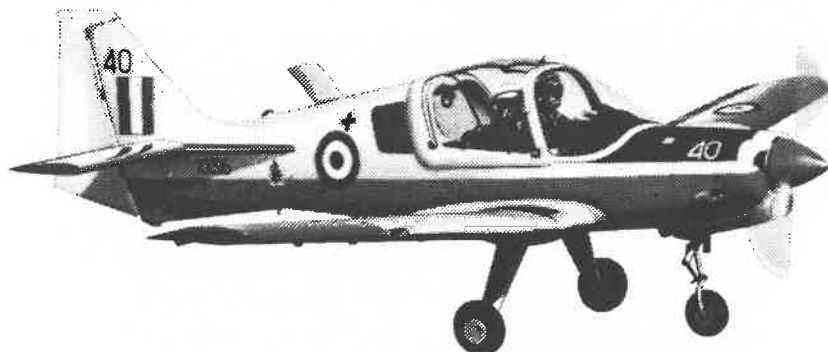


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Editorial

As I met with my co-editors this year to decide what we were to say in the editorial of this magazine, one thought gradually became quite clear: the better the magazine, the smaller the need for an editorial. If they have done their job properly, the editors should find no need to comment on what the magazine is and how it reflects school life, for it should be apparent for all to see.

And yet, how difficult it is for anyone - let alone a teacher - to resist the opportunity to talk about education. Much appears in the media weekly, if not daily, about the education service, and much of what appears shows anger and resentment, emotions, it seems, which afflict not only our schools, but our society as a whole. Solutions to these problems are not easily found, but it lies within the power of those involved in education to build up those values which are so needed today.

Of course, we will all have our own ideas as to what such qualities should be, but the following could well provide a firm foundation on which to build.

First, there is caring, linked with tolerance and acceptance, for without them no community can survive. Secondly, there is discipline of mind and the proper use of ability and talents. Thirdly, there is loyalty - to friends and to a wider community. Finally, there is vision: the need to be committed to a set of values, linked with the inspiration needed to try to make them real.

Such values are not created in a school by accident, nor do they stem from edicts from on high. They are shown, however, in the life of the school in the simplest of activities - how we speak and behave towards each other, how property is treated and respected, the degrees of courtesy and helpfulness we show towards each other, and how talent and success are rewarded without belittling those who feel they have failed.

Such things provide the background for the many activities reported here. If this magazine can begin to show something of the spirit of the school, it will have served its purpose well.

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School Diary

The problem the editors of the school magazine face when writing their review of the school year is that their report has to be produced during the Easter holidays, and so needs to include events which took place in the previous summer term. If our memories have failed us, we apologise, but we hope that we have not forgotten anything in what has been yet another very busy year at Kirkham.

The summer term is always the most hectic time of the year. As well as the usual aspects of school life - academic, sporting and social - there are school and public examinations to be negotiated, and all within a very short period of time.

In June, the links with the Drapers' Company in London were strengthened as a group of second year pupils visited Drapers' Hall, where they met the Master, Mr Martin Neville. This trip proved most interesting for all concerned, and a report appears elsewhere in the magazine detailing the connection between the school and the Company.

In July, an adaptation of James Thurber's comic fairy tale, "The 13 Clocks" was performed by first and second form pupils and was a great success, as indeed was the venture of the charity committee in producing an outdoor concert. After days of glorious sunshine, the weather broke just as the concert was about to start. However, having come this far, there was no turning back, and the atmosphere created by the concert will not easily be forgotten.

Later that term, the school welcomed visiting cricket and tennis teams from an old rival on the rugby field, Trinity Grammar School, Sydney. The cricket XI managed to go one better than the rugby XV in their equivalent fixture, and forced a draw in their match - but honours must go to the school tennis team, who trounced their opposition by 11 sets to 5.



*Some of the principal characters in
"The Thirteen Clocks"*

Success came to a group of fourth year boys who won first prize in a competition organised by British Gas. As part of their prize they enjoyed a helicopter ride to a gas rig in the Irish Sea.

During the summer we heard that Thomas Connolley had gained a runner-up prize in the nationally organised Young Science Writers Awards. It was indeed a great honour and just reward for him.

So came the summer holidays, and the departure of a group of cadets to C.C.F. Camp at Warcop, as well as a group of third year girls on an activity holiday to the South of France, both of which were extremely enjoyable for all concerned.

In August, international honours came Bruce Craven's way when he was selected to represent Great Britain in a junior international athletics meeting in Greece. Earlier in the summer, Bruce had broken the Lancashire Schools under-20 javelin record with a throw of over 60 metres, which earned him a chance to compete in the English Schools' Championships, where he won a silver medal.

◀ *Bruce Craven, England junior athletic international*

Also in August the A-level and G.C.S.E. results are published, and the fates of sixth and fifth formers decided.

Excellent results were obtained in the G.C.S.E. examinations, with Stephen Ratcliffe and Sheridan Piggott deserving special mentions for their nine grade A's each. At A-level, William and Daniel Carroll excelled in achieving four grade A's each in their chosen subjects.

G.C.S.E. EXAMINATION RESULTS - SUMMER 1989

Grade C and above

NINE SUBJECTS

M.A. Brennand
A.L. Fletcher
G.M. Gillespie
J. Gilman
J.A. Hardy
G.D. Henckel
M.A. Hood
T.M. Kendrick
S.J. McArdle
G.R. McIntyre
G.F. Petersen
S.K. Piggott
S.J. Ratcliffe
K.J. Read
E.G. Smith
N.F. Taylor
K. Telfer
L. Warbrick
C.J. Ward
C.R. Wedge
J.E. Youll

EIGHT SUBJECTS

S.J. Bannister
S.T. Bilsborough
T.D. Connell
R.E. Dunn
M.R. Eastham
J. Evans
J. Holden
J.R. Johnson
D.E. Pegg
T.F. Reddy
J.E. Scarisbrick
G. Sowerbutts
J.M. Vipond
E.C. Whittaker

SEVEN SUBJECTS

P.N. Cowburn
A De Maine
S.C. Hall
W.M. Hart
C.P. Hughes
P.D. Morgan
N.J. Poole
S.E. Robinson
A.J. Shakespeare
J.R. Smith

SIX SUBJECTS

J.G. Cookson
R.D. Fielding
J.A. Fraser
R.J. Johnson
A.V. Loan
J.C. Loftus
R.M. Taylor

FIVE SUBJECTS

C.E. Bantleman
J.L. Coupe
N.R. Fletcher
M.R. Gregg
J.E. Nichol
D. Rowe
M.L. Salt
R.J. Scott
D.J. Woodridge

FOUR SUBJECTS

K.H. Davies
N.J. Fletcher
J. Powderley
N.J. Wood

THREE SUBJECTS

S.P. Astin
P.A. Bridger
J.B. Cunliffe
S.L. Harris
M.H. Naylor
R.J. Renwick
O.C. Winter

TWO SUBJECTS

L.R. Chadwick
J.T. Conger
S.R. Hull
G.P. Valentine

THREE SUBJECTS

R.N. Chadwick
P. Clay
G.N. Clunie
J. Collinson
J.N. Croston
R.J. Debicki
P.H. Gaskin
C.E. Gault
J.M. Hartley
D.R. Moyes
J.R. Musson
M.S. Rawcliffe
J.D. Robinson
A.J. Sumner

TWO SUBJECTS

J. Moyes
S. Robinson
D. Swinn

ONE SUBJECT

M.W. Bateson
M.J. Davies
S.E. Gladstone
P.B. Mellor
G. Oduro
J.C. Piggott
P.J. Spinks
C.J. Wicks

OXBRIDGE ENTRANTS RESULTS 1989

Daniel DeR. Carroll: Gained a place at Magdalen College, Oxford to read Medicine.

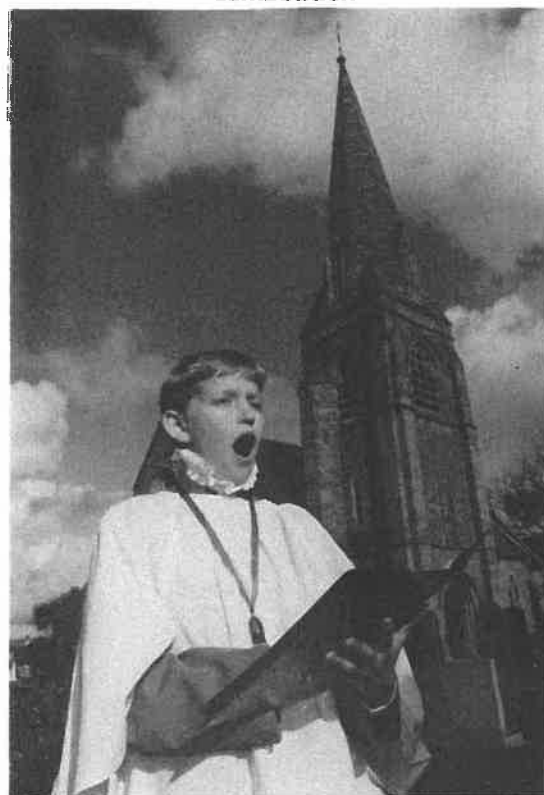
William DeR. Carroll: Gained a place at Queen's College, Oxford to read Medicine.

In September, prizes for both academic and sporting achievements were awarded at the Annual Speech Day, held once again at St. Michael's Church. The Revd. Roger Royle was our guest speaker and provided one of the most entertaining speeches we have heard for some time.

Links with our exchange school in Germany were strengthened when a group of pupils arrived from the Gesamtschule Grossen-Linden for a ten day visit. A full report of the exchange appears later in the magazine - clearly the exchange is thoroughly enjoyed by all who take part.

In October, the finals of the Choirboy of the Year competition are held, and it was a great honour for James Magill to be chosen as one of the ten national finalists from the four thousand who had entered the competition.

James Magill, finalist in "Choirboy of the Year" competition



G.C.E. A-LEVEL RESULTS 1989

FIVE SUBJECTS

J.S.J. Baron
D.D.R. Carroll
W.D.R. Carroll
C.H. Farnhill

FOUR SUBJECTS

T.M. Brammer
J.R. Clarke
S. Hamlin

A.M. Heaton
A.D. Johnson
M.J. Lees
D.L. Livesey
A.D. Midgley
R.J. O'Neil
V.C.E. Reddy
L.I. Riley
L.G. Singleton
T.B. Yates

On the sporting front, the exchange with Wairarapa College, New Zealand, was established with the arrival of Marc Rangitaawa and Tony Rasmussen for their three month stay with David Whittingham and Bruce Craven. This summer David and Bruce go to New Zealand - we wish them well and hope they enjoy their stay.

The diversity of talent amongst K.G.S. pupils became clear when we learned of the success of Daniel Kings in the North West Young Photographer of the Year competition, which was quickly followed by Matthew Hogan claiming first prize in the Save our Shoreline photographic competition.

In December, a visiting rugby squad from Wesley College, Perth, arrived to renew old rivalries. Sadly, they were no match for the school first XV and lost heavily in the final match of their very long and arduous tour.

1990 began with academic success for Thomas Connolley and Annette Li, who have been offered places at Queen's College and Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford to read Physics and Metallurgy respectively.

In November, a group of 28 fifth years had been entered for G.C.S.E. mathematics. In January, the results were published and we learned that all 28 had obtained a grade A. It was truly a remarkable achievement.



Oxford entrants Thomas Connolley and Annette Li



Miss P. Walsh with her successful fifth year mathematics

At the start of the new year, the new multi-purpose hall was ready for use, although the official opening was delayed until March, when Lord Derby, the patron of the appeal, visited the school. It has, at times, seemed a long road to the completion of the new hall, but now we have a first class building to

house not only sporting activities but also musical and theatrical productions, as well as assemblies and other activities, such as Speech Day. Both the staff and the pupils are very grateful to all who have contributed so generously to the appeal.



Lord Derby officially opens the new hall



The opening ceremony of the new hall

Very shortly after the opening, the hall was in use for the Spring Concert, which was a production of Gilbert and Sullivan's operetta, "Trial by Jury".

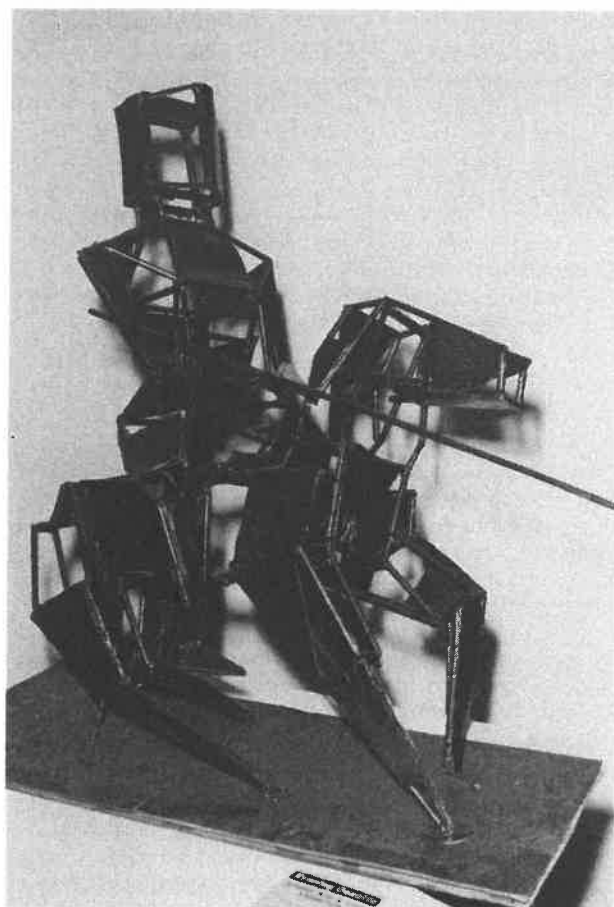
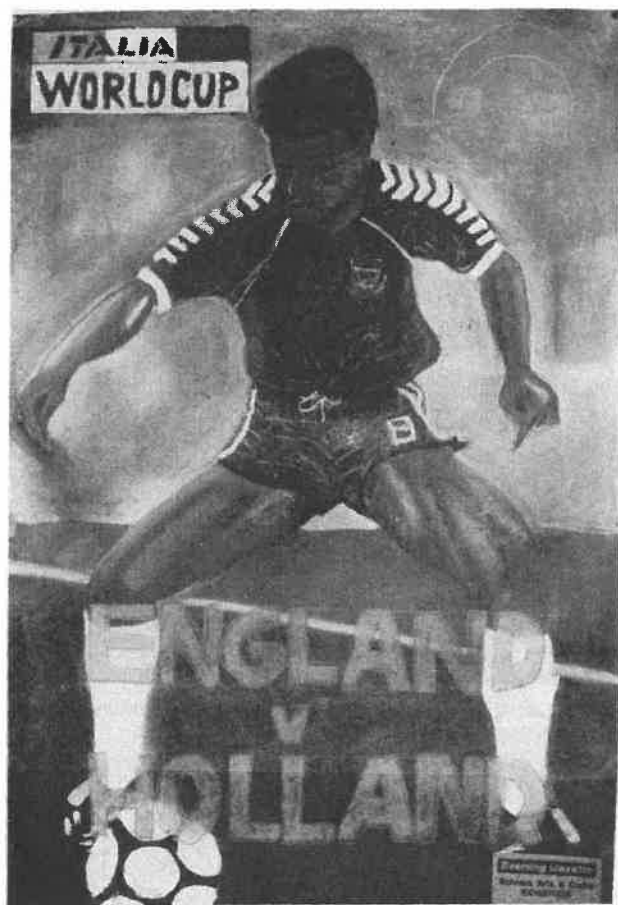
More artistic success came to K.G.S. with the results of the Young Seaside's Competition, with John Cookson and Matthew Stuttard, once again, proving to be prize winners.

And so we come round to the Easter break, 1990, with different groups setting off for different locations: the 1st XV on a tour of the Netherlands, the U12 and U13 rugby squads to London and Scotland, the girls 1st XI on a hockey tour of Holland and West Germany, the French trip to the Loire Valley, the ski-ing trip to Italy and the German exchange to Linden. It seems that the break will be as busy as term time.

But before we finish, we feel that once again the work done for charity deserves a mention. Over £3000 have been collected through the year by various means: non-uniform days, concerts, sponsored fasts, door to door collections, and cake sales, as well as the usual weekly collections within the school. It is easy to forget how much hard work is needed to organise such events, and the efforts of the charity committee deserve particular praise. Perhaps theirs has been the most selfless contribution, not only to school life but to the wider community.

In a brief summary such as this, we are bound to forget some people and their achievements and some events and we apologise. Quite obviously, it has been a very busy year at Kirkham once again, and all those mentioned above deserve congratulations for what they have done. It is good to see such a variety of talents within the school.

M. Brennand



Matthew Stuttard's prize winning entry in the "Young Seaside's Competition"

John Cookson's prize winning entry in the "Young Seaside's Competition"

From the Chairman of Governors

The Governors are looking at the financial and general viability of creating a new Centre for Design and Technology at the School. To quote from the Proposals of The Secretary of State, June 1989, on the subject of "Design and Technology for Ages 5 to 16":

"The aim of technology is to prepare pupils to meet the needs of the 21st Century: to stimulate originality, enterprise, practical capability in designing and making and the adaptability needed to cope with a rapidly changing society".

The National Curriculum Council Consultation Report, November 1989, has this to say:

"Technology is the one subject in the National Curriculum that is directly concerned with generating ideas, making and doing, in emphasising the importance of practical capability, and in providing opportunities for pupils to develop their powers to innovate, to make decisions and to create new solutions, it can play a unique role. Central to this role is the task of providing balance in which the creative and practical capabilities of pupils can be fully developed and inter-related. The subject has a crucial part to play in helping pupils to develop these important personal qualities and competencies."

The initial thinking is to locate and build such a Centre on the site where the present Woodwork Building stands and perhaps incorporate the Art Department in that Centre. Obviously, the views of Headmaster and Staff are of key importance, and I hope to make a further announcement on the subject at Speech Day.

Last year, in the Kirkhamian, I mentioned the overwhelming need and demand for a Junior School, to form a Junior Department to Kirkham Grammar School. After careful consideration, and accepting the existence of that need and demand, the Governors decided to open a Junior School in time for the academic year of 1990-1991, to serve pupils between the ages of 7 and 11 years old. We offer the Junior School, its new Head, Mrs Karin J. Kelly, BA, and the Staff, every good wish for many successful and happy years.

The Governors are well aware of the need to provide satisfactory hockey facilities, and this was taken into account in our development programme of the additional playing fields which are being acquired. However, an opportunity has now

presented itself which will enable us to provide an all weather hockey pitch, and the proposal is to site it to the west of the 1st XV Rugby Pitch. The intention is to enter into a joint agreement under which we will share the use of the pitch with Preston Hockey Club. It is felt that this joint arrangement with Preston Hockey Club, one of the leading clubs in the North West, will bring benefits to both the School and the Club.

On the 16th March 1990, Lord Derby, the Patron of our Development Appeal, visited the School to open the Multi Purpose Hall and I have to say that I will long remember the occasion as one of the highlights of my term of office as Chairman of Governors. As I have said on many occasions, our building programme, initiated in 1979, is part of a long term programme with the object of providing facilities and opportunities for everyone, so as to enhance the academic, social, sporting, and artistic life of the School. The Hall plays a very important part in achieving that objective, providing, as it does, a very wide range of facilities, uses and opportunities.

The Friends have again supported the School in so many ways, and their generosity and enthusiasm, under the chairmanship of Mrs Josephine Gornall, particularly in relation to the Multi Purpose Hall, were most welcome. They actually financed the Foyer to the Hall, which was an absolutely splendid achievement.

I am pleased to report that due to the continuing dedication and efforts of the Headmaster and the School and Boarding House Staff, the demand for places at the School is now at record levels. They are all to be congratulated and thanked for the very high quality of their contribution, both during and outside school hours. I recognise and acknowledge that the real success of a school is achieved by the dedication and hard work of the Headmaster and Staff, and I therefore continue to record my sincere thanks to all for the same.

My colleagues on the governing body continue to serve the School, also with dedication and hard work, and I thank them also for all that they, so willingly, do. It is a continuing honour and pleasure to be the Chairman of Governors of such a fine school.

P.J. Hosker



Staff Room

At the start of the new school year we were pleased to welcome two new members of staff: Miss Jane Sampey, who came to us from Carnegie College of Physical Education to join the P.E. department and Mr. Robert Harrison, who joined the geography department and also took up the post of resident boarding master. We hope that their stay will be both long and happy.

As the year progressed, we were sorry to lose Mr. Nigel Jobling, who left us to take up the position of Head of Physics at Tarleton High School. Our loss is certainly their gain, and we hope that Nigel takes fond memories of K.G.S. with him.

Mr. Ray Noble was appointed to replace Nigel and we were indeed fortunate to find a man with such experience. After several years of teaching in this country, Ray moved to Kenya, then Zambia, then returned to Kenya before returning to take up the post at Kirkham.

Two of the more senior members of the staff room are, sadly, leaving us at the end of this academic year. Dr. Brian Summers, who has taught here for 18 years as Head of Chemistry is leaving us to become Head of Chemistry at Epsom College and Mr Lister Redman, who came to K.G.S. in 1958, has decided that it is now time for him to retire. Articles detailing their contribution to life at K.G.S. appear elsewhere in the magazine. Suffice it to say that their help, advice and willingness to lend a sympathetic ear will be greatly missed. Kirkham Grammar School has been extremely fortunate to have had men of their calibre on its staff.



Mrs Anita Devine

It was with great pleasure that we heard in January that the Headmaster, Mr. Malcolm Summerlee, had been appointed Chairman of the very influential body, the Society of Head Masters of Independent Schools. It is obviously a great honour for him and due recognition for all his hard work over the many years he has served on its governing committee.

Other news which it is pleasing to report is the appointment of Mrs. Anita Devine as President of the Ancenis-Kirkham Twinning Committee; the appointment of Mr. Fred Bostock to the chair of the Equal Opportunities Section for the Lancashire branch of the N.U.T.; and the appointment of Mrs. Barbara Dickson, one of our much-overworked and yet ever-helpful secretaries, to be President of the Kirkham and Fylde branch of the Professional Businesswomen's Association.



Mrs. Barbara Dickson

Mr. L.A. Redman (K.G.S. 1958-1990)



**Lister A. Redman, MA Oxon; MA (Ed) (Lancaster);
C. Physics; F. Inst. P.**

The February, 1959 "Kirkhamian" recorded in its editorial the arrival at K.G.S. in September, 1958 of Mr. Redman. The wish was expressed that his stay would be both long and happy. The former wish has clearly been fully realised. L.A.R. himself may look back with some modified rapture over the past thirty two years, but could one really stay anywhere so long and be so effective and respected without achieving a satisfaction and happiness over a job well done?

Lister had completed the then compulsory two-year National Service period. Typical of him, he spent the time in a useful, no-nonsense way, as a Radar Instructor in the R.A.F. Thus he was able to add to his knowledge of physics that important, applied, practical element that would make him, and the subject, of considerable interest to many a boy and girl at K.G.S. Once back on civvy street, the next three years were spent reading Physics at Queen's College, Oxford. He was the Berry Exhibitioner of that year, having achieved this award whilst at Darwen Grammar School. Lister's physics tutor from those days is now Provost of the college, so he has special nostalgia to experience when, as a frequent attendee at the Old Kirkhamians' Southern Dinner in Oxford each Eastertide, those feet pound, once again, the pavements beneath the dreaming spires as they did in ancient times.

Lister decided to spend a fourth year in Oxford, reading theology. For this he had as his mentor the gentleman who was to become the present and controversial Bishop of Durham. Many is the time in later life Lister has dusted down the "theology", rolled up his sleeves and, in his local community at St. Paul's Church, Fairhaven, with wife Jean, son Paul and daughters Carol and Jill, seen to it that a children's bookshop and youth club facilities were available. Anyone who, after a hectic teaching week, is prepared to spend a large part of the precious week-end as a churchwarden and P.C.C. member for eight years, one of which was without a vicar in charge, and can still instigate and keep in motion a Stewardship Campaign, is showing a dedicated commitment which has to be admired and is worth trying to emulate.

When he joined K.G.S. Staff Common Room, Lister was the only physics teacher. He set about turning the then Room 6 into a workshop of excellence, aiming to turn all of the 350 boys - the only inmates - into budding Einsteins! With the characteristic quiet

manner and clear thinking determination we have come to expect of him, Lister not only dealt with "the daily round and common task" of a personal timetable, but eventually revived the Photographic Society, which is still going strong today.

Today, Lister still devotes some spare time to producing audio-visual aids for road and home safety and first aid courses. The Electronics Club, a more recent venture of his at K.G.S., is flourishing.

Perhaps as something of a light relief to the academic theory, and practical and science-based societies, Lister was eager to use his talents on a broader front. Scientists need to be adaptable and, as we have already seen, this one is public spirited too. Using his welcoming, warm personality and business acumen, he was well-suited to Front of House Management and Treasurer for the Dramatic Society for seven years. Such sterling work had its own reward when, for a similar period in the eighties, he was entrusted with greater responsibility - and a larger kitty! - as Treasurer of the G.S.C. It was also more than a residential qualification that recommended Lister as Housemaster of Lytham House (1972-9), which, with the then Ashton House, disappeared in the wake of the School's declared independence and co-educational policies. The usual addenda of any staff member did not, of course, escape him and, as form master and tutor, that personal touch and involvement with a student on a one-to-one basis has clearly been of mutual benefit. Such work prompted him in the seventies to produce a survey of physics courses at all fifty four universities, long before UCCA was invented. Our School's honours boards bear witness to the work of the Science Department he has led for the last eighteen years.

