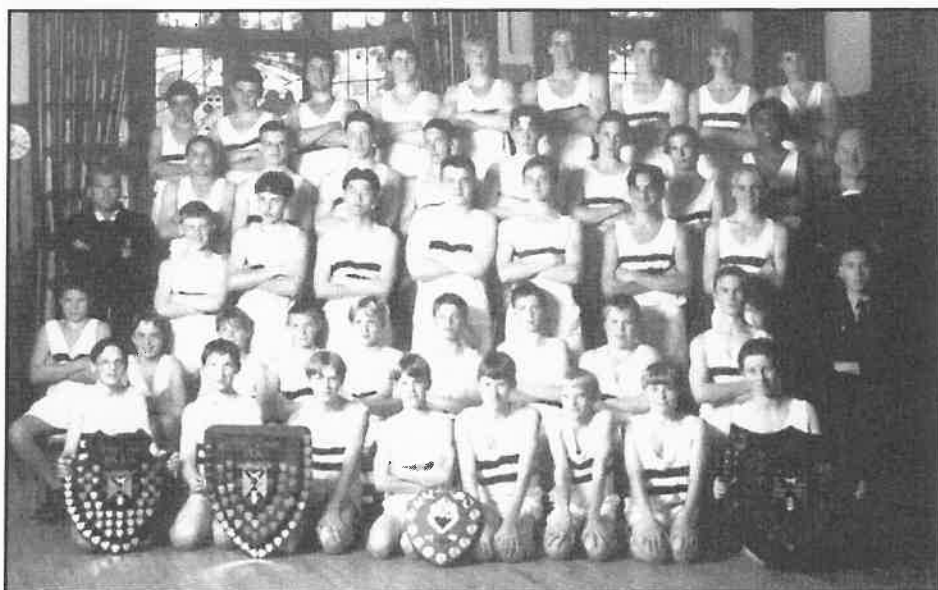


**BRITISH AEROSPACE**   
SCHOOLS NETWORK

## A SUMMER OF SUCCESS AT K.G.S.

**The School has been fortunate to enjoy some remarkable individual and team successes this summer and I would like to thank all our staff and pupils who have worked so hard to achieve them. All the following achievements are 'firsts' for the school and, taken together, they constitute a truly outstanding few months in the history of KGS.**

A full inspection at the beginning of the term confirmed the progress the school is making. We could scarcely have expected a more encouraging report overall and it was particularly good to hear the inspection team confirm that the school is fulfilling the potential of its pupils, in many



*1998 Boys' Athletics Teams  
Winners of all four age groups in the Fylde School Athletics Championships*



*Michael Strickland  
Arkwright Engineering Scholar*

cases well beyond, and going a long way towards realising its aims. There was high praise for the quality of teaching; the breadth and success of extra-curricular activities and the ethos and corporate life of the school.

The Junior School's success in achieving the Investors in People Award at its first attempt reflects a great deal of hard work and detailed preparation, much to the credit of our new Headmistress, Mrs Lesley Taylor, and the staff of the Junior School. Nor would we have achieved this without the experienced guidance and tireless efforts of Governor, Mr Michael Hudson, to whom we are all very grateful indeed.

The completion of the Technology Centre build represents another of this term's triumphs. As I write, equipment is being installed and we can look forward with confidence to gaining International recognition from British Aerospace for this magnificent new facility, the likes of which I have never before seen in a school.

We were all delighted to hear of Pat Sanderson's selection for the two England rugby test matches against New Zealand, a remarkable achievement for a young man of 20 years of age who becomes the first Old Kirkhamian ever to have won an international cap in the sport of rugby at senior level. Alex Sanderson, meanwhile, captained

the England Schools' U18 team to victory in the Five Nations' Schools' Championship, making this a rugby season the Sanderson family and the school will never forget. Alex thus became the first KGS pupil ever to captain his country.

Also for the first time the school has an Arkwright Engineering Scholar. Michael Strickland's achievement in receiving this prestigious award is both a personal triumph for him and also a timely and important boost for the school's new status as an international centre of excellence for technology. Arkwright Scholarships are recognised as among the most competitive and difficult awards to obtain.

Katy Parker's selection to represent England in the European Youth Table Tennis Championships in Italy is further confirmation of her prodigious talent and we wish her every success.

The all-round talent of Katie Mellor proved too strong for the opposition in the Police/EDS Schools' Challenge. Twenty two schools entered this competition, which resembles the Krypton Factor. Katie successfully negotiated initiative tests, physical tests and general knowledge questions, to reach the final and subsequently emerged as the clear winner of a contest which brings the most talented pupils of the area together. It is a very tough competition to win and Katie deserves all our congratulations.

Our boys' athletics teams capped a marvellous summer season when they swept the board in the Fylde Coast Schools' Athletics Championships, winning all four age groups; a remarkable feat against seventeen other schools, most of whom have many more boys to choose from. Benefiting from the coaching of Mr Syl Sampey and the enthusiastic support of Mr Richard Taylor, our boys once more showed the will to win which makes KGS teams so difficult to beat in any event.



*Katie Mellor, winner of the Police/EDS Schools' Challenge*

## STAFF CHANGES

After a teaching career which has spanned 31 years at Kirkham Grammar School, Mr Arthur Baines, former pupil and Captain of School, retires this summer. Mr Baines has served the school in many capacities - Senior Master, Head of Science, Head of Biology, Housemaster of Kirkham House and President of the Staff Common Room - not an easy man to replace! He has also served as President of the Old Kirkhamians' Association and will, I am sure, continue to contribute much as a Committee member. The Music Department will miss Mr Baines' operatic talents and we shall all miss his wholehearted commitment to school and unique sense of humour. We are immensely grateful to him for his outstanding service to KGS and wish him a long and happy retirement, sure in the knowledge that he will retain his ties with his old school.

