Society members for his continuing hard work and support within the Society. Without him none of our varied events would have been possible.

Richard Debicki, L6 Sci

Bridge Club

Chairman: Mr. I. Rushton
Secretary: S. W. Wincott
Treasurer: T. Brammer

The past year has been one of the most active for the Bridge Club in recent times. Meetings have been held most lunchtimes with a large turnout of members, mainly from the Sixth Form. If the Club is to prosper however, membership among the lower years must increase as the older members leave the school.

During the past twelve months it was decided to enter teams into the *Daily Mail* U25 and U18 Bridge Tournaments. Only one pair – N. W. Smith and C. J. Brammer – was entered for the U25 qualifying heats; they finished a very creditable sixth place, missing out on a place in the grand final by only one position. The U18 competition was to be held in Birmingham later in the year and it was decided that two teams of four players each should be entered – a Lower Sixth and an Upper Sixth team.

It was with some trepidation at Mr. Rushton's driving that we set off at 9.00 a.m. on a Sunday morning.

The tournament was well attended with some 50 people taking part and the two teams performed well, although to everyone's surprise, the Lower Sixth team beat the Upper Sixth team, against all previous evidence and to the older teams disgust; although it was felt that may be in Nick Sinclair, the L6 had a spy in the U6 team.

It leaves me now to thank Mr. Rushton for all the tireless hard work that he has put in over the year and to wish the Bridge Club good luck in the future.

S. W. Wincott

Chess Club

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

The regular Monday lunchtime meetings have continued to be well attended, with particular interest being shown among the new first year – a good sign for the future of the Club.

During the year the school entered a team in the British Schools Chess competition, and were extremely unlucky to lose narrowly to a strong team from King Edward's School, Lytham.

Once again the house chess competition was organised by the Chess Club, and, yet again, Fylde House won the competition by a very clear margin. Mention should be made of Jamie Brammer, Nigel Smith and Andrew Carr, all of whom won all of their matches this year, and particular mention of Ben O'Shea, (1Y), who not only won all his matches but defeated several of the most experienced senior players also.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all players for their continued support, and especially to thank Mr. Rushton for his willingness to give his time to ensure the smooth running of the Club.

J. Brammer, Pre

Electronics Society

Chairman: Mr. N. Jobling
Secretary: S. McArdle

Over the past year we have had an influx of many new junior members. These members are eager to build their own working circuits. Also there are plans to co-operate with the C.D.T. department, and we hope to build a working scale model of a fair ground during this alliance. This coupled with the Juniors own private projects has produced an exciting year for this Society.

Thanks must go to our Chairman, Mr. Jobling and to our former Secretary, S. Clarke for making it all possible.

Simon McArdle, 4Y

Fell Walking Society

Chairman: Dr. B. M. Summers
Secretary: A. Swift
Treasurer: A. Parmley

Our only outing in the Summer Term coincided with one of the few really fine days of the term. We took a full mini-bus for the walk along High Street. The ascent from Hartsop was made in splendid weather and with the party dressed in shorts and T-shirts the only danger was from sun burn and dehydration and Mark Parrish and myself decided to cool off by bathing in Angle Tarn.

The first walk of the Autumn Term was the traditional one to Malham, where the streams and rivers swollen by days of heavy rainfall provided some spectacular views and some interesting experiences in the climb up the waterfall at Gordale Scar. This walk was a great success with both minibuses and a car needed to take everyone. All enjoyed the event and there were again two minibuses for the next walk in October.

However we had seen the last of the good weather and driving up in heavy rain we were greeted in the Langdale Valley by pouring rain. Undeterred we set off on paths which had become streams in rain which was coming at us horizontally and in torrents. We reached Stickle Tarn and did an immediate about turn to arrive back at the buses in little more than an hour – the shortest ever Fell Walk in the Club's history. We learned later that over 4½ inches of rain fell on the day – the wettest place in England. However the outing was a valuable experience for the younger members of the party, showing the value of good waterproofs and illustrating the vagaries of mountain weather.