The Staff Common Room has countless reasons to be grateful to L.A.R. Being a senior member of this august body implies a lot. For instance, he has been expected to be a capable deputy for the "Senior Management" personnel. Indeed, as a Management Committee member, our representative on the School's Safety Committee, which has the special welfare of everyone on the K.G.S. campus in mind, and many other tasks it has been suggested he do, Lister can clarify the matter quickly and point us with considerable experience and expertise into the right course for action.

Undeniably, though, Lister's first concern here was for his effectiveness as a teacher. From Nuffield O' Level to N.E.A. G.C.S.E., from J.M.B. to A.E.B. and other Boards as a demonstrator of the finer points in the art of his chosen profession, be it as teacher or examiner, in school classroom or County Teaching Centre or as an active member of several professional bodies, Lister has been successful, by anyone's criteria.

So, quite naturally, the accolades have come, and two of the highest are his election to be Fellow of the Institute of Physics and his M.A. at Lancaster University in Curriculum Development.

We, the school, for ourselves and as representatives of generations past, wish Jean, Lister and family continuing success and happiness. There is really no reason why his love of writing and photography should not continue, so that one day Lister may find himself in some far-flung part of the world, where already his name is known via his prolific publication rate, including some sixteen text books!

Bye Lister Redman, with a gentle reminder to keep taking the PHYSIC!

A.R.B.

Dr. B.M. Summers (K.G.S. 1972-1990)



Brian Summers - "Doc" or "Beaker" to pupils and colleagues alike - arrived at K.G.S. in 1972 via Batley Grammar School, London University (King's College) and Epsom College to take up the post of Head of Chemistry. He soon made an impact in the classroom, and chemistry became one of the more popular options at 'O' level (later G.C.S.E.) and 'A' level and Brian oversaw the development of a new chemistry laboratory. In recent years, he has also served as examinations officer, efficiently organising examination timetables and entries for external examinations. Unknown, perhaps, to most pupils, he is involved as an examiner and moderator with various examination boards; he is the union representative for the A.M.M.A. and he has been involved as Secretary of the chemistry section with S.T.E.E.L. (Science Technology and Engineering Education in Lancashire).

Those are the very bare bones of his career at K.G.S., but it is away from the classroom and academic life that Doc. Summers will be best remembered. A Yorkshireman through and through, he soon established a deserved reputation as a great trencherman and, as a member of the old school, he became involved with every aspect of life at Kirkham, for example he is Housemaster of Fylde House and helps regularly with boarding house duties. He has always been closely connected with the Friends of K.G.S., serving a term of office as Chairman - and his punch at cheese and wine gatherings will, I am sure, enter into the annals of K.G.S.

It is in the field of outdoor and sporting activities, however, where he has left his greatest impression (just ask any prefect who has had the misfortune to play against him in the days when we had Staff v Prefects soccer matches!). His great interest was tennis, where he has been in charge of the tennis team since joining the school, and has been so whole-hearted in his commitments that he occasionally arranged for two fixtures on the same day (ask Mrs Summers for comment on that!). No mean player himself, he has led the staff to victory

over the school team on more than one occasion. He has been a permanent fixture as opening bowler on the staff cricket XI, taking wickets by bowling deceptively fast from a short run from behind the stumps, thus catching the batsman unprepared. On the few times that he managed to get a bat - sometimes as high as number ten - his enthusiasm knew no bounds. Every ball he faced was a prospective six and was met by the same scything stroke - occasionally connecting.

The hills, however, are his first love. He soon established a Fell-Walking Club, and generations of pupils have enjoyed their first experiences of walking the high tops in the Lake District and the Yorkshire Dales in all seasons.

Because of his interest in the outdoors, he was very closely involved with the C.C.F., without ever taking the Queen's shilling. He was an enthusiastic participant in all camps and field days, teaching climbing skills, leading walks and generally supervising all out-door activities, and, as a qualified First Aider, he introduced many cadets to those skills on Thursday afternoons.

He also showed his love of the outdoors by his enthusiasm for skiing. It is reported that on more than one occasion this enthusiasm has outweighed his skill, as black runs were approached fearlessly with cries of "Geronimo" and instructors have despaired of getting him to "keep ze knees together". However, he has developed into a very competent skier and hundreds of pupils owe to him their first experiences on the slopes, as he has led the ski parties over the years to destinations such as Norway, Switzerland, France, Spain and Italy.

Doc. is now moving south to take up a post as Head of perhaps the largest Chemistry Department in the country at his previous school, Epsom College. He will certainly be missed by both staff and pupils alike as he leaves a gap which will be difficult to fill. We wish him and his family every success in their new life.

B.F.T.

Mrs. C.M.L. Roberts

Christine Roberts joined the French Department of K.G.S. in September, 1983 from Greenlands High School in Blackpool. A late entrant to the teaching profession, she had taken her degree at St. Martin's College, Lancaster, whilst bringing up her two children, having previously worked as a secretary.

She quickly established herself as an outstanding classroom teacher, who inspired both the respect and affection of her pupils; a mark of her influence is the way in which all those whom she has taught use the term "Madame Roberts" when referring to her!

Chris contributed far more than just the teaching of French to K.G.S. She set and administered the Verbal Reasoning Test for the School's Entrance Examination with great skill and efficiency; she was a tireless member of the Front of House crew for many school plays and concerts, dealing with everything from ticket sales to refreshments; she was an effective form teacher and house tutor, always ready to deal sympathetically with problems, however minor.

She will, perhaps, be most sorely missed by pupils and colleagues on the trips to France which have been such a popular feature of the French Department's work in recent years, due in no small measure to the steady presence of "Madame Roberts", a firm, but fair, mother figure to a "family" of forty children, always there with a dose of travel sickness pills, paracetamol, or plain common sense. As leader of several such trips, I find it hard to imagine taking a party abroad without the reassuring presence and good company of Chris Roberts.

In this way, as in so many other ways, she will be much missed at K.G.S., and our loss is indeed the gain of her new school, Ardingley College in Sussex, where we wish her every success in her new post as House Mistress and French teacher.

A.R. Long

Mrs. C. Roberts



Mr. J.S. Roberts

When James Stuart Roberts began work here in 1977, he brought with him a distinguished pedigree. His father was in the diplomatic service and Jim was educated at King's School, Canterbury, followed by a degree at the University of Manchester and then his post-graduate certificate at Manchester Polytechnic. After a spell of teaching in Greece from 1974-75, he eventually arrived at Kirkham.

There can be no doubt that Jim is a man of many talents. Besides being a literary lion, he is one of the foremost crossword solvers in Britain. His taste in music ranges from Randy Newman (of whom Palestrina said 'QUE?') to Gregorian Chant. He can paint and draw more than competently, and he can play music of a variety of kinds. In addition to these, he is a skilled thespian and a talented director. Many of the school productions of the last ten years have been the result of Jim's skilful direction and insight into the author's mind. He has taught English, overseen the General Studies and looked after the Sixth Form Society. He has even been seen to tread the greensward at both cricket and Association, no mean feat with his eyesight! Outside of the school, he is a voracious reader, with interests ranging from current affairs to gardening, taking in along the way foreign travel, wine-tasting, film and theatre, the comedy of Frank Randall, and a love of animals (his cat, Webster, is ample proof of this).

Jim's departure will leave a large gap in the life of the school. We shall miss his talents on stage, in class and in the staffroom. No more will the quiet voice of learning inspire some pupil to gain a love of literature, neither will the same voice, raised several decibels, terrify some poor junior. We shall miss his wonderful mimicry, his command of language, and his fascinating ability to tell a story. The tonic bottle will have gone from the fridge, the ash trays will contain fewer dog-ends, quiz-machines in pubs will sleep more soundly, but there is still that corner of the staff-room which will remain forever Jim's.

We wish him well for the future. Kirkham's loss is the world's gain.

R.M.C.

Old Kirkhamians' Association

President: Alan Ward
Hon. Secretary: David W. Stirzaker
Hon. Treasurer: David O. Slack

The Association continues in good heart, playing its part in the life of K.G.S.

Our major annual event, the Dinner, is well supported. This year, on Friday, 21 September, the principal guest will be Dr. Ian Byatt, an Old Kirkhamian, and the newly appointed Director General for the Office of Water Services.

The AGM and Dinner will be held at the Clifton Arms Hotel, Lytham, with the AGM at 7.15p.m., followed by dinner at 8.00p.m. It is a most convivial evening, even for our younger members, for whom the price of tickets is substantially reduced.

D. Stirzaker

Message from Alan Ward The President

This year sees the anniversary of two momentous events in the annals of Kirkham Grammar School. Firstly, the Old Kirkhamians' Association (formerly the Old Boys' Association) celebrates its 70th year in existence, having held the first meeting on 21 January, 1920, attended by 120 Old Boys. On a slightly lesser note, it will be 50 years in September I first crossed the threshold of K.G.S.

My family have strong connections with the School, my grandfather attending in the early eighteen eighties, my father from 1913 to 1916, myself from 1940 to 1947, and my son from 1969 to 1974.

Apart from National Service, my life has been spent running the family business in the town.

Two things have struck me attending the functions of fellow Associations; some represent schools no longer in existence, and others have changed their titles to accommodate the young ladies who grace our schools today.

I cannot close without mentioning the new multi-purpose hall. It is a most impressive building which can only enhance the status of the school. I think it rather appropriate that inside the front cover of the first issue of the K.G.S. Chronicle is a photograph of the interior of the "old hall".

May I wish the Association and the School continued success and strongly recommend membership to all school leavers.

A. Ward

Friends of K.G.S.

I am writing this in the wake of our most recent event. On Saturday, 17th March, 1990 the Friends were very privileged to hold the first official function in the New Hall, this being our Race Night, which raised £700 to purchase extra equipment for School. Numerous successful punters and jockeys returned home with some additional bonuses, whether champagne or bruises.

A cheque for £10,000 was presented to Mr. Summerlee in November '89, this being the balance of the Friends £18,000 contribution to the New Hall. We extend a big thank you to all parents and friends who have contributed in so many ways over the past four years.

New events since my last report have been a Wine Tasting and Lancashire Folk Night, both interesting and entertaining functions, and an "Evening with the Blue Water Folk Group" is a must to be repeated.

Our annual Dinner Dance in October was again a high spot on our calendar, with Darrel providing the music in the convivial surroundings of Broughton Park. The Christmas Draw has been our most financially successful fund raiser for many years, with numerous super prizes provided by you, our parents. Aerobics every Tuesday and Thursday at 6.30p.m. in the School Gym continue to flourish, thanks to Louise, our excellent instructress.

Our '100' Club goes from strength to strength, enabling us to give three £25 bonus prizes at Christmas, so if you are interested in joining our list, please contact the Headmaster. Membership is £12 annually.

Our best wishes go to Dr. Brian Summers, Chairman of the Friends 1985/1986, and one of our longest standing Committee Members, who, together with his wife, Anne, has made a tremendous contribution and will be greatly missed. We wish them both every happiness and success in their new life at Epsom.

On behalf of our Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, our parents, for your generosity, both in donating prizes and in supporting our functions, and to ask for your continued participation.

Josephine Gornall, Chairman



And they're off at the Race Night!

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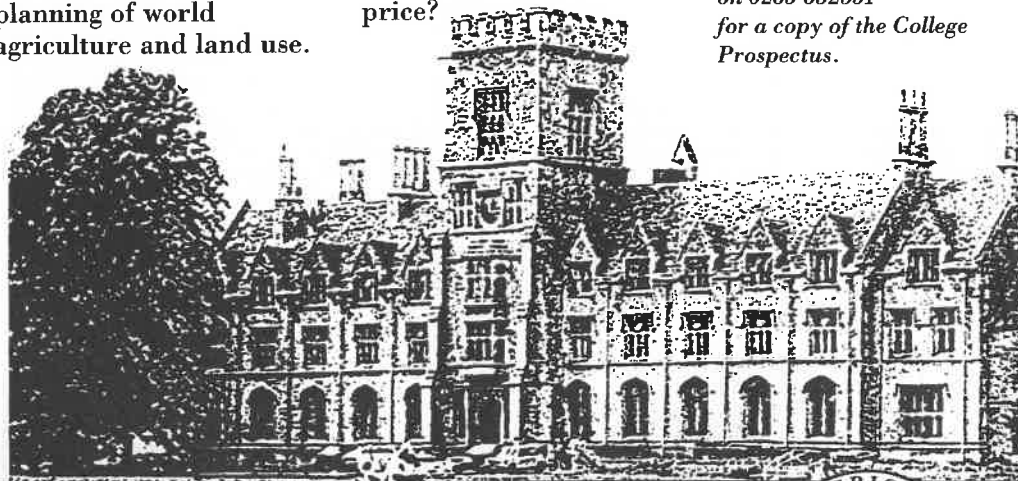
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The Drapers' Company has a connection with Kirkham Grammar School dating back to 1655, when Henry Colburn, a former Kirkham man, left a will in which he directed that income from his assets be used for the benefit of the Grammar School, with the Drapers' Company as trustees.

For well over a century, the School was under the direct control of the Company, and even after the Charity Commissioners established new schemes of governorship in the nineteenth century, the Company retained a major interest in the School's affairs, continuing to appoint governors and to provide generous financial support, including the then substantial gift of £3,000 towards the establishment of the existing school buildings in 1910.

During the short period from 1944 to 1979 in which the School was under Lancashire County Council control, the connection with the Drapers' Company lapsed, but with the return to independent status, the relationship has been restored. The Headmaster has attended the Company's annual Livery Dinner and was a guest at the election of the Master of the Company last summer, along with two Sixth Form pupils. Mr. Martin Neville, who served as Master for the 1988-89 term of office, has been appointed a Governor of the School, giving the Company a direct involvement in its affairs, and gifts have been received for both the Multi-Purpose Hall and the new Junior School. In addition, the company has funded two leaving Scholarships.

The most direct contact between members of the School and the Company has come through the establishment of an annual visit to Drapers' Hall by members of the Second Year. The Hall is one of the City of London's finest buildings, not open to the public, situated in Throgmorton Street, in the shadow of the Stock Exchange. The splendour and elegance of the Hall invariably prove to be an exciting experience to our pupils, yet the most memorable aspect of our visits has been the warmth and informality of our welcome by the members and officials of the Company. Last year, we were especially privileged to be entertained by Mr. Neville, who at the time was Master of the Company, and his wife. For them, the Hall was "home" for that year. Here, two pupils from last year's Second Year recall their visit:

"We travelled by the 06.42 Lancashire Pullman train to London Euston, and from there to Drapers' Hall by the Underground. Once inside, we gathered in the Drawing Room and were split into several groups. Our group was taken by Mrs. Neville, wife of the Master of the Company. We started off in the Great Hall (where Princess Anne had dined the previous evening, we were told), and admired the many crests, including that of the Company. Around the Hall was a gallery with mirrors which, from below, look like windows. Mrs Neville sneaked us up to the gallery, keeping her group close behind her, as it is supposedly out of bounds and they are uninsured for breakages up there! The gallery was very narrow, with only one exit, a small door at the end of a tiny, winding staircase. We returned to the "official" route and admired the many wonderful paintings, including a scene from Shakespeare's "The Tempest" on the ceiling. Among the highlights of the rest of the Hall were the precious silverware in the Strong Room, including a very old and priceless candelabra and tiara, and the Lambard Cup, which has to stand on the table in front of the Master whenever he dines in the Hall. After our tour, we assembled in the Court Dining Room and ate our sandwiches - somewhat incongruous in such splendid surroundings - then thanked Mr. and Mrs. Neville for their hospitality. We then had time for the train back to Kirkham, after what had been an interesting and memorable day".

A.Wardrop 3X
S.Robinson 3X
A.R.Long

Results of the Inter-House Competitions 1989/1990

Summer Term 1989

EVENT		WINNER	RUNNERS-UP
Athletics		Kirkham	Fylde
Tennis:	Jnr. Boys	Kirkham	Preston
	Sen. Boys	Fylde	Kirkham
	Jnr. Girls	Kirkham	Fylde
	Sen. Girls	Preston	Kirkham
Cricket:	Jnr. Boys	Kirkham	Fylde
	Sen. Boys	Fylde	Kirkham
Rounders:	Jnr. Girls	Kirkham	School
Work Cup		Fylde	Kirkham

Winter Term 1989

Netball:	Jnr. Girls	Kirkham	School
Hockey:	Jnr. Girls	Preston	School
Play Reading		School	Preston

Fylde House

House Master: Dr. B.M. Summers

House Captain: D. Whittingham

Once again, Fylde House has done well in both academic and sporting competitions, with Fylde winning eight of the competitions and also being runners-up in ten.

Academically, we retained the Work Cup in the summer term. In the Play Reading, a very adventurous Monty Python sketch was attempted, which was very humorous but unfortunately was not to the liking of the judges, so we were placed third.

The Fylde House chess team won this competition, remaining unbeaten, yet again, for all their matches.

In the House Music competition, we once again had a very large entry, with eleven house representatives reaching the final. This put us in a strong position and we went on to win the competition very comfortably. Thanks must go to Julie Turner for organising this event.

In the debating competition, we beat Kirkham House in the semi-final, with Caroline Powell and Roger Downs speaking very well. In the final we met School House, with Caroline and our replacement Susan Penney proposing the motion that 'Women should be ordained'. Very good preparations and excellent speeches from the speakers and some very good contribution from the floor ensured a victory for Fylde.

On to the sporting competitions. In the Junior Cricket there was a rather disappointing display, well under the team's potential, but the Seniors dominated their two matches and beat Kirkham convincingly in the final, with everyone contributing well.

1989 saw separate boys and girls tennis teams meeting with varying success. The Senior boys won their semi-final comfortably by beating Preston and then came up against a potentially very good Kirkham side. However, an excellent all-round performance by everyone meant a good victory for Fylde. The Junior girls were runners-up to Kirkham in their competition.

In the Athletics, although finishing second, there were some excellent individual performances, with Bruce Craven winning the Senior Victor Ludorum and Lucy Wickham the Victrix Ludorum. Good performances were also given by Ian Bonar and Peter Yeung.

Spring Term 1990

Rugby 7's:	Jnr Boys	School	Fylde
	Int. Boys	Preston	Fylde
	Sen. Boys	School	Fylde
Music		Fylde	Kirkham
Cross Country:	Jnr. Boys	School	Kirkham
	Int. Boys	Fylde	School
	Sen. Boys	School	Fylde
	Jnr. Girls	Preston	School
	Sen. Girls	Kirkham	School
Chess		Fylde	Kirkham
Debating		Fylde	School
Badminton		Fylde	Kirkham
Hockey:	Sen. Girls	Kirkham	Fylde
Swimming		Kirkham	Fylde
Shooting		School	Preston

The House Sevens competition was once again very close, with Fylde runners-up in every group. The Junior boys were beaten by a strong School side. The Intermediates played with a lot of determination to win their first two matches against School and Kirkham, but lost in the deciding match with the last kick of the game to Preston, going down 7-6. The Seniors also lost in the deciding match, this time to School House by the score 4-3.

This year's Senior girls' hockey was very encouraging, although we were placed second. In the semi-final against a strong School side, an excellent team performance was produced, resulting in a 4-1 victory, with 2 goals by Gail Morson. We met Kirkham in the final and this had to be eventually decided by penalty flicks, and unfortunately we were beaten. However, the girls played very well and were unlucky.

The cross-country was changed this year and made into a 4-man relay, each leg being one lap around the playing fields. The Intermediate boys were run away winners in their competition, with Robert Smith, James Blackburn, Ian Bonar and Simon Turpin running very well. The Senior boys were only just beaten into second place by a strong School House team.

Another success for the House came in the House Badminton Competition. A very good performance was produced in the final to beat a supposedly stronger Kirkham side.

In the swimming, Fylde were placed second, beaten by a very good Kirkham team. However, everyone contributed well. Thanks go to Jonathon Collinson and Cathy Jackson for organising the boys' and girls' teams so well.

Altogether this was a good year for Fylde House, gaining a number of successes in both academic and sporting fields. I must thank all the members of the House and staff for their assistance and co-operation. My thanks go to Catherine Jackson and all of the senior members of the House who have helped to organise events.

Finally, a word must be said about our Housemaster, Dr. Summers. He is leaving Kirkham Grammar School at the end of the Summer Term and is returning to his former school, Epsom College. I would like to thank, on behalf of Fylde House, Dr. Summers for all his sterling work over the years and wish him the best of luck in the future at Epsom College.

D. Whittingham, House Captain

School House

House Master: Mr M.J. Summerlee
House Captains: M. Parrish
V. Morris

The last year has been one of considerable change. There have been a number of changes to the House staff. We said goodbye to Mr. Skeens, whose never ceasing efforts to better the House will be missed and we said hello to several new arrivals. Mr. Harrison arrived on the boys' side and Miss Coote on the girls'. Miss McCade arrived in September and has been doing sterling work ever since.

For the House, the year has been a fairly successful one. During the Summer Term, we achieved third place in the Athletics, where skill and individualism were replaced by sheer grit and effort in the Junior House. The House, once again, produced stars in Katherine Salt and Abigail Gratrix who both won the Victrix Ludorum.

During the Winter Term, success was found in the Rugby sevens, with School House taking two out of the three awards. A junior side (half of which were first years) played outstandingly to win their event, defeating Preston, and then Kirkham in the final by a score of 14-4. This was followed by a victory for the Seniors, winning all three of their matches convincingly.

Spring Term brought victory in the shooting and the cross country events. The Shooting by the house team, including a girl, Jane Youll, was excellent and was capped by a perfect score by captain M. Bagshaw. In the cross-country there was a fine all-round display, winning the Senior and Junior boys.

In the swimming competition, although placed third, there were some creditable performances, especially by the Junior members of the House. In particular, Simon Morgan and Suzanne Morris both had fine victories.

School House were unlucky in the debating. After a fine display in the semi-final, School met Fylde in the final. This proved too hard a task for the two speakers, V. Morris and C. Fountain, and School were beaten.

Finally, I would like to thank all members of the House for their efforts this year. I would also like to thank all Prefects and House staff for ensuring the smooth running of the House over the past year.

M. Parrish, House Captain



Kirkham House

House Master: Mr A.R. Baines
House Captain: S. Kenward

A varied set of results has left Kirkham House with some notable victories and disappointing losses. Since September, the House seems to have been vying with Fylde House for many of its first and second positions.

The Winter Term saw a disappointing start to the rugby season, with the Junior and Intermediate sevens sides gaining fourth positions, though not through lack of effort. The Senior side, weakened by injury, were marginally better with a third position.

The badminton team began promisingly with a victory against Preston in the semi-finals, but sadly lost, despite being overwhelming favourites, to a Fylde side in the final, with M. Vipond, S. Piggott, P. Baines, C. McCann and D. Hatton giving creditable performances.

In both the Play-Reading and the Debate, we ended in equal third place, the turn-out by all years being commendable.

The chess team gained a good second place in the competition, with familiar rivals Fylde House taking the honours. Well played to the Juniors and Seniors involved.

The newly adapted cross-country competition, now in the form of a relay race, seemed to have favoured the other houses or hindered us further, with both our Senior and Intermediate teams taking fourth spot, although the Junior boys did gain second position, being defeated narrowly on the final leg by School House. Though disappointing for the boys, the girls salvaged respectability for the House in this event, with the Juniors coming in third and the Seniors gaining a well earned first position.

Looking to the bigger competitions of the year, the music and swimming both saw excellent results for the House. With many fine auditions in the music competition, we took second place to Fylde House. In the swimming, we managed to retain the trophy for the second year running. Strong teams were entered for each age group, this being reflected in the sixteen first places and an overall victory. Congratulations to Chris Butterworth, who set a new record in the Senior boys backcrawl.

Finally, one of the most thrilling competitions was seen in the Senior girls hockey. We beat Preston house 1-0 in the semi-final, to meet Fylde in the final. At full-time a score of 2-2 stood, both goals coming from G. Littlefair, which meant penalty flicks to decide. The Senior girls were successful, taking an exciting first place, with three goals to Fylde's one.

Thanks must be given to organisers and competitors for their hard work, and special thanks to Mr. Baines for all his "behind the scenes" involvement.

Damien Hatton, Vice-Captain

Preston House

House Master: Mr B.F. Taylor

House Captains: T. Connolley
J. Gornall

The year 1989-1990 has been one of mixed fortunes for the House, with only a few successes in the Junior end of the House, and a disturbing lack of interest amongst a small group of seniors.

This apathy has at least been compensated for by the enthusiasm and spirit of the majority of House members.

A good example of this was Sports Day, with several outstanding individual performances, in particular A. Clegg in the sprint events, as well as gallant efforts from members who are not normally considered star athletes.

This determination and commitment was also displayed in the cricket and tennis, with the Senior girls winning their event and the Junior boys coming second.

The Winter Term was dominated by less energetic contests, namely the House debate, the chess tournament and the play reading competition, in which we came a close second. Our thanks to M. Ward and Anne Fletcher for organising this event.

1990 began with the music competition, with some excellent and unusual contributions. Of particular note was Michael Ward's rendition of "Get me to the Church on Time".

The Intermediate boys were successful in the rugby sevens, although the Seniors and Juniors were less so, but thanks must go to Tom Moore for organising and training the teams.

The Junior girls were successful in winning the hockey, with good performances by Alison Bibby and Jenny Cuthbert. The Senior girls put up a commendable battle against Kirkham House and only lost by one goal.

The House cross-country was another chance for members to show their enthusiasm and sportsmanship, making it a very close-run event at all age levels. Our congratulations must go to the Junior girls for winning their event.

The swimming gala, too, was enjoyed by all who took part, and, although coming fourth overall, excellent swims by Niall LeCoustre, Richard Thompson, Catherine Fletcher and Jo Gornall ensured a good points score for the House.

Two further events for the Seniors were the badminton competition (equal third place) and the shooting (second). Our thanks go to Chris Dolphin and Dave Doughty for organising these events.

Thanks go to Mr Taylor and all members of staff, as well as the senior members of the House for organising events and the pupils for their co-operation and participation.

