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SCHOOL DIARY, 1993-94

We returned to school for the summer term in April after a large section of the school had been on language trips - some on the German exchange to our partner school in Linden, near Frankfurt, whilst others had enjoyed a week in Paris on the annual French trip. Mr Taylor deserves a particular mention, for he returned from Germany, had one day's rest and then joined the French party - it was indeed a hectic Easter for him.

The summer term brings with it a flurry of activity, cricket, tennis and athletics sporting fixtures and the inevitable house competitions also, of which the Inter-House Sports' Day always has special significance. This year we were pleased to welcome Mr Frank Dick, the director of coaching for the British Athletics team. It was indeed a great honour. An indication of the athletic excellence of the school came when three pupils - Alistair Ward, Michelle Mann and Richard Wareing - were chosen to represent Lancashire at the English Schools' Athletics Championships held at Stanley Park in Blackpool in early July. Furthermore, the school was delighted when it was asked to provide junior pupils to act as medal bearers for the awards ceremonies. All involved carried out their duties magnificently.

But the summer term brings with it examinations and the fates of our fifth and sixth formers are decided. Once the

examinations are over, there is a long wait until August for the results. This year's results were among the best ever achieved, with record numbers of high grades. At A-level, almost sixty per cent of all the grades awarded were A's, B's or C's, whilst at GCSE almost ninety per cent of pupils achieved five or more grades A, B or C.

During those summer months two of our pupils headed off on expeditions organised by the British Schools' Exploring Society. The expeditions are designed to test endurance and resourcefulness whilst conducting a series of scientific experiments.

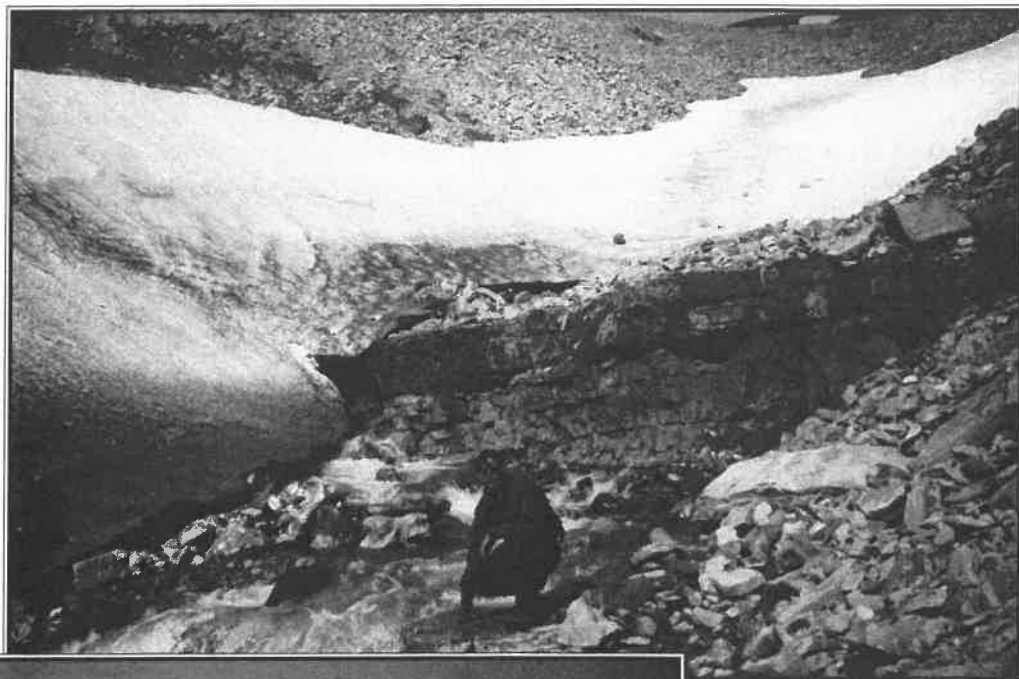
Peter Coventry joined a group in the Tweedsmuir Provincial Park in the Rockies in British Columbia, Canada and Daniel Cartwright spent six weeks on an expedition to Svalbard, a group of Norwegian islands in the Arctic Circle. Both thoroughly enjoyed their experiences.

In September Bishop Ronald Brown, a former bishop of Birkenhead and an Old Kirkhamian, came to the school to dedicate a window to the memory of Bernard Stevenson, a previous deputy headmaster of the school.

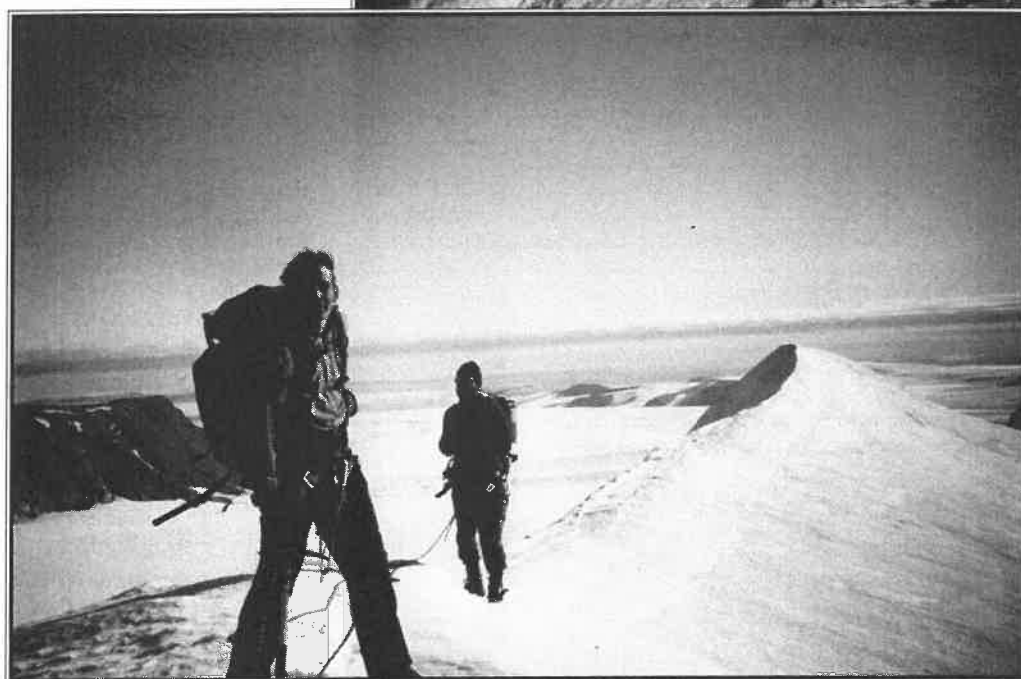
Later that month, Fylde MP Michael Jack was the guest of honour at Speech Day. Prize winners were as follows.

Speech Day





*Daniel Cartwright
in Svalbard*



*School Representatives
at the
English Schools'
Athletic
Championships*



LIST OF PRIZEWINNERS 1992-93

FORM PRIZES

IX Elizabeth L. Jackson
 2X Christopher R. Fox
 3X Alison L. Peters
 4X Simon W. H. Yeung
 4K Ruth Blackburn
 5X Joanne K. Allison
 5K Michelle L. Mann

1Y Emily J. Ross
 2Y Elspeth R. Midgley
 3Y Caroline R. Singleton
 4Y Lisa C. Backhouse
 4G Janet Phillipson
 5Y Rachael E. Cuthbertson
 5G David W. Smith

1Z Janine C. Swarbrick
 2Z Chloe E. H. Scott
 3Z Philip T. G. Reeves
 4Z Oliver R. Welsby
 4S Michael H. P. Yeung
 5Z Catherine A. Dye
 5S Gillian A. R. Taylor

OPEN PRIZES

SPECIAL PROGRESS PRIZES for A-level results:

R. Paul Greensmith, Richard D. Thompson, Matthew D. Tomlinson

HEADMASTER'S SPECIAL PRIZES:

Simon H. W. Yeung, A. Louise Green

DRAPERS' COMPANY SCHOLARSHIPS

Rainbow M. W. Law, Andrew D. Eastham

Art Prizes	Senior:	Richard J. Connell
.....	Junior:	Jessica Wareing
Alfred Robotham Art Progress Prize		Emma L. Gyles
Lambert Prize for Biology		Anna Fryer
Prize for Practical Work in Chemistry		Simon H. W. Yeung
Tindal Prize for Chemistry		Rainbow M. W. Law
Sixth Form Prize for Economics		Andrew D. Eastham
Sixth Form Prize for English Literature		Alexia G. C. Fielding
Sixth Form Prize for French		A. Louise Green
Norwood Prize for Geography		James M. Clark
Geography Project Prizes	Senior:	Benjamin P. Stuttard
.....	Junior:	Kelda J. Hodges
.....		Emma J. Reynolds
Sixth Form Prize for German		Nicholas M. Walmsley
Rev. Cresswell-Strange Prize for History/Modern Studies		A. Louise Green
Scott Prize for Mathematics		Simon H. W. Yeung
Allcock Prize for Physics		Simon H. W. Yeung
Stevenson Prize for GCSE Biology		Paul J. Banks
.....		Rachael E. Cuthbertson
Myerscough College of Agriculture & Horticulture Silver Cup and Book Token for pupil at KGS who has done original research into an environmental issue		A. Nicholas Hill
5th Form Prize for Business Studies		Joanne K. Allison
Rev. Cresswell-Strange Prize for Latin		L. Kiri Ashworth
5th Form Prize for Graphical Communication		Claire L. Baxter
Matthews Prize for Proficiency in Natural History		Philip T. G. Reeves
.....		Aravindan Sundaralingham
Richard Spencer Music Prize (Singing)		Peter J. Benson
Norwood Music Prize	Intermediate:	Gillian A. R. Taylor
.....	Junior:	Nicholas L. Hopton
Rev. Canon Welbury Mitton Divinity Prize		Caroline R. Singleton
Rosemary Greaves Music Prize		A. Louise Green
Public Speaking Prize - Individual winner of House Festival		Maria Wardrop
Eric Butterworth Memorial Prize for All Round contribution to School Life by a first former		David P. Rees
National Westminster Bank Prize for Spoken French	Junior:	Lucy E. Preston
.....	Intermediate:	Daniel R. West
C.C.F. Awards		Steven R. Guise
.....		Anna Fryer
C.C.F. Anzac Trophy for most improved Cadet at Annual Camp		Jonathan P. Law
Nicol Prize for Endeavour		Nicola J. Watkinson
Rotary Prize for Service		Daniel F. Cook
Buccaneer Trophy for Outstanding Sporting Achievement of the year		Shelley L. Barnes
Blackledge Swimming Cup		Shelley L. Barnes
T.H. Brooks Cup (400m Running)		Mark S. Ledsham
Sports Prizes:		
Senior (The Chrispin Cup)	Boy:	David J. Mapple
.....	Girl:	A. Louise Green
.....	Boy:	Michael H. P. Yeung
Intermediate	Girl:	Annabel E. Wire
.....	Boy:	Keith A. Quigley
Junior	Girl:	Catherine L. M. Williamson
.....		Simon M. R. Smith
Senior Rugby Player of the Year		Benjamin J. W. Bancroft
Rawcliffe Junior Rugby Player of the Year		Jennifer K. Evans
Senior Hockey Player of the Year		Nicola S. McKay
Most Improved Hockey Player of the Year		

OXFORD ENTRANCE & SCHOLARSHIP

Places at Oxford University have been awarded to:

Rainbow LawEngineering.....St. Hugh's College
Simon Yeung.....Engineering.....Corpus Christi College

Open Scholarship

Thomas ConnolleyMetallurgy.....Jesus College

G.C.S.E. RESULTS - SUMMER 1993

NINE SUBJECTS

J.K. Allison (9)
L.K. Ashworth (9)
C. M. Booth (8)
J. M. Brown (8)
R. E. Cuthbertson (8)
C. A. Dye (9)
R. J. Gardner (9)
J. C. Holden (9)
K. V. Huggett (8)
K. E. Jewitt (8)
T. Leigh (9)
K. M. McArdle (9)
M. L. Mann (9)
M. D. Mellor-Clark (9)
C. M. Reeh (8)
S. L. Savage (9)
G. A. Taylor (9)
H. M. Wallace (9)
A. V. Welsby (9)
D. R. West (9)

EIGHT SUBJECTS

J. R. Atack (8)
R. L. Atherton (5)
P. J. Banks (8)
S. L. Barnes (8)
C. L. Baxter (8)
G. H. Benson (8)
C. E. Bradley (8)
I. D. Brown (8)
J. M. Coventry (8)
D. M. Davies (8)
A. J. Dolphin (5)
S. E. Evans (6)
V. J. Eyre (8)
G. Forder (5)
T. L. Fletcher (7)
J. Freeman (8)
S. J. Green (8)
M. J. Grey (8)
E. L. Gyles (5)
L. Halliday (8)
V. M. Hannan (6)
D. P. Hipkins (8)

K. J. Hodges (8)
B. G. Johnson (8)
S. B. Kelly (5)
C. M. Kendall (8)
J. P. Law (8)
A. J. Loftus (8)
K. D. McGlary (8)
S. R. Morgan (2)
J. D. Moulding (7)
D. J. Miller (8)
V. Noblett (4)
J. Rawstrone (7)
E. S. Reynolds (8)
D. Sanders (8)
R. Singh (8)
D. W. Smith (8)
S. J. Smith (7)
T. W. Smith (8)
S. B. Stead (8)
L. E. Strong (8)
D. W. Taylor (8)
M. A. Tomkins (5)
C. D. Tudor-Jones (5)
C. A. Twist (8)
A. C. Walmsley (8)
A. N. Ward (8)
N. J. Watkinson (8)
V. L. Whiteside (8)
J. P. Whittle (8)
E. A. Wilcock (7)
J. G. Wire (8)
J. M. Woodsell (8)

SEVEN SUBJECTS

S. L. Barnes (2)
P. Byrom (4)
J. A. Gardner (1)
P. C. Guise (5)
D. P. Kennedy (2)
D. A. Stubbs (1)
N. S. Tso (3)

SIX SUBJECTS

R. G. Wareing (3)

% Passes at Grade A34%
% Passes at Grades A/B62%
% Pupils with 5+ passes89%
Average number of passes per candidate7.1

G.C.S.E. 'A' LEVEL RESULTS - 1993

FIVE SUBJECTS

D. R. Fenton
A. L. Green
I. A. Jama
K. Middleton
J. C. Outhwaite
B. P. Stuttard
N. M. Walmsley
S. H. Yeung

FOUR SUBJECTS

A. P. Butterworth
A. J. Cairns
V. J. Cannon
J. M. Clarke
R. J. Connell
D. F. Cook
A. D. Eastham
A. Fielding
R. B. Fletcher
A. S. Fryer
R. P. Greensmith
S. R. Guise
D. J. Harrison
K. A. Hood
V. J. Jackson
K. K. Lam
R. M. Law
F. R. Nelson
M. Postill
A. K. Proctor
R. E. Smith
R. D. Thompson
M. D. Tomlinson
M. T. Wincott

THREE SUBJECTS

H. Burns
J. K. Evans
S. A. Flack
A. R. Griffiths
D. L. Hedley
A. N. Hill
V. S. McKenzie
P. Patel
R. M. Penney
R. Rawstrone
S. M. Smith
R. J. Taylor
M. Wardrop
R. N. Wilson
G. R. Woods
W. Yu

TWO SUBJECTS

C. J. Beaumont
C. H. Bryson
M. R. Cusick
S. C. Hopes
D. J. Mapple
M. R. Morgan

ONE SUBJECT

P. I. Baxendale
E. Cook
P. Fairbrother
M. W. Stewart

Average Number of passes per pupil - 3.3
Pass Rate87%
% Passes at A/B39%
% Passes at A/B/C57%

DESTINATION OF SIXTH FORM LEAVERS-JULY 1993

DEGREE AND HIGHER EDUCATION COURSES

Name	Institution	Course (Honours Degree unless shown)
Phillip BAXENDALE	Blackpool & Fylde College	Business Management/Leisure & Tourism
Conrad BEAUMONT	University of Central Lancashire	Quantity Surveying
Heather BURNS	Hull University	Chemistry
Andrew BUTTERWORTH	Keele University	Politics & History
Alastair CAIRNS	Dundee University	Medicine
Victoria CANNON	Salford University	Financial Management & Accountancy
James CLARK	Loughborough University	Aeronautical Engineering
Richard CONNELL	Chester College	Maths & Creative Arts
Daniel COOK	Keele University	English & Philosophy
Esther COOK	Blackpool & Fylde College	Hotel & Catering HND
Martin CUSICK	University of Central Lancashire	Electronic Engineering HND
Andrew EASTHAM	Leeds University	Economics
Jennifer EVANS	Bedford College	PE & Education
Paula FAIRBROTHER	Runshaw College	Drama Foundation Course
David FENTON	UMIST	Electronic Engineering
Alexia FIELDING	King's College, London University	English
Sarah FLACK	Newcastle University	Fine Art
Robert FLETCHER	Sheffield University	Physics
Anna FRYER	Birmingham University	Psychology & Sports Science
Richard GORNALL	Kendal College	Hotel & Catering HND
Louise GREEN	Durham University	History
Paul GREENSMITH	Leicester University	History
Andrew GRIFFITHS	Nottingham University	Chemical Engineering
Steven GUISE	St. Andrew's University	Genetics
David HARRISON	Loughborough University	Languages
Dawn HEDLEY	Staffordshire University	Law & Art
Nicholas HILL	Keele University	Geography & Electronics
Karen HOOD	Sheffield University	Physics
Simon HOPES	Middlesex University	Institutional Management
Victoria JACKSON	Bradford University	Business Studies & French
Idris JAMA	Heriot-Watt University	Biological Sciences
Katharine LAM	Bath University	Pharmacy
Rainbow LAW	St. Hugh's College, Oxford University	Electrical Engineering
David MAPPLE	De Montfort University	Business Studies
Vicky McKENZIE	Trinity & All Saints College, Leeds	Maths
Kirsty MIDDLETON	Strathclyde University	Law
Phillip NELSON	Newcastle University	Civil Engineering
Joanne OUTHWAITE	Kingston University	Accountancy
Prashant PATEL	Manchester University	Dentistry
Richard PENNEY	Huddersfield University	Business Studies
Martin POSTILL	Nottingham University	History
Andrew PROCTOR	Keele University	Politics & History
Rebecca RAWSTRONE	UCNW, Bangor	Psychology
Robert SMITH	Edinburgh University	Biology
Simon SMITH	UMIST	Management & Marketing of Textiles
Benjamin STUTTARD	University of Wales, Aberystwyth	Geography
Richard THOMPSON	University of Wales, Cardiff	Law
Matthew TOMLINSON	Liverpool University	Economics & Accountancy
Nicholas WALMSLEY	Sussex University	French & Italian
Ripton WILSON	Cheltenham & Gloucester College	Business Studies
Matthew WINCOTT	Bristol University	Maths
Simon YEUNG	Durham University	Civil Engineering
William YU	Edinburgh University	Computer Studies and Management

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Maria WARDROP

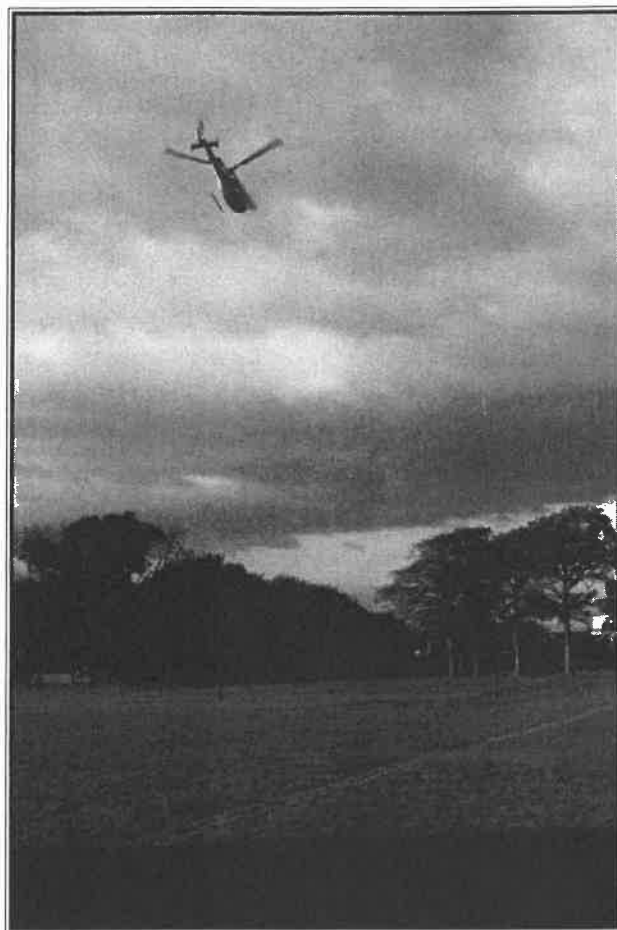
Registered General Nursing Course
H.M. Forces
B.Ae. Commercial Trainee
Gap Year - Civil Service

Early in October the annual C.C.F inspection took place, carried out this year by Group Captain Barry Dickens from RAF Sealand in North Wales. Following his inspection of the guard of honour, all cadets then took part in a wide range of activities including abseiling, battle drill and shooting, before watching the departure of the inspecting officer by helicopter from the school fields.

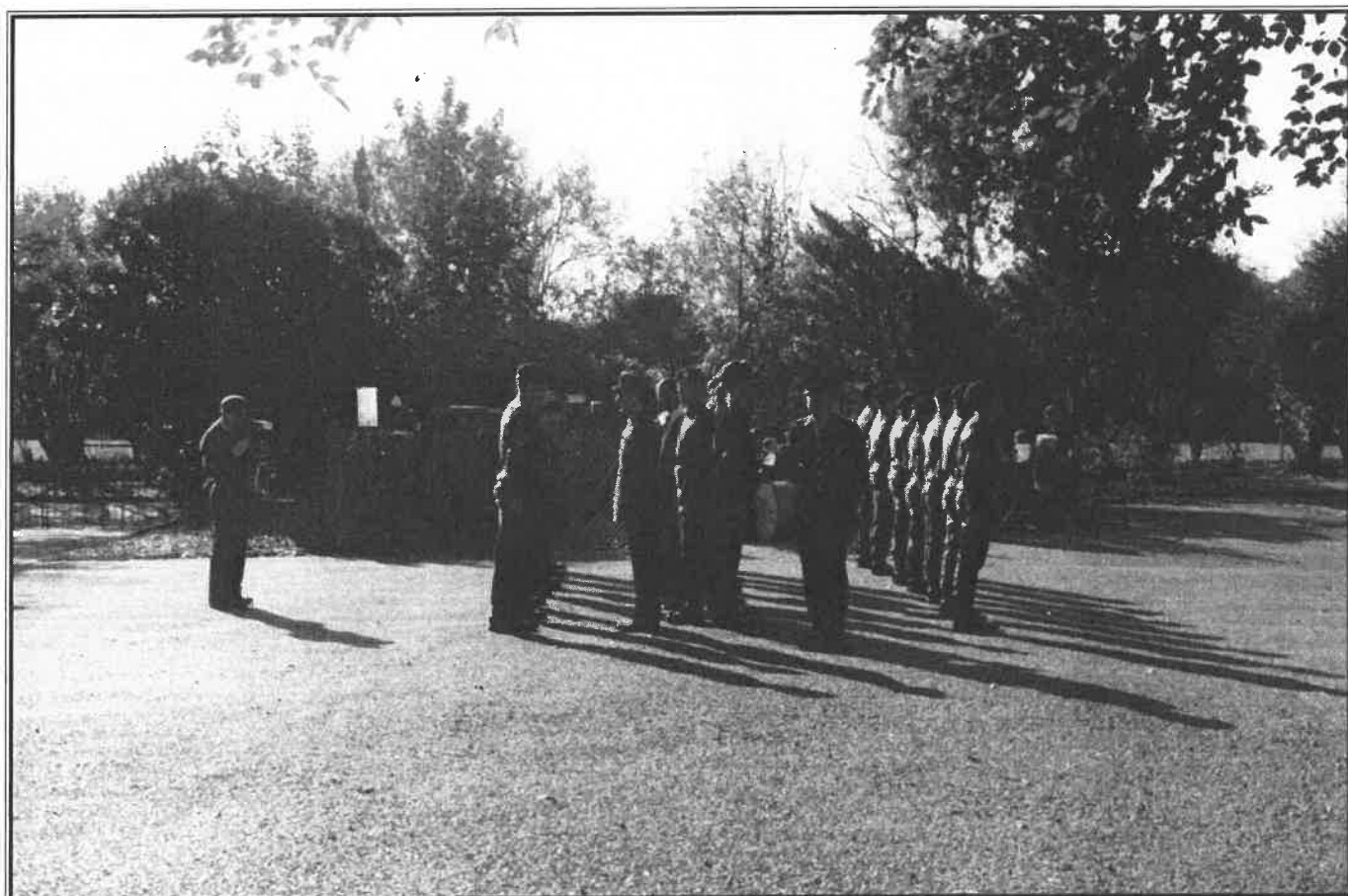
In November, the school's Young Enterprise company, Artizan, made headlines in the local press with their famous people recipe book, including contributions from politicians, television personalities and sports stars.

Later in the year the school was awarded a special plaque by the Fylde Industry Education Liaison Group in recognition of our Young Enterprise schemes over the years. It was a great honour.

November also saw the visit to the school of Mrs Jessie Butcher, from Lepra, for a sponsored aerobic session, which eventually raised over £1,500. More about this appears in the charity report, but all who took part, staff and pupils, deserve congratulations.



C.C.F. Inspection



Members of staff have also enjoyed success outside school. Mr. Andrew Reid was one of the winners of the Guardian "Then and Now" competition, celebrating ten years of weekly computer coverage in that newspaper. His stimulating article brought out clearly the rapid changes and developments that have taken place in computing.

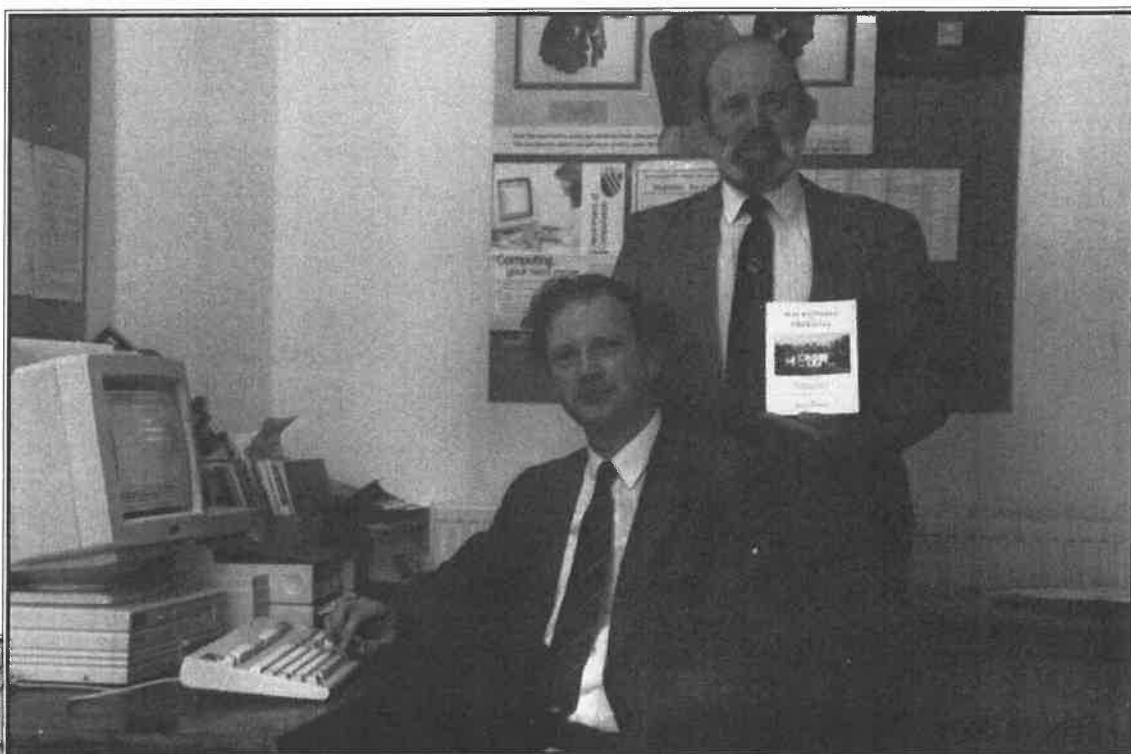
Mr. Brian Marshall saw the culmination of many hours of research with the publication of his book, "Hackensall with Preesall, a thousand years of a Lancashire Manor". The book traces the history of the manorial families from the earliest times up to 1479. A second volume is already in preparation, tracing the history up to the present day.

In December we welcomed our visitors from New Zealand. The sporting exchange with Wairarapa College continued with the arrival of Tania McNae, Nicky Shelton, Russell Thomson and Deon Mitchell. This summer the visit will be returned as four of our pupils head for the southern hemisphere.

Two further visitors came to KGS during the year. In October, Catherine Veillon, our French assistant from Nantes, arrived. She is currently studying to be an English teacher at university in Paris. In January, Angela Fury arrived from Australia. She is taking a year out between school and university and is working as an assistant in the boarding house, as well as helping with PE and drama in both the senior and the junior schools.

Following a Social Services inspection of the boarding house, the school received a glowing report which stated, "the boarding house is much more akin to normal family lifefacilities and standards of care are high and the boarders are well-adjusted and happy in their environment.....the relationship between boarders and staff is relaxed and friendly and clearly based on mutual respect". All those involved with the boarding house must have been delighted that their hard work over the years is bearing fruit.

*Andrew Reid
and
Brian Marshall*



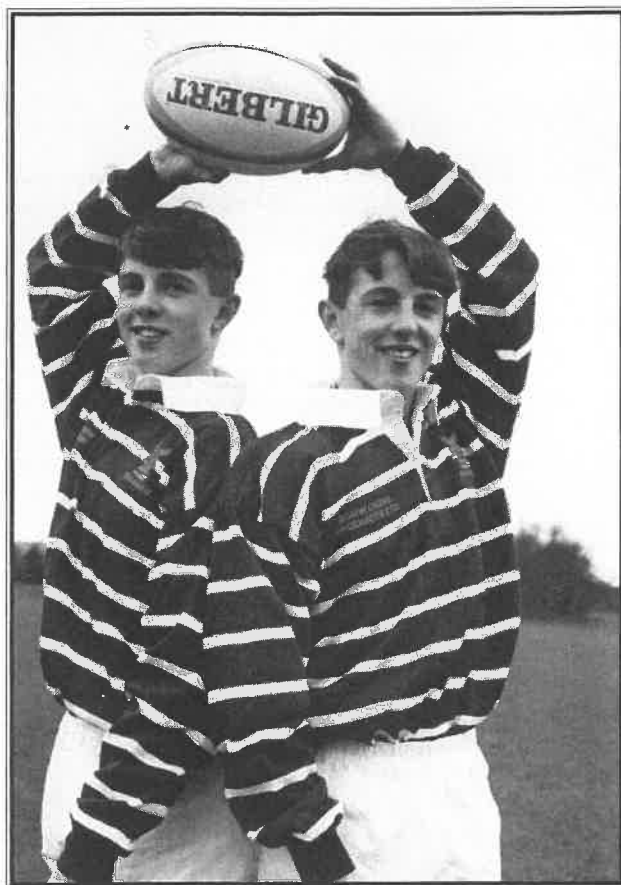
*Angela Fury
and
Catherine Veillon*

Sporting success came to the girls' first eleven hockey squad as they won the Lancashire Schools' hockey tournament and also to Dane and Jason Dorahy when they played for the Lancashire under 16 rugby team.

Shortly before Easter the school organised a grand Sunday lunch with the aim of raising £3,000 for life saving equipment for cancer sufferers. Eventually £5,000 was raised for this most worthy cause.

And so the Easter holidays came round, with the German exchange trip to Linden, the French language trip to the Loire Valley, the rugby tour to Spain, the RAF camp in Cyprus.

As the summer term begins, so our thoughts turn to public examinations. By the time the magazine is published, the examinations will be over and the long wait for the results will have begun. We wish our fifth and upper sixth formers well and hope that their efforts will receive their just rewards.



