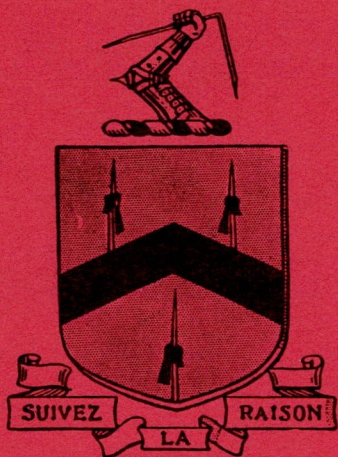
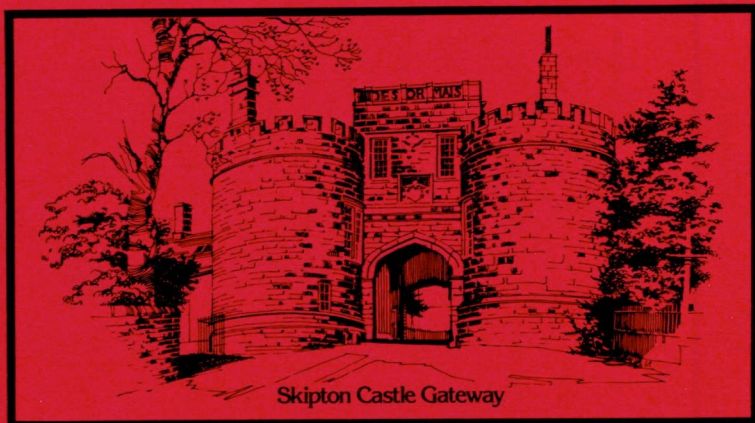


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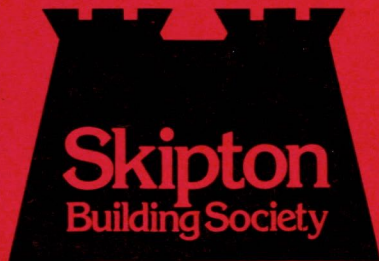
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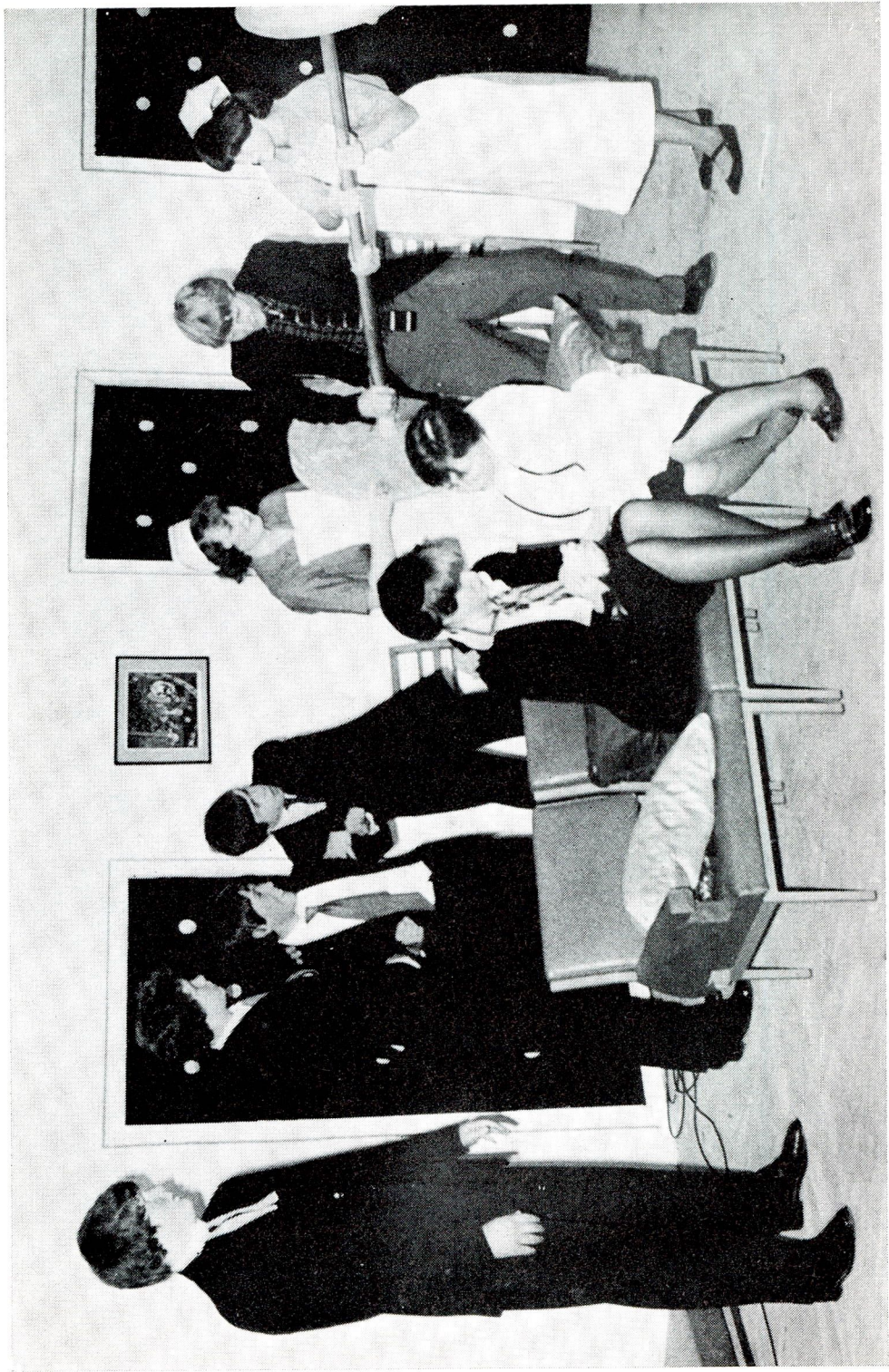
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## Ave C.L.

Our newest member of Staff is Mrs. C. Luker who joins the Modern Languages department to teach French part time. Mrs. Luker is a graduate of the University of London in Spanish and French, and her home is at present in Cononley. We welcome her to Ermysted's and wish her a happy stay at the school.

## Ave M.F.

Herr Michael Fetzer joins us as German assistant this year, and we extend a warm welcome to him. He comes from Sindelfingen, in Wurtemberg, and is a graduate of the University of Heidelberg where he studied German Language and Literature, with Physical Education. He is a keen cyclist and swimmer, and plans to enter the teaching profession.

## Ave A.P.

We are pleased to have M. Andre Pedron at Ermysted's as French assistant this year. His home is Saint Nazaire (Loire Atlantique) and he is specialising in English at the University of Nantes. He enjoys cross-country running as his principal sport; we hope he will enjoy his stay with us.

**Avete****September 1980.**

- 6Sb: D. A. Ayrton, Toller.  
D. Cawley, Toller.  
N. N. Kernot, Petyt.  
A. P. Smith, Petyt.  
J. Thompson, Toller.  
G. Whitaker, Toller.
- 6Mb: D. Carr, Toller.  
C. E. Walker, Toller.
- 5X: A. Cartledge, Toller.  
P. Pethybridge, Ermysted.  
I. Tattersall, Ermysted.
- 4B: N. Broughton, Petyt.  
A. J. Hothersall, Hartley.  
J. Shaw, Hartley.
- 3C: P. R. Marshall, School House.  
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- 2T: C. Barker, School House.  
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S. Wallace, Petyt.
- 2J: P. G. Harris, Toller.
- 1p:  
Ermysted: D. J. Bloomfield, S. Deery, C. A. Lambert, N. J. Paley,  
R. Thornborrow.
- Toller: D. R. Bradley, D. Ellwood, S. J. Ford, T. J. Gillgrass,  
G. R. Harrison, M. D. Jones, A. S. Robertson, D. J.  
Smith.
- Petyt: S. M. Dryden, M. R. Lofthouse, A. J. Rooke, J. E.  
Tillotson, G. Williams.
- Hartley: C. Edmondson, R. W. Hudson, A. Johnstone, B. M.  
Schofield.
- 1v:  
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- Toller: P. A. Blood, I. R. Colman, J. R. Nolan, A. J. M. Pringle,  
J. S. Whitaker.
- Petyt: J. Anderton, A. S. Baker, H. F. M. Hughes, J. Newhouse,  
S. S. Short, I. A. Smith, R. I. Turner.
- Hartley: C. P. Ainscough, N. Cannon, S. M. Ellis, C. Hoskin,  
S. R. Nicholson, A. J. Thorogood, R. E. White.