J. Gornall

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Wairarapa College - Kirkham Grammar School Exchange

A new venture was initiated this year with the visit of Marc Rangitaawa and Tony Rasmussen from Wairarapa College, Masterton, New Zealand, from November, 1989 to February, 1990 as the first leg of a two stage exchange with Bruce Craven and David Whittingham.

The host school chooses the students whom they wish to visit their school from a list of students submitted by the other school and K.G.S. chose the two rugby players from a strong list of candidates. When a new venture is started there are always some doubts about the success of the venture, but these were quickly dispelled on meeting Tony and Marc who justified all that was said about them, both as people and rugby players. They were excellent ambassadors for their families, school, town and country and they fitted into the school way of life very easily.

Although rugby was the reason this venture was initiated, the educational benefits in the widest sense far outweighed the sporting benefits, as is the case with most extra-curricular activities. An

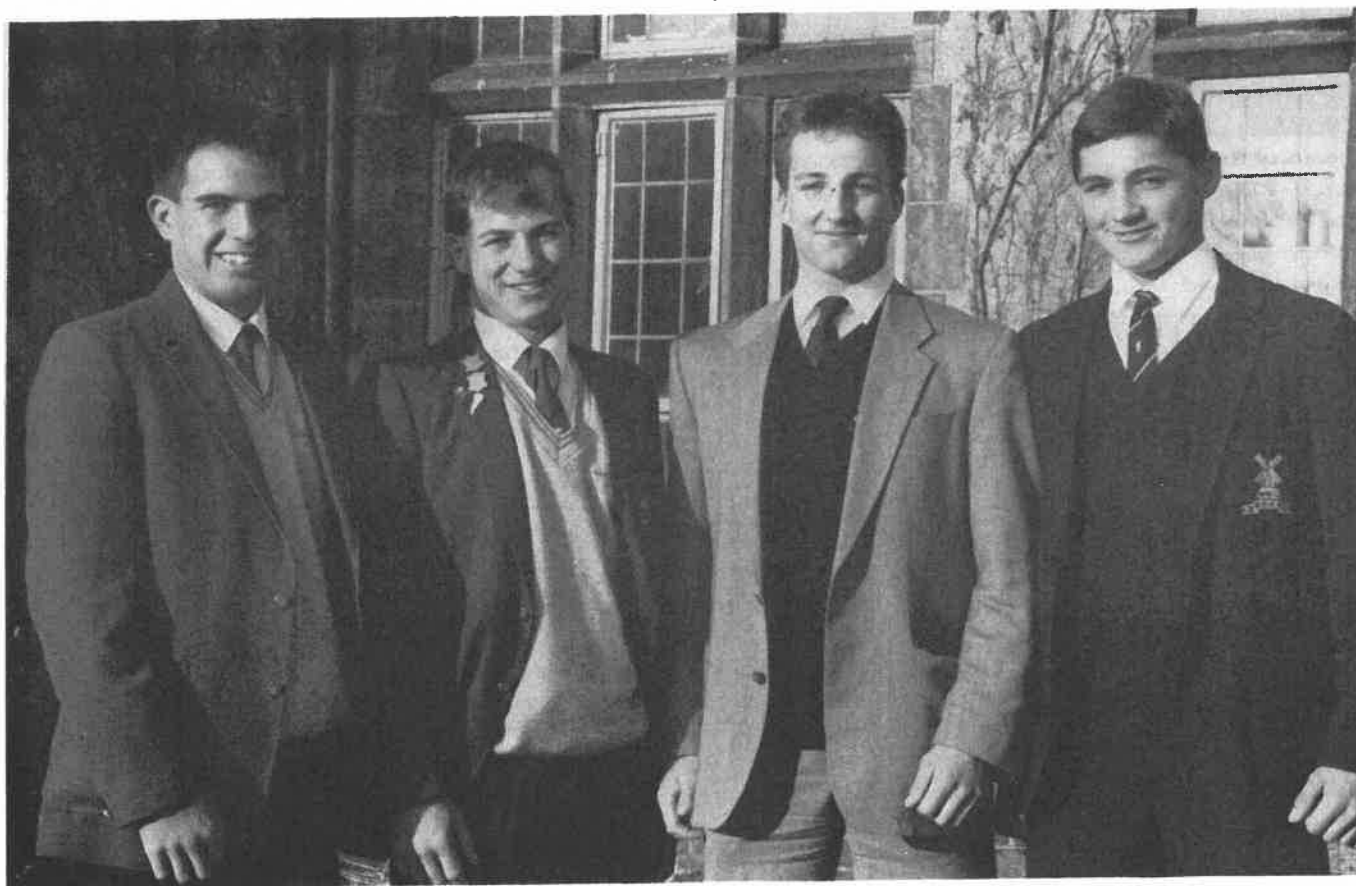
exchange like this is the chance of a lifetime to live with families 12,000 miles from home for an extended stay, experience new cultures, a different country, its climate and its people. Tony gave up a season of Captain of the school 1st XI, but assured me it was well worth the sacrifice.

Bruce and David fly to Wairarapa College after their A-level examinations, Bruce having given up the opportunity to win the English School U20 Javelin Competition; such is the value of the exchange. I am confident Bruce and David will create the same impression in New Zealand as Tony and Marc did in the U.K.

Any pupil in the senior school is eligible for the exchange and it is a great honour to be chosen.

B. Gornall.

Since this article was written, we have learnt that Joanne Gornall and Joanne Evans have been selected to participate in a hockey exchange. We offer them our congratulations and best wishes.



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Children in Need	£ 350.00
Petersfield Autistic Home	£ 130.00
Crisis at Christmas	£ 100.00
British Refugee Council	£ 100.00
Poppy Appeal	£ 100.00

Spring Term 1990

Childrens Society	£ 100.00
Cancer Research	£ 100.00
Dr Barnardo's	£ 100.00
UNICEF	£ 250.00
Help the Aged	£ 300.00
Population Concern	£ 50.00
Save the Children	£ 150.00
Blind Society	£ 100.00
TOTAL	£3 800.00

We have had a very busy year, once again, as far as raising money for charity is concerned. As always, there has been a wide range of different activities to take part in, and we are most grateful to all who have contributed so generously of their time and money.

During the Summer Term, many members of the school agreed to sponsor Richard Moyes and Andrew Heaton to walk up Ben Nevis. It was a marvellous idea of theirs and an excellent achievement to raise the sum of £400 for Cystic Fibrosis.

Within school, the big event was an outdoor charity concert, which proved to be a great success. It was good to see almost all the pupils there, together with a good number of the staff (and even HM for some of the time!). Many thanks must go to those who took part, particularly to Old Boys John Buckley, Barry Russell and Stephen George for providing us with excellent music. We are fortunate to know such talented people who are prepared to give up their time to help us.

In the Autumn term, the sponsorship of children in the Third World was extended, so that we are now providing help for three - a boy in Northern India, a boy in Gambia and a girl in Ecuador. For those of us who see education as a right, it is a sobering thought to realise that in many parts of the world education can be a privilege. The Children in Need Day falls in November and a junior disco was arranged for the evening, although it seemed that there were as many seniors as juniors present at times. Once again, thanks must go to those who provided the music and those who helped organise the disco. It was very enjoyable and successful.



Spring Term, although quite short, was very busy. First of all was a National Non-Uniform day to raise money for UNICEF - the money being used to provide help and relief for children in Afghanistan and Rumania. This was followed by a sponsored quiz for the first form, in aid of Help the Aged. They are to be congratulated on raising a total of £300. And finally, of course, the inevitable charity concert! Although rather shorter than usual, it was, quite obviously, one of the highlights of the year. Having produced an excellent musical concert the previous summer, it was good that we now had a mixture of sketches and music - and thanks must go to "Abba" for their excellent performance and to "Cilla" for bringing Blind Date to K.G.S. By popular acclaim, Mark Parrish and Leevi Wilson deserve a mention for their performances, as does Mark Brennand for a brave and humorous portrayal of the Captain of the First XV.

We have been pleased to welcome several visitors to school throughout the year. Mrs Jessie Butcher, the Northern co-ordinator for LEPR, visited us twice and inspired us with her very lively and also very moving talk; Mrs Tracey Tomlinson came to speak to the first form about the problems the old face and clearly put the message across very well; and Mrs Diane Corner came to speak to us about autism and, after providing us with a very clear description, invited a group to visit the Petersfield Home in Crosby. This visit was very enlightening and provided those who went with a better insight into the massive problems faced by the autistic.

Summer Term, 1990, already looks a very busy term: we have been invited to take part in a sponsored walk in the Lake District, as well as in a sponsored "Keep the Countryside Tidy" clean-up and, apart from these, we have agreed to do a door-to-door collection for the Diabetic Society. But within the school we are hoping to arrange an "It's a Knockout" contest - if we can find sufficient volunteers!

To conclude, I would like to thank everybody who has organised or taken part in the various events over the past year. A great deal of time and effort is spent on this, and I would like to thank the rest of the committee for their help, and particularly Mr Rushton for his continuing enthusiasm. He has worked hard and spent a lot of time advising, organising and arranging.



On behalf of all the committee, I would ask for your continued support and generosity for our weekly collections. What we are able to do may seem small, but it does make a difference to the suffering, the homeless and the under-privileged. We hope that we will be able to help those who are least able to help themselves.

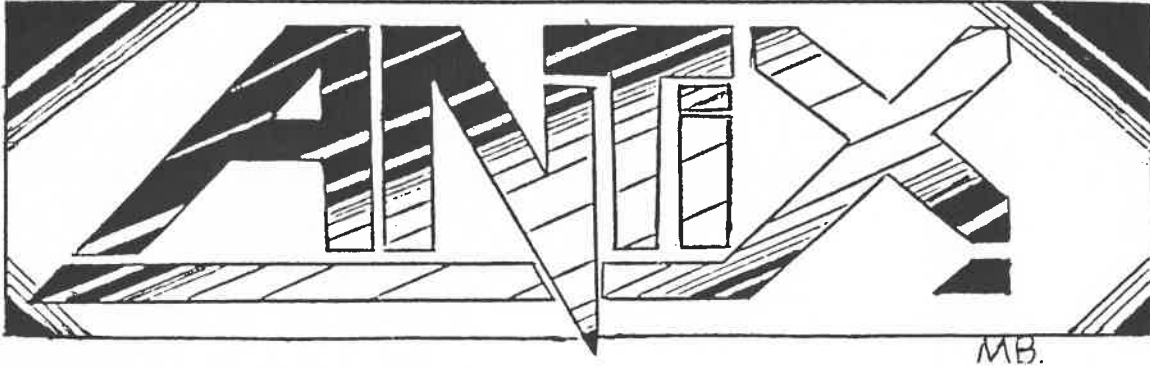
M. Brennand



"Blind Date" visits K.G.S.



Guest stars, "Abba"



Young Enterprise Competition

In mid September 1989, a group of thirteen lower sixth formers visited the B.N.F.L. Springfield Plant at Salwick to hear an introductory talk about the business world. One week later, excited by the challenging prospect of setting up a company themselves, under the supervision of three advisers, this same group met together in school.

This initial meeting was set aside to establish the roles in the company, to select a name and an introductory product to manufacture and retail.

The first major decision was to adopt a company name. Each member eagerly participated in forwarding suggestions, and, after a company vote, Antix was chosen.

Once a name was designated, we needed Board members to occupy the following positions: Chairman and Managing Director, Marketing and Sales Director, Design Director, Production Director, Financial Director, Personnel Director and Administration Director, seven in all. These were soon elected and Antix was beginning to look like a company.

The company decided to operate as a co-operative. This allowed all members of the company to be involved in policy decisions and to have a vote at meetings - not just the Board of Directors, as is usual. The reason for adopting this was to keep every member actively involved and to maintain morale and interest for those members not in an executive role.

The next decision which had to be made concerned the products which we would market. Initially, we decided to launch school folder packs, consisting of

a lever arch folder, a pad of refill paper, ten clear pockets, five index cards, a ruler, a highlighter pen and an Antix logo. This was introduced to the pupils at school and took off very well indeed. We quickly launched this product in order to establish our name around the school and with parents, and to give the company a steady income.

Since Christmas was fast approaching, we agreed that to produce items which could be sold for Christmas gifts would be a good idea. After intense brainstorming and voting, framed prints were decided upon. Market research told us that a range of prints, including arty, modern, jazzy and Egyptian papyrus prints would sell well. A production team consisting of non executives was established and the manufacture of the required purchased prints began. Success seemed just around the corner.

We aimed always to have some continuity with our sales and so, when the sales of Christmas framed prints and school folder packs started to diminish, Antix began producing another product, the clock, which enabled us to bridge the gap. These clocks consisted of a time piece box, with hands set against Antix's own designed background, which again, after market research, were aimed at different tastes and ages of people, ie. a child's clock face, a modern clock face and a triangular clock face. This time the production team had to be slightly expanded due to the large work load (design of faces, the cutting of wood into shape, the painting of the design, the assembling of the parts and the varnishing of the finished product), thus members with executive roles had to assist with the production as well.



The Antix Board members

We tried always to have two products on sale at any time. This guaranteed an income, should one product prove difficult to sell. We felt that this was a very important aspect, as the planning and preparation in bringing products on the market is difficult and having a multi-product company helped spread the risks.

In order to raise capital, it was necessary to sell shares, but after reviewing previous Young Enterprise groups, we noticed that the 1986 company was unsuccessful in terms of profit, and even failed to repay the shareholder's original investment. Antix was not prepared to treat their shareholders like this, but did need an initial income of capital, therefore we decided upon selling a minimum amount of shares needed to launch the first product only (folders). Antix sold £50 worth of shares.

Our products were largely successful due to their very competitive prices and the fact that the products were original and of good quality.

We would like to thank Mr Mizon, Mr Binns and Miss Pickering for all their time and advice, which has been greatly appreciated over the past seven months. I would also like to thank all the Board Members for making Antix a major success, and, of course, Mr Bruce, without whom none of this would have been possible.

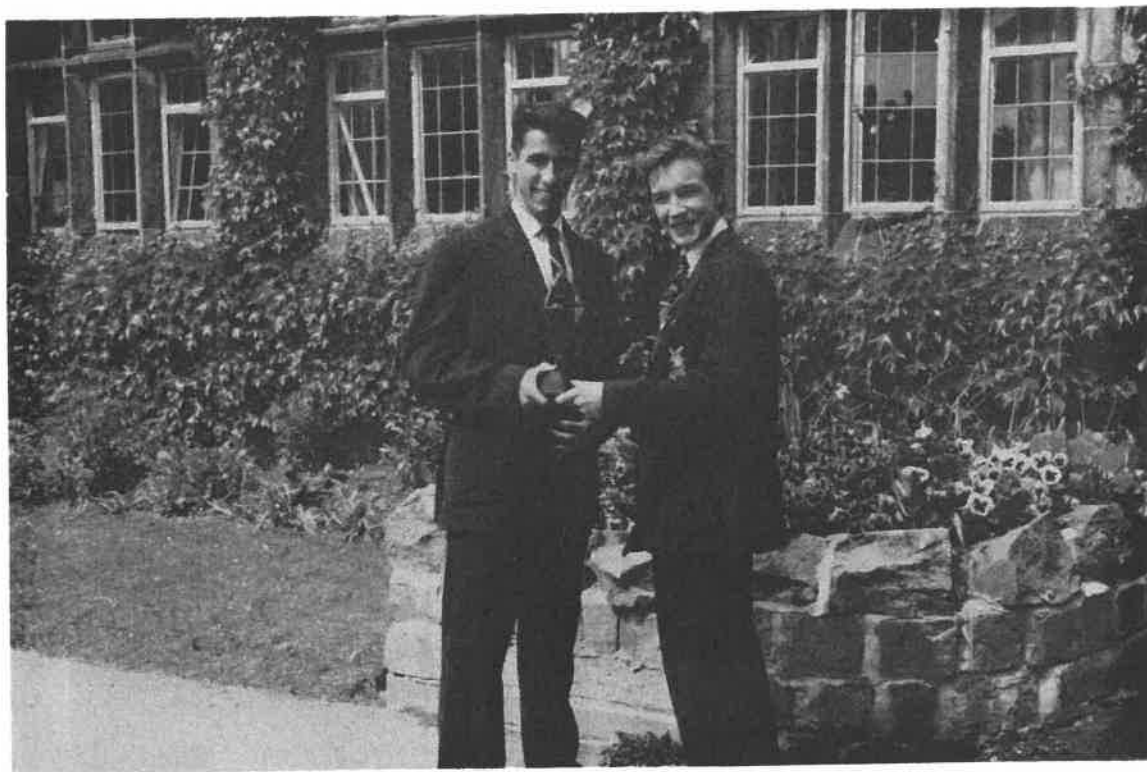
Mark Brennand, Design Executive

Competition Results

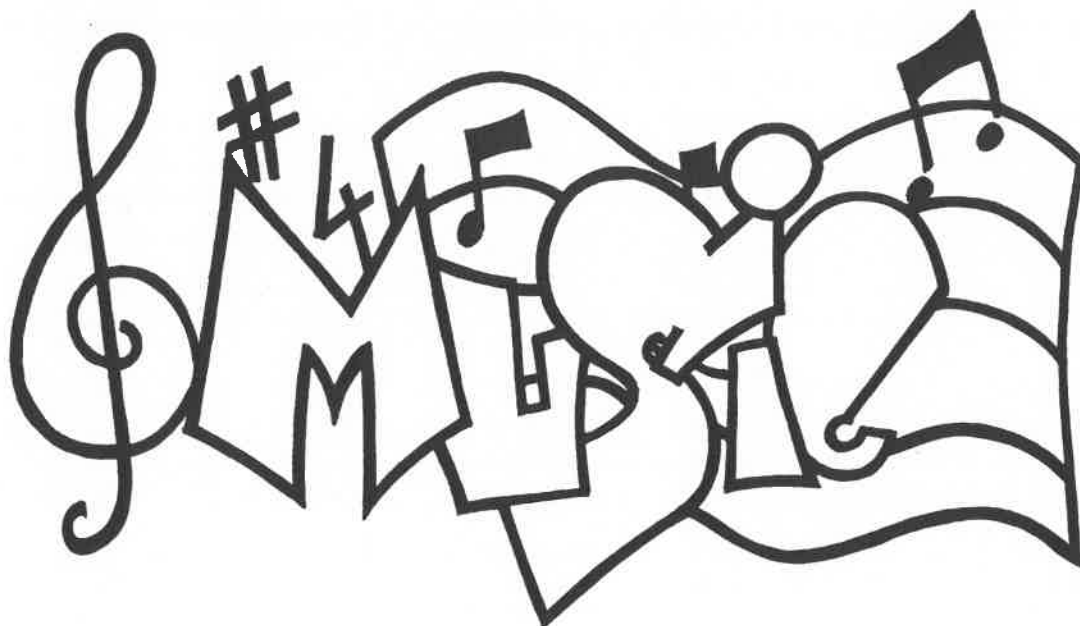
At the final presentation evening, held in May at I.C.I., Thornton, three members of the company, Sheridan Piggott, Jonathan Johnson and David Henckel, presented a report of their experiences through the year, detailing the aims of the company, their products, their planning and the success they enjoyed. When the results were announced, the Antix Company were runners-up in the competition.

More success came in the written report competition. Each company taking part in the Young Enterprise competition has to submit a written report concerning all the aspects of the company, together with a complete financial breakdown of the company's accounts. This year the report, written by Mark Brennand and Jonathan Johnson, won the award for the best report and now goes forward to the regional final.

A written examination is also set by Young Enterprise and was taken by the members of the company. All passed this examination with excellent results.



Mark Brennand and Jonathan Johnson, the authors of the winning report in the Young Enterprise Competition



Music Report

Speech Day was the first event for the choir in the Winter Term, and the musical performance by James Magill was well received.

The Carol Concerts were the next events and were as popular as always, with the tickets for both Tuesday and Thursday nights being completely sold out.

As always, the carol service was held in St Michael's Church. Parents, members of the school and the public joined in the Christmas spirit, singing the seasonal hymns, to create a festive atmosphere.

The house music festival this year took place in the New Hall and included various ages and standards of musicians. The festival was a great success, with over 160 entrants and a total of 24 reaching the final. In this year's programme there was a wide range of music from classical to pop, which demonstrates the changing face of music.

The next concert was the production of "Trial by Jury" by Gilbert and Sullivan. Special thanks for this enjoyable night go to Mr A. Baines, who played his role superbly.

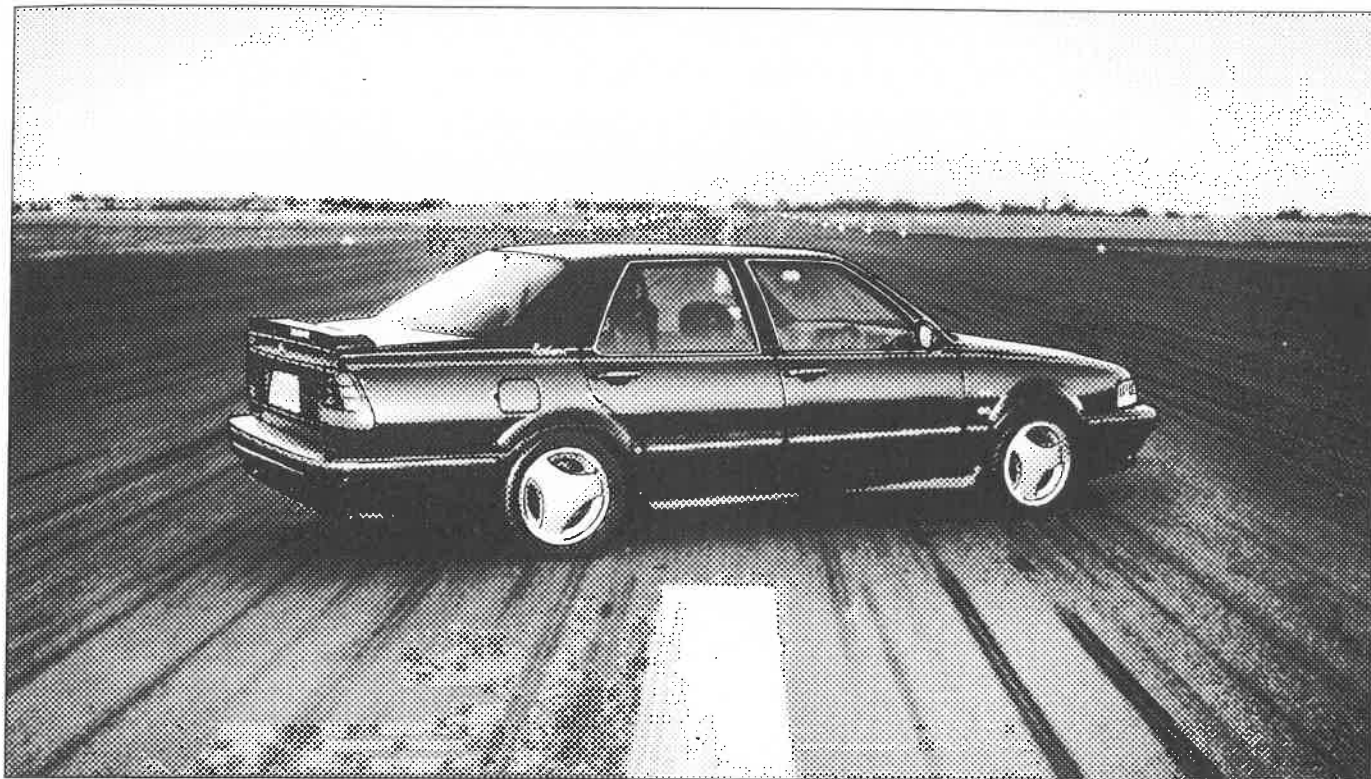
The choir has undergone many changes through the past year due to the musical talents of the previous Upper Sixth disappearing. However, a new generation of talented and able musicians has now surfaced.

Once again, this year's programme of musical items made a great impression for the school. This has been another successful year. None of these enjoyable events would have been possible if it were not for the hard work and dedication of Mr. Catterall and Mrs. Greaves, whom we all thank for a marvellous year.

J.A. Turner



The Mayor and Mayoress of Fylde arriving at the Carol Service at St. Michael's Church



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The Thirteen Clocks

At what may have been the last dramatic production in the old School Hall, the audience were surprised to find themselves sitting on the stage, watching a spirited performance of James Thurber's 'The Thirteen Clocks' taking place on the floor of the hall.

This novel and flexible use of the available space was well suited to the juniors' choice of play, a fast-moving comic fantasy. The acting was excellent throughout, particularly that of C. Bonar as the wandering Prince Zorn, helped in his quest to rescue the beautiful Princess Zaralinda (K. McCann) from the evil clutches of the Duke of Coffin Castle (L. Halliday) by a well-meaning but absent-minded Wizard (A. Ward) and the enigmatic and not entirely reliable Golux, played ebulliently by C. Tudor-Jones. D. Miller was appropriately gloomy as the Duke's reluctant assistant, Hark, and R. Darroch made the most of her rocking chair bound role as Hagga.

The opening scene, in the tavern where Zorn is informed of the hopeless nature of his task, was performed with great gusto, with splendid performances from R. Heritage, L. Hodder, M. Johnson, A. Thompson and A. Wardrop as assorted tosspots, toppers and travellers. G. Benson as the Captain of the Castle Guards brought a military brusqueness to bear on his subordinates, whose mere appearance brought one of the many laughs of the evening.

Credit must also go to those who worked so hard backstage before and during the performances, in particular to J. Clark (Lighting), R. Fielding (Sound) and to T. Connolley and M. Hood (Set Construction). Our thanks to the many others who helped to make 'The Thirteen Clocks' a most successful production.