Dane and Jason Dorahy

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF GOVERNORS

In my message last year I said my year as Chairman of the Governors had been more relaxed than the first one. I really should have known better! There is no such thing as a relaxed year in a school like Kirkham Grammar. The demands of new legislation and other new pressures have left the Governing Body and the Senior Members of Staff extremely busy preparing short and long term plans in several areas of social, academic and business disciplines.

My thanks go out to those governors and members of the senior staff who have spent a prodigious amount of time on these very necessary exercises. Our future may well depend on them.

One part of these and previous deliberations has resulted in the increased use of school facilities outside the normal academic and sporting programme. Our Marketing and Development Manager is arranging a whole variety of uses, from hire to sporting groups to mini motor shows. No doubt you will see even more in the future.

I would also like to pay a public tribute to the Friends of Kirkham Grammar School who so indefatigably organise events, which, fortunately for the School, enable the Friends to continue to provide much needed and expensive equipment. The new piano in the Old Hall is one of the latest, visible, tuneful and beautiful examples of their generosity. Seat belts in the mini-buses are a sign of their dedication to making sure that the needs of pupils of the School are fulfilled. Many of these needs occur because of legislation, changes to the curriculum and sometimes unfortunately as a result of accidents. The management team, led by the Headmaster and the Governing Body, are budgeting more than a year ahead and it is comforting to know that we have such tangible practical support from the Friends. Long may they be successful.

It seems a long time ago now since I was a pupil in the School. My best personal achievements in the sporting disciplines were undoubtedly gained in the period when I ran for the school cross country eight. In those days one of the schools we used to run against was Stonyhurst and

their course to the top of Longridge Fell and back was certainly the hardest of the year, if not the highlight of the year. I might add we always won in those days. I am particularly pleased the sport survives at the level of inter-house competition and that some of our individual runners have represented their county this year. My own feelings are that with a sensible amount of training most people can perform reasonably well, and at the finish it is not just the first three that get the applause, the best is often reserved for the last boy or girl. It is the sort of sport where effort is rewarded.

Much of the work of the Governing Body and the Marketing and Development Manager over the last year has been spent on getting our Technology Initiative through the planning and feasibility stages. By the time this magazine is published some of the final stages will have been undertaken, which I have every reason to believe will result in a Spearhead Development Project which should be up and running by the start of the Autumn term. Details of the appeal for a purpose built Technology Building should also be available by then.

This will be a major step forward in the development of Information Technology, and its integration and use within the future curriculum.

This will constitute a leap forward in an exciting field, with Kirkham Grammar School being one of the leaders in the teaching and development of technology.

I would like to close this message by thanking you all for another marvellous year: pupils, parents, academic and sporting staff, manual and secretarial, management staff, Headmaster and his wife Catherine, and all the members of the Governing Body. It is on reflection when writing a message such as this that you see how great the achievements have been over the last year, and that explains why I am so proud of KGS.

J. Waite

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LISTER APPLETON REDMAN

It was with deep sadness that the school learned of the death of Lister Redman. Lister had been head of Science at Kirkham for many years, during which time he helped many pupils with his knowledge and wisdom and became a valued friend to many staff. The following is the address given at his funeral.

We meet together to give thanks to God for Lister Redman - Teacher, Author, Publisher, Churchman and above all Family Man.

Lister Appleton Redman was born in Blackburn in 1933, into the Vicarage home of Christ Church, but he spent most of his childhood in Hoddlesden, a Parish of about twelve hundred souls just outside Darwen.

From Darwen Grammar School, where he was Head Boy, he served his two years National Service in the R.A.F. before taking up an awarded scholarship at Queen's College in the University of Oxford.

Lister read Physics for three years and theology for one. A policeman once asked me, when I was a pale young Curate, some questions of theology and I pompously told him what he ought to believe, only to find out that he was the son of a clergyman and had a good honours degree in theology from Oxford. I've been wary of theologians in the pew ever since!

Jean, the student nurse, and Lister, the undergraduate, met in Blackburn and married in 1959.

After graduation, Lister was appointed Head of Physics at Kirkham Grammar School, where he spent 32 very happy years, eventually becoming Head of Science. I understand that Mr. Arthur Baines who read our Old Testament lesson is now Head of that Department and I am grateful to him for his share in this service representing both friendship and the school which meant so much to Lister.

Mr. Redman was also interested in communicating his love of physics. His particular gift was to explain complicated matters simply. He had sixteen books published by the Oxford University Press, Blackie - John Murray and he also wrote, published and distributed five books himself. He was elected a Fellow of the Institute of Physics for his contribution to the world of physics, the first schoolmaster to be awarded this honour.

In the book of Proverbs we read, "Get wisdom, and whatever you get, get insight. Prize her highly and she will exalt you. She will honour you, if you embrace her. She will place on your head a fair garland, she will bestow on you a beautiful crown". Certainly Lister's great gifts did not fill him with pride - he was a very modest man - the mark of a true intellectual. His reward will be in the

countless pupils in whom he provided a love of physics and thereby enriched their lives.

But life was not all school. His Church life at St Paul's meant a great deal to him and he was Church warden of this Church under Mr. Kennett, Mr. Driscoll (with whom he worked on the initial Stewardship Campaign) and under my immediate predecessor Mr. Green.

He helped to found the Youth Club in the Old Mission Room on Commonsides where our new Ansdell Library is situated. I know the present Church wardens have picked his brain from time to time and I have been grateful for his friendship and understanding.

As if the tasks of teacher and Churchman were not enough, Lister busied himself with Road Safety, the mail order of teaching aids and, for eight years, a Children's Bookshop.

But I have left the most important thing in his life, and from which all the other activities gained their strength, to the end - his family life. I rarely saw Lister without Jean and rarely talked to them without being asked about my family or discovering the latest adventures of Paul, Jill and Carol their children, and Sarah, David and Ardan who through marriage became part of the family and, of course Jean and Lister's lovely grandchildren, Joshua, Michael and Chloe. I never see an advert for Lytham Square Pizzas without thinking that Lister told me how useful they can be at the time of a family visit. It is to that family Lister would want me to offer our love and support not just to-day but in days and weeks to come.

At the end of her book "Sharing the Darkness", Sheila Cassidy writes, 'I believe that God has the whole world in his hands. He is not a bystander at the pain of the world. He does not stand like Peter, wringing his hands in the shadows, but is there, in the dock, on the rack, high on the gallows tree. He is in the pain of the lunatic, the tortured, those wracked by grief. His is the heart broken by suffering. He is the God of paradox.'

And she ends the book, 'We must be Easter people deeply rooted in the world and its pain, but holding always within the same focus the God who made us and who alone makes sense of our living and our dying. Right at the heart of the mystery of suffering is the grace that sustains us all, carers and cared for alike. It comes as freely and as surely as the sunrise, piercing the blackness of grief and despair, restoring once again the hope of things unseen.'

May the soul of Lister, Scientist, Churchman, Kinsman and Friend rest in peace.

HEADMASTER'S REPORT

During a difficult period of economic recession it is gratifying to report that the number of pupils on role continues to grow. The most spectacular growth has been achieved by our Junior School. From its inception less than four years ago, the Junior School has grown to 195 pupils, a testimony to its popularity and the excellent work of our Headmistress, Mrs. K. J. Kelly and all her staff. We have dropped the age at entry to four years and built an extra classroom and new shower block. I am delighted to be able to report that all last year's fourth year juniors passed the entrance examination for the Senior School.

I would also like to pay tribute to the Governing Body for having both the vision and courage to secure better the future of the whole school by developing what is in essence a prep school, with the addition this year of a pre-prep department. Both parts of the school clearly benefit each other. We are very fortunate indeed to have a Board of Governors so committed to KGS, whose members are prepared to give of their time freely to attend not only meetings and school functions and the many committee meetings of the governors held at regular intervals throughout the year. Our governors share the immense pride we all have in our school and I would like to thank them publicly for the strong support.

Numbers in the senior school have reached 520 and we are nearing our limit. Recruitment into the sixth form and the boarding house has been strong both in numbers and also in quality. It is good to see our boarding house continue to flourish, especially during a difficult period when sadly others are suffering and some are closing. The boarding house epitomises the tradition of Kirkham Grammar School, gives the school added strength, vitality and character, and the headmaster and governors of the school are determined to see it continue to flourish. Since Mr Paul Smith took over the job of Boarding House Master in April 1993, the house has been transformed. The boarders appear to be happier than they have ever been. Large parts of the house have been redecorated and refurbished by the addition of new carpets and curtains. The boys' dormitories, which I am told at one time housed up to sixteen boys in a single dorm., have disappeared to be replaced by smaller rooms with three or four beds and greater privacy.

The excellence of the examination results has been publicised far and wide in both the local and the national press. Our A-level and GCSE results were by some measures the best the school has achieved since reverting to independence, with record numbers of high grades. At A-level almost 60% of all grades awarded were A's, B's or C's. At GCSE over one third of the grades awarded were grade A's and more than 60% were A's or B's. In the sciences we again bucked the national trend, by achieving a preponderance of top grades. When I totalled up all the GCSE grades in Maths, Chemistry and Physics, I discovered that no less than 50% of them were grade A's. The equivalent figure nationally was something in the order of 10%!

The fact that we were well up in the Times Top 500 Schools leaves me with mixed emotions, mainly extreme irritation. I am delighted for our pupils and staff that their efforts have been given due recognition, but I am also more than a little annoyed that the Times takes it upon itself to rank schools on the sole criterion of how many of their pupils achieved 'A' grades. Academic excellence is a very high priority at Kirkham Grammar School but, as you all well appreciate, we offer very much more and it is the breadth of that offering and the unique ethos of our school which appeals to our parents and lingers in

the memories of our former pupils. Furthermore, to choose such a narrow, one-dimensional method of ranking schools is an insult to large numbers of our pupils, whose achievement of lesser, but nevertheless very good grades, is both a credit to them and to their school.

Whilst it is apparent that academic standards are rising at Kirkham Grammar School it is not, and never will be, my intention to transform the school into a highly selective academic treadmill. The pursuit of academic excellence is and will remain one of our very highest priorities, but we anticipate that a breadth of talents will continue to flourish at KGS.

We welcome this year two new members of staff who, I am sure, will add to the quality and breadth of the education offered at KGS. Mr Neal Clark joins our staff as Head of English and Drama from King Edward's School, Bath, another excellent independent school. Mr Clark, married with a family, took a very good honours degree in English at University College, Oxford and studied for his PGCE at Cambridge. He is a keen practising Christian with interests in outdoor pursuits, ornithology and cricket.

Miss Jane Weekley joins our Mathematics Department having just completed an MSc in Mathematics at Manchester University, prior to which she took a 1st Class Honours degree in Mathematics at Exeter University. Miss Weekley is also keen on outdoor pursuits and has already joined the schools Combined Cadet Force. We hope that both will quickly feel at home at KGS, and enjoy their new careers with us.

Now may I say something of the breadth of achievement of KGS pupils to which I earlier referred. This school year was barely two days old when we had news that Shelley Barnes in the Lower Sixth form had been selected to compete for Great Britain in the European Junior Pentathlon Championships in Austria. Shelley excels as a swimmer and an athlete. Twenty four countries took part in the competition and Shelley finished tenth, having won the swim.

In terms of outstanding team performances, however, the past year belongs to our girls' hockey teams. The first team have remained unbeaten all season and won the Lancashire Schools' competition. The following girls all won county colours: Jennifer Evans, Jennifer Cuthbert, Nicola McKay, Charlotte Mellor, Suzanne Morris, Elizabeth Wilcock and Annabel Wire. Nicola McKay was also selected for the North of English Under 16 Squad and invited to attend squad sessions at the English Centre of Excellence.

It is good to be able to report that Robert Hills has been selected for Lancashire Boys' Under 14 team.

KGS rugby teams gave us an enjoyable season. The 1st XV were capable of winning more matches than the statistics show, and our second consecutive victory over Manchester GS was one of the highlights of a patchy season. KGS rugby is in a rebuilding phase, but there were some notable individual achievements. Zak Bradley and Richard Wareing played for Lancashire and Richard Gornall impressed so much at Wairarapa College, New Zealand, that he was chosen to play representative rugby over there.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mr Aled Trenhaile on his appointment as coach of Lancashire U15 rugby team, and Mr Brian Gornall who has been chosen to coach the County U17 and U18 teams.

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Our annual exchange with Wairarapa College, North Island, New Zealand continues to flourish and last summer Jennifer Cuthbert and Jennifer Evans, Richard Gornall and Richard Thompson enjoyed eight weeks in New Zealand. All four played for excellent Wairarapa hockey and rugby teams, and I believe the rugby team was unbeaten throughout the season.

KGS cricket teams enjoyed a successful season and once again benefited from the coaching of the St Annes' professional, Jerry Curtin. The 1st XI scored a memorable first victory in six attempts against Belfast Royal Academy, but probably enjoyed beating the Old Boys and Staff more. Andrew Griffiths and James Clark won caps, the latter taking six wickets for twelve runs against the Old Boys!

Our girls tennis teams have had one of their most successful seasons. The Under 13 team wiped the floor with Lancaster Girls' GS, beating them 9-0, and Nicola McKay and Nicola Greensmith narrowly failed in their bid to win the Lancashire Schools' Doubles Tournament, losing the final on a tie-break.

KGS athletes had a superb summer and it was a fitting tribute to their successes that we were privileged to have the world's top athletics coach, Frank Dick, the National Director of Coaching for the BAF, to present the prizes on Sports' Day.

Our senior boys narrowly failed to win the Senior Schools' Championships, finishing one point behind Lancaster Royal GS. Our Under 17 team were once again undefeated and easily won the Fylde Coast Schools title - the ninth consecutive year KGS teams have won this particular competition. Our combined Under 14 and Under 15 teams won the Senior Schools' trophy for the first time since 1980, and our Senior Girls competed magnificently in the Senior Schools' Championships to finish as runners-up to Merchant Taylor's School.

Individually, KGS boys won no less than five county titles. Alastair Ward won the Under 17 100 metres in 11.02 secs., Richard Wareing the Under 17 shot-putt with a distance of 14.63 metres, James Woodsell the Under 17 discus with a throw of 36.86 metres, Mark Ledsham the Under 14 400 metres in 56.4 secs., and Keith Quigley the Under 14 triple jump with a distance of 11.39 metres.

Alastair Ward and Richard Wareing were both chosen to compete for Lancashire in the English Schools' Championships and both reached the finals of their events. Louise Green and Michelle Mann were selected to compete for Lancashire in the heptathlon and 800 metres respectively. It is a tribute to Kirkham GS that our pupils were chosen to present the medals in the prestigious English Schools' Athletics Championships which was held this year at Stanley Park. They were chosen for their appearance and their bearing and they did us proud.

I am also delighted to report that Jamie Sedgwick, a member of our third year, was chosen to compete for Lancashire at badminton.

The outstanding sporting success of our school owes much to the efforts of large numbers of staff who give of their time selflessly, but the leadership of Mr Brian Gornall and Mrs Jane Taylor lies behind all of them.

Music and Drama continue to flourish at KGS. Our choirs enjoy the support of more than one hundred of our pupils. Their choral prowess, under the guidance and direction of Mr John Catterall, made the Carol Service and Founders' Day Service memorable and moving occasions. The concerts which are held throughout the school year are superb. The inter-house music festival attracted more than 200 entries. Alistair Couper and Peter Benson were both selected to sing with the Royal School of Church Music, Sarah Flack played the cello with the Lancashire Students' Orchestra and Michelle Carter the trombone with the Lancashire Youth Brass Band.

Charitable giving and community service work are an important part of school life at KGS. Once again our pupils have raised more than £3,000 for charity and a large number of worthy causes have benefited from the work of Mr Rushton, the Charity Committee and our pupils. Furthermore, several of our sixth formers have taken part in valuable work in the local community and I know that Mr Long, our Head of Sixth Form, has plans to expand our community service programme this year in partnership with St Michael's Church, Kirkham.

The house system continues to flourish at KGS and I am grateful to all our Housemasters, Mr Baines, Mr Brian Taylor, Mr Scott and Mr Smith, who work hard to make it such an integral, lively and enjoyable part of school life. More than that, the house system is fundamental to the breadth of education provided at KGS, for it ensures that large numbers of our pupils are involved in activities and that many of them are given the opportunity of team work and individual success beyond that of competing for school teams.

Likewise, our Combined Cadet Force, one of the strongest in the country, encourages our fourth, fifth and sixth formers to extend their interests and develop their potential. The CCF promotes initiative and leadership skills, team work and individual skills. It fosters discipline, physical fitness and fun, and brings our pupils face to face with problem solving in a very practical sense.

Throughout all these many and varied activities our young people learn skills of relating to one another and to others. Little wonder that Kirkham GS is renowned for its strong sense of community and mutual support, values keenly shared among pupils and staff alike.

I would like particularly to congratulate both our pupils, who are the finest and best young people it has ever been my privilege to work with, and our staff, who are without question the school's most valuable resource and deserve our admiration, gratitude and support.

My thanks also to the Friends of KGS whose efforts have resulted in a particularly active, enjoyable and, from the point of view of fund raising especially, a very successful year. The Friends have recently provided us with two minibuses, funds for equipping the Junior School and a grand piano for the Old Hall.

You will also be pleased to hear that the Old Kirkhamians' Association continues to flourish. Their annual Northern Dinner was held at the Clifton Arms Hotel last September and the Southern Dinner on Saturday 9th April at St. Edmund Hall, Oxford.

A memorial service for the late Bernard Stevenson, a member of KGS staff for 38 years, was held in the Old Hall last September and attended by former pupils and staff, many of whom travelled from far and wide to be with us. Bishop Ronald Brown, an old boy of the school and the retired Bishop of Birkenhead, dedicated a stained glass window in memory of Bernard Stevenson's remarkable work for the school in the Old Hall. It was a moving occasion, one of those rare events when you could almost feel the immense tradition of our school and the affection which exists for it.

While it is right to salute past achievements, it is also imperative that we look to the future.

We are increasingly aware of the advances in technology which are shaping the world our pupils will enter when they leave school. In order to prepare them for this we must ensure that KGS gives them experience of the most up to date facilities for Art, Computing, Electronics, Design Graphics and their practical implementation in wood, metal, plastic and other materials.

Furthermore, we appear to be on the eve of radical change in post 16 education. The government is already committed to enhancing the status of so-called vocational

studies so that they achieve parity with academic A-levels. The attack on the concept of advanced level study is gathering momentum also. The Times carried a front page article on the support being given by many leading independent school headmasters to the idea of dismantling A-levels and replacing them by a broader curriculum along the lines of the International Baccalaureat and the Scottish Highers system. If the government succumbs to these changes, a modular approach to sixth form study could be with us soon. Such an approach would allow students to choose modules from different subject areas across the academic/vocational divide. If we are not in a position to provide the required technological facilities for such courses at Kirkham GS, our sixth form could quite quickly become marginalised.

Our present technological facilities in the areas of Art, Design, Graphics and Computing are clearly inadequate for our future needs, despite the excellent results our staff and pupils continue to achieve in these areas.

If KGS is to continue to grow into the twenty first century, it is absolutely imperative that we tackle this problem. Thus we are currently in the process of planning a technology initiative which will lead the way for the teaching of these subjects in Britain. Planning and effecting such an exciting development are two quite separate undertakings, but it is very important that we succeed in pulling this off in the near future.

Finally, we all have our part to play in the education of our young people. The real heart of this process, far removed from narrow and soulless academic statistics, is the responsibility of us all to foster and develop those basic essentials known as human values. These are not examinable or easily definable items, but they are the hallmarks of independent schools and central to the process of education and upbringing.

Our children will want to do well, and of course we share with them their aspirations to achieve success, but, to an equal and perhaps greater extent, we should want them to do good also. The two are not incompatible. Boys and girls must become honest, caring, decent people - whole people - knowledgeable, certainly, but wise too. They must gain an awareness of the differences between right and wrong and be willing to make sacrifices to serve others.

If such an objective is to be achieved in a tough world it will be through challenge, commitment, courage, self discipline, and an understanding that parents and educators will support young people, but that the world does not owe them a living.

This need not entail a puritanical philosophy, but it does involve the development of a moral code for bettering themselves and the world in which they live. At Kirkham Grammar School we are a Christian community. Indeed the school has grown out of the Church, and I hope that our young people will find their way in life enhanced by the love of God and his peace, and thus that when they leave this school they will truly have profited from their entry into it.

Thus I end by commending to you all the watchwords of our school -

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B. Stacey

Headmaster

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MRS SHIRLEY PIGGOTT

If hats are still fashionable amongst "My Fair Ladies", for general use not merely Ascot-like events, then Shirley Piggott will surely have a wardrobe full - including the "tifter" which identifies her most Thursdays, after that peculiar K.G.S. metamorphosis which changes her (nearly in demeanour as well!) into a C.C.F. Captain. But none of them will even resemble the "Jobs Worth" hat as awarded on "Thats Life". Shirley has willingly filled so many official and unofficial posts on behalf of our School and has undertaken all of them in an enthusiastic, keen and thoroughly work "womanly" like way. But where did it all start?

Shirley completed her secondary education in the Isle of Man. She graduated in the summer of 1966 (B.Sc in Biochemistry) from the University of Liverpool and then obtained her P.G.C.E. a year later from Southampton University. She married her husband, Barry, in 1967 and promptly emigrated to Australia. There she took a further teaching qualification at the University of New South Wales (1969). So that accent of hers is Manx rooted, with a touch of the Antipodes and, of late, "Lankey" twang! Just as you thought, of course!

Shirley had been teaching "down under" since 1967 however and this continued until 1970, when the family began to grow. Son Craig was born in 1971 and daughter Sheridan in 1972 and both are former students of K.G.S. I do hope they foresee a future reunion as 3 "Old Kirkhamians" at one of the Association's events in the not too distant future. Barry would not feel out of place as a mere observer on such an occasion as his professional life, as a Lancashire County Geography Advisor, causes him to travel many miles just doing that, helping teaching colleagues to greater heights of professionalism.

Not long after the family had increased Shirley took up "Cap and Gown" again, becoming a supply teacher and spending the next four years at the Ashton on Ribble H.S. (England!) between 1973 and 1977. As the family grew up, part time teaching became possible and Shirley's next post was as a Science teacher (1977-79) at another local Lancashire school, Ribbleton Hall High.

It was from Ribbleton that Shirley made her move to K.G.S. for the start of the Winter Term 1979. Then K.G.S. was reverting to Independent Status and becoming co-educational (with mixed boarding too!) for the first time in its now nearly 450 year old history. From the onset she taught the three separate Sciences which, in alphabetical order, may be recorded here as Biology, Chemistry and Physics! Over the last fifteen years her Chemistry commitment has increased, the Biology has been pruned whilst she likes to think of PHYSIC (!) (now and for ever more) as "just the right medicine". Being asked to join the S.S. (Single Science!) teaching team has nothing to do with Shirley's departure she assures us all in the Science Department.

Promotion within the School and within the Science Department in particular - teaching all the separate sciences in her time with us from years 1-5 (no mean feat for one individual these days, polyglot or not) - has come along the way. The launching of G.C.S.E. Science in 1986 (1st exams 1988) and the "salting" of current syllabuses with the National Curriculum requirement will remain landmarks in her teaching life here, as will be saying goodbye to former colleagues and welcoming others to the Staff Room complement. But in connection with the less academic areas of the Curriculum at K.G.S., can any one person grasp what Shirley Piggott has been so involved in, so committed to at K.G.S. for 15 years? The Management Committee; School Publicity Officer (all those photo calls!); Business Manager to the School

Magazine; Form teacher/tutor; School and Kirkham House assemblies and the House Girls administration generally; C.C.F. (a balm on many a field day!); Skiing trips and the 'obligatory female' staff member on Geography and Biology Field Courses; Speech Day work with prize/trophy winners (and the only "BOOK" passing Shirley Piggott will surely ever be guilty of); at every kind of social event (she has been Staff Room Social Secretary for so long now) held at and/or on behalf of the school, thus including the "Friends" organisation particularly, Shirley has showed her expertise and industry - and two willing, capable hands. The mind boggles at the personal organisation Shirley and the family must be involved in to "make all this happen". Distance from the classroom has not meant any less sign of the professionalism with which Shirley has gone about her "daily round and common task" - into the realms of pastoral care on a broad and grand scale. She became "Mistress i/c Girls" in 1985 and "Senior Mistress" in the early part of 1990, becoming based in the "Greystones Cottage", towards which many a pupil (not all young and not all girls!) have beaten a path to seek advice, help and the necessary retribution! Whenever she approaches me (with her "shades" on top of her head!), I feel the need to pull up my socks - or salute on Thursdays!

Shirley in her turn has sought advice from the leaders of the courses she has attended to help her do the i/c girls job in particular, better. We may all benefit eventually from the, as yet, embryonic Health Education programme she has launched in cross curricular manner, dealing so far with Smoking/Drugs/Sex Education/Aids etc.



Does all this leave anytime for private life and private interests? Shirley and Barry would be the first to admit that they are a gregarious couple never happier than when entertaining others - giving once again, don't you see? So it is no surprise really to realise that although the answer is yes, it is a very active leisure time that they both enjoy. Shirley is a Psychiatric Deaf Visitor, Blind Newspaper Recorder and a Family Link Carer. She is a former Kirkham and Fylde B.P.W. vice-chair person. Yet the family retreat, well secluded from Preston Street, with its wonderfully laid out kitchen and formal gardens (with integral babbling brook!) is certainly a place to find peace and solitude when needed by the both of them. Gardening is a "Piggott Pastime", even pet cat (not Manx) Gobbolino is unceremoniously shooed away if its intentions are questionable! Then there is walking the local golf courses for Shirley and more hilly countryside at home and abroad with her geographer husband. She loves the theatre - even that provided by the worthy local amateurs (to the extent of being called a "Gilbert and Sullivan Groupie"!)

Life is full and never dull for the Piggotts. Now we have to break with the special relationship K.G.S. has had with this Manxlass with distant Australian connections. Shirley will always have a tale to speak of and no "soap" (or "flannel") to go with it! We wish her, Barry, Craig and Sheridan every success and happiness in the future, feeling sure that "our Shir!" will always remain a "Thoroughly Modern Millie" - and never become an Eliza Dolittle!

A. Baines

MRS BARBARA DICKSON

After seventeen years' service to the School, Mrs Barbara Dickson finally decided that she wished to retire at the end of the summer term. During her time at the school, she has been (officially) the school secretary - but we all know that she has been far more than that. She has carried out her secretarial duties in a thoroughly professional manner, but she has been a friend, a helper, someone to rely on, and most of all someone to turn to for encouragement and support.

Nothing has ever been too much trouble for Barbara - how many times must she have heard members of staff utter the words, "I'm sorry I'm late with this - could you please" or "Barbara, would you be able to ? And, of course, Barbara would help in whatever way she could. No wonder the staff were alarmed to hear of her retirement. But pupils also will miss Barbara's charm and genuine concern.

But now we wish Barbara well in her retirement, knowing that she and Tony have a wide variety of interests which they will now pursue together. Thank you, Barbara for brightening up those dull days which we all have - may your retirement be long and happy.

DAVID LLOYD

The year before the School went independent in 1979, the Governors of the time decided that the administration task attached to cover new status demanded the appointment of a full time bursar.

A young-looking, slim, erect ex R.A.F officer was chosen for the job. At that time the fact that he was a Welshman did not seem to matter. That was until the first England-Wales rugby match.

His irrepressible sense of humour, though at times a little boisterous, relieved many a tedious meeting and defused difficult situations.

As the school became more successful, his job grew in size and complexity. From a one man band with hand written accounts, the bursarial service grew to include an assistant bursar, an accounts clerk and is now on its second computer system.

The Bursar's office is responsible for the day to day finances of the school, all the maintenance and cleaning, catering, the school shop, mini buses, bus services, the buying of supplies and many other duties. In fact, quite a formidable job.

After sixteen years of this, David has decided to retire and enjoy himself and his grandchildren. He is slightly round shouldered now, a little heavier and does not look quite as young as he used to. But he has just started playing squash again, so he must still be in reasonable shape.

We will miss his enormous knowledge of the fabric of the school, which even includes the underground bits. We will miss his energy.

We thank him for all his efforts on behalf of the school and hope that he and Brenda will have a long and happy retirement.

J. Waite

GORDON VEEVERS

Gordon Veevers retired from his post as groundsman this year after fifteen years of employment at K.G.S.

His first sporting love was cricket, which he played himself before becoming a Northern Cricket League umpire. The K.G.S. wicket was always prepared to the best of Gordon's ability and he worked conscientiously at all aspects of his job. He prepared the grounds for all sports and maintained the surrounding areas. Latterly his work involved maintaining the school gardens and the junior school playing surfaces.

He took great pride in his work and consequently his reputation has spread far and wide.

Gordon was popular with staff and pupils alike and he will be missed. His expertise means that his work is much in demand, but I am sure that he will find happiness in working in a more leisurely fashion, playing golf, watching cricket and spending time with his family.

B. Gornall

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Trinity Hospice	£100.00
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Rumania Appeal	£150.00
PEC Appeal	£5,000.00
(for cancer)	
Roy Castle Cancer Appeal	£100.00
Christian Aid	£150.00
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As always, the backbone of charitable giving remains our weekly Friday collection, and it is most heartening to see such a generous and willing response to this, particularly from the junior end of the school. As we can see from the above list, many charities have received donations from us during the past year, with a wide range of local, national and international causes benefiting.

Once again we have been pleased to welcome into school guest speakers from various organisations. Miss Bernadette McClusky came from Crisis to explain the chronic problems of homelessness in the North West, Mrs Toby Lowery spoke to us about the situation in Rumania, some sixth formers visited Trinity Hospice to see the work done for the terminally ill, and, of course, no year would be complete without Mrs Jessie Butcher from Lepra. We heard a most moving account of her recent visit to India to see the work being done by her organisation there and the response to her appeal was entirely predictable - massive numbers enrolling to take part in a sponsored cardiofunk session or, for the seniors, the door to door collection. Many thanks go to all who took part.

But other activities have also been taking place - street collecting for the British Legion Poppy Appeal, sponsored silences, sponsored fasts, non-uniform days - all have contributed to the excellent total raised.

Mention must be made of the efforts of Mr Paul Smith to raise money for the PEC appeal - to provide necessary equipment for the treatment of cancer. His efforts ensured that the Sunday lunch organised in the new hall was a resounding success. Many thanks must go to those local companies who so readily donated food, to all those who were so willing to support such an event and finally to the boarders who helped make the day such a success.

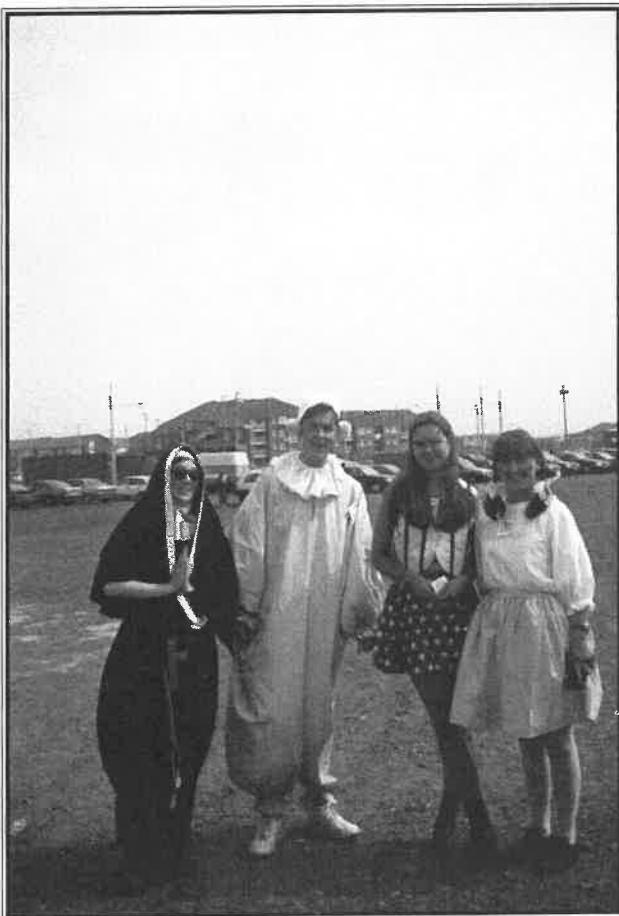
I would like to record my thanks to Joanne Henckel for her help with charity collections and Christian Bonar for his hard work over several years for the charity committee - his willingness to help and his efforts have been greatly appreciated.