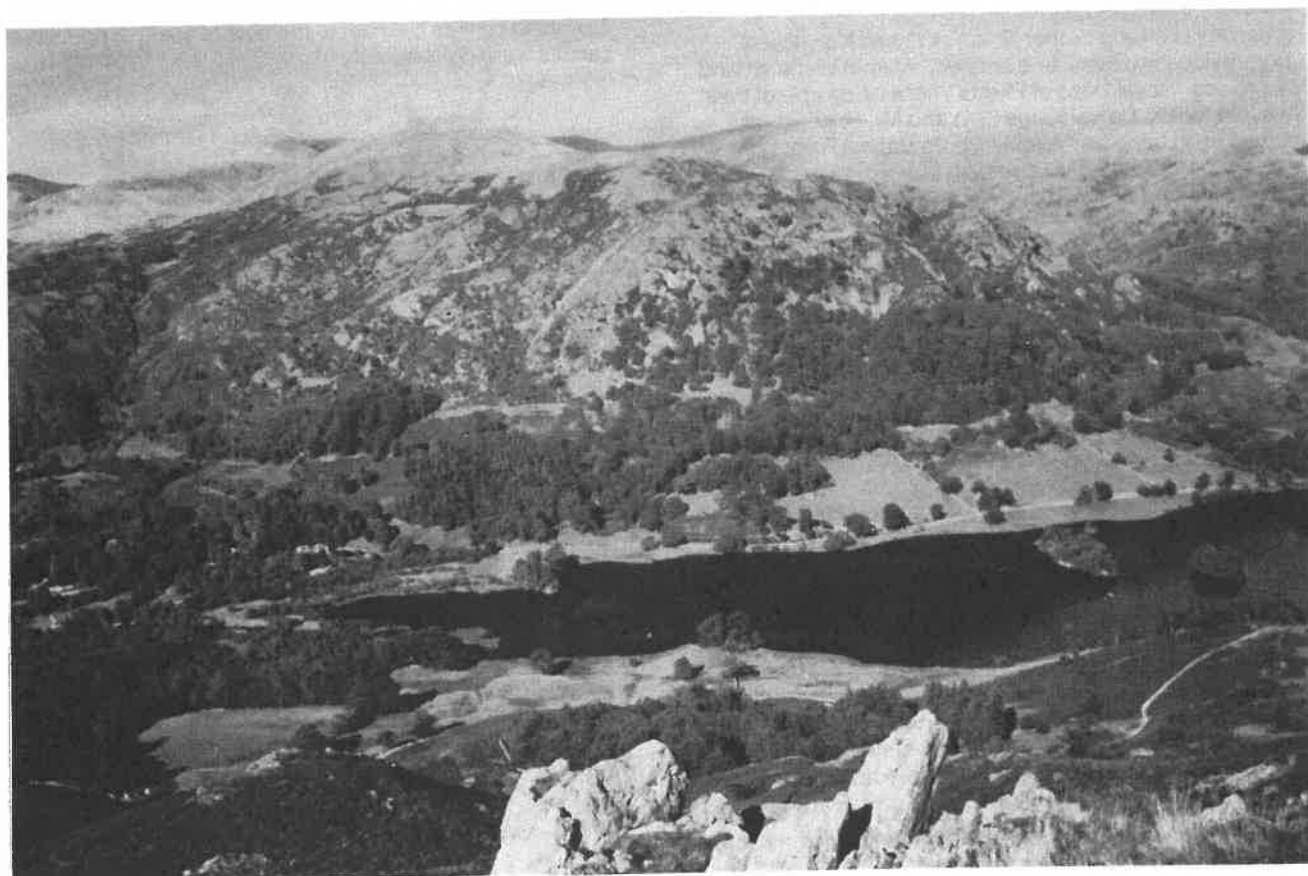
Our next walk was again spent in rain when we climbed the Old Man of Conistone although this time the rain was vertical and less heavy, turning to snow as we reached the summit, but staying with us throughout the day.