Prince Zorn (C. Bonar), right, meets Golux (C. Tudor-Jones) in "The Thirteen Clocks"

Dramatic Society

The Society has not been as active as in previous years; it was hoped that a production might be staged during the Spring term, but uncertainty as to the availability of the New Hall as a venue led to its postponement. There was a junior play in the Summer term, a review of which appears opposite, and we look forward to the first major production in the New Hall - Lionel Bart's 'Oliver!' - on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th November, 1990.

Our visits to the theatre have been regular and varied this year, and have included 'The Duchess of Malfi' at the Contact Theatre, Manchester; 'The Revenger's Tragedy' at the Bolton Octagon; 'The Parasol' at Manchester's Royal Exchange; 'The Royal Hunt of the Sun' at the Palace, Manchester; 'A View from the Bridge' at the Oldham Coliseum; and 'Hamlet' at the Old Vic.

A. Postill

The Third Year Drama Festival

Here are three views, an account from each form of their preparation for, and participation in, the Drama Festival:

We made what seemed an early start to this task, as we had thought up many ideas for what to act and write about halfway through the Winter Term. When we finally got round to the Spring Term, we were pretty certain what the play would be based upon; we just needed to summarise all the ideas, and fit the whole thing together!

Script-writing began as soon as possible, with all of us divided into groups (3 groups in all). With an editor for each of the groups, we began to piece together a script over the weeks, with each individual in each group handing in a piece of the jigsaw to the editor. The editor in his turn had his work cut out, by piecing together the 'first time' script, and making out a fair copy, to be handed over to the wizard-typists, who typed up each one of the scenes.

Unfortunately, the first scene was not completed until one week after half-term, leaving us with only two or three weeks of rehearsal time, instead of the half-term's worth of rehearsal enjoyed by the other two forms. Because we had so little time for rehearsing, we were unable to sort out our acting to the best possible level. This, I think, was one of the main causes of error upon the actual day.

When the big day arrived, all seemed to go all right until someone forgot his lines in the very first scene! The main character in the play (the Gnome, played by Christian Bonar) had the most lines to learn. He learnt them fairly well, but lost his exit line in the last scene. All credit, however, to him, and to everyone else who took part in the production.

Thanks must go, of course, to the people who organised the props (C. Jackson, R. Hankinson, C. Stevens and R. Wilson) as well as to the script writers and the actors. The play went well, but we ended up with a disjointed feel to the performance. On behalf of myself and the rest of the form, I wish to thank Mr Woodhead for his help in the organisation of it all.

R. Wilson 3X

We all knew that we would have to put on a drama festival this year as we had seen last year's performance, but what we did not realise was just how much work was involved. In our form, 3Z, we all had to arrange ourselves in groups and write different parts of our play. We learnt how to write scripts, and how to listen to other people's ideas and improve them. As we began to try different people for different parts, and actually put our scripts into practice, we learnt how to work together as a team. We had to perform the play in the New Hall this year, which created several problems, as we found it difficult to project our voices, but by the time the day of performance came, we had overcome this difficulty.

Soon it was our turn. We had no props or costumes like the other forms; but, as Mr Catterall said, we overcame this with our drama. A. Carpenter played a bully who everyone hated at first, but began to feel sorry for as the play progressed. The play itself showed bullying in its different aspects. S. Hamlin, the girl's drunken father, was very convincing, and the song, performed by D. Gascoigne, was a good end to the play.

The festival has brought us all much closer together and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all. We were very pleased when we were declared the winners.

J. Henckel 3Z



How would you like to have to write and stage a twenty minute play in only two months? That was the task of 3Y; who were working frantically on their masterpiece, 'Who Killed the Three Bears?', for most of the Spring term.

After several lessons of heated argument, it was decided that a murder mystery, using modern versions of various fairy tale characters, would give most of the form good parts. We were split into groups to write individual scenes, which were then stitched together to make a (more or less) working script.

Then came the casting: more arguments, eventually decided by a class vote. Now it was time to start learning our lines and rehearsing. Suddenly the 28th March, the day of the performance, seemed very close!

The big day arrived, and the second and third years gathered in the New Hall. We were called on to do our play first. Fortunately, all went well: nobody forgot their lines, as feared, and the audience seemed to enjoy it. Then we sat, anxiously biting our nails as 3X and 3Z performed their plays. These were of a very high standard, but 3Y still had high hopes, right up to the moment when Mr. Catterall announced that 3Z were the winners. Still, even though we were disappointed, it was a great day and we all thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

N. Walford 3Y

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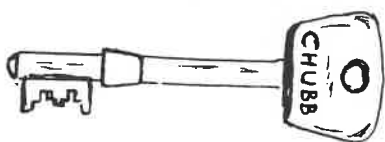
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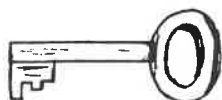
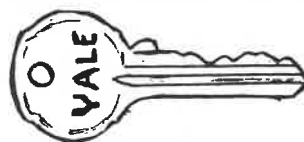
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British Gas Competition

As part of our Graphic Communication course work, three of us had to produce a project. This consisted of planning our future accommodation and budget for when we leave home. Several weeks after submission, Mr Hill, our leader, informed us that we had won the North West Prize. A British Gas representative came and presented us with a book token and £100. We were also informed that we had won the prize for the North of England - this was a helicopter ride to a Gas rig. The prize consisted of a further substantial monetary award for the school T.D. department (or Mr Hill for a new set of golf clubs!).

On the day of our trip, Mr Hill drove us to Blackpool Airport. After weighing in, we changed into bright orange jumpsuits. Unfortunately, weather conditions were not kind and the trip was postponed. We had to make do with a four course meal, pens and key fobs.

Three months later, we are still waiting. Even without the flight, we enjoyed the day. Many thanks to Alistair for trying to record the day on video and Mr Hill for all his help.

R. Jones
A. Gardner
A. Nelson

Midbank 1989/90

This year 'Midbank' has been run by members of the fourth year business studies group. The bank is now open on Friday lunchtime and we have received help and advice from the Midland Bank in Kirkham, who are our sponsoring bank. New customers have been attracted and the bank has managed to expand. A number of the fourth years have operated and managed the bank in a very conscientious manner. Special mention must go to Melanie Baxter, Karen Hood and David Bond.

T.J.B.



R. Jones, A. Nelson, A. Gardner prepared for their helicopter flight

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Army Section

Summer Camp, 1989

This year's camp was held at Warcop and the weather remained very good all week. The accommodation was modern and facilities were good at this large, well equipped camp.

The week's activities were varied, but the highlight must be the "Warcop Wanderer", which was basically Platoon Battle Drill in situations which were as realistic as possible. Although it was a very tiring exercise, both cadets and instructors agreed that it was excellent. Other activities included climbing and abseiling on a viaduct and a day spent swimming and rafting. The last day provided a choice between walking with F.W.S., for which his loyal followers opted, or a maniac's day at playing war with Mr Skeens, who managed to acquire a bucket of blood over his head by the end of the day. Another day was spent at a range, where once again Mr Skeens suffered in a exuberant game. A special mention must go to the March and Shoot Team, who succeeded in winning the inter-schools trophy by a large margin and even setting records in the process.

On the whole, it was a good, productive camp and many thanks must go to all the staff and especially to Lt. Colonel Sayer.

Staff Sergeant P. Griffiths

Adventurous Training 1990

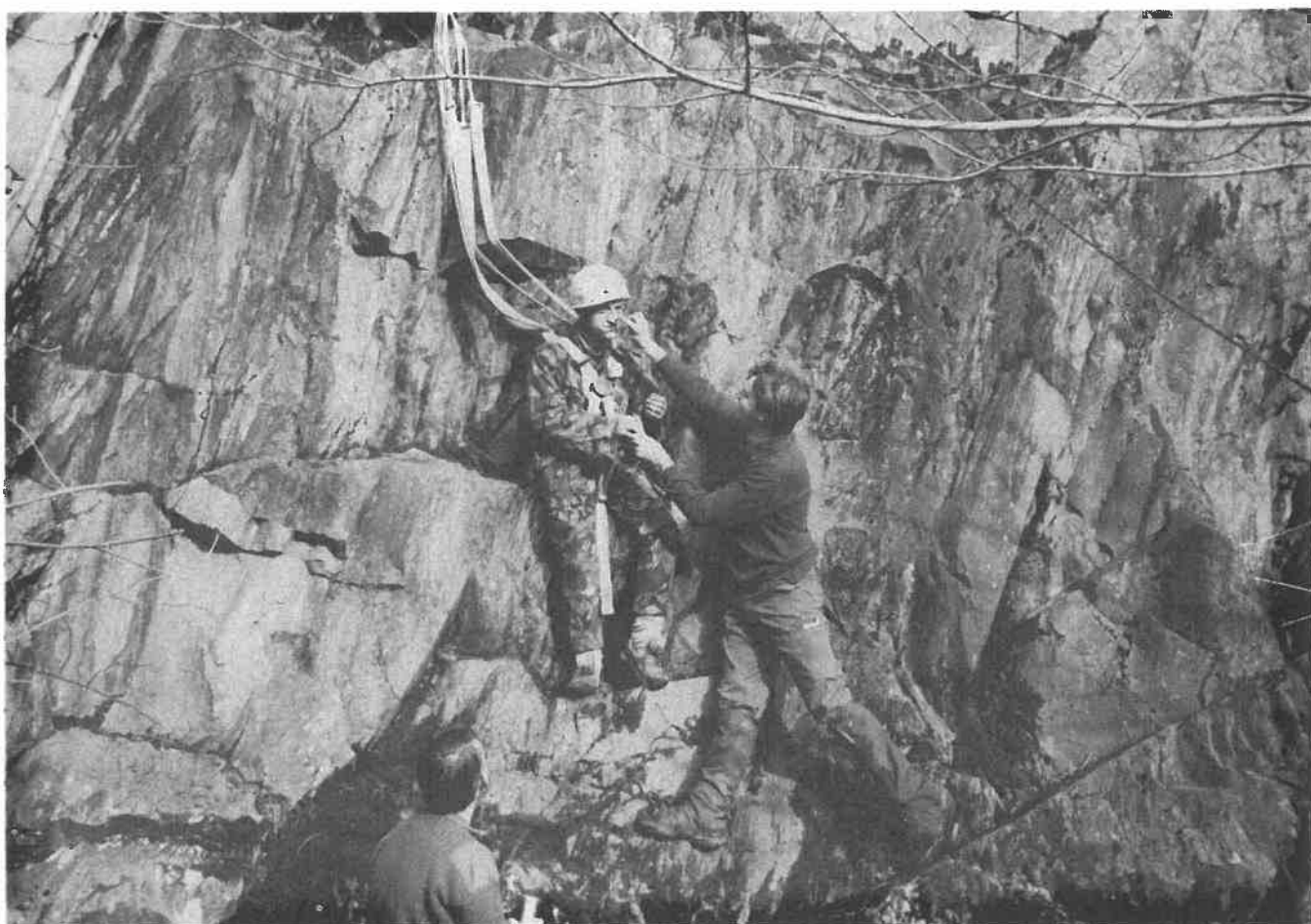
The camp this year was held at Great Tower Scout Camp, but something was different to previous years, females were present. Yes, equality had finally reared its ugly head in the last male bastion within the school and, despite scepticism from F.W.S., the experiment proved a success.

The activities were wide ranging and filled the days well. A day was spent climbing, another orienteering, and the third day involved walking or, as it emerged, crossing raging torrents without the aid of a bridge. The last day was spent on a point-to-point exercise around Loughrigg, the high point of this being the rescue of an over-zealous Mr Miller as a stranded parachutist suspended over a cliff.

The night's activities usually involved an enthralling game of tiddlywinks or Trivial Pursuit. One night, an orienteering exercise was organised, but only because the staff felt the urge to scare cadets with certain pyrotechnics.

Section 1 emerged the clear winners and received an 'art-deco' mug for their efforts. Many thanks must go to Mr. Summers and Mr. Scott as chief caterers, Mrs. Piggott as lunch maker, Mr. Miller, Paul Stanford, who was a good permanent fixture and Sergeants Ripley and Lithgoe. Finally, but by no means least, special thanks must go to Mr. Sayer. Thanks for putting up with us for a week.

Staff Sergeant P. Griffiths



The crashed "pilot" (Mr. Miller) is made up

RAF Section Report, 1990

This has been a year of excellent opportunities for cadets, with four attending a camp at RAF Laarbruck, West Germany, during Easter 1989, along with cadets from several other schools. The group had a chance to visit towns in the local area, including Arnhem in the Netherlands, as well as participating in a military exercise at the base. We hope to send more cadets to Germany in 1991.

In the past 12 months, five cadets have been on one week gliding courses, all obtaining their "wings", Sgt. C. Kenward also progressing to obtain his "B" certificate qualification and more places will be available this summer.

Annual camp this Easter was at RAF Hereford, a training base where the section had been at camp in the past, and which this time was graced with the presence of the Contingent Commander, Lt. Colonel Sayer.

The week was instructive and although there was no flying opportunity, 19 cadets enjoyed the varied programme.

Looking to the future, I hope that a more active and broader training programme can be developed to supplement the examinations in basic aircraft knowledge.

Our results for this year were good, with ten cadets passing HQAS Advanced Examination and twenty two passing Part 2 Proficiency.

It just remains for me to thank our officers, Flt./Lt. R.F. Greaves and F/O S.P. Gardiner for their organisation and support, and, of course, my fellow NCO's for making sure everything ran smoothly.

Flt./Sgt. T. Connolley



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St. George and the Dragon II

St. George sat down in his arm chair, grumpy and frustrated. He was bored. St. George was an adventurous man, about five feet eight inches tall and very strong. He was getting old now, fifty three to be exact. He had grey hair and a grey beard. Anyway he was getting more bored and more grumpy every day, until one day a message arrived, telling him to come quickly to his brother's house in Exilius.

St. George set off to Exilius, quite looking forward to seeing his brother again. But before he got within the city's walls, he was met by his brother. The two brothers then went to a hut belonging to Barigar, the wise man of the city.

St. George was told of how, two years before, a boy went missing in the now darkest hill area of all, Dark Cauldron. Then he was told how a giant beast had raided the city and had taken the Princess Exile away. The beast filled the sky and cast an eclipse over the city. St. George told the people he would investigate.

Next day, he set off into the Dark Cauldron. Here he found many tracks, but none like the ones he had found in Exilius. Then he climbed into a hole as deep as up to his waist, and noticed it was a Giant Red Dragon's footprint. Then he noticed there was another, and another, and another leading off into a cave.

St. George went cautiously towards the cave. He was as silent as a dead parrot. The cave was as dark as the darkest eclipse of the sun. Inside he could hear a loud grunting. He entered, lying down and crawling slowly like a worm. He was as inconspicuous as a grain of sand in a bucket of sand. Then, as he rounded a corner of the cave, he saw a giant orange and red mass of scales with a giant head. The head was as big as a hut and had more teeth than the whole population of Exilius. After examining the sleeping, armour-plated beast, he looked around from side to side, wondering how he would defeat this giant.

Then he noticed, in a small cell, the Princess Exile. She spotted him and shouted out for help. This shout woke the giant beast, who also spotted him. Suddenly a giant mass of flames flew at St. George. St. George moved just in time. The beast lost sight of where George had gone and George saw his chance. The beast's eyes were as red as strawberries and stood out a mile off. George had known, from past experience, that Red Dragons couldn't stand direct sunlight, so he decided to lead the giant beast outside.

He ran out from hiding and shouted to the beast. The beast shot out more flames at him. George noticed some barrels of lythane, probably taken from Exilius. Lythane is a material that is highly flammable, and is used by dragons to enable them to throw out flames. St. George ran straight through the dragon's legs. As he ran, the dragon threw more flames at him and he dived to avoid them. The dragon took time to turn, and while it was turning George freed the Princess. George stood next to the Lythane. The beast threw flames straight at George. George heroically moved and ran towards the cave exit faster than he had ever ran before. The Princess had already gone and George soon met her outside. George's plan had already started to work. The dragon came out of the cave followed by raging flames. The beast let out a scream of anguish, louder than thunder, when it saw the direct sunlight. The beast spread some mighty wings and flew up into the air, still screaming. It soon landed again, down in the valley, where it collapsed flat with one scream that shook the earth.

The valley was quiet; almost as quiet as space. Then giant crowds of people came over the dark hill. The Dark Cauldron suddenly lit up and out of another cave in a hill came the young boy. Peace was returned to Exilius!

Alastair Ward 2Y

The Crash

Screeching of brakes
Slices the midnight silence,
An explosion of metal
Scraping against tarmac
Sparks like fireworks
Slowing back to stillness.
A fire crackles softly; flickering flames
Illuminate the horror of the wreckage.

Crowds muster
Clutching torches tightly,
Stand bewildered and breathless
Transfixed with fear,
Hesitant to approach.

Suddenly, from the darkness,
A sapphire flare lights the scene,
An ambulance drifts up slowly,
Watching for debris
Scattered across the road.
Stretchers brought out-
Injured lifted with utmost care and raced away
Back into the night.

The crowd, still suffering shock,
Disperse to their homes,
Leaving only the police
To the gentle buzz of a radio.

Andrew Butterworth 4X

Television

There's soaps and concerts, films and plays,
Entertainment in many ways;
Quizzes or game shows, cash to be won,
Sports, documentaries, lots of fun;
Comedies and chat shows or "News at Ten,"
With even a picture of old Big Ben;
Shows from Australia, America as well,
There's Eurovision and satellites, who can tell?
Where will we be taken by the box on the floor?
With tragedy or comedy or peace or war;
We'd miss it if it wasn't there
But sometimes how I wish it were
Taken away and put on ice,
I think that would be really nice;
With homework done in peace and quiet,
While mum and dad go on a diet;
They could learn to talk and to play board games,
And even remember their children's names;
Still that's Utopia where things are fine,
I'll get a video to pass the time.

James Woodsell 2Z

Fat

There's much worse things than being fat,
I could be ugly - I wouldn't like that.
There's people disabled, deaf and blind,
Always the ridicule by the unkind.

Go on a diet, they say this a lot,
It takes all the willpower I haven't got.
Their suggestions are flying from left to right,
Don't eat chocolate; well, just a bite.

So to all those fat people reading out there,
This is a poem to show that I care.

A. Pickering 5X

One Track Mind

I am a psychiatrist. Linda, one of my patients, has just been to see me for the last time. Geoff was only her boyfriend when they had first come to see me six months ago, but they are married now. It seems that Linda's problem brought them closer together.

I can vividly remember the day that she first came for a consultation. She was very insecure and worried, but Geoff had reassured her and given her lots of encouragement.

As a child, Linda would go to the local railway line and play with her two best friends. They used to see who could stand on the track the longest with a "choo choo" train bearing down on them. Her eyes had lit up with the fire of her youth when she told me how exhilarating, yet frightening, it had been.

About seven or eight months ago she met Geoff and began to dream about their relationship as though she was a teenager again. As she had told me about all the things which had been happening in the past weeks, she came to a point when her face dropped and she became very frightened. She only continued when Geoff held her hand firmly and gave her a smile. Her voice became very shaky as she said, "Suddenly all the happy stories in my mind of being with Geoff changed, and I was standing in the middle of a train track with laughter echoing in my ears. A train was coming straight at me, at full speed." She paused, for a moment with tears in her eyes, trying to compose herself again. "Everything was dark in an eerie tunnel and at times the headlights grew large and then small again. The consuming sound of the train beating its raucous rhythm blocked out the girlish laughter, swooshing loud and then soft into the core of my head. My visions went from my standing in the middle of the track transfixed on the train, hypnotised by it, to being in the train, driving at my blank eyes, wanting to destroy myself." At this point she glanced at Geoff as she had been doing throughout our session. "Then I wake up," she continued, "just before the impact point. When I awake my skin is very pale; I am sweating and breathing deeply. It is terrifying."

Her nightmares were recurring every night. On one afternoon, she told me about inviting Geoff around to her flat for dinner. He had stayed the night, but unfortunately having him with her hadn't stopped Linda's nightmare. Geoff had tried talking with her about it, but it didn't help. He had been really shocked to be awoken in the night seeing Linda so frightened and helpless against the torture of her own mind.

Geoff was the one that had convinced Linda to come and see me, and by the end of our first consultation it was obvious that her childhood games had prompted her dreams, but the real problem was finding how I could prevent them happening. Firstly, I got Linda to write down how she felt, before, during and after her ordeals. We could find no particular circumstances in which they were likely to occur; she only had to be asleep. This approach to the tribulations didn't work as she had already faced up to her feelings with Geoff. Next, I asked her to paint exactly what she saw during her bad dreams. She found this very traumatic, but Geoff helped her tremendously as he knew the visions exactly. I wanted to know what she saw so that I could know what it was like for her. The picture was very dark and awesome. What struck me most was the way in which the train was almost swallowing her up, even as you looked at it, even a glance would bring this sensation. To start with I was looking into the way she had painted the different parts of the picture in order to give me some clues as how to deal with everything, but it was all the same; simple brushstrokes.

Geoff suggested the next plan, which was to get in touch with Linda's two best friends who used to play on the railway with her, but unfortunately they were both out of the country.

About a month after first meeting Linda, by sheer coincidence, I had been watching a television programme about phobias. The only way to overcome them was to do what they were scared of. One man was afraid of heights, so he climbed a small mountain in order to conquer his fear. Amazingly it had worked, so I decided to put the idea forward to Linda and Geoff that she should stand on the railway track just as in her dreams to see how her dreams would finish if she didn't wake up. Linda was a little unsure to start with I remember, but determined to do it all the same.

It was the twentieth of March and we travelled down to the same railway line that Linda used to play on as a child. The line was now disused, but Linda's childhood obsession blinded her from seeing the reality.

Geoff and I decided not to break the news to Linda; instead we thought it would be better for her to actually see it herself and release her forever. As we stepped out of the car, Linda was very scared, but again Geoff's faith and encouragement helped her through.

We could all hear the train in the far distance coming in our direction and Linda cautiously stepped onto the line, holding Geoff's hand as usual. I can remember Geoff telling me afterwards how her hand lost all its warmth and tenderness as she became engrossed by the train - her eyes were as black as the night sky, just staring at it.

Its noise ground at Linda's heart and after a few minutes all we could hear was the train speeding away in the distance. Geoff and I looked at each other, then at Linda, who was just standing there with an expression of intense relief on her face and we all began to laugh and cry at the same time. The train had changed tracks - just as we knew it would - and at last Linda was free.

Clair Holden 5Y

The Rugby Pitch

The playing field stood ready for the rugby match, white lines clean and sharp, grass short and neat. The teams were still in the changing rooms; the noise of their voices could be heard by the small scattered groups of spectators. These were mainly proud fathers escaping from helping their wives with the weekly shopping or school mates with nothing better to do.

Then the teams ran out onto the pitch ready to begin their warm-up. As they ran out they were laughing and joking, but as they reached the pitch they quietened down and started to focus their minds on the match ahead of them. The voice of the referee could be heard calling the captains together. They took the toss and the winner decided which way to kick.

The game started with the usual scramble of players all scrummaging for the lofted ball, calls of encouragement from the few fans who were present tinkling around the field. The field seemed to come alive, thirsty lads plus a referee running back and forth, groans as the ball was lost, panting breath clear in the air.

Half-time and again the mood seemed to change. The coaches joined their teams and quiet, serious discussions took place. Again the referee's whistle was heard and the game was resumed with all the effort and excitement as before.

At last the game was over and slowly the teams and spectators made their way to the changing rooms and cars.

The field took on a dejected air, abandoned until the groundsman came after the weekend to smarten it up. Once sharp white lines were scuffed and ragged, and in some places gone altogether. The neat green grass bore the wounds of battle, long brown marks, whole areas churned into mud where the lads had fought for the ball.