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FRIENDS OF KIRKHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL

The Friends began the school year with the aim of purchasing a grand piano for the Old Hall. In order to do this we organised a variety of events to suit, we hope, all tastes.

As usual, to start the year off, we invited new parents to come along, on an informal basis, to meet and chat to the Headmaster, members of staff and other parents. The atmosphere was very relaxed and we had a successful evening.

Our next event was a fashion show, staged by Susie Brannigan. Three Lower 6th girls, Debbie Sanders, Suzanne Hilton and Kiri Ashworth ably assisted Susie's own models. Ladies were invited to purchase the clothes on the night, Susie generously giving the Friends a percentage of her takings. Judging by the number of ladies leaving with carrier bags, this was a popular event; in fact, the Friends' profit on the night was almost £600.

The Christmas Dinner Dance, for the second year, was held at the Fernlea Hotel, St Annes and was again a "sell out". Due to increasing demand for tickets for our Ball, next year's event will be held at The Village, Blackpool on Friday 18th November. This venue is able to cater for more guests, so do make a note of the date in your diary.

We had an excellent response to the request for prizes for our Christmas Draw this year. Including the first prize of £200, there were 56 prizes to be won.

So, at the end of the Autumn school term, the Friends had been extremely busy, and with your help had raised

almost £3,000. The grand piano, together with cover and stool were ordered. Those of you who have seen it will agree with me that it is a great asset to the Old Hall.

The Committee then decided to turn its attention to seat belts for the school mini-buses. Towards this end we organised another Quiz Night with a good mix of questions by our quizmaster, Neil Lewis, plenty of food and drink and 24 teams pitting their wits or racking their brains!

A new venture for us this year is a Summer Fair, to be held - weather permitting - on the Junior School field (inside if raining) with no end of games and stalls (I think we could be looking for a volunteer for the ducking stool!!!)

This will bring us to the end of another fund-raising year for the Friends - hopefully we will have seat belts in the mini-buses and also have donated a substantial sum towards books for a library in the Junior School. Without your generosity none of this would be possible.

Please do not forget about our Auction of Promises in October. We have had a variety of promises already, but please keep them coming in.

As Chairman of the Friends, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the committee members for their continued hard work, you, as parents, for supporting our events and Mr Stacey and Mrs Kelly for their enthusiasm.

Mrs Jennifer Collinge

Members of the Committee with the Grand Piano donated by the Friends



THE OLD KIRKHAMIANs' ASSOCIATION

The Association continues to play a valuable part in the life of KGS and the membership holds dear to their hearts the memories of life at KGS and in particular some former teachers.

For example, following the death of Sidney Crane, some three years ago, the Association was keen to place on record the affection that former pupils had for Sidney and raised funds to have a window designed for the Old Hall in memory of his service to KGS.

Likewise, last year the Association expressed its affection for Bernard Stevenson by dedicating a window next to Sidney's.

We were honoured and grateful to Bishop Ronald Brown, formerly Bishop of Birkenhead and an Old Boy of KGS, for conducting both services. John Catterall, Head of Music, provided the Association with a choir and played the piano; the President and Headmaster read lessons at both these moving and poignant occasions.

The residue of both funds have been dedicated for use by the school. For Sidney, the "Sidney Crane Memorial Travel Scholarship" has been set up. Students who wish to avail themselves of the fund should apply in writing to the Headmaster, who will pass their requests to the Association for their consideration.

For Bernard, the remainder has been donated to the School Library. A plaque will be provided with details of the gift for display in the Library.

The Association is proud to support the Annual Leavers' Ball in May. We believe that by being associated with the Ball, school leavers may feel inclined to support the OKA as soon as possible after leaving school.

OK's recently seen on television include Barry Johnson, currently President of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, speaking to Pam Rhodes on "Songs of Praise" from Lancaster Priory on Palm Sunday; Alistair Little, chef, was seen on Granada's "The Main Ingredient", cooking a meal at Heathcotes in Longridge.

This year's Annual General Meeting and Dinner will take place on Friday 23rd September at the Clifton Arms Hotel, Lytham, and we hope to see most of this year's leavers at the AGM and Dinner.

The Secretary of the Association, after 20 years on the front bench, along with the Treasurer, who has spent 15 years on the front bench, will be speaking from the despatch box for the last time at the AGM before returning to the back benches of the Association.

If any member of the OKA wishes to volunteer for either of these key posts but before committing themselves would like to know more about the posts, please do not hesitate to contact the current post holder.

The Association is now shaping up to face the future and now needs two eager people to take it into the next century playing an active part in the future of Kirkham Grammar School.

David Stirzaker
Hon. Secretary

J. BARRY JOHNSON BVSc MRCVS

The President

The Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons

An Old Boy of the School, Mr J Barry Johnson, achieved the distinction of being appointed President of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, 1993/94.

Mr Johnson, a Lancastrian by birth, was educated at Kirkham Grammar School between 1957 and 1964 and graduated from the Liverpool University Veterinary School in 1969. His first employment was as an assistant in a large animal practice close to his home. He then moved south to Gloucester for two years before returning to "home territory" in 1973 to the village of Bilsborrow, close to Preston.

The practice has grown steadily over the years and now employs eight veterinary surgeons with Mr Johnson as the senior partner. The small animal side of the practice includes two surgeries in the town of Preston.

He is totally dedicated to veterinary surgery with membership of SPVS, BEVA, PVS and BCVA, complemented by a lasting enthusiasm for the Lancashire Veterinary Association, of which he was President in 1984.

His wife, Carolyn, and family provide a nucleus of support and encourage him in his hobbies of windsurfing, tennis gardening and watching his children on the sports field. Barry's youngest son, Paul, attends Kirkham Grammar School following in the footsteps of his father and his elder brother, John.

It is marvellous to see old Kirkhamians reaching the pinnacle of their professions. I am sure we would all wish to congratulate Barry on this fine achievement and the School is delighted to have the continued support of the Johnson family who are frequent visitors.



AMERICAN DREAM FOR FORMER KGS PUPIL

A former pupil of Kirkham Grammar School, Mr Russell Bennett, has won much acclaim in the New York fashion world.

Russell was a pupil at KGS from 1968 to 1975 and then took a degree at the Kingston School of Fashion in Surrey. From there he headed to Milan to work with multi-millionaire designer, Franco Moschino. Over seven years his duties in the company expanded as the Moschino Company grew and he left Milan with a great deal of experience from working with such a great international designer.

Russell admits that he is a slave to simplicity in his designs and, in contrast to Moschino, pays homage to purity. The hallmarks of his work are attention to colour, fabric and design and he recently commented that his inspiration came from "studying what was going on around him on the streets and the world and looking at old history books and the designs of past masters of fashion." He then "puts them all in a blender and something comes out!"

New York was his next stop and in January he took "The Big Apple" by storm with his debut collection which hit

the catwalks of Seventh Avenue. Since the beginning of the year, sales have soared and many up-market stores are now stocking his designs.

In a recent interview in a local newspaper, Russell stated "My designs are not for everybody because they are not basic clothing. It's a little more cutting edge. I'm interested in conceptual fashion, in making some sort of statement and hopefully pushing fashion a little bit forward each time I do a collection."

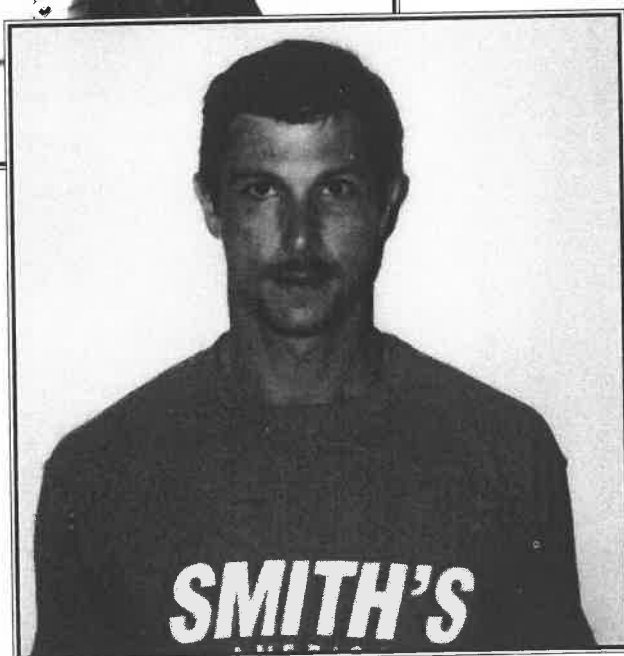
Russell's mother, Adele, who lives in Fulwood, Preston had a front row seat at his first collection and has just returned from New York following his second show. She is delighted with her son's success but not too surprised, as his interest in fashion stretched back to his days at Kirkham Grammar School.

When fabric technology is introduced to the curriculum at KGS it is good to know that we have a former pupil who is a leading light in the fashion industry whom we will be able to call on for expert help and advice.

P. B. Smith



Russell in his School Days



Russell Now

INTER HOUSE COMPETITIONS 1993-94

SUMMER TERM 1993

EVENT	WINNER	RUNNER UP
Work Cup/		
Academic Trophy	Kirkham	Preston
Rounders (Jnr Girls)	Fylde	Kirkham
Junior Cricket	Kirkham	Fylde
Senior Cricket	Fylde	Preston
Junior Tennis	Fylde	Preston
Intermediate Tennis	Kirkham/School	—
Senior Tennis	School	Fylde
Athletics	Preston	Fylde
Badminton	Kirkham	Fylde

WINTER TERM 1993

EVENT	WINNER	RUNNER UP
Debating	School	Fylde
Drama	Preston	Fylde
Shooting	Fylde	Kirkham
Senior Netball	Kirkham	School
Swimming	Kirkham	School

SPRING TERM 1994

EVENT	WINNER	RUNNER UP
Chess	Kirkham/Fylde/School	
Junior Hockey	Fylde	Preston
Senior Hockey	Fylde	School
Junior Netball	Fylde	Preston
Music	School	Kirkham/Preston

Cross Country

Jnr Girls	Kirkham	Fylde
Jnr Boys	Kirkham	School
Inter. Girls	School	Fylde
Inter. Boys	Preston	Kirkham/School
Senior Boys	Fylde	School
Senior Girls	School	Kirkham

Rugby '7s'

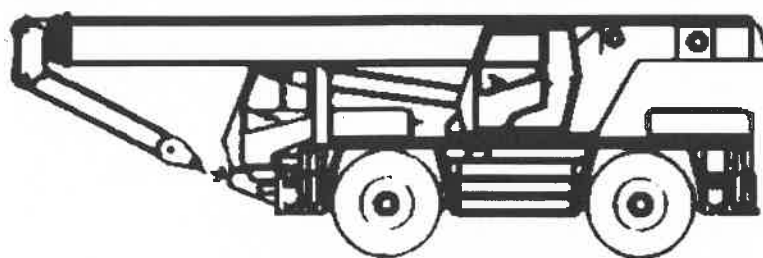
Jnr.	School	Preston
Inter.	Preston	School
Sen.	School	Fylde

To all members of the teaching staff who 'judge' these competitions in any capacity during an academic year, the grateful thanks of the House Committee Chairman and its members are truly offered.

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FYLDE HOUSE

House Master: Mr. I. Scott
House Captains: C. Bonar
A. Hill

This year, yet again, has been a success. Fylde won more events and was runner up in more events than any other House.

The successes started in summer '93, when the junior girls won the rounders competition. This was followed by the successes in the cricket competitions. This saw the junior boys coming runners up against Kirkham and the senior boys defeating Preston in the final.

In the tennis competitions the junior team won and this time the seniors were runners up.

The final event of the summer term was the house athletics. This was, of course, well done and Fylde unfortunately were runners up to Kirkham again. Good performances came from Iain Acton, Haidee McGregor and Nicola McKay.

Winter term - a new year - and an unlucky start. The seniors narrowly lost two events. One was the house drama and, despite scoring over ninety out of one hundred, the group lost by one point to Preston. Leon Dale, Hayley Baxter, Daniel West, Richard Rhodes, Nicky McKay, Christian Bonar, Nicola Watkinson, Katy Smith and Kirstin Chatwin all performed well in the Red Dwarf sketch. I would also like to thank Vikki Eyre for helping organise the performance.

The next near miss was when Leon Dale and Christian Bonar narrowly lost to School in the debating competition, trying to oppose a difficult motion after an excellent performance against Kirkham house.

However, we were successful in winning the shooting competition.

Spring Term - and what a great start. Fylde won the first four events starting with the Junior Hockey, in which Jane Kirby scored both goals in the final against Preston. The junior girls also won the netball competition. The senior girls' hockey - after taking many months to finish - was won by a very strong Fylde team. So strong, that on the day we only fielded 10 girls and still won convincingly thanks to the captaincy of Alex Hill, but all deserve thanks for a great performance.

The music competition, however, was not an overall success. Due to poor entry numbers the house came last. Andrew Hills and Haidee McGregor did very well, coming first and second respectively in the competition.

In the cross-country the junior girls and intermediate girls were runners up. The star performance, though, came from the senior boys' team. As the Headmaster described it, "It was an excellent performance, and the team was a credit to the house". Iain Acton, Christian Bonar and David Miller finished in the top four. This was supported by good runs from Daniel Cartwright, Jeremy Whittle and Daniel West who all finished in the top half of the race.

In the Rugby 7's it was left to the seniors again to try and gain credit after the junior and intermediate boys came last, despite trying hard. The senior competition again came down to School and Fylde but School took revenge for their defeat last year.

As I said earlier, this year has seen some great achievements. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody, both pupils and staff, who have helped this year both on and off the playing fields.

My personal thanks go to the other house captain, Alex Hill, who has worked hard this year, and we both wish the new captains Daniel West and Jeremy Whittle the best of luck for next year.

Christian Bonar

Fylde House win in the Senior Boys' Relay



SCHOOL HOUSE

House Master: Mr. P. Smith
House Captains: C. Ashcroft
A. Carpenter

The past twelve months have been extremely successful for School House. The House has been placed first in nine house events and was runner-up in seven. These results are an improvement on the previous year.

During the Summer Term of 1993 School House won the senior and intermediate tennis competitions against some stiff opposition. All team members are to be congratulated on their splendid efforts.

In the Winter Term the House scored a well-earned victory in the debating competition. The two speakers representing the House, Kim Monaghan and Suzanne Morris, put a lot of effort into preparing their arguments and both spoke fluently and intelligently, winning their semi-final. In the final both speakers excelled themselves. Thanks must go to the whole house who were all present at the final to support the speakers.

In the Spring Term the House was runner-up in both the swimming and the senior netball competitions. Some excellent performances were displayed by the swimmers, especially by Samuel Shek, Phillip Bateman, Michelle Harrison, Suzanne Morris and Simon Morgan. The girls' netball team played with great determination to win their semi-final. They were, however, beaten in the final by a strong Kirkham House side.

The Spring Term of 1994 proved to be the most successful for School House. In this, the shortest term of the school year, the House won a total of six events and was placed runner-up in three.

The School House sporting achievements were as follows. The girls won the intermediate and senior cross country competitions. The intermediate team ran extremely well, with Annabel Wire being placed second and Hannah Profit fourth overall out of the runners. The senior girls won their competition by sheer determination. The six girls who ran, Caroline Ashcroft, Helen Beardsmore, Tracy Leigh, Suzanne Morris, Joanne Allcock and Claire Phillips were all averagely placed to give the house the win overall. The boys also performed well in this event, with the juniors, intermediates and seniors all being placed runners-up.

The senior boys were back on course this year in winning the rugby competition. The team, consisting of Kevin McGlary, Antony Carpenter, Damian Guy, John Dickinson, Lee Halliday, Zak Bradley, David Pollard, Dylan Wilson and Simon Morgan showed no mercy, winning all their matches comfortably to be the outright winners. The juniors also won their rugby competition with a good team performance. A special mention goes to John Pearson who played particularly well.

School House has not only been successful on the sports field but also in other competitions such as the chess competition. Chris Taylor organised the team and also competed.

The most significant of all the School House victories has to be the winning of the music competition. The House had not won the competition for over twenty years but were winners this year by a large margin. In this event the Sixth Form led by example. Abigail Gratrix organised the competitors superbly and also performed in several entries herself. School House put forward over sixty separate entries, of which eight reached the final, including the School House Choir and Band. Other finalists were Maria Panayi, Kevin Taylor, Claire Phillips, Suzanne Morris, Emma Anderton and Samantha Smith. This was an excellent School House performance in a year of very high standards.

This year the members of School House have shown that they are capable of winning events in all areas of competition. I would like to thank the House Staff, Sixth Form and all House members for their help and hard work throughout the year. I would also like to congratulate our successors, Tracy Leigh and Kevin McGlary. I hope they find the role as rewarding as we have done and wish them and School House luck for the future.

Caroline Ashcroft and Antony Carpenter

PRESTON HOUSE

House Master: Mr. B. F. Taylor
House Captains: A. Couper
L. Fawcett

For too long Preston House has been considered the fourth-placed of the four houses, but this year its members decided to put the wheels of change in motion.

The highlight of the Summer Term was undoubtedly the athletics, when, in a close and hard-fought competition, the pale-blue ribbons of Preston House adorned the trophy for the first time in over seven years. Everyone who took part showed lots of enthusiasm and there were some excellent results. Special thanks to Mark Ledsham, Michelle Mann, Neil Allen and Keith Quigley who all achieved outstanding results and congratulations go to Keith for winning the Junior Victor Ludorum. Hopefully this success will extend to the 1994 Sports Day. Other successes included the senior cricket and the junior tennis, in which we came runners up in both events, and also a very impressive second place in the Academic Cup, where unfortunately we were narrowly beaten by Kirkham House.

The Winter Term was a reasonably quiet one, with only five house events taking place. We had great success in the drama competition, winning with a hilarious performance of "Foiled Again", organised and directed by Charlotte Couper and Emma Anderton. The standard of acting was very high and a lot of hard work and preparation went into securing our win.

The intermediate boys had a very successful Spring Term, winning both the rugby and the cross country competitions. There were especially good performances from Chris Blackburn, Stuart Melling, Adam Baines, Mark Ledsham and Keith Quigley in both competitions. We also obtained the position of runners up in the junior girls' hockey, junior boys' rugby and the junior girls' netball. The main house event which takes place in the Spring Term is the music competition. We did extremely well to obtain second place, with some splendid performances reaching the final. Very well done to all our finalists, especially Gillian Taylor, Georgina Roberts, Alistair Couper and Lucy Fawcett, and indeed everyone who took part. Also a special mention to the House Choir for their co-operation in the very short time we had to prepare our performance. We would finally like to thank our senior girls' cross country team: Michelle Mann, Ruth Blackburn, Kate McCardle, Kelda Hodges, who all ran extremely well. Michelle won the competition outright, Ruth came a close third and Kelda and Kate completed the course coming within the top ten. We did actually win the competition on points, but were unfortunately disqualified for not having a full team of six runners. However, many thanks to the girls for their effort and determination.

It only remains for us to thank all the house members who contributed to this extremely successful year and give special thanks to the house prefects for their help and support in running the house.

Alistair Couper and Lucy Fawcett

KIRKHAM HOUSE

House Master: Mr. A. R. Baines
House Captains: D. Gascoyne
G. Wilson

The past year has seen mixed results obtained by the members of Kirkham House:

The Summer Term of 1993 yielded wins in the junior cricket, the intermediate tennis, the badminton and the "Work Cup".

The first event of this term was the senior cricket semi-final against Fylde House and the result was unfortunately in Fylde's favour. In the badminton final, however, Kirkham House had their revenge, beating Fylde 4-2.

The major event of the term was undoubtedly the athletics competition. The final result could not have been closer, with Kirkham coming third behind Fylde and Preston. Special mention must go to Louise Green, Lisa Stuart, Deri Hughes and Alistair Ward who gained high marks in their respective age groups.

In one of Kirkham's weaker events, the house tennis, our teams recorded only one win, this being in the intermediate semi-final. The team went on to draw the final with School House.

Against Fylde in the final of the junior cricket competition, the team, led by Jonathan Reeh won by the large margin of six wickets. A second place was obtained in the junior rounders behind a very strong Fylde House team.

The first event of the Winter term was the drama competition, where the Kirkham House cast, led by G. Rees, came last despite a good performance of an extract of Fawlty Towers "The Germans".

In the shooting competition we lost out yet again to a strong Fylde House.

The last two house events of the term were dominated by Kirkham House. In the senior netball a very strong team beat Preston House and then Fylde in the final. The swimming competition was well won with many fine

individual efforts. Special mention must go to Shelley Barnes who broke two records. Five out of six new records were set by Kirkham House members.

1994's house events schedule began for Kirkham House with the junior girls' hockey. The team unfortunately lost their semi-final against the eventual winners, Fylde. The junior netball produced a similar result.

Often a very unpredictable competition, the house chess was very close this year, with Kirkham House coming equal first with School and Fylde.

The next events were the cross-country and rugby sevens, where Kirkham House had varying degrees of success. The senior boys came third in the cross-country and the senior girls came second, thanks to high placings for L. Hilton and S. Barnes. The intermediate boys also finished second, with the intermediate girls coming fourth despite an individual first place by Louise Oades.

The junior cross country competition was won by Kirkham House in both the boys' and girls' events. Individual winners Vicky Coward and David Rees both belonged to Kirkham House.

The senior rugby sevens team from Kirkham comprised mostly fifth year boys and their relative inexperience showed. The house finished fourth.

The intermediate squad fared rather better, beating both School and Fylde to come second overall. Special mentions must go to Philip Reeves and Ben Davies who both scored tries.

The junior sevens was a very close competition, the first three places being decided on points difference. Sadly, Kirkham finished third.

The semi-final of the senior hockey, the final event of the term, was against Fylde, and despite some good play, we lost 0-2.

Kirkham House's past year has seen nine triumphs and several second places. These results are due not only to team work but also to the organising of those teams and thanks must go to sixth-form organisers and staff who give of their time to help the House.

Duncan Gascoyne and Gail Wilson



C.C.F. SUMMER CAMP 1993

This year's summer camp was held in Scotland at Cultybraggan Training Camp, a camp with a reputation of being one of the best in the British Isles.

The days began at 7.00 am with breakfast, departure for activities being at 8.30 am. This year's activities included abseiling, both forwards and backwards, off a 150 ft dam, raft building and racing, clay pigeon shooting and canoeing.

The highlight of the week, however, was 'Close Quarter Battle Drill' (C.Q.B.D.) which was undertaken by all cadets. It involved walking up a stream, with a rifle, attempting to shoot enemy targets and not the prisoners of war that would suddenly appear from behind trees. This activity was one which was particularly enjoyed by all the cadets.

Evenings were spent playing football and spending money in the N.A.A.F.I. On one of the evenings, however, cadets were required to take part in the fiercely contested inter-school march and shoot competition. In both disciplines KGS team spirit was shown, with all team members giving a superlative performance. On the assault course, KGS cadets produced another excellent performance, achieving the fastest time for an English contingent.

On behalf of the cadets, I wish to thank all the members of staff for their hard work and for making this camp one to be remembered. I suspect next year's camp at Warcop will be equally as enjoyable.

J.P. Law

ADVENTUROUS TRAINING

This year's Adventurous Training Camp was held at the St. John's in the Vale Outdoor Pursuits Centre in Cumbria. It lasted seven days, and spanned the spring half term break. It was attended by thirty pupils, ranging from (for the first time) fourth years to the upper sixth.

Activities included mountain biking, rock climbing, orienteering, hiking and finishing with a point to point exercise. The final exercise included several stages to test the cadets, ranging from casualty first aid to river crossings.



*Rafting on
Loch Earn at
summer camp*

As usual, the week was tiring but great fun. Mostly this is due to the hard work of staff who help. This year a special mention must go to Sgt. Bradley from the Cadet Training Team as this was his last camp, and we hope his replacement, Sgt. Dave Cameron enjoys his time with us.

R.A.F. SECTION 1993-94

The past year has been promising and encouraging for the RAF Section. Many weekends have seen both cadets and N.C.O.s gliding at RAF Salmesbury, where many fourth year cadets enjoyed their first flight.

Last summer's Field Day took place at RAF Woodvale. All the cadets flew and the other activities were a success due to the assistance of several sixth form members who came back from study leave to help.

The fourth year intake at the beginning of the Autumn term was yet again increased. All these cadets passed their weapons and recruits tests and show promise. Eighteen fifth year cadets passed their Part II exam, while fourteen also passed their advanced exam.

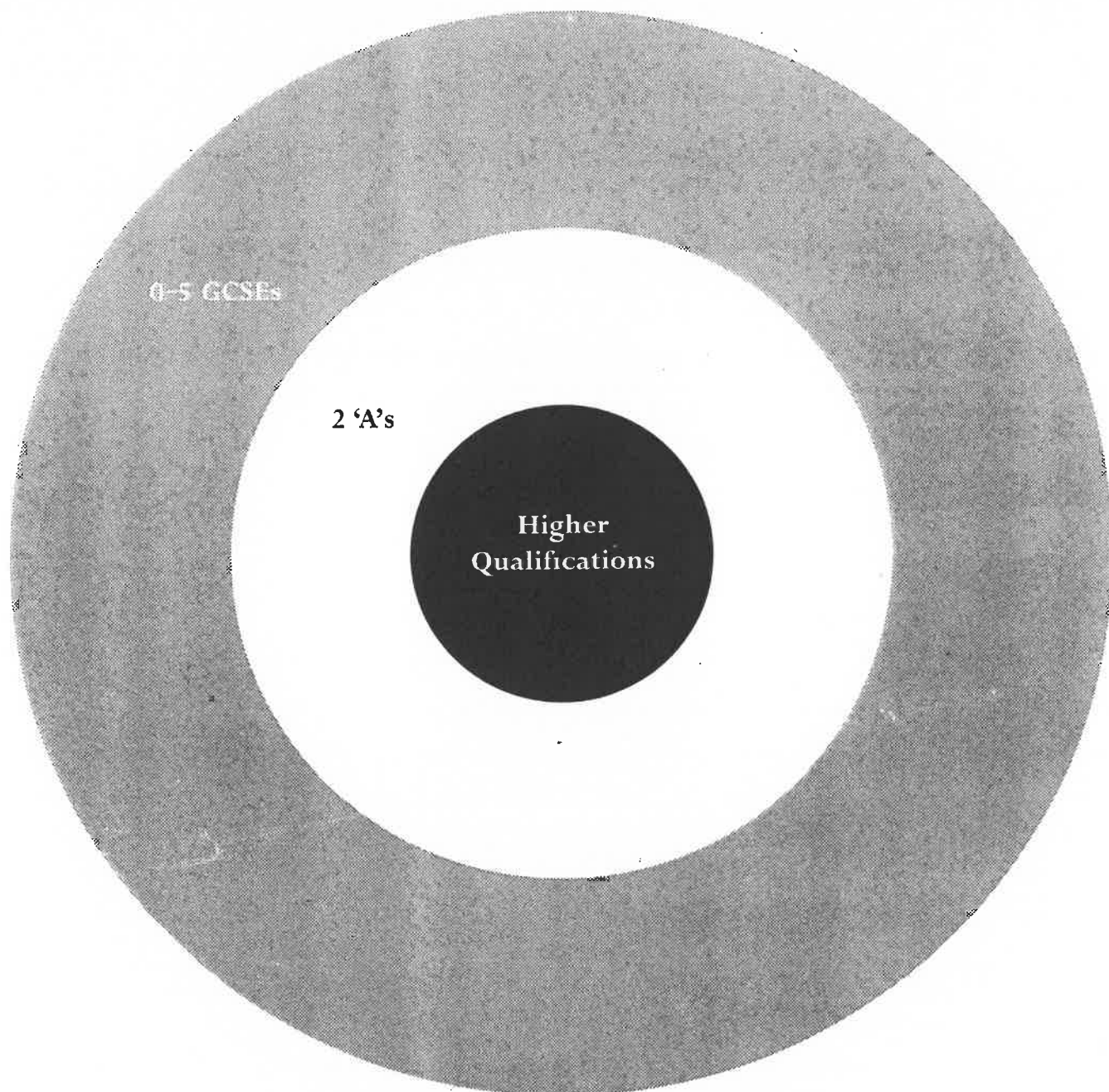
The fifth year cadets flew at Woodvale on Field Day in October while the fourth years went to Borwick Hall for various activities.

In February Flt/Sgt. Ken Williams retired as Liaison NCO after helping regularly at KGS for many years. His valuable skills and experience will be missed. Due to the combination of a number of factors there was no Easter camp this year. Its loss from the events calendar was an unexpected blow, but I am sure that the recovery will be swift.

The CCF inspection this year was performed by Grp/Cpt. Dickens. He enjoyed his time spent at KGS as did all the cadets and N.C.O.s. Thanks must go to all who helped, especially the Group Captain.

This Easter saw Debbie Sanders, Kevin Taylor, Michael Yeung and Christian Ellis at RAF Akrotiri in Cyprus for a two week-long camp. This is testimony to the organisational skills of OC Flt/Lt. Greaves and many thanks must once again go to her, Flt/Lt Taylor and the N.C.O.s who have ensured the smooth operation of the RAF Section.

Flt/Sgt. D. Gascoyne



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CYPRUS CAMP 1994 RAF AKROTIRI

This Easter four RAF cadets were fortunate to be chosen to attend camp at RAF Akrotiri in Cyprus. We arrived on the 5th April to be greeted by sun, sea, sand and 110 other cadets. After many warnings about the dangers of deep bundu drains, too much sunbathing and dodgy taxi drivers, we were launched straight into our rigorous camp programme. In order to assist us in coping with the Mediterranean weather, all cadets were issued with overseas summer uniform which did not impress the female cadets, as it involved the wearing of dresses.

Our programme involved normal camp activities such as drill, shooting and work experience in numerous sections including the police, maritime patrol and avionics departments. Some of our more outlandish activities included abseiling down cliffs, learning to riot with the RAF Regiment and watching a bomb disposal display which involved a Land Rover being obliterated. We also enjoyed a scenic hike in the Troodos mountains and various sports both on land and in the sea.

However, it was not all work, work, work, as we were given many opportunities to go sight-seeing and shopping in Limassol and Paphos and plenty of time was spent on the beaches improving our tans.

Some of the highlights of our stay were flying in Wessex helicopters, visiting a Tornado fighter aircraft squadron and the arrival of the Red Arrows for their annual training. However, after a week of seeing and hearing their practices six times a day, most of us would have happily shot them down.

Despite the Red Arrows, the blisters and the sunburn, everybody had a wonderful time and some great friendships were made. We all learnt a lot from this camp and many thanks must go to Flight Lieutenant Rosemary Greaves for giving us the opportunity to go. Extra thanks go to Wing Commander David Taylor for escorting us to Gatwick and back, as well as providing accommodation and keeping us well entertained.

*Debbie Sanders, Michael Yeung,
Kevin Taylor, Christian Ellis.*



*The Cadets in
Cyprus and taking
part in excercises*



MUSIC SOCIETY

The Summer Term was dominated by the Music for a Summer's Evening, which saw the first performance of '76 Trombones'. This was a piece which was an instant hit, enjoyed by both choir and audience alike.

At Speech Day in September, the Special Choir provided a short interlude in the proceedings. This included another performance of '76 Trombones', the result of a very small amount of pressure from the senior members of the choir! At CCF Inspection Day in the middle of the term, the orchestra played as the contingent was being inspected. In December the Carol Concerts attracted a record audience for the third year in succession. Our reputation must be spreading. New for this year was "The Lamb" by John Taverner, a carol which took the choir a short time to get used to, its dissonant harmonies were certainly difficult to learn and left some of the audience bemused to say the least. The Carol Service was opened by Peter Benson who sang the first verse of "Once in Royal David's City". The full choir led the service and it was enjoyed by everyone.

The House Music Competition took place at the beginning of the Spring Term and the strength and quality of KGS music was demonstrated once again, with over 200 entrants auditioning. School House dominated the competition, winning comfortably from Preston and Kirkham in joint second place. The individual prize, the Rosemary Greaves Award, was won for the second time by Andrew Hills of Fylde House.

Many of the finalists also took part in the Easter Concert. The choir sang in the second half and the audience participated in "The Stone Wall" by Malcolm Williamson. There were over 100 performers in the concert.