On 9th February the destination of a small group was Crinkle Crag. The weather forecast was not good and soon after we reached the snow line, we were met by gale force winds which whipped the snow into a blizzard and the decision was made that in the interest of safety we should turn back even though we were well equipped with ice axes, crampons and carrying a rope. That this was a wise decision was shown by later newspaper reports of casualties in the area over the weekend. Nevertheless this was a most exciting walk showing that the Lake District in winter can be a dangerous place and also the fact that you have to know when it becomes unsafe to carry on and it becomes necessary to turn back. On the way down on the lower slopes we had great fun sliding down the snow and practising the use of our ice axes.

The later fell walk of the term was cancelled because of lack of support. We know that there are many walkers in the school and we would urge them to join us. All are welcome – parents, pupils and friends. If you come on one you will be hooked. All you need are boots, waterproofs, a little exertion, and, most important of all, a sense of humour.

Our thanks go to Dr. Summers and Mr. Taylor for their support, supervision and driving skills.

Andrew Swift, 5Z



View from Loughrigg.

Maths Club

Chairman: Mrs. S. Fletcher
Secretary: J. Outhwaite

The Maths Club has met successfully on a Wednesday lunchtime all year, and the attendances have been quite high.

Over the year we have done many activities. These have included puzzles and games, and "Tadpoles", "Pirate", and "Snook" on the Computer (courtesy of Mr. Browning). We baffled our families and friends when we made "mind-reading magic squares" and we investigated people's reaction times by measuring how far a ruler fell before being caught. We made a display on Open Evening and persuaded prospective parents and pupils to join in our investigations and puzzles. Events planned for the future include making models and playing logic-based and number-based board games.

Thanks must go to Mrs. Fletcher and Mrs. Gault for organising everything for us.

Joanne Outhwaite, 2Y

Natural History Society

Chairman: Mr. A. R. Baines
Secretary: T. Connolley, 5Y
Treasurer: Esther Smith, 4Y

After finishing the Summer Term of 1987 with another successful Open Day display, the Society commenced the Winter Term with a display at the lunch time societies' fair, which was intended to boost first form interest in school activities. This new first form interest was evident at Mr. Baines' opening talk, "What is Natural History?".

For our new members, the Society had plenty to offer in the way of visual productions with the showing of Walt Disney's "Mysteries of the Deep" and Bill Oddie's amusing video "Bird about Town".

Society stalwarts Esther Smith (4Y) and Katy Read (4X) provided two talks, one entitled "Animal Welfare" and the second "Novel Uses of Plants", flora being one of their favourite topics. Daniel Kings (3X) and Mr. F. W. Sayer teamed up to bring us "Wildlife Photography-Parts one and two". (Mr. Sayer has vowed, in true Hollywood fashion, to bring us a part three, just as soon as he finds more slides!)

The Spring Term of 1988 has proved equally eventful. Another video was shown, "Heritage of the Forest", produced by the R.S.P.B. (The general public may hire this and other videos on a standard library card from the Central Library, Harris Museum, Preston.) At short notice, Mr. Baines produced a display of some unusual airplants, and staff participation continued with Mr. Roberts of the English Department giving a talk on the flora and folklore of the Lake District.

The highlight of the term was also a new activity for the Society. On the Wednesday of half-term, nine members performed valuable conservation work at Fairhaven Dunes, St. Annes, assisted by a field officer from the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers. The work consisted mainly of planting marram grass to prevent the wind erosion of the dunes, but the crafty conservationists still found time to bury Mr. Baines neck deep in the sand! Fortunately for all, someone managed to dig him out before the tide came in. The day was enjoyed by all concerned, and we hope to arrange more activities in the near future.

I end, as usual, by thanking all the members of staff concerned with the Society, particularly Mr. Baines for his continuing Chairmanship and other duties.

Thanks must also go to Mr. Sayer, Mrs. Piggott and Mr. Roberts for providing material for talks, and to Mr. Scott for allowing the Society to use the projection equipment in Room 21.

T. Connolley, 5Y

Junior Subbuteo Society (Years 1 and 2)

This is a newly formed Society with an enthusiastic opening response of 30 members.

Meetings take place on Thursdays but we hope later to extend this to two lunchtimes a week.

Phillip Baxendale, 2Y

Photographic Society

Chairman: Mr. R. Porter
Secretary: M. S. Lees
Treasurer: W. Carroll

At the beginning of the year membership increased with new members coming from all sections of the school, especially the seniors.