1w:

Ermysted: J. M. Capstick, S. J. Caukwell, H. M. Clough, R. J. Duree, P. A. Elliott, P. W. Naylor, G. Parker, N. E. Pate, M. Sherry.

Toller: C. S. Berry, D. A. Harker, C. H. Meeson, W. A. Robertson.

Petyt: J. R. Dalton, B. Humphreys, I. D. Phillip, P. Stott.

Hartley: S. Bradley, G. W. Clarke, D. Hendleman, A. Howarth, J. A. O'Regan, G. W. Paley.

**November 1980:** A. Tiffany, I. P. Hartley.

**January 1981:** S. D. Gilbert, 1v, Ermysted (School House).

### Valete

November 1980: A. G. Pearson, 4G, Hartley, Sept. 77.

December 1980: C. R. Pearson, 2T, Hartley, Sept. 79.

P. A. Gough, 3c, School House, Jan. 79

J. Thompson, 6Sb, Toller, Sept. 80.

### School Notes

Autumn Term begins: 28th August; ends 19th December.

Half Term Holiday: 20th October-24th October.

Meet the Masters

(1st forms):

4th November; (4th, 5th, 6th Forms) 19th November.

Founders' Day:

13th December.

School Play:

11th and 12th December.

Music Concert:

16th and 17th December.

Spring Term begins:

5th January 1981; ends 10th April.

Half Term Holiday:

19th February-24th February.

Fourth Form Parents

Evening:

26th February.

Cross-Country Race:

3rd March.

Meet the Masters (1st,

2nd and 3rd Forms):

11th March.

Careers Evening:

17th March.

Music Concert:

8th April.

Swimming Sports:

9th April.

Summer Term begins:

27th April; ends 10th July.

May Day Holiday:

4th May.

Half Term Holiday:

25th May-29th May.

Sports Day:

19th May.

Speech Day:

16th June.

Meeting for Parents

of New Boys:

17th June.

Parents Association

Garden Party:

20th June.

School Exams begin:

22nd June.

Staff Cricket Match:

7th July.

Autumn Term begins: 2nd September.



Term started with the traditional joint dedication service at Skipton Parish Church. Jane Schindler, Head Girl of the High School and William Chapman, Head Boy of Ermysted's read the lessons; the address was given by Rev. S. Westley.

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We announce with regret the death of Mr. William Beckett Henderson, a Governor of the School for nearly twenty years. He was aged 80 and had spent his business career in the wool trade in Keighley, as well as being closely involved in numerous local societies and concerns. Like his sister, Mrs. J. B. Coulthurst, he was one of the school's most generous friends.

The Headmaster and Head Boy were among those present at his funeral at Kettlewell.

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**The Study Cup** (1979-80): 1st Ermysted, 2nd Hartley, 3rd Petyt 4th Toller.

**The Cook Cup** (1979-80): 1st Ermysted, 2nd Toller, 3rd Hartley, 4th Petyt.

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The sinking feeling which the staff have experienced from time to time was (partly) explained when it was discovered that a large portion of the Common Room floor was suffering from dry rot and liable to give way. Repairs produced some dislocation of furniture but were successfully completed.

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On returning from the half-term break in October we found that the canteen had been converted into a cafeteria. Instead of two sittings, preceded by grace, there is now a continuous flow, the three parts of the school (junior, middle and senior) lunching at different times each day, those forms on games "going through" early. Half the tables have been removed to provide a gangway down each side and food is served from a range of new electrically-heated hotplates at the kitchen end. Payment is in cash at two 'check-out' type tills. Those who arrive penniless are able to borrow the necessary from the float supervised by the duty master.

Of the quality of the food under the new system opinion is nearly unanimous: it's better. There is a wider range and several choices of everything are available each day, though late-comers may not do quite so well. The success story is clearly Beefburger Baps (with onions), with chips and baked beans as the staple vegetable. However, rice pudding is a rarity and the once-popular semolina has disappeared. A variety of salads is available every day; so too are trifles and different beverages.

Some of the meals selected might worry the diet-conscious: One sausage hidden under a double portion of baked beans; gravy with chips on top; two large cream cakes for pudding. Of course, the hot second course is cold by the time one comes to eat it,—an excellent

arrangement, if one likes cold custard; but it is undoubtedly a highly satisfactory system overall.

In October, A. Beresford (6Mb) and P. M. Sayer (6Sb) spent a week on an Outward Bound course at Aberdovy where they practised sea and mountain rescue and survival techniques.

A small party from 6Ma went to Ilkley Playhouse for a performance of Storey's play "Home" in October. The tautly laconic dialogue presented a challenging experience.

Mr. W. Proctor addressed the combined fourth forms in November on the work of the National Parks Service.

Mr. Mike Mason, who formerly taught geography at Ermysted's, is now at Palmerston North, New Zealand. We thank him for his continued benefactions to the staff and were happy to drink his health at the end of the Christmas term.

The following were successful in the Associated Board Music examinations in December 1980:

Violin, Grade 1: A. Hamilton,  
M. Elsworth,  
I. Strafford (Merit),  
W. Lister (Distinction).  
Flute, Grade 3: A. Morgan.  
'Cello, Grade 6: M. Wood.

### APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION

As the Chairman of the Governing Body announced at Speech Day last Summer, one effect of the 1980 Education Act was that it is now possible for boys from beyond our usual catchment area to apply for admission to Ermysted's. Within the first few weeks 140 enquiries were received (though some were for the rather distant future). We are now receiving a slow, but steady stream of applicants: many are found to be unsuitable, for our standards are high, and our numbers are necessarily limited—but it's nice to feel wanted!

The school Chess Club has been revived under the direction of Mr. Tickner. It meets after school on Thursdays and during lunch time.

September 1980 saw a number of expeditions: the upper sixth Geography set, 28 strong, spent a day on one of their regular field courses at Malham on Friday 12th, while a large party mainly of Fifth Formers travelled to the Octagon Theatre, Bolton on 23rd September for a performance of "Henry IV part 1." Ranging farther afield, the

'A' level Art candidates spent a day at the Royal Academy, London, in October.

During the spring term, the Geography Department had the services of Mr. M. Taylor, B.A., undertaking his term's teaching practice from the Leeds University Institute of Education. Mr. Taylor is a graduate of the College of Ripon and York St. John, where he specialised in Geography.

On several occasions during the Autumn and Spring term groups of boys have attended careers talks at the High School. These have been held during the lunch break and were given by representatives of a variety of professions.

J. Alderton (5W), J. Athawes (4S) and P. Metcalfe (4S) represented the school in a public speaking competition at Keighley in December, and gave respectable performances.

### COLLECTIONS FOR CHARITY

Sue Ryder Home, Oxenhope (Founders' Day)	£81.30
Brooklands School Christmas Party	£94.54
R.N.I.B. (sale of calendars)	£75.00

In March, boys from School House assisted with the annual Dr. Barnardo's collection in Skipton and between them collected £100 for the charity.