Founders' Day was sung by just the Special Choir for the first time. "Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake" by John Hilton and "For the beauty of the earth" by John Rutter were the two anthems and the hymns were sung with great gusto.

One of the highlights of the Summer Term will be the concert at Carr Hill to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the twinning of Kirkham and Ancenis.

Thanks must go to all the private music teachers at school and especially to Mr Catterall and Mr Ashmore whose work and dedication over the past year have ensured musical success will continue for many years.

A. Couper

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

After two further terms in an attempt to carry on "business as usual", this Society, having found the going hard so far this academic year, has reluctantly decided that, for the time being at least, it should close. A main cause has been poor to poorer attendances, even from amongst committee members. Finally on 16th March, no committee could be formed for 1994-5 and so membership of the General School Committee has to lapse - with cash in hand we are glad to say!

Between September '93 and March '94 the Society had held eight open meetings. There were (attendance figures in brackets): Video, "Take nobody's word for it" (7); Discussion: "Dangers of transporting industrial materials" (5); Experimenting on other life forms - what about it? (6); "Alternative energy sources" (talk with slides) (2); Making Science models (4); Science Origami (6); Video, "Shark" (2) and Video, "Report back - Chickens" (1) (the arguments for and against intensive farming methods).

Thank you to Mr. T. J. Bruce for the use of Room 7 as required.

The Society has been running (limping?) now for about eight years, having been resurrected after the demise of the Natural History Society, which enjoyed (sic!) some twenty years of existence before it. Throughout its existence Nicholas Hopton in particular as Secretary/Publicist and various Hon Treasurers have supported the Society's cause extremely well.

We hope that a phoenix will arise - by popular demand? - from these ashes, but for now the Scientific Society would like to wish all the other currently thriving school societies - especially those of its 'relations' which are science-based i.e. Auto Society, Electronics, Ornithological and Photographic Society - every good fortune.

ARB.

CHRISTIAN UNION

The C.U. has had a successful year, during which many changes have taken place. Instead of there being one meeting a week, we have branched out into junior and senior sections. The junior section meets on Friday, and still includes much of the old programme - guest speakers, quizzes, videos, and plays. Although anyone is welcome, it is mainly directed at 1st - 3rd years. The senior section meets on Tuesday and is open to anyone 4th year and upwards. We are able to look at more topical issues in greater depth, and discuss the religious and moral ethics. Future plans include a book and video library, and a termly newsletter.

Thanks must go to Joanne Henkel for all her hard work and organisation - we will all miss her when she leaves!

M. Carter



KIRKHAM GRAMMAR ORNITHOLOGISTS

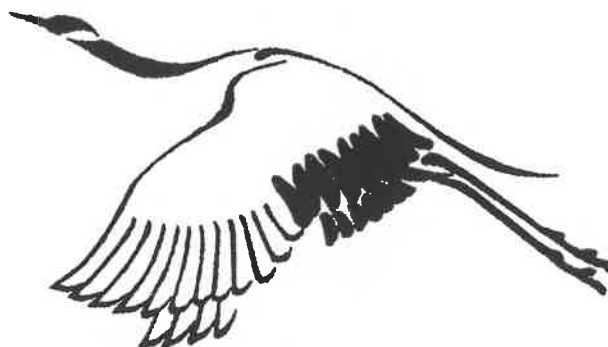
1994 saw the foundation of a new society - the Kirkham Grammar Ornithologists and the first trip scheduled for a bright and blustery late January day: but what a day! We cowered behind the minibus in the teeth of a norwesterly as thousands of waders gathered at their high tide roost on Hest Bank. Instantly they were harried by a merlin, whilst a peregrine stooped from out of the sun in textbook spitfire fashion. Then, on to Leighton Moss, a now regular haunt, where an otter ambled past our hide!

Later in the term we ventured to Caerlaverock on the Solway Coast where thousands of barnacle geese and whooper swans overwinter. If this wasn't enough, we were entertained by a pair of barn owls quartering the marshes but a few feet away. More locally, a fruitful afternoon was spent on Crossens Marsh, outside Southport, where a peregrine sat on the beach in front of us for two hours!

Summer arrives and the winter birds head northwards to their Arctic breeding grounds and now is the time to find our breeding species. A superb clear and sunny Sunday was spent watching England's only pair of golden eagles in Riggendale, both birds showing spectacularly in flight and at rest; alas that within a week their eggs, for the second year, proved infertile. Two weeks later and we were searching out the elusive bittern back at Leighton Moss. There are tantalizing photos in the hides of this secretive speciality and only after five frustrating hours listening to them booming all around us did one finally fly out of the reed bed.

The highlight so far? Well, it could be getting within twenty feet of a black guillemot's nest (again the only site in England), but probably it had to be some magical moments on the Annual Expedition to Speyside. Watching ospreys on closed-circuit TV was spectacular; seeing hen harriers food passing was special; discovering ptarmigan amongst the Cairngorm snowfields was invigorating in the absence of the chairlift; observing Slavonian grebes diving just feet away was exquisite but for most, I suspect, the greatest thrill was fending off a psychotic capercaillie at 6am in the Abernethy Forest. But what a reward for a 4am rise! Who said birdwatching was for the fainthearted?

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FRENCH TRIP TO LOIRE VALLEY

After an exhausting twenty hour trip, by coach and ferry, we finally arrived at the Chateau D'Ambloy in the Loire Valley, France. Surrounded by beautiful gardens, lake and boathouse, everyone felt excited as we had arrived at our place of stay. It was our aim in the five days there to see the surrounding countryside, towns, chateaux and soak in a bit of French culture (and we certainly did that).

Coming from a country where traditionally you have a cup of tea and toast for breakfast, I was astonished to arrive at breakfast the next morning to find coffee being drunk out of cups the size of cereal bowls and French sticks being chewed - but I soon lost my inhibitions and happily joined in. (I mean, as the saying goes, - "While in Rome do as the Romans do").

After breakfast we then travelled to the town of Amboise. Set on a hill and overlooking the river it reminded me of the classic European scene. If you can picture narrow, winding streets paved with cobbled stones, old shutters brightly painted on windows, slate roofs, flower pots filled with tulips on windowsills, old street lamps, French cafes and sounds of music floating down the street - then you can capture just a little of the atmosphere in Amboise.

Here in Amboise we visited Clos - Luce, the house Leonardo Da Vinci lived in for four years until his death in 1519. Inside we discovered the place where he devoted himself to his art and inventions, seeing many sketches and models of his work.

Also in Amboise we visited the famous Chateau that overlooks the town, set further up on the hill. It had breathtaking views which resulted in all of us getting out our cameras and continually snapping shots of the surrounding area.

On the Thursday our destination was the chateau at Chenonceau which was absolutely beautiful and encircled by magnificent gardens. Unlike the other chateaux we had seen, this was unique in the fact that it was built up on the river. Built in the sixteenth century, the Chateau contained many historical artifacts, including the huge tapestries that hung on many of the walls.

For the remainder of the day we wandered around the Fortress of Loches, a medieval city with plenty of history behind it. In the heart of this fortress we visited the church of Saint-Ours which dated back to the 11th century.

Now filled with history to the brim, everyone showered and changed and went out on the town to be exposed to some French night life. We all set off and went in groups to French cafes to have a chance to mingle and order something in French. This was a great night, giving everyone the chance to relax, and enjoy "different" cultural aspects.

Friday we spent in Orleans, the town where Joan of Arc is especially remembered. After walking around the town, eating ice-cream and drinking coffee in cafes we all gathered together at the cathedral of Sainte Croix. A Gothic building, dating back to the 13th century, it had this prestigious presence, with magnificent stained glass windows.

After our tour of Orleans we finished the day off by having a shopping-spree in a huge French hypermarket, buying all the essential items such as chocolate, chocolate and more chocolate, items that are extremely cheap in these places.

Yet Saturday, I think, was the highlight of the trip. Our last day in France, we did one more thing which was essential before leaving and took everyone by surprise - Yes, we stopped off and had lunch under the Eiffel Tower in Paris and I, for one, could not stop smiling, I was so excited. After a little tour of Paris, we made our journey back to Kirkham.

There are many memories that we as a group will have of the French trip and I have just retold a few. But as well as seeing new things and experiencing a bit of French culture we also made many new friendships and had many laughs. Those too will be remembered.



GERMAN EXCHANGE

The return part of our annual exchange visit took place at the end of the Spring Term. The small group were to spend ten days with their partners whom they had hosted in Kirkham the previous September.

In Germany they attended school, enjoyed family life, experienced German customs, particularly the Easter Markets, went on trips in small groups and of course there were the official excursions. We had a day trip along the Rhine where we enjoyed the tourist aspect of Germany - the scenery, the villages, the monuments and the castles, and a long trip into the former East Germany to appreciate the cultural and historic values of Weimar, the home of Goethe, Schiller and Liszt, and the horrors of the former concentration camp at Buchenwald.

PUPILS' THOUGHTS ON THE EXCHANGE.

"When the time came to go to Germany I was a little apprehensive. Although I had got on well with my German partner here, I wasn't sure what to expect when I got to her home. I needn't have worried. I was made to feel at home immediately and felt comfortable enough to attempt to speak German."

"The families with whom we stayed really went out of their way to make us feel welcome. We benefited through hearing German constantly."

"It was very tiring because our hosts always had something planned for us to do: sport, the cinema, trips, shopping or just hanging-out at the ice-cream bar."

"The food was normal but in bigger quantities. They had funny, brown, nutty bread. I didn't have to eat any sauerkraut. They eat loads and walk miles."

"School at 7.45 a.m. was an awful thought, but the days seemed much shorter as school finished at 1.00 p.m. Some teachers tried to make their lessons more interesting for us, which I thought was nice of them. The lessons seemed much more relaxed than here - eating was permitted."

"The trip along the Rhine was great."

"We had an exhausting climb to a castle on a steep hill - and the coach was waiting for us at the top. Are teachers always cruel." (No, they like to give their pupils some exercise! B.F.T.)

"The visit to Buchenwald, a concentration camp in former East Germany, was very moving. It was upsetting to find out about the suffering of so many so recently. We enjoyed our visit to Weimar, because our guide was very informative. She ensured we didn't get lost by leading us smartly on with her frilly red umbrella."

"Germany came as a rude awakening, as we realised that the English aren't as sophisticated as they think."

"The Exchange was really great. We had the best time ever. Green jeans and sad clothes were rife."

"I really enjoyed the "educational visit" which we aren't allowed to call a "holiday" and hopefully I'll be going back this summer. I've got 12 more people to write to now!"

Marc Antony

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Night of the Phantom

Cautiously they approached the heavy door.
Trembling hands pushed against mellowed oak.
Iron hinges groaned protestingly as it swung open,
Revealing shadowy shapes, shimmering in the moonlight.
Exchanging nervous glances, they stepped tentatively
over the threshold.

Their footsteps echoed eerily on the wooden floor.
They paused at the bottom of the stairs.
The silence was stifling,
The anticipation terrifying as their thoughts raced.
Suddenly the room felt cold and icy shivers ran up their
spines.

It felt as though they had just walked into a deep freeze.
A column of white mist appeared at the top of the stairs.
As it glided towards them, it seemed
to take on a more human form.

Mysteriously, each stair creaked as the spectre advanced,
Revealing pallid, tormented features.
Their very fear held them trapped in time.
Hovering just above them, the phantom uttered an
unearthly cry and vanished,
Jerking them out of their frozen reverie.
Through the window, the first sparkling rays of sunlight
came.

Recesses, once shadowy, were flooded with light.
Morning birdsong replaced the owl's haunting cry.
The ghost had disappeared at dawn.

Felicity Guest, 1X



Friar Tuck

Found in Sherwood Forest
Robin's corpulent and rotund friend,
Instantly recognizable
Ambling cheerfully along
Religious robes flowing.

Tempestuous by nature,
Unflinching in his loyalty.
Comical at times
Kindhearted to the end.

David Meloy, 2X

Macbeth

Mysteriously confronted by three witches who plot evil.
At midnight the plot to kill Duncan was carried out.
Confronted by the ghost of Banquo whom he had assassinated.
Birnam Wood came to Dunsinane when Macbeth was killed.
Eerily, Lady Macbeth became insane and killed herself.
The slayer of Macbeth, furious and fearsome,
Hastened by revenge, was Macduff.

Michelle Harrison, 2X

Robin Hood

Robbed the rich and gave to the poor.
Outlaw in Sherwood.
Bows and arrows his main weapons.
In disguise he journeyed to and fro,
Never to be revealed.

His band of merry men followed him.
Outdoors was where he lived,
Obliterating poverty in Sherwood,
Daring to fight arch enemy, Prince John.

Frances Ward, 2X

Shakespeare

Starting a new story, poem or play,
"Hamlet", "Macbeth", "Julius Caesar" or "Henry".
Acting for royal families.
Kings, queens, princes and princesses
Enjoying every minute.
Stratford-upon-Avon to London,
Praying that he would be successful.
Ending his plays sometimes happily and sometimes sadly.
All the crowds clamouring for more.
Romance, murder, guile and deceit,
Each and everyone wanting a repeat!

Celine Hodge, 2X

The Green Aliens

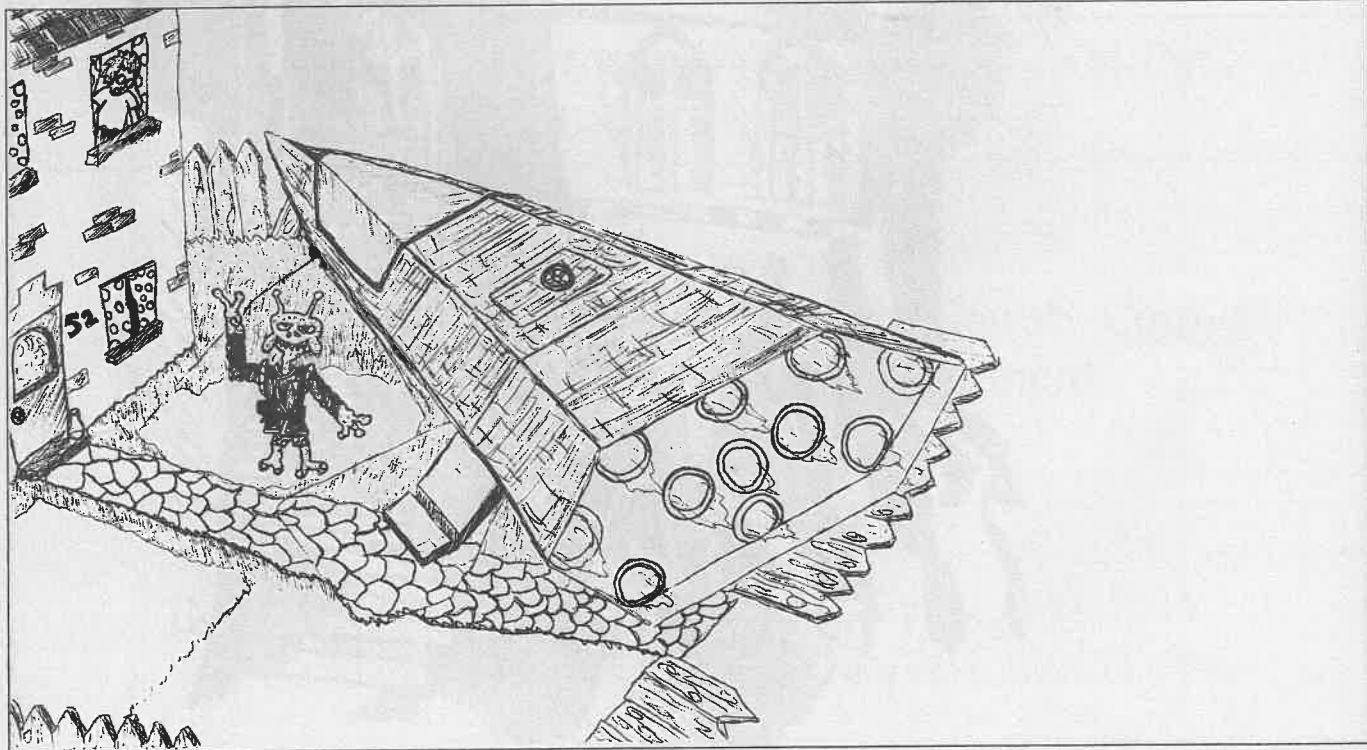
The spaceship was green,
So too was the sky,
On a dark summer's night
While in bed I did lie.

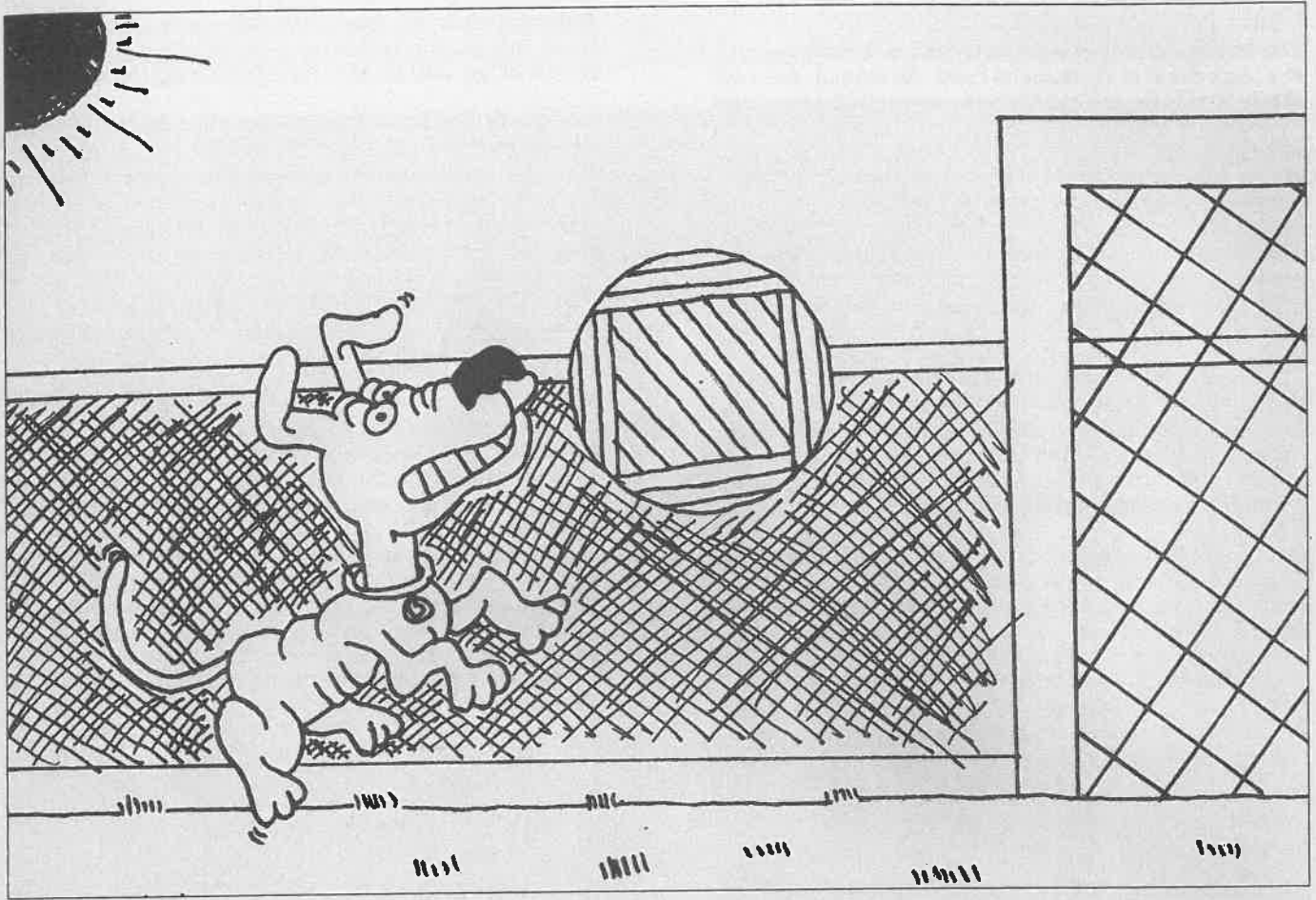
Then out through my window,
Yes, I did see,
A bright green alien
Staring at me.

I went to the window,
Looked down on our flowers.
Thousand of aliens
With mysterious powers!

Then up zoomed the spaceship,
Flying away.
It never came back,
But, maybe, one day.

Tom Russell, 1Z





An Unusual Pet

When Rachel's grandmother asked her to take care of her neighbour's dog while he went into hospital for a few days, she had no idea what she was letting herself in for. She had arranged to collect the dog from her grandmother's house at about eleven o'clock on Saturday morning. When she arrived, her grandmother answered her knock promptly, bringing the dog, Bisto, with her. Together they secured him in the basket at the front of Rachel's bicycle. Although he was a small dog, he barely fitted, but eventually they managed to squeeze him in and Rachel and Bisto set off.

During the fifteen minute ride, Rachel began to talk absentmindedly to the dog. She actually had the feeling that he was listening to her. Bisto seemed quite interested in the bustling streets and the rushing throngs of people. He twisted his head continuously from side to side, trying to keep an eye on people on both sides of the street. All Rachel could see was the back of his head. Bisto was a mongrel, mainly dark brown but he had a large black patch on the back of his head.

When Rachel and Bisto reached Rachel's house, she led him into the kitchen and took a can of 'Rabbit and Duck' Pedigree Chum from the cupboard and emptied it into his food bowl, which she then placed on the floor. The dog did not, as she had expected, immediately attack the food, but jumped deftly onto a stool. Rachel was then obliged to put his food bowl on the kitchen table. Then, for the first of many times, she doubted whether Bisto was a normal dog.

The following day Rachel took Bisto out for some exercise. The walk was rather uneventful at first, apart from the fact that every so often Bisto would begin to walk on his hind legs and wave to people. Things began to change, however, as they passed by the local primary school

(Telton C of E) where the children were playing a football match against 'Pitton Catholic Primary'. Bisto began to grow excited and ran through the gates onto the field, jerking the lead out of Rachel's hand. He ran to where a boy was about to take a throw in and kicked the ball away from him. One mother watching the match dropped down in a faint! All the other parents and the referee looked flabbergasted. Meanwhile, Bisto had not lost any time. He dribbled the ball forward, barking madly, then scored a goal for Telton!

After school the next day, Rachel took Bisto for another walk. Hoping that the football incident or something similar wouldn't happen again, Rachel took a shorter route (just around the block a couple of times). All began well but, after about five minutes, they ran into the postman. He and Rachel exchanged hellos and Rachel began to walk on. However, Bisto had other ideas. He had seen the postman's bicycle leaning against the post box, so he jumped onto the saddle and proceeded to ride straight down the avenue. Fortunately, after a short while, he came to a corner which he couldn't turn round. He crashed into a fence, bounced off the bike and landed in the vicar's garden! Bisto wasn't hurt and jumped up and bounded to where Rachel and the postman were standing with their mouths open. Rachel made her apologies to the postman and they left for home.

It was with a feeling of relief that Rachel returned Bisto to Mr. Watson a few days later. She politely inquired if he was well to which he replied yes. He then asked if she had had fun with Bisto and Rachel proceeded to recount the events of the past few days. He chuckled and replied, "Well, that's not surprising as he used to be part of a circus act!"

Felicity Guest, 1X

Owl

The starlings gather as if pre-arranged and band together in a black cloud to fly home to roost. All around, the dusk slowly blends the colours from the surrounding trees and fields, preparing the way for the monochrome world of moonlight. The far noise of traffic becomes more noticeable as the usual sounds of crow and sheep slowly fade into the no-man's land between day and night.

The black of the tripod and camera start to lose their alien definition against the green of fields and their contours soften as twilight's kind hand melts them into even darker shadows.

The wind turns colder and causes a scrap of paper to dance over the grass, tumbling over and over like a well-tuned acrobat, until it vanishes, at last whirled over the dividing hedgerow. A movement overhead; is it the long awaited visitor come to claim its nightly hunting ground? No, only a lone lapwing, late and hurried.

Hot breath, that turns white as steam, hits the cooling air. Muscles ache with the tenseness of expectation; will it come? When? Was the report correct? Questions flit through the mind, but optimism refuses to let them settle. Twenty years have passed since the last sighting. Could man's change of heart at last be bearing fruit? A rustle nearby causes excitement to flutter, only to be disappointed yet again as a mouse scuttles by, whiskers twitching and nose working, looking for its supper.

Arms stretch, trying to ease the stiffness of shoulders and back; toes start to feel the chill of inactivity and the slow release of any heat stored by the ground during the day.

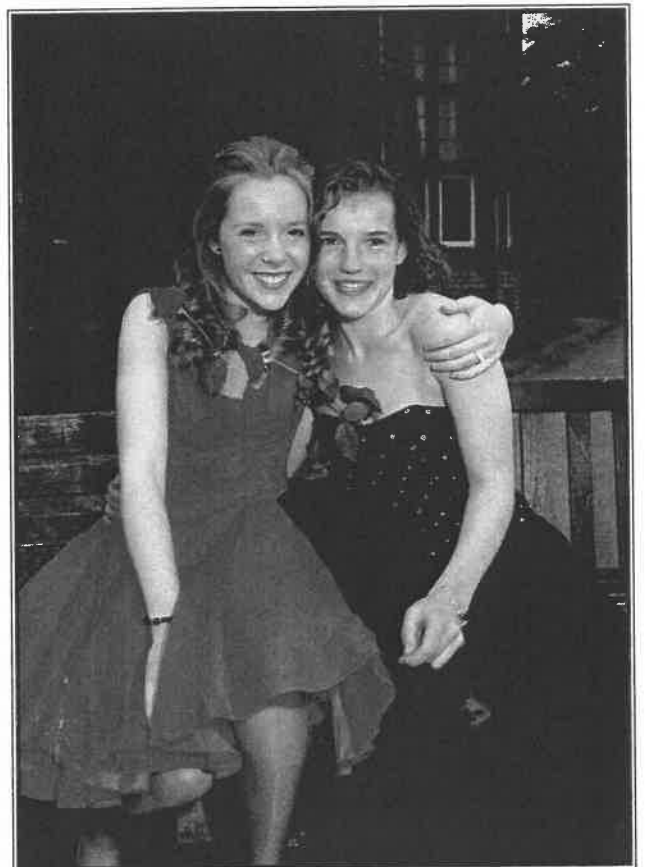
A lacy cobweb of frost starts to touch the tips of green still showing in the field. The old barn takes on a skeletal and haunting appearance as the moon throws its first rays, no clouds to obscure her silver strands as she smiles her first smile of the evening. Maybe it's too late now; the vigil must be held another night. Hands reach for the thermos on the cold ground. The top unscrews to allow puffs of steam to escape into the night air. Hot liquid splashes into a cup generating welcome warmth for cold hands and a heavy heart.

Suddenly, the air itself seems to solidify as a flicker of silver white is seen just beyond normal vision, like the flicker of a ghost just beyond reach. A haunting silhouette momentarily enters the light of the moon, then swoops into the shadows once more. The bird flies silently towards me and all thoughts of cold feet and chilly fingers are forgotten. Moving slowly, the camera is positioned and picture after picture is taken of this graceful and mysterious figure, skimming the rough ground with relative ease. Suddenly, like a phoenix rising from the ashes, with silent movements of strong wings, the reason for my coming lifts effortlessly into the night sky and is swallowed by the shadows of the old barn.

Philip Reeves, IVS



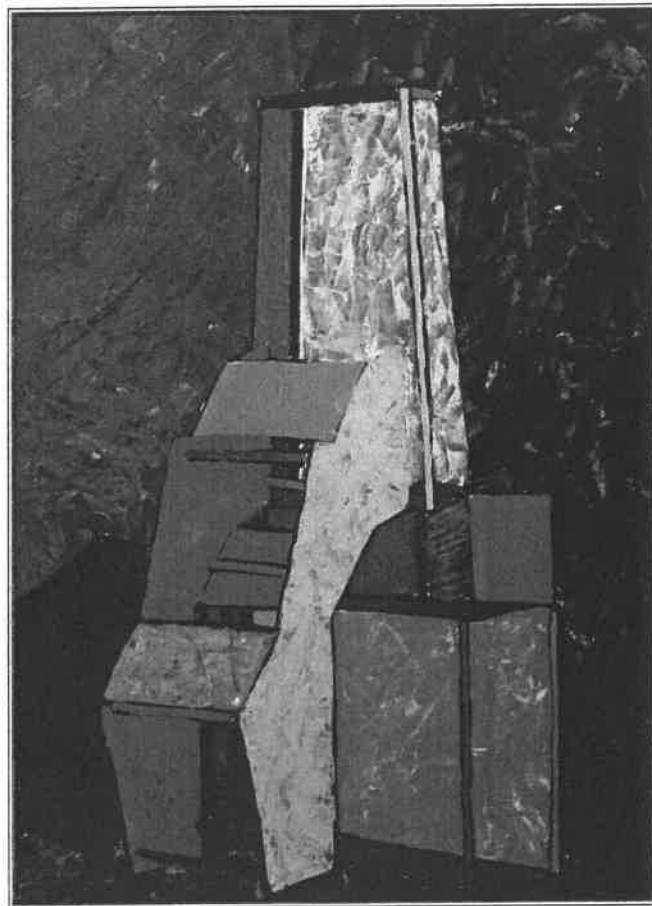
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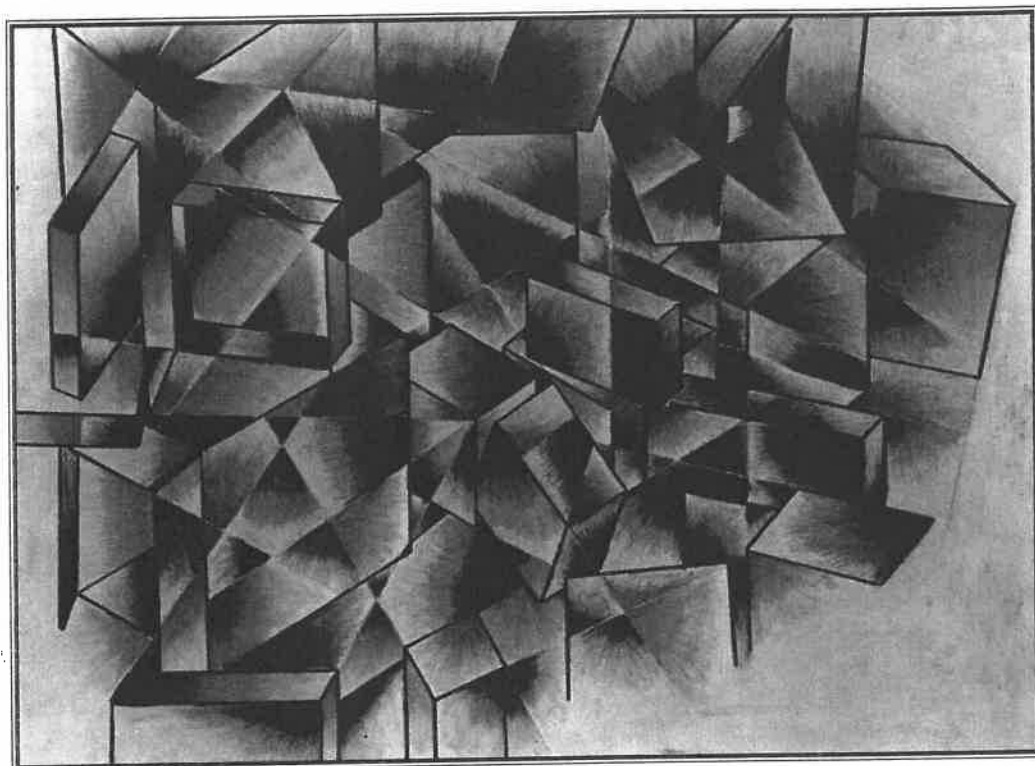