I have appointed Colonel Sayer to replace Mr Baines as Senior Master and we are delighted to welcome former pupil, Miss Anna Fryer, as our new Biology teacher. Miss Fryer is KGS to the core and will bring much enthusiasm and expertise also



*Senior Master, Mr Arthur Baines,  
who retires this term*

to the games department and the CCF.

We are particularly sorry to lose Mr Tim Bruce, Head of Business Studies, who has been forced to take early retirement on health grounds.

Popular among staff and pupils alike, Mr Bruce will be missed as a successful exponent of his subject specialism and a fine all-round schoolmaster. We wish him a speedy and full recovery and many happy and fulfilling years of retirement, during which we hope to see him return often to KGS.

In his place I have appointed Mrs Francine Lang who has run the department particularly well in Mr Bruce's absence, having been forced to pick up the reins at very short notice.

I am delighted to have renewed the services of Mrs Yvonne Jones, who will rejoin the English Department in September. We know well the quality of her teaching and the depth of her commitment and we are very glad to have her back.

We also welcome back Mrs Pauline Cooper who has rejoined the Mathematics Department after taking maternity leave, and we are pleased to see Rev. Tom Taylor settle so effectively in the Music Department, having been quick to make his mark in the short time he has been with us.



*Sixth Formers enjoying the Leavers' Ball*



## YOUNG ENTERPRISE

Shox, KGS Young Enterprise Company has now liquidated after a most successful year of trading. This term the company concentrated its efforts on representing the school in the Fylde Young Enterprise Competition. The team wrote a most impressive company report which outlined its successes and progress over the year, a major part of the judging criteria.

After the Easter break, Shox took part in the Final Presentation Evening where twelve schools competed in the hope of progressing to the regional final. Five members of the company were asked to man a stand where judges could ask questions about the progress of the company over the year. Each company then gave an eight minute presentation in front of three judges from local businesses. In a particularly strong year, Kirkham performed admirably in all sections of the competition. The

presentation was slick and businesslike and led to many positive comments from the audience at the Marine Hall in Fleetwood. Even though Shox did not win, their overall performance was excellent and only a few marks stopped progress to the finals.

The year has been very successful and the company have all "learned by doing" - the motto of Young Enterprise - and all the achievers have gained a lot of valuable experience from the scheme. Indeed, thanks must also go to BNFL and Midland Bank, our sponsors, for their excellent support and advice. Thanks also to Mr S F Duncan and Mrs F Lang for their strong and helpful support.

Young Enterprise is enjoying somewhat of a renaissance at Kirkham, largely thanks to the efforts of this year's company. They have been a credit to their school and I wish them well for the future.

## SIXTH FORM LEAVERS' BALL

The Leavers' Ball was held in a marquee on the front lawn of the school on a beautiful Midsummer's evening.

Over 150 Sixth Formers, staff and Young Old Kirkhamians enjoyed this now well-established event.

With the Ball switched from May to June, most Sixth Formers were able to celebrate the end of the long and gruelling exam season.

We say farewell to our Upper Sixth Formers and wish them well in their future careers.

## LOWER SIXTH GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP

The first week of the summer term saw the annual trek into Yorkshire for the Lower Sixth Geographical field course. The venue was Scarborough - 'Queen of the Watering Places' and also Mr Scott's former home town. Twenty two eager students and three staff set forth for a hard but enjoyable week of interest, participation and academic work in a different environment.

Local history of the town and region were studied to prepare the candidates for the summer external option modules, along with the physical geography of the coast and a local river study. Much collection and handling of data was undertaken, using different techniques which could (and did) come up in the third of the A-level modules examined this summer. This constituted half of the total assessment for an advanced level grade.

An enjoyable time was had by all. The weather was kind - except on the river day when everyone was drenched and an early finish was forced. Much thanks must go to the Geography Department for their time and organisation of this annual but essential event which is an integral part of the modular advanced level Geography course.

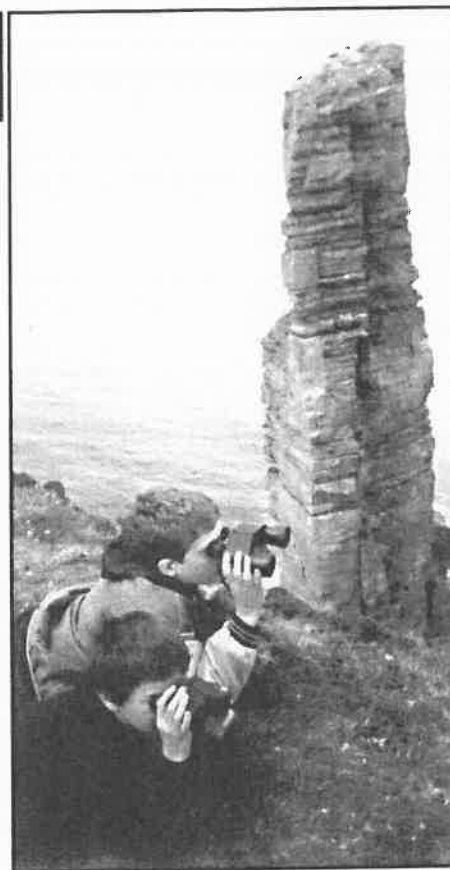
# CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

## K.G. ORNITHOLOGISTS

Summer Term 1998 had to be one of the most exciting for the ornithologists. They began with a now routine trip to Riggindale for the only English eagles. The eagles were spectacular, as was the weather, (although their eggs later failed to hatch) and the group had good views of the male in flight and perching. Pied flycatchers were closely observed in Mardale but also most unexpected was the feeding osprey at Leighton Moss.