In the Winter Term more emphasis was put on the taking of pictures rather than the developing and printing of film and because of the increased interest a new camera was purchased. This is a 35 mm SLR Olympus OM10 with a 50 mm F1.8 lens. This is an excellent addition to the Society's equipment, being an up-to-date camera with the potential for more versatile approaches to photography.

In the Summer Term a successful Photographic Competition was held but at the time of going to press the results were not available.

M. S. Lees, L6Sc



Mr. Baines is "planted" by members of the Natural History Society.

Sixth Form Union

Chairman: Mr. R. J. Watson
President: A. Butterworth
Secretary: J. Brammer
Treasurer: P. Gornall
Committee: N. Sinclair, R. Chell, A. Shaw, D. Livesy,
C. Gault, P. Mellor

Much has been discussed and planned since last year, with the imminent movement of the Sixth Form Common Rooms to new, well furnished surroundings, the main subject. Plans have been drawn up from ideas contributed by members of the Sixth Form. It is intended that the Sixth Form will move into Rooms 26, 27 and 28 (the History department) sometime in the Summer Term, making way for the demolition of the old building and the building of the new multi-purpose hall.

The Sixth Form Union Committee has met regularly to discuss varied items from spending funds to membership as well as having several special meetings to plan the new building.

The Sixth Form would like to express their thanks to Mr. Watson whose guidance and encouragement ensure the smooth running of the Sixth Form facilities.

J. Brammer, Pre

Wargaming Society

Chairman: Mr. A. Long
Secretary: P. Walmsley

The Society has had a successful year, the highlight being a trip to "Games Day" in London at the start of October. This was enjoyed by made all participants and plans have been for the event this year. At the "Games Day" we purchased "Warhammer 40,000" along with lead miniatures to go with the game, which was played on Saturdays last terms.

During the year meetings have been held most lunchtimes during the week, with occasional events on Saturdays. New members are always most welcome, particularly those from lower down the school.

P. Walmsley, 5X



Stephenie Plaster. U6A

HOUSE REPORTS

School House

Regretably, since the last edition of "The Kirkhamian", School House has lost two valuable members of staff in Mr. Willatt, who gained a position as Housemaster at Southwell Minster School, Nottingham, and Mr. Clarkson who was forced to retire from House duties as a result of illness, although happily, he has now made a full recovery.

On the sporting side School House had a good start last summer retaining the Athletics Cup for the sixth year running. Excellent performances came from two juniors: Paul Buckley, in winning the Junior Boys' Victor Ludorum, and Katherine Salt the Junior Girls'. However, the success not only came from the sports-minded, but also from spirited performances by the less athletic – Nigel Wood being a good example.

The cricket, unfortunately, was not as successful with neither the senior nor junior teams qualifying for the Final.

The winning ways returned again with the Juniors: the girls winning the rounders and the boys the tennis. The Seniors were not quite as successful in the tennis, being narrowly defeated by Fylde House in the Final.

We were able to field two strong Rugby teams, the seniors triumphing over Kirkham House in the Semi-Final 28–0 and going on to win the competition by beating Fylde House 22–7 in the Final. The juniors reached the Final after beating Preston House in the Semi-Final, and so faced a strong Kirkham House team. Despite playing well we were beaten in the Final with Kirkham House taking good advantage of the wind. The half-back combination of Rogers and Campbell was a joy to see.

In early March a School House senior rugby team travelled to Nottingham to play Mr. Willatt's new House team. Despite his attempt to fool us by putting extra 1st XV players in, we still managed a convincing win.

More good performances came in the Cross Country events, with the Senior Boys having all six runners in the first eight finishers, with Shaun Kelly flying the flag at the front, eventually finishing in second place. The Senior Girls looked set for success with Katy Hamer finishing second, but our sixth runner finished low down the field, then being forced into second place by Preston House. The Intermediate Boys' Competition was won by John Cookson, but although trying hard we were unable to gain similar successes in the junior age-groups.

In the Hockey we were unlucky not to reach the Final in the Senior Division, losing 1–0 to Preston House in the Semi-Final after a re-match. A weakened junior team also lost in the Semi-Final.

