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SCHOOL DIARY

Finally, the editor has achieved his ambition of altering the publication date of the school magazine, so that it covers a full academic year rather than the previous hotch-potch we have endured.

The examination results published in August provide a useful starting point for a calendar of school events.

This year's examination results did not show up as well in the league tables as last year's, but we should congratulate our Lower Sixth Formers on achieving GCSE results which were beyond our expectations, and a pass rate of 86% with almost 60% of all grades awarded at the high level of A and B. Well over half our candidates achieved nine or more GCSE grade C's and 87% achieved five or more.

Our A-level results were also very good indeed when subjected to sensible long-term analysis. The progress made by our pupils from entering the School at the age of eleven to leaving for university courses at eighteen is, in many cases, quite outstanding. At the upper end of the academic scale, Matthew Wildig's achievement of five grade A's and a place to read Chemistry at Corpus Christi College, Oxford, and Peter Coventry's place reading Biology at Jesus College, Oxford, are a clear indication of the high academic standards achieved. Equally praiseworthy are the performances of those whose grades represent personal success for them, but make no impact on the league tables.

The full list of results runs as follows:

GCSE Results 1994

Ten Passes

B J Bancroft
A C Hills
J J Parkinson
Nine Passes
J L Allcock
R D Allger
L C Backhouse
C L Bamford
G J Barr
H G Beardsmore
A G Beaumont
N M Bennett
R Blackburn
J M Brown
A P Cairns
R J Elliott
T J Garlick
H M Green
N F Greensmith
E C Horn
F L Howorth
B M Hughes
R A Kane
N S McKay
D L Nand
W E Oldfield
D J Parkinson
C L Phillips
J M Phillipson
A E Proctor
S Renga
R Sidhu
G L Stocks
J Wareing
O R Welsby
N M Whittaker
D M Wilson
J K Woods
M H Yeung

Eight Passes

P R Allen
H Baxter
F J Darroch
D R Eyre
R C Hordern
M A Stewart
Seven Passes
C D Ellis
R J Fryer
J S Lowe
E L Marshall
B H Shah
K R Taylor
S W Yeung
Six Passes
S J Alexander
K T Ashcroft
R J Parker
A A Sharples
Five Passes
A J Fallon
R F Harwood
J A McGee
B C Swindlehurst
M J Thomason
K J White

Four Passes

G A Craine
M K Vijay
Three Passes
J K Dorahy
R R Rhodes
S H Shek
Two Passes
E S Bowman
One Pass
D A Bayliss
D A Dorahy
E M Helme

GCSE "A" Level Results 1994

Five Subjects

M J Dickinson
S J Henckel
C L Mellor
M R Wildig
Four Subjects
C J Ashcroft
A R Bibby
I C Bonar
D W Cartwright
R Coughlan
C Couper
P A Coventry
L Dale
R Darroch
L A Fawcett
L D Fish
D M Gascoyne
C B Jackson
E Jenkinson
D P Jones
G P Kendall
G J Miller
S L Morris
M Panayi
E L Quigley
S I Swift
C S Thomason
A R Thompson

Three Subjects

A R Carpenter
R Chant
A J Couper
J M Cuthbert
G Fallows
A M George
A C Hill
T K Kwan
S Lau
E J Lees
K Monaghan
D A Pollard
G A Wilson

Two Subjects

E J Anderton
Z Bradley
C Taylor

One Subject

I R Acton
R W Foster
A J Gratrix
M N Green
M Gudgeon
K Taylor

At the Annual Speech Day, we were fortunate to welcome the former Bishop of Birkenhead and Old Boy of the School, The Right Reverend Ronald Brown. The list of form prize winners and open prize winners was as follows:

Form Prizes

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| 1X | Felicity J Guest/Michaela Johnson |
| 1Y | Suman Sidhu |
| 1Z | Benjamin G Hale |
| 2X | Elizabeth L Jackson |
| 2Y | Emily J Ross |
| 2Z | Janine C Swarbrick |
| 3X | Christopher R Fox |
| 3Y | Elsbeth R Midgley |
| 3Z | Chloe E H Scott |
| 4X | Kirsty E Baxter |
| 4Y | Louise E Oades |
| 4Z | Paul A Doherty |
| 4K | Jonathan P Reeh |
| 4G | Helen E Bailey |
| 4S | Philip T G Reeves |
| 5X | Joanne L Allcock |
| 5Y | Andrew C Hills |
| 5Z | Richard J Elliott |
| 5K | Ruth Blackburn |
| 5G | Janet Phillipson |
| 5S | Michael H P Yeung |

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OPEN PRIZES

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| Special Progress Prizes for A-Level results | Suzanne L. Morris/ Elizabeth L Quigley |
| Drapers' Company Scholarships | Matthew R Wildig/ Peter A Coventry |
| Art Prizes | Senior: Caroline J Ashcroft Junior: Wayne A Lew |
| Alfred Robotham Art Progress Prize | P Christian Guise |
| Lambert Prize for Biology | Duncan M Gascoyne |
| Prize for Practical Work In Chemistry | Matthew R Wildig |
| Tindal Prize for Chemistry | Peter A Coventry |
| Sixth Form Prize for Economics | George P Kendall |
| Sixth Form Prize for English Literature | Elizabeth L Quigley |
| Sixth Form Prize for French | S Joanne Henckel |
| Norwood Prize for Geography | Leon Dale |
| Geography Project Prizes | Senior: Andrew R Thompson Junior: Deborah Nand |
| Sixth Form Prize for German | S Joanne Henckel/ Elizabeth L Quigley |
| Rev. Cresswell-Strange Prize for History/Modern Studies | Charlotte L Mellor |
| Scott Prize for Mathematics | Matthew R Wildig |
| Allcock Prize for Physics | Matthew R Wildig |
| Lister A Redman Prize for Junior Physics | Stephen B Clark |
| Stevenson Prize for GCSE Biology | Michael H P Yeung |
| Myerscough College of Agriculture and Horticulture Silver Cup and Book Token for pupil at KGS who has done original research into an environmental issue | Daniel W Cartwright |
| 5th Form Prize for Business Studies | Janet Phillipson |
| 5th Form Prize for Graphical Communication | Benjamin J W Bancroft |
| Matthews Prize for Proficiency in Natural History | Christopher Fox/ Chloe Scott |
| Richard Spencer Music Prize (Singing) | Alistair J Couper |
| Norwood Music Prizes | Senior: Lucy A Fawcett Intermediate: Andrew C Hills Junior: Haidee C MacGregor |
| Rev. Canon Welbury Mitton Divinity Prizes | Senior: Alan A Sharples Junior: Keith A Quigley |
| Rosemary Greaves Music Prize | Andrew C Hills |
| Public Speaking Prize - Individual winner of House Festival | Elizabeth S Jenkinson |
| Eric Butterworth Memorial Prize for All Round Contribution to School Life by a First Former | Gareth J Rees |
| National Westminster Bank Prize for Spoken French | Junior: Thomas Russell Intermediate: Nicholas M Bennett |
| CCF Award | Leon Dale |
| CCF Anzac Trophy For The Most Improved Cadet At Annual Camp | Benjamin C Swindlehurst |
| Nicol Prize For Endeavour | Nicola S McKay/ Richard J Elliott |
| Rotary Prize For Service | I Christian Bonar |
| Buccaneer Trophy For Outstanding Sporting Achievement Of The Year | Michelle Mann/ 1st XI Hockey Team |

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS 1994

11+ Academic Scholars

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| Paul A Ashton | Holy Family, Warton |
| Helen L Jacomb | Kirkham Grammar Junior School |
| Greer D Timms | Highfield Priory |

11+ Exhibitors

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| Sian R Hickson | Goosnargh Oliversons |
| Louise C Holmes | Strike Lane, Freckleton |
| Oliver M Rogerson | Lytham Hall Park |

11+ Music Scholars

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| Laura M Clarke | St John Vianney's |
| Gareth R Jones | Lytham Hall Park |

16+ Academic Scholars

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| Ruth Blackburn | Kirkham Grammar School |
| Michael P Yeung | Kirkham Grammar School |

16+ Academic Exhibitioner

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| Nicola F Greensmith | Kirkham Grammar School |
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Oxford Entrants

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| Peter A Coventry | Biology, Jesus College |
| Matthew R Wildig | Chemistry, Corpus Christi College |

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By now, the destination of the majority of our Sixth Form leavers had been established.

| Name | Institution | Course (Honours Degree unless shown) |
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| Emma J ANDERTON | St Martin's College, Lancaster | Performing Arts |
| Caroline J ASHCROFT | Lancaster University | Fine Arts |
| I Christian BONAR | University of Central Lancashire | Production Engineering |
| Daniel W CARTWRIGHT | Leeds University | Mining and Minerals Engineering |
| Ruth COUGHLAN | University of Humberside | Law |
| Alistair J COUPER | University of Northumbria | Languages |
| Charlotte COUPER | Chester College | English and Drama |
| Peter A COVENTRY | Oxford University, Jesus College | Biochemistry |
| Jennifer M CUTHBERT | Newcastle University | Agricultural Economics |
| M John R DICKINSON | Durham University | Engineering (M.O.D. Sponsorship) |
| Lucy A FAWCETT | Sheffield University | Chemical Engineering |
| Lee D FISH | Loughborough University | Electronic Engineering |
| Duncan M GASCOYNE | Durham University | Biology |
| Aarthi M R GEORGE | Glasgow University | Genetics |
| Nicholas S GREEN | Liverpool John Moore's University | Maths and Computing |
| S Joanne HENCKEL | Durham University | Languages |
| Alexander C HILL | Trinity and All Saints College, Leeds | Teaching |
| Charles B JACKSON | Loughborough University | Electronic Engineering (BAe Sponsorship) |
| Elizabeth S JENKINSON | Lancaster University (Charlotte Mason College) | Teaching |
| Daniel P JONES | St Martin's College, Lancaster | English and Drama |
| George P KENDALL | Wolverhampton University | Business Studies and Financial Services |
| Thomas T W KWAN | Exeter University | Minerals Technology |
| Sherry P S LAU | Bath University | Pharmacy |
| Elliott J LEES | University of Central Lancashire | Art Foundation Course |
| Graham J MILLER | Leeds University | Geography |
| Suzanne L MORRIS | Liverpool University | Law |
| Maria PANAYI | Sheffield University | Genetics |
| David A POLLARD | University College, Stockton on Tees | Health and Human Sciences |
| Elizabeth L QUIGLEY | Birmingham University | English and German |
| Shula SWIFT | University of Reading | Biochemistry |
| Christopher TAYLOR | University of Luton | Architecture |
| Caroline S THOMASON | College of Ripon and York St John | Linguistics and French |
| Andrew R THOMPSON | Newcastle University | Agriculture |
| Matthew R WILDIG | Oxford University, Corpus Christi College | Chemistry |
| Gail B WILSON | Crewe and Alsager College | History and American Studies |

The following students are taking a "Gap" Year prior to university entrance in 1995:-

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| Alison R BIBBY | Rachel CHANT | Ruth DARROCH | Charlotte L MELLOR |
| Zak BRADLEY | Leon DALE | Georgina R FALLOWS | Kim A MONAGHAN |

Changes in staffing saw the arrival of Ms Judi Harris from Croham Hurst School in Surrey, where she was head of the modern languages department, to be a second deputy head. Mrs Christine Brown, formerly bursar at nearby Newton Bluecoats School, took over the reins as bursar. Also new to KGS were Dr Andrew Rollins, who came to teach science, and Miss Alison Butterworth, who joined the P.E. department. Later in the year, Miss Julie Brandreth was to leave to become head of department at Palatine School in Blackpool and we were pleased to welcome Mrs Wendy Dishman as her temporary replacement.



Michelle Mann

On the sporting front, international honours came Michelle Mann's way when she was selected for the Great Britain Under 20 athletics team. Michelle ran the 1500 metres for Britain against Italy and the Czech Republic and finished fourth. It was indeed a marvellous achievement.

The Annual Inspection of the school's cadet force took place in October. After the morning inspection of the guard of honour by Brigadier Ewan Morrison, there was a full range of activities in the afternoon, including abseiling, battle drill, shooting and initiative tests.

Also in October, Midland Bank presented the school with a donation of £75 in recognition of the hard work that has been undertaken by various pupils in running the school Midbank. Many new school accounts have been opened this year. We are grateful for all the help and co-operation of Mr I Dunlop of the Kirkham branch of Midland Bank.

Young Enterprise Team



Annual CCF Inspection

As November arrived preparations for the Young Enterprise competition began. This is designed to give young people a chance to set up their own business and involves making decisions on the product and organising the production and the marketing of items. This year, our team chose the name 'Apollo' and produced mugs, candles and environmentally friendly keyrings, made from recycled crisp bags. We were most grateful to our sponsor company, British Nuclear Fuels, and to our two advisors, Mr S Connolly and Mr D Isherwood.

Sporting success came to the girls' under 18 hockey team in the British Aerospace Schools' Hockey Tournament. They won the county title and later qualified for the national finals when they stormed to success in the regional finals. It was, indeed, a fine achievement. Sadly, in the national finals, the opposition proved too strong for the team and we finished fifth.

Shortly before Christmas, four pupils from Wairarapa College in New Zealand arrived on the first part of the annual sporting exchange between the two schools. Vicki Perry, Janine Playle, Hamish McLean and Simon Searle arrived in late November and we hope that they have benefited from their experience.

The production of 'The Crucible' ran for two nights in December and played to packed houses on both nights. It was an excellent production of a tense play, with marvellously mature performances given by many of the cast.

In the Spring term, the Junior Drama Festival provided entertainment to brighten the dark evenings. This not only gave the second and third years a chance to practise their acting skills but also provided the sixth form Theatre Studies students with an opportunity to help direct and produce a play.

Cast of 'The Crucible'



Exchange students





Cast of 'HMS Pinafore'

Equally successful was the Spring Concert, organised by the Music Department, with a performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's 'HMS Pinafore' and various items played by the school orchestra, all of which were well received by the full audiences.

At half-term, a group of cadets set off for St John's in the Vale, near Keswick, for Adventurous Training with the Cadet Force. Activities included rock climbing, orienteering and a point to point exercise which tested the cadets in skills ranging from first aid to river crossings. Later in the term, all cadets took part in the CCF Field Day, with the various activities including shooting and flying.

In March we were pleased to hear that Ben Swindlehurst, after being selected for a Rotary Youth Leadership course, had now been invited to take part in the British Schools' Exploring Society expedition to Alaska.

Continuing her success at international level, Michelle Mann was

selected to run for Great Britain in the World Cross Country championships, held this year in Durham.

Success in the North of England Triathlon Championships came to the school's junior team, as David Rees, Philip Hendy and Gareth Rees proved victorious.

Drama honours also came to our students when Ranvir Singh and Gareth Rees were awarded gold and silver medals respectively by the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art.

In March, pupils, staff and Old Kirkhamians gathered in St Michael's Church to celebrate Founder's Day. We were pleased to welcome Canon Godfrey Hirst as the preacher.

As the Easter holidays came round, the usual school trips took place - the German exchange to Grossen Linden, the Ornithology Society's trip to Islay in the Hebrides, the ski trip to Tonale in Italy and the French trip to Brittany.

The Summer term is always short and hectic - more so this year as the builders moved on to the site to start the development. School and public examinations add to the sense of urgency, so that the term seems to be over rapidly.

At the start of term, we were pleased to hear that a new award from the Manchester and District Referees' Society - the Whistlers' Trophy - had been presented to the school for the overall organisation of fixtures, good hospitality, team discipline and sportsmanship.

Ranvir Singh and Gareth Rees



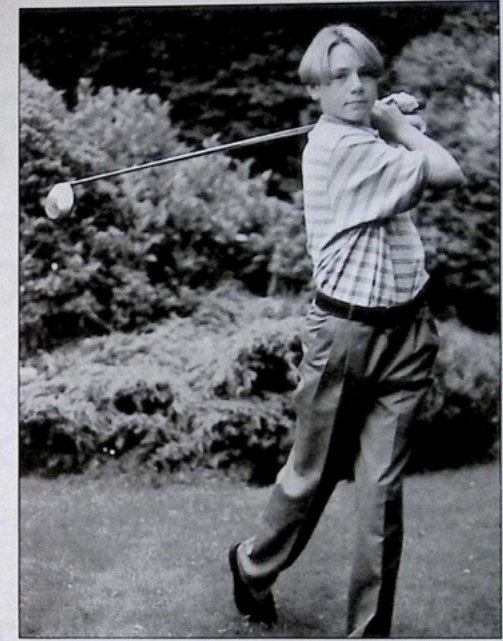
The annual Sports' Day was held in May and the guest of honour this year was Old Boy, Mark Preston.

On the sporting front, success came to Gary Jones on the golf course. It was pleasing to hear of Gary's success in winning the Captain's tournament at Fairhaven Golf Club, and of his subsequent selection for county coaching. Together with Mr Hill and Mrs Greaves, it seems that Gary is set to make a name for KGS on the golf course.

Grace, poise and elegance were just some of the qualities shown by Kiri Ashworth as she came runner-up in a heat of the Miss Blackpool contest. She now goes forward to the final in August, and we wish her good luck.

As the end of term approaches, preparations are in hand for the annual CCF Camp, to be held this year at Cultybraggan.

So the year draws to its close. By the time the magazine is published, the results of the recent examinations will be known. We wish our fifth and sixth formers good luck. The coming years are clearly going to be very exciting in the development of Kirkham Grammar School. We await them with eager anticipation.



Gary Jones



The Whistlers' Award

REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF GOVERNORS

What a busy year this has been for the Governing Body and the Staff. We have experienced an exciting year of change, such as that in technology, in the academic area, with the Spearhead Development and a new computer suite, and in administration with new computer equipment. We have also seen changes in the fabric of the School as our current development plan begins to take effect.

By the time you receive this magazine there will be new caretaking and groundsman's facilities, new cloak-rooms and more classrooms, including a new Art Room and a superb purpose-built Sixth Form unit. But all these are just precursors to our other main developments. The thrust of these changes is directed towards clearing the area currently containing the woodwork shed, the Victorian toilets and the wooden garages, to make room for a new Technology Centre.

Further developments, including changing facilities for the all-weather pitch and significant changes to the Junior School, should take place in the near future. In short, this is the start of a project to take Kirkham Grammar School into the 21st century at the forefront of independent education in this area.

Our grateful thanks must go to our Headmaster, Development Manager and the group of Governors who have spent prodigious amounts of time researching, planning and persuading the Governing Body to go forward with such a major development.

Another plan which has just reached its final stages is the project to exchange some three acres of very poor land, known as the cabbage patch, for over eleven acres of land at the western side of the new by-pass. This also obviously involves a significant cash adjustment, which is being used to pay off loans associated with previous developments, including the Multi-Purpose Hall.

Access to the new playing fields will be by a special path to the north of the houses currently being built by Redrow and then through our own underpass beneath the by-pass which was incorporated when the new road was built. Work will start soon on the preparation of the new playing fields, but meanwhile we have a licence agreement to continue to use the cabbage patch until such time as the builders require the land for development.

Early this year I visited the CCF contingent on their adventure week in the Lake District. Highlights of the day were being invited to take part in one of Col. Sayer's short walks (I would hate to go on a long one!), watching the uphill racers on mountain bikes and witnessing the fire-raising capabilities of some cadets and staff. The only down side to the day was the weight of the army rations - tinned steak and kidney pudding - at dinner. I hope that was not served every evening! It was good to see the spirit of the cadets on their exercises, perhaps their good humour was because I had visited on the best day of the week thus far and the sun was shining (though we did get over the snow line on the Colonel's short walks).

This year, as Chairman of the Governors, I sent a special letter of thanks to the Friends, who consistently donate money for large special projects in the School,

such as a new piano and restocking and re-equipping the library. These are one-off expenditures to fill great needs of a size that is not easily accommodated in the departmental budgeting provided by the Governors as capitation each year. The Governors are extremely grateful for the energy and enthusiasm of the Friends in running their fund-raising activities which are always so enjoyable. May I ask you all to support them to the best of your ability?

The Governing Body will lose one of its longest serving members at the AGM later this year. Peter Laws, who represents Manchester University, has been a Governor for close to 30 years, including a long stint as Chairman. He has brought to the Board much understanding of academic structures, examination statistics and population predictions. Most of all, however, he has exhibited a Christian and kindly approach in all his dealings with Governors and Staff, which stamps him as one of the few genuinely nice people left in today's society. We will miss him and his calm, wise approach to our many problems in this period of development and change.

In conclusion, it remains for me to extend the Governing Body's congratulations to another marvellous year in the School. Thank you to all the pupils, academic and sporting staff, assistants, groundsman, caretakers, secretarial and management staff. A particular thank you to the Headmaster and his wife Catherine for the ever larger burden they carry with the School growing and in such a state of change. Finally, a special thank you to our parents for your support given by entrusting your children to the School for their education.

We believe we have a special quality at Kirkham Grammar School that produces not only good academic results but unique young citizens who are well fitted to go into the outside world in any profession.

John Waite, OBE
Chairman Of Governors

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REPORT FROM THE HEADMASTER

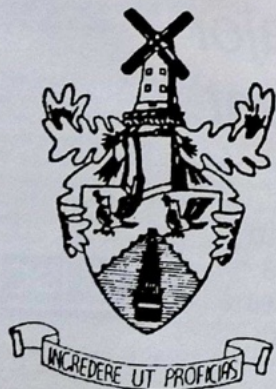
The School has had another excellent year with progress on many fronts, an exciting new partnership with industry and the launch of one of the most ambitious development plans in its long history.

For the fourth consecutive year the number of pupils on roll has grown, now to a record total of 745. The Boarding House has once more increased in size, against the national trend; the Senior School has recruited considerably better than ever before and the Junior School roll has topped 200 for the first time. The School is popular and full, and I am grateful to all our parents for their support through a difficult period, when the country has struggled to emerge slowly from recession.