### BROOKLANDS SCHOOL PARTY

On December 16th Ermysted's once again provided a Christmas Party for the children of Brooklands Special School, Skipton. £94.54 was subscribed by our boys, their parents, staff and friends, and more than half of this was expended on an individual present for each visitor, conveyed to them by a suitably attired Mr. Douglas on a sleigh drawn by (human) reindeer. A number of Ermysted's boys presented slapstick comedy turns which were much appreciated, as was the excellent tea provided by Mrs. Gracie, Mrs. Scales and Mrs. Webster. To round off the afternoon, we all played "Pass the Parcel" (a parcel with many sweets concealed in its copious wrappings) and then sang carols, accompanied by the Brass Band. Many expressions of thanks have since been received, from Mr. Auger, the Headmaster of Brooklands, from his staff, and from parents of our guests.

### THE VILLAGE NOTICEBOARDS

A "Social Club" has recently been formed in the village of Lothersdale and a large number of different activities were started by subsections of the Club. Two noticeboards were urgently needed—and the school responded to an appeal by the Lothersdale Parish

Council and produced two magnificent constructions in the Woodwork Department, which may be inspected by anyone passing through Lothersdale, one opposite the Post Office and the other one in Wedding Hall Fold.

### **“STOCKPILER”**

Stockpiler is an investment game, in which boys invest an imaginary £20,000 each September. On one day each month thereafter they may change their investments if they wish. The winner is the school whose holdings are valued most highly, according to the “Financial Times”, in the following March.

Last year, our two syndicates finished up with £21,703, and £25,597.50 over a period when the F.T. index had, in fact, been falling. Although they were not among the winners, this result seems very creditable, especially as they were competing, for the first time, against many “A” level economics candidates in other schools.

The contest is organised by the British Junior Chamber and is sponsored by Williams and Glyn’s Bank Ltd.

S.W.

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A party of ten sixth formers travelled to St. Matthew’s Church, near Bingley, to see a performance of T. S. Eliot’s “Murder in the Cathedral” in January. The discussion and seminar which followed was wide ranging and quite stimulating.

### **THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH’S AWARD SCHEME**

The School has now become an independent unit, under the D. of E. Award Scheme. There are at present six candidates for the “Gold” award, three for the “Silver”, and four for the “Bronze”. In order to qualify for these awards candidates have to participate in suitable activities under each of four headings: Service-to-others: Expeditions: Skills and hobbies: Physical recreation. For the first of these requirements boys are (variously) training with the fire service, with the police, with the Fell Rescue Association, with the National Park Service, or life-saving. Mr. Ward has run a weekly class, after school, for training for the expedition which all must undertake at their various level. Even more diverse are the skills and hobbies: from photography, through fishing to learning the Dutch language! Physical recreation includes (for some boys) a Judo class as well as all the more obvious skills.

Many boys under the minimum age (14 years) have expressed an interest: and it is hoped that not only will all those who are already in the scheme will be successful, but also that many more will enter next year.

S.W.

## SCHOOL HOUSE—AUTUMN TERM

On the first Friday of term School House had the first of many social events with the High School boarders; this one was planned so that the juniors could get to know each other. After this there was a short respite until the Ice Skating, a regular event which leaves the calves aching and the feet sore for many days. Those who have been before and are hardened to it deride their less fortunate colleagues as they try to climb the many flights of stairs without bending their legs or trying to stop the heels of their shoes from rubbing!

Immediately after Half Term came bonfire night. On Tuesday there was no wood with a fire planned for Friday! Plans for raiding other bonfires were seriously considered. But luckily a visit to the centre of Skipton was fortuitous; a pile of wood behind the Post Office was apparently doing nothing and tentative suggestions resulted in a thirty ton lorry delivering the wood within feet of the door on Wednesday morning.

Although one party in particular (who shall remain nameless) was annoyed at the mess and nearly had a heart attack when he saw the lorry coming up the drive, he was quick to grab the choicest timber for his greenhouse! The wood was carried up to the site to be erected the following night. However much to everyone's astonishment the lorry returned on Thursday with yet more wood! So Thursday night was spent moving this. A visit to Dewhurst's brought more but this was mostly used for seed-boxes or pallets for stores.

On Friday all helped to build the bonfire and after a couple of unsuccessful attempts the fire lit . . . and burnt quite a large area of grass. Fireworks, at an extortionate price, were hardly worth it, but they took people's minds off the fire during its early stages. Baked potatoes and hot dogs were well received—our thanks to the Cordon Bleu Chefs.

There was, later, a treasure hunt which involved the participants going upstairs . . . the High School however did not play the game but stripped all the beds! In return several of us retaliated by going to their house and demolishing their beds! Quits!

The evening finished with a disco but everyone appeared to have lost their energy, for it was quite lethargic.

Control was temporarily lost when two or three cold baths were handed out, but revenge was in the form of a fire practice . . . at 11.30 p.m.!

School House Christmas Party saw several new faces and *some* new Irish jokes. The speaker for the guests Mr. Earl made a commendable attempt at an Irish accent, whilst singing too!

Apologies to the "old timers" not invited, we do realise this is normally their one hot meal of the year and it's free!

Entertainment this year was provided by our own School House band who played very well especially when one considers that their

drummer was in bed with 'flu and the vocalist had no voice. Many thanks for their performance.

The guests and Staff of School House then did a turn. Dressed in black tights and black bin liners they did a version of Night Fever, attention being focussed on two pairs of legs performing some improbable high kicks.

The enjoyable evening concluded the term excellently.

M.A.C.B.

### **SCHOOL HOUSE, 24 hour 5 a side football**

All 42 Boarders took part in a sponsored 24-hour 5-a-side football competition, organised by the sixth formers from, 6.00 p.m. on Friday evening until 6.00 p.m. on Saturday evening; the matches during the night being played by the light of borrowed floodlights.

During this time a total of 48 matches were played consecutively with 821 goals being scored in all. Each boy played for 6 hours and the winning team of Paton, Foster, Rooke, Goodwin and Sherry scored 174 goals in their 12 matches.

At the end of the competition the event was concluded with a match against a team of Boarders from the Girls High School. After some vicious play on the part of the visitors the match was drawn at 5 all.

It is hoped that the amount raised from the event will be in excess of £250.

### **General Certificate of Education**

**November 1980**

Passed in one subject: R. K. Barrett, A. D. Burgin, D. J. Catterson, C. R. Hartford, P. J. McKenna, J. T. D. Rees, J. A. Slater.

### **3W Trip to London**

Before the Christmas Holidays, 3W (with Dolan, 3H) went to London for the day. Boarding the train at Skipton at 6.35, they then went to King's Cross, via a change of trains at Leeds. Taking the Underground to South Kensington, they got to their destination, the Science Museum, where they spent the rest of the morning. They spent the afternoon going where they pleased around London; several groups visiting the other museums and the sites. One group consisting of Alderton, Freeman, Lister and Lofthouse claimed to have seen the Duke of Edinburgh and Princess Margaret getting out of a Lucas van to go to a funeral of a friend of the Royal Family, no less!

Several misfortunes happened, however, one being Logan, who received a black eye from an inhospitable cockney, and Disney getting separated from his group. Everybody arrived back safely at Skipton at about 10.00. The accompanying teachers were Mr. Ward (form-master) and Mr. Sellers.

R.S. (δW)

## Computer Society

In the Autumn term, thanks to money donated by the Governors, The Old Boys and the Parents, the school was able to buy a Commodore Pet 16K Computer, a cassette recorder, and a tractor-feed printer.

Since then Room 7 has been fairly crowded nearly every dinner time with embryo programmers. We have also had meetings every other Thursday evening.

A lot of Junior boys are now capable of writing simple programs whilst at least one third-former, one fourth former, and numerous sixth formers are capable of writing out imaginative and detailed programs for 'games' or for interpretation, graphically or otherwise, of formulae.

At the moment I am expecting a few entries for a competition to find the most interesting and imaginative 'game' program that works—and there are many interesting ideas flowing. The cassette recorder, although allowing boys to save and load programs, takes a long time to do so and so in September we hope to extend our computer periphery by buying a Floppy-disk system.