Remaining with the junior girls, the Netball team did well to defeat Fylde House in the Semi-Final but lost in the Final.

The Swimming was not quite the success we expected, finishing third, eight points behind the winner. In the Shooting we were narrowly beaten into second place by a strong Kirkham House side.

Moving on to the less energetic activities, our successes varied: we were winners of the Play Reading Competition, with a comical production of "My Fair Macbeth". However, our success was not continued into the musical side of things, despite good efforts by the House choir, performing "Summer Nights" from "Grease", starring Mark 'Travolta' Brennand and Rowena Dunn.

The Chess proved to be a success for Ben O'Shea, who managed to remain unbeaten throughout his matches despite being the youngest player. Overall, we finished in third place.

In the Debating our team defeated Kirkham House in the Semi-Final and thus gained a place in the Final against Fylde House.

Last but not least is the Work Cup. After lifting ourselves off the bottom last year we have unfortunately slipped back again this year.

I would like to thank all those pupils in School House, who have willingly participated in all fields and conclude that despite our shortage in numbers it has been a relatively successful 12 months.

It only remains for me to thank the appropriate Sixth Formers and Staff for helping the House to run smoothly, despite any difficulties which may have occurred, and for all the time dedicated in organising events.

Anthony Bagshaw, Pre.

Kirkham House

House Master: Mr. A. R. Baines

House Captain: A. D. Butterworth

The past 12 months has seen mixed efforts and thus mixed success from Kirkham House. The Senior Cricket team were defeated in the Semi-Final by Preston House despite fine performances from S. Wincott, M. Davies and T. Hutchings. The Juniors however defeated Fylde House in the Semi-Final with an excellent all-round performance by M. Gregg. An excellent team performance in the Final against Preston House ensured a comprehensive victory.

In the Tennis Competition the Seniors lost to Preston House by 5 sets to 4. The Juniors were defeated by the same margin in the Semi-Final against School House although Woodridge and Ratcliffe excelled by winning all three of their sets.

Failure loomed large in the Athletics events on Sports Day (despite 14 first places!) Although the House finished a poor third, Damien Halton won the Intermediate Victor Ludorum for gaining first place in five events.

The Junior Girls narrowly lost to Fylde House in the Semi-final of the House Rounders competition and in doing so relinquished a trophy won for the previous two years. The Work Cup unfortunately slipped from our grasp too by the end of the Summer Term, 1987, but we are currently heading the new competition by a narrow margin.

The new academic year of 1987/88 saw Kirkham House put in a strong performance in the Play-Reading Competition to finish second behind a very entertaining and popular School House production. This competition saw many Juniors participating which augurs well for the future. In the Debating Competition the speakers D. Shakespeare and A. Butterworth opposed the motion. "This house believes that all violence and explicit sexuality should be banned from our television screens." Although ably supported by speakers from the floor, School House were adjudged victorious partly due to a large and vociferous support.

The Chess team finished second despite resounding victories over both Preston House and School House. The team was picked from a squad of four Seniors – S. Wincott, G. Clunie, R. Debicki and Z. Shah and four Juniors – P. Greensmith, S. Guise, M. Stevens and R. Bannister with the latter four playing particularly well. Kirkham House entries in the newly-revised Music Competition saw the House finish second only four points behind the winners. All the entrants gained praise from the adjudicator with J. Baron's recital being described as "lively and skilful".

On the Sports Field the Junior Rugby Competition saw Kirkham House finish 28–8 winners in the Semi-Final and win the Cup with a strong performance in the Final beating School by 16 points to 8. The Seniors, however, lost in the Semi-Final to School House, conceding 26 points without reply.

The House was back to winning ways though in the Junior Girls Netball Competition. The strong team saw Kirkham House defeat Preston House and then School House by large margins. The Junior Girls proceeded to the final of the Hockey Competition needing two matches to defeat Preston House. The Final was another tense affair with Kirkham House losing on penalty flicks by one goal to nil after two previous games had ended goalless.

The Senior Girls emerged victorious from their Semi-Final against Fylde House by the score of 3–2 and defeated Preston House in the Final. Yet again the match was drawn 0–0 but a penalty flick ensured – another trophy for Kirkham House.