James Woodsell 2Z

Dream World

*As the blackness of sleep drugs children,
their minds fall into vortices of imagination.
Realism dissolves and silhouettes of their heads
slither through bewitched woods.*

*A world of magical mists and creatures opens.
Glittering dusts and enchanting colour blind their eyes.
Horizons of silver against a devilled skyline gleam,
and a star-spangled constellation suspended
in the heaven's galaxy smiles down.*

*Incantations and charms of delights
are mingled in though-cauldrons by inhuman forms.
They walk without a cut through a stained glass wall.
Their feet never touch the earth as they dream.*

*Goblins and spectres, devils and demons
transform into knights, maidens, princes and mermaids.
Wicked imps fight dwarf-elves whilst
trolls wage battle on the sprites.*

*Ivory-coated unicorns with glistening horns
canter nobly through wall of solid gold-
and then through the wall of the child's head,
whinnying and neighing to be more than just a vision
in the child's mind.*

*Meanwhile, above the unproven thought world,
the spirits look down on earth,
smiling privately at grown-ups' ignorance.
The children, still believing,
are invited up at the witching hour,
until their faith, too, dissolves.*

Maria Wardrop 4X

The Place I Shall Never Forget

*I could see the sun rising, a stunning golden ball emerging
from the horizon. Its brilliant rays reflected off the delicate
dew drops, which hung limply from the green leaves. They
looked like millions of tiny crystals, constantly changing
colour. For a moment everything was silent, then the world
seemed to come alive under my feet.*

*A breeze rustled through the trees, disturbing a multi-
coloured bird, which flew directly overhead. I could hear a
chorus of many different birds, but I could not see them,
because of the many trees that surrounded me.*

*It was humid, but there was a sweet smell in the air. I heard
a rustle, and caught a glimpse of a hungry badger, looking
for food under the bracken. I reached out and tenderly
picked one of the shiny red berries that were in front of me.
It had a tangy taste, that made my mouth water. This place
was interesting, but lonely.*

*As the fiery red sun set, I yearned for daylight. The sky was a
mixture of fabulous, fiery colours; pinks, oranges and reds.
There was a slight chill in the air, which made me shiver.
The air rang with a selection of high-pitched notes, which
came from the crickets and tree frogs, that were
surrounding me.*

*The sky was gradually getting darker now, and birds were
frantically flying back to their nests. Two huge yellow eyes
were staring at me from a nearby branch. I jumped back in
fright, only to realize it was an owl.*

*The trees looked like crooked old men, reaching out
towards me. A twig snapped, and made me start. I picked
one of the berries that I had eaten earlier. They looked
deadly, and had a bitter taste. I tried to comfort myself, by
wrapping my arms around me. This was eerie and very
frightening.*

Andrea Bycroft 2Z

Frederick

*Frederick is a twelve year-old enemy of mine. He is about
five feet four inches tall and he lives in a mansion on a
luxury road on the borders of town. He only wears three
piece suits and nobody has seen him in anything else.*

*He acts as though he is the king of the school. He even
thinks he is fifty-third in line to the throne. He has his own
butler and he owns a poodle called Fifi; Fifi is taken to the
grooming parlour every week.*

*He has a smooth complexion with thick yellow hair and a
centre parting. He has green eyes, a small button-shaped
nose, big ears and a large mouth.*

*Everyone at school calls him Mr Snobbo, besides other
things. Even the chemistry teacher has been known to call
him a snob when he tried to tell her the molecular density
of a polythene of uranium.*

*He has got into lots of fights for calling people 'vulgar
Northerners' but he has never won any. He lived in London,
but he moved up about a year ago because his dad had been
offered a job at the Newcastle branch of 'Lovely Dresses
Ltd'. He designs exclusive dresses for women.*

*He is a swot at school and always top. He has a private tutor
for every subject and he has his own study.*

Simon Green 2Y

The Badger

*On a cold winter's day,
I saw a big badger,
Digging a badger's den,
To shelter from the cold,
To sleep all the winter,
Safe from man's awful harm.*

Richard Rhode 1Y



The Audition

My palms were sweating and my heart was pounding. The walls echoed, towering above me, staring at me, listening to me. My nerves were pulsating around my body. I cleared my throat, but the noise produced sounded more like a car engine; every sound I made reverberated around the hall. A well-built man with white, wiry hair, raised his head from his desk and smiled. The chair and music stand were ready for me to sit down. I took a deep breath and carefully positioned myself on the edge of the chair. Cello in one hand, music in the other, I knew that it was time to perform my mini-balancing act of placing the music onto the music stand. Blood rushed to my head as I struggled to prevent the man from seeing the photo-copied sheets of music slip out of the book in which they were supposed to have been concealed.

After this minor disaster, I was prepared for anything. I had time to think about what was happening, as I waited for him to finish writing. I felt my cello, heavy and foreign, leaning against my body. My jaw was paralysed from having a fixed smile spread across my face, as the series of incidents occurred. This paralysis took over from my nervousness and my now dwindling smile. A numb sensation penetrated through to my finger tips, as if I had been holding on to an ice cube too long. I felt trapped in my body. It wanted to stay here but my mind did not.

Then, as he spoke, the most horrific thought struck me. I had forgotten to practise the scale of B minor. I didn't do anything to give away my emotions; I just silently hoped for E major, in fact any scale except for B minor. Unfortunately, the scale of B minor cropped up in his sentence. My mind went blank; then the ceiling shattered. I glanced outside for inspiration, but the clouds looked like white crocodiles ready to snap me up. My reply to his expectations was verbal, not in tones of a cello playing B minor. I explained to him with a concerned voice that I had forgotten how to play the scale of B minor. There was a long pause as my words drifted across to his desk. Still smiling he suggested the scale E major. The crocodile clouds turned into white teddy bears. Relief was pouring off me and I placed my fingers across my strings; gushing with confidence, I attacked my C string.

It was time for the main piece of music, in which you could show your inner musicality. I began it well, lightly caressing the strings with the bow - no mistakes yet. Then I had to play a high pitched expressive phrase. Never have I felt in such control of my fingers before. I actually enjoyed playing out, from what I read, as being notes on a sheet of music. Outside the sun shone and glowed through the window onto my music.

I could still hear the last note of that piece ringing through my ears when I received the letter, granting me a place in the Lancashire Students' Symphony Orchestra. All that tension made me find myself and let me express myself more freely. I was not going to be superficial in my attitude to life, or conform to what everyone else was doing. I was going to be what I am.

Sarah Flack 4Y

An Unusual Character

In the distance I saw this vision of a small round person. His head was round with a tall pointed hat on top. He wore a blue cloak with silver stars on it. I think (from what he was wearing) that the small person was a 'wizard'. As the man was moving towards me I then noticed that he had a walking stick and was limping mildly.

When he was a couple of yards away from me, I noticed that he had hair as black as a coal mine. His eyes were as

Bruce Jones

Bruce Jones is my best friend. He has a shock of wiry, black hair, which covers most of his medium-sized ears and his forehead. He has pale, yellowish skin as he originated in Hong-Kong. He came to England in 1976 when he was only a small child.

He has a large home in Hong-Kong, but he only has a small bungalow on our estate in Kirkham. It is a nice little place with lots of garden gnomes by the little pond in the front garden. His father runs the Kung-Fu lessons at the local village hall, and Bruce wants to run his own class one day.

Everyone at school - excepting me, of course - makes fun of Bruce because of the colour of his skin. Bruce is shy and isn't very good at making friends, which is probably why I like him so much. He is funny, intelligent and great at Kung-Fu. He trains for hours every day, under the strict supervision of his father.

Bruce enjoys any sport, and also enjoys playing on his computer. We go fishing, swimming and out on 'pretend' adventures where we are lost in the jungle and have to survive (we do this in the large wood on our estate).

The estate where we live is a nice one, but Bruce wants to return to Hong-Kong one day.

Jonathan Rawstrone 2Y

Shame

He huddled in the corner of the comforting bus shelter. The deafening sound of raindrops echoed in his mind. He pulled the tattered raincoat tighter around his bony shoulders, trying to hide his sordid body. His gnarled hand clutched tighter at the remaining comfort in the world - a bottle of cheap whiskey. The tramp glanced up towards the bleak skyline and his mind filled with the thoughts he forbade himself to recall. All the bitterness and resentment flooded back. Words, letters, sounds filled his mind and scarred yet another wound deep in his soul. The shame and despair bore into his heart like a termite. He had tried every possible cure, drugs, alcohol, suicide, but every one was a failure. His pride kept him from medical help. He was a leper, a monster and was confined to solitude. He had Aids. So he disowned himself; he became a Mr Nobody, he knew nobody and nobody knew him. He punished himself - he became an alcoholic, dipsomaniac. His shame for himself and his body became recognisable. He hated himself - he was like a fallen angel.

A bolt of lightning from the black sky tore him from his depressing memories. He was happy now, happier than he had ever been. He was dying; his long painful life was now ending. He was free, no longer a disgrace to his society. A few more days and he would be no more. His shame had become relief. He had carried his burden and now it was being lifted from his drooping shoulders. He drained the whiskey bottle and then tossed it away along with his fears. Then he laid back his weary head and fell asleep to the rhythm of the falling rain.

Katherine Salt 5X

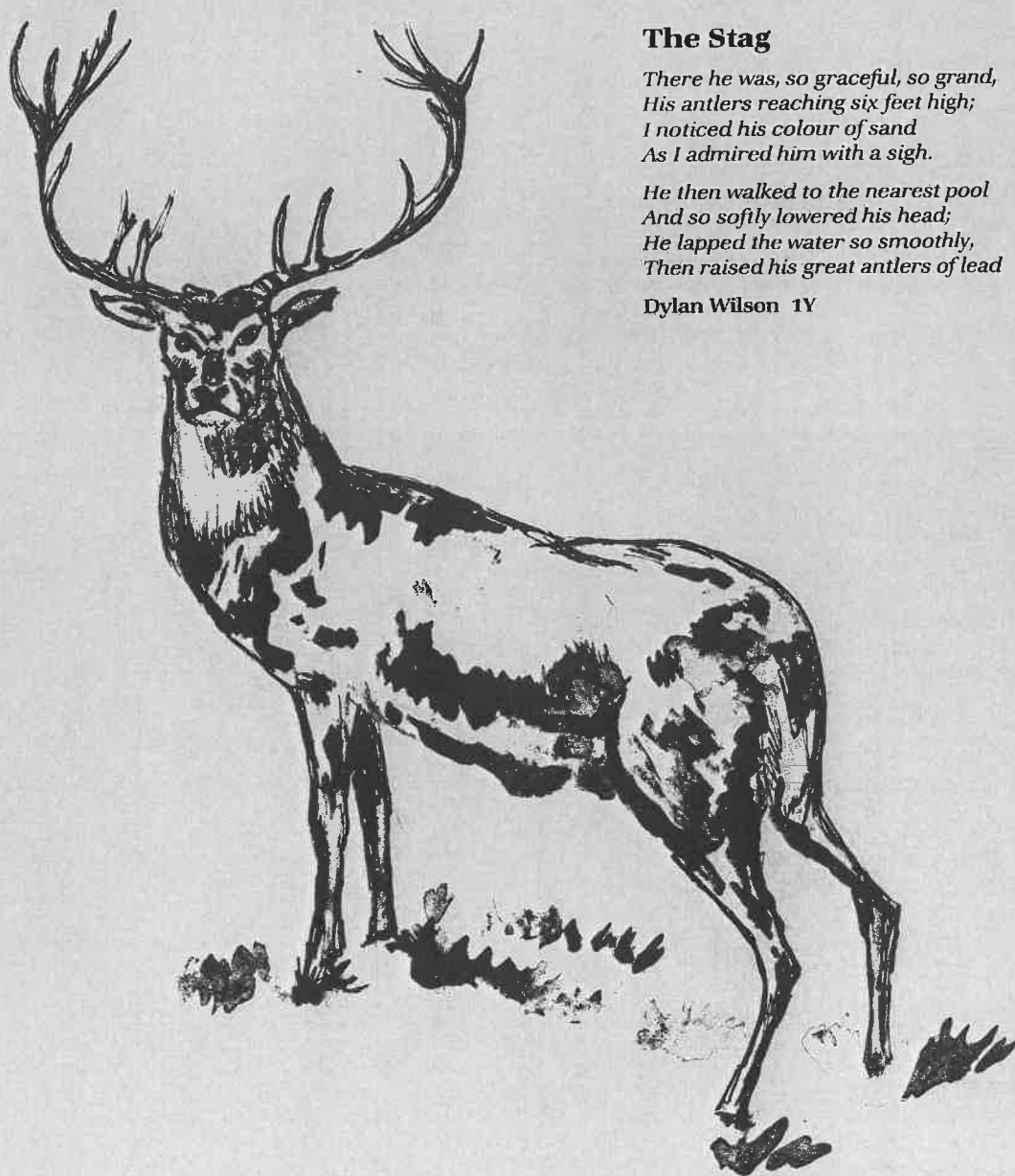
piercing as two lasers and could hypnotise somebody by just looking at them. The wizard was lively and cheerful, like a newly opened bottle of champagne. His neck was short. His body was like a peach, round and soft. The wizard's arm outstretched and pointed a wand at me; I was lying in bed-awake.

Benjamin Stuttard 4X

SONNET: Summer Leaves

*They tumble down: flames scatt'ring noiselessly
On the ground, a fuming fire of colour.
Wind disturbs them, they rise up angrily-
Twisting, turning. The gaunt days grow duller.
These whisp'ring fragments from summer remain,
Which lazily slipped away, leaving trees
Devoid of warmth - silhouettes in the rain
That engulfs the new season. Gentle breeze
Of summer turns raging storm in autumn;
A running deluge creates swirling pools:
Black eddies. Fire tongues trace patterns: some
Condemned to murky depths; others, red tools
That carve empty scenes, resembling a world
Destroyed, where leaves are no longer unfurled.*

Louise Green 4Y



The Stag

*There he was, so graceful, so grand,
His antlers reaching six feet high;
I noticed his colour of sand
As I admired him with a sigh.*

*He then walked to the nearest pool
And so softly lowered his head;
He lapped the water so smoothly,
Then raised his great antlers of lead*

Dylan Wilson 1Y

S.Flack

Pollution

*The dirt smoked factory bellows and snorts,
These blots on the landscape, this scab, these warts.
They blacken the air and ruin the town,
Smoke goes up; acid rain comes down.*

*The traffic is laid and the industry roars,
Machinery murmurs, like faraway wars.
With all this pollution what can we do?
Get rid of the industry, acid rain too.*

*The noise overwhelming is too much to take,
Employers get richer off the mess that they make.
The answer is staring us right in the face:
Get rid of pollution and clean up the place.*

A. Pickering 5X

Simon

Simon was a big boy for his age. He was only ten, but he looked twelve or thirteen. He was very skinny and his elbows and knees seemed to poke out at strange angles. He had a cheerful, friendly face covered in large brown freckles, and a tangled mop of orange hair on top. His normal clothes were a ripped tee-shirt, with an ancient pair of trainers.

Simon lived in Kirkham. He didn't like school, and would rather hide in the park all day. Once, he tried this. The headmaster just happened to take a lunchtime walk through the park. Simon just happened to be on the path digging up an old bike chain when the headmaster walked past. Simon got a detention every day that week!

Simon would rather fiddle about with his collection of old bikes. He had six of them and he was trying to get them to work. He was always after spare parts. That's why he was digging up the old bike chain in the park. He also liked playing with his friends and climbing trees, along with all the other things boys like to do.

Debbie Sanders 2Y

Sonnet: Looking out to Sea

*The day is born and lights the still grey sea,
Till breezes breathe new life into the deep,
And gulls glide into sight so white and free,
Whilst rock pools stir and silver fishes leap.
A girl appears and walks upon the strand,
Whilst sun and wind caress her from the sky.
Her silent tread leaves footprints in the sand,
Like just so many other passers by.
The waves rush in and cover her tread,
Whilst she stands gazing as the breakers roar,
And no-one can discern which way they lead,
When, puzzling still on life, she leaves the shore.
So now the darkness falls and day is done,
We search for answers-but the prints are gone.*

Alexia Fielding 4X

A Feathery Bird

*There upon the garden lawn
Stood a feathery bird.*

*I rushed out after it
But it flew far away*

Andrew Cairns 1Y

A Snake

*A snake slithered along the grass,
Its eyes fixed on its prey;
It struck and swallowed it whole.*

Elvis Bowman 1Y



Quiz

See how many of the following cryptic clues you can solve.

For example: 7 = W of the W
becomes
7 = Wonders of the World

Answers on page 64

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| 1. 52 = Cin a P | 14. 64 = Son a CB |
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M. Brennand



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Angers Trip, 1990

Monday/Tuesday (2nd/3rd April)

At midnight on Monday, we boarded the coach parked outside the school for the start of an eighteen hour journey to Angers, in the Loire Valley.

We arrived at Folkestone for the cross-channel ferry at seven a.m. The crossing was calm and we arrived in France safely. On the way to our destination we passed through Paris, seeing the Eiffel Tower and Sacré Coeur. We arrived in Angers in the early evening and went for an early night after our first French meal of the trip.

Wednesday (4th April)

Our first full day in Angers. After breakfast, we took the local bus into the centre of Angers, where we visited the château before taking a look around the town itself. In the town we found two English telephone boxes from Wigan! After rabbit for our evening meal, most of the group settled down to watch football on T.V.

Thursday (5th April)

Ancenis, the twin town of Kirkham, was our destination for Thursday. After we had picked up our guide for the day, we went to the town hall after a brief look around the market. After we had all assembled, there was a speech by the Ancenis chairman of the twinning committee. Afterwards, everyone was presented with dossiers on Ancenis by Monsieur Villecheurdle, the President of the twinning committee, and Monique Daudré, the secretary. After lunch at St. Joseph's School, we visited a steel works, where we were shown around by the manager. The final visit of the day was to a near-by vineyard, where everyone was allowed some wine to taste after being shown how it is made.

Friday (6th April)

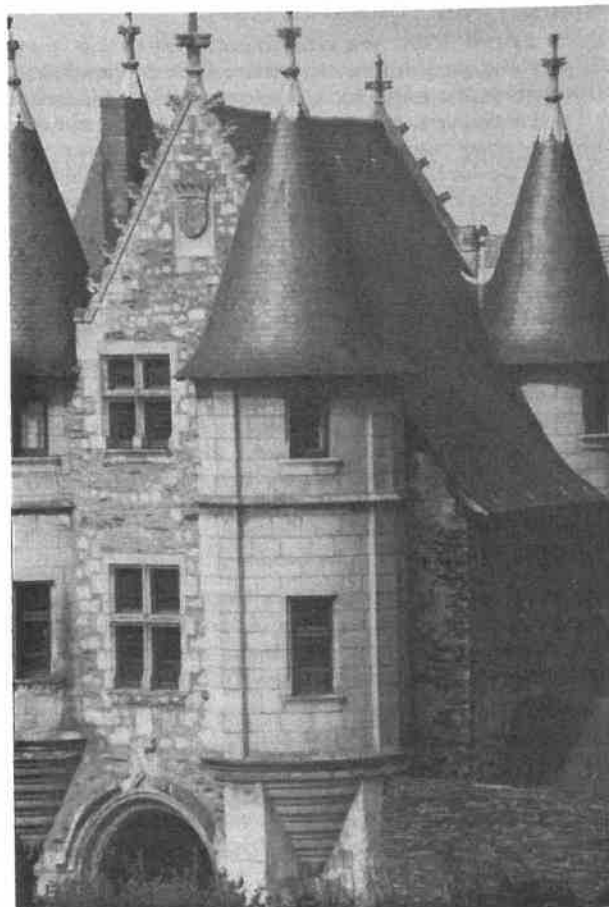
After a typical French breakfast of rolls and a bowl of tea or chocolate, we visited Montreuil Bellay. First of all, we visited the château (almost every town has one in the Loire Valley), which dates from the 14th century. This château was privately owned and only by some persuasion by Mr Long were we allowed to see it. In the afternoon, we visited Saumur and unexpectedly got flour and water thrown at us by the local students, who were celebrating "percent" - 100 days to their A-levels.

Saturday (7th April)

We had an hour's coach trip to Nantes, where some looked around the town, while others visited the cathedral. After the usual packed lunch, a visit to the town's hypermarket followed. This gave everyone the opportunity to buy their souvenirs and presents for relatives and friends before the long journey home.

An early night was necessary, as we had to be up early in the morning, but there was time for a final meeting. Mr Long got everyone together before starting his speech. Some presentations were made to those pupils who had been on two or more trips out of the past three.

Brett was nominated by the pupils to do a speech for us and present the teachers with their gifts from the pupils. There was a special gift of a box of beer for Ray, our driver. Mr Rushton also had a special gift - a single rose for Rachel!



The Château at Montreuil Bellay

Sunday/Monday (8th/9th April)

Mr Rushton had to wake everyone up especially early on Sunday morning as we had to set off at half past seven to catch the ferry. Before breakfast, Mr Clarkson conducted a small service for Palm Sunday. We left the hostel on time, said our goodbyes to Angers and set off for Calais and home. After a quick lunch, we reached Calais an hour early and caught an earlier ferry than planned.

After a fairly rough crossing, there followed a hectic three-quarters of an hour, where we had to get through customs and collect our luggage along with 1,500 passengers.

There followed the long journey home to Kirkham, where we arrived in the early hours of Monday morning.

Thanks go to all the staff; Mr. Long for organising the trip, Mr. Bruce for looking after all the finances, Mr. Clarkson for his jokes and Mr. Rushton and Mrs. Roberts for being there.

C. Darlington (5X)

P. Turner (5X)

B. Harley (5Z)

Skiing 1990 • Çesana, Italy

On 23rd April, 1990, we waved goodbye to the rows of relations and sat back, with sighs of relief and anticipation, heading for the small resort of Çesana in the Italian Alps. It was an uneventful journey, the only highlight being a multi-hued sunset over the cliffs of Dover. The sweet (?) whisperings of the fourth year girls eventually lulled the coach to sleep.

Our apprentice rally drivers ensured an unbelievably early arrival in Çesana. Any complaints of enforced famine were soon quelled at the sight of the attractive Hotel Chamberton, flanked by a rushing Alpine stream and picturesque white capped mountains. At the time, however, the inside of the hotel dining room held more appeal! Apprehension soon tinged the initial euphoria when we discovered that, although snow-capped, the surrounding mountain slopes themselves were completely bare of any skiable material. This blow was soon cushioned by penthouse suites and panoramic views for most party members.

The relief felt at dinner that Paul, our rep., had procured passes for snow-laden Montgenevre, France, was only slightly greater than that felt at the appearance of a different dish for each course.

The next morning, on the trip to Montgenevre, along steep avalanche-prone gullies, the meaning of the word 'vertigo' was rediscovered. Ice was definitely a main item on the day's agenda and worked miracles to improve our party's snow-plough techniques. Mark Eastham established a ritual for the week by making his way down the pistes on every body surface except for his skis, but even a mouthful of snow could not remove his ever-present grin.

Throughout the week, the cuisine was superb and, for once, the beefburgers and chips stayed in the freezer. Monday's quiz-night proved, rather surprisingly, to be one of the week's most enjoyable activities.

The only note-worthy aspect of Tuesday's skiing was the incredible improvement of the beginners - could it have been the sadistic teaching methods of various staff members? A mysteriously crowded intermediate group was discovered, perhaps explained by the presence of Andy, the Ski Instructor.

Even though a night's snowfall meant an abundance of powder snow, Wednesday was a day of mishaps. Vanessa discovered a previously unknown love of trees (amongst other things!), a tired Susan decided, whilst skiing, that she would rather sit than stand, and promptly strained several ligaments in her leg. Ice skating that night in Briançon was a revelation for most aching skiers, including 'Bobby' Browning, who can spread his legs as wide on ice skates as he can on skis!

On Thursday, Beaker Senior's reputation for survival exploits was substantiated throughout this blizzard-stricken day by recruiting three apprentices from the ranks of beginners, who were just as free from fear, intelligence and style as Beaker himself. All four proceeded to create havoc on the French pistes, breaking records in both speed limits and the longest time spent in a racing snowplough position!

The next day was test day, with ideal conditions of crusty powder snow and almost zero visibility on the upper slopes, but, whether racing down black runs with undone boots, or simply attempting to stay upright, all skiers tried their hardest. A

presentation night was a fitting end to the week, and was an event specially marked by the guest appearance of Sonia, everyone's idea of a party animal! Dr. Summers' farewell ceremony was particularly touching, during the course of which a tear or two was definitely spotted.

The final day dawned, seemingly the brightest and hottest of the entire week, and provided a last glimpse of the spectacular views framed in azure and crisp, revitalising air. However, whilst everyone took their protective face cream to the slopes for one last ski, Mr. Scott took his video camera! As is tradition, suicide was attempted many times on the last day. The prize of the week must go to the fifth year lads for proving that it is possible to perform back-flips and somersaults while still on skis! For further reference, however, it would be advisable to remember that headbutting the snow is not an alternative to plastic surgery!

As always, our departure from the hotel was tinged with sadness, and the hotel's friendly staff seemed genuinely sad to see us go. Altogether, it was a highly enjoyable week, and the mixture of fun, sun and skiing will ensure the return of most of this year's party in 1991 for more of the same.

Our grateful thanks must go, as usual, to the dedicated team of staff, Mr. Scott, Mrs. Piggott and Mr. Browning for helping to make this ski holiday such a great one. Of course, Dr. Summers deserves a special mention, especially as this was his final trip with K.G.S. Many thanks for all your hard work that has led to the production of smoothly-running ski holidays since 1974. We hope you continue to create chaos on mountain ranges world-wide and teach other lucky (?) groups of pupils how to ski "beaker style"!

S. Piggott

Gold and silver medallists in the Ladies' Slalom



French Activity Holiday, 1989

14 girls, Miss Walsh, Mrs Taylor and her husband set off at 1.00p.m. on a Saturday afternoon in high spirits. We travelled down to Newhaven, where we boarded the ferry as foot passengers. We said goodbye to home shores and set sail for France. It was a calm crossing, although there was lightning on one horizon and this was a spectacular sight from the deck. It was about midnight, but none of us slept. A new coach awaited us at Dieppe, and from there we travelled on to Meymac, stopping at a French service station for breakfast. On arrival at Club Correze, we were immediately shown what happened to people who did not like their lunch - they were hosepiped with cold water by laughing instructors! Next, it was a two-mile walk to a lake, where, if we sunbathed, we were thrown in. So far the holiday was brilliant! A treasure hunt round Meymac to get to know the village finished our first day off, though not quite. An electric storm ensured that we didn't sleep until 1.00a.m.

On Monday, we did watersports at the lake. Our favourite instructor, Steve, dislocated his shoulder turning the storm-wrecked boats over. The third years were in a group with Mr. and Mrs. Taylor. Our first activity, Topper sailing, saw us all stranded at the far end of the lake with no wind to blow us back. During the rest of the day we canoed, windsurfed and got wet, as, time and again, we were assured how "safe" a canoe raft was, and were ordered to run up and down it!

Mountain biking on Tuesday was enjoyable, though on the way back I am sure that we must have been told ten times that "this is the last hill". In archery Mr. Taylor demonstrated his expertise, whilst the rest of us collected the all too many arrows that had missed the target. Overnight camp was brilliant - we had a barbeque and slept in tents, though Miss Walsh was very disappointed when we did not get our cooked breakfast promised by Steve.

Dressing up with leaves in our headbands, and wading through stinking mud was the Rambo Ramble on Wednesday. Our group let the enemy get away and a hard-fought cone battle saw Mrs. Taylor with a bump or two on her head. The experienced horse riders cantered far away after tea, whilst we beginners plodded along, not sure whether French horses responded to commands such as "stop!"

A trip to the Dordogne provided breathtaking views on Thursday. We canoed up the river and abseiled down a rock to the side of it. I loved abseiling and some of us were soon experts and performed star jumps on the way down with ease.