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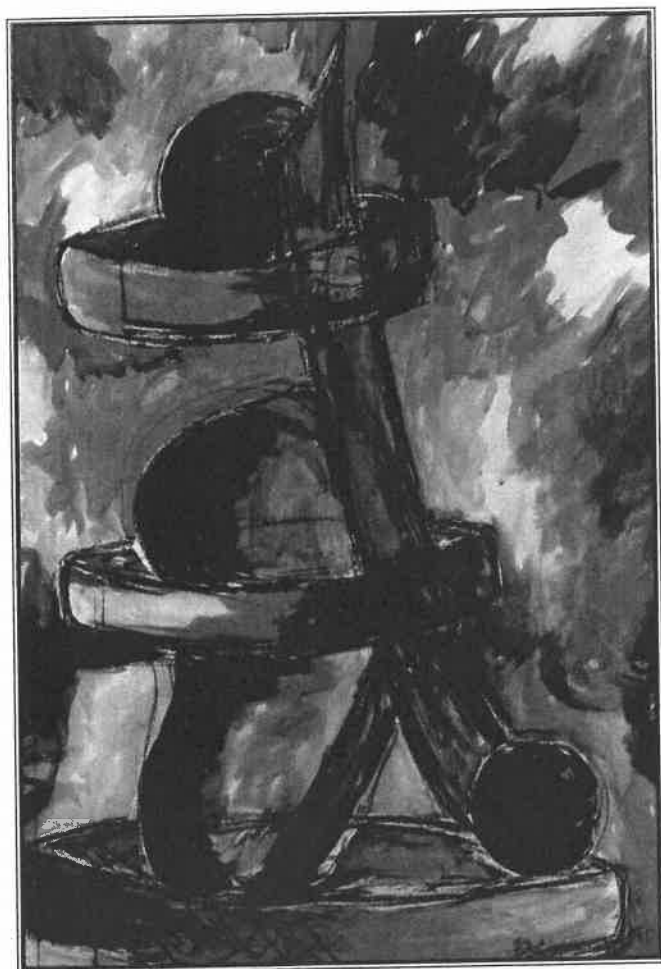
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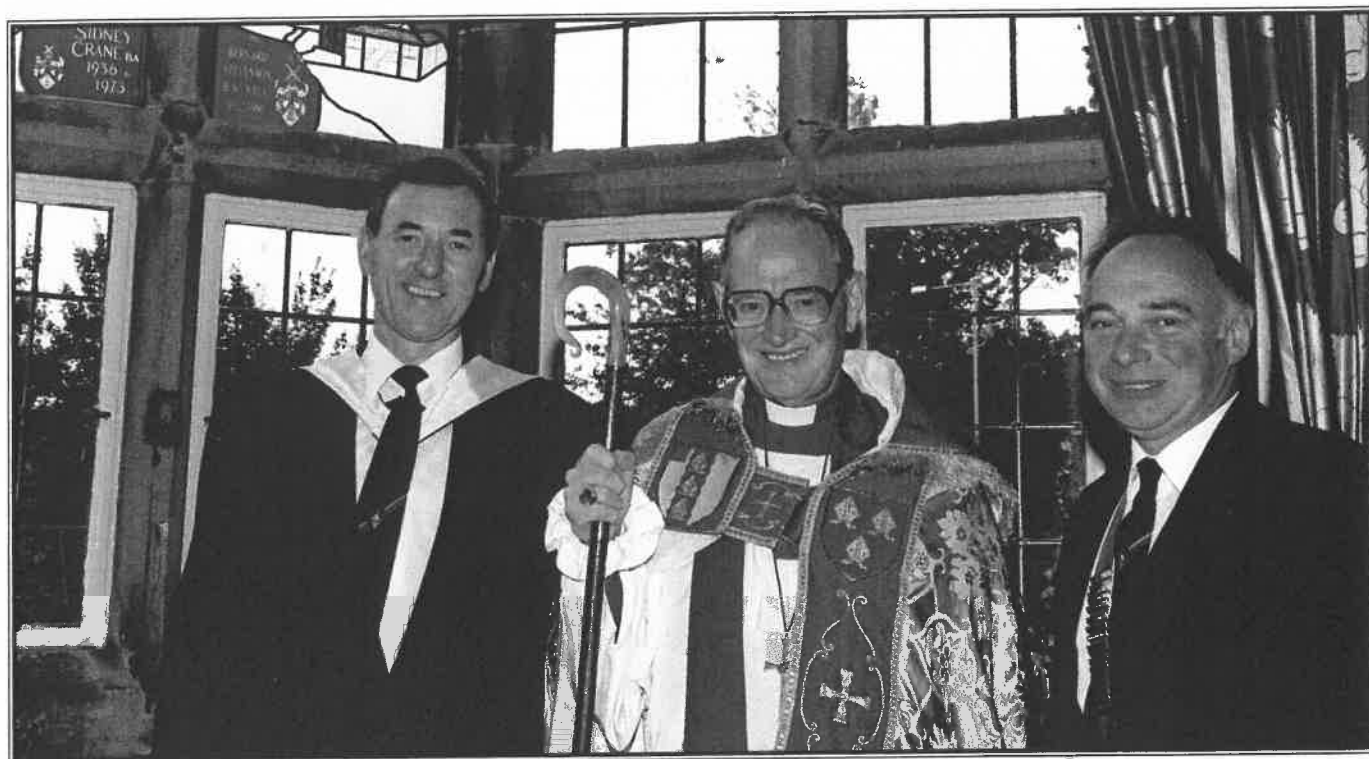


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At the Memorial Service to Bernard Stevenson

The Young Enterprise Company with Mr T. Bruce



The First Fire

Houhitsu was the leader of the Manu tribe. He had a magnificent symbol around the mouth of his cave, the sacred symbol of the Sun God, two entwined yew trees. One day an event occurred that would change his life and the life of his tribe forever.

When it happened, it was a blazing hot day in August and everything was deathly dry. Houhitsu sat serenely in his cave, sharpening his favourite wood spear on a stone. The two trees outside creaked and groaned as the wind played through their branches. The entwined trunks rubbed and crackled against each other. A thin wisp of smoke rose up and drifted away. A small yellow flame came into view and danced crazily in the light wind. Houhitsu looked up in surprise to see the flames quickly spread and multiply over the trees. Shadows flickered on the walls of his cave and the bark shrivelled suddenly as the flames licked its wood. With a cry, Houhitsu leapt to his feet and tried to spear the flames, but they eluded him. Then he tried to extinguish the flames. Suddenly his spear caught alight and began to flame fiercely. Sparks whirled gracefully to the floor and smoke twined and curled around the trunk. Soon the heat became unbearable and Houhitsu became frightened. He began to run around throwing anything within reach in his frenzy. Instead of dying though, the flames swelled and crackled.

Houhitsu crashed through the undergrowth to the village, calling the people to come and see the strange animal that was ravishing the forest. The priest of the village announced that someone nearby had

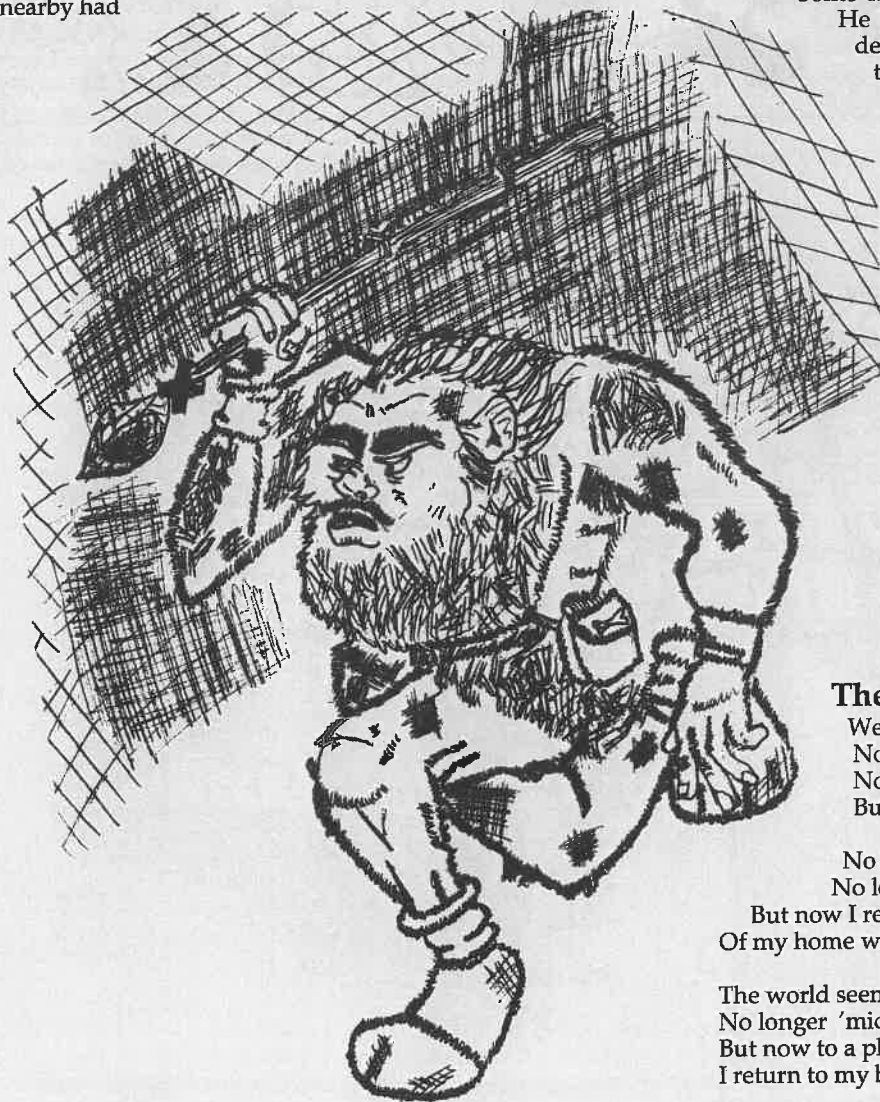
underestimated the Sun God's powers. As the flames grew higher over the tree-tops, the people watched enthralled as the raging fire spread. Blackened leaves flew, curling and twisting into the air to flutter down at the people's feet and on their bodies. Then more trees caught fire and flamboyant flames, defying death, soared into the sky, dulling the bright blue into a hazy red. The flames cut through the dry brush like a scythe through grass. They cruised through leaves and branches, feeding and devouring, disfiguring everything in their path. Smoke billowed and rolled around the clearing and scrambled over the tree tops, blotting out the sun. Nearby, a tree, with sparks swirling gracefully around it like dancing fireflies, sank majestically to the ground. The devastating inferno grew larger and ignited more branches, scorching the grass and engulfing undergrowth.

The tribe's people looked at each other with fear and amazement. They wondered if the strange, frantic animal devoured rock, because if it did it would eat the village defence wall and create havoc in the village.

The fire roared up to the wall and had to stop because it could not go on. Then it began to perish. Smoke and sparks filled the clearing, suffocating the people. The flames gave one last desperate flicker and went out. They dispersed the smoke and haze and the tribe stared at the desecration of the forest. The fire had left a searing line across the horizon. The priest of the village stepped forward and began to ask the Sun God for forgiveness, but the still hot ground made him yelp and fall back.

Some hours later, Houhitsu returned to his cave. He looked around at the debris and saw, suddenly with amazement, the two blackened yew trees standing out, entwined starkly. He went inside with joy in his heart and, to his surprise, he saw a small pile of sticks burning merrily in the middle of the floor, giving out heat and life. He realised that the fire was a gift from the gods, but one to be used with care.

Natalie Lambert, 3X



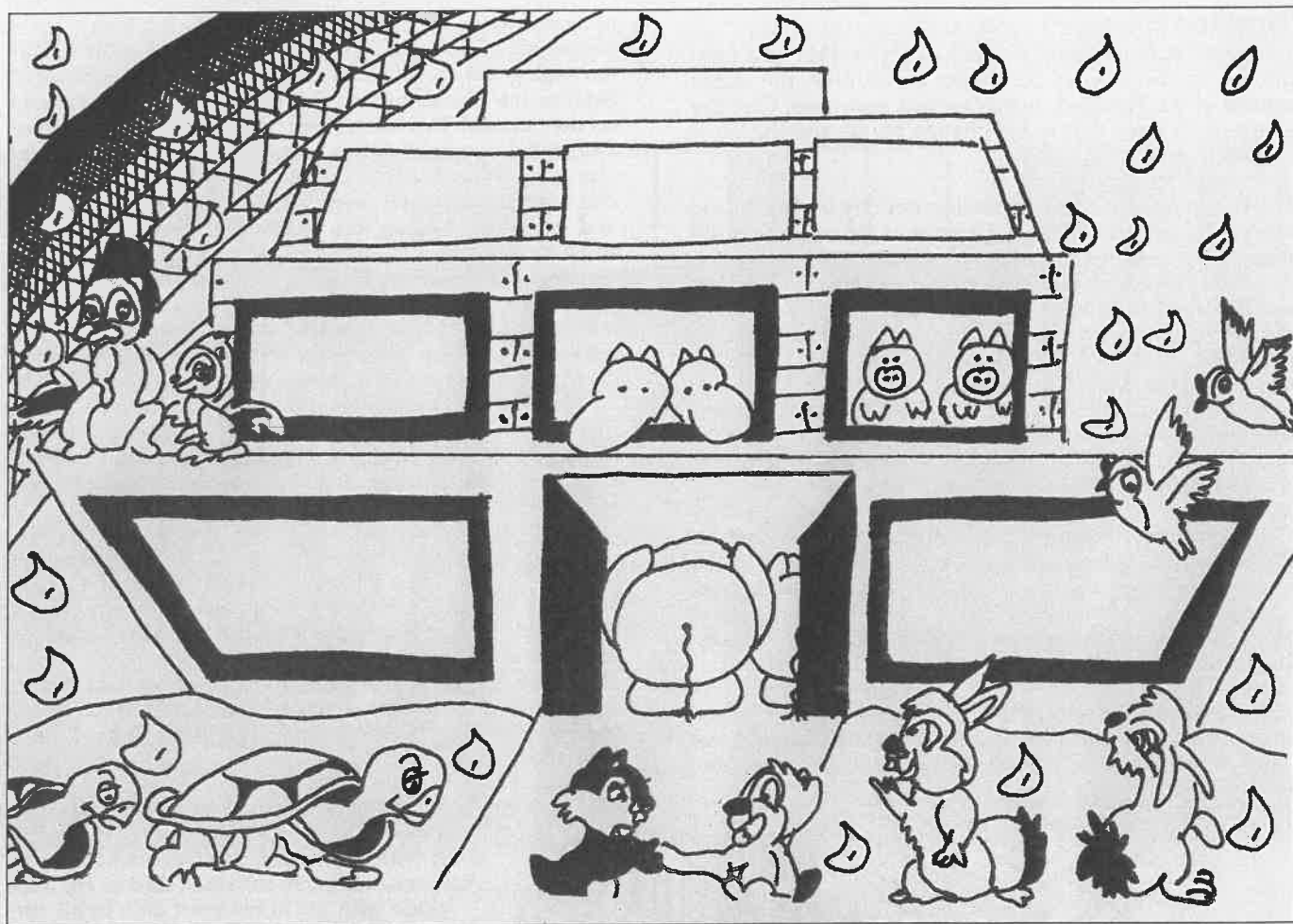
The Soldier's Return

Weary of battle, home cometh I,
No longer beneath the desert's blue sky.
No longer 'mid violence with foe and ally,
But home to my family and friends.

No longer upon the desert's red sands,
No longer alone in far away lands.
But now I return to the kind, loving hands
Of my home where I love and am loved.

The world seems so peaceful beneath the night sky.
No longer 'mid violence and warfare am I.
But now to a place that's my own paradise,
I return to my beloved homeland.

Michael Strickland, 1Z



Noah's Ark

Long, long ago
In a far-away land,
The people were getting
Quite out of hand.
They were selfish and violent,
Their manners were bad
And all of this sin
Was making God sad.

So He looked down to Earth
And saw a good man.
His name was Noah
And this gave God a plan.
"Noah!" he cried.
"Come make me an ark
And collect two of each animal
From cats to aardvarks."

So Noah built a boat
Three storeys high,
Of wood and of tar
With a door in the side.
In went the animals
Two by two.
Some of them ran,
But some of them flew.

For forty days
Then came the rain
And all this destruction
Caused God great pain.

Then one day,
The rain it ceased.
Noah sent out a raven
And a white dove of peace.

The raven flew off.
He found no place to rest,
So back he went,
For a sleep in his nest.
But the dove found a tree
In which to sleep
And he took back to Noah
A green olive leaf.

Then halted the ark
On the slopes of Ararat.
The animals ran off
In five seconds flat.
And God said to Noah,
"Jolly good show!
As a gift, I'll give you
My coloured rainbow."

And the rainbow has stayed
As a reminder to man,
Try not to be bad,
But be good if you can.

Sally Atkinson, 12

That house really is haunted

The house was dark and really old.
As I walked down the corridor, I felt so cold.
Paintings with cobwebs were on every wall
In the old Elizabethan hall.
I heard a flutter. What was that?
The flapping wings of a bat?
The eerie screeching of an owl?
Or a black cat on the prowl?
"There's no ghost," I said to myself,
As a vase fell off the shelf.
I saw a shadow like a knife
So, as fast as I could, I ran for my life!
That night before I climbed into bed,
"That house really is haunted," I said.

Danielle Le Breton, 1X

The Vampire

Out of the shadows
Comes a tall dark stranger,
Clothed in black, with a cane.
His cloak does well
To wrestle with the darkness,
As he creeps on slowly
Down the lane.
His glare is hideous.
No stare, just icy frowns.
His ungainly features
Hidden by shade
And his step is precise and silent.
His victim is unsuspecting.
The element of surprise is his.
Clothed in black, he descends
To hand out his death kiss.

The window is open.
He enters.
No sound.
He sinks his teeth.
He sends to sleep
The maiden on the ground.

Ben Hale, 1Z

The Mysterious Shape

The wind rustled in the trees
And the moon shone brightly
By the desolate abbey.

A thick column of mist swirled around the walls
Like an evil darkness
And the tranquillity was quite eerie.

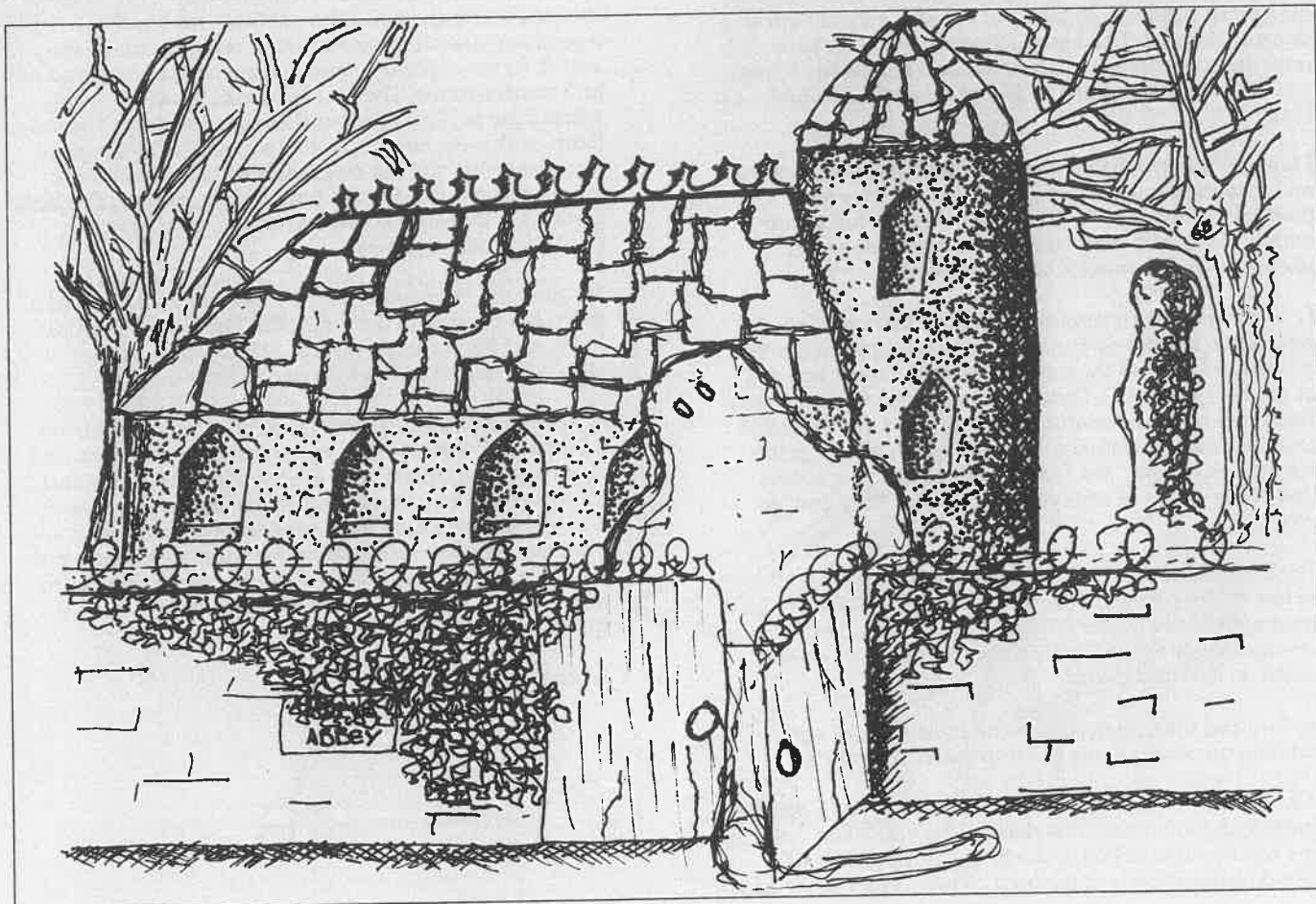
Nothing broke the silence,
Not even an owl.
I was scared now!

Suddenly a door creaked open.
A shadow appeared
And glided across the courtyard.

It moved as if it was looking for something
Very cautiously, but quickly.
I could not see it now, but I knew it was there.

Closer and closer and nearer and nearer,
Still looking for something.
As it glided past me, though, I saw it was just mist!

Roger Anderton, 1X



Scrooge

Everyone is busy and happy as it's Christmas Eve.
Bob Cratchit wants to go home.
Ebenezer just calls him a humbug.
Nevertheless, Bob goes home much to Scrooge's fury.
Everything is strange to Scrooge.
Ebenezer is warned of three ghosts, by his dead partner.
Zzzz....zzzz, Scrooge is woken by the clock striking midnight.
Even the ghost of Christmas past can't prick his conscience,
Racing back through the years of Belle and Mr. Fezziwig.

Sixty minutes later, the ghost of Christmas present comes.
Christmas at the Cratchits with Tiny Tim is shown to Scrooge.

Recent future is revealed by the ghost of Christmas future.
Other people may not have counted before.

Only now Scrooge realises the truth.

Glad and merry he awakens on Christmas morning.

Even Ebenezer Scrooge has a merry Christmas!

Elizabeth Jackson, 2X

The Race

I switched off my alarm and looked at the clock face, 12.30 am. I crept out of bed silently and dressed. I heard my dad snoring and crept out on to the landing, down the stairs and out of the front door. As I approached the barn, I saw the light on and broke into a run. Inside the barn I found Henry grooming the Comet. As I entered, he asked, "All set?" and I sheepishly replied, "Yes." Five minutes later the Comet had been loaded and we were on the road.

I must have fallen asleep because suddenly I felt a prod, followed by Henry's voice saying, "We're here." I felt the lorry stop and I sat up and saw the racecourse in front of me. I jumped out and helped Henry tack up. Henry gave me a boost and I was in the saddle and slowly cantering down to the start. I had instructions to hold him back until the homestretch and then let him go, but the Comet was already pulling hard and I knew I could not hold him.

I brought him to a halt at the start, my heart beating hard and then the Comet was away. By the time we had reached the first corner, the Comet was in a full gallop with his long, iron neck stretched out and his great, strong, powerful muscles had set to work.

I could not open my eyes and floods of tears were running down my cheeks from the wind whipping my eyes. As we went around the third corner, the Comet was still at a flying gallop. The Comet came around the fourth and final corner. His thundering hoofs covered more ground and the muscles worked even harder and, although this seemed impossible, the Comet picked up more speed. Out of the corner of my eye, I saw the finishing post go past.

The Comet was on his second circuit and was still going as fast. As I approached the homestretch, I hauled on the reins with all the power left in my weak body, but there was no change in the Comet's pace and he only slowed down on the third circuit.

As I walked the Comet back to the finish, Henry came running up, showing me the stopwatch. It read 1:49!

When I came back to the old barn, I checked the Comet's stable and went home. The clock in the house said 3.00 am so I had a couple of hours' sleep. The next morning I found Henry already at the barn. When I entered, he said,

"Only a week to the big race!"

Five days passed speedily and at last I was organizing all the tack ready for the following day, when we planned to set off for the Belmont racecourse. The following lunch time we arrived at Belmont and unloaded the Comet into his stable. When the heat of the afternoon had cooled, we tacked up and had a slow trot and a canter round the track.

In the morning more horses had arrived and spectators were flowing onto the racecourse. The race was at 10.00 am and it was 9.00 am, so Henry told me to put on my silks. At 9.50 am we walked the Comet around. I was then boosted into the saddle and was slowly cantering to the start.

I brought the Comet to a halt in front of the barrier. We were under starters' orders. Then the barrier flew up and the Comet leapt forward, his long raking strides covering the ground. A big bay was galloping next to the Comet and, at the first corner, I knew that was the horse to beat.

As we went down the backstretch, the Comet's stride was in a familiar, relentless gallop, but the bay kept next to the Comet as we went around the third corner. The Comet had dropped behind the bay, but his muscles were beginning to work and I knew the Comet had saved something till last. As we galloped around the corner and into the homestretch, the Comet's iron neck stretched out and his muscles went to work. The Comet drew up alongside the bay and, as the crowd roared their approval, on and on came the Comet, into the lead and past the finishing post!

Kate Westerman, 1X

My Bedroom

"One day that room will be clean and tidy!" my mother shouted across the hall. I did not listen for I had entered my refuge, a welcoming room that blocked out the busy world. Its magnolia-coloured carpet and walls reached out and comforted me. The pine furniture, glowing warm, relaxed me as I looked around familiar territory. The little lamp, with a big heart, splashed streams of light around my ornaments and old magazines which cluttered the table tops and dressing table in random fashion. The large pictures and posters boasted as if they were hanging proudly in an art gallery.

My mother commented how my bedroom was used as a tackroom because of the old saddle and bridle. They sat hidden in the corner, an aroma of traditional leather always a comfort after a long and tedious day.

My riding clothes and other horsey objects were situated on my mountain top, the large wardrobe which towered above me. The collection consisted of a riding crop, that I thought I had lost; an old riding hat, its last expedition was flying over a difficult show-jumping course, and an old pair of gloves, turning grey from the dust. Many people comment on my bedroom being quite a mess, but to me it is my jungle and I'll do the hunting in it, even if things are difficult to find.

Leonora Lawrence, 3Z

SKI REPORT 1994 - GROSSARL, AUSTRIA

We set off from school on the morning of New Year's Day for Dover and nothing terribly interesting happened during that part of the journey and we reached Dover at the beginning of the evening. The crossing of the Channel was mild, and we arrived within one hour. We then started the long journey to Grossarl in Austria with it taking a night and half a day to get there. During the journey we spent some time watching videos which we enjoyed until Doctor Hall decided to watch his all time favourite, "The Jazz Singer", which either put people to sleep or bored people to death. When the film was half way through and we were on the brink of killing Doctor Hall, the video broke down so we finally got peace and sleep.

We arrived at the ski resort at midday and, since we were early, we had to buy our own lunch which was all very well until we found out that it was a bank holiday and the only place open was one single restaurant. After we got settled into our residence we were supplied with our skis and ski boots.

The next day the skiing began. Thankfully, it had started snowing that day, so it was brilliant skiing. We were split up into our groups, which were beginners, intermediate and advanced and we stayed in those groups throughout the holiday.

Something strange happened one night, when the third year girls got the strangest idea they had a demon in their room. Some fifth and sixth formers decided to play a joke on these girls by recording scary voices on a tape recorder and placing it outside the girls' room. The effect was worth watching, believe me!

The skiing was top rate as it snowed heavily for the first two days.

Outstanding shows of skiing were displayed by all, with special mention going to:

1. Dr. Hall for expert demonstration on powder skiing and still keeping his hair in style.
2. David Bayliss for his many attempts at suicide on the slopes.
3. Edward Cook for his demonstration of the "Human Catapult with Skis"
4. Paul Banks and Nicky Shelton for being the most colourfully dressed skiers.
5. Richard "Snowplough" Rhodes for his attempt at multiple murder of his fellow skiers.

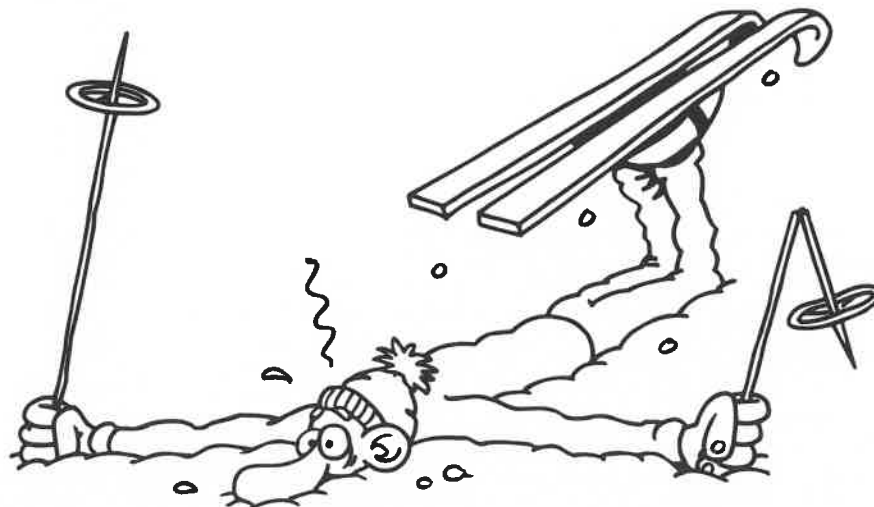
There were also exciting moments after the skiing in the evening with Austrian style bowling, Video Night and Variety Night, with all the members of the skiing party (including members of staff) giving performances of their own. The best performances were by the senior girls and by Mr Scott and Mr Browning.

On the last night we had the presentation night, with awards being given to all the skiers for their performance. However this time Richard Rhodes decided to give out his own awards for special performances and they were as follows:

1. Mr. Browning - Best Footwear, for his slippers.
2. Dr. Hall - Best Style Award - need I explain?
3. Mrs Piggott - Being in the Wrong Place at the Wrong Time Award, a long story, but if you need details ask either Ben Bancroft or David Smith.
4. David Bayliss - Best Suicide Skier.
5. Stuart Melling - Best Skier
6. David Smith - Best Male
7. Sally Evans - Best Female
8. Edward Cook - Best Fall
9. Mr. Scott - Special Award for organising the skiing trip.

The skiing trip was a complete success. Thanks to Mr Scott and the rest of the staff for making it possible and to the skiing party for making it enjoyable. I hope it inspires other people to come on the next skiing trip, to Italy, at Easter 1995. Believe me, it is worth it.

R. Rhodes



L6 GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP - SCARBOROUGH, MAY 1994

On Tuesday 3rd May twelve L6 Geography students plus Mr Scott and Mrs Piggott departed for sunny Scarborough for a Geographical Fieldweek.

The first stop was Kirkham Priory: nowhere near Kirkham, Lancashire, but in North Yorkshire, near Malton in the Howardian Hills. We were all relieved to stop and stretch our legs but also because Mr Scott's preferred way of driving was with one hand, while pointing out geographical points of interest with the other, and turning round and talking. This did not do Mrs Piggott's nerves any good, so she drove later in the week.

On arriving in Scarborough, a slight detour took us to Scarborough College to borrow an overhead projector (somebody had forgotten ours!). However, we did manage to see a familiar face in the form of Mr Woodhead, now Deputy Head at that school. After arriving at the hotel and unloading the bus, we headed off for the castle and Millennium Museum. There was a rather fresh breeze blowing and Mr Scott accused us of being softies from the north west. After a long lesson in the evening, we played some silly games requiring numerical knowledge and co-ordination. Mrs Piggott had neither and resembled a Spanish flamenco dancer.

After the first visit to the doctor's surgery (Shelly - tonsillitis), Wednesday saw a town study of Scarborough and an urban transect. This involved studying the town centre and shops ("not from the inside, Nicola!") and then walking miles out of town along a road. That evening we met Mr Scott's sister, the first of his many relatives, friends, old school and rugby colleagues.