Half term brought our annual expedition to Orkney where K.G. Ornithologists were joined by bird watchers from King Edward's School, Bath. The trip began well with their best bittern at Leighton Moss and despite cold weather in Orkney, the sun shone as the group visited the world-famous archaeological sites of Skara Brae, the Ring of Brodgar and the Tomb of the Eagles. They got close to special birds like hen harriers, fulmars, puffins and great skuas which dive-bombed the party on Hoy.

Those capable of a six hour sea voyage visited remote Papa Westray to sing to inquisitive seals and see the spot where Britain's last Great Auk was shot. A return via Speyside enabled them to pick up local species like crossbill and crested tit and to visit the famous Osprey eyrie at Loch Garten. Amazingly the club exceeded its expedition record of 113 species (in Mallorca last year) with 119!

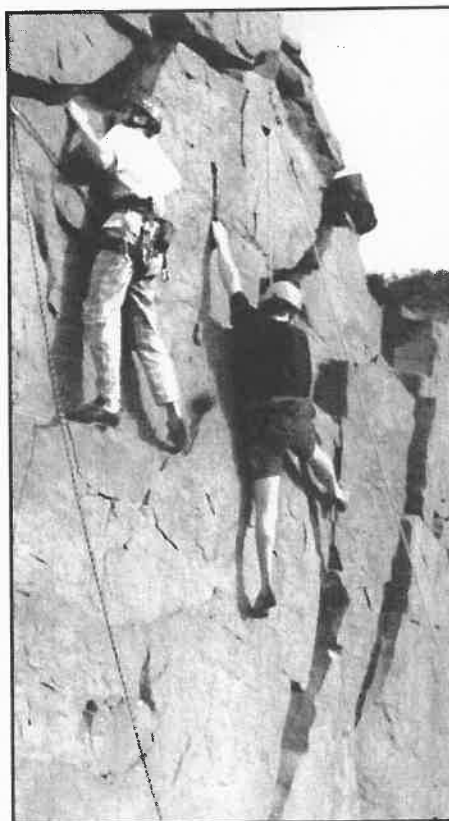


*K.G. Ornithologists on their annual expedition to Orkney*

## CLIMBING CLUB

Several new crags were visited this term, the new motorway south of Blackburn bringing the excellent Troy Quarry at Haslingdon within easy reach and the club also managed to climb on the Yorkshire Limestone near Ingleton for the first time. A farewell meet at the impressively large Trowbarrow Quarry near Silverdale was staged to mark the end of the school climbing careers of three Upper Sixth Formers: Mark Devine, Stephen Clark and Sandy Cropper, each of whom has contributed greatly to the success of the club over the last few years. They are good climbers who will be missed for their anarchic sense of humour and for the fine example which they set as the senior members of the club.

The fifth form provides the bulk of the next wave of climbing talent, but, quite rightly, they limited their appearances on the rock to the first and last part of the term. It was good to see many of them appreciating the greater subtleties presented by the real climbing which the summer term allows, ie climbing on natural rock rather than on synthetic climbing walls.



*Members of the Climbing Club attempting a climb on natural rock*

**The School Climbing Wall is now available for hire by organised clubs and groups.**

**Equipment and tuition is also available.**

**For details, contact the school.**

## COMBINED CADET FORCE

Field days are to be held at Halton, Holcombe and Wood Vale on Thursday 2nd July for the fourth year cadets and the Summer Camp will be at Wathgill near Catterick during the first week of the holidays. Some 60 cadets, eight staff and Old Kirkhamians, are looking forward to good weather and struggling with the tanks on the training area. Thanks to all staff for their help and co-operation over the past year with the Combined Cadet Force.

## RAF EASTER CAMP RAF LAARBRUCH, GERMANY



*RAF Cadets training during their Easter Camp  
at RAF Laarbruch, Germany*

Ten Cadets and two members of staff spent part of the Easter break at RAF Laarbruch in Germany on the Annual CCF (RAF) Camp.

RAF Laarbruch is situated on the Dutch/German border near the small town of Wesse and is about 75 km north west of Cologne. This is a large operational base which is home to two Harrier ground attack squadrons (3 Sqn and 4 Sqn), a rapier missile, Squadron (26 Squadron RAF Regiment) and an RAF Regiment Field Squadron (1 Squadron RAF Regiment) along with numerous other supporting personnel.

The busy week at the base involved visits to various sections, including bomb disposal, the fire section, police dog section and the operating hangars of the flying squadrons, where the cadets could speak with the pilots and ground crew and have a close look at the aircraft. The cadets also had the opportunity to fire weapons on the range, use a virtual reality trainer and take part in a night exercise in the depths of the German forests! The formal training ended with flying and work experience at various sites around the base.

It was not all work, however, with a night out swimming at Holland's Centre Park, a shopping trip to Cologne, a bowling night and a trip to Arnhem, the airborne museum at Oosterbeek and a visit to the Riechswald War Cemetery. The visit to Arnhem proved to be a very moving and awe-inspiring experience.

With the current financial constraints on all three services, it was very much a feather in the cap that the cadets at Kirkham Grammar School were selected for this camp. Most RAF contingents receive an average of one overseas place every two to three years. To be given the opportunity to take ten cadets was a tremendous accolade for all the work the RAF Cadets have undertaken over the past two years.

The Captain and Vice Captain of School, Emily Ross and David Rees, were at the forefront of all military plans and manoeuvres. Timothy Chadwick and Paul Baer were commended by the Camp Commandant for all-round commitment and participation.

## SHOOTING AT ALT CAR

Over the weekend of 8th - 10th May the K.G.S. CCF Full Bore Shooting Team entered the Skill at Arms weekend at Altcar rifle range, 42nd North West Brigade, to compete in 6 competitions against 40 other teams and 160 other cadets.