This year's examination results did not show up as well in the league tables as last year, but in terms of the value added factor, the really telling and important measurement, they were very good indeed.

Parents well understand that league table positions, influenced as they are by narrow percentages, will fluctuate from year to year, and I know our parents realise that, whilst academic excellence is our highest priority, we are about more than mere statistics at Kirkham Grammar School. Traditionally the School has always adopted a holistic approach to education, concerning itself with the quality of preparation of life in all its fullness. People may look upon the outward appearance, but it is the heart of a school which gives it ultimate significance. I believe strongly that it is more important to measure and promote that which is valuable, than to value only that which can be easily measured.

One important consequence of growth of the School has been the opportunity afforded to broaden the school curriculum and recruit extra staff, at a time when many schools are faced with the sad prospect of staff cuts. I am grateful to the School Governors for permitting me to seize this opportunity by appointing Ms Judy Harris to the enhanced post of 2nd Deputy Head; Mr. John Callister to teach Physics, Electronics and Technology, and Dr. Jacqueline Stanbury, to introduce Psychology onto the Sixth Form Curriculum. Curriculum choice has been broadened and staff: pupil ratios further improved.



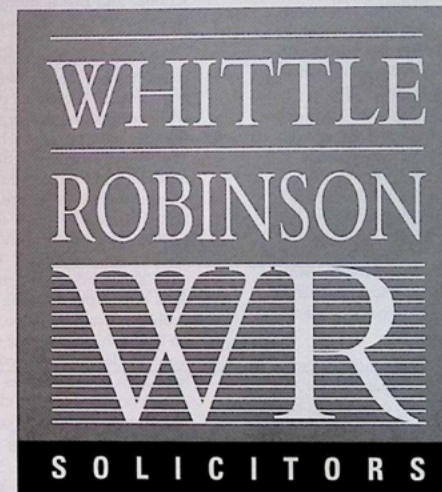
One of the most significant and stimulating developments of a momentous school year has been the progress made in technology through Kirkham Grammar School's newly formed partnership with British Aerospace. We are privileged to be the only independent school in the country to be designated as a Centre of Excellence for Technology. Even Sir John Harvey Jones could scarcely fail to be impressed! British Aerospace has been magnificently in its support for education. The new Spearhead Project has been installed, enabling our pupils to work with industry standard equipment, encompassing computer-aided design and manufacture, and, during the second half of the Summer Term, this has been augmented by a brand new computer suite. British Aerospace have also provided training for our staff, sponsorship for our University students and work experience for our lower sixth formers. An under-resourced, though well taught area of the curriculum, has been transformed overnight through partnership with one of the country's leading industries, and we are just at the beginning of further exciting developments in technology.

We are also beginning to see two years of hard work on the School's ambitious new development programme start to bear fruit. The work put in by Mr. Paul Smith, School Development Manager, Mr. Alan Blackburn, Chairman of the Governors' Development Committee, and the School Development Office has ensured that sufficient funds have been raised to kick-start the School Building Programme, before launching our Appeal to parents, friends and former pupils. A new park for eighteen cars has been created in what used to be the Headmaster's Garden, new cloakrooms, groundsman's and caretaking facilities are under construction and work has also begun on the erection of a new Sixth Form Centre and the refurbishment of the Music Rooms. By the time the Kirkhamian is published and in your hands, we also hope to have added two extra classrooms, a second Art Room, and a refurbished Geography Suite, and we should be in possession of eleven acres of land across the Kirkham By-Pass for the creation of extra playing fields.

The Technology Block, the centrepiece of the School Development Programme, should be ready for use by September 1996, and we hope to add to the size of our Junior School premises and erect an impressive Sports Pavilion next year too.

The cost of this ambitious programme is likely to be in the region of £1.8m and it goes without saying that we shall need all the financial support our parents, friends, staff, governors and former pupils can give us. Early indications suggest that the School Appeal for £500,000 has received widespread and very enthusiastic support from those so far approached. We are already well on target, but we all need to pull together to achieve our goal of equipping Kirkham Grammar School for the 21st century. We have all profited from the generosity of previous benefactors and the challenge to build for the future prosperity of generations of young Kirkhamians now rests squarely on our shoulders. I am confident that the vast majority of those who are or have been connected with this remarkable school will meet that challenge in full. K.G.S. inspires the sort of affection, loyalty and support few other schools can match. There is something very

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REPORT FROM THE HEADMASTER

special about the School; difficult to define, but easy to sense.

The School's recent partnership with St. Annes Cricket Club has also brought important benefits already - a much better square, and indoor cricket nets at last in the New Hall. Partnership has proved to be a potent force for development at Kirkham Grammar School, and I am delighted that the community at large regularly use the facilities we are developing.

On the sportsfield, this year has been one of the most successful in the School's history, much to the credit of Mr. Brian Gornall, Mrs. Jane Taylor and all staff who help to coach and take teams, not least our School Governor and parent Mr. Alan Blackburn, coach of our girls' 1st XI hockey team. Unbeaten in school fixtures for two years, this team has firmly established Kirkham Grammar School as one of the country's leading hockey schools. Captain, Tracy Leigh, and her team won the Lancashire County, the North West and the North of England Championships to reach the top five school teams in the National Schools' Hockey Finals, where our girls lost by an odd goal to the eventual winners, Gordano School. Girls hockey now enjoys strength in depth across the age groups. Twenty of our girls were selected for county hockey squads this season and Nicky McKay became the first Kirkham Grammar School pupil to represent the North of England at hockey. The success of our Junior School girls in winning the Junior Independent Schools' North of England Hockey Championships so overwhelmingly (27 goals for and none against) has surely secured the future of the sport at Kirkham Grammar School for years to come.

Our rugby teams have also enjoyed their most successful season for several years. Prior to Christmas, the 1st XV had won thirteen out of fourteen matches on a tough circuit, and our U15 team emerged as one of the strongest in the North. The defeat of Rossall by our 1st XV, 2nd XV and U15 teams this year shows clearly how the tide has turned in Kirkham's favour. There have also been outstanding individual successes, most notable of all flanker Patrick Sanderson's appearance for England 'A' team against New Zealand, and his final trial for England while still a year young in his age group. Patrick Sanderson, Richard Wareing, Jonathan Carpenter and Mark Ledsham have all played for the North of England, and no less than five KGS boys have played for an undefeated Lancashire U15 team with Alex Sanderson as Captain. Perhaps the proudest moment of the season came when a new trophy, presented by the Manchester and District Referees to the school which provided the best hospitality, organisation and discipline on the field of play, was awarded to Kirkham Grammar School.

KGS athletes have also enjoyed an excellent season. Only an injury to our County 100 metres Champion, Alistair Ward, prevented our Senior Boys winning the Senior Schools' Championships. Five of our athletes won county titles, and Michelle Mann has had an outstanding year as a middle and long distance runner. Having represented Great Britain on the track last summer, she went on to run for England in the World Cross Country Championships, and has been breaking records at school and county level all summer in her chosen event, the

1500 metres. Our triathletes won the North of England title and Shelley Barnes finished third in the English Schools U18 Biathlon Championships.

KGS swimmers have continued their excellent form of recent years, winning all but two of their eleven matches. Among a number of excellent individual swimmers, Michelle Harrison has been outstanding. She has achieved national qualifying times in no less than six events for this year's National Swimming Championships to be held in Leeds. Michelle also won the Individual Medley and the Butterfly at the Senior Schools' Championships at Fleetwood in May. There have also been steady advances in the sports of cricket, netball and tennis. There can be little doubt that Kirkham Grammar School has emerged as one of the country's top sporting schools, and this is fitting for a school which has always prided itself on producing the Scholar/Athlete.

Nevertheless, Kirkham Grammar School does not seek to specialise in one or two areas. On the contrary, our aim is to develop the whole person and provide an education which offers genuine breadth and balance, in a cheerful, friendly environment which gives encouragement to all. The School's greatest achievement lies in the round. More academic and music scholarships and more bursaries are offered than ever before. An active and vigorous House system promotes team spirit across the age groups and extends the opportunity for individual success across a wide range of activities. The Combined Cadet Force, with over 200 members in Army or Air Force sections, encourages our pupils to work together with discipline, tackle problems using initiative, enjoy outdoor pursuits and take on leadership roles. Our sixth formers are further encouraged to develop leadership and organisational skills by taking on responsibilities as Prefects and House Captains. The School's work for charity and its wide-ranging service to the community keep it in touch with its roots and traditions and teach our pupils to care and serve. Much emphasis continues to be placed on appearance, dress, good manners and discipline: essential, I believe, in an age which has so thoroughly dismissed and debunked traditional values.

One of the greatest joys of this school year has been to witness the growth in quality and quantity of school music. The newly extended concert programme has provided greater opportunity for our musicians to display their skills and also to learn from talented mature players like the British Championship winning BNFL Band. The coming Summer Concert will be the eleventh of the season and it has been sold out for weeks, a testament to the growing popularity of music among our parents. It is marvellous to see the continuation of the School's long tradition of superb choral music with over one hundred choristers so ably tutored and produced by our Head of Music, Mr. John Catterall, and his second in department, Mr. Sean Ashmore, who is such an accomplished accompanist on the piano and organ. The real advance this year, however, has taken place in orchestral music, particularly among our talented younger musicians, who have entertained us marvellously. It was good to see the Inter-House Music Festival attract 145 entries and two first formers, Gareth Jones and Jonathan Wilson reach the final. Andrew Hills won the individual competition and the Rosemary

REPORT FROM THE HEADMASTER

Greaves trophy for the second successive year. The Spring Concert attracted an audience of over 300 in the New Hall. The concert version of 'HMS Pinafore' was a resounding success, our enjoyment enhanced by some fine solo performances from our talented Lower Sixth musicians, not forgetting, of course, the sparkling performance from Mr. Baines as Sir Joseph Porter, KCB!

Individually, Paul Allen is to be congratulated on his selection for the Northern Cathedral Singers, and Peter Benson and John Holland on their invitation to sing in Verdi's 'MacBeth'. New music tutors, Mr. Richard Evans (brass), Bandmaster of the BNFL Band, and Mrs. Pembleton-Smythe (flute) have certainly made their mark in what has been an exciting and eventful year for the School Music Department.

The past year has also been one of progress and increased activity for our Drama Department, led by Mr. Neal Clark and so ably supported by Mrs. Yvonne Jones. The main event of the year was the School's production of Arthur Miller's haunting and controversial play, 'The Crucible', which won the universal admiration of full audiences in early December. The Inter-House Drama Festival was keenly contested again this year and the School's Junior Drama Festival extended the opportunity for a larger number of pupils to participate and enjoy the art of acting. There were also some splendid individual successes in the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art Awards, notably Gareth Rees' award of a Silver Medal for Junior Acting, and especially the School's first ever Gold Medal Award, secured by Ranvir Singh for Senior Acting.

The breadth of activities available to pupils at Kirkham Grammar School is augmented by a large number and variety of school visits at home and abroad, and by school clubs and societies such as the Fell Walking Club and the Ornithological Society. There is the opportunity for success and enjoyment for all.

I have been much heartened again this year by the strong support the School has enjoyed from parents, particularly through the tireless work of the Committee of the Friends of Kirkham Grammar School. The Committee members have successfully staged fund-raising events, social events like the well supported Friends' Christmas Ball, New Parents Evenings for both Junior and Senior Schools, and manned the bar at the Sixth Form Leavers' Ball. They have raised thousands of pounds for staging for the Drama Department, the Senior School Library and equipment for the Junior School, in addition to donations to pupils travelling abroad. I am deeply grateful to Chairman, Mark Drennan, and his Committee, for all their efforts on behalf of our pupils.

I am also very grateful indeed to the Staff of Kirkham Grammar School whose intelligent hard work and self-sacrifice lies behind all we achieve, and a Board of Governors who have supported me strongly and guided me wisely through such an eventful school year. We hope that our combined efforts will ensure that all who enter Kirkham Grammar School will continue to profit and prosper, in the spirit of the School motto:

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B. Stacey
Headmaster

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At the Annual General Meeting of the Association in September, Mr Keith Robinson was elected as President for the year 1994/95; Mr. Grahame Benstead more recently took over the arduous job of Secretary and Mr. John Penrose became the Association's new Treasurer. The Association is immensely grateful to Mr. David Storzaker, our former long-serving Secretary, and Mr. David Slack, long-time Treasurer, for all their work over many years. Their unusually long tenures of office have been recognised by the Association by awarding each life membership, and we hope to see much of them at future events.

The Northern Dinner, held in September, 1994 at the Clifton Arms, Lytham, was enjoyed by a smaller number of members than we are accustomed to seeing, but we are confident that the coming 75th Anniversary Reunion Dinner, to be held on Saturday, 23 September 1995 in School, will be well attended. The Southern Dinner at St. Edmund Hall, Oxford attracted a full house, in customary high spirits. The Headmaster's address, summarising the school year and outlining the School's ambitious development plans, was well received at the end of another excellent banquet.

The most successful venture of a promising year for the Association was a reunion for recent leavers, organised by Mr. Adrian Long, Head of Sixth Form. This event was held in December 1994 at the Ribby Leisure Village Inn and attracted 200 recent leavers and staff who greatly enjoyed renewing friendships made at School. The evening was so successful that it will likely become an annual event, and the Committee of the Association, whose numbers have been swelled by five co-opted young members, is very grateful to Mr. Long for the interest his new venture has stimulated.

At last year's A.G.M. a proposal was carried to increase the annual subscription from £5.00 to £10.00 per annum from 1st July 1995. The Committee of the Association recognises the need to keep members much better informed of the events of the school year and of news of Old Kirkhamians. The School's Board of Governors have given their support to increasing the activities of the O.K.A., and we are delighted to report that from September, 1995 the Association will be funded partly out of school fees. Increased revenue from both the above sources will enable the Committee and the School to provide a much better service for members.

The 75th Anniversary Reunion Dinner on 23 September, referred to earlier, is obviously a very important function, since it marks the 75th anniversary of the formation of the Old Kirkhamians' (formerly Old Boys') Association. The Committee urges members to support the event and take the opportunity to view the extensive developments which have transformed the School over the past five years. In this relatively short space of time a large Multi-Purpose Hall has been added, together with an impressive floodlit all-weather pitch, a new Junior School, an extended Science Suite, a new Sixth Form Centre, refurbished Music and Geography Rooms, a second Art Room, additional classrooms and new Groundsman's and Caretaker's quarters. In addition, eleven acres of agricultural land across the Kirkham Bypass have been purchased to be converted to extra

playing fields. At the Reunion Dinner a sherry reception will be held in the School's Old Hall, followed by a dinner in the New Hall. Black tie is preferred on this occasion, when we welcome as our Guest Speaker former pupil and current parent, Mr. J. Barry Johnson, B.V.S.D., M.R.C.V.S., Past President of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons. The price of tickets is £17.50 and for those inclined there is a bar! The dinner is open to all former pupils of the School and we are hoping that your support of the event will make it a resounding success.

News of Old Kirkhamians

Back, Tekla V. (1989-1991) B.Sc. 1st Class Hons., in Physics at University College, London. We believe that Tekla is currently studying for a Ph.D. at Oxford University.

Clifford, Richard (1980-1985) Richard is a pilot trainer with the Army Air Corps, and he dropped in to School in a helicopter on 3 July, 1995 to the delight of crowds of KGS pupils!

Connolley, Thomas (1983-1990) M.Sc. 1st Class Hons. in Metallurgy and Materials Science at Jesus College, Oxford.

Craven, Bruce (1983-1990) Awarded B.A. Hons. and M.Sc. in Sport and Exercise Science at the Leeds Metropolitan University.

Fletcher, Anne L. (1984-1991) B.Sc. Hons. Class 2 (Div.1) in Physics at the University of Birmingham.

Kendrick, Sarah (1985-1992) B.Sc. Hons. Class 2 (Div.1) in Agricultural Economics at the University of Reading.

Kendrick, Teresa (1984-1991) B.A. Hons. Class 2 (Div.1) in French and History at Cardiff University.

Lambert, Peter J. (1957-65) Appointed Professor of Economics at the University of York: Personal Chair with effect from October, 1994.

Lees, Michael (1982-1989) B.Sc. degree in Computer Engineering at Manchester Metropolitan University.

Littlefair, Gaye (1983-1990) B.Sc. Hons. Class 2 in Maths. & Stats. at Brunel University. Gaye is now employed as a Trainee Accountant at Price Waterhouse.

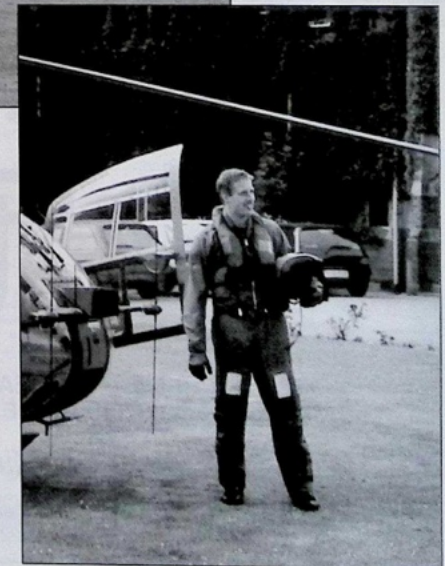
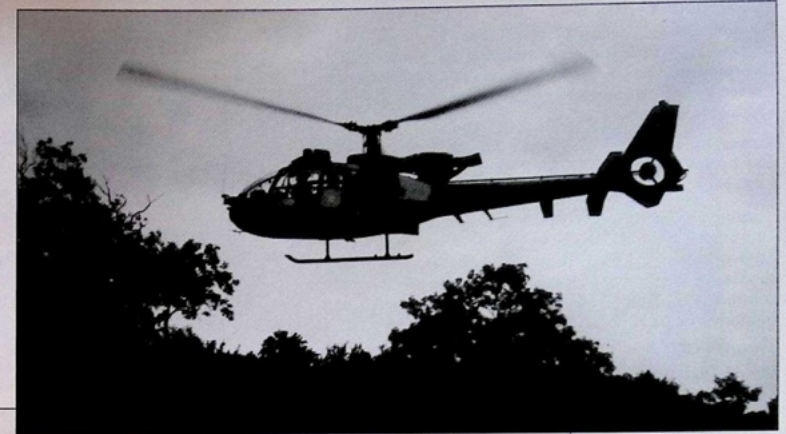
McCann, Christopher J. (1983-1990) B.A. Hons. Class 2 in Economic and Social Studies at the University of Manchester.

Moyes, Richard (1982-1989) Selected to train as a jet pilot for the R.A.F.

Reynolds, Emma (1988-1993) Achieved "Best Student of the Year" Award on an apprenticeship course with BAE. Emma has been chosen to go to Germany on an exchange scheme to study German at a University.

Spinks, Paul (1982-1989) B.Sc. 1st Class Hons. in Textile and Knitwear Technology at De Montfort University, Leicester. Paul is going on to work at the Head Office of Marks & Spencer in London.

Tomkins, Nicola (1985-1992) B.A. Hons. Class 2 (Div.1) in English at the University of Leeds.



Old Kirkhamian, Richard Clifford, visits the school as part of his training with the Army Air Corps

REPORT FROM THE OLD KIRKHAMIANs' ASSOCIATION

Turner, Julie A. (1988-1990) B.Sc. 1st Class Hons. in Environmental Chemistry from the University of Greenwich. Julie is currently studying for an M.Sc. in Environment & Ecological Science at Lancaster University, and is President of the Sports Society for the Graduate College Association.

Turner, Karl (1979-1986) Currently working for Coopers and Lybrand, and is to work in their Sydney Office for two years.

Turpin, Simon (1986-1991) Selected for Great Britain Universities football squad to compete in the World Student Games in Japan, August 1995. On returning from the Games, Simon will embark on a full-time professional contract with Crewe Alexandra in the Endsleigh League Second Division.

Whittingham, David E. (1983-1990) Awarded 1st Class Hons. degree in Pharmacology at Dundee University. David has regularly represented the Scottish Universities at rugby from 1992-1994.

Wincott, Stephen W. (1982-1989) B.Sc. 1st Class Hons. in Chemical Engineering at the University of Glamorgan.

Winters, Glynn Elected third Vice-President of the British Hardware Federation. Glynn has been director of St. Annes D.I.Y. Centre since 1977. He is B.H.F. North West President and a former Vice-Chairman of St. Annes Chamber of Trade.

News of Old Kirkhamians

If you have any information you would like us to report, please do not hesitate to contact either the Headmaster at School, or Mr. Grahame Benstead, Hon. Sec., Old Kirkhamians, 40 Arundel Road, Ansdell, Lytham FY8 1BL. We are keen to hear from you so that we can let members know how your careers and lives are progressing.

Obituaries

It is with deep regret that we report the deaths of Oswald Aiken, John Broadbent, David Hall, Harry Hodgkinson, G. Kirby and H.C. Platt.

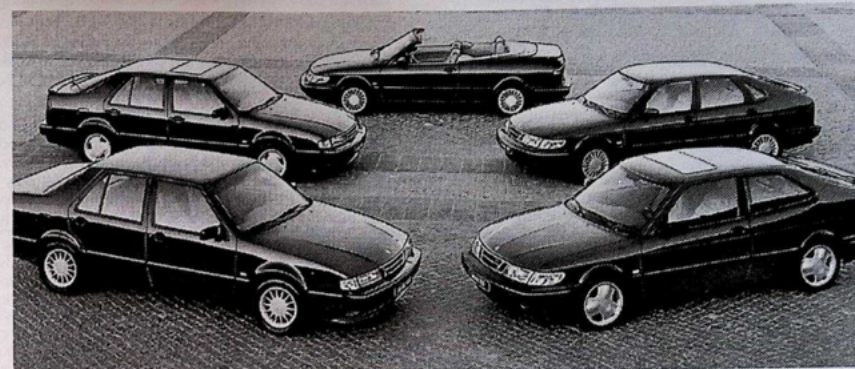
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PURE DRIVING PLEASURE

FRIENDS OF KIRKHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL

This has been an extremely active year for the Friends and we have held several popular and successful events throughout the year.