Our day off from activities took us to Lake Neavic, where we swam, sunbathed and sat in cafes. We visited the Château de Val, a fairytale castle, and then went shopping.

Saturday, and we were watersporting again. Helen Entwistle managed to capsize her canoe about one metre from the shore, and Mr. Taylor and I capsized our Canadian canoe. Helen and I also capsized our topper whilst doing the locomotion on its bow. At the prize giving, the two Sallys and Vicky won the prize for the longest time ever taken orienteering - they finally found the first clue two days after they

had started the search. Helen won the prize for the fastest time in which to capsize her canoe, and Vicky won the prize for trying the hardest.

We said goodbye tearfully at Sunday dinnertime and all vowed that we would be back next year. Many thanks to Mrs. Taylor for organising the trip, Miss Walsh for boldly going where no member of staff had been before, and Mr. Taylor for waking us up every morning by singing (if that's what you can call it) "I feel alright".

L. Green 4Y



L. Fawcett

German Exchange, 1990

In March, we returned the visit of the German students who were in Kirkham last September, and a new experience this year was our decision to fly to Germany instead of travelling by boat and train. This meant a travelling time of less than two hours instead of the twenty-three we have experienced in the past. An unexpected side-effect of this was that the body-clock time for the first lesson at school the next morning at 7.45a.m. was still at British time (6.45a.m.) and this, coupled with rather a late bed time the previous evening when old friendships were renewed, meant that by the end of the third period at 9.30, English heads were nodding. Fortunately, school ends at 1.00p.m. and it is reported that more than one English student enjoyed an afternoon nap.

We were to experience only two days in school, a short time, but enough to illustrate the differences between two systems of education. The English pupils were quick to comment on the relaxed behaviour in class - "How do they get work done? They're always talking!" - and the seemingly constant eating as the Germans had snacks between every lesson.

The other official parts of the Exchange were two full day excursions. The first of these was to the romantic medieval town of Rothenburg ob der Tauber, a two-hour drive away in Bavaria. This is a town very much like York or Chester, with its extensively preserved city walls and its fairy-tale buildings, although, unlike York or Chester, no buildings of modern-design whatsoever have been allowed inside the old walls. Even the ubiquitous McDonalds was in an old building and its presence indicated by an ornate wrought-iron gilded "M" instead of the usual red and yellow sign. Also of great interest to the pupils was the Criminal Museum, Europe's largest such museum. It is an illustration of the history of crime and punishment through the ages, with a particular emphasis on the Middle Ages, with an extensive display of instruments of torture and punishment. Did you know that in Europe in the Middle Ages there were nine different ways a criminal might be executed?

Two days later, we went to Bad Hersfeld, where the Border Police have their regional headquarters.

Here, as in previous years, we had our talk about the border between East and West Germany. The main difference this time was the use of the past rather than the present tense, because of the momentous events which occurred in November last year. Afterwards, we had our escorted visit to the border fence itself, previously impenetrable, and, as we had been reminded earlier, the scene of many deaths as people had tried to escape. This time the fence was open, and a foot and cycle path led between two villages. We had been told in advance by the embassy of the G.D.R. that a visa and overnight stay were necessary for us to visit the Democratic Republic, and our West German police escorts were of the opinion that we would not be allowed into the East. However, we approached the solitary, bored-looking East German guard, sitting in a portacabin-like building in the middle of what previously had been the "Todesstreife" (Death Strip) between the inner and outer fences - this area was already under the plough - and, after explaining our situation, he simply waved us through and we were able to visit East Germany, possibly for the first and last time, as in all probability the G.D.R. will no longer exist on our next visit.

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As it turned out, it was an interesting experience for the young Germans also to compare the two villages, Obersuhl (West Germany) and Untersuhl (East Germany). East Germany is said to be a living museum of the 1950's and this was certainly borne out by our short experience. The buildings in the East, whilst architecturally very similar, were shabby. There was a distinct lack of traffic, apart from the primitive Trabants - indeed only the main road through the village was surfaced, all the side roads were simply hard-packed dirt. The one village shop seemed to have a very limited range of goods. In conversation with an elderly gentleman in the village it came out that we were the first ever English people to have visited Untersuhl - a fact that greatly impressed the students of K.G.S. After this experience any further visits to other crossing points would have been an anti-climax, so plans were changed and it was a visit to the shops in Fulda instead.

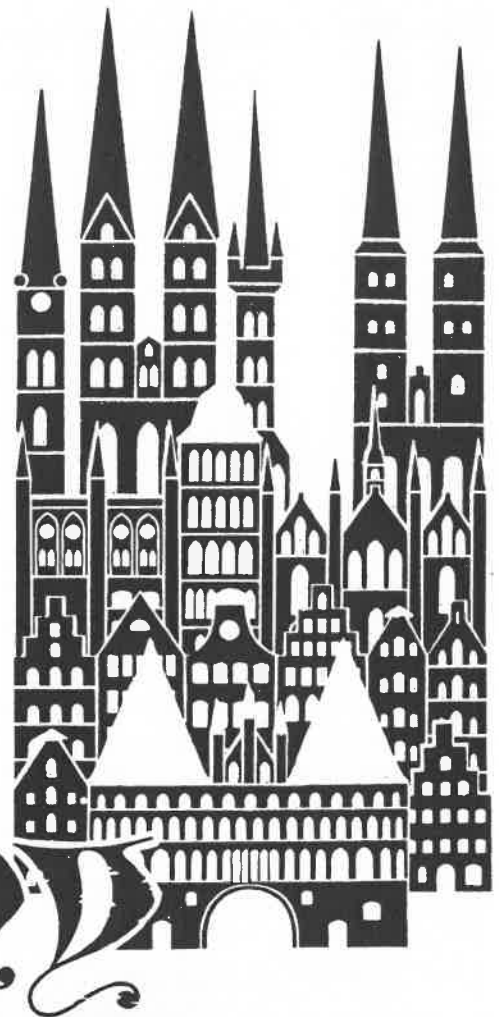


The party seen at the border between East and West Germany

These were the highlights , but an exchange is much more than official outings. It is an opportunity to experience another culture. In particular, as we were in Germany just before Easter, we became aware of the importance of the festival, as the houses are decorated and there are special Easter markets where Easter decorations, including exquisitely painted eggs, are available and stores are full of chocolate "Osterhasen" (Easter Hares) who hide the (real) eggs for children to discover on Easter Sunday. It is a chance to make friends with another nationality, and live a German family life. Outings were arranged with families and friends, and ranged from trips to the Rhineland and Frankfurt to meetings at the local ice-cream parlours, swimming, discos and parties. Those studying German by living with a family improved their knowledge and confidence in the use of the language.

To get a complete picture you should talk to the people who participated . It is a pity there were not more, because a marvellous time was enjoyed by all, and indeed some pupils have already made plans to visit Germany again in the summer. Why is it that the English are so reluctant to take part in an exchange visit?

B.F. Taylor



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The enjoyable first day was darkened a little as one of the key members of the junior team, Pippa Bashford, broke her thumb in the second half of the match. She was much missed by the team, but appeared on the sidelines to give her support.

The next day we went to Eindhoven - here, some went swimming and some shopping and we met up later for matches at Helmonsde Hockey Club.

Here the seniors had an excellent match and deserved a great deal more than they achieved. That night we slept at a youth hostel. The sight of Mrs. Taylor in her slinky nightie and ankle socks, attempting to launch herself on to the top bunk, was enough to cause the female staff much amusement!

The following day we travelled to Mulheim in Germany.

On the second day here, Miss Sampey entered the senior team as a centre half and looked very professional. After a stay of two nights, we departed for Zevenaar, near Arnhem, where we had our cultural experience at the war museum.

By the end of the tour, everyone was exhausted, especially Mr. Miller, who was kept up until 3.00a.m. playing party games.

This tour was the last group of matches for Joanne Gornall and Gillian Warren, who will both be sorely missed in the first team. They both showed great loyalty and skill and everyone is sad to see them go. Also leaving will be Tessa Milner who, during the tour, has picked up some excellent stick work skills. In the juniors, there was good play from all, especially Jenny Evans, Jenny Cuthbert and Anna Fryer, whose grit and determination was an example to us all. Despite failing to achieve the results that we had hoped for, everyone has learnt a great deal from this tour. Thanks to all staff, Mr. Lilley, the organiser, Percy, the driver, and everyone who helped to make this tour such a success.

E. Cartwright



The under 16 touring squad

Netherlands 1st XV Tour

16th Feb-24th Feb

We left Kirkham at 1.00p.m. in high spirits for the week ahead. The ferry sailed from Hull to Rotterdam, the largest port in Europe. The crossing was calm, and we were lucky enough to miss the severe gales on the return journey. The facilities on the ferry were very good, with small but comfortable cabins. The food was excellent, and it became apparent that these would be the best meals of the week. This was because we all faced the problem of self-catering, and the meals eaten became very basic.

Holland is a clean and litter-free country, and great pride is taken in this. The most striking feature of Holland is the land reclamation from the sea. Sport in Holland is taken very seriously, with well-equipped sport complexes catering for all types of sport. Our fixtures comprised of 3 matches; the first against Oisterwijk, a large aggressive side, but lacking in skill. This resulted in a 38-0 victory for K.G.S. The second game against Den Hertogenbosch was much more demanding, but the young Kirkham side came out on top 35-14 in a fast, open running game. It was after the game that Dutch hospitality revealed itself to be exemplary, with songs from 'Kevin Keegan'! The final match was expected to be the hardest game of the tour, against P.S.V. Eindhoven. Fortunately this prediction proved incorrect, with a crushing 77-3 victory for K.G.S.

In between playing rugby, we visited several places of interest, including a clog factory, in which we were shown the old and new techniques of making clogs, and were then given the opportunity to buy a pair. There was also a visit to the War Museum at

Arnhem and the Cemetery and a day-trip to Amsterdam which included a canal trip around the city.

Although the matches were not as demanding as we had hoped, they were worthwhile, as they gave the younger members confidence on the field. Much team spirit evolved, resulting in a very enjoyable and worthwhile week, for which we would like to thank: BG, RJB, Richard Moore, Dave, the driver, and our sponsor, Mr Norman Scott.

R. Austin (U6 Arts)

Visit of the Canadian Hockey Team

On Sunday, 25th of March the Canadians arrived in full force after touring Wales and Scotland. The following day they visited the Lake District and played against Queen Catherine School, winning 1-0. On Tuesday, we suffered defeat at the hands of the Canadians by 1-0. That night the Canadians and their hosts made a trip to Guy's Court. This was enjoyed by all, except Dr. Hall, who was, I quote, "worse than a woman for nagging", complaining about the fact that hockey seemed to take over his chemistry lessons. On Wednesday, we accompanied the Canadians to the Albert Dock in Liverpool, en route to a Hockey Tournament at Prescott. We made a trip to McDonalds after watching Fred, the weatherman, jump around his map. On Wednesday night, the Canadians sampled Blackpool nightlife, where they proved Philip Griffiths was less of a man than they were. On Thursday, the Canadians left after a very busy few days.

I would like to thank Mrs. Taylor and Miss Sampey for arranging and organising their stay with us and all the girls' hosts for their hospitality.

J. Gornall (captain)



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The 1990 Under 13's Rugby Tour to Edinburgh

22nd March 1990

At last, we had set off for our tour to Scotland's capital city, Edinburgh. "OCH AYE THE NOO."

On the way there we stopped at Hawick, where some of us met Scotland Internationals, Tony Stainger (Scotland v England try scorer), and Dereck Turnbull (we don't think he is any relation to Mr Turnbull).

Next stop, the outskirts of Edinburgh for Dr. Hall to check the map.

Finally we found the road, and looked at the brand new, shining building, thinking, "Oh great!" We then realised our hotel was the one across the road, hidden behind scaffolding and a cloud of dust! It was a bit old fashioned, but the food was good.

Later that evening, we went to the Edinburgh Commonwealth Games swimming pool which was massive.

After swimming, we went to Burger King for "tea" at 9.00p.m.! Then it was back to the hotel and off to bed.

23rd March

This morning we went to Murrayfield (graveyard of English rugby hopes), where the Scots persuaded us to spend our money on souvenirs. We also saw the field and facilities, as well as visiting the Scottish Rugby Museum.

After an inspiring lunch, we played our first match, against Musselborough Grammar School. They tried to put us off by singing "Flower of Scotland" but did not succeed. We beat them 12-10, and when they saw our skill and speed, the opposition's girlfriends were soon supporting us.

24th March

We set off for Stuarts Melville College. At this match we discovered how unreliable the Scottish weather can be, as, slowly but surely, we all turned blue. At the kick-off we discovered how good they were, when, before we knew it, we were 4-0 down. At half-time we were losing 26-0. We did not score in this game, but in the second half they only scored 12 more points, so we must have played a bit better than in the first half.

We got changed at the hotel then went to Edinburgh Castle, where we saw (and heard) the 1 o'clock gun being fired. We also saw the large cannon, called "Mons Meg". After our tour of the castle we were all given £2.50 to buy our lunch and were allowed to go on our own to Princess Street. Some went down the Royal Mile, while others took a short cut, following the paths down the castle hill.

The team bought Doc. Hall a Phil Collins tape and Mr. Smith a Chris Rea tape.

Back at the hotel at 11.00p.m. (clocks went forward that night) we all got changed for bed and took our last looks at Wareing's cool and trendy pyjama shorts. That night, while we were asleep, our brave and triumphant hero, Doctor Hall, showed his muscles to frighten off some thugs who were trying to let down the minibus tyres.

25th March

The journey home was very similar to the journey up. We stopped at the services to get petrol and some of the team remembered to buy Mother's Day cards (shows how tough the team is).

A special thanks must go to Mr. Moulding for the loan of the very comfortable minibus and to Doc. Hall and Mr Smith for organising the tour and the outings.

D. Davis
A. Ward

Under 12 XV Rugby Tour to London

We left school at around 10.00a.m. and, after a long five hours' journey, we eventually arrived at the hostel, where we checked in. We later went to McDonalds for a burger. It was a bit of a fuss. After dinner we all got our kits ready for the next day's match.

On Friday, we had breakfast at 8.30a.m. and then left for the match venue immediately afterwards. This first match against St. Joseph's was a great success, with Kirkham winning by a 26-0 margin. There was a hat-trick of number 8 pick up tries from Andrew, and one each from Alex, Dylan and myself. After the match we went to the Chicago Diner, where we had a really great meal and a celebration drink.

On Saturday, we had to leave the hostel at 9.30a.m. for a kick off time of 10.30. Unfortunately, we did not arrive until 10.35, after losing Dr. Hall several times, although he claims that Mr Smith is a maniac driver and it was his fault. The match eventually got under way and we had a good half-time position, with the score at 4-4. Unfortunately, a few mistakes in the second half cost us our second win of the tour, the final score being 12-8 to our opponents. After the match we were given a meal, at which we were presented with a trophy for the match.

Later, to finish the Saturday, we headed for the Ice Skating Rink, which we found a bit too busy, but we all still enjoyed ourselves.

The journey back on Sunday was better than the one going and we arrived back home at 3.15p.m.

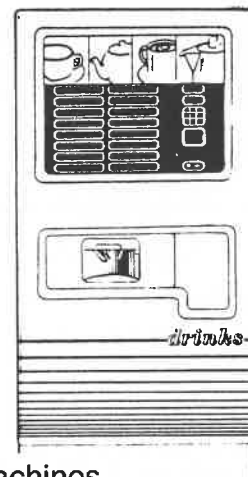
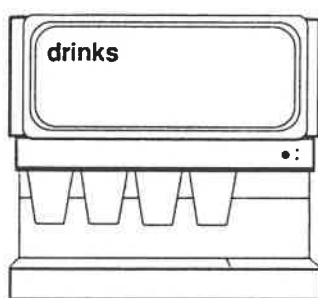
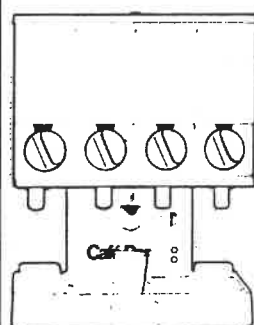


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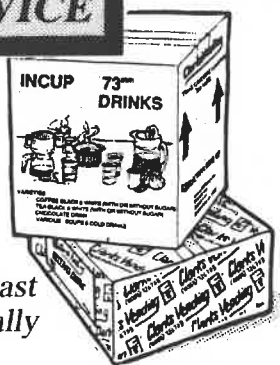
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Scarborough Field Trip • April 1990

After Mr. Scott's numerous lectures on the arctic weather conditions on the East Coast, the L6 Geography group set off for Scarborough, complete with woolly bobble hats and wellies.

Our first two days were fully occupied with studies of local villages and Scarborough town centre. It soon became obvious that the easiest way to empty a previously busy street was to produce a clip board. However, Craig managed to question at least half the young females in Scarborough and he was later discovered in a coffee shop with one of his victims.

The next two days were dominated by water: whether being swamped by mud in the River Derwent or over-exposing numb bodies to the elements. The coastal study involved a number of intricate experiments, including the testing of the water temperature by a fully clothed Miss Sampey, while Graham demonstrated his floating skills in hot pursuit of a North Sea oil rig.

Friday and Saturday evenings were spent at a country pub owned by Mr. Scott's relations. Mr. Harrison proved himself to be a bit of a pool hustler, while Miss Sampey's not meagre pool skills attracted tattoos and ripped jeans from every direction.



The farm study became a good excuse for taking as much sun as possible. Unfortunately, on the hottest afternoon of the week, Mr. Harrison and the minibus were waiting at the front of the "Three Jolly Sailors" while four foot-sore, sun-weary geographers were waiting around the back and ended up walking nearly all the way back to Scarborough!

Monday proved another scorcher as we set off for a soil study on the Yorkshire Moors. The afternoon was more relaxing, with a visit to Ryedale Folk Museum, where the ancestors of Richard Taylor's golden wellies were discovered. Then we moved on to Pickering Trout farm, where Craig tried to attack Miss Sampey with a dead fish.

On the last evening, a small group of geographers visited a local night club and were rewarded with a demonstration of jiving from Miss Sampey and Mr. Scott.

Tuesday brought glorious sun, but unfortunately we had to leave for Kirkham. We stopped for a short visit in York, and then it was off on the journey home. This took longer than expected, mainly because the minibus had a close encounter with a four ton army truck (the driver obviously did not like yellow!).

All together, an enjoyable week was had by all, although there were many poltergeist to contend with. Beds had to be kept under close surveillance or they ended up against a wall or just disappeared completely! Various other personal belongings also went missing, but turned up later on door handles and lampshades. But how Darren, Graeme, Craig and Richard all managed to fit into one wardrobe, we will never know!

Thanks must go to Mr Scott and Miss Sampey for a full and informative week and especially to Mr. Harrison for his driving skills (Craig will never be the same again!). Thanks also go to Kathryn Goodwin and the hotel staff for keeping us well fed and watered throughout the week.

T.M. Kendrick
S.K. Piggott

Left: Mr. Harrison practises for the skiing trip

Below: on the beach



Biology Field Course at Knott End

The U6 Biology class played "sardines" with their luggage during their 45 minute journey to "the centre of British tourism" that is, Knott End. We were greeted by a not-so pleasant blast of fish laden air from Fleetwood docks!

On arrival at our five star accommodation, alias "Knott End Sailing Club", we were escorted to our rooms. At least, the girls were. The boys were shown to what can only be described as a converted broom cupboard (thus establishing female superiority).

This superiority was reflected in the kitchen, where the boys were relegated, on the orders of "Sergeant" Lesley Barrett of the First Heavy Kitchen Brigade, to the laying and washing down of tables, washing up, and spud bashing.

The "night-life" at Knott-End centred around a public house, which became the venue for Kay McEntee's eighteenth birthday celebrations.

One of our trips to a salt-marsh became more like a trip to "the bog of eternal stench". Everbody ended up very wet, and extremely smelly. Annette Li gave new meaning to the phrase "stick in the mud", as she was the only one without wellington boots!

The trip on the trawler gave everybody a chance to look, and feel, ridiculous, as we waddled down the jetty to the trawler resembling a tribe of Michelin men in our water-proofs and life jackets.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mark and Paul, the Ecology teachers at Knott-End, Mrs. Piggott, who sadly could only stay with us for one evening, and especially Mr. Baines for making our five days so memorable, informative and "interesting".

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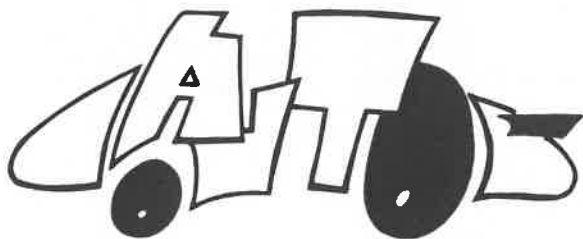
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This has been an active year. There was a large influx of younger members at the start of the year after a recruitment campaign. Renovation of the two vehicles, a go-kart and a moped, is now complete, and all members are looking forward to driving them in the near future. There were also two very interesting talks by members of staff: Mr. Mitchell gave us an excellent lecture on the origin of car names, and Mrs. Greaves fascinated us with her talk on rallying, which included trying on crash helmets and sitting in a real rally car.

M. Hogan (5Y)



Sci-Fi Society

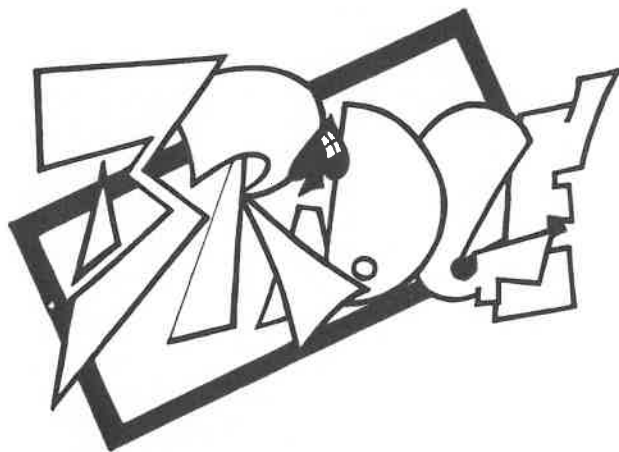
Chairman: Mr D. Woodhead
Secretary: C. Guias
Treasurer: D. Hipkins

Since the Science-Fiction Society was formed several months ago, many pupils, especially juniors, have joined. Activities have included quizzes, book reviews and the watching of the new "Blake 7" video. Our new-look meetings have been rewarded with high turnouts. (Meetings are on Wednesday in the old hall or room one.)

Looking to the summer term, plans have been drawn up for a trip to the new "Phaserstrike" in Blackpool.

New members are always welcome, particularly those in years 1 and 2.

C. Reeh (2Z)



Bridge Club

Chairman: Mr I. Rushton
Secretary: S. Robinson
Treasurer: N. Taylor

After the heady success of last year, this has been a rather quiet period for the Bridge Club. Meetings have continued at lunch-times, but have been confined to mainly sixth-form members. It would be good if some of the lower school could attend our meetings and learn the game. Although we have been unable to enter competitions this year, there has been much enjoyment and I would like to thank Mr Rushton for all his help and advice.

S. Robinson (L6 Sci)

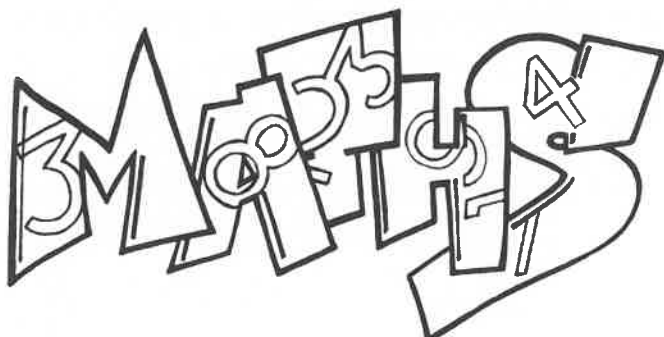


Photographic Society

Chairman: Mr R. Porter
Secretary: D. King
Treasurer: C. Darlington

The Society has had another successful year, with people staying behind after 4.00p.m. to do some processing of films. We have had many successful meetings and talks. I would like to thank everybody who has contributed.

D. Kings (5X)



Maths Club

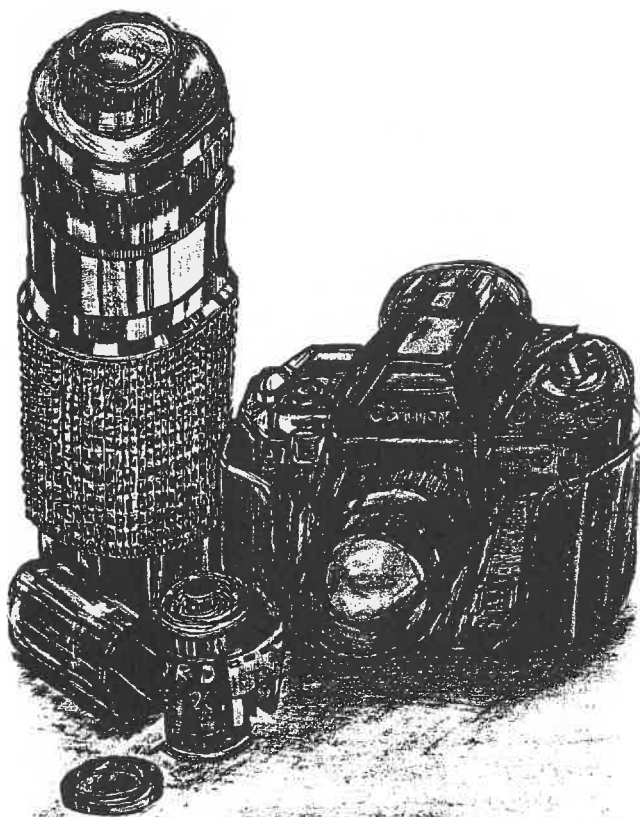
Chairman: Mrs S. Fletcher
Secretary: D. Smith
Treasurer: C. Baxter

An enthusiastic group, made up predominantly of first years, and almost exclusively girls, has met each week throughout the year. Finding a suitable day of the week has been difficult this year, as sports and choir practices have been "moveable feasts" and maths club attendances have varied accordingly. Monday, however, has seemed to be the most suitable lunchtime and realised the best attendances.