All in all I have been extremely pleased with the interest shown, and the speed with which the very elementary part of Basic has been picked up by even the first year boys. Admittedly quite a few only turn up on Space Invader Fridays but it has held the interest of many.

I have a feeling this could be the first of many reports.

M.F.A.E.

## GENERAL STUDIES PROJECTS

"Will computers rule the world?," "Do dreams have a significance?," "The feasibility of solar power." "The future for British Rail," "Alcoholism, disease of the Eighties," "How safe are Britain's football grounds?" "Could Carthage have replaced Rome?," "A farmer's life: why is it pursued?" These are just a small selection of the titles of projects which will be submitted this summer by Ermysted's candidates, as part of their "A" level General Studies.

All members of the present Upper Sixth are entered for this option in the "A" level, and so disprove the allegation that is sometimes levelled against us, that we are "too specialised": indeed, if the practice projects submitted by 6B are anything to go by, next year's topics may be even more wide-ranging: for the practice titles include: "The effects, on a village band, of qualifying for a national final", "To what extent are our economic problems attributable to conservative policy?," "The future of the car", "School Uniform: sign of masters' authority?," "How realistic are Napoleonic War-Games?" "Sunday trading in the High St.," "Is the world digesting itself?"

## Junior Plays

Presented 15th October, 1980.

### "Boys and Girls"

by David Campton

1. "With it"
 

CHARLIE:	S. P. Shepherd
PETE:	D. Baines
BRENDA:	P. Metcalfe
LIZ:	J. Athawes
2. "Gone"
 

DICK:	R. Brotherton
DORIS:	S. Wright
DEN:	D. Mason
3. "Ringed"
 

LES:	S. Barnwell
SHIRL:	R. Smith

### "A Rogue in a Bed"

by R. E. Mitchell

A Comedy in a Welsh Setting

UNCLE ELIAS PRICE	..	..	D. Midwinter
HANNAH (his Daughter)	..	..	D. Reakes
MERCY LLOYD	..	..	D. Plummer
MODRYB JANE	..	..	P. Gough
Mrs. MORRIS THE BAKERY	..		C. Harrison
CAPTAIN HUGES	..	..	P. Dolan
JOHN ROBERTS THE FISH	..		S. King
AHOLIBAH JONES	..	..	R. Bellerby
MOSES ROBERTS	..	..	R. Lambert
MISS PUGH BACH	..	..	S. Goodwin
HUGH PARRY THE POST	..		P. Neal

Scene—A large kitchen in West North Wales

Though the audience was sparse, despite free admission, the laughter was usually in the right places and showed that the annual evening of junior plays maintains its appeal. Even though some of the boys were awkward in feminine attire, they caught the urgency of adolescent relationships in the Campton Sketches and enjoyed the intrigues of domineering Uncle Elias in the Welsh romp. The producers were Mr. G. L. Thomas and Mr. A. Sellers.



**Music Concert****16th and 17th December**

## PROGRAMME

The Schools' Combined Choir:			
"The New Born King" .. ..	Gordon Jacob		
High School Orchestra:			
"Musette" from Terpsichore .. ..	Handel		
"March" from Judas Maccabaeus .. ..	Handel		
Pastores a Belen .. ..	Arr.		
O Little Town of Bethlehem .. ..	Leroy Anderson		
Wassail Song .. ..	.. ..		
"The Entertainer" .. ..	Scott Joplin		

## INTERVAL

Ermysted's Brass Band			
The Schools' Combined Choir			
"A Christmas Fantasy" .. ..	Colin Langford		
Accompanist and Orchestral Conductor .. ..	Mrs. A. Fox		
Choral Conductor .. ..	Mr. E. Scott		

The programme provided by the combined choirs of the G.H.S. and E.G.S. was of a festive nature and seemed to appeal to both singers and the audience. The Gordon Jacob work "The New Born King" is not an easy one in which to get much variation. Whilst dynamics were sometimes lacking, there was a reasonable balance in the singing and tenor and bass lines were generally firm and emphatic.

Colin Langford's "A Christmas Fantasy" gave room for much more variation and the choir was stretched rather more fully. There was some uncertainty in the trebles—when will they watch the conductor—but generally this was very creditably performed. The usual enthusiasm of the Brass Band added variety to this work if at times there appeared something of a battle of timing between band and choir and all credit to the two conductors for managing to hold the work together.

The High School Orchestra performed works by Handel, Anderson and Scott Joplin between the two choral compositions. Hesitant in the Handel, particularly the violins, they managed to get more into their stride in the Anderson pieces and there was some notable playing by the wind section and the lower strings with good resonance. The highlight of their programme was Scott Joplin's "The Entertainer" in which they seemed far more at ease and the syncopation was commendable.

Altogether a successful evening which was enjoyed and appreciated by the audience on the two nights of 16th December and 17th December.

## The Physicists

by Friedrich Durrenmatt, in the translation by  
James Kirkup

(11th and 12th December, 1980)

### THE CAST

NURSE IRENE STRAUB (deceased)	..	Anne-Marie Gibbs
POLICE DOCTOR .. .. .	..	Kevin Leyland
GUHL, a police stenographer .. .. .	..	Richard Holden
1st POLICEMAN .. .. .	..	David Mason
2nd POLICEMAN .. .. .	..	Richard Brotherton
BLOCHER, a police photographer .. .. .	..	John Alderton
INSPECTOR RICHARD VOSE .. .. .	..	Jeremy Tuck
MARTA BOLL, the matron .. .. .	..	Louise Firth
HERBERT GEORG BEUTLER (Newton), a patient .. .. .	..	David Matthews
FRAULEIN DOKTOR MATHILDE VON ZAHND, psychiatrist .. .. .	..	Barbara Savage
ERNST HEINRICH ERNESTI (Einstein), a patient .. .. .	..	Jeffrey Taylor
FRAU LINA ROSE (formerly Mobius)	..	Elaine Williamson
OSKAR ROSE, her husband, a missionary	..	Andrew Rae
ADOLF-FRIEDRICH ..)		Timothy Cowley
WILFRIED-KASPAR ..) their sons	..	Alistair Low
JORG-LUKAS ..)		Steven Busfield
JOHANN WILHELM MOBIUS, a patient	..	David Thornhill
MONIKA STETTLER, a nurse .. .. .	..	Janette Foster
UWE SIEVERS, chief male attendant	..	Matthew Billing
McARTHUR, a male attendant .. .. .	..	David Shearer
MURILLO, a male attendant .. .. .	..	Paul Boothman

#### Set and Property Construction

Mr. C. Ainsworth, Mr. D. Jenkinson, C. J. Armitstead, P. D. Helm, S. C. Mills, R. M. P. Smith, P. M. Ely, J. F. Curran, C. A. Fawcett, N. Dyson.

#### Lighting

Mr. I. W. White, C. S. Pollard, S. R. Shuttleworth, A. V. Stringer.

#### Sound

A. P. Jowett.

#### Programme Design

D. A. Charters, S. J. Ware.

#### Musical Advisers

Mr. E. Scott, D. R. Matthews, Suzanne Raper.

Make-up

Mrs. B. Webster, Mrs. E. Gracic, Mrs. E. Scales.

Stage Manager

J. Schofield.

Prompter

C. A. Fawcett.

Production Assistant

Stewart Judson.

Business and House Manager

Mr. D. E. Higson.

This was a difficult play to put across, and those from Ermysted's and the Girls' High School who put the play on made a valiant attempt to portray the various ideas in it. They succeeded in the main, and though they faced a tough audience in their first performance (that is, the boys' half of the audience) they came through it well to stage two highly-satisfactory evening performances, despite fears of "losing" one of the main characters.