We began, as usual, inviting new parents to a Cheese and Wine evening on an informal basis to understand the purpose of the Friends and its aims. They had the opportunity to meet the Headmaster, members of staff, committee and other parents. The evening was relaxed and extremely enjoyable.

In October we held our first major function, an "Auction of Promises". This was an enormous success, raising in excess of £2200 on the night. The evening was amusing and generously supported by parents, friends and staff. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to Richard Wilson who single handedly kept the event moving with his witty and amusing auctioneering qualities. Look out Sotherbys!!

For the first time we held our Christmas Ball at the Village Hotel on the outskirts of Blackpool. Due to the popularity of this function and the increasing demand for tickets, it has firmly become the premier event for the Friends. I have no doubt that tickets sales will again be high for our return this November. Again due to the expertise of Richard Wilson with his Mini-Auction Raffle and the enormous support from parents, friends and staff, the profit was a staggering £2300.

During 1995 we held three further events - Quiz Night (February), a Murder Night (March) and the Annual Summer Fair (May) in the Junior School. Again, all these events were very well supported and helped along with the profits for the year. The Summer Fair, for the second year running, raised over £2000. We were extremely grateful for the support received and I would like to thank parents, committee members, friends and Mrs Kelly and her staff for the amount of time given so willingly in its support. Furthermore, again I thank Betty

Dawson for her energy and organisation in making this event a huge success.

All in all these events have raised in excess of £7000 for the Friends of KGS and I am pleased to report how this money has been put to good use within the School requirements.

Portable staging has been purchased for the use of the Music and Drama departments and the Junior School. You may have noticed this equipment at the many productions that have been held. This undoubtedly is a major asset to the School and will enhance the pupils capabilities with this aspect of the curriculum and future productions.

Picture frames have been bought to display pupils' artwork posters in the French and German departments. Library books have been purchased with funds donated by the Friends and now appear on the shelves of both Junior and Senior School libraries. The Combined Cadet Force and Fell Walking Club have received a gift of compasses and individual pupils have been helped by funds donated by the Association towards sports tours and expeditions.

Finally, the Friends are presently involved in supporting the refurbishment of the School Library with new carpet and a CD ROM computer. In addition, we are giving major assistance with software for the Junior School computer suite. Both these projects have the full support of the Friends and we anticipate will receive the backing of parents and staff.

Without your generosity none of this would have been possible. I conclude by thanking committee members for their continued hard work, parents for your enormous support of all the events and Mr Stacey and Mrs Kelly for the enthusiasm given to me in my first year as Chairman of the Friends.

Mark W. Drennan.

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| Peru | £120 |
| Crisis | £350 |
| R.N.L.I. | £80 |
| Poppy Appeal | £100 |

Spring, 1995

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| Barnardo's | £80 |
| Comic Relief | £800 |
| Kidney Foundation | £80 |
| Refugee Council | £150 |
| Multiple Sclerosis | £150 |

Summer, 1995

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| N.S.P.C.C. | £25 |
| Christian Aid | £200 |
| National Children's Homes | £150 |

Once again, a wide range of charities have received donations from the school - with local, national and international causes benefiting.

We have welcomed over the year visiting speakers

from Crisis, the local branch of the Multiple Sclerosis Society and the regional organiser of the National Children's Homes. Their talks in assembly proved provoking and enlightening.

As always, the mainstay of our charitable giving has been the weekly collection. We would thank all those who have been so generous over the past year. However, there have been other events, most notably those associated with Comic Relief day. Grateful thanks must go to all those who agreed to be 'gunged' and entered into the spirit of the day with so much enthusiasm. The fancy dress hockey was also a success, with the staff showing our hockey players that guile can be too much for ability to cope with.

During the summer months, two of our sixth formers are heading for Peru, to work there with a medical/educational mission. We wish them well and look forward to hearing about the work being carried out there and how we will be able to help.

Thanks must go to all who have helped organise events over the past year, to those who have collected the money on Fridays and counted it, and especially to all who have so generously contributed. What we do may seem very little to us, but to others it may make a huge difference.



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R.A.F. SECTION

In September the R.A.F. section welcomed Felica Opoku, Sarah Chantler and poached from the army Joanne Allcock. Later James McGee, having left, decided it was time to return. We were sad to lose Kevin Taylor at the end of the Easter term.

The L6 having progressed from their cadre training course took over from the U6. Having already said goodbye to our Flt/Sgt, Kevin McGlary and other NCOs, Bryn Hughes in May was made Flt/Sgt with David Parkinson as Sgt.

All the new fourth years succeeded in passing their weapons test, and many of the fifth year the part two and advanced tests.

We had three excellent field days this year, from navigation around Beacon Fell and Parlik to our usual flying at Woodvale, Southport. At the end of June the fourth year got their first experience of flying in the Chipmunk. Their fun on getting out from the plane were mainly full of exhilaration, but there was the odd exception.

Cpl Fryer and Cdt Reeves have both completed their Initial Gliding Training at R.A.F. Samlesbury and Cdt Reeves went on to gain a Basic Gliding Certificate. Many other cadets have enjoyed Air Experience Gliding at Samlesbury too.

During the Easter holidays, two camps took place, one at Linton-on-Ouse, England and one in Rheindahlen, Germany. Both of these proved to be very successful. The cadets would like to thank Under Officer Anna Fryer, an Old Girl of the school, for all her help on the Easter camp.

All the NCO's would like to wish our Flt/Sgt, Bryn Hughes, all the best on his forthcoming leadership course.

Thanks must go to Flt/Lt Taylor for his help with extra curricular activities and Flt/Lt Greaves for all her support over the year. I would like to wish Mrs. Greaves well on behalf of all the cadets as Mr Taylor takes over command of the section. Mrs Greaves has been a marvel to us all and I am sure she will be sadly missed after next May.

Cpl R.J. Fryer.

R.A.F. EASTER CAMP - GERMANY

I set out from Stansted Airport, bound with many other cadets from round the country, for a week in Germany.

The activities ranged from Tornado, Harrier (R.A.F. Brugen) and AWAX visits to shooting, marching and ten pin bowling. I have made many new friends from Glasgow to Reading and from York to Liverpool, with many of whom I have kept in touch.

I enjoyed all the competition between the Rheindahlen and Larbrook camps, especially the football, basketball and Navex exercise. The best bit for me was meeting the Tornado fighter pilots and being shown the Tornado planes.

I must thank the officers in charge for an excellent week, even when they managed to organise a shopping trip on the only day that the whole of Germany had half-day closing.

Being on an RAF base, I never felt I was in Germany, except for the occasional stepping out into the road after looking the wrong way. I have come away from Rheindahlen with an extra pair of cadet shoes, after leaving my own at home, plus memories of a brilliant week that I will never forget!

Cpl. R.S. Fryer.

EASTER CAMP 1995 - RAF LINTON-ON-OUSE

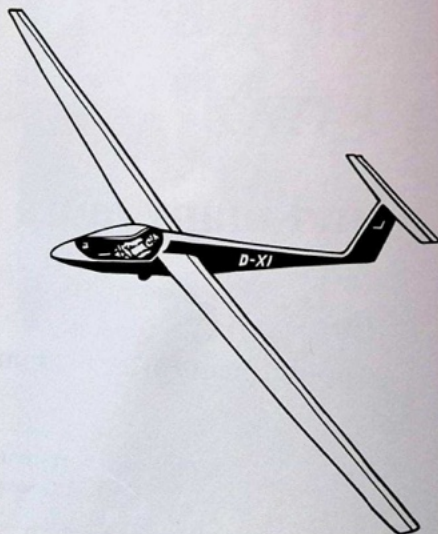
This year's camp was held at RAF Linton-on-Ouse, near York. There were a lot of things to do through the week, including visits to the city and many sport-orientated activities. For Air Experience Flying we travelled to RAF Leeming. The weather was good, so flying was not delayed.

Everyone enjoyed the interflight competitions, even the least sporty. Most of the exercises were successfully completed. The competition was very close at the end, with one flight winning by a very narrow margin of 20 points.

Although the numbers from KGS on camp were small, we still remained one of the leading schools there. Congratulations must go to Kevin Taylor who won best cadet on camp, earning himself a flight in a Tucano. Congratulations also go to Vikki Adams who was voted most improved cadet. Also two more of our cadets, Anwar Arif and Alison Peters, were presented with their full Marksman award, two of the only four awarded on camp.

Finally, thanks must go to Flt/Lt Taylor and Under Officer Anna Fryer who put up with us for a week.

Cdt R. Hills.



ADVENTUROUS TRAINING

The week was interesting, educational, but very physically demanding. The first day was the first Sunday of the February half-term. We packed up all the mini-buses with the training kit and all our personal kit and we headed out for Keswick. The evening was spent unpacking and being briefed on the activities the week held for us.

The first three days consisted of three activities, which each of the three sections rotated round. The three activities were mountain biking, walking and the third day consisted of orienteering in the morning, followed by rock climbing and swimming in the afternoon.

My section was led by Sergeant Major Law, otherwise known as Johnny. Considering the weather was terrible, which made the activities more demanding, we coped extremely well. Each night we had to prepare for the day's activities by completing route cards and ensuring we had the correct kit.

Before we knew it, Thursday came and it was time for the point-to-point. This was the hardest day of all. Wednesday evening was spent with briefings and planning our own routes and route cards. The journey began

early. The aim of the point-to-point was to follow the route card you had planned to the second. We had to cover a walk, but make certain points and complete an activity.

The first point was a first aid point, where we were given an accident situation and we had to deal with it. At this point we were given our food, which we had to make and eat along the journey. The second point was the most physically demanding one. It was the stretcher carry, led by Sergeant Cameron. After the short warm up of continuous sit-ups and press-ups, we had to carry a stretcher with one of the leaders on it and run a certain distance and back. The final point was an initiative led by Mr. Stanford (an ex-pupil). It was demanding, but rewarding once we had finished. That evening was spent playing games and having a laugh, before we had to pack and clean up the place the next day before our departure.

Everyone who went achieved a great deal and enjoyed themselves at the same time, all due to the hard work put in by the staff, especially Colonel Sayer and Major Scott.

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THE CRUCIBLE

On the 1st and 2nd of December 1994, Kirkham Grammar School's Dramatic Society performed a highly compelling production of Arthur Miller's 'The Crucible'. Taking into account that the Oxford Dictionary's definition of a crucible is, 'a melting pot for metals and also a severe test of strength', everyone of us who had signed up to take part way back in the summer knew we were in for a challenge.

'The Crucible' is actually a tragedy about mass hysteria, based on authentic records of witchcraft trials in seventeenth century America. To be precise, it is set in Salem, Massachusetts in 1692.

There are twenty characters, ranging from a ten year old girl trying to fly, to an inquisitive, canny, eighty-three year old gentleman. With this in mind, the gruelling task of auditions and then casting began - before we could even start to think about rehearsals.

However, with so many budding actors and actresses eager to take part, wheels started turning quicker than expected and soon the hectic rehearsal schedules were underway.

With a wonderful production team and very dedicated cast, by the end of November we were nearly there (apart from the small matter of certain people not knowing their lines - Lee and Kevin!)

Still, the phrase "It'll be alright on the night" proved to be correct and the performances were extremely successful and well appreciated by the audiences on both nights.

With striking performances too numerous to mention, the whole cast list is shown instead. However, four people deserve an extra-special mention, because after their performances in 'The Crucible', they have been presented with the new award of Drama Colours, and they are: Ranvir Singh, Kevin McGlary, Nicola McKay and Elizabeth Horn. Congratulations!



Special thanks must go to Mrs Jones, Mr Clark and Gayle Forder who were the brains behind the scheme and without them the production would not have been possible.

All that is left for me to say now is that I hope there will be many more Dramatic Society performances which prove to be as initially demanding, but eventually as rewarding, as this one has been.

Vikki Eyre, Dramatic Society Secretary 1994-5

The cast for this production, in order of appearance:

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| Village girls: | Lisa Helin Martine Martinez Moira Sanderson Lisa Stuart Sarah Thomas Kate Sullivan Sandra Renga Philip Reeves Nicky McKay Kirsten Chatwin Vikki Eyre James Cuthbertson Claire Phillips Elizabeth Horn Kevin McGlary Michelle Carter Philip Bateman Nicholas Hopton Ranvir Singh Benjamin Davies Benjamin Swindlehurst Jonathan Carpenter Paul Allen Lee Halliday Rachel Chester Lisa Helin (Betty) Tupele Dorgu (Mercy) |
| Betty Parris: | |
| Tituba: | |
| Reverend Samuel Parris: | |
| Abigail Williams: | |
| Susanna Walcott: | |
| Mrs Ann Putnam: | |
| Mr Thomas Putnam: | |
| Mercy Lewis: | |
| Mary Warren: | |
| John Proctor: | |
| Rebecca Nurse: | |
| Giles Corey: | |
| Reverend John Hale: | |
| Mrs Elizabeth Proctor: | |
| Francis Nurse: | |
| Ezekial Cheever: | |
| Marshall Herrich: | |
| Judge Hathorne: | |
| Deputy Governor Danforth: | |
| Sarah Good: | |
| Understudies: | |

JUNIOR DRAMA FESTIVAL

Comic Relief was very much the theme of the inaugural Junior Drama festival at KGS, an event which, hopefully, will become a fixture in the Spring Calendar. The motivation was participation and, in all, ninety pupils from the second and third years took part in this extravaganza. The key to its success lay in discipline and good organisation and this was clearly demonstrated through the many directors who turned their hand to stagecraft.

As for the plays - well, 2X's Pied Piper teetered delightfully between the cute and the crass and 2Y's sketches were as impressive as they were impromptu. 2Z discovered some style in their 'Shirts', whilst we all aged during the 'Granny project' with 3X. Shakespeare was not so much savoured as savaged by 3Y in their rowdy rendition of Henry X Part VII, but perhaps the laurel had to be given to 3Z who, in burying their 'Tiger Bones', produced a spectacle which can best be described as Prime Minister's Question Time with the Woodentops. The audience wept as the tragedy unfolded, if not quite as Ted Hughes had intended.

Many thanks to all involved - staff, pupils and sixth formers for two unforgettable nights!



LAMDA

The LAMDA Examinations in Speech and Drama once again achieved a 100% pass rate, with many outstanding results.

Two candidates of special note to be mentioned are Ranvir Singh, whose outstanding performance in the acting exam gained for her a Gold Medal. This unfortunately was her last exam as a KGS pupil as she leaves us at the end of this term for University. Ranvir started her Drama course on entering the School at the age of eleven, and throughout her time here has attained a very high standard, gaining many merits and honours in all her speech and acting exams. This Gold Medal is therefore the culmination of all her hard work. Well done, Ranvir!!

It is also pleasing to note that Gareth Rees gained his junior Acting Medallion at the age of thirteen, and as a very high standard is required for this medal, it was therefore a gratifying result.

I must also give a special mention to the following pupils who have all gained honours in the local drama festivals:

Vikki Eyre
Rebecca Gardner
Tupele Dorgu
Martha Newell
Gareth Rees

Carole C. Johnson LLAM

Examinations

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| Senior Acting Gold Medal: | R. Singh |
| Senior Acting Grade Six: | M. Carter M. Martinez M. Cowie A. Wire H. Bailey R. McGlary L. Stuart |
| Junior Acting Medal: Grade Five: | G. Rees A. Blackley K. Sharrocks K. Warner M. Hordern T. Catterall |
| The Speaking of Verse and Prose Grade Six: | D Howarth H. Newell K. Sullivan V. Richardson M. Newell |
| Grade Five: | H. Rowan R. Appleyard T. Russell K. Westerman C. Pollard T. Thornley I. Rycroft M. Harrison S. Lumsden |

MUSIC SOCIETY

September, 1994 brought a new term and to some extent a new choir, the majority of the "senior end" having left as they were in the U6. It seemed like a big challenge lay ahead for us all. Mr Catterall handed out the music and in no time at all Speech Day came around, bringing with it a 10 minute programme which went without a hitch.

As soon as Speech Day had passed, the preparations for Christmas began and in addition to this the groundwork was laid for the Gilbert and Sullivan opera 'H.M.S. Pinafore', which we intended to perform in the Spring.

Christmas produced some of our best singing of the year and the choir was now at full strength and ready to put the finishing touches to 'H.M.S.P.' This was performed in February at the Spring concert. The opera went down very well with the audience, as did the orchestra who played the first half of the programme. Particular credit must go to all the soloists and, of course, to Mr Baines who organised (and choreographed) 'H.M.S. Pinafore'.

Founders' Day swiftly followed, with resounding hymns and the anthems 'Locust Isle' by Bruckner and 'I will Sing with the Spirit' by Nutter.

Finally, the year ended with 'Music for a Summer Evening'. The programme included performances by

finalists from the Inter House music competition, which incidentally attracted a record number of entrants and was won by Kirkham, the individual winner being Andrew Hills for the third time. The orchestra and wind-band also gave excellent performances at this concert, both groups playing with considerable confidence.

There have been concerts, too, during school time and this year the lunchtime concert series has really taken off. The concerts were a tremendous success and a great experience for all, from the sixth form 'A' level students who organised one (it is not as easy as it sounds, believe me!) to the first and second years who performed one under the direction of Mr Ashmore. Evening invitation concerts have included the BNFL Band, playing under the direction of Mr Richard Evans, Michael Boe presenting an evening of songs from the musicals and an evening at the opera with Preston Opera Company, directed by Frank Salter.

Last year's music report stated that musical success would continue for many years and this year it definitely has. I would like to thank all the private music teachers at school and of course Mr Ashmore and Mr Catterall without whose dedication and never ending enthusiasm none of the above would have been possible.

Paul Allen.

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FELL WALKING SOCIETY

The fell walking society was re-established this year with fairly good numbers of participants, particularly during the winter. The following walks were arranged:

1. The Striding Edge route up Helvellyn, which was too precipitous for one or two of those who took part.
2. A ridge walk, taking in Stony Cove Pike and High Street on a cool, windy day.
3. By contrast, this walk to the top of Ingleborough took place on a warm, still day in hazy sunshine. There was a visit to Ingleborough Cave at the end of the walk.

4. Crinkle Craggs. Cold, windy, wet conditions made this one of the year's most demanding walks.
5. Mr Cawthorne climbed his last Lake District peak (Kentmere Pike) and bought everyone a drink in a hotel bar to celebrate.
6. The Fairfield horseshoe. This could have been the most interesting walk of the year, with fine views all day but the cloudbase was too low.
7. Scafell Pikes. A poor turnout to climb England's highest mountain on a fine summer's day.

VISIT TO BNFL RESEARCH LABORATORIES

A group of 4th, 5th and 6th form students accompanied by Mr Cawthorne and Mrs Byrne visited BNFL's research laboratories at Salwick.

They saw the manufacture of zeolites to absorb heavy metals, bacteria to digest impurities in outflow pipes and electron microscopes to produce images of individual atoms.



Lisa Helin looking at the probe of a tunnelling electron microscope.



Dylan Wilson with an image produced by the electron microscope.

There are many abiding memories of the Ornithologists' second full year of activity and what a full year it has been!

September saw the number of members rise to 25, with a flush of first formers wondering exactly what to expect. Autumn is always a difficult time for the beginner: many birds are skulking in drab plumage as we await the arrival of the many migrants that winter locally. Rare passage birds are difficult to spot so we had a quiet visit to Leighton Moss. But, with winter well and truly here, we had a fine first visit to Martin Mere WWT, where some of us saw the peregrine and where the society adopted its whooper swan - 'Smithy' - freshly arrived from Iceland. Shortly before Christmas, on a soggy, uncompromising Sunday, we ventured up to Rossall Point and had an exciting afternoon observing a snow bunting, a black redstart and then, at Marton, a vagrant American green-winged teal, proving that the unpredictability of ornithology is half its attraction.

The Spring Term promised much. We had another excellent high-tide roost at Hest Bank and a second club bittern at Leighton Moss. Over half-term was our annual expedition to Islay, a remote Inner Hebridean island, where we again joined up with KEOS (the birders from Bath). The three hour crossing from the Mull of Kintyre was appalling, as were the occasional squally hail showers which drove stinging ice horizontally into our eyes. But the rewards were worth waiting for. Many will remember crowding round the carcass of a sixty-foot sperm whale on a storm beach; others the excitement of a vagrant snow goose amidst the hundreds of barnacle geese, or close views of a Kumlien's and ring-billed gull. The weather was dramatically and stunningly changeable with three days of crisp sunshine, enough to see hen harriers, Landseer stags on Jura and several otters; the landscape was indeed breathtaking and, perhaps, the highlight was the dancing display flight of golden eagles in the stunning last sunset.

We returned to visit our local eagles in Riggendale in early May and saw again that dramatic dance: sadly the eggs failed for a third year so this site may be abandoned. Nevertheless, a superb trip to sundrenched Lakeland was



topped with good views of a lost spoonbill in Morecambe Bay.

Our final venture was a weekend to the Borders right at the close of term: a trip many might regard as the most exciting yet, with a visit on a fine, calm day to the Farne Islands off the Northumbrian coast. Few will forget approaching within inches: puffins, guillemots, eiders, shags and kittiwakes. All will have wounds to treasure from the terns who attacked us remorselessly on Inner Farne.

It has been an exhilarating year full of challenge and incident. Surely no one can say birdwatching is for the fainthearted.

November has been kind this year, not just mild.

Every morning the curtains twitch in trepidation. What will Father Keith's weather vane say? Characteristically, it always directs us obscurely towards heaven and only vaguely into the prevailing wind. Most of the year it points ominously to Kirkham which does little for the early morning morale of a back lane mountain biker. Still, November has been kind - the Clifton kestrel hovers upright, not horizontal so the westerlies can wait.

From Clifton to Salwick the cyclist must run the gauntlet of the works' traffic (or is it the other way round?) but, as the mornings draw in, there's always the chance of one of the Lund barn owls flitting mothlike over the new plantation: this scrubby corridor has meant they've done well this year, having seen off their second brood late last month. St John's belfry always looked quintessential - long may they thrive undisturbed.