The 'A' Team came 3rd and 11th in two competitions with excellent shooting from Matthew Primmer. The 'B' Team also shot well, finishing 8th and 18th in two competitions.

Excellent shooting from Richard Kellett saw him rank 10th in the Montgomery of Alamein Shoot. Our Captain, Alistair Kipling, finished 3rd in the Bull Pool, pipped by 2 mm. Overall performances: 'A' Team finished 22nd, the 'B' Team finished 33rd

Individuals shooting well were:  
Matthew Primmer 35th  
Richard Kellett 47th  
Alistair Kipling 50th  
Gareth Jones 77th  
John Boyle 79th

Three out of eight in the top half rankings.

Unfortunately, Captain Crowther missed out on retaining his tankard for the adult shoot, due to stoppages.

The Captain, Alistair Kipling, would like to thank the teams for attending, the two butt markers Phil Bennett and John Bolton and Mr Crowther for ferrying the teams around.

Shooting against teams who practise up to 16 hours a week was tough. Hopefully next year a more experienced team will bring home a trophy.





## FRENCH TRIP

A party of 40 pupils from Years 2 to 5 travelled with six staff to the small town of Ernée on the Brittany-Normandy border during the Easter holidays. They stayed in a small, family-run hotel whose owners are keen to introduce English pupils to the French way of life, especially the food!

Highlights of the trip were visits to Mont Saint-Michel and Rennes and a group also went to the cinema to see "Titanic" in French! As is traditional, however, shopping was the number one pastime, and Rennes was a clear success in this respect.

Thanks go to Mr Long for organising and leading the holiday and to Mr Rushton, Mr Watson, Mr Duncan, Mrs Hayton and Mrs Long for accompanying the trip. Next year's trip to Paris is already fully booked.



*KGS pupils enjoying 'les glaces' during the French Trip to Ernée*

## LONDON ACADEMY OF MUSIC AND DRAMATIC ART

I would like to congratulate the following pupils on their awards:

### **The Speaking of Verse and prose - Grade Five**

Lauren Ainge - Pass  
Jak Berry - Distinction  
Tim Chadwick - Pass  
Daniel Coyle - Pass  
Sarah Pook - Distinction  
Gemma Wallace - Pass

### **Grade Six**

Ruth Burns - Distinction  
Katherine Palmer - Distinction  
Andrew Pook - Distinction  
Elizabeth Rossall - Honours  
Richard Kellett - Honours

### **Grade Seven**

Laura Clarke - Distinction

### **Acting, Grade Five**

Felicity Clarke - Distinction  
Caroline Brown - Distinction  
Jennifer Leigh - Distinction  
Rebecca Turner - Pass

### **Grade Seven**

Thomas Gray - Pass  
Tracey Thornley - Distinction

### **Acting Bronze Medal**

Kate Sullivan

## DRAMA AND THEATRE STUDIES

Following on from their success as 'directors' of the Junior Drama Festival, the Lower Sixth Theatre Studies students, together with the fourth year Drama Students, settled down to planning the next school production.

"The Tempest" by William Shakespeare will go into rehearsal in September. This production aims to present the play as a piece of 'visual reality' and is fusing with the Art Department for the technical effects. This marks a forward movement in cross-curricular activities and benefits the pupils and their coursework in many ways. The fifth year Drama students spent the term busily preparing for their practical exam in May. It is encouraging to know that a significant number will return to take up the Theatre Studies course in the Autumn.

Theatre trips this year have included: "Cyrano de Bergerac" with Anthony Sher, "Mother Courage" and "The Tempest" at Stratford. Workshops have also been encouraged where students are given the opportunity to work with professional actors and backstage crew. The satisfaction and learning stimuli, together with the benefits gained in understanding theatre arts, cannot be emphasised enough. This is an area we should like to see developed in the future, along with the allocation of a static studio space.

## MUSIC

The highlight of the Summer Term for the musicians is undoubtedly 'Music for a Summer's Evening'. The Concert this year featured the Orchestra, the Concert Band, the Girls' Choir, the School Choir and a large number of competent soloists. A very appreciative audience clearly enjoyed the respite from compulsory World Cup viewing!

This Concert saw the final performances of the Junior School's first Music Scholar - Haidee MacGregor. Haidee has given a great deal of pleasure to audiences in recent years and has certainly left them in no doubt regarding her great love of romantic music and Liszt in particular! Her performances on flute and piano have always been of the most outstanding quality and we shall miss her greatly.

During the summer holidays, several pupils will be making music. Violinist, Laura Clarke, will be taking part in the European Youth Summer Music Course at Haileybury College; double bass player Gareth Jones is on tour in Italy; Senior Chorister, Peter Benson, is also touring in France; trumpeter, Jak Berry, is playing in Czechoslovakia and one of the junior trebles, Kingsley Shaw, has been selected by the Royal School of Church Music to sing for a fortnight in King's College, Cambridge - just two days after he returns from a French tour!

# SPORT

## GIRLS' ATHLETICS

The girls have had their most successful season to date. Out of seven athletic matches contested so far this season, the following results have been achieved: U12 have won 4 out of 7, U13 have won 4 out of 7, U14 have won 7 out of 7, U15 have won 3 out of 7

This year we entered our Junior and Inter Girls in the TSB National Athletics Competition. In the county round at Stanley Park on May 18th both teams did very well indeed and scored sufficient points to qualify for the regional finals. The junior girls competed at Salt Ayre track, Lancaster but unfortunately did not perform to their best on the day and finished sixth. The inter girls competed at Robin Park track, Wigan and performed superbly. The girls finished in second place just 15

points behind the winners. An excellent achievement and one which will certainly be built on next year.