The Swimming Trophy was lost to Fylde House despite record performances by C. Butterworth, A. Holden and the Senior Girls Freestyle Relay Team. The lack of relay teams saw Kirkham House's points total sink to just three below that of the victors. The defence of the Shooting Trophy was a success with J. Hardy, J. Loftus, A. Shaw and R. Moyse defeating School House by just two points. In the Cross Country the only success was achieved by the Junior Girls with three runners in the top six. The Senior and Intermediate Boys teams finished strongly in second place but both the Junior Boys and Senior Girls finished last.

These competitions would not be possible were it not for the hard work and effort put in by the Seniors who organise the events and Mr. Baines for his tireless enthusiasm on behalf of the House.

A. D. Butterworth, Pre.

Fylde House

Housemaster: Dr. B. M. Summers
House Captain: R. Sackfield

On the academic side of the House competitions Fylde House have performed very well. We regained the Work Cup from Kirkham House after losing by only a few pounds last year. The next event was the House Debate against Preston House. The title, "In a society where violence is on the increase capital punishment should be re-instated." We were opposed to the motion and good oration from R. Sackfield and W. Carroll backed up by strong support from the floor meant a Fylde House victory and a place in the final against School House.

The House Chess has seen a complete whitewash of all opposition. Fylde House have yet to lose a match against the other Houses. The team of Seniors: N. Sinclair, W. and D. Carroll and the Juniors: S. Blackburn, S. Ray and A. Carr has performed very well and brought the trophy yet again back to Fylde House.

The new Music Competition tended to create varying amounts of chaos amongst the ranks of seniors trying to organise a seemingly never ending list of auditions. They finally came to an end and we had nine entries in the Final. We entered the competition proper 30 points ahead of our nearest rivals Kirkham and due to some excellent performances by Emma Cartwright, Alexandra Hill and the Carroll twins we were able to make off with another trophy. Much of the thanks must go to the Carroll twins for their playing and organisation and also to everybody who took part.

The Play-reading took place at Christmas and the least said about it the better, but thanks to Sandra Downs for all her work.

On the sporting side of the House activities we fared reasonably well. There were successes in Senior events: in the Cricket, we must thank Sean Wilkinson, Mark Yates and all members of the team and in the Tennis, Nick Sinclair, Andrew Jackson and Jeremy Francis. Then came Sports Day and again Fylde House came second to School House. It is noticeable that the number of points by which we lose decreases every year so hopefully this year may be a success!

On the Rugby pitches the Juniors were defeated in the series; the Seniors fared better losing to School House in the Final. It was a very creditable performance as many non-Rugby players had to be drafted into the side and they all played well. Then came the now infamous Cross Country; we had individual victories with B. Craven, Lucy Wickham, Anna Fryer and S. Turpin although the team performances didn't always equal the individuals. However we won both Junior and Intermediate Boys.

The Hockey came next and both teams performed well although the Seniors were knocked out in the Semis by Kirkham House. The Juniors fared better they reached the Final and won 1–0 on penalties after normal time and a replay, our goalkeeper Rhuanon Bell scoring the winning goal. It was a good effort by all the girls and thanks go to Amber Midgeley and Julie Collinson who helped organise the team.

The Swimming Competition was much more successful this year with Fylde House beating Kirkham House for first place by three points. I feel it could have been a better score if the girls teams had been completed, unfortunately a number of absences on the day prevented this. Thanks to everyone who turned out and also to A. Jackson and M. Smith for their help.

On the whole a good year for Fylde House, collecting a number of trophies on both the academic and sporting side. I would like to thank all the Sixth Form girls for their help with the sporting events and the Carroll twins in their assistance with the Debating and Music Competitions and all the other members of the House who participated in the competitions over the year and last, but not least Dr. Summers and all the members of staff.

R. Sackfield, Pre.

Preston House

House Master: Mr. B. F. Taylor
House Captain: P. D. Gornall

The academic year of 1987/88 of Preston House has seen a mixed bag of results, the girls being more victorious than the boys, who unfortunately have very few senior pupils in the House which has affected performance in the competitions.