Over the railway and there's often a quizzical heron vainly stalking a waterlogged field or lolling lazily over the canal with an unmistakable high-pitched bark. The woods are wet now, the last tattered leaves lie as a dangerous mulch on the tarmac. It's easy to imagine the canal as part of some primeval mangrove and so hard to recall early May with the beeches bursting with vibrant little brands of green in the yellow morning light. Only the robin trills mournfully or chats an alarm. The Hand and Dagger swings into view and on most mornings a stiff westerly must be faced and yet it is astonishing how the last ribbon of woodland and hedge can break up its potency. This is where the passage whimbrels lurk in late May, piping raucously when panicked into the air; not quite the same timbre as the plaintive pibroch of the curlew display which fills the April air as a more trustworthy harbinger of warmer weather than any vagrant swallow.

There are sirens up Dagger Road when the air is crisp and the wind fresh from the Arctic. There temptingly beckon the Langdale Pikes and toes tingle for the supple

leather of fell boots and fingers fidget for the gritty feel of granite. But no! The handlebars must be held westward and where is that strangled curlew call coming from anyway? Fooled again! Just a clever starling on the cowshed running through his local repertoire. Out past the farm and this is sparrowhawk territory. She explodes from the tree fringe, scuds low over the turf and strafes the hedgerows, deadly as a tornado. The tall trees are alive with the chacking of shercocks or the snake rattle of a mistle thrush. If it's clear, a skein of pinkfoots may wing its way southwards and always it is their irritable honking that announces they're near. Pinkfoots are always moving purposefully over the Fylde - none of that kamikaze whiffing they indulge in over Martin Mere as if taunting the novice wildfowler into the belief he's bagged one out of the blue.

In the summer there's another siren tittering from the telegraph poles up Jacob's Lane, but this yellowhammer is on an enigmatic diet: "a little bit of bread and no..." He can never make up his mind in the morning but his lane which cuts through the cornfields is as inviting as La France Profonde at 7.45am in July. Through Treales with its wheezy collared doves and piercing throistles to the crossroads. Mowbreck Lane is a ruddy quagmire now, too perilous to test rusty knees off-road, but when it's dry and the rape cuts through the blue like a Swedish flag and the hedges are fussy with whitethroats and the tewit turns and tumbles, now that's when one's ride should last till lunchtime.

But that must wait: the road veers towards St Michael's; there's a gull roost building up below the railway embankment and the dykes are awaiting their first flamboyant shelducks. Someone saw a ringtail here last Christmas so there's always the possibility of a surprise before burying oneself in the backstreets of Kirkham.

Yes, it's busy for a birder on a bike, but it sure beats commuting in a car!

N.G. Clark



YOUNG ENTERPRISE

This year's Young Enterprise Company was established in mid-September 1994, with the name Apollo being chosen. We had an incredibly large number of achievers - 32 in all - which often tested communications within the company to its limits.

Despite early problems, the company soon settled down, production rates increased, and profits started to be made. The products were: crisp-packet keyrings, mugs and various shapes and sizes of candles. We were very grateful for the help we received with our products from a local pottery and a wax manufacturer.

The company had many selling opportunities, such as stalls at school functions, breaktimes and order forms which were taken home.

Re-elections part way through the year led to a complete change in the executive except for the Financial Director John Woods. These re-elections seemed to restart the company, which was beginning to encounter problems.

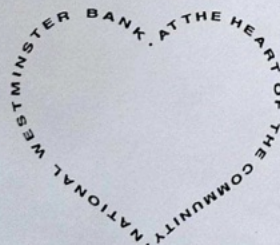
The rest of the year ran smoothly and we attended both the interim and final presentations which went well. We had a good report constructed by Kevin Taylor which we feel 'did us proud'.

The year ended in June with the liquidation of the company and the closing of our bank account. We made an overall profit and were able to pay the shareholders a 20% dividend.

Special thanks must go to our four excellent advisors (which included two members of last year's company) Steve Connolly, Derek Isherwood, Abigail Welsby and Vikki Eyre, and our invaluable link teacher, Mr Bruce.

We feel that Young Enterprise is an enjoyable experience for sixth formers and would thoroughly recommend it for next year's pupils.

Oliver Welsby, Managing Director.



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| Junior Cricket Cup | Preston | | Senior: | Kirkham |
| Cross Country Cups | Junior Boys: School | Rugby | Junior: | Kirkham |
| | Junior Girls: Preston | | Intermediate: | Kirkham |
| | Intermediate Boys: Preston/School | Senior Rugby Football Shield | | Fylde |
| | Intermediate Girls: Preston | Rhodes Swimming Cup | | Kirkham |
| | Senior Boys: Preston | Chess Trophy | | School |
| | Senior Girls: Preston | Debating Cup | | School |
| Hockey | Junior Girls: Fylde | Whiteside Musical Festival Cup | | Kirkham |
| | Senior Girls: Preston | Drama | | Kirkham |
| Netball | Junior Girls: Fylde | Shooting Trophy | | Preston |
| | Senior Girls: Kirkham | Badminton Trophy | | (Not held) |
| Rounders | Junior Girls: Preston | Junior Academic Trophy | | Kirkham |
| | | Whitby Interhouse Cup | | Preston |

FYLDE HOUSE

House Master: Mr I. Scott

House Captains: Daniel West and Jeremy Whittle

The past year has brought mixed fortunes for this house.

We had a disappointing start to the Winter term when we lost to School house in the debating competition semi-final. Much credit must go to both Abigail Welsby and Vicki Eyre who both spoke well for the house.

The house shooting competition also took place this term in which we scored 119 points. We had some excellent shooting from both Daniel West and Ben Bancroft who scored 39 and 36 points respectively for the house. We came second to Preston again, who scored 140 points.

The swimming gala also took place at the end of this term. We had some good performances from both Edward Oldfield and Mark Grey. Our swimming team did well overall, coming second, scoring a respectable 110 points to Kirkham's 168 points.

However, all was not lost for Fylde House. The Spring term brought us more success than the previous term did.

Our first victory came from the junior girls, when they won the junior hockey. Unfortunately, we were not as successful with the senior hockey, when we were beaten narrowly by Preston House in the final. There were similar results in the netball competitions when our junior girls gave us our second victory, but the senior girls came third after being defeated by a stronger Preston team in the semi-final.

Similar results came from the inter-house rugby 7's competitions. Our junior boys came fourth and the intermediates second to Kirkham, but our senior boys were triumphant by beating all three of the other houses. Many congratulations must go to the squad for this victory and for winning it back from School, who were eager to keep it for the second year running.

Another major event that took place this term was the music competition. The results of this were rather disappointing when we were placed fourth due to a lack of audition entries. However, we produced some notable

performances from Andrew Hills and Haidee McGregor who both scored highly in the final. Congratulations must go to Andrew Hills who won the 'R. F. Greaves' award for the third time in four years.

In the cross-country, Fylde House did not fare so well, with the competition being dominated by Preston House. There were, however, some good performances from Chris Lindsay, who came second in the intermediate boys' race, and from Celine Hodge, who came third in the intermediate girls' race.

A very closely fought chess competition was played this term. School beat us narrowly with 11½ points to our 9½ points. Kirkham were close behind with 9 points. Congratulations must go to Barry Stead, who not only captained the team, but also played all his matches without losing any of them.

The first event of the Summer term was the house athletics. A lack of entries to events meant we came fourth with a disappointing 540 points. However, Fylde made a comeback with the senior boys' cricket, when we beat Preston quite comfortably. Preston had scored 57 for 4 after 15 overs, but Fylde scored 58 for 1, leading us to a very easy victory. There was some good batting from both the Whittle brothers, and good bowling from Richard Elliott and Peter Whittle.

In the tennis competitions, our seniors came third, our intermediates came second to Preston, and our juniors came first, beating School house very narrowly in the final. The junior girls also did very well in reaching the final of the rounders tournament. Unfortunately, they lost a close match to Preston.

May I take this opportunity to thank everybody who has helped organise the events over the past year and those who have taken part in them? I wish also to thank all the staff who help make the house events run smoothly. Finally, I would like to thank our two retiring house captains, Jeremy Whittle and Daniel West, who have worked hard this year and also our house master, Mr Scott, for his support throughout the past year.

Michael Yeung.

KIRKHAM HOUSE

House Master: Mr A. R. Baines
House Captains: Joanne Alison, Alistair Ward

In the past year Kirkham House has seen a mixed set of results.

The new school year started off with the House Debate, in which we came up against strong Preston House opposition. We lost despite a good debate by Kirkham, who argued that the house believed in equal opportunities for women.

Next was the House Drama. The cast of four actresses used the play 'My Mother said I Never Should', and gave a great performance to win the competition.

Unfortunately for Kirkham we came fourth in the shooting competition, despite a good shoot by Alex Beaumont who scored 33.

In the senior netball, Kirkham beat School House 9:8 in the semi-finals and met Preston House in the final. After an exciting match, Kirkham came out on top to win 9:3.

The final event of the term was the House Swimming Gala which was a great success for Kirkham, due to some good organisation by J. Law and F. Darroch. By the end of the competition Kirkham had achieved a score of 168 points, placing the house in first position.

Spring term 1995 has been a busy term, with Kirkham winning three events.

In the Junior Hockey Kirkham was defeated by Fylde House, who went on to be the eventual winners of the competition.

Unfortunately the seniors fared no better in the senior hockey, being beaten by Preston in the semi-finals in a closely fought match.

Kirkham House played well in all age groups of the inter-house rugby 7's competition. The seniors won two matches and came second overall. The intermediates won all three matches to win the competition. The Juniors also won all three matches to win, with no points scored against them.

The Junior Netball team beat Preston House in the semi-final with a score of 6:5, but came up against a strong Fylde House side in the final and lost 5:12.

The House Chess Competition was played throughout this term, with Kirkham coming third overall, despite J. Whiteside winning all of his matches.

The biggest event this term was the House Music Competition. It was also the most successful one for Kirkham. Kirkham entered 44 auditions, 10 of which were finalists. The best performances were by M. Carter, V. Turner, J. Wilson and the House Choir. Kirkham finished with a final score of 393, gaining first position. Thanks must go to the organisers N. Greensmith and H. Green.

The last event of the term was the House Cross-Country. Sadly, we had little success in any of these competitions.

We would like to thank all the organisers, staff, and especially Mr A. R. Baines who helped to make administration run as smoothly as ever.

Bryn Hughes and Nicola Greensmith.

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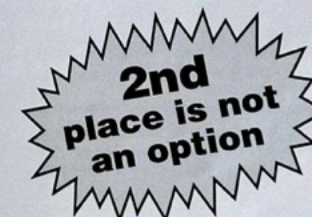
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SCHOOL HOUSE

House Master: Mr P. Smith
House Captains: Kevin McGlary and Tracey Leigh

The year 1994/95 has brought mixed results for School House.

The first event of the Autumn Term was the Drama Competition. School House chose 'Jack and the Beanstalk' for their entry, with Ben Swindlehurst and Mrs Smith's plant in the title roles. We finished third, but there were memorable performances from our cast, with Manoj Vijay as the Giant, Amy Preston as the cow and probably most memorable, Helen Beardsmore in the role of the chicken. We would like to thank Gayle Forder for organising the School House entry.

The Debate followed. Dylan Wilson and Sally Evans took on the task and duly won the competition, defeating Fylde House in the semi-final. We proposed the motion 'The bigger the salary, the better the job' and defeated Preston House in the final after arguing against a difficult motion on both sides. 'Killing animals for sport is never justified'.

We followed this with a victory in the chess, with Simon Yeung the star of the team. In all of the remaining events of the term we came third: Shooting, Senior and Junior Netball and Hockey and Swimming.

The Spring Term brought three events. In the Cross Country there was some success. The House came first in the Junior and Intermediate Boys' competition, second in the Junior and Intermediate Girls' and Senior Boys', with a third place for the Senior Girls'. Everyone ran hard and competed until the end, including the people who stepped in at the last minute for injured runners.

The Rugby Sevens followed. Unfortunately for the Seniors and Intermediates, weakened teams were formed due to injury, but thanks must go to Ashley Williams, Nicholas Hogg and Manoj Vijay for stepping in at literally

five minutes' notice and still performing with the expected School House commitment. The Juniors were more successful, winning their first two games, with the team grafting hard to send Sam Smith in for the majority of tries. However, against a tough Kirkham side, we lost the decider, thus finishing runners-up.

The Music Competition was again full of entrants for School House - Kevin Taylor and Tracy Leigh and a number of our entrants reached the final. Sam Smith once again scored very highly with his clarinet. A great team effort led to School House finishing second. Thanks must go to Kevin Taylor for organising the event.

Sports Day came unexpectedly early in the Summer Term, but this did not mean that quality suffered. The best overall performances from the House were from Sam Smith (winner of the Junior Boys' Victor Ludorum) and Rebecca Kay (Intermediate Girls' Victrix Ludorum winner). The House finished third. Congratulations to everyone in the House who competed.

The Senior Cricket was less successful for the House than the Junior. The Seniors lost in the semi-final to Preston, whilst the Juniors reached the final but unfortunately lost. The Rounders team also finished third, after winning the 3rd-4th place play off by half a rounder. The Tennis was an unlucky area for School House - close runners-up in the Juniors and Seniors and the Intermediates just failed to reach the final after a tie-break play-off. Well done to everyone, anyway.

Finally, the Junior Academic Trophy. Despite the fourth place, it was close and there is certainly no lack of brains in the House. Ben Hale showed this by finishing first in his first form.

All in all, a fairly good year for School House, with us finishing third in the overall Whitby Trophy. However, hard work as ever for next term and hopefully we can regain the trophy from Preston House.

Dylan Wilson and Joanne Allcock

PRESTON HOUSE

House Master: Mr A. Trenhaile
House Captain: Ranvir Singh

At the beginning of the year, Mr. Taylor, Preston House's long-term House Master, decided to step down from the post for a well earned break, and as he did, he left a gap which was to be more than ably filled by Mr Trenhaile. Since his appointment, Preston House has continued its winning streak in several areas.

In the girls' events we were fairly successful in both netball - coming second in the seniors, and third at junior level - and in hockey, being runners up in the Juniors, and achieving an excellent victory in the Seniors. For this result, I must thank Kate McArdle and Ruth Blackburn, along with the other team members who were dedicated to winning.

The junior cricketers did well by reaching the final, as did the Seniors, but unfortunately the Seniors were sec-

ond but the Juniors won. This was a brilliant result, as was the success of the girls' rounders team and the intermediate tennis team.

The cross-country was truly a sweeping success in both the girls and boys. All members involved excelled themselves to the extent that we were able to win almost everything. The key teams consisted of Michelle Mann (1st), Ruth Blackburn, Kelda Hodges, Kate McArdle; Richard Tomlinson, Stuart Melling (1st), Andrew Cairns, Mark Ledsham; Ruth Burns, Claire Stockdale, Gemma Swift, Claudine Barker and Catherine Williamson. The efforts of all teams are greatly appreciated.

The shooting team involved Adam Baines, Stuart Melling, Paul Banks and Andrew Cairns. They appeared to shoot with great precision, and thus placed Preston House in an impressive first place - well done!

The debating competition was hard-fought to the end, where Ranvir Singh and Tamsin Fletcher came a close second to School House.

THE SIXTH FORM LEAVERS' BALL

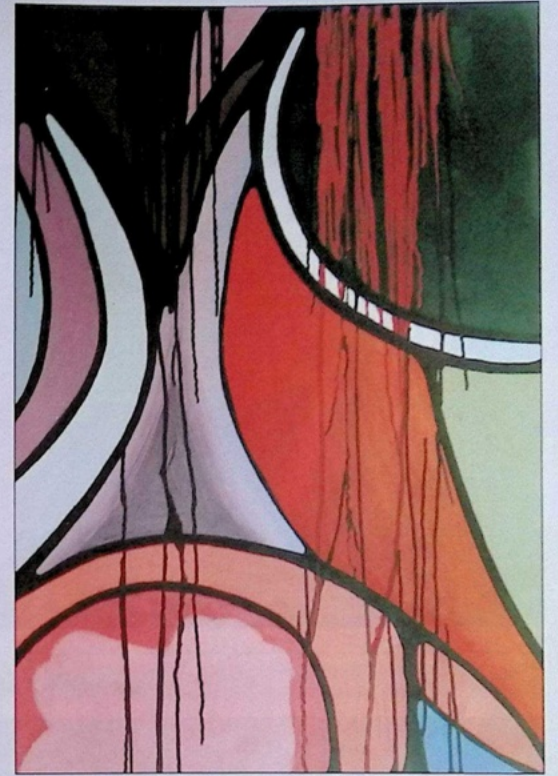




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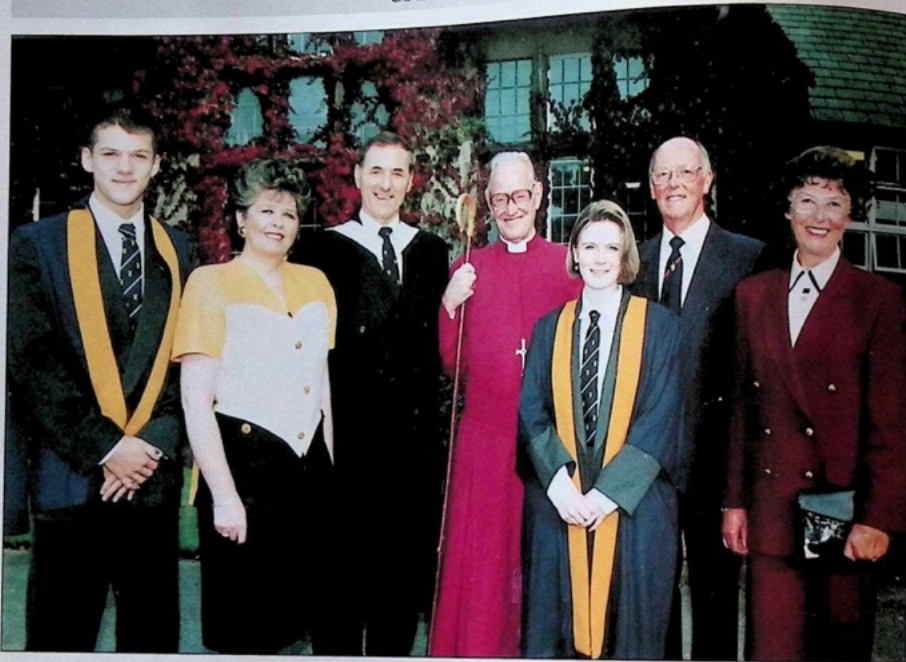


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SPEECH DAY



FOUNDERS' DAY



PRESTON HOUSE

The Drama, Swimming, Rugby 7's and Chess competitions, sadly, were not as successful as the afore-mentioned events; however, I must point out that the contribution from all age groups in the House was encouraging and very pleasing. This was certainly true of the House Drama, where over twenty students were prepared to take part.

The Music competition was enjoyable for all who entered. Special mention should be made of Paul Allen, Tupele Dorgu and Gillian Taylor, who all reached the final. Tupele gained the second highest score in the whole competition. In addition to this, I must thank Paul Allen for his help in organizing the event and the House Choir.

For me, the highlight of the year was the Sports Day, which we won for the third year running. Some outstanding results were achieved by several of the enthusiastic participants and we had an unprecedented number of

award winners - Michelle Mann and Gemma Swift were senior and intermediate Victrix Ludorum and Keith Quigley intermediate Victor Ludorum.

Preston House has had a successful year, and I hope that next year the house members will build on this with just as much enthusiasm, support and dedication as they have this year. The smooth running of a house comes down to several things and, therefore, I would personally like to thank Paul Banks, Stephen Kelly, Kate McArdle and of course, Mr Trenhaile, as well as the other House Staff and Sixth Form Prefects who have all helped in various ways. Finally, I would like to wish my successors, Ruth Blackburn and Paul Allen, the best of luck in this demanding role. I hope they find it as rewarding as I have.

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GERMAN EXCHANGE

The small group of pupils nervously waited at Manchester Airport to travel to Germany returning the visit of the previous term. It was earlier than in previous years - February, rather than late March or early April - so the pupils were prepared for the cold winter of central Germany. They were a little disappointed because the weather was comparatively mild, and all signs of the terrible floods of the previous weeks which we had seen on British television had disappeared.

The visit took its usual course, with the vast amount of our visit spent in school attending lessons, with the customary culture shock of the first period starting at 8.50am, and the much more welcome one of school ending at 1.00pm or even earlier on some days. There were official outings arranged for the "cultural" part of the exchange. We visited Cologne with its marvellous cathedral and the nearby gallery of modern art, which caused more than one raised eyebrow as the students of both countries realised what constitutes some modern art. The other official full day outing was to Frankfurt - one of Germany's largest cities. We travelled by train and on the underground and the purpose of the visit was to see some of Germany's best museums - including the Natural History Museum and the more modern museum of the Post

FRENCH TRIP TO ERNÉE

At half past eleven on the night of Tuesday 4th April, we set off on an exhausting eighteen hour journey to the French town of Ernée. The prospect of five hours on a ferry was extremely daunting to me. However, the ferry crossing from Portsmouth to Cherbourg was really calm, much to my relief!

We finally arrived at the Hotel Relais de Poste at around six o'clock on Wednesday evening. A good night's sleep was enjoyed by all!

We were up and about at half past seven the next morning. Sleepily, we arrived at breakfast to find cups the size of cereal bowls. I, for one, was amazed!

After breakfast we travelled to Kirkham's twin town, Ancenis. We walked around the market place, drank coffee in the café and visited the local supermarket. We gathered together at Ancenis Town Hall, where the twinning committee was holding a reception for us. Here, we experimented with our French, talking and listening to the people from the twinning committee. After lunch, we boarded our coach again for a tour around Ancenis. We saw many sights including a church by the Loire.