The following girls were selected to represent South Fylde in the Lancashire Schools' Championships:-

Vicky Peters - Long Jump  
Vicky Wilson - Javelin  
Emma Gough - Long Jump  
Jane Meloy - Discus  
Danielle Hanley - Discus  
Jenna Rees - Hurdles  
Nicola Hendy - 1500 m  
Ruth Burns - Javelin

In the Lancashire Women's Athletics event Danielle Hanley and Jane Meloy were first and second respectively in their events.

the annual Fylde Coast Championships at Stanley Park the girls competed very well indeed. Forty-nine girls represented the school and there were 12 personal bests on the day. Sixteen schools competed in the championships and the results were as follows:-

KGS U12 - 2nd  
KGS U13 - 8th  
KGS U14 - 1st  
KGS U15 - 7th

The third year have won this trophy for three consecutive years, another first in the history of the school. Overall, the girls have had a most valuable, enjoyable and rewarding athletics season and they have been a credit to their school.

## VIMTO MASTERCLASS

Kirkham Grammar School was chosen to host a Vimto Masterclass on 22nd June 1998. This involved girls aged 11- 14 years participating in a hurdling session which was run by Diane Allahgreen, one of England's top 100 m hurdlers (indoor European bronze medallist). Diane demonstrated her skills and passed on her knowledge, providing the girls with an insight into competition at the very top level of sport. It was a great opportunity for the girls to meet a top international competitor.

The girls were then asked to raise money, through sponsorship, to help support the England team in their preparation for the Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur this September.

Certificates were awarded to all who participated and the top three fundraisers won Nike and Vimto prizes. The girls have also entered the Masterclass Medals Competition and this has given them an opportunity to win an exclusive print, signed by the England Commonwealth Games Team. To win this they had to try to guess the total number of gold, silver and bronze medals the England team will win in Kuala Lumpur.

Diane Allahgreen enjoyed her visit to KGS so much that she accepted our invitation to Sports Day in 1999 and said that she hoped to be bringing a Commonwealth medal along with her.



*England 100m Hurdler, Diane Allahgreen, gives some advice to Katie Threlfall during the 'Vimto Masterclass'*

## SWIMMING

I am delighted to report that lower sixth former Michelle Harrison has been selected to represent the England Schools' National Swimming Team in the eleventh World School Games to be held in Shanghai, China from 12th - 19th October 1998. Michelle has been chosen to swim the 400 m freestyle, one of her strongest events. We congratulate her on achieving selection for her country again for such a prestigious swimming event and wish her every success.

## BOYS' ATHLETICS

Kirkham boys have enjoyed an outstanding athletics season with every year group making a significant contribution. At the beginning of the term the 5th and 6th year teams finished close runners-up to Lancaster R.G.S. in their annual four-schools competition at Lancaster.

The first year team has developed in confidence and, after a comprehensive victory over King Edward VII, went on to greater things by winning the U13 trophy in the Fylde Coast Championships! Outstanding this year has been James Houseman who has remained unbeaten over 100m, 200m and long jump. There have been major contributions from John Townsend and Stuart Blackburn and the unbeaten combination of Marcus Plowright and Terry Ogden in both the 800m and 1500m has been inspirational.

The second year has the strongest in depth squad and, having won the prestigious seven-schools tournament at Lancaster R.G.S. at the start of the season, they have swept all opposition aside, culminating in a decisive victory at the Fylde Coast Championships. While George Leeming has been a dominant figure in both track and field, significant contributions have come from the likes of Tom Hooke, Dan Houseman and John Bowden.

If a prize could be given for the best late developers it should surely go to the 4th year squad. There were signs at the end of last year that they were getting together as a team and the realisation has come this year. Following wins over King Edward's and Arnold they went to the Fylde Coast Championships and achieved a magnificent result by winning their trophy. This was team effort at its very best and it would be unfair to single out individuals. The collective achievement of winning all four age groups was the first of its kind since the championships began in 1931.

Individually the school provided ten Fylde Coast Champions, ten boys selected to compete in the Lancashire Schools and two boys, Gareth Rees and George Leeming selected to compete for Lancashire in the English Schools' Championships in July.

Much credit should go to Mr Trenhaile for his invaluable input into the coaching of the third year boys and to Mr Taylor for his enthusiasm and encouragement of all the boys, both in practice and competition, and I am sure that all would agree that this season's outstanding results could not have been accomplished without the expertise, enthusiasm and commitment of our national athletics coach, Mr Syl Sampey.

## GIRLS' TENNIS

Girls' tennis has been of an exceptionally high standard this season. The results have been better than ever experienced at KGS before and the standard of tennis has been a delight to watch. Despite the appalling weather conditions experienced throughout the term, the girls thoroughly enjoyed some very tough encounters, with their sheer determination to win always providing them with the cutting edge.

The Lancashire U13 and U15 tournaments, which were held at KGS this season, brought much success. Lauren Ainge won the U13 singles Plate competition, Philippa Leeming and Emma Johnson won the U15 Doubles Plate competition and Jane Meloy and Ruth Burns played some excellent tennis to become the runners up in the U15 doubles tournament.

League games have also been very successful. The U13 team, consisting of Lauren Ainge, Katy Parker, Katie Gough and Hannah Spacey, narrowly missed out on qualifying for the Lancashire League semi-finals by just one game. They played 3 matches, convincingly winning two 7-1 and drawing one 4 and a half to 4 and a half. The U15 team, consisting of Philippa Leeming, Emma Johnson, Ruth Burns and Jane Meloy, convincingly made it to the finals of the Lancashire League Competition which will be played on Tuesday 30th June.