An example of this was the House debate. Believing that "This house should re-introduce capital punishment", very little support from the floor resulted in us losing against the stronger Fylde House team.

On the Rugby pitches this year both the Junior and Senior sides performed with determination. The Juniors lost 28–8 to Kirkham House having to cope with atrocious weather conditions and the Seniors played with pride under the Captaincy of S. Harrison, although the team had to accept defeat against Fylde House.

After endless Inter-House Chess matches I should like to thank everyone for their help and co-operation at organising and participating in the games nearly every other Monday lunch time especially N. Taylor, R. O'Neil

and T. Field and also the Juniors who tried and played at short notice. However we did not have great success in this field.

The Junior girls did not manage to excel but performed well, losing to Kirkham House 7-4, at Netball and to Kirkham House 1-0 in the Hockey and coming third in the Cross Country. Senior girls did much better in Cross Country obtaining "pole position" with good runs by B. O'Donnell, S. Swift, K. Hart, J. Hollingworth and S. J. Heath. The Senior Girls in the Semi-Final of the Hockey played School House but had to play a hard fought replay match to win 1-0 thanks to K. Hart. However in the Final the team tried exceptionally hard against Kirkham House only to lose 1-0 in a match extended to penalty flicks.

For the Junior and Inter Boys Cross Country the teams ran well on the day to finish second in both categories and I should like to thank them for their efforts as they were pessimistic beforehand, but tactical running paid-off for R. D. Thompson, D. Bond and W. S. Farrell.

In the Swimming Competition the members of the House who participated tried very hard and swam well and the overall result of fourth is not a true reflection of how much effort was made on the day and my thanks go to S. Collinson for completing the relay team. Owing to a very busy schedule in the same week Preston House did not do any better in the Senior Boys Cross Country coming last, but not without trying.

The Music Competition however was a success for the House in its own way. After many years of the original format, this year was different to involve more people with a wide range of varying talents, and the organisers on the whole were delighted with the way the competition was run. I was very pleased with third behind the two Houses tipped to win. There were sparkling individual performances from L. Chadwick who won the highest marks of all in the competition and from S. J. Heath, M. Caren, H. Hart and J. Cuthbert and M. Hogan who all added to our success. My special thanks to Joanne Gornall for organising this event for the House.

Also I should like to thank Joanne for taking complete control of the House Playreading, doing an extract from Oliver Twist with good performances from M. Ward, K. Johnson and S. Hopes. It was a near-run thing with Kirkham House for second position, but at the end of the day we had to be content with third place overall.

On the whole I was very pleased that the House wanted to participate in most of the events, however for some members I think enthusiasm for Cross Country and Swimming leave a little to be desired.

Finally I should like to thank all the Sixth Form and fifth years who have helped to organise the events, all competitors who participated and all the Staff who have assisted in the smooth running of the House.

P. D. Gornall, Pre.



C. Farnhill, L6A

Results of Inter-House Competitions, 1987/88

<i>Summer Term 1987</i>		
Cricket (Junior)	Kirkham	Preston
Cricket (Senior)	Fylde	Preston
Tennis (Junior)	School	Preston
Tennis (Senior)	Preston	Fylde
Athletics	School	Fylde
Rounders (Junior)	School	Fylde
Work Cup	Fylde	Kirkham
<i>Winter Term 1987</i>		
Rugby (Senior)	School	Fylde
Netball (Junior)	Kirkham	School
Play Reading	School	{Preston Kirkham}
<i>Spring Term 1988</i>		
Rugby (Junior)	Kirkham	School
Shooting	Kirkham	School
Music	Fylde	Kirkham
Chess	Fylde	Kirkham
Hockey (Junior)	Fylde	Kirkham
Hockey (Senior)	Kirkham	Preston
Cross Country (Junior Girls)	Kirkham	Fylde
Cross Country (Junior Boys)	Fylde	Preston
Cross Country (Intermediate Boys)	Fylde	Preston
Cross Country (Senior Girls)	Preston	School
Cross Country (Senior Boys)	School	Kirkham
Swimming	Fylde	Kirkham
Debating	School	Fylde

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