On Friday, our destination was the historical 'Le Mont Saint Michel.' This is a monastery built on a rock off the coast of Brittany. This was a most magnificent view from the causeway. It was a tremendous height and we were going to walk right to the top! At the bottom of Mont Saint Michel were multitudes of souvenir shops, selling everything and anything from mini replicas of Mont Saint Michel to egg cups with your name on them! The actual monastery itself was very impressive and the view from the top was even more so.

Office, with its "hands-on" displays. However, the highlight of the day in Frankfurt was the fact that some German pupils managed to get themselves stuck in a disabled person's lift when, after having crossed the river, they decided the dozen steps down were too much and the lift was a much better idea. The fire-brigade was called by an assistant in the nearby kiosk but fortunately (or disappointingly) the lift started to descend after half an hour or so, before they arrived, so the call had to be cancelled. Of course, in both cities there was ample time for shopping.

We also visited nearby Giessen as a group and there were many excursions among families and pupils themselves, leading up to the farewell party the evening before departure. The return home was interesting in itself, as within a few hours car, train, underground, Sky-train (the overhead railway between terminals at Frankfurt Airport) and plane were experienced.

As on every occasion in the past, experiences of different cultures were shared, friendships forged and a valuable educational experience enjoyed. Of course, everyone had a good time too.

We travelled back to Ernée, where the remainder of the day was spent shopping, swimming or playing football. We split up into the three groups and wandered to our chosen destination.

After dinner that night we split up into groups again and set off to sample some French bars. Our group spent half the night looking for a bar as the other groups had taken them all up! Eventually we found a bar and enjoyed a great night!

Saturday was spent in Rennes, the capital of Brittany. We walked around the town eating ice-cream and looking around the numerous shops. We then ate lunch in a beautiful park in the sunshine!

On the way back, we stopped off at the hypermarket. We spent over an hour speeding around the hypermarket buying presents for family and friends.

That night we had a presentations evening with an award of an easter egg for everyone. The last night will be remembered for Mr Reid's tie and Mrs Hayton's hilarious poem!

Sunday, our last morning, was spent playing basketball in the park, lazing around by the lake and basically soaking up our final drop of France. At midday we set off back to Kirkham, where we said goodbye to our driver, Paul, who we all grew to like over the five days!

There are lots of great memories from the French trip. As well as experiencing a bit of France, we also made many new friendships. We would like to thank all the teachers, especially Mr Long for organising the trip. We all had a fabulous time!

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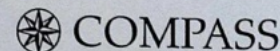
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GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP: SCARBOROUGH

Tuesday: After a long journey with Mr Scott pointing out many interesting features, we arrived in 'Arctic' Scarborough. Despite a slight breeze, we managed to acclimatize to the weather during the historical visit of the castle.

Our next stop was the sea front, where Mr. Scott 'dared' us to try to dodge the cold North Sea waves. The girls, having more sense, decided to stay in the warmth of the minibus whilst the boys enjoyed the taste of the salty sea!

Wednesday: We split up into small groups and undertook a study of the town. The northern winds got the better of us, turning Fiona's lips blue!

Thursday: Still in groups we visited several local villages and collected data in the form of questionnaires, photographs, traffic surveys and building surveys.

Friday: This day was spent in York, where we enjoyed more favourable weather conditions. We started off by walking along the city walls, where we proceeded to Oliver's Mount to see a panoramic view of the city. Not only is it steeped in history but it also contains a diversity of cultural interests.

Saturday: This was the wettest day of the week. The amusement of the day was provided by Alex, whose daredevil stunt of trying to cross the river via the underneath of a bridge ended in a big splash!

Sunday: The day began early and was spent drawing field-sketches of the coast from Scarborough to Bridlington. Mr Scott chose to give us some exercise by making us walk a mile along the beach whilst he and Miss Butterworth declined to accompany us and took the minibus instead.

Monday: Mr. Harrison would have loved this day as we went to the North Yorkshire moors and found the perfect cross-section at a peaty podsol which contained an 'ashy-grey' layer. We said goodbye to John at lunch, who missed out on a trip to the Trout Farm at Pickering. We also went to Ryedale Fold Museum, where Gemma and Debbie tested the security system by posing for a photograph in the wrong place!

Tuesday: This saw the end of our week in Scarborough which we thoroughly enjoyed and found very interesting and informative. We gave many thanks to Kath and Dot for the lovely meals, tidy rooms and especially for washing our clothes after the River study.

Mr Scott and Miss Butterworth (Miss K. Pottage) must be congratulated for making a week of education very interesting and beneficial to our studies.

A special mention goes to Eddie, who brightened up everyday with his outrageous views and opinions, which were the topics of many conversations.

The journey home was long, but thoroughly enjoyed, as we looked forward to seeing the familiar surroundings of our home county.

Gemma Stocks and Jane Sannegadu

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| Teachers: | Mr Scott, | Miss Butterworth |
| Students: | Jane Sannegadu | David Parkinson |
| | Gemma Stocks | Tom Garlick |
| | Debbie Nand | Alex Beaumont |
| | John Woods | Edward Oldfield |
| | Jonathan Hutchins | Alan Sharples |
| | Fiona Howarth | Jessica Wareing |
| | Christian Ellis | |

BOYS' GAMES — RUGBY

1st XV

P 17 W 12 L 3 D 1 F 228 A 140 (1 Abandoned)

After four seasons where the playing standards were merely competent as compared to the excellence of the preceding four years, it was hoped that this season would see a building towards higher playing standards again.

As three backs and five forwards were returning from last year's side and an international under-16 forward was entering the Sixth Form, it was expected that the strength of the side would be in the forwards. The inexperience of the backs was greatly magnified when the most experienced player, Jeremy Whittle, injured a foot in the second game and missed the next seven games, returning to fly half against Kings', Macclesfield. Alastair Ward, who played last season, did not play until the eleventh game and with last season's scrum half, Lee Halliday, playing in the centre, it meant that for most of the first ten matches there was not one player from last season playing in the same position in the three quarters. At this time the backs contained three fifth years, one who had played little rugby for two years because of two broken legs, and a converted forward.

In contrast to this, there was considerable experience and power in the pack and so it could be seen that the strength of the team lay up front. The modern ruck/maul law means that it is harder for three quarters to find space away from forwards loitering in mid-field in defence and so forwards often take the ball up to the opposition forwards to eliminate them before feeding the three quarters. In the early part of the season the forwards kept

driving the ball into the opposition when space had been cleared for the backs to use, which meant that too many games were close drawn affairs, with KGS scraping home in close-run matches many times.

The team played well for the first time in the eighth game against QEGS, Penrith; the opposition rated KGS the best side they played all season.

The tenth game saw the clash of two unbeaten sides when Lancaster RGS were entertained and KGS lost their unbeaten record. Lancaster were more committed to win and by the time KGS matched their commitment the match was all but lost.

After a defeat good sides like Bath and Wigan always bounce back with an outstanding performance and KGS did just that against Kings', Macclesfield with the best rugby seen all season. This coincided with the return of Alastair Ward and Jeremy Whittle in their rightful places and the inclusion of the Wairarapa College exchange students, Hamish McLean and Simon Searle. I believe the outstanding performance was achieved because the KGS players wanted to impress the New Zealanders. I would have been much happier if the KGS players had been dissatisfied with their own performance against Lancaster and wanted to prove to themselves they would not play like that again. I think that a player has to look deep into himself and has to prove to himself first and foremost that he has given his best. If he knows he has given his best then he can have pride in his performance, whatever others may think, but if he knows he has not, his pride will not let him produce a sub standard performance again.

The 1st XV



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An outstanding, exciting game came next against Rossall, with KGS dominating possession for most of the game and denying the Rossall backs, containing three county players and two internationals, possession. This was followed by another pulsating game against Trinity GS, Sydney, in which KGS produced a magnificent second half performance into the wind to enable Paul Banks to kick three penalties to win. At this stage of the season the team was playing magnificently and was a match for anyone. Morale was high, players were enjoying their rugby, commitment was excellent and the last thing that was needed was a month's break with Christmas and New Year excesses. KGS had lost only one match at this stage.

The team never regained that momentum after Christmas, playing four matches, one being abandoned with two lost and one drawn. A combination of players concentrating on their mock exams for the first two weeks of term and very poor training conditions owing to the wet weather meant that the team never regained the standard of performances gained towards the end of the Winter Term.

Paul Banks was a sound goalkicker, Alastair Ward possessed blistering pace on the wing, while the under-sixteen Philip Law on the other wing developed greatly during the season. Jay Bradley in the centre performed very well for an under-sixteen who had spent the last two seasons recovering from two broken legs and now he has regained his confidence, he should develop well. Lee Halliday when converted into a centre from scrum half provided resolute defence, while Jeremy Whittle was the tactical director at fly half. It was a pity that injury curtailed his season so much. Dylan Wilson showed tactical maturity at scrum half and his commitment to the game meant he was a greatly improved player and an example for others to follow.

Damian Guy had an excellent season at prop, setting a fine example as Vice-Captain, while his partner in the front was Daniel Davies and Ben Bancroft more than matched most opposition. Mark Grey, the Captain, led from the front by example, the way the best form of leadership starts and he improved to such an extent that he played for the Lancashire Under 18 XV which beat Yorkshire 38-0 in Yorkshire. James Woodsell could match anyone in the middle of the line on his day; Richard Wareing, a prop playing at number eight, was a foundation stone of the pack, as was Patrick Sanderson who was outstanding providing power and pace. Hamish McLean and Simon Searle, while on exchange from Wairarapa College, provided a physical aspect of the game typical of Kiwi rugby.

We have decided to start developing seven-a-side rugby with more tournaments being entered. The Stonyhurst 7's were rained off but the Senior 7 entered the Fylde, Birkenhead and the prestigious Oxfordshire 7's. Although the Seniors possessed power and pace, they found the different game difficult to adapt to, but reached the final of the plate at the British Aerospace 7's at Fylde and the semi-final of section 'C' at Oxford. The under-16's only entered the Oxford 7's, where they performed very well to reach the semi-final of the 'B' competition, only losing to the winners.

Daniel Davies and Mark Grey have been chosen for the Wairarapa Exchange and I am confident they will prepare themselves thoroughly and be good ambassadors.

I would like to thank the Captain, Mark Grey, and Vice-Captain, Damian Guy, for their outstanding efforts and Ben Bancroft for being a most effective secretary.

Next season the side will be young with much potential. As can be seen elsewhere, the school possesses much young talent which will emerge into the 1st XV in time.

Honours

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| England Under 18 'A' XV | P.H. Sanderson |
| England Under 18 Final trial | P.H. Sanderson |
| North of England Under 18 XV | P.H. Sanderson R. Wareing |
| Lancashire UI8 XV | M.J.M. Grey P.H. Sanderson R. Wareing |
| North of England UI6 XV | J.D. Carpenter M.S. Ledsham |
| Lancashire UI6 XV | J.D. Carpenter M.S. Ledsham |

Colours

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| Full | R. Wareing M.R. Grey D. Guy P.H. Sanderson |
| Half Colours | D.M. Davies L. Halliday J.P.J. Whittle D.M. Wilson |

Whistlers' Trophy

At the end of the season KGS 1st XV were presented with the first ever schools award of the Whistlers' Trophy by the Manchester and District Referees' Society. The award was for 'good organisation, good hospitality and team discipline'.

The school is proud to receive this award, as not only did the team have a fine season, but the spirit with which it played was appreciated by the referees.



The 2nd XV

2nd XV

P 14 W 5 L 9 F 155 A 178

1994-5 proved to be a more successful season than the previous season as the same number of victories were gained in fewer matches played. Once again, with so few sixth formers playing rugby, the nucleus of the side, and in one game the entire side, was made up of fifth form players.

The majority of rugby was played in the winter term and if the games against St Edward's and Kendal had not been cancelled, more games would have been won than lost. There were good wins against King Edward, Rossall and QEGS, Penrith. Only St. Anselm's and King's, Macclesfield played better rugby and beat the team convincingly. The other defeats were very close affairs.

Rugby after Christmas was largely a washout and both completed games were lost. In the first of these, at Manchester, after limited preparation due to mock examinations, the team contrived to produce the worst performance of the season and lost heavily. When Arnold were played as the last match of the season, there had been such a large gap since the previous game, it was like starting the season all over again for one match. Needless to say the side did not play at its best.

In a season in which no player played in all the games and the vast majority trained and played with great commitment, it would seem unfair to pick out anybody for a special mention. Having seen a lot of players improve over the season, I would expect to see a number of them compete strongly for first team places for the 1995-96 season.

Players who played over half the games:

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| A Beaumont | M Harrison | P Scott |
| C Blackburn | A Kelso | R Tomlinson |
| J Carpenter | M Ledsham | D West |
| J Cuthbertson | D Miller | P Whittle |
| B Davies | P Reeves | |

Under 15 XV

P 17 W 11 D 1 L 5

When I took over the coaching of this team, I was told by Mr Gornall that there was a huge potential within the squad. But early season training did not please me, the will to win was only apparent in a few of the players. Certainly this team owes a great deal to the dedication of Deri Hughes, who through some very difficult patches held them together.

New faces were brought in early on, and Paul Blackburn, Adam Dawson and especially Jason Leigh gave everyone a new impetus. In fact, to my surprise, we remained unbeaten throughout September, taking the scalps of Cowley H.S. and King Edward's, Lytham. During this month James Gee had developed into a captain who was respected by his fellow players. Keith Quigley had become a potent attacking force after a positional change to full back, while Deri Hughes, Rajesh Kanda and Chris Fox worked hard to lay a solid foundation up front. The injury to Chris Lindsay did cause problems for our defensive backline which was severely exposed against Wirral GS.

To give the squad credit, many boys worked hard in the early part of the season and they deserved some success. But another new face was to arrive in early

U15 continued

November. Alex Sanderson proved to be a very big asset to the squad. His size and power gave new confidence to other players and more importantly gave them a will to win. Matthew Roberts and Robert Wilson were two players who gained in self belief, Matthew worked hard at his lineout work, while Robert's fitness improved so much.

Suddenly we were becoming a team which was feared by schools in the North of England. Victories followed against Lancaster RGS and Rossall. Even in defeat against King's, Macclesfield (an excellent side) we excelled, losing only in the last minute. These performances were continued on our successful tour of South Wales.

The spring term was a disappointment, cancellation and illness paying a big part, but we still managed victories over Manchester GS and Stockport GS.

But the spring term did bring a great deal of pleasure to myself, seeing the following represent Lancashire in full county games against Yorkshire, Cheshire and Scotland: Alex Sanderson (No. 8), Deri Hughes (Flanker), Matthew Roberts (S-Row), Jason Leigh (Prop) and Keith Quigley (F-Back). This was a major achievement for KGS to have so many representatives. But it is important to realize that without the other players of the team achievements like this would be impossible.

I would like to thank the many parents for supporting us throughout the season, especially Mr Richard Blackburn for his help with transport. The kind sponsorship of Andrew Lindsay Solicitors and AC Conservatories was much appreciated.



U14 XV

Under 14 XV

P13 W2 D0 L11

This is not an impressive set of statistics and unfortunately it is a deserved end of season result. There is no doubt in anyone's mind that this team possesses the talent to match any side playing on our rugby circuit, but it was evident, even in early games, that they lacked determination and the pride required to do so. In saying all of this, the season actually began well with an excellent victory over Morecambe High School, followed by a fine display the following week in losing narrowly to Cowley. I believe that if the team had won the Cowley fixture, they would have approached the season with more confidence and thus gained more victories. Only one more win was recorded, over St Anselm's College, but there certainly could have been many more.

During many of the games lost, the team, especially in the backs, demonstrated flashes of real flare and talent, with some excellent fifteen man running rugby. Andrew Blackley, David Rees and Richard Wilson were the outstanding players with Andrew Redmayne and Andrew Worsley always working hard. I do hope, in what has been a most frustrating season, that all squad members have learned that... 'there is no gain without pain'... which, hopefully, will bring them success in the future.

P. Smith

Under 13 XV

P14 W6 L7 D1

As this was my first year teaching at Kirkham Grammar School I was looking forward to coaching some rugby union, and I could not wait to meet the U13 XV squad. I had heard they were a talented squad and after the first training session I could see why. Their skills were quite evident but above all their enthusiasm for rugby stood out a mile and reminded me of my hometown Wigan, where rugby (league, of course) is almost a religion.

Overall, the season has been quite successful, winning six, drawing one and losing seven of the games. Further analysis of the statistics tells another tale of what could have been a very successful year. Out of the seven games lost, five were lost by a try and a goal (7 points). This supports the view that this year group will, with hard work, meet with a great deal of success in the coming years.

Looking back at some of the games, the highlights and the disappointments come flooding back. The best win was away at Rossall Prep School, Kirkham winning 27-17 in front of a very hostile and patriotic crowd. The lads dug deep, showed plenty of determination and held on to their well deserved lead to the final whistle.

This game typified the attractive style of play of which the team is capable. The backs were well controlled by Adam Watts and the forwards stuck to their task, following the example set by Roger Anderton and the maturing prop Paul Johnson.

The worst defeat was at the hands of a very well organised Lancaster RGS. Kirkham showed a great deal of determination to hold the home side to a 0-0 scoreline for the first twenty minutes. Then fitness and power played its part, with Lancaster storming to a 51-0 win, leaving Kirkham 'gobsmacked'. This game should prove to the lads what real preparation and concentration for the full game can achieve.

Other players who deserve a special mention this season are the captain James Cross who has proved to be a solid, reliable leader, conducting his duties with the minimum of fuss and 'supersub' John Boyle who often provided that extra bit of aggression when the pack were struggling against giants such as Manchester GS.

I will also remember vividly the sensational tries from flying wingman, Philip Hendy, in the King Edward's Sevens competition, and his front on tackling of players usually much bigger than himself. The dainty side steps of John Pearson and his blockbusting try in the final minutes at Arnold also come to mind.

Thanks to all the squad members who trained week in week out through the atrocious weather of this winter and still showed their love of the game. I must also give my thanks to Mr Gornall and Mr Taylor for their hard work during games lessons and the referees who did a splendid job on Saturday mornings, Chris Holland and Dr Jonathan Smith.

Dr A.B. Rollins

Under 12 XV

P14 W8 L6 D2

I am not quite sure which is the most difficult and daunting of tasks - climbing the north face of the Eiger in January or attempting to coach 38 first year boys, all with relatively limited experience, the rudiments and intricacies of 15-a-side Rugby Union.

I decided to attack the latter like the old German Panzer Division using the 'Pincer' movement, therefore immediately segregating the forwards and backs and using all the specialist coaches available to try to instill some form of unity and organisation from the beginning. After all, we only had four weeks before our first major challenge - St. Anselm's at home!

Looking at the size and physique of the likes of Harrop, Ward, Tolley and Wilson, I was immediately beginning to 'dream' of the potential ferocity of my pack. I politely directed them and other front row players over to the scrummage machine under the gentle guidance of B.G. Being in the position to have the expert coaching skills of Barry Edgar to assist me with the backs, the picture was beginning to look rather bright.

Four weeks later our biggest problem was mobility. It would take the forwards forever and a day to get round the field, taking at least 5 minutes to reach the opposition 5 metre line from their own 22 metre.

In lineouts we had some excellent jumpers with Clarke and Dawson, but the hooker had the small problem of not being able to throw the ball straight to the No. 2 jumper, never mind the back row!

The backs were also causing an element of stress and concern. They could catch and, when required, pass, however no-one had the ability to run straight. We had approximately 22 backs who were either continually drunk or always preferred to run at a 90° tangent!

Our first game ended in a 0-0 draw. The forwards had trouble climbing out of the mud on the cabbage patch and the two centres plus both wingers ended up running sideways into the wood or the houses adjacent.

By Christmas we were beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel. The U12 XV gave an exhilarating display of tackling and rucking away at Macclesfield Grammar School. We lost narrowly. However, their commitment and determination were very much to be admired. Tom Dawson and Peter Phillips in the back row continually harassed and intimidated the Macclesfield half backs, whilst the team captain, Wigglesworth, plus Lupton and Brambles, defended with honour. The hooker, Paul Ashton, even though he still preferred to throw the ball from our lineouts to the opposition, excelled in the scrums.

Shortly after the Macclesfield fixture came Manchester GS and St. Mary's Hall. What became apparent at the beginning of the season was the overall size of the U12 'A' XV in comparison to the opposition. This was most noticeable against the likes of Manchester and Stonyhurst. Kirkham were so tiny. The Manchester backs

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were twice the size of the Kirkham forwards, so the likes of Baer, Cooper, Rudd, Cross and Lupton were absolutely dwarfed.

We lost to Manchester 5 tries to 3. However, we gave them an excellent lesson in tackling, support play and how to play the game 'hard but fair!' In fact, on three occasions, Rudd, Cross and Baer were penalised for harsh tackling against the 6'0" Manchester centres. Quite ironic really!

Before we could catch our breaths the last Saturday fixture was upon us. We took two teams, U12 A and B (34 boys in total) to Stockport Grammar. The weather was rather grim and the amount of rain (coming down in buckets) would certainly play a part in the teams' handling. The B Team won 7-5, with both forwards and backs combining well. Cooper and Margenson in particular were quite outstanding.

The A Team capped the morning with a superb result, winning 7-0. However, the score does not fully reflect the team's performance. Watts replaced the absent Langley. He was without doubt the key link. His experience and sheer ability proved a major asset. He linked with Wigglesworth whose pace and determination created a space for Lau and Margenson. The seeds were being sown. It was probably one of the most exhilarating performances I have ever seen from a junior rugby side. The longer than average journey, combined with a typical English winter's morning, was redeemed by a wonderful display of rugby.

R. Wigglesworth was awarded the Clubman of the Year trophy for his performance on and off the field. T. Dawson was presented with the Player of the Year award. P. Ashton is without doubt the most improved player and hooker!