The U14 Lancashire Cup team, consisting of Jane Meloy, Ellie Cairns, Rosemary Ward and Rachel Sissons, played well to make it to the second round of the competition which is to be played on Thursday 2nd July.

U13, U14, U15 and senior teams have played 4 friendly matches experiencing yet more success, and we wish the U12 team luck in its first match to be played on Friday 26th June.

The girls have again thoroughly enjoyed their breakfast tennis sessions with David Shaw (tennis professional). These have proved to be a valuable and productive experience for all involved.

## BOYS' TENNIS

This has been the most successful tennis season for several years. In the local leagues the U15 team came runners-up to a strong Lytham St Annes side, whilst the U13 team easily defeated all opposition and progressed to the semi-final of the Lancashire Schools' Competition where they narrowly lost to Broughton High School.

In the U13 Singles Competition, Kirkham was by far the most successful school, with three of our pupils, Gavin Phillips, Adam Tuck and Liam Hanley, reaching the quarter-finals and Jack Ward reaching the semi-final where he lost to the eventual winner. In the Plate event, our boys were again successful, with Mark Gregg and James Wigglesworth losing in the semi-finals and James Leeming losing the final in a very close, tense match after having match points himself. It has, however, been a most rewarding season and the boys deserve our congratulations.

## CRICKET

The weather has had the last laugh this season with so many matches being cancelled without a ball being bowled.

The 1st XI looked a promising side but has suffered with not being able to play and develop. At the time of writing, four matches of the six organised have been lost to the weather. The two completed matches have seen a narrow defeat, off the last ball, by Hutton and a more comprehensive one, with a weakened side, by Batley Grammar School. A victory over King Edward's, Lytham by 7 wickets deservedly redressed the balance, the highlights of the game being an all-round performance of 3 for 12 and 39 by Ben Godfrey and 90 not out from skipper Phil Watkinson.

The junior sides have fared little better, but individuals have emerged and shown promise. Paul Ashton and Adam Parker are two excellent prospects who have been blooded in the 1st eleven at a very early ages.

The U12's have made real progress under Mr Painter's committed leadership and they are developing into a very competitive side.



## INTER HOUSE EVENTS

In a short term, with many disruptions, the first Inter-House event was the Senior Cricket semi-final between Kirkham and Preston, the latter house winning by 73 runs. Three days later School defeated Fylde in the second semi-final and eventually went on to beat Preston in the final.

The Senior Tennis matches found mainly mixed boys/girls teams representing the House of Kirkham and produced a final of Kirkham against School, the latter once again the eventual winners. School House had certainly signalled their intent to recapture the Whitby Cup.

The results of the Junior Tennis were Kirkham 1st, School 2nd, Fylde and Preston joint 3rd. The results of the Intermediate House Tennis were Fylde 1st, Preston 2nd with School and Kirkham sharing third place.

The Junior Cricket event has so far produced one finalist, with School defeating Fylde, but torrential rain caused the Kirkham v Preston semi-final to be postponed. The final is on the morning of July 8th when, at the same time, the Junior Girls' Rounders will be played in a knockout competition.

The Junior Academic Trophy final placings will be announced at the final School Assembly on July 10th. Suffice to say that the placings throughout the last two terms have remained unchanged, ie. 1st Kirkham, 2nd School, 3rd Fylde and 4th Preston. However, it would seem at the moment that School House, for the 2nd time in its history, is favourite to wrest the Whitby Trophy for Champion House from Preston, who has had a hat trick of wins, 1994-97.

At another academic year-end it is always fitting to thank not only the House Competitors, organisers and attached teaching staff, but also the many others who help, beyond the call of duty to referee, umpire and in any way supervise such a long and enjoyable programme of Inter-House events.

## SPORTS DAY 1998

The Annual Sports Day took place on Wednesday 13th May and was, once again, a great success. The Guest of Honour was Mr Graham Knight, National Technical Director Sprints, Relays and Hurdles. The weather was glorious, the competitors were eager to perform and the spectators supported superbly throughout the afternoon. The results of most events were very close indeed. Within the competition two records were broken; Victoria Peters - Inter Girls Long Jump 4m 70 and Victoria Wilson Inter Girls Javelin 23.75 m.

Graham Knight was very impressed, stressing how marvellous it was to be a part of such a big school athletics event, especially at a time when sadly the "School Annual Sports Day" has come to an end in many schools. As he put it: "Athletics in schools is dying out and few, if any, schools are able to stage a Sports Day of the quality and numbers participating as at Kirkham Grammar School".



*Victor and Victrix Ludorum Winners - Sports Day 1998*

The Victor and Victrix Ludorum winners were as follows:

Junior Boys - John Townsend, Junior Girls - Yvette Brindle, Inter Boys - Warren Marginson, Inter Girls - Amy Twambley, Senior Boys - Richard Wire, Senior Girls - Ayse Ince

The Inter-House Champions this year were KIRKHAM HOUSE, 2nd Place - School, 3rd Place - Preston, 4th Place - Fylde

## WAIRARAPA EXCHANGE 1998



This year's Exchange students, Anna Tomlinson, Richard Wilson, David Rees, and Martha Newell, left KGS on Monday 22nd June. They had half a day in Singapore and arrived in Auckland on Wednesday 24th June. All seem to be happy and are settling in with their host families.

## SENIOR PREFECTS

School Captains and Senior Prefects, 1998/99 are as follows:

**Captain of School:**

Emily Ross

**Vice Captain:**

David Rees

**Captain of the Boarding House:**

Richard Wire

**Senior Prefects:**

Tushar Bhuiya

Andrew Blackley

Ben Davis

Elizabeth Jackson

Thomas Johnson

Rebecca Kay

Jane Kirby

Thomas Leeming

Kate Oades

Lucy Preston

Helen Scott

Janine Swarbrick

## HORSE OF THE YEAR SHOW

Three Kirkham Grammar School pupils; Jodie Stevens, Laura Feeley and Kate Westerman, have been selected to ride at the Horse of the Year Show at Wembley in London in October.