Thursday was much the same, but the survey consisted of an entire village. Cayton just happened to be where Mr Scott was married and where his mother-in-law lives. No names but the driver that day forgot to pay and display and received a parking ticket!

Friday was spent in York trying to find a parking place - the big blue bus does not fit under low red barriers. Clifford's Tower, The Castle Museum, The York Story and the Shambles were all visited as part of the Heritage Industry. The return journey took in Castle Howard and Coneysthorpe green-village.

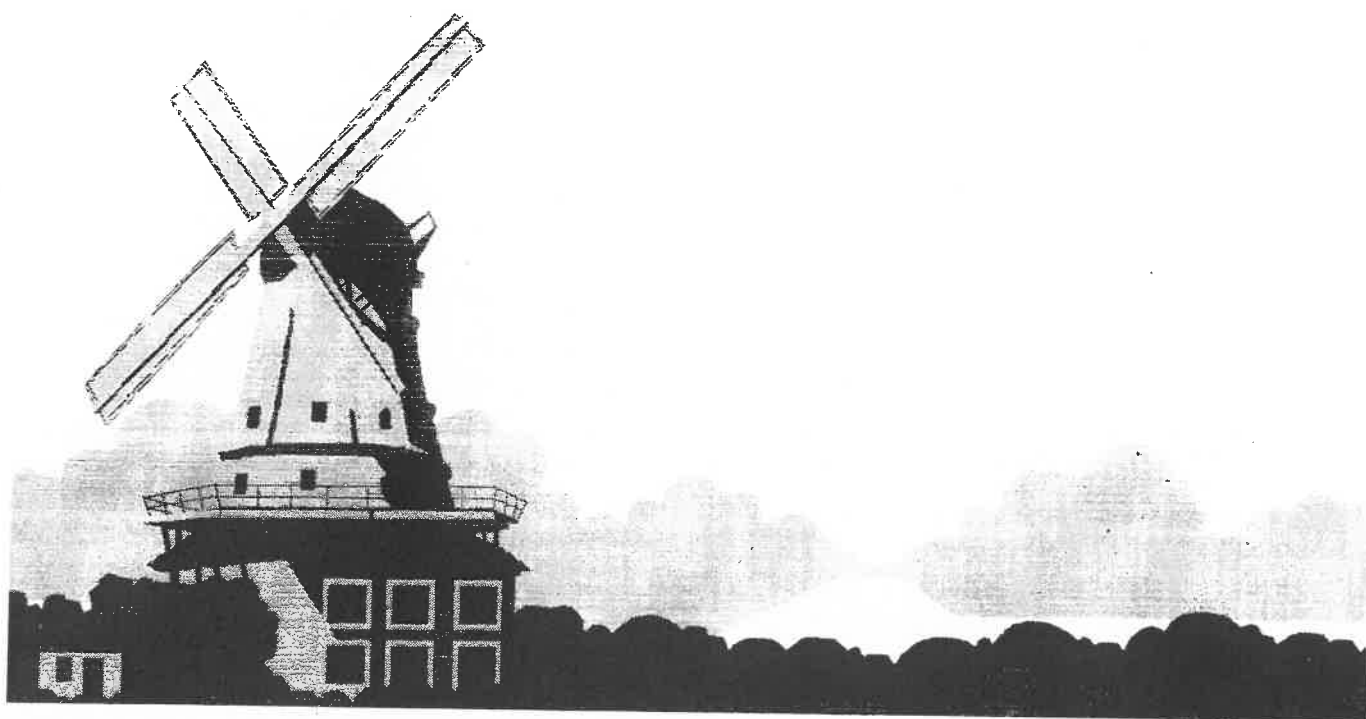
Physical fieldwork always involves getting wet. Saturday's river survey was no exception. After location one at Jagger Howe Beck (where Mr Scott ran into an old school pal!), wellies were useless for keeping feet dry. Almost everyone got wet, except for the person with waders who only used them at the last location and hardly got a drop of water on her. For recreation, after a hard day, we visited Mr Scott's aunt's hotel for a game of darts and pool and, again, everyone from 7 to 70 seemed to know IMS as we walked in.

Sunday saw clear blue skies and a day by the seaside - studying the coastal geology and geomorphology from Cayton to Bridlington. Mr Scott had not quite realised just how many sun-worshippers he had brought along and stripped off to swimming costumes and shorts at every opportunity! Despite this, "Bubble" insisted that "white was the in colour this year!" and then proceeded to fall off the kerb and was stranded in the middle of the town unable to walk.

As a result of this misfortune, all Mrs Piggott's soil preparation went out of the window due to a second visit to the doctor and a subsequent X-Ray at the casualty department of Scarborough Hospital. The rest of us had a scenic tour of the Yorkshire Moors in our big blue bus taking in Pickering Castle, a trout farm (great fun feeding the fish), Ryedale Folk Museum, Hutton-le-Hole and Farndale. Very tired, most of us slept during the journey back. That night saw Mrs Piggott's evening cabaret performance once again - Murder!

The week was "absolutely tops!" to quote Lee, and thanks must go to Mr Scott, Mrs Piggott (despite the fact that she could not "interest anybody in bed" on the last night) and, of course, to Kath for such warm hospitality, good food and an enjoyable stay. It might sound like fun, but we did a lot of hard work as well - over 80 sheets! The best comment of the week was "Now I know why Yorkshire is on the coast - so it can be washed into the North Sea!"

L6 Geographers



KGS 1st XV TOUR TO SPAIN

At one o'clock on Thursday 24th March 1994, the tour bus complete with the 25 members of the tour party left Kirkham Grammar School. Thirty-one hours, two border crossings and three different languages later we arrived in beautiful San Sebastian at the small but adequate Alberque Ulia Hostel which was to be our home for the next six days. Shortly after arrival, we got introduced to Spanish cuisine which everyone managed to survive. Then it was back to the hostel, where a good night's sleep was enjoyed by all.

On Saturday, a short coach journey took us to where we trained. A good session left us in high hopes for the match the following day. A free afternoon in the warm Spanish sunshine was followed by a trip to a local Chinese restaurant for our evening meal.

Sunday started with a visit to a Spanish restaurant for a hearty breakfast of egg, bacon and chips - a good start to the day. Following this we attended a brief presentation by a co-operative which was a unique venture in Mondragon, which seemed to be of more interest to the staff! The game came as a shock to most of the team, the long journey had taken its toll and together with a pitch which resembled a disused cow field, we did not play to the usual KGS standard. We did, however, manage to secure a 27-0 win. This was followed by an excellent reception dinner arranged by Arrasate RUFC, our opponents, which was well appreciated by all the players.

Monday was a free day, which gave us a chance to relax again in the warmth of the Spanish sunshine and recover for the next game. On Tuesday, we trained at the Annoetta Stadium, a superb pitch which is part of a complex including running tracks, a velodrome and Real Sociedad's massive football stadium, of which we had a guided tour after training. After an hour or two's relaxation at the hostel, we were fit for the second match of the tour. A very committed performance from all the team gave us a convincing 76-0 victory. Another wonderful meal, followed by a night out, gave us an opportunity to experience the excellent sportsmanship shown by all the Bera-Bera players.

Wednesday was another free day, spent mainly on the beach or shopping and Thursday morning was spent cleaning our dormitory and packing for the journey home. On Thursday afternoon we played our third and final match against Zarautz Rugby Club, our hardest match of the tour against very undisciplined opponents, but once again great determination and commitment meant that we came away with another victory, 19-10. A shorter route home meant that we arrived back at KGS at seven o'clock on Friday 1st April, slightly earlier than planned, relaxed after an enjoyable tour.

Overall an excellent and very well organised tour was enjoyed by all involved and special thanks must go to all the staff who accompanied us, especially Mr Gornall and Mr Carpenter, who made the tour possible.

Damian Guy

U15 WELSH TOUR - POBOL Y CYM

"We came, we saw, we conquered". A twentieth century equivalent of Caesar's legions took on the Welsh at their own game and routed them. Twice. The U15 touring party set forth for the valleys on a cold December evening. We would have left in the early afternoon but Chief Mechanic, Mr Bruce, insisted on giving the minibus a complete overhaul before departure. Co-driver Mr Harrison was Map Reader, making use of his extensive knowledge of Ordnance Survey symbols. Not far behind came our sponsor, Mr R. Blackburn, in farm vehicle with trailer.

The evening passed quickly, all thoughts being on the new back row moves to be introduced on the following day. Rougemount School were brushed aside. 15-0 to the English hardly reflected the dominance displayed by the tourists. The outstanding player was "Lovelorn" Nicholas Kendrick, clearly refreshed after a comfortable night in a cot dreaming of the impossible.

We then moved up the valley and located our accommodation, the Llwynpwr Youth Hostel. The evening's entertainment centred around the local cinema. "Addam's Family Values" was amusing, but not as much as the trailer for a film called "Free Willy". The team retired, minds fixed on the following morning's game and even more back row moves. Duffryn High School had beaten the same group two years ago. It was time to settle old scores. 8-0 to the English. Revenge was sweet.

The afternoon was spent at Cardiff Arms Park observing Cardiff v Pontypool and the flying winger Walker. The highlight of the tour, though, was the shameless luxury of the Hilton Hotel, Newport, where we stayed on the last night. Swimming pool, sauna, TV in every room and the smuggling in of 2 holdalls full of Fried Chicken by Kentucky Kelso, all made for a memorable stay. It was nothing less than the victorious tourists deserved.

Individual mentions to: The Mouse! Ben the Dog, fleet footed Carpenter, Reeves and his dummy and Kirkham's answer to Rory Bremner, the talented Mark Ledsham. Captain and outstanding loose-head prop was Chris Blackburn. Man of the Match was Peter 'Perfect' Whittle, whilst Adam Baines was forever training, looking for a "hill" to climb!

M. Melling



Under 15

Late on Saturday 23rd October, 45 girls from years two to four left KGS on a journey to Noordwijk, Holland. After a long journey of 14 hours, including a very turbulent channel crossing, we arrived at our hotel by the sea.

On the first night we went bowling when Lyndsay developed a new bowling technique - barefoot - as she did not like the tasteful white bowling shoes she was given.

MONDAY - Today training began for real. We had an hour and a half's training session with Richard, our coach. After lunch we set out for our first match against a very aggressive Dutch team. We decided that we had to win (our national pride was at stake). We did so in style, beating them 2-1. After the uneventful season we had been experiencing, we decided to celebrate the rare event of a victory, so that night we went out for pancakes.

TUESDAY - We were up with the larks to make the early morning coaching session, after which we had a match against a local club which, needless to say, we won 7-1. In the afternoon a group of us escorted Mr Harrison down to Noordwijk, where, despite the fact that he is a geography teacher, he managed to lose us!

WEDNESDAY - Today was our big day, the day of the tournament. We were competing against all the English schools on the course. Despite playing well (we won one match and drew four), we lost by one goal on goal difference. Disappointedly we got back on the coach and travelled straight to Amsterdam, where we saw some of the most interestingly-dressed people on earth. We went on a boat along the canals. In the evening we all got

dressed up and went to the Presentation Evening to pick up our numerous trophies.

A good time was had by all and we would like to thank all the staff who gave up their time to take us. Thank you, Mrs Glover, Mrs Byrne, Mr Blackburn, Mr Harrison, Miss O'Reilly and "Miss" Wilcox.

L. Oades

Under 13

On the 24th October we set out on the trip to Holland. The ferry journey was rough. The captain said there was going to be a bit of turbulence, but that was an understatement. After a couple of minutes of wave dodging on deck, quite a few people felt seasick. Apart from the ferry crossing, the rest of the journey was uneventful.

Our coach driver was called Kevin and he was to blame for addicting quite a few people to Karaoke on the coach after singing his favourite song, "Oh Diana!". During our stay in Holland we went bowling, pancake eating and discoing as well as having a games night and a trip to Amsterdam and, of course, going shopping in Noordwijk.

The hockey was excellent, our team won all our matches and the tournament! The coaching was brilliant and our coach, Gary, was really funny.

All in all, the under 13's would like to thank all the teachers, especially Mrs Glover, for arranging the tour, which we all thoroughly enjoyed and we hope we can go again soon!

Kate Oades 2X

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SUMMER 1993

ATHLETICS

Although fewer matches took place than usual owing to a combination of external examinations starting very early and bad weather, many successes have been gained this year, the season being the most successful for several years.

SENIORS

SENIOR SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP 2nd

When the senior team was strengthened by the Under 17's it was a strong side, as could be seen by an excellent performance at the Senior Schools' Championship, when KGS was only beaten by the slim margin of 11/2 points by the powerful Lancaster RGS who had comprehensively beaten us early in the season when the Senior and Under 17's teams competed separately. A narrow defeat by Hutton GS, when the Under 17's could not compete, was reversed when they competed and Rossall was comprehensively defeated also with their help.

Individual winners at the Senior Schools' Championship were Mark Morgan, Richard Wareing, James Woodsell and Lee Halliday which led to them being awarded the customary full colours. It was remarkable that three of the winners were fifth formers which augurs well for the future. The relay team of David Mapple, Mark Morgan, Peter Coventry and Alastair Ward was victorious with the takeovers being excellent.

ENGLISH SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP

Alastair Ward	100 metres	11.2 secs	6th
Richard Wareing	Shot	13.68 metres	6th

UNDER 17'S

LANCASHIRE CHAMPIONSHIP

Alastair Ward	100 metres	11.02 secs	1st
Richard Wareing	Shot	14.63 metres	1st
James Woodsell	Discus	36.86 metres	1st

FYLDE COAST CHAMPIONSHIP 1st

As can be seen, this was a fine season. As stated earlier, many of this team also competed at senior level with great success and in the only inter-school match where they competed as a team they defeated Lancaster RGS.

It was a fine achievement for two boys from this age group to compete in the English Schools' Championship held at Blackpool for the first time. This championship is an exceptional sporting event. Its size, organisation and tension need to be experienced to be fully appreciated.

Alastair Ward injured his ankle a week before the event and could not run during that week, thus hampering his training and he may have performed even better but for this injury and Richard Wareing did not perform at his best either, having putted over fifteen metres several times in training. Nevertheless for both athletes to be sixth in England was a fine achievement and the experience gained should help them to combat the pressure of national competition in future. A bonus for Alastair was being selected to run at the IAAF Grand Prix at Crystal Palace on 23rd July in the Under 17 100 metres in front of 30,000 spectators when he was placed sixth. What an experience!

The victory in the Fylde Coast Championship was most pleasing, as KGS plainly wanted to win more than anyone else. Sacrifices were made by some students on study

leave to attend, indeed Simon Barnes postponed a visit to the continent to compete. The fact that his presence was the difference between being champions and runners-up is yet another example of the commitment needed to be victorious and is an example of the difference between commitment and involvement.

Individual winners were Alastair Ward in the 100 metres, Jeremy Whittle in the 400 metres, Richard Wareing in the shot, James Woodsell in the discus and Lee Halliday in the hurdles, all with records while Jeremy Whittle, Lee Halliday, Simon Barnes and Alastair Ward won the relay. It must not be overlooked, though, that this victory was essentially a team effort, as typified by Iain Brown who was a reserve and who had to run because of injury to another athlete and who performed very well.

UNDER 16

SENIOR SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP 6th

Although both school matches were lost, the team tried hard and it was enjoyable to coach because of this. I feel the team has improved considerably during the season, with Michael Yeung (Hurdles), Richard Rhodes (Sprint) and Alex Fallon (High Jump) performing particularly well. Andrew Cairns (Middle Distance) Richard Elliott (Long Jump) and Daniel Eyre (Triple Jump) all improved greatly.

UNDER 15

During the season the team developed into a very competitive outfit. Matches were won against Hutton GS and King Edward's Lytham. Unfortunately the weather intervened and other matches were cancelled.

Mark Ledsham has become a fine athlete who went on to win the Lancashire 400 metre championship. He was supported well by Ben Davies (100 & 200), Stuart Melling (1500) Adam Baines (Long Jump and Hurdles) and James Cuthbertson (400 and shot) which induced the team to win the Under 15 and Under 14 combined J.J. Breeze Trophy. It was a shame that Philip Bateman suffered from ankle injuries throughout the season and did not develop his promise shown last season.

It is important that all field events are improved upon if this team is to make use of its potential.

LANCASHIRE CHAMPIONSHIP

Mark Ledsham	400 metre	56.4 sec	1st
Philip Bateman	Triple Jump	10.38 metres	6th
Adam Baines	Long Jump		7th

SENIOR SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP

4th

*Under 15 and Under 14 combined
won J.J. BREEZE TROPHY*

UNDER 14

LANCASHIRE U15 CHAMPIONSHIP

Keith Quigley Triple Jump 11.39 metre 1st

SENIOR SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP 1st

U15 & U14 combined won J.J. BREEZE TROPHY

The team was unbeaten over the season and would have developed even further but for the poor weather.

At the Senior Schools' Championship Neil Allen, Keith Quigley and Ben Hanney were individual winners, with Kevin Turner, Deri Hughes, Neil Allen and Keith Quigley winning the relay.

The outstanding all-round athlete who shows great potential is Keith Quigley and his victory in the triple jump at the Lancashire Championship a year young and jumping from behind the board was excellent. Neil Allen has done particularly well also, but the record breaking javelin thrower is now rivalled by the fast developing Chris Lindsay. Deri Hughes is a fine all rounder whose power will make him a good thrower one day, while Ben Hanney and Jamie Sedgewick have improved greatly as middle distance runners and performed well.

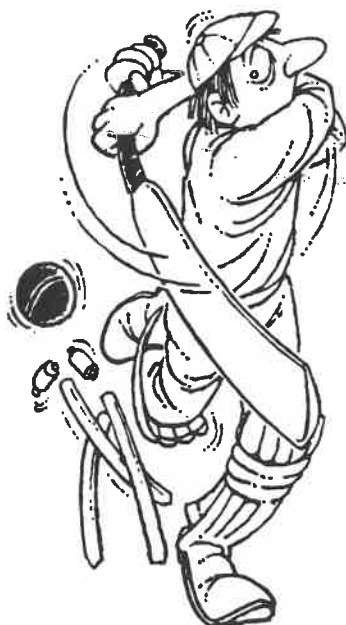
Robert Hills, Neil Wareing, Leif Sergeant, Philip Watkinson and Rajesh Kanda have all supported the team well at all times. Rajesh Kanda possesses much power and will develop into a good shot putter if he can master the technique of the event.

UNDER 13

The development of this team has been hindered most of any team because of the poor summer weather but the team showed much promise. Two matches against K.E Lytham were tied and Arnold were defeated but in the second KES match the strong relay team dropped the baton and was disqualified.

The track athletes did well, with captain David Rees performing well in the middle distance events although his talents spread wider than that. Stefan Ellis did well in the power event. Richard Wilson is an all rounder, Mark Hill a good sprinter, while others who showed potential were David Darroch, Steven Taylor, Andrew Blackley, Thomas Johnson, Richard Wire, Simon Matthews, Arren Perfetti and Thomas Hanney.

B. Gornall



CRICKET

1ST XI

WON: 5 DRAWN: 4 LOST: 2

As can be deduced from the results, this was one of the best ever seasons for a long time. The team improved as the season progressed and the performances supported this.

Despite losing against Hutton in the early summer, we beat Preston College convincingly, with Griffiths scoring 62, Baxendale taking 3 for 19 and Clark 3 for 29. The next three games were all draws against Arnold, Habergham and Clitheroe (some strong opposition). KGS showed determination here and batted valiantly to secure draws.

The match against the touring side from Belfast Royal Academy resulted in a close but well deserved home win. Tight bowling from Baxendale (3 for 35) and good batting by Stewart (37) Clark (22) and Baxendale (21 N.O.) produced a very good game - 100 for 9 and 101 for 9.

We lost to Batley despite a fine 35 by Jeremy Whittle but salvaged a draw against Ormskirk, with Zak Bradley taking 3 for 32 and James Clark 3 for 27. We finished the season with three fine wins. Against the OKA, James Clark was unplayable and took 6 for 12. Griffiths secured his cap with a 59 against KES, ably supported by Stewart, Whittle and Baxendale (all in the thirties), to create a total of 193 for 6. The staff also (for once) were outplayed and easily beaten.

On reflection this was a very pleasing season, resulting from many of the players having been together for a long time in the first team and supporting each other. No individual players can be singled out as they really did mould into a team and showed experience and maturity.

Many thanks to all who contributed to such a successful season.

I. M. Scott

2ND XI

PLAYED: 4 WON: 1 LOST: 3

As an end of term academic report might say, "The expected improvement this season has not materialised".

It was hoped that one of Hutton, King Edward's or Arnold might have been beaten, but, unfortunately, this did not happen and the second eleven were defeated by all three teams. The bowling in these games was nothing spectacular, but in each match an individual player provided a batting performance which was half the team's total. It was Gary Woods against Hutton, a patient Jeremy Whittle at King Edward's and a swash buckling Zak Bradley against Arnold.

The best, however, was left until last and, as last year, victory was snatched from the jaws of defeat against Clitheroe. Despite good opening bowling spells by Basharat Shah and Gary Woods and some good ground fielding, particularly by Kevin Taylor, Clitheroe amassed a total of 105, with the aid of four dropped catches. The first eight KGS batsmen were bowled playing across the line or not moving their feet. Basharat Shah and Gary Woods did provide some powerful, if not text book, hitting and the score reached 72 for 8, defeat at this stage being the likely outcome. However, to quote a well known saying, "Cometh the hour, cometh the man". As last year the man was Chris Taylor, ably assisted by Idris Jama and Chris Reeh and the 34 runs came with two overs to spare.

UNDER 15 XI

PLAYED: 4 WON: 1 LOST: 3

As a result of poor weather it was only possible to play four matches during the summer term. The team had only won two games during the previous three years.

The beginning of the season saw the side lose their first two games comprehensively, however, there was the benefit of a new player Basharat Shah. He quickly became the mainstay of the bowling and made a valuable contribution to the middle order batting.

The only success of the season was a most unlikely victory against QEGS Blackburn. QEGS were limited to 101 from 30 overs and KGS scored the winning run in the last over with 9 wickets down.

After this success the team were disappointed to have their season limited to just one more game, which we unfortunately lost to KES Lytham by 8 runs.

Despite this, the team worked hard and saw their game improve and all enjoyed their cricket.

T.P. Miller.

UNDER 14 XI

PLAYED: 5 WON: 4 LOST: 1

A season unfortunately spoiled by bad weather, with only 5 matches being played. The highlight of the season was the first victory in 3 years - over Ripley St. Thomas.

The solitary defeat was by Hutton G.S. Peter Whittle proved an able captain and promising all-rounder, averaging 20 with bat and 8 with the ball. Nicholas Hopton and Jonathan Reeh were top wicket takers, with their leg spin and off spin respectively.

UNDER 13 XI

It was clear from the first practice that the under 13 XI were cast in the mould of David Gower. Track-suits, press-ups and designer stubble were nowhere to be seen. A smarter set of white-clad cricketers you would be hard pressed to find. When the sun shone, the question of "wrap-around sunglasses" was raised. Tradition was maintained and the shades never appeared. "Warpaint" was given a similar snub. The only blot on an otherwise admirable season was the unfortunate entrance of American baseball caps, a matter currently being examined. The under 13's style of play, too, reflected the influence of Gower - casual yet effective. The main scorers were: P. Watkinson, reliable and often deadly, and K. Quigley who revelled in the big hit. Wicket-takers of note were M. Roberts, R. Hills and P. Watkinson, a penetrating trio combining speed, swing and spin. Above all, the attitude of the gentleman embodied the spirit of the game. When it came, victory was sweet, but the game was played for the game's sake. The number-crunchers may scoff, but the purists and lovers of the game can take heart.

M.P. Melling.



WINTER 1993/94 RUGBY

1st XV

P: 19 W: 8 L: 11 F: 308 A: 340

SPANISH TOUR

P: 3 W: 3 L: 0 F: 122 A: 10

TOTAL

P: 22 W: 11 L: 11 F: 430 A: 350

Before the start of the season it was felt that the team would find the season hard, but from the first moment the squad showed great enthusiasm and despite the captain not playing until the eighth match, a great improvement was shown during the season. One first XV winger from last season did not play until after Christmas, another missed all the season and the biggest lock made his debut in the sixteenth match. The first choice team was never available all season. These absences did not help the development of the squad, but most of the matches were so close they could mostly have been won if correct tactics had always been employed. The enthusiasm and commitment of the team owed a great deal to the character of the senior players as a whole and to the captain Antony Carpenter and vice-captain Daniel Cartwright in particular. They were most enthusiastic, committed and mature leaders and were a fine example to younger players. This improvement culminated in the victory over Arnold which was a fine achievement as the upper sixth had lost by over fifty points every year as juniors.

It is unfortunate that too often more under sixteen players than is desirable are part of the senior squad as they find it very hard playing in that age group until they become older. They could benefit by playing under sixteen rugby, but if good players who could play first or second fifteen rugby stop playing in the sixth form, this means the younger players have to be pushed into the senior group to fill the gaps.

The side's spirit meant that it pulled together as a team and even when less than fifty per cent possession was gained, it defended stoutly on most occasions. The front row of Matthew Wildig, Antony Carpenter and Damian Guy were solid in the scrum, with Antony Carpenter adapting to his new position as hooker very well. All contributed greatly to the loose play. No second row dominated the line out until James Woodsell made his debut but Mark Grey developed well in his new position after converting from full back and John Dickinson showed great strength in the scrums, rucks and mauls. Richard Wareing performed outstandingly at Number 8 despite prop being his best position, Daniel Cartwright covered the ground relentlessly and played above his weight, while Kevin McGlary steadily improved as a flanker. Lee Halliday showed class at times at scrum half, while Zak Bradley possessed good hands, an excellent goal and line kick and could be a penetrative runner when choosing the correct moment to run. The centres, Iain Acton and Graham Miller, defended well, ran straight and set up mauls over the gain line, while Alastair Ward, Peter Coventry and Jeremy Whittle all possessed sufficient pace to be a threat to any defence.

The highlight of the season for me happened on tour, the tour report appearing elsewhere. Christian Bonar, who was severely injured in a non-rugby related incident over a year ago, was finally given clearance to play at the end of the season after he had trained all season in the hope he would be allowed to play. He scored a try in the first match which must have been like scoring at Twickenham

to him. There is no doubt the senior players set an example of commitment to the others in the squad.

I wish to thank the captain Antony Carpenter and vice-captain Daniel Cartwright for performing their duties as listed above and to Jeremy Whittle for carrying out his secretarial duties so efficiently. He and Richard Wareing have been selected for the Wairarapa exchange and will be excellent ambassadors for K.G.S., Lancashire and England both on and off the field, I am sure.

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

LANCASHIRE U18XV SQUAD

Z. BRADLEY

R. WAREING

LANCASHIRE U16XV

J. DORAHY

FULL COLOURS

A. R. CARPENTER

R. WAREING

M. R. WILDING

HALF COLOURS

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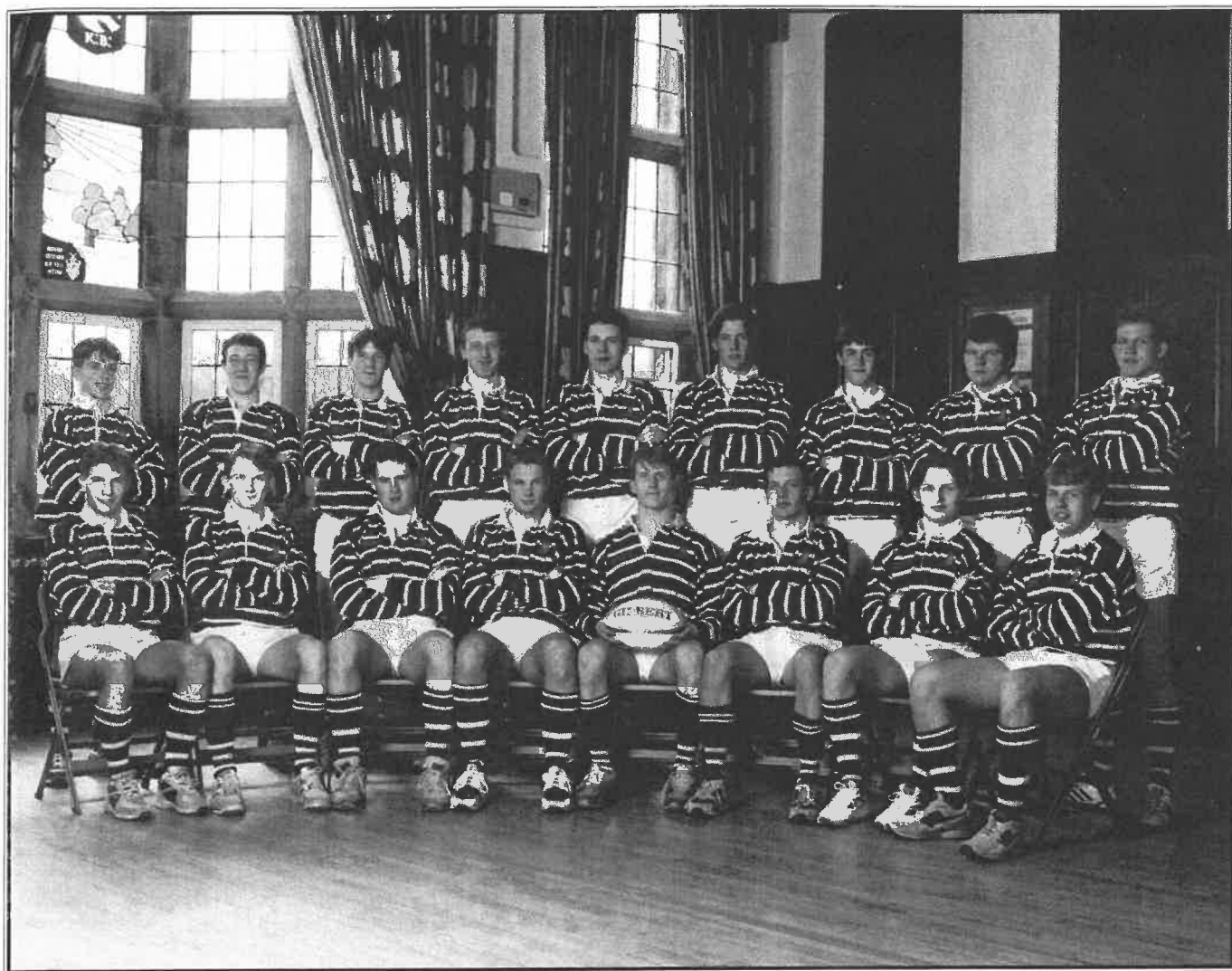
D. W. CARTWRIGHT

D. GUY

J. P. J. WHITTLE

B. Gornall





The First XV

2ND XV

P: 18 W: 5 L: 13 F: 154 A: 386

Knowing the limited number of sixth form players available to play in the senior teams, it was anticipated that rather more inexperienced fifth formers than usual would have to be blooded very early in the season. This proved to be the case and, with the opposition generally fielding more experienced players, there was not an easy game in the whole season. It would also probably be fair to say that, despite the efforts of the coaching staff, the fitness level of some players was lower than that of their opponents and as a result they struggled to get to the breakdown in play as a unit and secure possession of the ball.

Having won the first game against Morecambe, thanks to three opportunist tries by David Pollard, the next victory was against King William College on the Isle of Man in December. This was after a very rough crossing, which left a number of players looking green around the gills, so there must be a moral there somewhere! In between, the team put up a good performance against the Kirbie-Kendal first fifteen and with a little more luck the games against King Edward's and St. Bee's could have been won.

The others ended in comprehensive defeats. It was during this period that the injury voodoo struck again. We were due to play at Lancaster and on Friday lunchtime there were only thirteen fit players for the match. Fortunately, Kim Monaghan, who had not played for three years, offered to play on the wing and Simon Barnes, who had returned to resit a GCSE exam, was persuaded to play to complete the team and fulfil the fixture. My thanks are due to both for helping out in our hour of need.

Throughout the season the team tried hard and played enthusiastically, despite the adverse results. Their efforts were rewarded at the end of the season, when the last three games against Penrith, Stockport and Hutton were all won. Hopefully these performances will be remembered in the future and next season the team will start where they left off this season, as many players have improved considerably.