R.D. Taylor



U12 XV

CRICKET

1st XI

P 13 W 5 D 2 L 6

Having at last been able to make use of the indoor nets in the MPH, thanks to the generous support of St. Annes CC, the season started with a game against the touring King Edward School, Bath (Mr Clark's old school). On the receiving end of four wickets in four balls, the final score was never really enough to trouble the opposition. However, it did mean that all the players had at least been to the wicket to hold a bat or bowl by the time the team went to Hutton, where an excellent half century by Peter Whittle laid the foundation of a score which Hutton never looked like reaching. An inspired spell of bowling by Richard Elliott (4 for 11) set up the five wicket victory against Barrow, the runs being shared between the top four batsmen. In the match against Blackpool 6th Form College a total of 105 in 25 overs always looked vulnerable, particularly as it rained at the start of the Blackpool innings. The ball was like a piece of soap and Blackpool won with five overs to spare.

After a month's exam lay off, the batsmen struggled to score runs against Clitheroe and QEGS (only Chris Jones against QEGS batted with any confidence), though in both cases it was after tea before they were finally dismissed - at least the fighting spirit still existed. With Clitheroe at 26 for 5 an unlikely victory looked possible, but the Lancashire captain came to the crease and turned the game in their favour in no time at all. QEGS reached the required target with little trouble.

In a scorching cricket week, some excellent cricket was played. At Habergham all looked lost until Jonathan Reeh started a fightback which was continued by Philip Reeves, who scored a belligerent fifty. Unfortunately the last wicket fell five runs short of the target. Against Batley, the following day, fortunes fluctuated throughout the day. After Kirkham took two early wickets, a third wicket stand helped the Batley total towards 200. KGS also lost two early wickets, but Jeremy Whittle then produced the innings of the season, including a magnificent six off the Yorkshire county fast bowler and, ably assisted by Chris Jones, almost put Kirkham into a winning position. However, once these two had departed and another two wickets had fallen, it was time to shut up shop and bat for a draw. At Ormskirk on the Wednesday Amit Jagota, Philip Reeves, Chris Jones and Richard Elliott all scored over thirty, leaving the homeside a sizeable target to chase. They went for the runs, but Nicholas Hopton plugged away with his spin bowling and claimed five wickets in an exciting eight run victory. He bowled even better the following day, taking 8 for 46 against Lytham St. Annes HS, but little time was left to get the runs. Jeremy Whittle again showed his class with the bat, but with three batsmen holing out in 'cow corner', a draw was settled for.

Against the Old Boys, a dogged innings by the famous 'Old Boy' B.F. Taylor set the school a target of 115 in 30 overs. Jeremy Whittle provided the match winning innings, victory coming in the last over of the game. The team had finally had enough practice to face the staff and a comfortable victory was achieved, despite a catch being put down early in the staff innings, which could have cost

the school dear. Peter Whittle was the architect of the victory with four wickets and his second half century. After the euphoria of the staff match, the season ended on a low with the worst batting performance of the season against King Edward, Lytham, who had no difficulty in knocking off the runs. The season, therefore, ended as it started, defeat against King Edward School.

Jeremy and Peter Whittle proved to be the most consistent of the batsmen, with Philip Reeves, Jonathan Reeh, Amit Jagota, Chris Jones and Richard Elliott all contributing useful innings. Generally, however, when only one or two of the batsmen managed substantial scores, victory proved difficult to obtain. It really needs three or four batsmen to get among the runs to reach a substantial total. Of the bowlers, the Whittle brothers were the most economical and picked up wickets on a regular basis. Nicholas Hopton took the most wickets, thanks mainly to two five wicket hauls, but was less economical. The fielding could probably be described as variable. At times it was very good, but when the opposition put on the pressure and looked for quick singles, panic seemed to set in, the fielding became slack and too many runs were given away. Even on these occasions, however, there were some excellent catches taken, such as Richard Elliott at Clitheroe, Andrew Phillipson against Batley and Dylan Wilson's two at Ormskirk and one at Blackpool.

All in all, it has been an enjoyable and fairly successful season. With the nucleus of the side returning next year and some potentially good fourth years coming through, it is to be hoped that next season will be equally, if not more, successful.

Finally, my thanks go to Jeremy Whittle for his efforts as captain in gelling the side together so well.

Awards

Full Colours: Jeremy Whittle
Half Colours: Peter Whittle

Leading Averages

| Batting | Innings | Not Out | Runs | Highest Score | Average |
|------------|---------|---------|------|---------------|---------|
| J. Whittle | 13 | 2 | 282 | 81 | 25.6 |
| P. Whittle | 13 | 1 | 289 | 59* | 24.1 |
| P. Reeves | 10 | 3 | 135 | 51* | 19.3 |

| Bowling | Overs | Maidens | Runs | Wickets | Average | Economy Rate |
|------------|-------|---------|------|---------|---------|--------------|
| N. Hopton | 65 | 3 | 298 | 20 | 14.9 | 4.6 |
| P. Whittle | 103 | 19 | 322 | 18 | 17.9 | 2.7 |
| J. Whittle | 87 | 19 | 263 | 13 | 20.2 | 3.0 |
| Also | | | | | | |
| C. Jones | 19.2 | 3 | 97 | 7 | 13.9 | 5.0 |

CRICKET

2nd XI

Unfortunately the second eleven lost all three games played, QEGS being unable to raise a team. Against Hutton things looked promising while Paul Scott and Dylan Wilson were at the wicket, but the final total was not enough to deny Hutton the victory. At King Edward some lusty hitting by Paul Doherty and David Pun made the score respectable after early losses of wickets.

At Clitheroe an excellent spell of bowling by Matthew Roberts made the home team struggle for runs, but the highlight of the match and the second eleven season was the hat-trick performed by Rizwan Patel. Even so, the Clitheroe total proved too much, despite good knocks from Roberts and Philip Watkinson.

Under 15 XI

P 4 D 2 L 2

The season began with a number of cancellations due to rain and work experience courses at other schools.

Only one match was played before half-term and that was against Hutton GS in unrelenting drizzle. This saw Hutton score 125-3 from 20 overs and contain KGS to 94-9 from 20 overs. The fixture against Balshaws saw defeat again in a limited overs match by 80 runs.

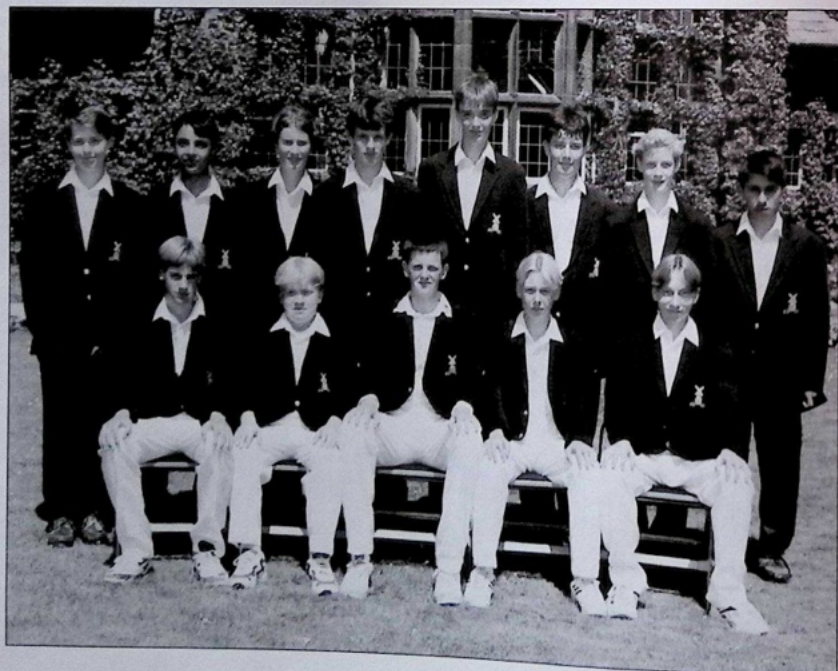
The fixtures against QEGS, Blackburn and KES, Lytham were both timed fixtures which KGS were able to draw having won the toss on each occasion.

QEGS 185-5 (M Roberts 2-35) KGS 57-7
KES 180-2, KGS 58-7.

The team was ably led by M. Roberts, who, along with Watkinson, Hills, Patel and Anderson, has the potential to represent the school ably at senior level. There were other good performances by all the above named. Others made progress with the bat, notably Feeley, Smith, Cornish and Walmsley. The team, however, lacked a talented wicket-keeper, but both Dawson and Smith manfully tried to fill this position.

However, of paramount importance, was the fact that the team enjoyed their cricket and made an improvement as individuals during the season.

U15 XI



CRICKET

Under 14 XI

P 6 W 1 L 5

As Under 13s, this team had played and lost 5 matches against other schools. By the final match of last season, hard practice was beginning to bear fruit: over 100 runs, accurate bowling and much improved fielding.

The fruit ripened during the winter months and the players were firing on all cylinders for this season's opening match against Hutton. The result was a victory - the taste was sweet. But it was not to be sampled again. A catastrophe against QEGS is best forgotten. The other games, however, were hard fought and results were often close - both Clitheroe and Ripley won by the narrowest of margins.

Technically, bowling and fielding continue to improve, but batting still needs attention. Too many wickets are casually cast aside. A great deal of effort has been spent on the team, for which Mr P. Meloy deserves much more than a slice of pizza. Thanks to him and all parents who supported the team so enthusiastically.

M.P. Melling

Under 13 XI

P 7 W 4 L 2 D 1

The U13 team had a very exciting first game at St Bede's which ended in a draw after St. Bede's needed two runs off the last ball to win. The team showed their potential against Ripley with a very convincing win but lost at home to the best team they faced this season, Hutton. The visitors were a very good batting team with well disci-

plined bowlers. The next game, away at Arnold, was the most disappointing of the season because Kirkham came within 20 runs of the target set after losing too many extras due to slack bowling and fielding. This weakness was worked on during training and the boys were now ready for the tough fixture away at QEGS, Blackburn. The home side batted first and we limited them to 108 for 5 off 20 overs, a reasonable target if we played it tight. The boys batted magnificently, with Adam Watts, the captain, scoring an unbeaten 67 with Tom Russell supporting him well. The game was won in the last over and Kirkham finished 109 for 3, the best performance of the season. The reward for this was a stop at KFC on the way home.

The end of the season also went well and saw a ruthless spell of bowling from James Cross, the vice-captain. He took six wickets for one run in nine balls against a determined King Edward VII, Lytham.

I would like to thank all the squad and the scorers for a thoroughly successful season, and Mr Trenhaille for his support in training.

A.B. Rollins.

Under 12 XI

A disappointing season in terms of results, having lost all six matches. However, there were several promising performances, such as Ashton and Wigglesworth putting on sixty runs for the first wicket against King Edward VII, Lytham. Baer batted well against Clitheroe and Marginson also displayed promise as a batsman. Dawson, Cross and Brambles also put in good performances. The bowling and fielding will have to improve appreciably next year, but there is the nucleus of a useful side.

T.J. Bruce

U14 XI



TENNIS

With the advent of the summer term it was heartening to see the usual enthusiasm in the school for the game of tennis. As always, tennis racquets abounded and lunchtimes saw the all-weather courts full of budding Agassis. As we approached the matches, confidence was high and competition for places in teams was fierce.

The under 13 squad of Sam Wright, Paul Johnstone, Richard Wigglesworth, Lee Brindle and John Kirby was particularly successful in its matches, finishing runners-up in the local league to a very strong Arnold team. Richard Wigglesworth especially deserves commendation for his commitment and effort, often easily defeating older and stronger players than himself.

The under 15 squad, under the inspiring captaincy of Gary Jones, approached its matches with gusto and keen

anticipation. If enthusiasm could win matches, the under 15s would be unbeatable. Unfortunately, tennis ability and skills are needed, and we were somewhat lacking in these departments. Nevertheless, it was a pleasure to accompany the team to matches - with coaching and practice the team will eventually succeed.

For the first time for some years the senior team consisted of players who are members of tennis clubs and so we looked forward to a successful season. Unfortunately, our reputation was strong and many schools cancelled their fixtures with us.

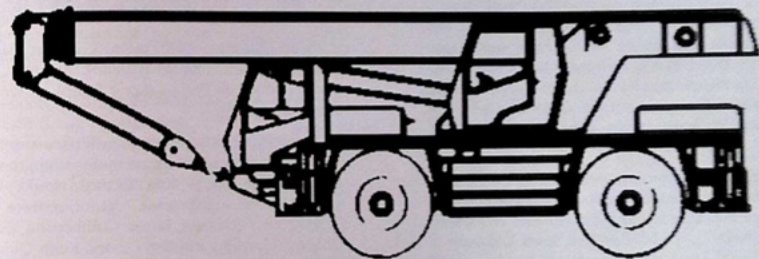
In the house tennis, a strong Kirkham team won the senior event, whilst Preston defeated Fylde in the final of the intermediate event and Fylde won the junior event with a narrow victory over School.

The under 15 squad



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ATHLETICS

Seniors

| | |
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| Lancashire Champions | |
| Lee Halliday | 110m Hurdles |
| Alastair Ward | 100 metres |
| Richard Wareing | Shot |
| James Woodsell | Discus |

Selected to represent Lancashire Schools at English Schools' Championships

Alastair Ward
Richard Wareing

Senior Schools' Championships - 2nd

The group of athletes which formed the nucleus of the Senior Team have met with great success during their seven years at KGS, winning nearly all their matches. This year they were not quite so formidable as in previous years but nevertheless three of the five opponents were beaten.

At the Senior Schools' Championship they were second by one point, but surely would have won if the captain Alastair Ward had not pulled a hamstring in the long jump. This meant that he could not compete in the 100 metres where he was strongly fancied to win and thus KGS would have again been Senior Schools' Champions.

At these championships fine performances were produced by Richard Wareing in the Shot, James Woodsell in the Discus, Lee Halliday in the 110m Hurdles and Daniel West, Steven Kelly, Lee Halliday and Mark Ledsham in the 4 x 100m Relay. Lee Halliday broke the hurdles record

which had stood since 1977 with a time of 15.2 seconds, which also was an English Schools' Championship qualifying time, but unfortunately he could not repeat this time at the Lancashire Schools' Championships. Another who performed particularly well for the team was Mark Grey in the Discus and Shot.

Under 17

Fylde Coast Championships - 2nd

Although the team lost four out of five matches, creditable performances were put up against all opposition with the team trying hard.

Mark Ledsham usually runs the 400m and 100m, but his finest run was in anchoring the senior relay team to a superb victory at the Senior Schools' Championships.

Philip Bateman (400 metres), Stuart Melling (800 metres), Steven Howie (Javelin), James Cuthbertson (Shot) and Adam Baines (Long Jump) all won on more than one occasion.

At the Fylde Coast Championships, many fine performances were achieved by an under-strength team and I am quite confident that victory would have been achieved with a full team. Victories were gained by Deri Hughes (Discus), James Cuthbertson (Shot), Keith Quigley (Hurdles) and Ben Davies, Keith Quigley, Philip Bateman and Mark Ledsham in the 4 x 100m Relay.

Senior Athletic Team



ATHLETICS

Under 16

Senior Schools' Championships - 3rd

This team possesses many fine athletes and has been very successful during the four years it has been together. Unfortunately, again, three matches were rained off, which restricted the development of the team but the two opponents met were both beaten.

At the Senior Schools' Championships, Keith Quigley won the Hurdles and Triple Jump, Kevin Turner the 200m, and Kevin Turner, Keith Quigley, Chris Lyndsay and Mark Hill the 4 x 100m Relay. Other athletes who performed particularly well were Chris Fox, Ben Hanney, Matthew Roberts and Neil Allen. There is no doubt that they should do very well in the future as the team is stacked with talent.

Under 15

Fylde Coast Championships - 3rd

Senior Schools' Championships - 3rd

Again the development of the team was restricted by the cancellation of three matches, but again both matches played were won.

Senior Schools' Champions were David Rees (800m), Richard Wilson (Long Jump), Arren Perfetti, David Rees, Richard Wilson and Mark Hill (4 x 100m Relay). Fylde Coast Champions were Richard Wilson (Long Jump), David Rees (800m), Mark Hill (200m) and the same relay team in the 4 x 100m Relay.

Under 14

Fylde Coast Championships - 1st

Senior Schools' Championships - 1st equal

Last year the team showed great potential and this year has developed well, with all matches being won and both championships being won also. The team possesses many fine athletes who have performed consistently well. Sam Smith is a superb all-rounder, possessing rare qualities of that of a sprinter and jumper and middle distance runner. He was junior Victor Ludorum and Fylde Coast Champion in the Long Jump and Relay and Senior Schools' Champion in the Long Jump and 1500m. Adam Watts is also a fine all round athlete, being Senior Schools' Discus Champion and Fylde Coast Relay winner, in addition to being a fine sprinter and middle distance athlete. Gareth Rees was Fylde Coast and Senior Schools' Hurdles Champion and Fylde Coast Relay winner, while William Roberts won the Senior Schools' Shot and Philip Hendy the Fylde Coast 800m and Relay. Other athletes performed very well, notably James Cross, who is a fine javelin thrower, John Kirby, Tom Russell and John Pearson.

U16 Athletic Team



ATHLETICS

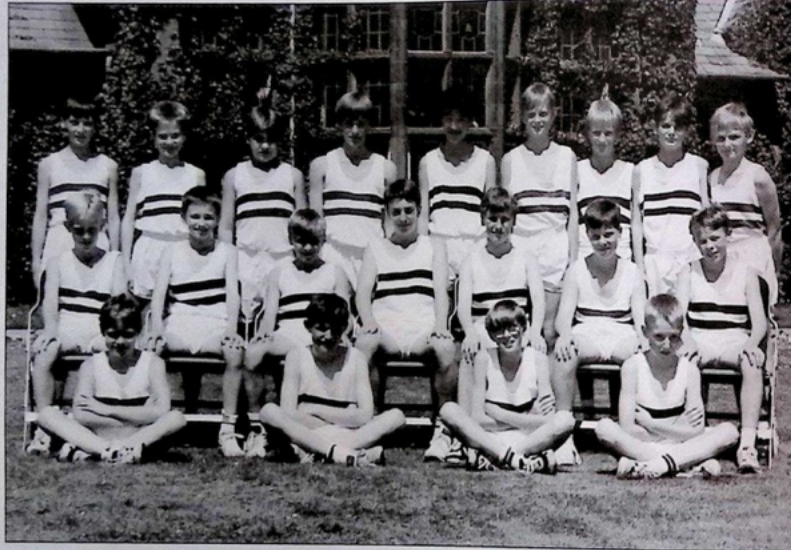
Under 13

Fylde Coast Championships - 1st

This group of athletes have started their athletics career most impressively, with all matches being won and the Fylde Coast Championship won. The outstanding aspect of the team performance has been the sprinting of Warren Marginson and Michael Lau who swept good athletes out of their way, broke 400m and 800m records at the Fylde Coast Championships respectively and were

part of the relay team, along with Richard Wigglesworth and Oliver Brambles, which also set a record at the same championships. Oliver Brambles was also an excellent all rounder who was Fylde Coast Hurdles Champion. Andrew Langley showed great potential as a middle distance runner, while Graham Dawson showed great promise as a discus and javelin thrower. Others to perform well were Stuart Clarke, Jonathan Wilson, Nicholas Cross, Paul Ashton, Andrew Clarke, Richard Kellett, Ben Russell, Anthony Rogerson and Adam Rudd.

U13 Athletic Team



SWIMMING

The school swimming team has trained hard this year, the early Friday morning sessions proving to be as popular as ever; on this point, I would like to say parental participation is more than welcome!

The results have been quite satisfactory, eight wins out of ten matches on a tough fixture circuit. One notable victory was against Bolton School, who are the current National Water Polo Champions.

Among a number of excellent individual performances, Michelle Harrison has achieved national qualifying times in no less than 6 events for this year's National Swimming Championships to be held at Leeds in August. Gareth Rees and Phillip Hendy gave an excellent account of themselves at the National Triathlon Championships at Milton Keynes. The school swimming squad consists of 35 swimmers who have contributed to a worthwhile and enjoyable year. However, a particular mention must go to

Nicky Furber and Ben Russell in the first year who have worked tirelessly in all events with such a small first year squad. The second year team must be one of the most talented groups of swimmers I have ever encountered. In the two years they have been at KGS they have lost only a handful of races. Amy Waring and Emily Rhodes form the back-bone of the team. David Rees, the Junior Captain, gains a mention in despatches for producing excellent performances in such a consistent manner. His dedication and commitment to the swimming squad is exemplary.

Finally, I would like to pay a very special thanks to my Senior Swimming Captains, Mark Grey and Shelley Barnes, who both leave KGS this year. They have been very loyal servants to the school swimming team over many years and have been outstanding ambassadors for the school. I wish them every success for the future.

R.D. Taylor

GIRLS' GAMES REPORT 1994-95

National recognition for KGS through the endeavours of our 1st XI hockey team rates very highly in memorable moments of my teaching career to date. 1994/95 saw us representing the North of England at the prestigious British Aerospace National Schools' Championships at Stanley Park, Blackpool. The euphoria we all felt was understandable, for this achievement was the culmination of a great deal of hard work, both by the girls themselves, and a number of teachers and hockey coaches who worked tirelessly to bring the best out of the girls throughout their school careers. For many of us, KGS' appearance at this level truly marks our arrival on the hockey scene.

The senior girls have been, and remain, a worthy example for the youngsters to follow. They engender an enjoyment and enthusiasm for sport which is reflected across the age groups. Given this raw material to work with, it comes as no surprise that the Girls' PE department has been involved fully in very many areas and aspects of sport this season. Over the last six months we have completed a full Saturday fixture list which has taken us all over the north of England. The teams have competed successfully in local schools' tournaments and

county tournaments, and no less than fourteen girls won their way through to county hockey squads (a record!). Time has been spent competing in local leagues, attending Lancashire squad training sessions, development centres and centres of excellence and, in the case of our 1st XI and U15 XI, participating in national competitions.