Jodie was selected at the Wetherby Show in the 12.2 show pony class, riding Oakley Perfect. Kate Westerman also qualified at the Wetherby Show, riding Combat Cadence in the 14.2 show pony class. Laura Feeley, also qualified for the Horse of the Year Show at the Northern Horse Show in the 14.2 show pony class, riding Saran Gemini.

The girls had to trot, walk and canter their ponies and were pulled in to order of the judge. They then did their own show, were marked for confirmation and the top five in each class were selected for The Horse of the Year Show.

The girls are all thrilled with their selection and are looking forward to going to Wembley in October.

## SPONSORED 50 KM "YOMP"

More than 50 cadets accepted the challenge presented by the 'Yomp' from Glasson Dock along the Lancaster Canal to the 'Hand and Dagger' at Salwick, on the longest day of the year (for some cadets it really felt like the longest day!) The aim was to raise money to extend the school climbing wall up to the ceiling of the MPH, to purchase sports' equipment, and also to set a personal challenge to the cadets of a high order.

Lester Short and Phillip Hendy, closely followed by Warren Marginson and Joseph Thompson, were always the front runners and both groups broke the existing record. Hendy and Short finished in an amazing time of 3 hours 39 minutes, averaging just under 7 miles an hour, but there were many others who achieved personal bests and perhaps the most impressive statistic was that all but two cadets successfully completed the course.

It was an enjoyable and successful event, well supported by parents and staff on a glorious day in June, and it will, we hope, go a long way towards raising funds necessary to extend the wall in the Autumn half-term holiday.

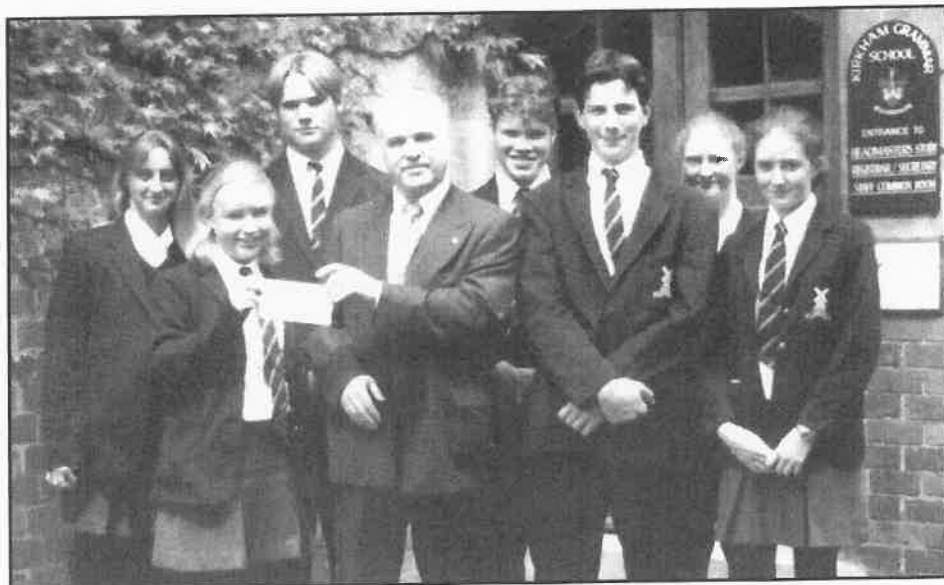
## MIDLAND SCHOOL BANK

Eighteen Fifth Year Business Studies students successfully ran the School's bank, each Tuesday and Friday during the Autumn term.

This 'real-life' commercial experience has offered the participants many opportunities for personal development, linked with curriculum based learning.

The two teams of "Kirkham Bankers" were led and directed by team co-ordinators, Andrew Davies and Sally Atkinson. Between them, they succeeded in attracting almost 70 KGS pupils in opening accounts by means of successful promotion of the initiative.

Midland Bank are to donate £68 to KGS. However, more important has been Midland's active involvement with the students in offering guidance and assistance in areas which will benefit them in adult life.



*The Kirkham Grammar School Bankers receive a cheque from Mr Steve Smerdon, Manager of Midland Bank, Kirkham Branch*

# FRIENDS OF KIRKHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL

As we come to the end of this academic year I would like to express my sincere thanks to all parents, friends, teachers and committee members who have given their time, help, support and generous donations which have gone towards making our events both a social and financial success.

A traditional marquee on the front lawn of Kirkham Grammar School set the scene for The Friends' third Summer Ball on 20th June which was attended by 197 very willing dancers intent on enjoying every minute. The evening proved to be a resounding success, one certainly not to be missed next year when we will be celebrating 450 years of Kirkham Grammar School. The evening helped to raise over £2000, giving us a total of £11000 towards replacing a mini bus this summer. As we have focused all of our efforts on replacing a minibus, we have selectively supported the Hockey and Rugby exchange to New Zealand, giving a total of £400. Flowers have been provided for both the Junior and Senior School throughout the year.



*The Headmaster, Mr Barrie Stacey and Mrs Stacey with guests at the Friends of Kirkham Grammar School Summer Ball*

The Family Fun Day on 5th July will be a 'first' for The Friends and one that we hope will become an annual event for all the family to come along and enjoy what promises to be an afternoon of fun for all ages.

Dates for your diary include: AGM on Tuesday 22nd September, New Parents' Welcome Evening on 2nd October and the Winter Ball on 14th November. Further details will follow in my September newsletter. I hope you all have an enjoyable summer. Once again, many thanks for your support.