The activities undertaken have included problem solving, finding winning strategies in competitive games, investigating number patterns created by "frogs" hopping and sliding, making models of solids, and watching the ever popular video "Mathspy".

Plans for the future include a possible investigation into why so few boys attend Maths Club. Is this peculiar to K.G.S.? Could we be setting a new national trend? May we look forward to this trend being reflected in GCSE statistics in the near future? Or are boys simply slow to realise the fact that maths can be fun?

D. Smith (3Z)



M. Brennand



Astronomical Society

Chairman: Mr J. Roberts
Secretary: C. Tudor-Jones
Treasurer: M. Ward

Despite a disappointing drop in the number of members this year, the Society has continued to meet most weeks to listen to talks and to watch videos about astronomy. Talks have included 'The Winter Sky', 'Mars' and 'Stars and Planets'. We mounted another successful exhibition at the Open Evening in November, though the overcast sky prevented any star-spotting.

We hope that more members can be recruited, particularly in the junior forms, next term. Meanwhile, my thanks go to last year's secretary, M. Ward, to our treasurer, E. Smith, and to Mr Roberts for his help with the Society.

C. Tudor-Jones (2Y)



Debating Society

Chairman: Mr E.W. Mitchell
Secretary: C. Fountain

Once again, debating activities this year were limited to the house competition. The motion for the semi-final between Kirkham and Fylde House was 'Should police officers be armed?' and was successfully debated by Caroline Powell and R. Downs representing Fylde House. School House defeated Preston House in the semis by carrying the motion 'Society should concern itself with the present, instead of remembering the past'; the principal speakers were Victoria Morris and C. Fountain. The final was an interesting and forceful debate concerning the ordination of women, with Fylde deservedly winning the day. The most notable aspect of the debates was the interest taken by the junior members of the school, who at times put the seniors to shame with their clear and concise speeches from the floor. Hopefully, if debating activity is not limited to the House competition in the future, more juniors will gain the opportunity to become principal speakers, and therefore develop the interest in debating skills which have recently become apparent.

C. Fountain (U6 Arts)

SIXTH FORM UNION

Sixth Form Union

Chairman: Mr R. Watson
Secretary: C. McCann
Treasurer: J. Black

Thanks to copious work by the Sixth Form Committee, this year has proved to be an innovative and transitional phase in the existence of the new 'Hi-tech' common rooms. Why Hi-tech? A duo of high fidelity sound systems exist and a great deal of contemporary artwork decorates the walls. However, this is well disguised and does not detract from the 'traditional' image of the school. A great camaraderie exists within the sixth form, and happy times have been had by all during the period 1989/1990.

C. McCann (Pre)

Wargaming Society

Chairman: Mr A.R. Long
Secretary: M.F. Jameson
Treasurer: R.D. Jones

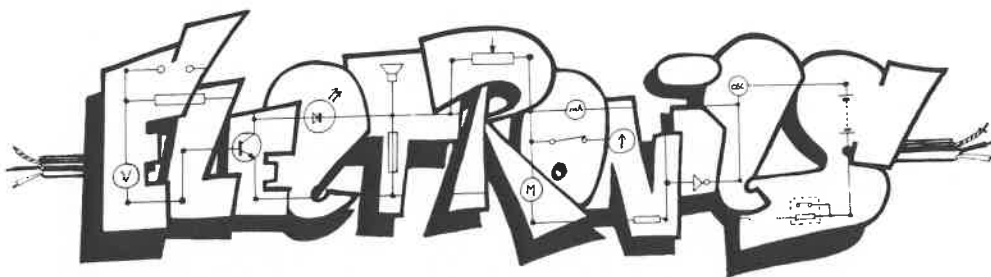
The Wargaming Society has had a successful year with a large intake of new members.

Currently under discussion is a proposed trip to a 're-enactment' society in the Greater Manchester area, but an actual date has yet to be set.

This is the last year I will be filling the post of secretary, and I hope that in further years the society will be even more successful than it has been during my stay at K.G.S.

As always, new members are especially welcome.

M. Jameson (5Y)



Electronics Society

Chairman: Mr R. Noble
Secretary: M. Hood
Treasurer: R. Fielding

The Electronics Society has had another very successful year. The number of members is still increasing and almost one third of the members are junior girls. The standard of projects is still increasing. Complexity and reliability (which is usually a major problem) are at an all time high. Five first year girls have made a two-octave mini keyboard which works well, and numerous other projects such as an intercom system and fire alarms have been successfully constructed.

Natural History and Angling Society

Chairman: Mr A.R. Baines
Secretary: E. Smith
Treasurer: M. Ward

1989/1990 has been a quiet year for the Society after the celebrations of our 21st birthday which took place on Open Day. These consisted of serving non-additive party food, of a slightly "natural" type (i.e. animal-shaped), to all who came to our display.

During the winter term of 1989 we listened to talks on a variety of subjects, including "Wicken Fen" by Mr. A.R. Baines, and "Worms" by M.J. Ward. We also watched two videos, called "Biology in Focus", and "Dinosaurs".

For two meetings during the spring term, we joined with the members of the former Angling Society. These meetings comprised a talk, "The Complete Angler", by J. Cunliffe, and a video entitled, "Crucian Carp". The programme for this term also included the talks "Elements of Natural History", by E. Smith, and the "Garden Pond" by M.J. Ward, and a talk/practical meeting on "Practical Micro-organisms" by A.R. Baines.

Thanks must go to the Committee, and to Mr A.R. Baines, our chairman, for helping the society to run smoothly throughout the year.

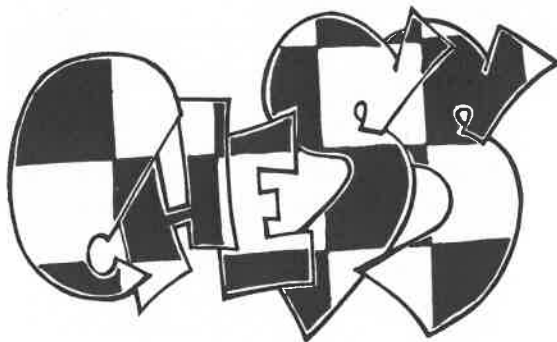
E. Smith (L6 Sci)



It has been decided to construct a small robot using the physics department's computer, which will be used to control it.

In short, the Electronics Society is going from strength to strength.

R. Fielding (L6 Sci)



Chess Club

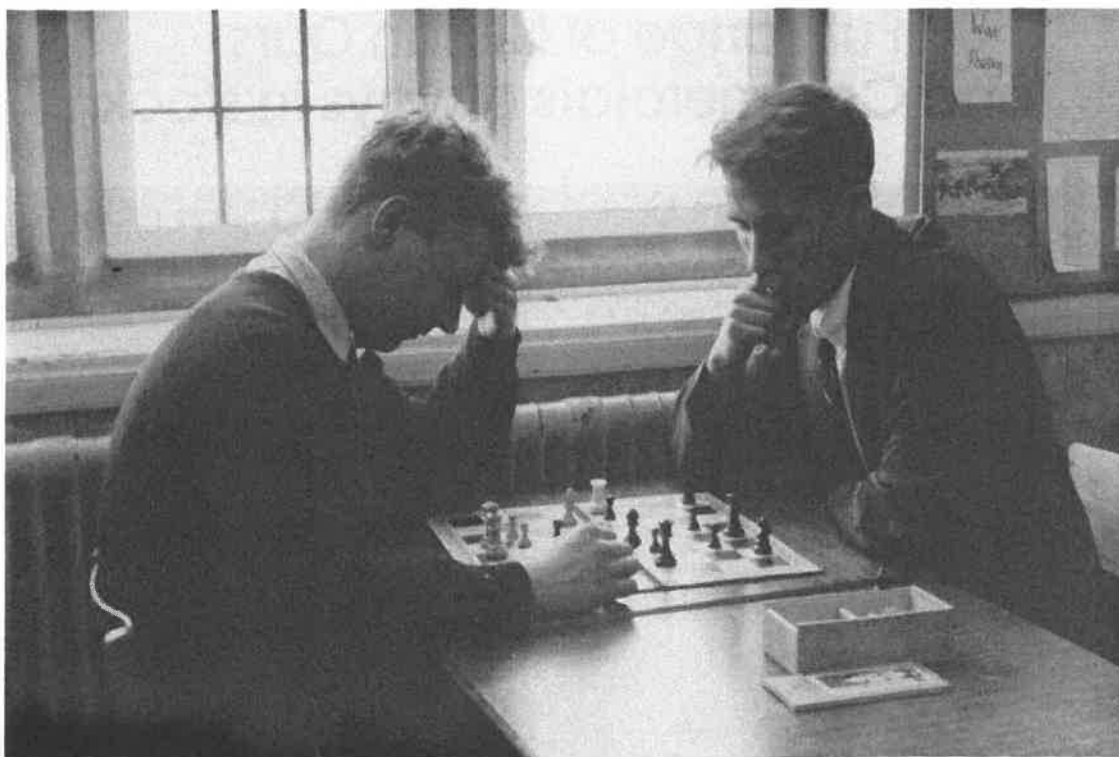
Chairman: Mr. J. Rushton
Secretary: M. Brennand
Treasurer: D. Whittingham

Meetings have once again been well attended, with much enthusiasm being shown among the junior members of the school. Michael Yeung (1Z) and Barry Stead (2Z) are particularly good prospects, whilst, at the senior end, Sudip Ray and Neil Taylor have shown themselves to be very able chess players.

Once again, the Chess Club organised the House Chess competition and Fylde House, with their seemingly inexhaustible talent, remain victorious.

Finally, I would like to thank all members for their enthusiasm and co-operation and Mr Rushton for all his helpful advice.

M. Brennand (L6 Sci)



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Boys Games

Summer Term, 1989

Athletics

Senior Team.

This year the team has been the weakest for several years, as there are not enough athletes in the 5th and 6th forms to field separate teams, which means many fifth years have performed for the only regularly competing side, the senior team.

However, a pleasing aspect of the season has been the spirit and enthusiasm shown by the athletes who did perform and although three of the four matches were lost, the Team would have been placed third in the Senior Schools Championship but for a relay disqualification.

Captain Damian Hatton's season was hindered by a ski-ing injury, but he struggled manfully to gain fitness and gained a creditable third place in the Lancashire Championship after being involved in a three way dip at the line. The outstanding athlete was Bruce Craven who, after specialising in javelin throwing for only a matter of weeks, broke the Lancashire under 20 record with a throw of 60 metres 88 cms. and went on to win the silver medal at the English Schools Championship with a throw of 61 metres 54 cms. He was then selected to represent Great Britain and Northern Ireland Under 18 team versus Greece and Hungary in Athens. Unfortunately, he received an injury three weeks prior to this and so was not at his best for the event. Nevertheless, his selection was an outstanding achievement.

Senior Schools Championship 5th

Under 17.

As stated above, all athletes had to perform as seniors and, although this meant their placings were not so high as if competing against under 17's, the challenge offered often brought out the best in the athletes and good individual performances were seen. The only occasion at which the team performed as Under 17's, the Fylde Coast Championship, was won.

Jeremy Smith developed as a pole vaulter and gained second place in the Lancashire Championship and also broke a long standing school record. Cameron Ward developed as a sprinter, while Mark Brennand produced some good results in the discus. Shaun Bilsborough, John Cookson and Richard Scott all performed well on occasions.

Fylde Coast Championships 1st

Under 16's.

There are some very promising athletes in this year who should strengthen the Senior team next year and in years to come, and although one match was won and one lost, a creditable second place was gained at the Senior Schools Championship.

Andrew Clegg was selected to represent Lancashire in the English Schools 100 metres event, a fine achievement for a fourth year. Paul Nand and Mark Campbell are the best middle distance athletes in the area, while Matthew Stevens, Andrew Rodgers, Christopher Darlington and Philip Branton all performed well.

Senior Schools Championship 2nd



The Senior and Under 17 Athletics teams

Under 15.

As I have stated before, this team has great potential but has never lived up to these hopes consistently. Last year, the season finished with a promising second place in the Senior Schools Championships, but this year the team could only finish sixth out of seven. Both school matches were lost, but Simon Wareing threw the javelin well when fit, while Peter Yeung and Michael Stewart showed glimpses of potential in the sprint.

Senior School Championship 6th

Under 14.

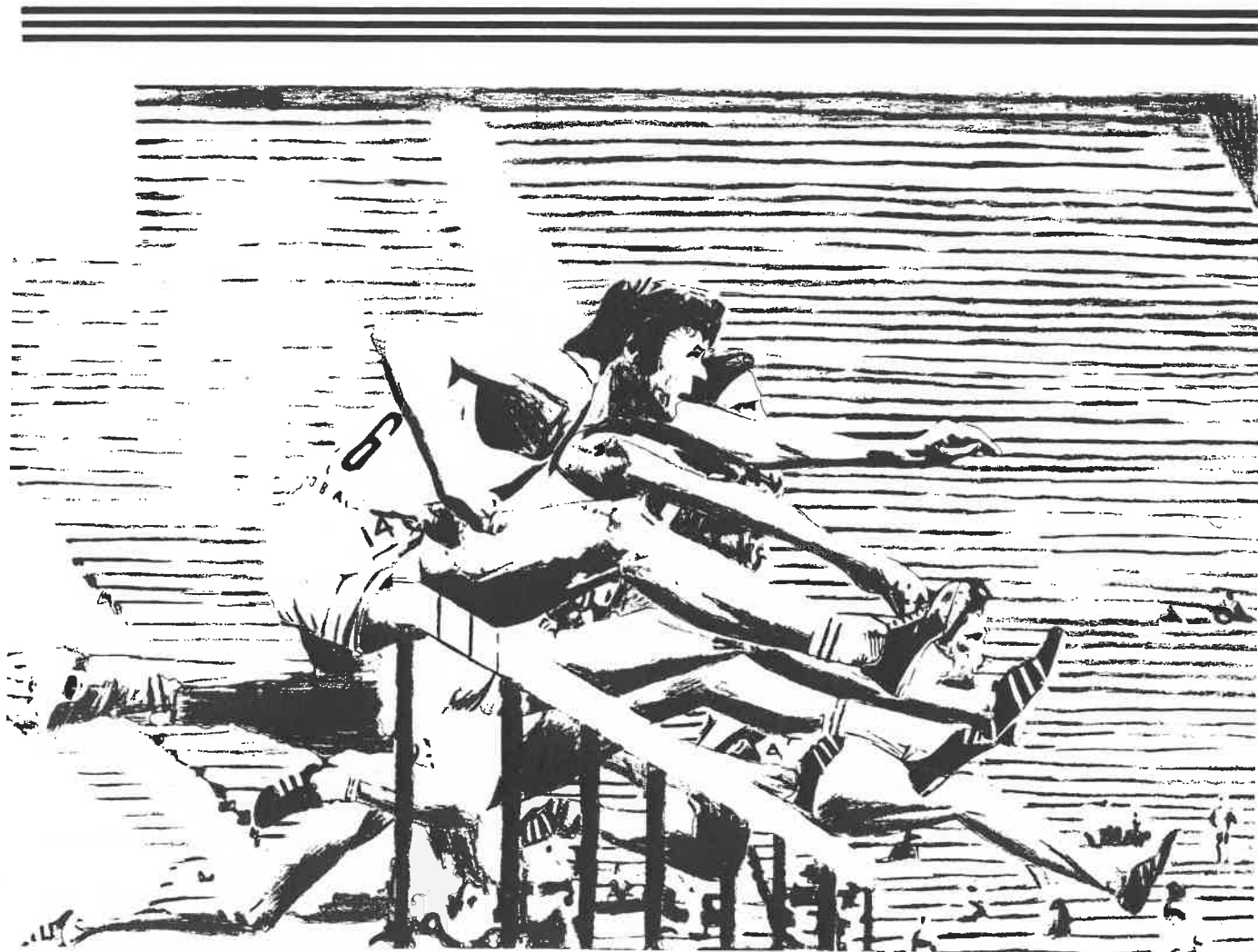
This team struggle greatly in all school sports because of the low number from which to choose. However, they try hard and cheerfully, despite losing their three school matches and being placed sixth in the Senior School Championships. Christian Bonar is a good runner and Zak Bradley performed well in the high jump.

Senior Schools Championship 6th

Under 13.

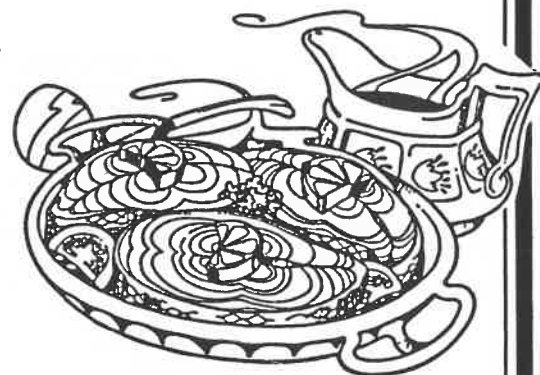
The team has performed promisingly and after losing the first match, largely through inexperience, the next two matches were won. Alistair Ward, Lee Halliday, Jeremy Whittle and Richard Wareing all performed very well, but the whole team shows potential.

B. Gornall



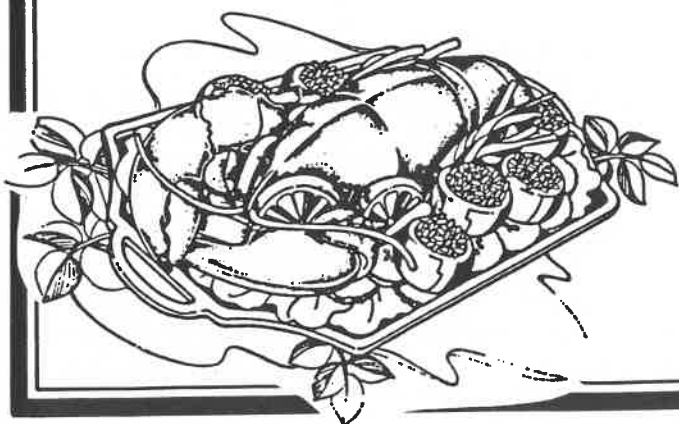
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Cricket

1st XI

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
11	3	4	4

Runs for; 1,077 for 80 wkts; av/wkt 13.46.

Runs against 1,179 wkts taken 78; av/wkt 15.11.

Batting Averages

	Inngs	Runs	H.S.	Av.
Craven	7	301	80*	100.3
Giles	7	115	63	19.1
Whittingham	6	73	20*	18.3
Black	9	97	34	10.8
Collinson	8	70	26*	10

* not out

Bowling Averages

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts	Av.
Baron	18.2	1	85	7	12.14
Craven	62.1	9	198	16	12.38
Whittingham	28.5	2	101	8	12.63
Giles	88.1	22	231	18	12.83
Fountain	102.3	23	305	14	21.79

Full Colours: B. Craven, M. Davies (Capt.)

Half Colours re-awarded: M. Rawcliffe

New Award: A. Giles

After a promising start to the 1989 season, the 1st XI ended the year with some disappointing losses against opposition that should have been easily beaten (namely the Old Boys and the Staff).

We began well, with two convincing wins over Hutton and Tuson, where Bruce Craven showed his abilities with both bat and ball, scoring 50 n.o. and 25 n.o., and taking 5 wickets for 7 runs. The fixture against Blackpool Collegiate produced a draw and so we began our fourth fixture unbeaten. Things looked promising, but Clitheroe had other ideas. We thought we had contained them at 129 for 6 but, alas, our batting crumbled to the deceptive spin of their bowlers, and we collapsed to 30 all out.

Habergham produced a winning draw for us. K.G.S. batted well for 166 for 3, Alex Giles gaining his cap with an impressive 63, supported by John Baron's 37 and Bruce Craven's 58. We could not, however,

bowl them out, despite Craven's taking 7 for 31 (another cap!). The opposition managed to bat out and were 97 for 9 at the close of play.

The visit of our Antipodean friends from Trinity Grammar School, Sydney was much welcomed. Yet again, both staff and students showed their hospitality, and a very enjoyable weekend was experienced both on and off the field. We batted first and experienced the competitive nature of Australian cricket (reminiscent of Lillee and Thompson). 140 for 4 was our score, Craven 77 n.o. and captain Michael Davies, 26. Trinity replied in excellent spirit and "went for it", ending on 135 for 4 in an exciting draw, in which they needed 18 off 6 balls.

Batley visited us this year. Despite Craven's 31 we struggled to 127 all out and lost by 6 wkts (not quite as bad as last year!).

Surprisingly, at Ormskirk we gained another win. After struggling to 99 all out, despite John Black's 34, we bowled them out for 76. This was the result of some excellent bowling by Alex Giles, who took 9 wickets for 34 runs.

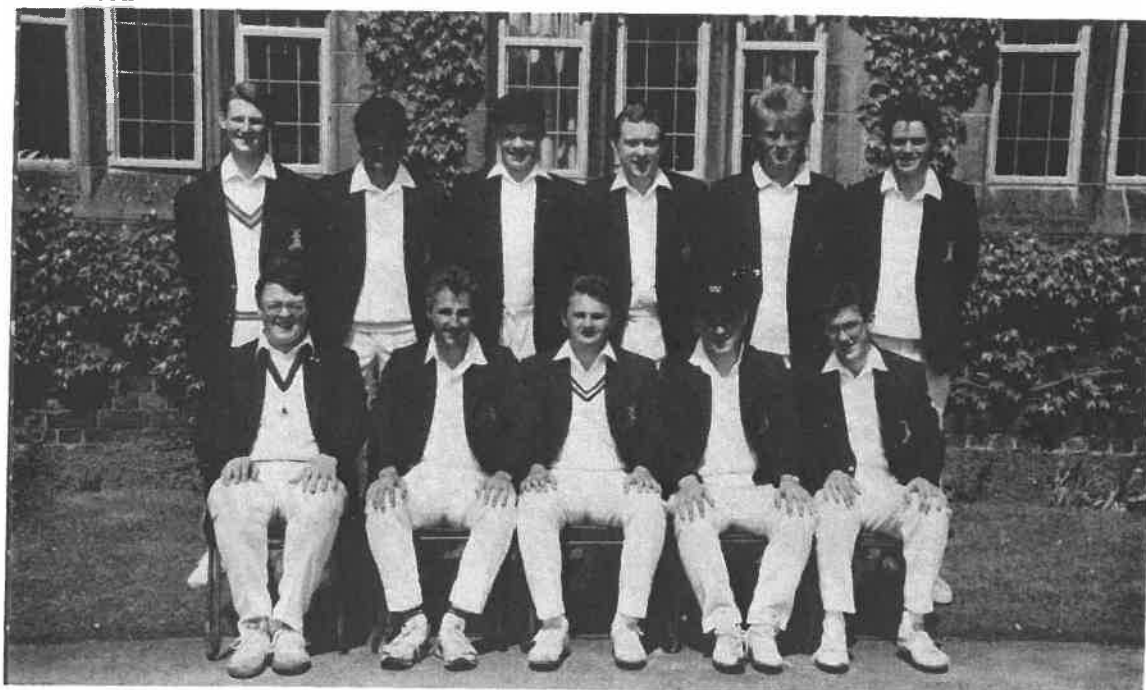
King Edward's, Lytham, produced a rain affected draw. K.G.S. 88 all out, KES 75 for 3.

The last two fixtures of the season should have produced wins, but again the batting was fragile. The Old Boys were contained at 102 all out, with Baron taking 4 for 32 and Giles 3 for 13, indicating yet again the value of a spin bowler in school cricket. We could only muster a dismal 58 all out, despite John Black's 28.

In the match against the Staff, with tight bowling from RJB (6 for 29 off 10 overs) and DRW (2 for 30 off 4 overs) and some inside knowledge of the school side, the boys were contained to 98 all out. The Magister XI replied for the loss of only 4 wickets, EWM scoring 33 and RJB 31. (A report of the unbeatable staff XI appears elsewhere).

I.M.S.

The 1st XI



Cricket

2nd XI

P	L	A
5	4	1

For the first time in several years, K.G.S. was able to field a second team, consisting of mainly fifth years. Although they did not win any games, they played with a great deal of enthusiasm. There were some good individual performances and hopefully several of these young players will be pushing for first team places next season.

Mention should be made of Steven Ratcliffe, who gained the unluckiest player of the year award - he was selected three times to play for the first team, but on each occasion the match was rained off.

R.J.B.

Under 15 XI

P	W	D	L
5	1	1	3

This record belies the fact that the team performed well and were only heavily defeated in one game. Throughout the season they have enjoyed their cricket and produced a number of fine performances. Ian Corbit was an able captain and Andrew Rodgers was the outstanding batsman and bowler and should be in contention for a 1st XI place next season. All squad players improved during the year and, provided they work at their game, the school should have some fine cricketers in future years.

T.P.M.

U14 Cricket

Some good performances, especially by James Clark, Michael Stewart and David Mapple, lifted the standard of the team. The best display was against King Edward's, Lytham, where Richard Thompson also contributed by bowling very quickly and very straight. The fielding is still patchy, but improving. The squad is a large one and there is plenty of talent for its future

E.W.M.

Under 13 XI

P	W	L	A
7	1	5	1

The Under 13's boasted only one natural cricketer, and once William Pritchett left the school, the team produced no more wins, but plenty of ducks.

However, they did produce a set of comments from opposing umpires about their splendid attitude and behaviour both on and off the field. They played the game of cricket as it should be played and they should therefore be proud of their efforts.