Our attention has not focused solely on the game of hockey, though. The first three years of the senior school have been rapidly improving and developing the game of netball under the guidance of Mrs Glover. Her efforts were rewarded when the third year girls netball team fulfilled their potential and won the Blackpool Schools' tournament in February. The first and second year teams, too, made the last eight and four respectively in their competitions, suggesting the future for our second winter sport looks bright.

Couple these activities and achievements with the girls' opportunity to participate in swimming, gymnastics, racquet sports and health related fitness sessions, and it is demonstrably clear just what the department is offering our youngsters, and how successful we are.

J. Taylor

HOCKEY

1st XI

It would be very easy to write a long list of superlatives to describe the team's achievements this season. We should start by listing them.

The team was again unbeaten for the second season in school fixtures. We were Lancashire U19's Champions for the second successive year. We were Lancashire U18's Champions, North West Champions and qualified for the finals of the National Schools' Championships, all of these for the first time in the school's history.

In these matches we played 41 games - won 37 and drew 4. We scored 119 goals and conceded 6. Our goalscorers were Elizabeth Wilcock 58, Ruth Blackburn 20, Nicky McKay 18, Kate McArdle 8, Tracy Leigh 7, Janine Playle 6, Sally Evans 1, Gillian Harrison 1. Our victories included Rossall, Arnold and Queen Mary's, twice each; Altrincham, Bradford, Wakefield, Stockport and Sheffield, once each.

We provided one North of England player, Nicky McKay, and seven county players from our 1st XI squad.

These outstanding results came from a team whose performances brought immense pleasure to their supporters, a lot of pride to their coaches and a growing reputation that Kirkhams GS provides the best hockey teams in the country.

The team was built on an outstanding defence, led by example by the captain and centre-half Tracy Leigh and

the vice-captain and right-half Sally Evans; add the dependable Caroline Bradley at left-half, and this half-back line was a match for anyone. As the season went on and the matches got tougher our goalkeeper, Gayle Forder, proved what an inspired player she is. Her performance in the final qualification for the Nationals was exceptional.

Our sweeper, Jo Allison, had a fine season protecting our circle with ever increasing confidence. Emma Gyles was the final member of our defence, carrying out the marking role with a quiet efficiency that suited our game.

Our forwards played with flair, power and efficiency. Nicky McKay's play on the right-wing was at times brilliant and she was rewarded with selection for the North of England U18 team.

Ruth Blackburn provided the running power of the team and several important goals.

Elizabeth Wilcock's tally of 58 goals was outstanding. Her ability to score goals won us many games.

Annabel Wire settled in well at left inner and promises much for the future.

Kate McArdle improved as the season progressed, providing us with attacking options down the left-wing.

We were also delighted to welcome two outstanding players from Wairarapa College: Janine Playle and Vicky

HOCKEY

Perry who quickly settled into our squad and added that extra strength that comes so naturally to New Zealand players. Our thanks to them for making the long journey to join us for the national finals.

Our thanks also to members of the second XI who stepped in to cover for injuries, especially Katy Smith, Gillian Harrison, Jane Sannegadu, Lisa Backhouse and Helen Beardsmore.

Obviously the only disappointing day of a highly successful season was our performance in the National Schools' Finals. Although we only lost by a single goal to both the winners and runners-up, the occasion got to our players and sadly if we had reproduced our usual form, the trophy could have been ours. Let's hope we get another opportunity in a future year.

Finally, a few thank yous: to Ron Forder for his umpiring, his commitment and his support. To our increasing band of loyal supporters - Mr and Mrs Evans, Mr and Mrs Cuthbert, Mrs Ribchester, Mr Blackburn, Mr Allison, Mr Bradley and Mrs Forder. Thank you to our hockey coaches Alison Butterworth, Jane Glover and Tim Miller. To our head of girls' P.E., coach and first XI manager, Jane Taylor - congratulations, we have made the dream a reality. To our players, a special thank you for your commitment, for your endeavour and for your success. Your record of four trophies in one season may never be beaten - or will it? - we shall see!

Allan Blackburn
1st XI Coach

1st XI Hockey Team



HOCKEY

2nd XI

P 16 W 10 D 1 L 4

Yet another very good season, with KGS proving that they have one of the best second XI's in the North West. These are excellent results when one considers that over 20 players appeared during the course of the season.

The team began with emphatic victories over QEGS, Kirby Lonsdale (5-0), Arnold (4-0), Canon Slade (1-0) and Bury GGS (2-1). After a draw with Lancaster GGS there followed defeat by Lancaster and Morecambe College (1-0). Half term arrived with the team beset by illness and injuries, yet in the period up to Christmas a 2-2 draw with Rossall (in which the team had just ten players as a result of a serious injury in the first 5 minutes) was followed by victories over Giggleswick (5-0), Bentham 1st XI (5-0), Wakefield (1-0) and Stockport (4-0).

The New Year unfortunately saw a series of cancellations and only one victory, Bury GGS (3-0) and defeats by Kirby Kendal, Arnold and Bradford GS by the odd goal in each case.

Katy Smith ably led the team, assisted by Lisa Backhouse as vice-captain. Both girls were to play first XI hockey along with Gillian Harrison, Jane Sannegadu, Sandra Renga and Rebecca Rhodes. As five of these girls are available next year and with the U16 County Squad goalkeeper Lyndsey Hilton also in the team, KGS senior hockey has a good future.

I would like to thank all the girls for their efforts and

the obvious enjoyment which they get from the game, including the Tuesday training sessions which invariably brought monsoon conditions.

T.P. Miller

Under 16 XI

Presidents' Cup Finalists

Runners-Up BAe National Schools' Tournament -
Lancashire Round

The U16 hockey team has enjoyed some fine successes this season. Many of the girls have found themselves playing for first or second XI senior teams, training within the senior squad, then coming together as an U16 team for league matches, British Aerospace and President's Cup competitions. It is never an easy transition from U15 hockey to break into hockey at senior level, but most have coped admirably with the increased demands on their time and the pressure to perform well at a high level.

The team fared reasonably well in the U16 hockey league, division one. We beat Greenlands home and away, Arnold at home and Queen Mary away, finishing third in the league table. We fared considerably better in cup competitions. In the Lancashire round of the U16 British Aerospace National Schools' Competition we played extremely well and finished the morning on equal terms with Queen Mary School. After a nail-biting penalty flicks competition we lost out to QM 1-0. They went on to become runners-up in the national finals.

U16 Hockey Team



Under 16 (continued)

We were unlucky enough to meet the same Queen Mary side in the President's Cup Final held in March at Preston Hockey Club. The early rounds saw us winning through some tough matches: Clitheroe GS, Ripley St. Thomas, Lancaster, Arnold School and Ormskirk GS, but on the day the QM side took the honours with a fifteen minute spell that saw us concede three goals. To our credit, after a poor start, the team pulled out the stops and put QM under increasing pressure. Although we won many corners, we failed to score, but at least the opposition had had to withstand a spirited KGS comeback.

A team game is exactly that: all eleven players make their contribution, some in positions that never command the limelight and I congratulate the team on their efforts this year. Some girls are worthy of special note: Gillian Harrison for her efficient, enthusiastic captaincy and energy on the pitch. She is well worthy of her Lancashire place and should be playing first XI hockey next year. Lyndsey Hilton, our goalkeeper, who has kept the side in many a match and soaked up pressure time and again; Rebecca Rhodes, who has the potential to make a fine right winger given her pace and skill. The other members of the side Annabel Wire, Kirsty Baxter, Alison Peters, Rachel McGlary, Alison Loftus, Rachel Chester, Louise Oades, Jennifer Hayton and Louise Sanders have all played their part too. I hope they continue to work at their hockey in the senior school and maintain the strengths we have built there. They are a delightful bunch of girls and I wish them further success.

J. Taylor

Under 15 XI

P 23 W 11 D 8 L 4

The under 15's have had an excellent season in which they have always shown commitment, enthusiasm and the determination to succeed. Their year began with one or two changes in the team layout to which they all adapted.

The team only experienced four narrow defeats throughout the season, three of which were on grass!!! There were many triumphs, including reaching the last 32 teams in the country in the All England Women's Hockey Association U15 cup. In the Lancashire U15 Tournament they reached the semi final stage - but were narrowly beaten on penalty flicks, by Queen Mary's (whom they had beaten just days before!).

The Under 15's are a lively and talented team, who have always given 100% in all their matches. Each and every member of the squad has made her own valuable contribution to the team's success. A special thank you goes to Dawn Blackburn, who always set an excellent example to the team and for the school. The team has really matured over the season, with everyone's skills improving along with their understanding of hockey. I am quite sure they will continue to improve and keep up the school's good reputation for hockey next year.

Well done all involved!

A Butterworth.

Under 14 XI

P 23 W 16 L 4 D 3

The under 14's have had another very good season indeed. They started extremely well, winning seven out of their first nine games. This success continued throughout the whole of the season, with them losing only four games in total.

The girls have played with great enthusiasm and determination throughout the season and they have developed their hockey skills considerably. Such development is being recognised outside school, with Jane Kirby, Rebecca Kay, Anna Tomlinson, Celine Hodge, Kate Oades, Rachel Grindrod and Melanie Spinks being selected to represent the county.

They are a terrific set of girls who have given me 100% in the two seasons that I have coached them. In addition to performing well on the pitch, they have also provided me with a variety of entertainment off it!

They are a very talented team and I have thoroughly enjoyed coaching them. I will certainly miss them next season, but look forward to seeing them continue their success in the future.

I would also like to thank all the parents who have supported the team throughout the season.

Jane Glover.

Under 13 XI

P 16 W 9 D 2 L 5

The U13 squad is one of the most enthusiastic in the school; the girls love their hockey and are anxious to succeed at every level. The problem for the coach is not one of motivation, but how to accommodate everyone who is desperate to play and in which positions!! As the season progressed, injuries and illnesses allowed most girls to play several games, some 7-a-side, some 11-a-side games and certain players did emerge favourites for certain positions. Their results have been favourable on the whole. We scored some pleasing victories and finished third in the end of season tournament, but there is still scope to break into the top flight given that four big hockey schools defeated us this season. The girls were disappointed to lose to Altrincham, Hulme GS, Stockport and Arnold School by a narrow margin. In these matches we looked too meek, too genteel. We more than matched the opposition in terms of skill and understanding, but lacked a yard of pace or the competitive edge to win the 50/50 ball. I know that next season this team will be out to prove their capabilities; they are able to improve their match record, given their talents - talents which have been recognised at area level as well as within school.

Several of the girls have been attending a hockey development centre on a weekly basis throughout the season. Although initially recommended to attend by KGS staff, these girls undertake these sessions in their own time and for their own pleasure. The extra time taken to develop their skills and tactical understanding has proved beneficial, for no less than nine of our girls represented South Fylde in an U13 area tournament in

Under 13 (continued)

March. As a result of performances there the following girls have been selected to go to a Lancashire trial for next year's U14 squad: Martha Newell, Claudine Beaver, Amy Wareing.

We wish them all well.

This team group have been a pleasure to teach. They deserve praise for their energy and commitment to the game and I look forward to their continued development next season. I know they would like to extend their thanks to Mr Hill, Mrs Uttley and Mrs Glover who have given them help this season when I have not been in a position to do so.

J. Taylor

Under 12 XI

Team A P 9 W 3 D 4 L 2

Team B P 9 W 3 D 3 L 3

By October half-term the U12 hockey squad was up and running. Thanks to work done in the primary schools, many of the girls this year had heard of the game of hockey and some had even learned some skills! A

J. Taylor

group of twenty plus have attended training on Friday afternoons with Miss Butterworth and everyone has had the opportunity of playing in competitive 7-a-side games. We had notable wins against Stockport, Queen Katherine, Clitheroe and Cheadle Hulme and some close games which ended in draws with Arnold and Hulme GS. The season ended with the 'A' team competing in the Blackpool Schools' Tournament, where we finished fourth.

Several of the inexperienced girls showed real progress as their first season unfolded. Clare Stockdale, Nicky Furber, Emma Gough, Rachel Blackley all did well, whilst Ruth Burns, Vicki Bradley and Helen Jacomb and others who already had knowledge of the game acted as good examples to the others and worked hard.

The U12 squad has enjoyed its success this season and is very positive about its hockey. Enjoyment is a key factor to participation and success in sport; I wish the girls good fortune in their second season as hockey players.

U13 Hockey Team



The National Finals - A Personal View

It is hard to explain to anyone who has not been involved in coaching, supporting or playing for the first XI how much success we have enjoyed this season. As well as continuing to remain unbeaten and retaining the Lancashire U19 Cup, we gained a place in the BAe National Schools' Finals - a first for KGS.

After three previous rounds at county, district and regional levels, which saw the team go from strength to strength, we entered the finals knowing that we were now one of the top five hockey-playing schools in the country.

The preparations for the big day started weeks in advance. After much persuasion from certain members of the team (!), new tracksuits were ordered for the occasion - thanks must go to our sponsors for enabling us to do this. Drug testing consent forms and rule books were issued, resulting in a bombardment of questions for Mrs Taylor who, I am sure, was as baffled as we were.

The week of the Finals proved to be both tense and exciting. The Kiwis rejoined us on the Sunday and were launched straight into a match against Great Harwood Ladies the following night. This was a great match and with a final score of 3-2, we had a lot to be proud of. The training session on Tuesday saw Mr B and Mrs T putting the final touches to our short corner routines etc., as well as treating last minute injuries (thanks to Vicky Perry for giving us a fright the night before!). On Wednesday night the squad, staff and supporters went for a meal. After filling up on pasta, both Mr Blackburn and Mrs Taylor attempted to settle our nerves (-sorry to say it did not work!). However, it was good to hear how much they and many others (including Wairarapa College) supported us.

The squad met up the following day, more nervous than ever. We travelled to Stanley Park and went through the usual pre-tournament routines which we were all too familiar with (we can all now recite the infamous Mr B teamtalk off by heart!). However, the atmosphere was slightly different. There was a lot of the usual laughs in the changing rooms, but we all knew that this was to be the biggest tournament to date - many of us would never play to this standard again. The question that came to my mind (and many others!) was what exactly was the standard? This question was not answered until we were on the pitch. We did not see a programme until after the tournament (supporters had been 'requested' not to show us) and we soon realised why. Every team (apart from KGS!) had at least one girl with England Representative Honours and, to be honest, it showed. We played well, although not as well as we could have done, but we were outclassed. However, the scores were still close, despite the fact that we were playing schoolgirl hockey at its highest level. The day, I hope, will be remembered as a great learning experience - a chance to play with the strongest teams in England - as well as an addition to the many hockey memories that we have collected from past seasons.

For 'us lot' in the U6, the National Finals marked not only the end of the season, but seven years of hockey at KGS. I would like to thank Mrs Taylor, Mr Blackburn and all our supporters for their advice, encouragement and time. Thanks, also, to the rest of the squad. I have enjoyed my association with them both on and off the pitch - the atmosphere has been tremendous.

Jo Allison (Sweeper - 1st XI)

Under 14

The under 14 netball team has had a terrific season, winning twenty out of twenty two games convincingly.

They are a keen, enthusiastic and very talented team who worked very hard throughout the season and were eager to improve their netballing skills.

The highlight of the season was winning the Blackpool and Fylde Schools' Netball Tournament in February. The girls played a very high standard of netball throughout the tournament. They won their section outright and went on to defeat Highfield High School in the quarter finals, defeating Arnold in the semi-finals after being 4-0 down. In the final we defeated Hodgson and won our first ever tournament. The girls were a real credit to the school!

The girls have been a real pleasure to coach! They have a natural talent and I am really looking forward to coaching them next season. I would like to congratulate the following girls on their excellent achievements this year - Lucy Russell, Lucy Peters, Nicola Turner (captain), Rebecca Kay, Melanie Spinks, Jane Kirby, Kate Oades and Anna Tomlinson.

I am very proud of them! I would also like to thank all of the parents who have supported the girls throughout the season. Jane Glover

Under 13

P 10 W 7 L 3

The under 13's have had a very good season, winning seven out of their ten games.

They have showed real potential throughout the year and have played a good standard of netball.

In the Blackpool and Fylde Schools' Netball Tournament, the A and B teams played very well indeed. The B Team just failed to qualify for the quarter-finals, the A team won their section convincingly and qualified for the quarter finals. Although they played a good standard of netball, they lost narrowly to Carr Hill.

The girls are a real pleasure to coach. They are keen, enthusiastic and always eager to improve their skills.

They are talented and should do very well in the future. I am really looking forward to coaching them next season. Jane Glover

Under 12

The under 12's have showed real potential this year. They have worked very hard and have improved steadily throughout the season.


In the Blackpool and Fylde Schools' Netball Tournament, the A and B team played very well indeed, and both teams qualified for the quarter-finals. Nerves got the better of the A team and they lost narrowly to Lytham High School.

The B Team defeated Arnold 3-2 in the quarter finals, but they too succumbed to the pressure of the occasion, losing 3-1 to Queen Mary.

The girls are keen, enthusiastic and eager to improve their netballing skills. They have the ability to do very well and I am looking forward to coaching them next season. Jane Glover


U14 Netball Team





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ATHLETICS

Unfortunately this season we have had to cancel some of our athletic meetings because of the wet weather. Therefore our girls competed in far fewer competitions than we had originally planned.

The girls' efforts this term deserve public recognition. They have trained regularly, given their best and have been a credit to Kirkham Grammar School.

The Senior Schools' Athletic Championships

Open.....3rd (our best result to date)
 U15:.....5th
 U14:.....3rd

The Senior Schools' Champions

Michelle Mann:.....800m
1500m
 (A new championship record by 41 seconds)
 Rebecca Kay:.....200m
 Gemma Swift:.....100m
 Clare Stockdale:.....1500m

The Fylde Coast Championships

U17:.....4th
 U15:.....7th
 U14:.....3rd
 U13:.....5th

The U17's team deserves great credit, for they fielded an extremely weakened side because of injuries.

Fylde Coast Champions

Ruth Burns:.....800m
 Gemma Swift:.....100m
 Gillian Harrison:.....100m

Pleasingly, a large number of our girls won their way through the heats to reach the finals; a good number were in the last eight in field events where there were large numbers of entries.

During the term we have successfully completed fixtures against Queen Mary, Merchant Taylor and Rossall Schools, involving girls from first to sixth form age groups. Encouragingly, we improved some of our team results and achieved our first victory over Queen Mary in a couple of age groups.

At Rossall, although our senior girls dominated the track and earned several first places, our second strings did not earn enough points to win the match.

The U14's lost narrowly to Rossall 45-42, but the U13's won by 47 points to 44.

It is worth mentioning the endeavours of several of our girls. Michelle Mann performed superbly for KGS, winning the 800m and smashing 41 seconds off the 1500m record at the Senior Schools' Championships. Ruth Burns, Gemma Swift and Gillian Harrison were Fylde Coast Champions; Rebecca Kay, Clare Stockdale, Kym Peake and Ayse Ince all deserve special mention.

The results this season are very encouraging, given our small numbers. Great credit should be given to every girl who has been chosen for an athletics match, for not only has she tried her best in competition, she has also conducted herself in the most sportsmanlike way.

Jane Glover

The U15 and U14 squads



TENNIS

| Team | P | W | D | L |
|---------|----|---|---|---|
| Seniors | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| U15s | 10 | 7 | 0 | 3 |
| U14s | 6 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| U13s | 10 | 6 | 1 | 3 |
| U12s | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 |

Tennis continues to develop at KGS, but slowly. As one of the most skilful games, it demands a great deal of practice and commitment, not just in the few brief weeks of the summer term, or when the Wimbledon Championships fire everyone's enthusiasm, but in some form throughout the year. Frustratingly, the standard seems to inch along and, compared to our hockey, still has far to go.

The school, for its part, is trying to raise the profile of tennis. This summer, for the second year, we have been busy nurturing a Saturday fixture list which involves teams from all age groups. We have entered the Midland Bank U15 and U13 tennis leagues and had players representing KGS in three county tournaments. The school has encouraged mass participation for boys and girls, offering after school coaching courses, and house and inter-year tennis competitions; staff take an active part on county committees and act as tournament organisers; all of which suggests an energy and enthusiasm for the sport.

The fixtures for the seniors are squeezed into the early part of the term before study leave commences. Needless to say, there is little time for preparation and practice and those girls who fare best are those who play at club level or who demonstrate a natural flair for tennis. We managed just one win and one draw from five fixtures. The U15 and U13 teams do deserve to be singled out for special mention. Both have accredited themselves well in the county tennis leagues, both finishing in third place positions behind strong opposition. Anna Tomlinson played in the U15 team although still an U14 player and turned in some great performances. Her composure and stroke play seemed to inspire her team mates and as a result Chloe Scott, Dawn Blackburn and Charlotte Bancroft proved our most capable players this season.

The U13 team had no club players, but the girls proved themselves willing to practise on almost a daily basis. Kym Peake and Annabel Fowden have looked capable all season. Martha Newell proved how effective a steady player can be; she won many games by 'thinking' and moving well around the court. Morale was always high in this team and girls like Vanessa Walker, Amy Wareing, Michaela Johnson and others proved valuable team members in fixtures which called for more players.

The U14 team experienced mixed fortunes. Rebecca Kay, Jane Kirby, Tara Catterall and

Sarah Lumsden could make a very capable U15 league team next year. Each has her strengths, but all need to be more consistent and actively promote an enthusiasm and energy for the game. Others in this team group, not as capable as these four, proved to be very keen. Celine Hodge, Lucy Preston, Rachel Grindrod and Elizabeth Jackson let their enjoyment for the sport be widely known and they made a valuable contribution.