The plot basically was concerned with the activities of three supposedly insane physicists in a private sanatorium called "Les Cerisiers". One, who believes himself to be Isaac Newton, strangled his nurse three months before. Another, who thinks himself to be Albert Einstein, strangled his nurse on the day of the play's action. The last physicist, Mobius, claims to have visions of King Solomon. After a visit from his ex-wife, who is leaving with her new husband, a missionary, Mobius also strangles his nurse. The police can do nothing about these attacks as the "assailants" are all lunatics, this situation prompting a marvellously cynical speech from the Inspector on "justices holiday". However, the female nurses are replaced by tough male nurses, who are not what they seem. Neither are the physicists for Mobius is a genius feigning madness to keep his revolutionary but potentially disastrous discoveries from the world, the other two are both rival spies attempting to buy Mobius and his secrets for their own countries. Mobius convinces the others that they should remain in the sanatorium and preserve his secrets. However, they discover that Mobius' discoveries have been stolen and implemented by the owner of the sanatorium, Fraulein Doktor von Zahand, who is in fact mad. The male nurses are her security staff. The three men are helpless while the mad doctor carries her plans to dominate the world through Mobius' theories. Faced with this terrible reality the physicists retreat into the safety of the insanity they merely feigned before, trapped completely now as lunatic murderers, by their own attempts to preserve their secrets which the doctor already knew.

The cast generally managed to convey this difficult play very well. Anne Marie Gibbs as the deceased Nurse Straub had little to do but at least she managed to keep still, which is more than some stage "bodies" do. Kevin Leyland as the Police Doctor has a commanding stage presence but his voice was rather flat and expressionless. The police and their attendants had little to do but march in and out,

which they did in a suitably Germanic style. Jeremy Tuck as Inspector Richard Voss managed to fluff his lines almost immediately but he went on to establish a strong comic character, armed with a Groucho Marx moustache, well thought out gesticulations and a heavy police manner, all leading to a hilarious attempt at philosophy in his last appearance. Louise Firth as the Matron had an imposing air which went well with the part, thought her voice was a little shrill at times. David Matthews as Beutler/Newton got a little too pompous and overbearing in his manner at times, but usually this was necessary to the character. When the time came for him to reveal himself as a spy he was convincing, and made the "switch" well. On the other hand the Ernesti/Einstein character played by Jeffrey Taylor was very good as the insane physicist, but his polite manner did not look very much like an international spy's when he was forced to reveal himself as one. Barbara Savage as the hunch-backed Doktor von Zahand looked a little colourless as a character at first (and too young and undeformed!), but later when her insanity was revealed she was transformed into an incredibly convincing lunatic, and she was by then one of the pillars of the play, making its final movement plausible. Her switch from emotion to emotion and sudden assumption of total megalomaniac power was carried out easily and triumphantly. The other major character, Mobius himself, was played expertly by David Thornhill. As a man desperately imitating a madman he moved from one mood to another; this movement was even more effective when he paused to reveal some of the real (sane) Mobius. Although the part called for it, he characteristically went over the top occasionally, but this was the only real flaw in his performance. As his nurse Janette Foster was competent and handled lines that could easily have fallen into parody with a grave and urgent sincerity; she was most articulate and open. Of the remaining rather minor characters Elaine Williamson overacted a bit as Mobius' ex-wife, but was suitably tearful. Andrew Rae as her new missionary husband was wonderfully sickly and ingratiating as the evangelist Oskar Rose. Timothy Cowley, Alistair Low and Steven Busfield had a choir effect as Mobius' children, well drilled by their overbearing mother. Matthew Billing, David Shearer and Paul Boothman were the security men/male nurses. It was a little difficult to take them as "hard" men on sight but they marched and drilled beautifully, appearing just like robots, echoing Hitler's S.S. men, especially as they appeared later in Nazi-like uniforms. Matthew Billing as their head, Uwe Sierers, clearly relished his role, shouting out his lines and throwing his weight about with great ease. All in all, the individual and collective performances were a great success.

J.A.H.

## Behind the Scenes

It is my first duty, and pleasure, to acknowledge that there would never have been an *Ermysted's* play this year without the skill, effort, time and vision of Mrs. Marion Padden, our producer. She directed the play with the authority derived from her extensive experience of stagecraft and theatre; it was salutary for all; it was successful.

My second acknowledgement goes to Stewart Judson who largely on his own initiative suggested "*The Physicists*" as a play and not only made the preliminary moves towards the production but gave generously of his time and assistance throughout the weeks of preparation.

In response to the announcement of an impending play, some forty boys appeared at the first meeting: a small nucleus of experienced actors, a group of inexperienced optimists and a quantity of electricians stage managers, painters, carpenters and enthusiasts with unspecified skills. Our approach to the Girls' High School met with a handsome response and one of the regrets which lingers is that we could not find parts for all of those who came along so hopefully for audition. The play required only four speaking, female parts and one "walk-on" part (actually a lie-down part since she was a dead body), so some were to be disappointed.

The principals were cast; rehearsals started,—the slow hard work, day by day, week by week, of shaping the play's words and movements, in any room which could be utilised, for two hours every night. Meanwhile, what about the set? The search for scenery and properties was on. Where were all the bits and pieces? From at least ten different places in various parts of the premises, the flats, battens, spars, costumes, props and assorted hardware emerged: from beneath the biology lab, under the stage, from the (flooded) cellar of school house, from two boiler rooms and from the cycle store. The "*Zigger-Zagger*" stand was reduced to its component timbers, chairs (kindly lent by the sixth form room) were battened into a settee; we obtained two stethoscopes, a doctor's bag, a flash camera, a violin with two strings, a complete dinner service, a cigar box. In all, there were some sixty items of furniture or properties acquired from twenty-five different sources. We adapted a canteen trolley into a stretcher. It was too cumbersome, so the metalwork department sawed eighteen inches off it. One of our more inventive construction boys devised a polystyrene chicken. Two portraits were commissioned.

Music advisers were recruited. The text called for certain specific pieces of music which were borrowed, performed, taped and played at rehearsals; (Kreisler may be tuneful but his music soon palls); and a "bit of Buxtehude" was transcribed for recorders.

Every play presents some first-time problems and "*The Physicists*" produced its own crop. The set called for three single doors as well as a pair of double doors. No play had ever used so many. The construction team used their initiative and hardboard.

Two windows were devised (of different sizes, as it happened, but no one noticed) and prison cell type grilles were invented for the windows. There was also the saga of the standard lamp: a pole from the cellar, an Oxfam shade, a base of fabric-covered hardboard, frayed flex, gold spray, a bulb-holder on top, cable, from a socket underneath, to run to one of the under-stage outlets. It actually worked—sometimes, when actors remembered not to stand on the cable. We arranged for a sunset and for two searchlights.

All credit and thanks are due to the devoted band of stage hands, hewers of wood and wielders of hammers, whose efforts helped to put the whole thing together. The set looked impressive—so we thought, even though (as the Craven Herald reviewer so perceptively remarked) the joins between the flats were visible. In one capacity or other, 50 people contributed to the production giving some 2,000 man-hours of their time, and one of the principal actors managed to fit in a three-day interview at Oxford during the week of performance.

An historical note must be appended. "The Physicists" was first proposed as an Ermysted's play some years ago. The prospective producers felt strongly that the demands of this particular play made it essential to include girls from the High School in the cast. This was not to be; objections were raised; approval was withheld, so the play was shelved and another production mounted instead. However, the old texts survived and in September the Dramatic Society set in motion the machinery which was to see the play at last on stage. One of the original producers, all those years ago, was to have been Philip Osborne. The play was his choice, a work which he thought would be worth producing. Those of us who know how much he did for School Dramatics hope that our version will serve, in some measure, as tribute to his work and a belated fulfilment of his hopes.

D.J.M.