Andrew Thompson accepted the daunting task of captaining the side and he did it with considerable enthusiasm and humour. He is to be congratulated on the way in which he led the side.

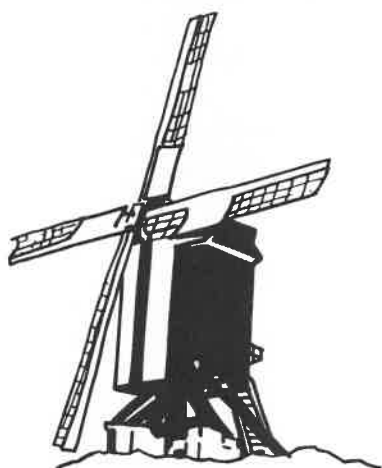
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UNDER 15 XV

P: 23 W: 12 D: 1 L: 10

The season of promise unfulfilled. At full fitness this side was capable of beating the best. However, it is much to the credit of the squad that through injury and illness, the team has played with enthusiasm.

An early season win over Cowley H.S showed the talent, but then injury struck. From early October to January, Baines, Bradley, Bateman, Cuthbertson, Howie, Law and Ledsham were missed. During this period many matches which should have been won were lost. Often the scores were close, which reflects well on the influence of captain Chris Blackburn who kept his side going no matter what the handicap. By December only Bradley and Law were still out and the win at Kirkbie-Kendal became the turning point of the season. This was followed by a successful tour to Wales.

I must give a special mention to the pack who have given their all in difficult circumstances. Adam Baines, Chris Blackburn and Ben Davies have been outstanding in both attack and defence. The front row of Paul Scott, Jon Carpenter and Mark Ledsham have laid a solid foundation, while Andrew Kelso and James Cuthbertson have gained in confidence as scrumagers and lineout forwards.

The backs have struggled most of the season, due to the injuries of the talented pair of Jay Bradley and Philip Law. However, stand-off Philip Reeves has contributed over a hundred points and has turned matches with his accurate boot. Scrum half Richard Tomlinson has been a delight to watch and many other coaches and spectators have complimented him on his performances. I have been impressed with the progress of centre Philip Bateman, who in the later part of the season has been outstanding, while Mark Harrison has also improved and is a vital member of the backline.

I have already mentioned the outstanding form of the forwards, but by the time we played Stonyhurst College, the backline was at full strength. This was the performance of the season, tackle after tackle was made and Philip Reeves and Richard Tomlinson took their chances and a superb win was achieved. The team suddenly became confident and the rugby being played was of the highest standard, with the ball being spread wide. Winger Philip Law claimed eight tries in three matches. Excellent wins against Q.E.G.S. Penrith and Stockport G.S followed.

I have had great pleasure in coaching this side over the last three years and I wish them well in future. I am sure they will develop into a fine senior side, the greatest loss for me lies in being unable to see them play next year.

Finally, many thanks to the many parents who have supported us throughout the season and especially to Mr. Richard Blackburn for all his help with transport.

A special mention must also be made of our sponsors, Somic PLC and Wescot Garages, Leyland for supplying our team shirts.

Congratulations are due to the following boys:-

North Lincs U15	Lancashire U15
Adam Baines	Jon Carpenter
Ben Davies	Ben Davies
Mark Ledsham	Mark Ledsham
Jon Carpenter	
Andrew Kelso	
Chris Blackburn	

A. E. Trenhaile

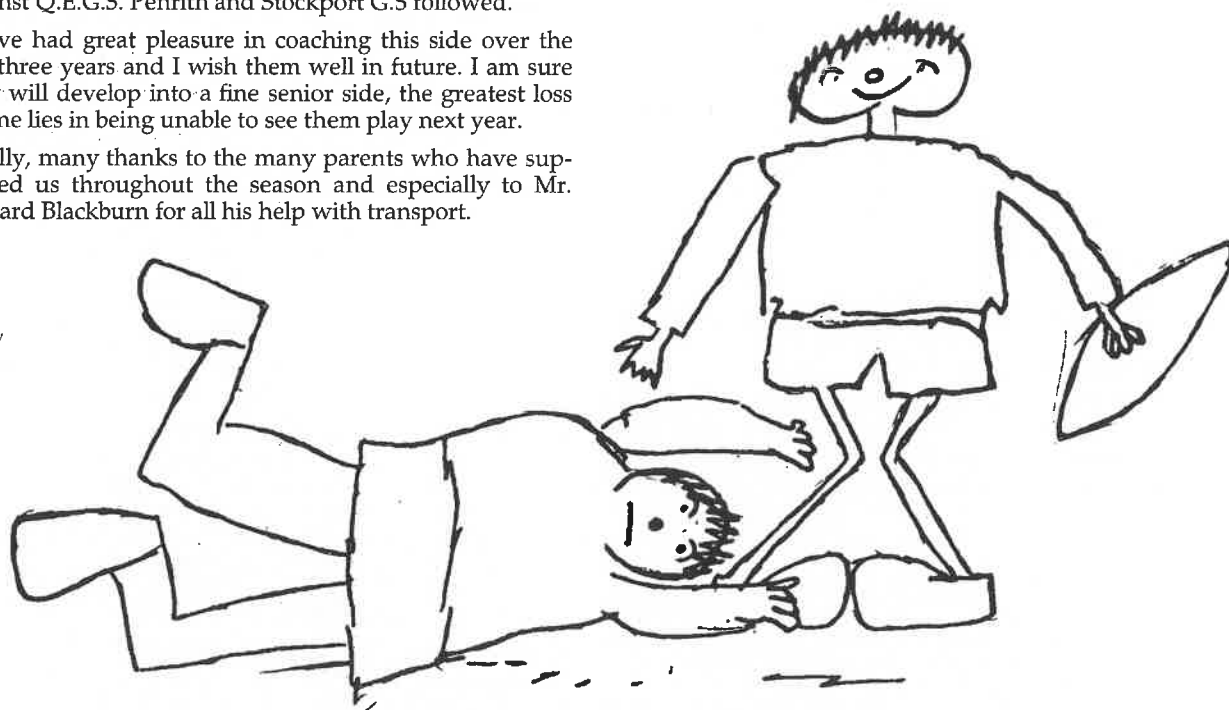
UNDER 14 XV

P: 17 W: 6 L: 11

Fresh from a summer's break, the under 14s began the season with spirit, confidence and determination. After a satisfying victory against Morecambe, all seemed set for a winter of success. Sadly, early promise was not fulfilled. A thrashing at the hands of Lancaster R.G.S. was demoralising but excusable, given the absence of several key players. Even more demoralising was the surrender to Kendal. There was no excuse for this one.

The New Year saw little improvement until the encounter with the mighty Stonyhurst. The result was defeat, but K.G.S played with grit and courage. The Stonyhurst coach was full of praise for the Churchillian attitude of a team battling against the odds. Indeed, the remainder of the season was a similar story, culminating in a well deserved win against St. Wilfrid's, Blackburn. Overall, the results demonstrated just how much the team relied on a handful of players, above all D. Hughes the captain, and K. Quigley. Nevertheless, it has been pleasing to see the emergence of new faces R. Uttley and particularly J. Leigh, a strong and fearless competitor. Finally, thanks to the parents who regularly turned up to support their boys with enthusiasm and stoicism.

M.P. Melling



UNDER 13 XV

P21 W11 D0 L10 For 259 Against 248

An entertaining if somewhat erratic rugby season. The boys made a sound start to the season, away at Morecambe, winning 12-0. Right from the outset, I was aware that underneath all the razmataz and showbiz appearance, there were genuine signs of skill and potential. However, the following Saturday brought the players right down to earth with a bang! With the arrival of Cowley, I assessed the size and width of the opposition and wondered if it was St Helens second XV who were at Fylde that afternoon and were possibly lost. Worse was to come. We were even on the first XV pitch! Cowley were quite simply big, hard, powerful and very skillful. They played fast flowing rugby, very much league orientated, and totally overwhelmed the Kirkham (not so street wise) team, winning 42-5. The Kirkham forwards spent most of their time tackling themselves, and the backs were no quicker to tackle their own shadows, never mind Cowley's equivalent to Martin Offiah on the wing.

The weekend of 25/26/27 September took us, via Manx Airlines in a "1940 Dakota" to the Isle of Man, accompanied by the popular Ray Noble for a prestigious 4 nation tournament. After the Cowley experience I had reservations about the task ahead. However, we won three matches and the team looked upon the experience favourably. I was also made more aware of our weaknesses. But Wilson, Hill and Worsley displayed signs of what was available in the marketing department. We suffered one heavy defeat against the hosts and eventual winners, King William's College. They were very much a multi-national side who proved to be just a little too strong for us, winning 30-0. They had a Chinese winger who was faster than my old 1968 BSA Bantam, and a Malaysian tight head prop who made Inga Tuigamala look positively small! I realised at this relatively early stage of the season that if we were to achieve any sort of success, then the forwards and backs would have to start playing together.

In the months of October and November we encountered the likes of St. Anselm's, Wirral G.S., King's Macclesfield and Lancaster, none of whom are lacking in commitment on the rugby field. We won the first two narrowly, but our performances against the latter two were quite superb, even though we lost narrowly on both occasions. Commitment, determination, and above all enthusiasm oozed out from all the players. The back row of Blackley, Ellis and Perfetti were becoming quite a formidable and fearsome unit, whilst Hanney and Redmayne were beginning to impose their authority in the front row and were making excellent progress in the highly skilled and much respected positions of loose and tight head prop.

We were now beginning to display signs of the skill level and talent that was available from this particular year group. In December Ripley St Thomas arrived and the first XV pitch was available again. The team won 47-0, taking Ripley St Thomas to the cleaners in every department. Johnson, the captain and hooker, was inspirational as ever and at last I had found a link to forge the forwards and backs together - my new scrum half, Ross Melling. He was like a little terrier, bossing and directing the forwards all over the field, whilst releasing the ball to the backs at every golden moment. His partner and stand off, Worsley, displayed great vision and understanding.

Wilson and Hill, and the two wingers, Stewart and Watters, tore through the Ripley defence without mercy. The two centres were eventually beginning to bear fruit, their strength and power, at last, were being displayed at every possible opportunity.

The following Saturday we entertained Kirbie Kendall at Fylde R.F.C. Again the opposition was outplayed and outclassed. The team won 35-0, with most notable

performances from my two locks - Brownlow and Mathews, two quiet but very determined and courageous characters. I had also found a new forward, extremely mobile, utterly ruthless and totally fearless - David Rees.

The Christmas holidays were to play a key part in turning what was becoming a highly tuned and extremely mobile rugby squad into an assortment of out of date vegetables.

Manchester G.S followed in Cowley's footsteps and gave us our second drubbing, 35-0. Irrespective of the fact that their number eight was larger in frame than Dean Richards, we still failed to compete in all areas of the field. Our pack was as mobile as a combined harvester and the backs for all their physical contact might as well have taken up table tennis. The following Saturday was Stonyhurst, so drastic measures were needed within the next seven days.

That week we trained every lunchtime and every evening both on stamina and technical weaknesses. The boys excelled themselves in all areas. We eventually lost the match 10-0, with two late tries. However, our temperament and attitude were superb. During the first half the boys were camped continuously inside Stonyhurst's 22 metre, but were unable to take the advantage. The boys gave an excellent display of schoolboy rugby. They ran the ball at every opportunity and tackled ferociously like a pack of wolves. Whatever was to occur for the remainder of the season, I was delighted and thrilled over their performance against Stonyhurst. It was a remarkable achievement against such a pedigree outfit.

Irrespective of the result, we were now on a roll. We went to Morecambe midweek and thrashed them 27-0. Six days later our final match of the season was upon us - Hutton G.S at home. The first XV pitch was available once more, and the boys were more than physically and mentally prepared. This was the big one. Within 8 minutes, we were two tries up. Stewart had decided to give us one of his rare displays of innovative back play. Wire was once again back with us after a long absence through injury and Wilson, Hill, Worsley and Melling were so much in unison, I had to pinch myself in case it was a dream. We won the fixture 26-0. A long hard season was now at a close. It is just a pity it took so long to get the boys to play to the level of ability they were capable of.

Straight after the Hutton fixture, 24 boys fell through the doors of the Deep Pan Pizza Co for the end of season team dinner. The staff there will not forget that evening too soon - in fact neither will I! Blackley, my openside flanker, won Player of the Year, with Wilson the under 13 Lancashire full back coming runner up.

R. Taylor

UNDER 12 XV

'A' TEAM P: 12 W: 6 D: 0 L: 6

'B' TEAM P: 3 W: 1 D: 0 L: 2

With only 40 boys in the year to choose from it is a tremendous compliment in itself that we are able to field two full sides with players all of whom can compete at a most competent level. It is a real shame, therefore, that appalling weather conditions have limited the 'A' Team to only twelve fixtures and the 'B' Team to three. Nevertheless, the squad continued to train hard and enjoy every outing, no matter what the result.

We arrived at the end of the Autumn Term unbeaten, with notable victories over St Anselm's, St Bee's and several under 13 invitation sides. The Spring Term began with four narrow defeats that could have been won with a little more determination shown by our side. We then went on to gain victories over QEGS Penrith and Stockport Grammar School, but lost our final match against our local rivals, King Edward's Lytham. The 'B' Team lost heavily to Arnold, came back to beat Stockport

in the last minute and then lose in the last minutes to King Edward's.

The squad as a whole are tremendously talented. Their running and handling skills are probably the best that we have seen at this level for many years. As they grow and gain in fitness, strength and confidence they will undoubtedly be a formidable force. The back division are very impressive to watch, with Adam Watts, Ross Williams and John Pearson forming the main attack and Philip Hendy being outstanding in defence. Up front, 'Billy' Boyle and Paul Johnson have battled hard and Paul Norman hooked well. James Cross has been invaluable and Roger Anderton has a heart ... 'as big as the sky over Kirkham'... In the 'B' Team, Lester Short and Ben Hale have shown much talent and Ryan Appleyard and Chris Ewing have come on through real effort and determination, for which I commend them most highly,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents for their constant support and extend a special thank you to Whittle Robinson of Preston for their sponsorship.

P. Smith

The Under 12 XV



SUMMER 1994 ATHLETICS

SENIORS

LANCASHIRE U20 CHAMPIONSHIP

Lee Halliday	110m Hurdles	1st
Richard Wareing	Shot	1st
Alastair Ward	100m	1st
James Woodsell	Discus	2nd

SENIOR SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP 3rd

Winners

Mark Grey	Discus	
Richard Wareing	Shot	
Alastair Ward	100metres	
Steven Kelly, David Pollard, Peter Coventry, Alastair Ward		4x100m Relay

Colours:

Richard Wareing
Mark Grey, Alastair Ward

Half-colours:

Peter Coventry

There are many fine athletes in the senior team at the moment. Five school matches were won and only one lost in the short period of time before study leave starts. It was hoped to win the Senior Schools Championship, but lack of quality middle distance runners meant that in some events insufficient points were scored.

Alastair Ward's performance of 10.9 seconds in the Lancashire Schools Under 20 100m championships was an outstanding achievement. He is an under 18 and he did well to gain selection for the Lancashire team to compete in the English Schools' Championships. All members of the team performed with enthusiasm and determination.

UNDER 17

LANCASHIRE U17 CHAMPIONSHIP

John Woods	Javelin	7th
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No matches were won this term but team members tried hard. Special mention should be made of Alex Fallon in the High and Triple Jumps, and Michael Yeung, who performed well in the Hurdles, John Woods showed flashes of potential in the javelin, while Bryn Hughes and Richard Elliott performed well in the throwing and jumping events respectively.

UNDER 16

LANCASHIRE U16 CHAMPIONSHIP

Mark Ledsham	400m	2nd
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SENIOR SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP 2nd

Winners:

Mark Ledsham	200m, 400m.	
Ben Davies, Kevin Turner, Keith Quigley, Mark Ledsham		4x100m Relay

One match was won and one lost in the only matches which took place. Nevertheless, despite this the team improved considerably and nearly won the Senior Schools' Championship which was a big improvement on last year. Mark Ledsham was outstanding in the sprints, his finest achievement being second place in the Lancashire Under 16 400 metre final. Steven Howie, Ben Davies, Phillip Bateman, Damian Atkinson, James Cuthbertson, Jay Bradley, Philip Law, Andrew Kelso and Stuart Melling all performed well at times.

UNDER 15

LANCASHIRE U15 CHAMPIONSHIP

Keith Quigley	Triple Jump	1st
Kevin Turner	100m	3rd
Neil Allen	Javelin	4th

SENIOR SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP Joint 1st

Winners:

Kevin Turner	100m	
Keith Quigley	400m	
Ben Hanney	800m	
Chris Lyndsay	High Jump	
Kevin Turner, Rajesh Kanda, Chris Lyndsay, Keith Quigley		4x100m Relay

There are many fine athletes in this team, as can be seen from the above results. Their matches were reduced in number, but were won. Two fine athletes, Deri Hughes and Neil Allen were injured for most of the season. Despite these drawbacks, the team was joint first in the Senior Schools' Championship. Kevin Turner and Chris Lyndsay were the most improved athletes in the team, both being fine examples to others with their enthusiasm and commitment. Keith Quigley won the Lancashire Triple Jump Championship for the second year and was selected to represent Lancashire in the English Schools' Athletics Championships. Ben Hanney performed well in the middle distance events, while Chris Fox improved greatly in the Long Jump.

I have every confidence that next year they will have an outstanding season.

UNDER 14

SENIOR SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP 2nd

Winner:

David Rees 800m

Andrew Worsley, David Rees,

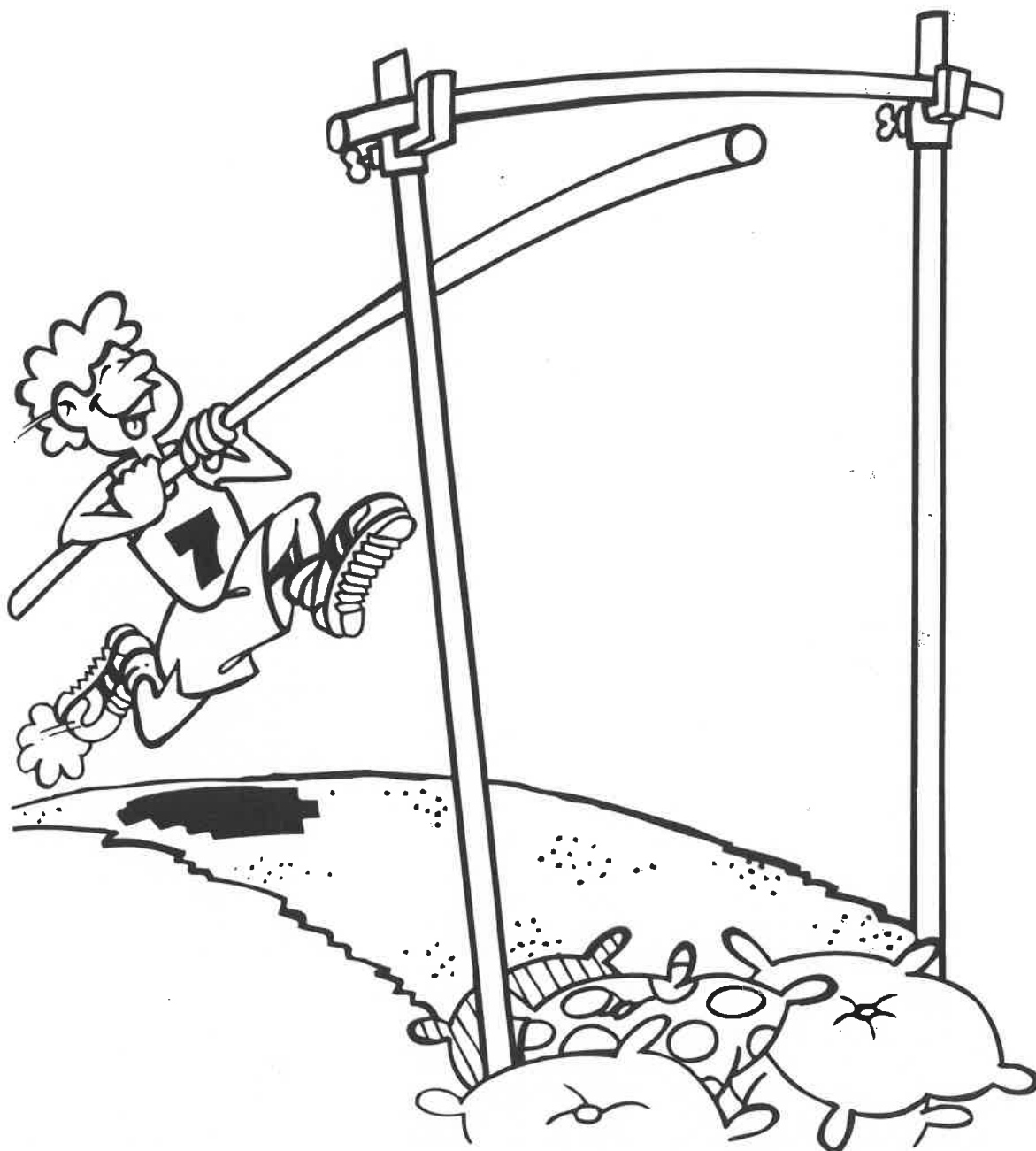
Chris Stewart, Mark Hill, 4x100m Relay

Four matches were played and although only one match was won I feel heartened about this team as the athletes performed well and the three defeats were close ones to very strong sides. The track section of the team is very strong, with David Rees in the 400m and 800m and Mark Hill in the sprint proving to be outstanding. The field event performances are developing and the team performed well at the Senior Schools' Championships to finish second. Others who performed well were Richard Wilson, Andrew Blackley, Chris Stewart, Tom Johnson, Arran Perfetti, Stefan Ellis, Simon Matthews, Thomas Hanney and Steven Taylor.

UNDER 13

This team did not enter any championship but won four out of five school matches, the only defeat being by our strongest opponents by the narrowest of margins.

Many athletes have gained success and shown potential. Gareth Rees performed excellently in the Hurdles, Sprint and Triple Jump, Adrian Watts in the Discus and 400m, John Kirby in the High Jump and Sprint, William Roberts in the Shot, Samuel Smith in the Middle Distance events and Long Jump, John Pearson in all field events. Others to show promise were Gareth Eves, Ben Hale, Ross Williams, Robin Gemmell, Paul Norman, Thomas Russell and Jonathan Peel.



GIRLS' GAMES

Some few years ago now, on my arrival at Kirkham Grammar School, I recall writing a P.E. report for the school magazine where I expressed my hopes for the future. I envisaged a Girls' P.E. Department that could field teams at every age group in our major winter and summer sports and achieve results that would compare admirably with our local strongest rivals and much larger schools across the North West.

This season has seen the realisation of one of my major ambitions, as the girls of KGS have taken on the very best in the major winter sport of hockey and experienced success so far unrecorded. The teams from U12 to Senior first XI have played more hockey than ever before, at a greater standard than ever before, with greater commitment than ever before, and I, and many others, are very proud of their achievements.

For the first time the first XI have remained unbeaten for a whole thirty-seven match season. They have played some of the top hockey schools, producing some wonderful hockey and a goal scoring record that any team would be proud of. For the first time, too, the school lifted that most prestigious of awards, the under 19 Lancashire County Tournament. Their success is due to excellent coaching but equally vital has been the girls' natural individual flair, their enthusiasm for the game and a good deal of that indefinable ingredient that creates a harmony and togetherness in a team; they work for each other. This season they have served as perfect role models for our younger players.

The First XI with the Lancashire Schools' Trophy



SUMMER 1993 TENNIS

The sport of tennis at KGS is still in its infancy. Summer 1993 saw only the second season of the use of our astro turf facilities, providing our players with ten tennis courts for those short weeks of the summer term. Nevertheless, the standard of tennis has seen some small improvement this year as the department endeavoured to develop regular coaching sessions and arrange fixtures both after school and on Saturday mornings for all age groups.

Although our results against our strong rivals on the Fylde remain somewhat disappointing, there has been a real improvement in our results over all. The younger teams lead the way, which is encouraging, for it is to them we must look for further progress in the future.

The improved match record was complemented by some fine achievements by individuals in both the Midland Bank competitions, league and county tournaments. For the first time both our U13 and U15 teams made the later stages of the regional Midland Bank competition and Nicky McKay and Nicola Greensmith were runners up in the U15 Lancashire Doubles tournament. The final was a nail biting affair; KGS did have match point, but our pair finally conceded after a tie-break. Vicky Ratcliffe deserves congratulations for her consistency throughout the season, whilst players Dawn Blackburn and Charlotte Bancroft did themselves great credit working hard at their game and making excellent progress. Several girls in the first year gave of their own time to support a Tennis Play Day organised by our local tennis association aimed at promoting the game. They enjoyed the day and hopefully they will be inspired to master the difficult skills that tennis presents.

Encouragingly, all these girls were just a handful of a larger group attending a course run by the LTA Grass Roots Scheme. KGS was chosen as a pilot school for this scheme which aims to promote tennis. As a result we were afforded the experience of Bruce Garner, a local LTA tennis coach. The course, valuable as it was, can only be looked upon as a starting point. Our girls were complimented on their attitude and approach to the game and this must bode well for the future. We hope to continue this venture under our own auspices next summer.

Whilst our players were impressing the local tennis coach, the school and its facilities were attracting the interest of other schools in the county. With such a large number of first class all weather courts, it seemed appropriate that we should offer to host county tennis tournaments. My thanks go to Miss Walsh and Mr. Rushton who helped the department to run three major events: the U13 boys singles, the U13 girls singles and the U15 girls doubles. Visitors were most complimentary about our courts and the efficient organisation of the competitions. No doubt the venue will be in demand next year!

Finally, my thanks go to the tennis coaches who ran sessions on Friday afternoons throughout the summer term for forty of our boys and girls who showed an interest and enthusiasm for tennis.

In total, many have worked hard to raise the standard of tennis in the school, and importantly, have enjoyed doing so. Let us hope our hard work is rewarded in the future.

J. Taylor.

TENNIS RESULTS '93 SNR VI

8 May	v	LGGS 2nd VI	won 6-3
8 May	v	Lancaster G.G.S	lost 5-1
15 May	v	Morecambe	lost 5-0
19 May	v	Rossall	lost 6-0
19 May	v	Arnold	lost 4-2
5 June	v	Collegiate	Match abandoned - rain
30 June	v	Arnold	won 6-0

P: 6 W: 2 L: 4

U15's

4 May	v	Garstang (league)	won 5-1
10 May	v	Carr Hill (league)	won 6-0
8 May	v	Lancaster GGS	won 6-3
15 May	v	Morecambe H.S.	won 7-1
17 May	v	Ripley, Lancaster (league)	won 6-0
22 May	v	Ripley	won 8-0
12 June	v	U15 Lancs Doubles T'ment at KGS	KGS losing finalists after a tie break to Westholme.

5 July	v	Arnold	lost 6-2
25 June	v	St Michaels H.S. Chorley	Semi-finals of the Midland Bank Championship

KGS lost 5-1

P: 8 W: 6 L: 2

U14's

8 May	v	Lancaster G.G.S.	won 5 1/2 - 3 1/2
15 May	v	Morecambe	won 5-3
22 May	v	Ripley, Lancaster	won 10-6
12 June	v	QMS	lost 6-3
22 June	v	Garstang	won 9-0
	v	Arnold	lost 7-1
	v	Rossall	lost 7-1

P: 7 W: 4 L: 3

U13's

4 May	v	Carr Hill H.S. (league)	won 6-2
10 May	v	Lancaster GGS	won 9-0
15 May	v	Morecambe H.S	won 8-3
17 May	v	Ripley (league)	won 5-3
22 May	v	Ripley U14's	won 10-2
12 June	v	Queen Mary	lost 6-3
21 June	v	Bishop Rawsthorne 1/4 finals of Midland Bank Championship	lost 6-2
22 June	v	Garstang	won 9-0
	v	Arnold	won 7-1

P: 9 W: 7 L: 2

U12's

15 May	v	Lancaster GGS	won 8-2
22 May	v	Ripley	drew 10-10
22 June	v	Garstang	won 9-0
	v	Rossall	lost 7-2
	v	Arnold	lost 5-3

P: 5 W: 2 L: 2 D: 1

WINTER 1993/94

HOCKEY

1st XI

What a fabulous season. The record is well worth repeating. Played 40 - Won 33, Drawn 7, Lost 0. Goals For 148, Goals Against 8. Yes, unbeaten! Congratulations girls, a record that can only be equalled! In that record are three wins each over Queen Mary's, Arnold, Rossall and Preston College and two wins over Yorkshire's best of Bradford G.S and Wakefield G.S.! I am sure there is no other school in the country that can boast such a record and there is no doubt that Kirkham on this form are probably the best girls' hockey team in the country. I am delighted that you won the prestigious Lancashire U19's trophy, beating Arnold in the semi final and Queen Mary's in the final. Only goal difference denied us victory in the Barclays competition and a penalty stroke shoot-out in the Widnes Tournament. In all these competitions we were never beaten.

The team was led by example by Jenny Cuthbert, who is the best all round player Kirkham has produced. Her work rate in every game was fantastic and her ability on the ball is second to none. She was ably supported by her senior professionals - Vice Captain, Charlotte Mellor and Chief Organiser, Alex Hill. Once we had got Charlotte over her early season injuries, her right-wing play was a joy to watch and Alex just got better and better as the season went on. Well done to you both. Our defence was expected to be our weakness as every experienced player had left. Far from it. Our 'new girls' only conceded eight goals in forty games and never more than one in a single game. That is defending at its best. Gayle Forder is a fine agile goalkeeper who does not make mistakes. Every goal she conceded was like a personal tragedy. Wairarapa are getting a super goalie, but only on loan! Joanne Allison is an ideal sweeper, very quick and with a strong tackle. We had a few problems with nerves at times (but who didn't?) but like all good players she soon overcame them.

Our wing-halves were outstanding. Sally Evans and Caroline Bradley had terrific seasons. Caroline's performance against Altrincham was brilliant and Sally's consistency was a strength to the team. Have a good time in New Zealand, Sally. Tracy Leigh was the final member of our defence. Tracy was our engine room at centre half and what a good job she made of it. She would help out in defence, support the attack and still have time to score some super goals. She is a natural reader of the game, being in the right position at the right time and is an asset to any side.

At inside left Kate McArdle and Ruth Blackburn shared the games and both had some outstanding games and showed the depth of talent our squad possessed. Ruth's strength and Kate's flair helped us have a balanced side and both scored important goals.

For any team to be successful it has to have a striker who

scores goals, so weren't we lucky to have two! Elizabeth Wilcock and Nicky McKay were outstanding. Both averaged over a goal a game. Liz is an ideal centre forward. She gets in on the goalkeeper where the action is and puts the ball in the net. Nicky prefers to score hers by starting a bit further out (often in her own half!) It takes a lot of talent to do that and Nicky has a lot of talent. She will be an outstanding player in the years to come.

My thanks to the second XI players who stepped in and substituted on various occasions and to our New Zealanders, Nicki and Tanya who were a credit to Wairarapa College and an asset to our side.

Thank you all, girls, for the hard work you have put into your hockey. It is a lovely reward to Mrs Taylor and myself when you produce the wonderful results you have done and a great advertisement for Kirkham Grammar School.

Finally, a thank you to Ron Forder for his excellent umpiring throughout the season and an even bigger thank you to our loyal band of supporters who turned out in all weathers, home and away, to support our girls. What a superb season we were all treated to. See you in July at the World Cup.

A. Blackburn (Coach)

2ND XI

P: 19 W: 12 D: 3 L: 4 F: 47 A: 9

A very good season saw the team produce some excellent performances including a number of victories against first XI's from other schools and dominate matches against Rossall, Bradford G.G.S. and Wakefield H.S.

As ever the main purpose of the second XI is to develop players for the first XI and a number of players progressed to the higher level.

The team were beset by injuries but despite this I was pleased by the general standard of play. Throughout the season they played to a pattern and played simple and effective hockey.

In attack Shula Swift and Ruth Blackburn were top scorers, whilst Sandra Renga showed that given consistency she has potential as a winger with pace. In midfield and defence Emma Gyles, Katy Smith, Helen Beardsmore, Lisa Backhouse and Clare Phillips were dominant, all showing good potential at this level.