A.D. Skeens

U12 XI

P	W	L	Tied Match
6	2	3	1

This was quite an encouraging season in many ways. Jeremy Whittle led by example, and is developing into a useful all rounder. The batting proved generally to be too brittle; too many times basic sound technique was ignored. However, there were good victories over Balshaws and Blackpool Collegiate and an exciting tied match with Hutton. On the bowling side, Jeremy Whittle was ably assisted by David Taylor, Richard Wareing and Andrew Dolphin. The fielding improved as the season progressed and a special mention must go to David Miller, who was outstanding.

T.J.B.

Staff XI

Played 7 Won 7

The most successful school team of the season, the Staff XI has out-performed its opponents in every single match, even on the occasions when fielding a weakened team, with reserves coming in from the School First XI. My thanks to them - I hope they enjoyed the experience of playing real cricket.

The batting, led by Mr Mitchell, Mr Woodhead, Mr Browning, Mr Miller and Dr Hall never failed as a unit - the highlight of the year being an unbroken partnership of 108 between Mr Miller and Dr Hall in 16 overs against Clitheroe GS Staff.

The bowling, headed by Mr Jobling, Mr Browning and Mr Woodhead was capably supported by Dr Summers and Mr Skeens, the high points here being Mr Jobling's 5 wickets for 7 runs against Broughton and Mr Browning's 6 for 29, which helped the Staff to beat a strong School XI, dismissing them for 98 and knocking off the runs for the loss of only 4 wickets.

Unfortunately no caps and colours can be awarded.

B.F. Taylor



Rugby

1st XV

P	W	D	L	F	A
22	16	2	4	531	190

During the summer months enthusiasm of the prospective members of the 1st XV for the following season can be gauged and it seemed high during the summer of 1989. Consequently, I was surprised and disappointed when the overall fitness was seen to be lower than for some years when measured during training camp. This lack of physical conditioning lead to many injuries in early matches. To be unfit at the end of August and start playing on a very hard fixture list in early September is courting disaster. Unfortunately, some of the injuries were to key players, and resulted in defeats by Rossall, Cowley and K.E.S.

During this time we were let down by two schools, which meant that continuity could not be gained, never mind skills developed, and the players lose motivation if the team does not play regularly. Fixtures were desperately sought to get the team playing again and gain confidence. A new fixture was played against Haileybury over half-term who travelled up to play us and record a 17 - 17 draw.

The turning point of the season came when we played Arnold, who were unbeaten, had a much vaunted side, and had just been nominated as the "Rugby World Team of the Month". The team gave a very committed performance to pull off a 9 - 8 victory and, although their hearts sometimes rule their heads through excitement, which leads to tactical errors, it was a magnificent result. From this moment the team's performance altered as confidence soared.

From October, the team lost only one match; that to Stonyhurst College, in a thrilling game which K.G.S.

led for most of the time. An exhilarating performance resulted in a trouncing of St. Edward College; good performances were given against St. Bees, King William's College, Manchester G.S. and Kings, Macclesfield and competent performances were recorded against Lancaster, Kirbie-Kendal, Hutton, Ormskirk and Ermysteds. Wesley College from Perth, Western Australia, were played in the Christmas holiday and it was good to return the hospitality shown to us in Perth in 1987. They were at the end of an arduous tour and they were heavily beaten, but they did say we were the best side they played on tour and they had played the likes of Pockington, Durham and Stewarts Melville, Edinburgh.

K.G.S. have the reputation of producing formidable scrummaging sides, but this year we have been happy just to hold our scrum steady. The forwards were small, yet mobile, while the backs ran hard and straight and tackled over the gain line, which meant the pack was usually going forward. The outstanding feature of the side was its determination and ability to work as a team. In a team possessing many strong characters a leader whom they respected was necessary and Bruce Craven was an outstanding captain. His committed attitude, high standards and meticulous planning of his and the team's performance were vital ingredients in the team's success.

An innovation this year was the start of an exchange between KGS and Wairarapa College, Masterton, New Zealand, which proved to be a great success. The players, Marc Rangitaawa and Tony Rasmussen, were great ambassadors for their parents, school, town and country. Their attitude to playing and training was exemplary, as was their conduct and pleasant, cheerful, courteous attitude off the field.



A tour took place during the February half-term to Holland. A party of experienced players, young rookies and last year's captain, Paul Ribchester, had a most enjoyable time. They won all three matches comfortably and, most importantly, the young players developed greatly as the tour progressed.

The threequarters posed a real threat to the opposition, both in defence and attack, with Marc Rangitaawa, Chris McCann, David Whittingham and Chris Fountain setting up Damian Hatton, who had an outstanding season at full back. Philip Baines was an all round footballer who helped the team best by playing on the wing, while Jeremy Smith showed great courage and determination at scrum half.

The forwards were at their best playing a mobile game and Bruce Craven, Jonty Collinson, Tony Rasmussen and Mark Parrish were outstanding in this respect. John Black played prop for the team, although he played hooker for the North of England. Mark Bagshaw developed well as a flanker, while Karl Telfer forced his way into the team and Stuart Robinson and Shaun Bilsborough show promise for the future.

The team was determined to perform well at the Preston Festival this year and played so well on the first day that several coaches, and the national press, tipped them to win the Festival. However, the team could not reproduce its "Friday-Form" on the Saturday, and two matches were lost narrowly. There is no doubt the team were capable of winning the tournament.

This has been a most enjoyable season for me. At the end of the 86-87 season of the Under 15's Mr. Smith wrote, "It is every coach's delight to have a squad of players who give their all in every situation". The players from that Under 15 XV, which formed the nucleus of this year's team, still have that approach, and have produced the best record since 1973-74.

I would like to thank Bruce Craven and David Whittingham for their excellent contributions as Captain and Vice-Captain, and Mark Parrish for his conscientious efforts as Rugby Club Secretary.

Representative Honours:

North of England U18:	J.S. Black
North of England U18 Trial:	A.M.B. Craven
Lancashire U18:	J.S. Black A.M.B. Craven J.R. Smith
Lancashire U16:	G.M. Butterworth

Colours · Full Colours Re-Award

J.S. Black
A.M.B. Craven

New Award

M.G. Bagshaw
P.A. Baines
C.J. McCann
D.J.F. Hatton
D.G. Whittingham
C.C. Fountain
M.A.R. Parrish
J. Collinson
J.R. Smith

Half Colours · New Award

S.T. Bilsborough
S.E. Robinson
K. Telfer

B. Gornall

2nd XV

P	W	D	L	F	A
19	11	0	8	305	145

Before Christmas:

P	W	D	L	F	A
13	5	0	8	142	141

After Christmas:

P	W	D	L	F	A
6	6	0	0	163	4

As the above results show, 1989-90 has, without doubt, been "a season of two halves". In the first half of the season there was a tendency for the team to be slow starters. As a result, points were conceded against Wirral, Arnold, St. Bees and Kings, Macclesfield, and these close encounters finally ended in defeat. On the other hand, the determination of the side was shown against De La Salle and King Edward. In two more close games, the former were beaten for the first time in at least four years and the latter were beaten in atrocious conditions at Lytham, in what was probably the best performance before Christmas. The unluckiest result was against Cowley, when a much depleted team lost by a mere two points.

The attitude after Christmas undoubtedly improved and the team played consistently good rugby. The only try conceded in the six matches was against Manchester, in what proved to be the best performance of the season against a team previously beaten only once. If the team had played in the same vein throughout the season, the playing record would have been very impressive indeed.

The points scored were spread throughout the squad. Mark Brennand's aggressive and determined running put him on top of the try scoring list with eight tries, followed by four players, C. Brown, C. Miller, A. Rogers and T. Moore, with four tries each. C. Miller and R. Scott vied for leading points scorer, with the latter just having the edge with 51 to 43.

The squad, captained by A. Fallows for the majority of the season and the only ever present, contained six upper-sixth, seven lower-sixth and ten fifth formers, so hopefully the nucleus of a good side will be returning next season. Spare a thought for R. Austin. Having broken his wrist on his debut against De La Salle, in January 1989, he had his nose broken against the same team in October, 1989 and he finally broke his collar bone at the end of November in a practice match which introduced the New Zealand exchange players to English rugby. Hopefully, he will be seen back on a rugby field in the not too distant future.

Finally, my thanks to all the players who donned a second team shirt in the cause of K.G.S. and who made the season enjoyable.

R.J. Browning

Under 15 XV

P	W	D	L
18	9	0	9

When I look back over this rugby season, the one word that immediately springs to mind is 'injury'. Without it, I am sure that this could have been an undefeated season for the under 15's. We were only able to field a full side for the first three fixtures, which were all decisive victories. From then on, the

scale of injuries increased, with occasions, towards the end of the season, when we could hardly field a team at all.

The team consisted of a huge, aggressive and determined pack complemented by a very small, but highly talented back division. They always played with great passion, which sometimes became rather uncontrolled, allowing the opposition to gain advantage. The forwards scrummaged hard and kicked well, with Stuart Bradley, Chris Wareing and Richard Gornall leading the charge. Both Stuart and Richard were chosen to represent North Lancashire. The backs were run from stand off by Robert Smith, with James Clarke developing into a very fine scrum half by the end of the season. Wayne Farrell had an outstanding season at centre, setting an example of courage and determination. They will, I am sure, be a real force in the rugby world in the near future.

P. Smith

Under 14 XV

P	W	L	D	F	A
13	3	10	0	110	353

The U14 XV had a difficult season, as the results show. However, several matches were lost by a narrow margin, and with better fortune could have been won. Throughout the season the side played with great enthusiasm, usually against much bigger teams, always showing character and determination. In the later part of the season there were distinct signs of improved technique, which augurs well for the future.

Several players show distinct promise, in particular Zak Bradley at flyhalf, who scored 64 of the side's points, Graham Miller, who proved to be an inspirational pack leader and Ian Acton at full back, who displayed great courage in the tackle and a willingness to run with the ball.

R. Noble

Under 13 XV

P	W	D	L
20	9	1	10

The above record does not reflect the true ability of the team. There have been many convincing victories, whereas most of the defeats have been in close encounters.

The best performance of the season came in the defeat against Lancaster Royal Grammar School. If the effort, determination and skill shown in that game had been produced throughout the season, then defeat would have been very rare.

The player of the season has to be the captain, Richard Wareing, who set a fine example to the rest of the team.

The skill and ability of this side are not in doubt. If they can discover the required commitment, they will have a very successful future. My thanks, once again, to the many parents who have supported the boys. We hope to give you a little more to cheer about next season.

A.C. Hall

Under 12 XV

P	W	D	L
13	1	1	11

Faced with a strong fixture list, the U12 XV have had a difficult season. The team has slowly improved in terms of fitness, stamina and skill. They recovered well to draw with Lytham St Annes High School, and continued to improve after Christmas. They played with spirit and determination when losing narrowly to Hutton Grammar School, and won their first match on their short tour of London. By the end of the season, the team, especially the forwards, had improved considerable. Bancroft led the team conscientiously, Bowman and Williamson showed potential in the back row, as did Allger at prop.

T.J. Bruce

▼ The under 12 Rugby team



Badminton

U16 'A' -	v Hutton	lost 4-3
	v Arnold	won 6-1
	v King Edwards	won 7-0
	v St Annes	won 7-0
	v Warbreck	lost 4-3

This has been a good year for all of the team. Our first match, against a very strong Hutton side, was narrowly lost 4-3. As this was the Red Rose competition, it was a disappointing start. Shortly after this match, Paul Nand was injured and did not play for the rest of the season - he was replaced by Simon Bradley.

Our attention was then turned to the league. We fared much better here, winning our first three matches to put us straight into the semi-final.

This game against Warbreck was our hardest of the season, with the Kirkham team overcoming Lancashire standard opposition in two of the games, before narrowly losing out to the better side.

This rounded off a reasonable season, with consistent performances by all the team.

U16 'B' -	v St Annes	lost 7-0
	v Kirkham 'A'	lost 7-0
	v Arnold	won 7-0

This has really been for experience, with the team only playing three matches, although they hope to do better next year.

E. West

Swimming Report 1989-1990

Captain: M. Bagshaw

Vice Captain: C. Kenward

The three junior swimming teams show much enthusiasm for the sport and always show total commitment in matches. They often find themselves competing against bigger and stronger swimmers, who attend schools with larger numbers of pupils. Their effort cannot be faulted and I congratulate them for that. The under 15's have won half of their fixtures and show much promise for the future. Andrew Butterworth, David Mapple and James Blackburn have all performed particularly well. The under 16's have had an excellent season, losing only one fixture to a very

strong Bury G.S. side. Andrew Carr and Niall Lecoustre have been outstanding and Angus Smith and Daniel Chant have performed well.

The girls' team has consisted of pupils mainly from the junior end of the school, ably looked after by Joanne Gornall. Natasha Walford and Louise Green have been excellent throughout the year.

The Senior boys' team has been the outstanding success of the season. They have achieved an unbeaten record for the first time since 1985. Victories have been recorded over Lancaster R.G.S., Stoneyhurst College, Rossall, St. Edward's College, Bolton and Bury G.S. Mark Bagshaw, Chris Kenward, Chris Butterworth and Jonathon Collinson have been outstanding. Their commitment and performance have been exceptional and, hopefully, will be emulated by the junior members of the squad.

The House Swimming Gala resulted in a decisive victory for Kirkham House once again, with records being set by Natasha Walford, for Fylde House, in the junior girls' backcrawl, Caroline Bradley in the junior girls' breaststroke, and Chris Butterworth in the senior boys' backcrawl.

Senior Schools Swimming Championships

Jun. Girls	7th place
Jun. Boys	5th place
Int. Girls	5th place
Int. Boys	2nd place
Snr. Boys	1st place

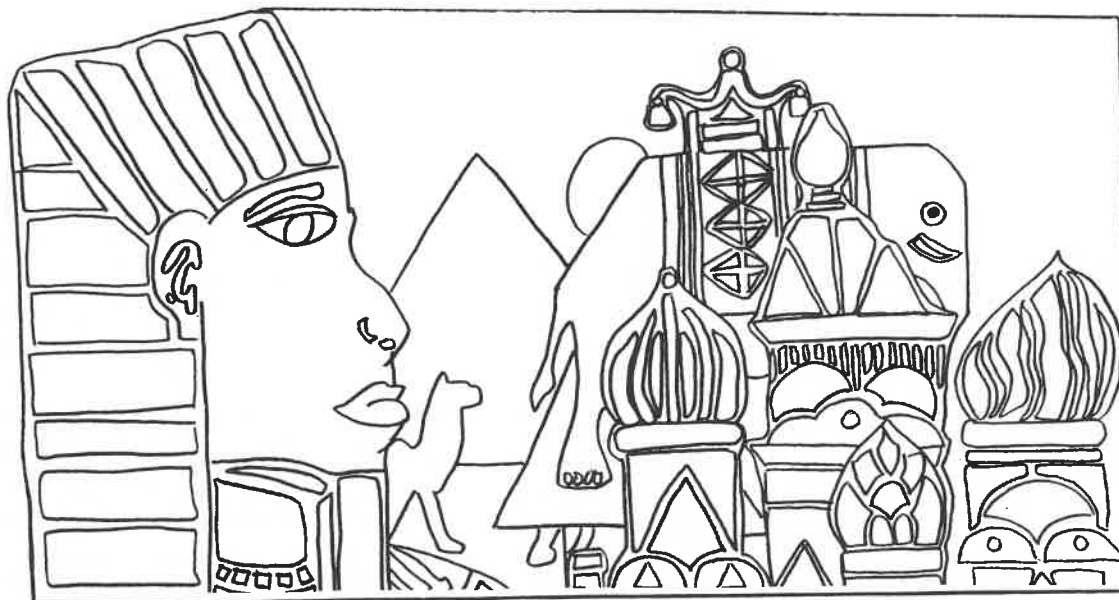
Chris Butterworth gained first place in the backcrawl, in a new record time and second in the individual medley. The medley relay team came first - breaking the record by two seconds and their personal best time by over four seconds.

In view of these results and the unbeaten record of the senior boys' team throughout the season, the following awards were presented:

Re-Award - Full Colours:	M. Bagshaw
	C. Kenward
	J. Collinson

New Awards - Full Colours:	C. Butterworth
	A. Carr
	N. Lecoustre

P. Smith



Girls Games Summer Term, 1989

Athletics

Seniors

P	L	Cancelled
2	2	1

Senior Schools Championships	4th
Fylde Coast Championships	4th

U 15's (3rd Year)

P	L
2	2

Senior Schools Championships	3rd
Fylde Coast Championships	10th

U 14's (2nd Year)

P	L
2	2

Senior Schools Championships	3rd
Fylde Coast Championships	7th

U 13's (1st Year)

P	L
2	2

Fylde Coast Championships	6th
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The results for athletics make dismal reading at first sight. Every girls' team in school has, during the term, competed against Arnold and Queen Mary and all have lost. I make no apology for that. Our fixture card could include smaller schools or schools without a strong athletics tradition (for example, we usually compete very well against Rossall) but it is to our school's credit that both Arnold and Queen Mary are happy to include us on their busy calendar for the summer term. The matches are always enjoyed and, although we may not win, our girls certainly try their best.

Two major championships take place during this hectic athletics season and in both we experienced some individual successes. There were winning performances in the senior event from Jayne Scarisbrick in the hurdles and Lucy Wickham in the 200m and in the U14 event from Katherine Stevens in the shot. In the U15 event Louise Green did well to come second in the hurdles.

At the Fylde Coast championships, nerves, I'm afraid, did affect one or two of our athletes - Kathryn Salt finished a creditable second in the 200m but was disappointed with her discus performance. Although she gained third place, her throw was well below her personal best. Louise Green was just pipped at the tape in the U14 hurdles, Ruth Falconer just failed as runner up in the U17 high jump on count back and our first year relay team ran very well for their third place.

Some very pleasing performances then and I would mention the efforts made by groups of girls like the third years. I have been proud of their efforts and they have always represented the school impeccably.

We have girls who are blessed with natural talent at K.G.S.: Lucy Wickham is a fine example, representing the Fylde at the Lancashire schools championships for three years, as has Megan Vipond, our javelin thrower. But we have girls who

succeed not only because of their natural flair or good coaching. I would ask younger athletes in particular to note that often success is the result of personal commitment and willingness to train regularly.

J. Taylor

Tennis

I think it would be fair to say that, in general terms, the standard of tennis at K.G.S. could be vastly improved - but at what expense? We do, as a small school, seek to give girls a wide variety of sporting activities during the Summer Term. Both major summer sports, athletics and tennis, are experienced, as well as rounders for the lower school. We attempt to field teams in all sports in all age groups, and this with small groups in each year - sometimes as low as 25.

Critics who strive for excellence and positive results would argue we spread ourselves far too thinly and achieve little. I would argue that a high percentage of girls in each year's group play some kind of representative sport and all within a term which has other time consuming commitments.

We have made some attempt to broaden the girls experience. Alex Piell, the LTA coach for the area, has run a very successful coaching course on a Friday evening for lower school pupils. Feedback has suggested that many of the girls not only learned much and improved the standard of their play but enjoyed the activity.

Seniors

P	L	D
6	5	1

The Seniors have been a willing enough group of girls who have found the competition at this level too difficult for them. Although some games were close, the team in general lacked the consistency that comes from practising often and playing regularly.

Despite the gloomy results, Joanne Gornall deserves recognition for organising the team, Sarah-Jane Heath for some promising improved performances and girls like Fiona Gilmore and Kay McEntee for stepping in to play. Without far more time given to training, coaching and playing, I cannot see the situation improving appreciably next season.

The U13's and U15's

These two age groups competed in the Lancashire Schools Tennis League. Although the U15's failed to win a match, the U13's were unlucky not to qualify for the regional semi-finals, having lost only one of their matches. The Morecambe team did the damage, or at least their No.1 did - a very talented girl whose potential has been seen by clubs already!

In the U13 Lancashire Singles Tournament, the team again played well against strong opposition. Debbie Smith deserves particular mention. She failed to make a place in the quarter finals on the loss of a tie break and had performed well for her team throughout the season.

This team shows promise and we hope they will start their training programme early next year and build on the foundation they have already established.

J. Taylor



Autumn/Winter 1989 - 1990

One is always left pondering at the end of another busy winter and spring period as to how to present a report that is different from those that preceded it. As far as this season is concerned, we have recorded so many 'firsts' that daunting part of the task has been to decide what to omit.

Early in October, four of our girls, Katherine Salt, Emma Cartwright, Joanne Evans and Pippa Bashford were invited to the final Lancashire Hockey trials in the under 15, 16 and 18 age groups. Joanne Evans was chosen to be a member of the Under 18 second XI squad and was called for county duty before Christmas. Joanne is our first girl to win county honours, and we hope that many of our hockey players will seek to emulate her success.

Not only did we score our first individual success, but the under 16 hockey team won its first trophy for the school display cabinet. The team won the Blackpool Schools Outdoor Hockey League through pure endeavour and team spirit, beating Arnold 2-1 in the deciding match. Unfortunately, Arnold had their revenge, for the two teams met at Stanley Park as finalists of the Under 16 Lancashire Tournament, and, after extra time, K.G.S. eventually lost out on penalty flicks.

K.G.S. hockey also went 'international' this season. We played matches against visiting touring teams from Wales and Zimbabwe, we hosted a team from Canada, we went on our first overseas hockey tour to West Germany and Holland and secured two places for our girls to take part in the New Zealand exchange. Joanne Evans and Joanne Gornall leave in June and will be very fine ambassadors.

1st XI Hockey

P	W	D	L
25	11	6	8

The first XI this year is probably our youngest yet. No fewer than six of the eleven regular players are U16 level playing in an U18 age group. They have had to learn much in many areas of the game, no more so than in the demands made by playing on artificial surfaces. These speedy grounds, where the ball runs true and fitness and stickwork skills are at a premium, have highlighted the need for much work to be done next season.

Our recent tour taught us an awful lot, and we hope to put this knowledge to good effect next season, when we are promised our own astro turf at K.G.S.

But we have performed admirably in most matches. Joanne Evans and Katherine Salt have shown speed and skill in taking on players and Joanne has found goal on many occasions. No player has worked harder than Gayle Morson, who never seems to tire, whatever the conditions. She finds an excellent partner in Emma Cartwright, another promising youngster.

Our defence record has improved dramatically, too. Ably led by the 1st XI captain, Joanne Gornall, the defence players have worked efficiently as a unit. Jane Youll, our goalkeeper, has produced her finest record yet and our half backs have been reliable and diligent in setting about their tasks.

It is unfair to single out players when everyone has worked so hard. I am appreciative of all the girls' efforts this season and look forward with great anticipation to the next.



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2nd XI Hockey

P	W	L	D
7	1	3	3

Because of the numbers of able hockey players coming through the ranks, it has been necessary this season to run a 2nd XI hockey team. Never before have we seen real competition for 1st XI places, but this year some fine players found themselves playing for the 2nd XI.

The team was led by one such player, Gillian Warren, and vice-captained by Kay McEntee. These two, plus players like Gaye Littlefair, Rhiannon Bell and others made up a very capable team. Next season, I anticipate a similar number of able girls playing hockey and it may well be necessary to plan a fixture programme to incorporate this development in future years.

U16 Hockey

U16 Hockey League Winners Sept/Oct 1989
Finalists Lancashire Tournament March 1990

As mentioned earlier, this team has been very successful this year. Their great strength is their team spirit - they get on together well and seem to raise one another's level of performance.

All the girls have played senior hockey this season - many of them make up a core of the 1st XI team and, as such, have matured and progressed this season.

Each U16 player deserves great credit for her attitude and achievements. Well done!

J. Taylor

U15 XI Hockey

This years U15's were a very talented team, but their results were mixed. The Autumn term saw them play their best hockey and record a string of impressive results.

The Christmas holidays and the bad weather in January and February saw an enforced break, which resulted in some disappointing results when the fixture list was resumed.

All the squad are keen and enthusiastic, but four players in particular who made excellent progress are Jenny Evans, who led the team by example as captain; Pippa Bashford, who was selected as reserve for the county U15 XI; Anna Fryer and Maria Wardrop. These four made an impressive midfield, whose skill and work rate was excellent.

Overall, the team's impressive performances augur well for the future. Although they are following the school's most successful U16 XI, I expect them to make a very good attempt at retaining the U16 Hockey League title next year.

T.P. Miller

U13 Hockey

The under 13's have had a very good season, losing only two matches. This team have a positive attitude and have played with enthusiasm and determination all year. All the girls have improved both their individual skills and their ability to play as a team.

A special mention goes to Sally Evans. Although young and inexperienced, she has led the team all season and proved to be an excellent captain.

As well as praising the girls who play regularly for the team, I also want to thank and congratulate all the girls in the squad for their commitment and dedication to hockey this year.

I hope that all the girls continue to work hard, and most importantly, enjoy hockey in the season to come.

J. Sampey

▼ The under 16 Hockey team



Quiz Answers

1. Cards in a pack.
2. Signs of Zodiac.
3. Planets in Solar System.
4. Keys on the Piano.
5. Stripes on the American Flag.
6. Green Bottles
(standing on the wall).
7. Degrees Fahrenheit at which
Water Freezes.
8. Holes on a Golf Course.
9. Degrees in a Right Angle.
10. Pounds for Passing Go
in Monopoly.
11. Blind Mice
(see how they run).
12. Hours in a Day.
13. Horn on a Unicorn.
14. Squares on a Chess Board.
15. Heinz Varieties.
16. Players in a Football Team.
17. Days in February in a
Leap Year.
18. Trombones in the
Big Parade.
19. Reds on a Snooker Table.
20. Loaves in a Baker's Dozen.
21. Letters of the Alphabet.
22. Days of Lent.
23. Black Birds in a Pie.
24. Spots on a Dice.

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