## QUIZ

Once again the school were invited to take part in the "Top School Quiz" contest organised by Keighley and District Junior Chamber of Commerce. Once again our team (Oxley, A.J., 6b; Greenwood, J. R.D., 5W; Hartley, J. E., 4B and Beaufof, S. R., 3W) were drawn against our hosts, South Craven School, and once again we were defeated on the "buzzer rounds": our opponents were no better than us in the individual of team questions, but they were just simply "quicker on the draw" and went through to the Finals with the same tactics, defeating the Keighley schools also.

The organisers insisted that the buzzers should be exchanged half way through, lest it should seem that there was any electronic delay in our switching mechanism, but to no avail. In conversation over tea, however, it was discovered that, alone of the competing schools, South Craven had held a preliminary inter-House "Quiz" within their school. So what about it, Ermysted's? Why not an inter-house Quiz in January 1982?

Here are the questions which our team failed to answer correctly: What did Rontgen discover? What is the colour code for a domestic electric plug? What gas occupies most volume in air? How would you convert degrees centigrade to degrees Fahrenheit? Give the name of an instrument to measure density? What is the origin of the term "Hat-trick" in Cricket? What is the "Burnham Scale"? What is the meaning of the word "Philharmonic"? Who wrote "The Mill on the Floss," Name a famous blind poet.

S.W.

## Culled from the Corridors

*From 6B General Studies:*

- Q. What is a "flying buttress"? What is its purpose and advantages?  
 A. A flying buttress was a World War II plane used by the Americans.  
 Q. In World War II some tanks, with no turrets, named "Funnies" were used in the "Second Front". What was their function?  
 A. To make the enemy die laughing.  
 Q. What is "curfew" and why is it so called?  
 A. Curfew is when everybody has to be indoors after dusk, so called after the bird, which roosts at that time every day.  
 (Another) Ditto—so called because first practised in Corfu.  
 Q. What is meant by "St. Elmo's Fire"?  
 A. St. Elmo's fire was when Woolworth's burnt down.  
 Q. Explain the abbreviation used in accountancy, "Dr." and "Cr."  
 A. "Dr. is for Doc. as when the bank docs you £5. "Cr" is chromium.

*Upper 6th Maths:*

- Q. Is this the centre of gravity?  
 A. No, it's where the weight acts.

*5th Form Maths (5R):*

$$(3/4 \times 4/9) + (3/5 \times 1\ 1/9) = 1,782.$$

*4th Form English:*

- "Stories were handed down from hand to mouth."  
 "An Anglo-Saxon poem called "Beer Wolf."  
 "The novels of Jane Euston" (The Railway Children?)  
 "The centre of the city with its shopping prestinks."

*Before the Cross-Country Race:*

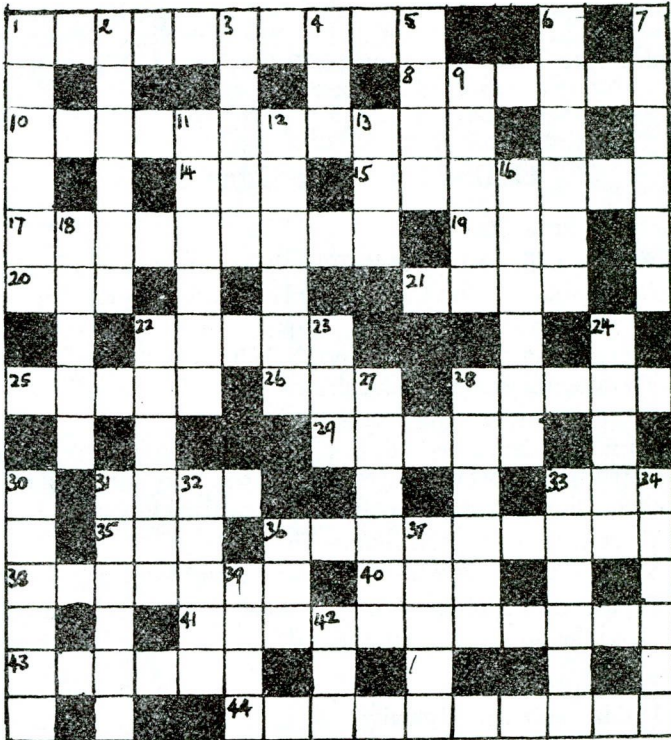
- "I don't think my leg will stand coat carrying."

*1st Form:*

- Q. "What is the difference between kerb and curb?"  
 A. "You can have curbs and whey."

## Crossword

by J. A. Byfield (6Ma).



### Down

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 1 Wild dog (6)                                | 13 Evil (3)  |
| 2 Fed off grass when scratched? (6)           | 16 Shuffle Spain and kerbs go mad (6)  |
| 3 Female ruff (5)                             | 18 Adder (5)   |
| 4 Thou exist in this skill (3)                | 22 Again 19 and tea are sorry (6)  |
| 5 Fish from a cashew backwards (4)            | 23 Encountered (3)   |
| 6 Like an ox (6)                              | 24 This is one but it is more than one (5)   |
| 7 The old, following the road, are set up (6) | 27 A longing for drink from a T-shirt (6)  |
| 9 Speed (5)                                   | 30 Mrs. Thatcher around you followed by half-frozen water is rock from volcano (6) |
| 11 Bank in the middle of the North Sea (6)    |  |
| 12 Do unharmed (6)                            |  |



**Down—continued**

- 31 I am in debt about Catholic  
in zinc symbol for mineral  
(6)  
32 Game bird (5)  
33 Sift off chaff (6)

- 34 Right of shield wearer in  
heraldry (6)  
36 Drink in large draughts (5)  
39 Law plus last letter of this  
first for salad (4)  
42 Nothing (3)

**Across**

- 1 Jute joins Royal Navy and  
you for an enormous lorry.  
(10)  
8 Extreme (6)  
10 Let Inca's end upset the  
secretive (11)  
14 Eggs above, we hear (3)  
15 Nail three-quarters of a  
German company to sheep's  
bearing (7)  
17 Malevolent of fungal eve  
(9)  
19 Write with enclosure? (3)  
20 Top (3)  
21 French of round map-  
makers for medicine (4)  
22 Sphere (5)  
25 23 and Queen for a gauge  
(5)

- 26 Abominable Snowman less  
an eye, however (3)  
28 Russian mountains (5)  
31 Peel of lemon (4)  
33 Married as backwards dew  
(3)  
35 Hostelry (3)  
36 Quite sour to blue shade  
(9)  
38 'Tis Rome mixed for hole  
in the wall (7)  
40 Sounds like a filial relation  
in the sky (3)  
41 Put a wild cat in the ground  
for a king of yore (11)  
43 St. Vitus's dance (6)  
44 A few row the three times  
in Spanish for flower (10)

## Twenty-five Years Ago

(From "The Chronicles", Autumn 1955/Spring 1956).

The annual subscription to The Chronicles (three editions a year) was five shillings, and annual membership of the Old Boys' Society was seven and sixpence.

Head of School and Hartley was D. Webster; Head of School House was N. A. M. A. L. Wharton, succeeded by A. B. G. Washington. Other heads of houses were B. Ward, G. H. Stevens, P. P. Parker, K. Reid. Captain of Football was Ward.

Mr. M. P. Jackson joined the staff to teach General Science in the lower forms and in the Spring Term Mr. Seivewright left, after three years as director of music, to take a post at King's School, Pontefract.

The new School hall was the principal topic of interest twenty-five years ago. Mr. Forster pointed out that one was urgently needed. Big School (the present library and B.C.R.) was built to seat 200. Numbers in the school being 400, morning prayers were a squash. For films, concerts, plays, Speech Day it was necessary to hire the Odeon Cinema or Town Hall. Numbers in the school would rise to 500, as a result of the bulge in the birthrate from 1945 onwards. The cost of the projected Memorial Hall was at least £30,000 and £9,000 of the School's contribution to this sum was still to be raised; donations were requested.

The growing size of the school necessitated the erection of two further classrooms in September 1956, provided by the County Authority, — the present "hen-huts", described as "temporary" accommodation.