Finally, I must thank Gail Wilson (captain), Caroline Ashcroft (v-captain), Suzanne Morris (goal keeper) and Rachel Chant. All played well throughout the season and as senior players showed by example and encouragement how the game should be played. Suzanne must be the best second XI goalkeeper in the county as she would walk into most first XI's. All four have, however, been regular players throughout their time at KGS and have contributed to an excellent team spirit.

UNDER 16 XI

The players who form the under 16 team have again found themselves very busy, taking part in the Blackpool Schools' U16 Hockey League, the Lancashire President's Cup Knockout Competition and fixtures on Saturday mornings for the senior first and second XI's.

The season began promisingly for this group, which is one of our smallest squads in the school. Out of a total of fourteen players, no fewer than seven went forward to under 16 Lancashire trials. Of those Janet Phillipson, Ruth Blackburn, Helen Beardsmore and Nicky McKay all earned places in the under 16 Lancashire Squad. Lindsay Hilton was also selected, although she is technically only an under 15 player. Nicky, Ruth and Helen subsequently earned their county colours, and as such deserve our congratulations, playing as they did for the under 16 A & B Lancashire XI's.

The KGS team also entered an under 16 hockey league organised on Wednesdays after school. The league is divided into two divisions. Division one comprises of the best and strongest of the hockey playing schools in the area. Our results were good on the whole; our most unfortunate loss was 2-1 to Queen Mary School in the dying seconds of the game. We finished eventually in the top three - a very creditable effort.

By virtue of a chance draw we also met Queen Mary School in the quarter-finals of the Lancashire President's Cup. This competition is open to every school in Lancashire. KGS handsomely beat Townley School 11-0, Gawthorpe H.S. 5-1, but went down 1-0 to Queen Mary, who went on to become the eventual winners.

Our good fortune deserted us too in the Barclays Bank Championship. After drawing with Queen Mary School, and beating St. Wilfrid's Blackburn, and Rossall, we needed to beat Arnold by a single goal to become Lancashire area winners. Arnold had had a terrible morning's play, but being close rivals pulled out all the stops to keep us out. The result was a goalless draw and we lost the competition to Queen Mary School on goal difference.

In summary, this was a season of "almost theres". The girls have performed well throughout the season and there has been real success for certain individuals. Lisa Backhouse has been a well organised captain, Sandra Renga has shown her star quality on occasion and now needs to be more consistent and Nicky and Ruth have proved themselves as goal scoring machines.

A very pleasing season, then; well done, everyone.

J. E. Taylor

UNDER 15 XI

P: 23 W: 6 L: 8 D: 9 F: 21 A: 21

The team started in high spirit, having had a successful season last year, but were soon startled into realism. The standard had moved on, and things were not going to be easy. The squad that makes up the team is small and there is not a lot of decision making to be made in relation to team selection. Hence, when a player is injured, ill or unavailable the team struggles. It is to their credit that the number of times we had to go outside the squad were very few.

In flashes, the standard of our hockey and the attitude to it, were excellent, but these times were too few. All team members must realise, regardless of their ability, that 100% effort is required all of the time. There are some excellent players in this squad and I hope they continue to work at their game.

My congratulations go to Lyndsey Hilton, who had everything, or nothing, to do, but always coped; Danielle Maxton for her effort and improvement due to hard work; Alison Peters, for running when everyone else had stopped; Kirsty Baxter, for playing the position she was picked for (even when unhappy to do so); Rebecca Rhodes, for her continual effort; Wendy Hitchen, for always being there and finally Alison Loftus, for always giving 110%, even when injured - an example to all.

A.M. Hill

The Under 15 XI



UNDER 14 XI

P: 30 W: 19 L: 7 D: 4

The under 14 hockey team started on very shaky ground. Their coach was off the scene and they lost the first four out of five matches without scoring a single goal!

However, the coach was back in action and when the going got tough, the tough certainly got going!

The team can be commended for their enthusiasm and commitment. They all trained religiously every week in all weathers. The defence was made almost water-tight - only 4 goals got passed them for the rest of the 25 games played this season. This in itself is an outstanding achievement. The forward line was sorted out and knocked into shape and ended up scoring 70 goals after their goalless start.

This come back has been truly deserved, as each player has put in a great deal and clearly reaped the benefits. They are one of the most talented teams I have coached at Kirkham and I am sure they will continue to succeed throughout the school.

They have been a delightful team of girls to be with.

G. Holden

UNDER 13 XI

P: 28 W: 21 L: 4 D: 3

The under 13's have had a very good season indeed. In the early stages they managed to win all of their games but they did not really play together as a team. The tour to Holland was the turning point. They started to believe in themselves as a team and began to play with real enthusiasm, determination and commitment and thus grew in confidence.

Late in the season they played in the Budge Memorial 7-a-side tournament at Rossall, an annual tournament consisting of selected independent schools from across the British Isles.

The girls played superbly, defeating Oswestry 2-0, Buchan 6-0, William Hulme 3-0 and drawing 0-0 with Rossall. Hence, the girls played Mourden Hall in the semi-final and went through to the final on flicks.

We met Arnold in the final and although we dominated the game throughout, we failed to score. After extra time the game went to flicks and unfortunately we lost 3-2. It was an excellent performance by all girls.

Their standard of play and understanding of the game have undoubtedly improved, thus the following girls were selected for the Blackpool Schools' Hockey Development Centre: Jane Kirby, Melanie Spinks, Rachel Grindrod, Celine Hodge and Anna Tomlinson. I expect even more girls to be selected next season. Special mention and congratulations go to Jane Kirby on her selection for Lancashire under 14's.

They are a lively team, full of fun off the pitch and eager to give 100% on the pitch, a real pleasure to coach. My thanks go to Jane Kirby, who has captained the team superbly, and to all the squad who have given everything to their hockey this season. I am very proud of them and look forward to an even more successful season with them next year! Finally, I would like to thank the parents who have supported the team throughout the season.

J. Glover

UNDER 12 A & B TEAMS

Several players began their first year with us having had some hockey tuition. More importantly, a large group of girls started the season with great energy and enthusiasm to do well at their sport. Now as a group they form the under 12 hockey squad and they have played several competitive matches since Christmas. Their first attempts at match play were understandably hesitant; they were beaten by the pace of the game and fervour of their opponents. But very quickly they responded to the situation and in recent weeks have performed very well and recorded some notable wins, principally against Bradford G.G.S., Kirbie Kendal, Stockport G.S., Wakefield G.H.S. and Queen Katherine and a vastly improved performance against Arnold.

At the end of season 7-a-side hockey tournament at Rossall the U12 'A' team remained unbeaten. After two straight wins and three drawn matches they finished runners-up to Rossall School.

Many of the players show great promise for the future. This has been recognised by several persons involved in the coaching and development of hockey. Of these, Marie Birtwistle, Jean Page and Cathy Cooper have devoted time and energy to our girls and I wish to record publicly my thanks to each of them for their considerable expertise in promoting hockey excellence at our school.

The under 12's should do very well in the future - look out for them!

J. E. Taylor

NETBALL UNDER 14

P: 10 W: 2 L: 7 D: 1

This proved to be a mixed season for the under 14 Netball Team. I had higher hopes but the side failed to fulfil their true potential.

However, the girls in the team can be commended for their efforts. I have enjoyed coaching them this season. They all have the skills to play excellent netball and there were some fine individual performances by members of this team.

I hope next season that the team can re-kindle their commitment to the game and not be disheartened by their overall performance this season.

Finally, on behalf of all the team and myself, we will be very sad to see Elspeth leave us this year. She will be missed both on and off the playing field.

Good luck in the future!

G. Holden

UNDER 13

P: 15 W: 14 L: 1 D: 0

The under 13 netball team have had an excellent season, winning every game that they have played except one, the semi-final of the Blackpool and Fylde Netball Tournament.

They have played with enthusiasm and determination throughout the season and have totally outclassed most of their opponents. Their understanding of the game and standard of play have undoubtedly improved and they have continued to prove that they are one of the strongest netballing teams in the Fylde.

At the annual tournament, the girls won their section convincingly, defeating St. Mary's 5-1, Knowle 4-0, Queen Mary 4-1 and Montgomery 4-1. Thus, we met Lytham in the quarter finals and won 6-2. In the semi final we played Hodgson and in the first two minutes we went 3-0 down. However, the girls fought back and with 50 seconds to go we took the lead 4-3. We thought that we had won but Hodgson equalised on the bell. Unfortunately after extra time and sudden death we were extremely unlucky to lose 5-4. The girls certainly gained valuable experience during this tournament and next year they will not only be stronger in terms of skill and understanding but also in temperament.

The girls have worked extremely hard this season and thoroughly deserve their success. I wish to thank Nicky Turner for captaining the team superbly and all the team who have given everything to their netball this season. I am very proud of them and look forward to an even more successful season next year.

Finally, I would like to thank the parents who have supported the team throughout the season.

J.M. Glover

The Under 13 Netball Squad



SUMMER 1994 ATHLETICS

We are fortunate to have some talented girls who perform well at an individual level, but we do not have strength across all disciplines, and this tends to adversely affect us when we consider team results.

Too often success is seen in terms of silver ware for the trophy cupboard, but for me this demeans the efforts of many of our girls who have trained regularly and done their best, but earned themselves nothing but a sense of self-satisfaction. Their efforts this term deserve public recognition.

The Senior Schools Athletics Championships

Open	Fourth
Under 15	Second
Under 14	Fourth

Senior Schools' Champions:

Michelle Mann	: 800m, 400m.
Ayse Ince	: 800m
Catherine Williamson	: High Jump

The Fylde Coast Championships

Under 17	Second
Under 15	Fifth
Under 14	Sixth
Under 13	Eighth

Fylde Coast Champion

Ruth Blackburn - Javelin

All girls deserve hearty congratulations for some superb personal performances.

The Lancashire Schools' Athletics Championships

Ayse Ince, Haidee Macgregor, Chloe Scott, Michelle Mann and Shelley Barnes deserve congratulations on being selected to represent our area at this prestigious meeting.

During the term we have successfully completed fixtures against Rossall, Arnold and Queen Mary Schools, involving girls from first to sixth form age groups. Encouragingly, some of the team results showed a marked improvement on previous seasons; predictably some of our really talented girls were not at all overawed by the opposition and gained first places. It is worth mentioning the endeavours of several of our girls. Shelley Barnes and Michelle Mann not only performed consistently well for KGS, but for the county also; Ruth Blackburn was Fylde Coast Javelin champion; Gillian Harrison, Annabel Wire, Louise Oades and Marie Cowie all deserve special mention.

The time in the summer is short and there is much to learn; often the hurried appearance of fixtures does not allow a thorough enough preparation, given the other pressures of this part of the school year. Nevertheless, I can see real potential in second years, Jane Kirby, Rebecca Kay, Tara Catterall, Sarah Lumsden and in the first year girls like Gemma Swift, Amy Wareing, Annebel Fowden, Kate Westerman, Hannah Newell and Nicola Jones.

Every girl who has been chosen for an athletics match this season has tried her best in competition and conducted herself in the most sportsmanlike way earning herself, and her school, great credit.

J. Taylor

The Girls' Athletic Squad



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TENNIS SENIOR

P: 7 W: 4 L: 3

The girls at the senior end of the school managed to participate in seven matches before the constraints of external examinations forced them to re-order their priorities. They achieved victories against Hutton GS, Blackpool College, Greenlands and Queen Katherine School, but were comprehensively beaten by Westholme. Sally Evans and Nicky McKay proved our most effective pairing this term, demonstrating some good skills on the court. Gail Wilson proved herself to be an effective Captain of Tennis, rallying and organising the seniors and setting an excellent example for the junior players. I thank her for her efforts.

UNDER 15

P: 15 W: 8 L: 5 D: 1

On balance, the team has performed well this summer. The team successfully negotiated the opening rounds of the Midland Bank Competition, and made progress to the semi-finals, having narrowly overcome Queen Mary School in the quarter final. At this level, KGS were dominated by Penwortham High School - we lost the match 6-0. The Penwortham team went on to win the Lancashire round of the competition, so in reality, we were beaten by very talented players. The team did play regularly on Saturday mornings, and did achieve some creditable results, notably against Arnold, Canon Slade and Morecambe. Although we lost to the strong tennis schools Rossall and Westholme, I feel it is fair to say we were more competitive and accomplished than in recent years.

UNDER 14

P: 10 W: 9

This team, ably led by Dawn Blackburn, has been by far the most successful team this summer. Dawn has captained the side in the best way possible, by demonstrating an excellent competitive attitude on the court and achieving some fine wins by dogged determination and tactical application. Her fellow team members have followed her example and recorded some fine wins over Westholme, Arnold, Queen Mary and Lancaster GGS to name but a

few. Refreshingly, this group of girls which includes, Charlotte Bancroft, Chloe Scott, Haidee McGregor, the two Hannahs (Newell and Proffitt) and the two Katherines (Williamson and Johnson) have tried to refine and improve their tennis skills through regular practice and win matches by employing tactical strategies. They have been a delightful group.

UNDER 13

P: 17 W: 6 L: 10 D: 1

The U13 girls have had more opportunities to play tennis than any other group in school. Schools have been able to offer many courts and many players for matches, meaning as many as twelve girls have played competitive matches in this age group. In total their performances have been somewhat disappointing, only a few individuals have played consistently well and given us a glimpse of what can be achieved with concentration and application. Players like Jane Kirby, Anna Tomlinson, Rebecca Kay and Tara Catterall have shown how effective they can be against schools like Garstang, Greenlands and Carr Hill High Schools, but let us see this age group aiming to record wins against the toughest opposition, following the best KGS traditions.

UNDER 12

P: 7 W: 7

The U12 girls have made an excellent start to their careers on the tennis court. Vanessa Walker, Kymberley Peake,

Amy Wareing and Annabel Fowden have appeared in every fixture and proved quite capable girls, but have been ably abetted by a group of first years anxious to 'have a go' at match play. As a year group our first year girls are lively, eager to learn and anxious to succeed. Their future looks very bright and I commend their positive approach.

Finally, I would like to thank those members of staff, particularly Miss Walsh and Mr Rushton, who have supported tennis this term. I appreciate the time they give to us amongst their own hectic schedules.

J. Taylor

Kirkham Grammar School



SWIMMING

No. of Fixtures: 10 W: 9 L: 1 D: 0

One of the most truly remarkable assets about the Kirkham Grammar School swimming team is that half of all school swimmers are also highly motivated club swimmers. At under 12 and under 14 level this figure reaches almost 80%. Not even the likes of Millfield School could better this. This is one of the major factors why the school has lost only one match since the start of the season, and why the under 12s and under 14s have remained unbeaten, thrashing the likes of Lancaster G.S, Arnold, Rossall, Q.E.G.S Blackburn and Hutton. As long as the swimming team inherits and attracts club swimmers, we will always strive to improve on our success.

Even though the foundations of competitive swimming have been well and truly established at Kirkham, there is still much to be done and achieved before we can rest on our laurels. At present, all but one of our many fixtures are away. The staff and management at the local pool are understanding and helpful, but to have full use and access of the facility during peak time (4.30-6.00 p.m.) midweek for home fixtures is almost an impossibility. Hence the reason for the 8 a.m. Friday morning training sessions.

I am also amazed at the commitment and enthusiasm of the majority of school swimmers. When the 8 a.m. Friday morning training sessions were initially introduced eighteen months ago, I could never have foreseen the sessions ever taking off like they have. The winter mornings of ice,

snow, rain, and blustery cold winds have failed to deter the dedicated swimmers.

The attendance at the sessions has gradually improved and there have on occasions been more than forty participants. Even during the winter months numbers generally exceeded twenty.

Amongst all swimming squads it is important, particularly from a coach's point of view, to have quality at the inner core. Kirkham are very fortunate to have Shelley Barnes and Michelle Harrison. Both swimmers have had success at national level, quite an outstanding achievement for both the students and K.G.S.

Irrespective of ability and talent, teams are also made up of individuals who will always give 100%, both in a training and competitive environment and will never let the side down. I would like to mention under this category the likes of Paul Scott, Edward Oldfield, Louise and Kate Oades, Louise Collinge, and all the second year boys' swimming squad. Once again the list is endless, but without their participation the team would not achieve the success it has.

On a final note I would like to thank my two swimming captains, Mark Grey and Suzanne Morris, for their enthusiasm, leadership, and continued support. They too have also played a key part in the team's successes.

R.D. Taylor

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SCHOOL REVIEW 1994

Swimming

The term began well with the U10 and U11 teams (along with the U12 and U13 from the Senior School) winning their fixture against Rossall School. The girls team later took part in the AJIS tournament they swam extremely well, narrowly losing by a point in the final.

Rugby

The U11 rugby team have had a lot of success in the 1993-94 season. They only lost once in their six regular season games, with wins over

Arnold School, St. Anselm's, Pius X and Liverpool College. The season culminated in four tournaments. In these they played 17 matches, winning 10, losing 5 and drawing 2. The most notable success was finishing 5th in the Stoneyhurst 7's tournament.

The U10 and U9 sides won all the games they played, with the U10's beating Chorcliffe, Pius Xth and St. Anselm's twice. The U9's beat Pius Xth 95-0. All thus augurs well for the future!

M. Thomas

Hockey

The U11 hockey team have played in two tournaments this season. The first tournament held at Rossall School saw the team play 6 matches, of which they won 1, drew 3 and lost 2. This was the first time the girls had played as a team and the improvement throughout the matches was excellent.

The AJIS tournament held at Queen Mary School saw the girls gain a place in the semi final, which they unfortunately lost after full time on penalty flicks. A special mention must be made of Vicky Bradley, a super goalkeeper and Vicky Wilson, an excellent goal scorer.

A.M. Kitchen

Netball

The netball teams have played a number of matches this year with great success. Overall they won 5, drew 1 and lost 2. They were placed 3rd in their group at the AJIS tournament in March. We look forward to next year as half of this year's A team will still be with us.

L. Ashton

Athletics

Throughout the summer an athletics club has been running. The hard work at this club was reflected when the U11 and U10 athletes beat Grange School 143 pts to 141 in an inter-school athletics match. This was an excellent performance considering the opponents came from a school nearly 3 times as large as our own.

M. Thomas

Cricket

The summer term allowed a combined U10/U11 team to put their winter training efforts to the test. Although narrowly missing victory in fixtures against Highfield and Chorcliffe schools, the boys managed to display good team work in the field and the beginnings of sound batting techniques. Invaluable experience was also gained in how to combat and overcome those pre-match wobbly knees.

S.J. Milner

Music and Drama

This year has seen both dramatists and musicians in full swing. The school ensemble can now boast up to 50 members and includes Tubular Bells and Timpani, as well as the usual array of orchestral instruments.

At Christmas, the school ensemble celebrated with such numbers as 'Deck the hall', 'Good King Wencelas' and 'Away in a Manger'. Instrumentalists played, 'The Snowman' 'Ski Sunday' and John Holland sang 'All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth'. J4X and J4Y performed a play called, 'The Christmas Photograph', to remind us all that we shouldn't forget people during the festive season. The infants prepared for their first activity and each class prepared a play or a poem. The Infant Recorder group nervously practised for their first performance of 'Andrew mine, Jasper mine'.

The spring term kicked off with the first of hundreds of rehearsals in preparation for the school production of, 'St Kirkhams General Hospital'. This resulted in a spectacular and successful performance, which was enjoyed by all.

The closing term saw Ensemble working towards the school "Summer Fair" and the "Prize-giving evening". "Skye Boat Song" was the major work and was played with a very beautiful musical lilt. We look forward to next year and new musicians!

L. Taylor

Cross Country

In March the U10 and U11 girls ran in the AJIS Cross Country Championships. Superb performances by all meant KGJS won..

Shadows

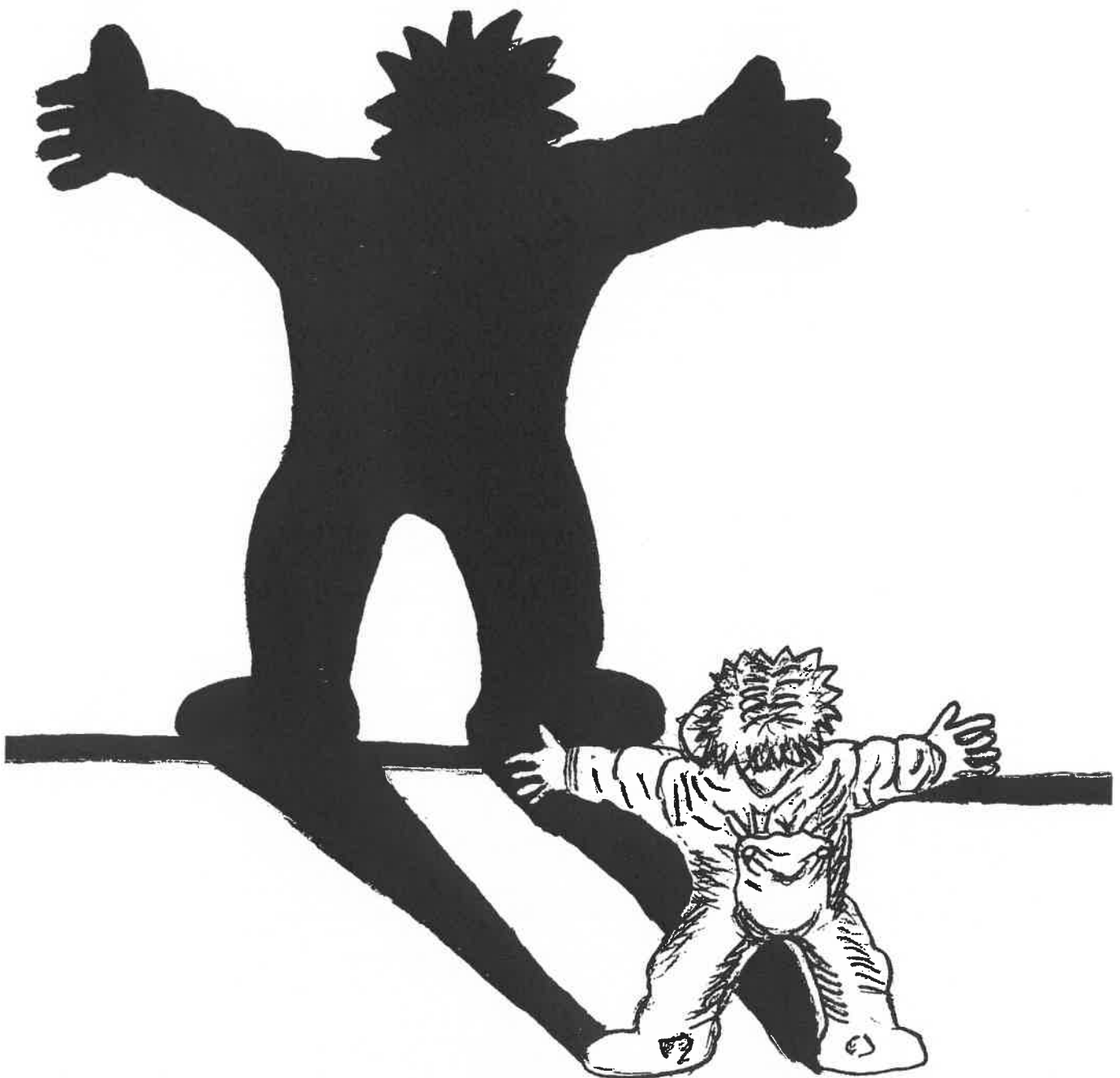
The dark is spooky
The dark is scary
See all the shadows walking about
You suddenly hear footsteps patting on the ground
Pitt-Patt-Pitt-Patt goes the footsteps.
Thump-Thump-Thump goes your heart jumping high
You say who is it? Is it a ghost, No!!
Is it a murderer, No!
It's dad!!
Phew!!

By Marshall Hargreaves
(age 10 years 3 months)
J3X

Darkness

Darkness scares and is spooky too.
After school time in the winter.
Right when I get off the bus.
Keeping an eye on everything.
Noticing it, scares me.
Eyes are darting everywhere.
Shivers down my spine.
Shadows lurking making shapes.
Why am I so thirsty?
Please let me be home soon.

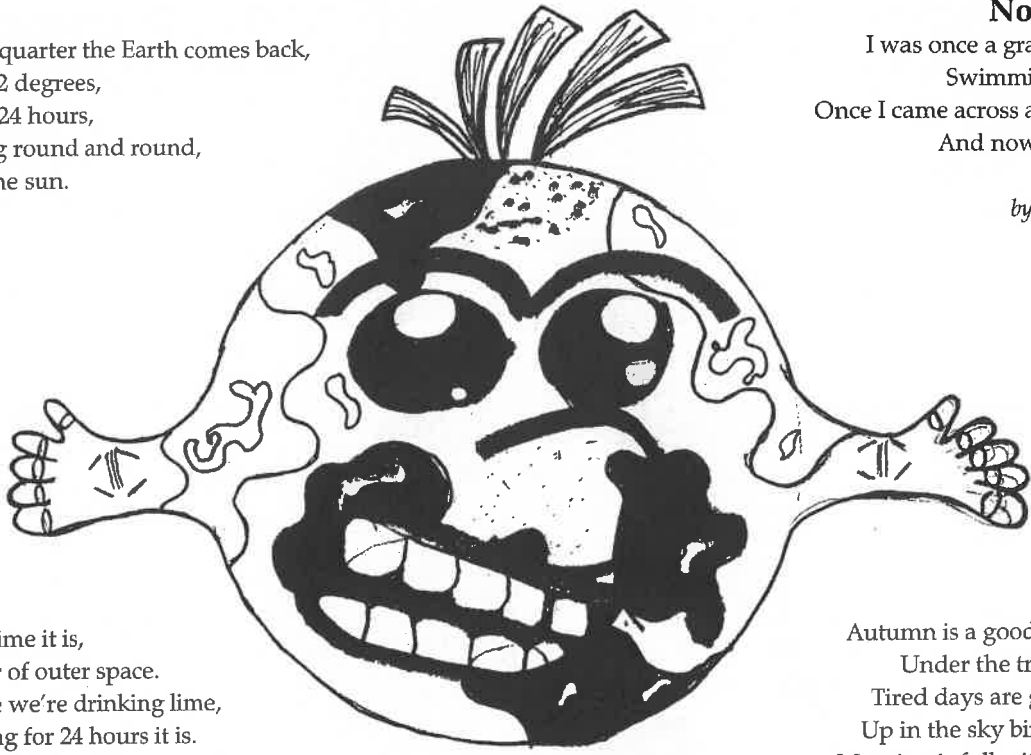
by Jane Meloy
(age 9 years)
J3X KGJS



Earth

Every year and a quarter the Earth comes back,
Axis is tilted 66 1/2 degrees,
Revolutions take 24 hours,
Turning, spinning round and round,
Hurtling round the sun.

by Gillian Smith
(age 8 yrs)
J3Y



No Pollution

I was once a graceful seagull,
Swimming in the sea,
Once I came across a sewage tank
And now look at me!!!

by Robert Hamer
(Age 9 years)
J3X

Seasons

Spinning all the time it is,
Earth is a wonder of outer space.
All the time while we're drinking lime,
Spinning, spinning for 24 hours it is.
Over the stars gazing down from up high,
Nigh are the planets even higher than the sky,
Seasons, seasons green grass to bare trees.

By Nicholas Fox
(age 10 years)
J3Y

Autumn

Autumn is a good time of year,
Under the trees of brown,
Tired days are gone for ever,
Up in the sky birds are flying,
Morning is full with all the best,
Nuts and berries are falling.

by Oliver Twambley
(age 7 years)
J1

The Short Cut

As I approached the graveyard I realised that I was already late. I was worried, it was dusk, I thought about all the times my parents had told me never to go anywhere near the graveyard. My heart pounded as I opened the dark, rusty iron gate. The gate had been mistreated and every time it swayed in the wind it would squeal as if it was a baby who wanted feeding. I closed the gate and the hinge came loose but I ignored it and walked down the middle of the small moss covered path. The wind was howling and the trees were bobbing about uncontrollably. All the statues on the gravestones looked real in the dim light. I heard a clang behind me. I did not look back because I was in shock, I broke into a run. I felt weak and helpless. The path went narrow and dark. I could not see anything. The tall, dark frightening statues stared at me ominously. I felt tears dripping from my eyes, my lungs felt as if they were being gripped by two hands squeezing with vigour. My mind went void. Then for some strange reason I turned around. I saw the moss eaten gate had fallen to the floor. I started to lower my pace to a trot. I felt idiotic. I went through the gate and walked into the illuminated street. I felt peaceful and safe.

By A. Sharrock
J4Y

The Headless Story

The hall door opened, the light snapped on! He came into John's bedroom, pulled out a knife from his belt which glinted in the moonlight and Suddenly he woke up. A bad dream. He was hot and sweating. He switched on the light. John was relieved to see his own familiar room. He went to get a glass of milk and felt straight back asleep.

The next morning John went over to James' house. He stayed there all day and had a great time. They went to the Sandcastle, Crystal Maze and the Pleasure Beach. When John got home he was exhausted, but for some strange reason that night he couldn't sleep.

At 11.47pm he heard a noise. His bedroom was downstairs and the noise seemed to be coming from the front door. Suddenly the hall door opened, the light snapped on. It was happening - He came into John's bedroom, pulled a knife from his belt, which glinted in the moonlight and John closed his eyes and waited, but he didn't wake up. The man was wearing a black shirt with black shoes and jeans. His hair was His hair was He had no hair! In fact he had no head! John tried to scream but nothing came out. The headless body loomed menacingly over him. And I can't remember the rest", said Steven - He was sitting round a campfire, with Paul, Jack, George and Richard. They were on a Scout camp. "Nice ghost story, what where was of it!" said Richard. I've got a goodun! It was a deadly quiet night in the Birkinstead graveyard....

by Richard Kellett
J4X



Decimals

Dividing, adding and taking away
Each and every single day
Counting the points and numbers
Interesting teacher stops the blunders
Mum may help me Mum may shout
And Dad may help me but he's always out
Lovely maths without a doubt
Sirs the one who helps us out.

by Amy Twambley
(age 9 years)
J3Y

I think we should care Because...

I think we should care for the old,
The weary and dying.
Once they were young,
Once they could run and laugh and shout.
Now they are timeworn,
Their bodies are weary.
No more will they run or laugh,
Shout or dance.
We too, in time to come,
Will need comfort and consideration.
So let's care and be more aware!

By Catherine Stewart
(age 11 years)
J3X

Smoking

Silly people smoke a lot,
Mounting up tar on their lungs.
Over smoking is very bad,
Killing people all the time!
It can kill did you know?
Nicotine is what will kill,
Good to bad is the way it will go!

by Daniel Winstanley
(age 11 years)
J4X

The Old Vase

It was grandma's birthday. Kate got her a present, grandma opened it. It was a vase, an old vase that Kate got from the antique shop. It was very valuable. Grandma had a dog, the dog was happy to see Kate. He pushed Kate over the vase, the vase got broken. What a surprise grandma said. They found some money inside. Grandma counted the money. "What a lovely present" she said.

Miray Gorgy
I2

Changing our World

The ozone layer is a layer of gases around the world. It stops the sun burning us. There is a hole in the middle of the ozone layer. To stop this we can use CFC free deodorant and not use too much electricity.

by Alexander Chew
(Age 6 years)
I3



Witches

Once there was a witch
Who had a belly itch
She made a spell
And fell in the well
The spell went wrong
And she started to pong
She thought she was a frog
But she was a dirty log.

Written by
The whole of class I3
(Ages 6 to 7)

The Baby

The hall door opened, the light snapped on! I was shocked by the sight that greeted me. The hall carpet was covered with what can only be explained as pig swill. There were mountains of peas, carrots, yoghurt, custard, rice and treacle, with rivers of cream, and milk running between them. Then I heard the sound of breaking glass coming from the kitchen. I was terrified thinking that I had disturbed a burglar who at this very moment was still in the house. I didn't know whether to run or hide?! Then I heard giggling, gurgling noises coming from behind the kitchen door. I moved quickly towards the noise, trying to avoid treading in the mess on the hall carpet and peered into the kitchen. To my surprise, and relief, there was a baby sat on the floor in front of an open fridge, emptying what was left on the shelves over his head! There were long sticky strings of food and drink dangling from his chin and he was giggling away happily to himself. I was so glad I hadn't disturbed a burglar and he seemed glad to see me and not his mummy!

The End.

James Schofield
J4X