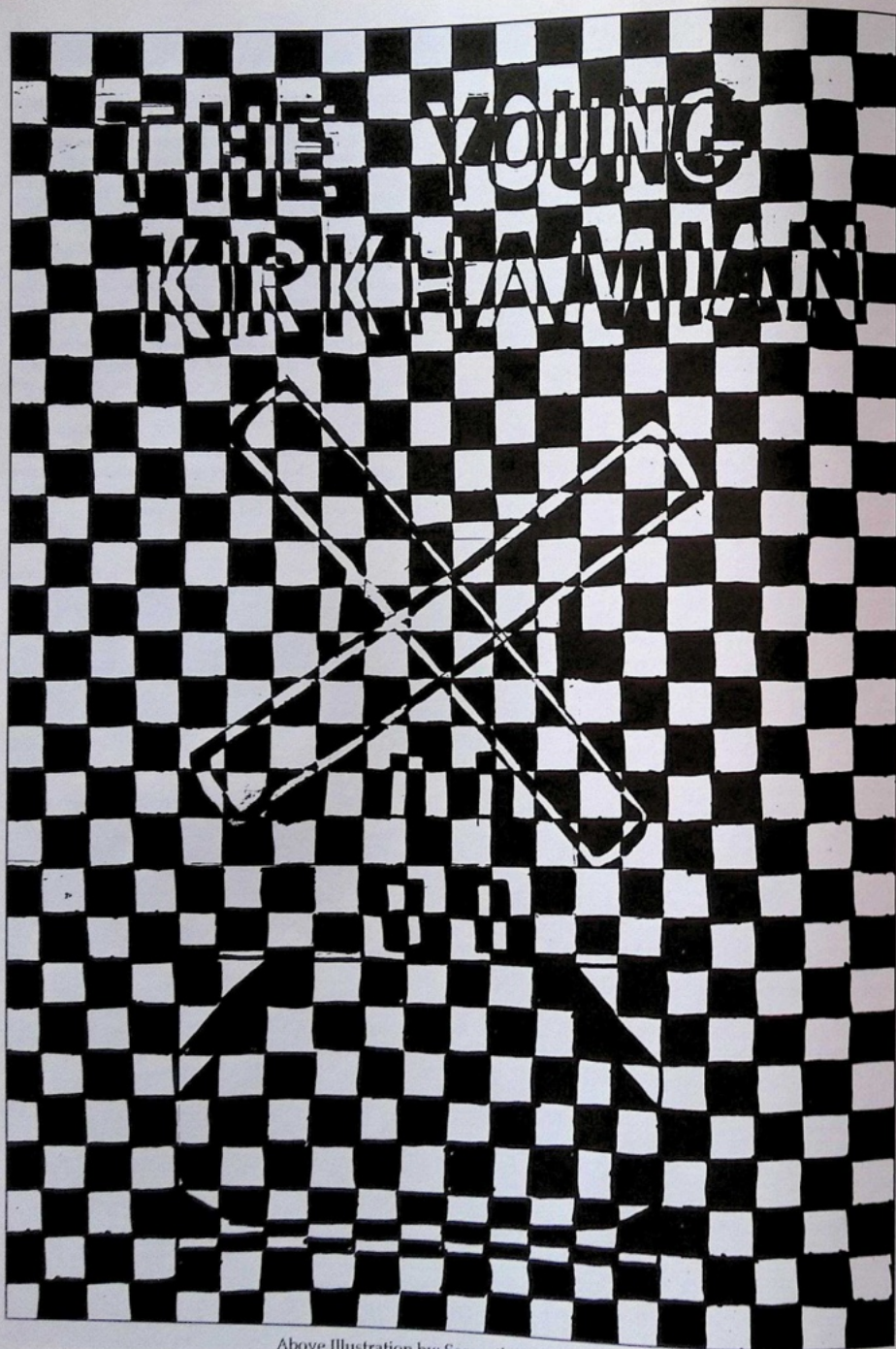
The U12s struggled to find strength in depth. Although Emma Johnson and Ruth Burns played some excellent tennis, we failed to win fixtures because of weaker performances lower down the order. I do not mean to belittle the efforts of girls like Naomi Holmes, Helen Jacomb and the other eight girls we took to have the experience of tennis fixtures. Each player enjoyed the matches and made great strides to improve their tennis in their first year; this must bode well for the future.

In conclusion, there is still much to do, but we all have to start somewhere and we will all endeavour to give every opportunity for KGS girls to prove their worth in this most demanding but beautiful sport.

J. Taylor

The U15 squad





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Rugby

This year was a successful year for the U.9, U.10 and U.11 teams. The U.11 team lost only twice during the season and amongst their six victories was an outstanding 21-14 win over Merchant Taylor's - the only time Merchant Taylor's has lost over the last 2 years. Other victories were against Pius X, St. Bede's, St. Anselm's, Arnold and a team from KES. Unfortunately the U.11 side never had a chance to compete in the Stonyhurst Sevens or the Rossall Tournament due to waterlogged pitches. The record for the season was Played 8, Won 6, Drew 0, Lost 2. 228 points for, 99 points against.

The U.10 team beat St. Anselm's 21-5 and the U.9 team beat Chorcliffe 32-5 in their only fixtures.

M Thomas

Cricket

17th May was Kirkham's first opportunity to test out their winter training against St. Edwards, Liverpool for the first round of the AJIS Cricket competition. A display of keen fielding, good catches and tidy bowling from P. McNamee, S. Walker, A. Griffiths and G. Kipling achieved a final score of 31 for 8, our first victory of the season.

The team next faced Merchant Taylor's, Crosby and went out to bat, unaware of the attack they were about to face! The onslaught from Merchant Taylors was deadly and fast! Kirkham found it hard to score runs but they stayed the course and had wickets in hand after a gruelling 24 overs, finishing with 53 for 8. Merchant Taylors class showed again when they knocked off the necessary runs in 11 overs with the loss of only one wicket. Despite the loss, a good day was had by all. The K.G.J.S. team certainly added to their cricket experience. The 24th June gave us a second chance to improve upon the performance against Merchant Taylors on a gloriously sunny morning. However, we were unable to combat the

strength of the opposing team and Merchant Taylors won a convincing victory. Congratulations to all the boys for providing the many spectators with a worthwhile performance.

S. Milner.

Hockey

This has been the most successful season of hockey for the U.11 team. It started with a 9-0 win over St. Anselm's College, Vicky Wilson managing to score 4 goals and Amy Twambley a hat trick. This was followed by a 6-1 victory over Arnold School, 6-0 win against Queen's School, Chester, and an amazing 11-0 win at Stockport Grammar School.

The Spring Term began with a match against QEGS, Blackburn. The girls were very enthusiastic, especially when they realised this was a team of boys! Pleasing defending from Jane Meloy, Rachel Sissons and Eleanor Cairns, coupled with creative attacking, resulted in a 4-1 win.

Our next match was against Stockport Grammar School which we won 5-0. The "B" team played their first game and won 5-0.

The culmination of the season was the AJIS Hockey Tournament. There were 16 teams competing and we won through to the semi final, winning 4-0. The final, against Stockport Grammar School, was an exciting game, which we won 2-0, making the team champions!

The next tournament was held by Blackpool Hockey Development Group. We played four matches against Arnold Boys, Queen Mary, Rossall and Arnold Girls and were the overall winners, not losing a match. A special mention must be made of Vicky Wilson, Vicky Peters and Amy Twambley who throughout the season netted an amazing 76 goals between them in 15 games.

A.M. Kitchen.



KGJS U11 Hockey Team

"Come Alive" by Amy Twambley, J4X



Swimming

In the Autumn term a combined team of Upper Junior School and Lower Senior School children proved to be too strong for Rossall Preparatory School and were comfortable winners. This was followed a few weeks later with a match against QEGS, Blackburn. Our second year juniors were involved for the first time and acquitted themselves well against strong opposition. K.G.J.S. won by 118 points to 99, with each member of the team collecting valuable points. A special mention must be made of the excellent individual contributions made by Richard Westerman, Stuart Blackburn, Jenna Rees and Nicola Hendy.

In November the AJIS Girls' Swimming Tournament took place at Bolton School. Four U.11 girls took part. Nicola Hendy won her butterfly heat and qualified for the final, eventually gaining a much deserved third place. Jenna Rees came second in her heat but missed out on the final by one place. Eleanor Cairns, swimming backstroke, won her heat and came fifth in the final. Vicky Wilson came second in her heat and qualified for the final. In the Medley relay the girls won their heat and came fourth in the final. Overall, this was a very pleasing performance as 15 schools took part. The Swimming Gala took place in March. It was a very exciting event, thoroughly enjoyed by all. The overall winners were Clifton House.

B. Edgar.

Netball

This year has been very busy for the A and B teams, playing 8 matches as well as competing in the AJIS Tournament in March. The A team, in their new match kit of school colours kindly donated by Universal Products, had a mixed success. They began with promise but hit a stumbling block when the goal attack, Rachel Sissons, broke her arm! Rachel returned after Christmas and helped her team to a total of five wins and three defeats.

The B team struggled to start with but came on with a vengeance. Excellent shooting by Katie Severns and Danielle Grundy gave them three wins, one draw and four defeats.

In March the A team travelled to Stockport to compete in the AJIS Tournament. They were placed in a group of very skilled teams and managed to win their first three games. The final match was against Birkenhead B team and it was a fraught twelve minutes. Unfortunately, nerves got the better of the girls and they lost 3-4. However, they were placed equal fourth on points.

A special mention to Victoria Wilson, Captain of the A team, who has led her team with enthusiasm and played to a very high standard. Good luck to all the netballers going through to the Senior School.

L. Ashton & S. Friar.

School Ensemble

The School ensemble continues to grow ever larger and now section rehearsals take place on Wednesday lunchtimes.

The year began with a medley to open the Christmas festivities and then serious practice for the Spring Concert in April. Various groups from the ensemble rehearsed their duets, trios and combined band items including

piano pieces, flautists and swinging saxophones! The ensemble played a splendid orchestral version of "Yellow Bird" and "Morning has broken".

This term all instrumentalists have faced a great challenge. The decision to give out parts for Holst's "Planets" Suite" was taken with courage and excitement. The first rehearsal was very inspiring and everyone was determined to master this great work and prepare a brilliant performance. Timpani and horn were amazing additions and everyone practised hard to conquer their individual rhythms and melodies. Rehearsals were intense and all worked together to improve tuning and dynamics. Efforts were rewarded on the night when the Ensemble rose to the occasion and performed brilliantly! Well done to all the players and continued success to those who are leaving to join the Senior School.

L. Taylor.

The Beggar

There was a beggar on Stratford Street,
Who had very dirty and grimy feet.
He had a ragged, torn filthy coat,
And he sounded as if he had a frog in his throat.
He wore a ragged, battered hat,
And on the pavement there he sat.
On his face was a mischievous grin,
And where he lived was a tattered old bin.
He wore a green, ripped handkerchief round his neck,
And he was a total wreck.
He never moves a muscle,
But at night I can hear something rustle.

By Hannah Spacey, J3Y.



In the Morning

We wake up, stretch and yawn. We wash and clean our teeth. We put our clothes on, under-clothes go first. We put our shoes on and fasten them. We put our coat on and pick up our school bags. Then we say goodbye and set off for school.

By Soraya Dunn, 11.

Avalanche

The denseness of the thick, heavy dust clogged his lungs. He had to do something, but what? Werner was petrified, he was paralysed and destitute.

The wail of sirens called to him, distantly, but they were there alright. He had a sudden perception of anticipation, but no, nothing came.

It won't be long, he assured himself, he'd be free in no time.

He was gasping for breath now, cloistered under the debris and rubble.

His head spun, he felt giddy, the world was swimming in front of him. He was in a disarray, completely flummoxed, the world blanked out.

When he woke, it was still dark, it must have been about 3.00am. On his head was a big lump, his leg was snared under a colossal rock. He whimpered and started blubbering. Werner wouldn't have done this under normal conditions, he was quite a plucky boy really. Nevertheless, he was bewildered and drained of all energy.

Not a sound could be heard, not a movement to be seen, the world seemed dead.

He felt like a snail, ready to shrivel up into his shell. Werner glanced at his leg, the blood was still spewing out. He had lost a lot of blood.

He was a shaking, feeble wreck. He couldn't help himself, the blood gushed, the tears poured, he whimpered like a baby, rocking himself to and fro. He wished and hoped his life could last.

Surely someone, or something for that matter, in the world would save him before his last breath was gone.

But Werner didn't realise what had happened. The world was no more to him, someone did rescue him, sorry, something.

An angel lifted him gently by his arms and off he went.

By Catherine Stewart, 14Y.

Pirates

The full moon shone brightly over the sea. Some pirates were burying some treasure in a cave. The pirate in command was holding a lantern, another pirate was digging the hole, while the other lifted the chest into the hole.

The dark, silent and dangerous cave seemed very scary and stalactites were hanging from the ceiling, and there was the sound of lapping waves and evil, sneaky pirates digging.

By Richard Westerman, 13X.



Happiness Is

Happiness is when my dog pulls cute faces to get him out of trouble.

Happiness is when I learnt how to swim. And the feeling of freedom inside.

Happiness is the summer holidays. The joyful glee and fantasy.

Happiness is missing school for things like my back. As I can stay with my Grandma and Grandpa.

Happiness is Christmas time, with all the kindness people give.

Happiness is my birthday, as I will never wake up late.

Happiness is spending money on myself.

By Jamie Hill, 11

The Miner

The miner was hard at work with his companions,
He swung his heavy pick to and fro,
Dealing the rough grey rocks a heavy blow,
While sweat poured down his dirty face.

Suddenly the roof supports gave in,
The rocks fell down,
No more life for him,
He'll never again see the town!

By Andrew Tomlinson, 13X

"The Lady in Mourning" by Jenna Rees, 14X



Colours

I think red reminds me of danger,
it is a mad colour.
Blue reminds me of the sea,
it is a calm colour.
Brown is a soggy colour,
mud is brown.
Silver reminds me of Christmas,
it is a cold colour.
Orange reminds me of the sun,
it is a hot colour.
Green reminds me of big trees
swaying in the wind.

By Redford Kirkland, I2

The Sad Clown

The sad little clown just couldn't smile
His friends knew why.
And after a while,
They fixed his trouble
And in one, two, three,
That glad little clown
Could smile merrily.

By Cheryl Bridges, J2.

Stranded on an Island

One holiday in India I decided to go out for a day with Yvette Brindle, my best friend. We hired a boat from the boating shop, paid the man at the counter and set sail on the Indian Ocean. The sky was a deep blue and the sea was calm. We headed the boat north and enjoyed being on our own for a change without our brothers. Presently we saw some hourglass dolphins on some breakers, swimming. They looked just like killer whales, only ten times smaller. We got a camera and took some photos of the black and white creatures that were so graceful. Then we saw an island in front of us. We headed towards it and decided to camp as we were going off for three days by ourselves. We dropped the anchor and set off to explore the island. It was inhabited only by birds and a few snakes. Some of the birds were parrots with white bodies and yellow crests, others were red and blue with a bit of green mixed in. Palm trees and other tropical plants were dotted about all over the island. It had a few caves on it and Yvette made a ring of stones outside the cave we were going to sleep in. We had a bit of fun climbing up the palm trees and seeing who reached the top and climbed down first. Then a thought struck us both at the same time. We had heaved the heavy anchor overboard but with no rope attached to it. I felt a bit guilty and panicky when I realised what we'd done. I felt for a piece of paper to write a rescue message on but first Yvette told me that she would run down to the shore and see if the boat was there. Now I really felt guilty. Yvette came running back and said the boat was way out to sea. So we put our heads together and wrote a rescue message:

"We are trapped on a tropical island with lots of birds and a few caves. Our names are Mandy Hill and Yvette Brindle. The island is in the Indian Ocean. Please help! We haven't got any food and we are tired and hungry."

We caught a bird and tied the message to its leg. Then we went to the cave and fell asleep, tired out.

By Mandy Hill, J3Y.

Halloween Poem

Haunted houses,
Apple bobbing,
Leaves falling,
Lighted pumpkins.
Owls flying at night,
Witches on their broomsticks.
Everyone is scared!
Even you and I,
Never go out at night.

By Emily Martin, I3

Grandad

Grandad spoils me, every year.
He's gentle, he's kind.
He has white hair, and a funny kind of smile.
Grandad spoils me, every year.
He lives in Cumbria, far away.
I've never seen his house, but I will some day.
Grandad spoils me, every year.
He comes to Blackpool, at Easter time,
To have a special meal with us.
Grandad spoils me, every year.
I love Grandad very much, I'm sure he feels the same.
He's very wise and very sane,
And I'll be very sad if he dies.
Grandad spoils me, every year.

By Gillian Smith J4X



My Sister

My sister's hair is mousy brown,
My sister's hobby is shopping in town.
My sister's always top of the class,
My sister's such a good wee lass.
My sister's only eight,
She never gets home from school late!
My sister isn't a very good eater.
My sister really couldn't be sweeter.
At running and swimming my sister's really fast.
She's always first and never last.
My sister's really superstitious,
She thinks vegetables are simply delicious
Our sisters are as sweet as sweet.
We think that they deserve a treat.

By Katherine Robinson, J3X.

Our Trip

We went on a train ride. We liked the tractor ride. We went to steam town. We went down a hill on the tractor ride. We saw a horse. We saw a sheep dog. We saw lots of animals. We saw trains.

By Jenny Patel, I1.

The Short-cut

As I stepped down from the bus, I realised I was late and decided to take a shortcut through the park. All seemed normal at first because the bright lights from the main road were in sight. Gradually, it became darker and darker and the darker it became, the more scared I was. I couldn't stop now, I had to keep going. Eventually it became as dark as it would be if you closed your eyes. By this time I was terrified. I was now about half way through the park and I started to see things. Things moving in the shadows. The shadows of trees, bushes, birds and what I thought were ghosts!! I was so frightened I nearly fainted at the noises. The noises of owls, birds and footsteps behind me. I was certain that somebody was following me. My heart started to beat twice as fast as I started to jog, then to run, run as fast as I could. Just then I thought about what Mum and Dad would say, what they would do! Oh, how I dreaded the thought.

My heart began to calm down, and so did I, at the sight of street lights. Finally, I reached the park gates and stopped dead in my path. I looked back and saw something, something with bright green eyes. After a while I realised that it was a cat. I was so relieved to be back at my own house, my comfortable, safe home.

By Samantha Young, J4Y.

What's the Sky Made Of?

Clouds are in the sky,
They look like they are hovering by.
The sun is in the sky,
When it is sunset the sun says, bye-bye.
Rainbows are in the sky,
They are very colourful.
The stars are in the sky,
The moon is floating by.
Pluto is in the sky
And lots of planets beyond the stars.
Heaven is in the sky
It never goes anywhere.

By Jonathan Vass, I2.

Sadness is...

Sadness is when Isaac Newton (my pet newt) escaped, as I used to love watching him eat big juicy worms.

Sadness is falling over in the playground or park because it stings.

Sadness is not having my own bedroom, as my brother wrecks my toys.

Sadness is seeing poor people on the streets because they have no shelter.

Sadness is going to bed early, because there are lots more things to do.

Sadness is when there is not enough snow to make a snowman.

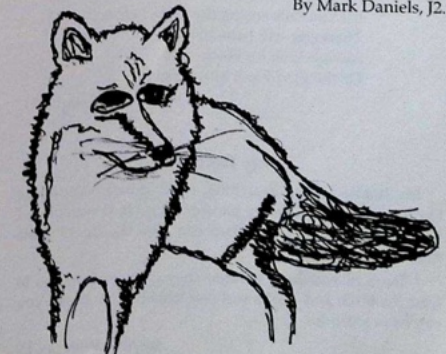
By Kate Copesey, J1.

The Sly Fox

There is a sly fox in the field next to me. He is cunning, he is wicked, with a heart made of stone. His sharp teeth are big and powerful. If you ever see him, don't be put off by his cheerful grin. Keep away from him.

He steals sixteen chickens every day. He always gets away. He's got no cubs, but a vixen. She is more cunning than him, but not as quick and powerful. All the other foxes fear them because they are so weak.

By Mark Daniels, J2.



An Outside Man

Soft, white, fluffy hair,
A billowing, lacy hair.
Deep wrinkles on his forehead,
A bumpy road in the hills.
Big brown eyes,
Conkers soaked in vinegar.
Deep red lips,
A tulip growing red and big.
His kind, friendly smile,
A rainbow, upside down.
Shaky hands with long fingers,
A branch with spindly twigs.
His slow moving feet,
The caterpillar wheels.

By Catherine Stewart, J4Y.

I Wish

"I don't want to melt," said the snowman,
"I don't want to grow," said the plant,
"I don't want to be small," said the dwarf,
"And all I want is to be straight," said the slant.
"I don't want to be wild," said the tiger,
"I don't want to be meek," said the mice,
"I don't want to have stripes," said the zebra,
"And I don't want any spots," said the dice.
"I don't want to boil," said the kettle,
"I don't want to swim," said the fish.
Why does everyone want something different?
All they ever say is, "I wish, I wish, I wish."

By Rachel Sissons, J4X.

Superstitions

Don't step on a crack,
Else you'll break your back,
Choose lucky numbers,
Or watch for a black cat that purrs.
Touch wood before a test,
Then you'll do your very best,
Never cross on a stair,
You'll get bad luck and say, "That's not fair".
It's bad luck seeing the bride before the day,
Then you will have to pray,
Always look for black cats,
Or the Pied Piper and his rats.

By Katie Gough, J3Y.

My Hobby

My hobby is Bird Watching. I like it best because the birds are colourful. Every Saturday I go bird watching. I have to watch the birds. You can give the ducks some food.

I like bird watching because they give seeds to you to feed the birds and ducks and you can buy things and you can have a drink.

By Amy Willocks, I3.

Ideas From My Paintbox

Black is a cloudy winter night, with no moon.
A coal mine, deep and dark,
A witch's cat, on a broom,
In the summer sky, a lark.
Red is danger, a fire in the night.
Blood from a cut poppy,
Swaying in the field,
An autumn apple, red and juicy.
Yellow is corn, ripe in the fields.
A canary in its cage .
A blazing fire in the winter,
The summer sun.
Blue is a warm, tropical sea,
The summer sky.
Cornflowers in a garden,
A beautiful sapphire ring.

By Rebecca Sie, J3X.