**Ros Ince**

Chairman, Friends of Kirkham Grammar School

## OLD KIRKHAMIANs' ASSOCIATION

The Old Kirkhamians' Southern Reunion Dinner was held on 4th April at St Edmund Hall, Oxford and, although numbers were fewer this year, all those who attended had a very enjoyable evening, and some even made a weekend of it! In 1999, our 450th Anniversary Year, it was originally planned that the Old Kirkhamians' Association Southern Dinner would be held at the Drapers' Hall, London. Unfortunately, this is not now possible and therefore we have booked St Edmund Hall for Saturday 27th March when we hope that a large number of Old Kirkhamians will gather to celebrate this special year.

The Annual Reunion Dinner is being held on Saturday 5th September in the School's Old Hall at 7.30 p.m. This follows the AGM which is held in the School Library at 6.45 p.m.. The Guest Speaker at the Annual Reunion Dinner will be Arthur Baines, who is retiring from the school in July. Arthur's connection with the School goes back many years. He was School

Captain in 1957 and returned to KGS in 1967 as Head of Biology. Subsequently he was appointed as Housemaster of Kirkham House, elected as President of the Staff Common Room and promoted to Head of Science. Appropriately and deservedly, Mr Baines was promoted to Senior Master during his final year at KGS. We feel sure that his speech will be both entertaining and enlightening!

The OKA v. Staff Cricket match was held on 16th June. The Staff won with 142 for 4. The OKA Team were 130 for 6. A full report will appear in the Summer OKA News.

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the death of Bob Bentley, chemistry teacher at Kirkham Grammar School from 1950 to 1972. Throughout his retirement, Bob's thoughts were always with the School and the Old Kirkhamians' Association. His obituary will be included in next issue of 'OKA News'.

The Old Kirkhamians' Association

has provided a Bursary for September 1998 to enable a student to continue education in the Sixth Form at the school, one who would not have been able to do so without some financial assistance. This decision was prompted by the loss of the Government Assisted Places Scheme and the Association is pleased to be able to provide the necessary assistance to such a worthwhile cause and very much hope that they will be able to continue helping future students in a similar way.

A group of young Old Kirkhamians gathered in School on the morning of Saturday, May 2nd, to mark the planting of three young trees in the school grounds, in memory of the three young former pupils who have died in the past year and a half. A simple ceremony in memory of Jason Awbery-Taylor, Sarah Flack and Ian Corbett was attended by friends from their year groups, as well as the parents of all three and school staff. The trees will have a bench under them, creating an attractive memorial garden which will stand as a lasting reminder of the happiness these three fine young people brought to their school.

# SCHOOL CHARITABLE WORK

A busy term has seen much activity. On returning after Easter our attentions turned to Christian Aid and it was good to see that a number of our older pupils and staff volunteered to take part in the door-to-door collection.

Later in May we continued our efforts to raise money for the Kirkham Friends of the Children of Chernobyl. The school sponsors one of the children, Viktor Kurgozov. Victor's mother died when he was six months old and his father left him with his grandmother on the day of his mother's funeral and has had no contact since. He lives with his grandmother, who is in her mid-

seventies, and his fifteen year old cousin on the outskirts of Mogilev in very poor conditions in a wooden hut. They have to live on £5.50 a week when the cost of living is equivalent to our country except for toiletries and footwear which are more expensive.

This year is the 12th anniversary of the accident which occurred in the nuclear power plant and the children come to visit this country for a month to relieve the suffering caused by the effects of the radiation. During their stay a group of second and fifth year pupils from KGS accompanied the children on a trip to Camelot and staff arranged a collection of toiletries and medical supplies for the group to take home with them.

Other efforts have seen a group of third year girls arrange a sponsored silence at the end of term. They were so moved by an assembly given by Mr Sayer about the inequalities in the world that they arranged this project themselves. Congratulations to them all for their ingenuity.

We also wish one of our sixth form pupils well for her work during the summer holidays. Gwennie Jenkins is about to depart for Rumania to help with work being carried out in orphanages there. It is wonderful that she is prepared to devote her time and energy to such a cause. Again, a collection was organised for clothing and toys for Gwennie to take with her for the children in Rumania.

Other activities have seen our pupils involved in a sponsored aerobics session to raise money for the Kidney Foundation, whilst the weekly community service programme with various projects in the local area continues to be well supported by our sixth formers.



*KGS pupils with a group of children from Chernobyl  
on a day trip to Camelot Theme Park*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Old Kirkhamians' Association AGM**  
6.45 p.m. in the Library  
**Annual Reunion Dinner**  
Saturday 5th September  
7.30 pm in the Old Hall

**Friends of Kirkham Grammar School AGM**  
Tuesday 22nd September  
7.30 pm in the Old Hall

**Friends of Kirkham Grammar School New Parents Welcome Evening**  
Friday 2nd October, 8.00 pm  
in the Old Hall

**Open Afternoon for 11+ Entry September 1999**  
Sunday 18th October  
1.30 - 4.30 pm

**Open Evening for 11+ Entry September 1999**  
Monday 9th November  
7.00 to 9.00 p.m

**Friends of Kirkham Grammar School Winter Ball**  
Saturday 14th November at  
The Paradise Room, Blackpool

**Senior School Speech Day**  
Friday 20th November at  
The Guild Hall, Preston

**Senior School Carol Concert**  
Thursday 3rd December  
7.30 pm in the New Hall

**"The Tempest" School Dramatic Production**  
Wednesday 10th, Thursday 11th  
and Friday 12th December  
at 7.00 pm in the New Hall

**Senior School Carol Service**  
Tuesday 15th December  
2.30 pm at St Michael's Parish Church