In January 1956 twenty boys and two members of staff from Belfast Academical Institution came to the School for a return visit rugby tour after entertaining the Ermysted's team the year before. The visitors beat Keighley Grammar School.

At the Old Boys' Annual dinner, the chief guest, Mr. E. Pickles strongly criticised the spirit of laissez-faire and "couldn't care less" which would strangle our industrail and commercial life unless the cancerous growth was exorcised. He said he knew of instances where social security had contributed to idleness and loss of self-respect; we were in danger from a preoccupation with rights to the exclusion of duties and obligations.

Contributions (voluntary) to the games fund averaged £50 a term.

The first XV organised a "young people's dance" in the School hall.

The School play was Shaw's "Caesar and Cleopatra", produced by Mr. C. R. E. Parker. Brian Smith was Caesar, Paul Cork was Cleopatra and Raymond Ward Britannus. H.C.R.'s review was cautious and acknowledged the demands which this play, one

of the products of Shaw's preoccupation with power and greatness, made on an inexperienced cast.

The first XV played 11 matches, won 3 (Ripon, Giggleswick, Ashville) drew one (Lancaster) and lost 7. The Retrospect report notes that the pack were well above average but the threequarters had been unable to turn possession into tries.

Athletics also seemed a below average sport in 1956. There were no new records set up and there was a lack of systematic preparation. Individual champions were C. Sheard (Senior), H. M. Rawson (Junior) and J. A. Broadley (Prelim.).

Donations to the library included ten Biggles books from D. Peacock.

#### SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY RACE, 1981

The race was held on the afternoon of March 3rd and after a month's continuous rainfall the going was very heavy indeed. However, notwithstanding the conditions some good times were achieved and new records established.

In the Senior Race Stewart Judson ran strongly to fight off the courageous challenge of David Sothorn and won in the creditable time of 32 min. 0 secs. Third placed was Paul Helm.

The Intermediate Race produced a time of 22.02, knocking fifteen seconds off the previous record. This was extremely fine running and such a fast time under appalling conditions was the result of a "needle" match between the first two runners home—Chris Gilham and Peter Core. There was little to separate the two runners at the finish, Core being just unable to close the two yard gap that Gilham had forced in the final run-in. The exhausted condition of the two runners was testimony to their grim struggle that had taken place over the course of the race. Third place went to Tony Shepherd who ran in easily and strongly.

The Junior Race was something of a minor disaster! However, the first two runners home, Neil Whyte and David Schindler ran the correct route and, in spite of the swamp-like course, triumphed over the terrain to produce the record time of 17.01—lopping 1 min. 27 secs from the previous record. This was really superb running by both boys.

As most of the other competitors took various routes to the finish the entire race was re-staged the following Thursday, March 5th. The conditions on that day were much better, the course having dried out considerably. Neil Heseltine won this race comfortably but in a slower time than the race of March 3rd and therefore Whyte and Schindler were given 1st and 2nd positions with Heseltine 3rd.

The Preliminary Race was over almost before it started with Alex Howarth in scintillating form. He led from the start completely devastating the field being over three hundred yards in front of the second runner at the finish. Robert Hudson a promising runner was second and in third place was David Ellwood who also ran a fine race.

#### HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP RESULT

Prelim:	1st Toller	2nd Ermysted	3rd Hartley	4th Petyt
Junior:	1st Ermysted	2nd Toller	3rd Hartley	4th Petyt
Intermediate:	1st Petyt	2nd Toller	3rd Ermysted	4th Hartley
Senior:	1st Ermysted	2nd Toller	3rd Hartley	4th Petyt

Champion House:—Ermysted

Wooden Cob:—Petyt

(W.J.P.)

## Football Reports, Season 1980-81

### 1st XV

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Not for eight years has the School had to begin the season with a back division devoid of previous first team experience in any position outside the pack. So, clearly, much of the onus of coming to terms with opposition not only older and physically superior but also imbued with the vital confidence stemming from being hardened campaigners rested heavily on the pack. Unfortunately, despite fine performances from individual players notably Ireland and Spencer the solidity of corporate effort which would have provided opportunity for the burgeoning skills of Wareing, Cawley and Bullough was often disappointingly absent.

Ironically, and somewhat irritatingly, the team's most pleasing and effective performances were reserved for near misses against the strongest opposition and the narrow defeats at the hands of an accomplished and mature Old Boys' side, the rugged physical approach of an accomplished Hipperholme side and the much-heralded all conquering Doncaster G.S. produced a quality of dedicated and constructive play which would have ensured victories against some teams who beat us deservedly on days of very inferior play. Performances at Health, Ilkley and Harrogate fall disastrously into this unfortunate category.

One unflinching bright spot of the season was Skipper Spencer's consistent flanker display of aggression, skill and intelligence, well deserving of his final county trial selection and arguably of even more. Though much disrupted by injury, the forward work of Ireland, Teal and Henkelis had its moments and the potential of Cawley, one of the most talented creative centres to emerge at School for a long while with a thrilling Gibson-like completeness of outside break, and the sound effectiveness of the scrumhalf play of Wareing provided some light in a rather clouded season.

It will be hoped that with all but two of the effective personnel returning a year older and perhaps even wiser, next season will recompense them for the rather frugal return on their 1980-81 effort.

G.L.T.

### TEAM CHARACTERS

#### ANDREW SPENCER

The one player of really commanding presence in this year's side; a flanker possessed of attacking skill, speed and exact positional sense used often to effect tackling of a physically demoralising force. A Captain who sensibly led by example when support was at times a little half-hearted but never resorted to destructive criticism. A fine player who will serve local rugby increasing well.—G.L.T.

#### JOHN IRELAND (1979-80-81) Second Row

Although his season has been interrupted by several injuries, he has proved to be one of the real grafters in the side. His strength in the loose has provided much quality ball for the backs.

#### DAMIAN TEAL (1979-80-81) Second Row

His consistent line-out play has been another main source of ball this season, and he can prove to be a very useful forward when fully fit.

#### MARK HENKELIS (1980-81) Prop

A very consistent player in all aspects of forward play, and a man who can be relied on to give a hundred percent effort every game.

#### STEVE POPE (1980-81) No. 8

An unexpected bonus this season who has played with great enthusiasm, and developed into a fine back row player.

#### ALAN DARWIN (1979-80-81) Second Row

He has missed most of the end of the season due to a back injury, and was subsequently missed for his aggressive mauling and strong tackling.

#### ANDREW HOLMES (1980-81) Hooker

A talented hooker, but he doesn't seem to put in enough effort, once on the field. He has also proved his kicking ability.

#### JOHN CANNY (1980-81) Hooker

A very consistent player who has proved himself as a hooker as well as a prop forward. His determination has won him a regular first team place in the latter half of the season. He is also a very good goal kicker.

#### DAVID CHARTERS (1980-81) Centre

His confidence has grown throughout the season, and he has developed into a very exciting player. Unfortunately his handling has been questionable at times, but his acceleration and agility have provided the school with several scoring chances this year.

#### WILLIAM CHAPMAN (1980-81) Centre

Despite competition from two very good centres, he has played in nearly half of the school's games. This is mainly due to his fine attacking play and, also strong defensive play.

#### DAVID CAWLEY (1980-81) Centre

Another very talented player who can prove to be a match winner, with his unrelenting pace, and sharpness, which enables him to break through the tightest of defences.

#### ANDREW JOSEPHS (1979-80-81) Winger

A very fast winger who has had a disappointing season. Once in possession he takes some stopping, but unfortunately his eyesight sometimes makes catching difficult.

#### GARETH JONES (1980-81) Winger

He has won himself a deserved first team place through his speed and his aggressive tackling which has brought many good wingers to grief.

**NATHAN WAREING (1980-81) Scrum Half**

Although the youngest member of the team, he has superbly filled the gap left by last year's scrum half. He is a strong tackler and will prove to be a vital player next season.

**ANTHONY BURGIN (1980-81) Fly Half/Full Back**

His touch kicking has enabled him to play well at both fly half and full back, where he has played consistently all season.

**CHRIS BULLOUGH (1980-81) Winger**

In his first rugby season he has shown much promise, both in attack and defence

**DAVID WILKINSON (1980-81) Full Back/Fly Half**

Has improved over the season, and his touch kicking is very consistent.

#### 1st XV Matches

##### v. Kirkham, Sept 13th (H) Lost 18-4

School capitalised, straight away, on a good kick-off in poor conditions and earned a 5 metre scrum. Despite this, some poor tackling, resulted in Kirkham scoring three tries in five minutes. Some defence play kept the score at 12-0 to half-time. School had the wind in the second half and gave an impressive performance. Kirkham scored again near the end but school replied with a fine try through winger Josephs. The team showed promise with good play from Holden, Pope and Teal. The backs improved throughout. (AJS)

Team: Holden, Josephs, Cawley, Thornton, Bullough, Wilkinson, Sayer, Pope, Spencer (Capt.), Scrivin, Teal, Darwin, Ireland, Holmes, Henkelis.

##### v. Lancaster, Sept. 9th (H) Lost 22-3

The School held daunting opposition in the first half and gained the first points through a penalty by Canny. After half-time spirits were high, but soon dashed by a couple of penalties and a questionable try. Lancaster, looking the fitter, gained more ball and scored two more tries. Holden looked promising in only his second match (DW)

Team: Holden, Jones, Cawley, Thornton, Bullough, Wilkinson, Sayer, Pope, Spencer (Capt.), Scrivin, Ireland, Darwin, Davison, Canny, Simcoe (sub. Henkelis).

##### v. Heath, Sept. 27th (A) Lost 10-0

In perfect conditions little perfect rugby was played. The school was soon three points down through an offside offence and although they played with spirit it seemed unlikely that they would crack a stern defence. The second half showed much determination and slick back moves with probing kicks from fly-half Wilkinson. Despite being encamped with Heath's "22" for long periods it was the home side who scored the points—another penalty and a dubious try. The defeat aside, there were signs of improvement with sterling work from scrum-half Wareing, and Cawley was the pick of the team. (A.H.)

Team: Sayer, Jones, Cawley, Holden, Josephs, Wilkinson, Wareing, Scrivin, Spencer (Capt.), Pope, Teal, Darwin, Davison, Holmes, Henkelis.

##### v. Giggleswick, Sept. 30th (H) Won 26-18

This was an impressive first win for the School. Although the school had most of the play Giggleswick scored first through poor tackling. However Ermysted's now got into gear with Jones finishing off a good back row move. Winger Josephs then added another try and Holmes added a penalty. In the second half it took another try by the opposition to spur the school on, with prop Henkelis and then centre Cawley both scoring. Holmes converted both and added another penalty. (A.J.S.)

Team: Holden, Josephs, Cawley, Chapman, Jones, Wilkinson, Wareing, Spencer (Capt.), Hall, Rogers, Teal, Darwin, Byrne, Holmes, Henkelis.

##### v. Ripon, October 4th (A) Won 8-6

The school continued on its winning ways at Ripon. With the wind in the first half, they seemed unable to use the advantage, although Josephs had some fine runs, until Spencer drove over from a five yard scrum. Just before half time Cawley had to leave the field for attention but he was able to return after the interval. In the second half a good forward movement resulted in a second try for captain Spencer. A try from Ripon then led to more pressure from them but the school held out. (M.H.)

Team: Holden, Jones, Cawley, Chapman, Josephs, Wilkinson, Wareing, Henkelis, Holmes, Byrne, Darwin, Teal, Rogers, Hall, Spencer (Capt.).

##### v. Wakefield, October 11th (H) Lost 66-4

Wakefield started the game in excellent playing conditions and within the first ten minutes had scored, mainly due to very poor tackling. This poor tackling continued throughout most of the game, especially since Wakefield had a very fast team. At half-time the score was 40-0 to Wakefield. In the second half, the school began to play with more determination and eventually this was rewarded when Jones made a 60 yard solo run to score in the corner. (S.P.)

**v. Leeds G.S., November 4th (H) Lost 0-34**

After a disappointing display against Wakefield, the school were hoping to regain lost pride, but the School's inability to start well was soon evident and Leeds scored at every opportunity.

Even strong tackling from flankers Spencer and Thornton failed to stop Leeds from scoring 18 points by half-time.

However, the school put on a much better display in the second half when they came close to scoring on several occasions, with Charters coming within inches of the line, but just failing to score.

In the end the school ran out of steam, and some feeble tackling enabled Leeds to take the score to 34-0.

Team: Holden, Josephs, Charters, Cawley, Jones, Wilkinson, Wareing, Henkelis, Holmes, Simcoe, Teal, Rees, Thornton, Pope, Spencer (Capt.). (A.J.S.)

**v. Harrogate, November 8th (A) Lost 14-3**

Ermysted's started by putting a lot of pressure on the Harrogate try line, and Josephs came close to scoring on a couple of occasions, but was pushed into touch just short of the try line.

However, Harrogate drew first blood, when they scored after a series of 5 yard scrums.

In the second half, the school were put under a lot of pressure, but actually narrowed the gap when Canny kicked a penalty goal. Harrogate's pressure eventually brought them two more tries, mainly due to poor tackling. Although it was not a good performance, Ireland made a welcome return, and Burgin at full back looked a very promising prospect.

Team: Burgin, Jones, Charters, Cawley, Josephs, Wilkinson, Wareing, Henkelis, Canny, Simcoe, Teal, Ireland, Thornton, Spencer (Capt.), Pope.

**v. Woodhouse Grove, November 12th (A) Lost 19-0**

The school played well enough to get a result from this match, but unfortunately, the game was spoilt by several unwarranted decisions from the referee. These decisions upset all the players and the team weren't able to put anything positive together.

Spencer and Josephs did their best to keep the score down with some fine cover tackling but Woodhouse Grove finished the victors.

Team: Burgin, Josephs, Charters, Cawley, Wilkinson, Wareing, Henkelis, Holmes, Byrne, Ireland, Teal, Spencer (Capt.), Thornton, Pope.

**v. Normanton, November 15th. Lost 22-10**

The school started well, applying a lot of early pressure but the backs failed to score. Normanton scored first through bad tackling, by the school backs, but Holmes soon brought the school back into the game with two penalties. However, Normanton soon scored two more easy tries to put the game beyond Ermysted's grasp. In the last minute fluent passing in the backs and a fine run by Jones resulted in a consolation try.

**v. Roundhay, November 22nd (A) Won 16-12**

Again Ermysted's started slowly especially in the forwards who conceded an early push-over try. However, a well worked break in the backs finished with Josephs scoring in the corner, but Roundhay soon scored another from a line-out.

In the second half, Ermysted's backs received better ball from the forwards which was put to good use, with Burgin and Bullough scoring. These were conceded by Holmes making the score 16-8. Near the end Roundhay scored a consolation try.

(J.I.)

**v. Pontefract, December 2nd, Won 44-0**

Ermysted's soon got the upper hand, winning the majority of ball which the backs put to good use with tries from Wareing and Bullough. At half-time the score was 16-0, with Bullough's 2nd try converted by Canny.

In the second half, Ermysted's played confidently with Josephs and Bullough scoring a couple of tries apiece. Tries were also scored by Wilkinson and Cawley finishing a most convincing win for the school.

(J.I.)

**v. Ilkley G.S., January 24th (A) Lost 18-4**

For not the first time this season, the school made a poor start, and conceded a try in the first five minutes, when the Ilkley No. 8 broke of the scrum to score from five yards out. However, the school fought back well and Cawley scored in the corner, to make the score 6-4 at half-time.

Despite a good second-half performance by the school, Ilkley managed to score several tries through their elusive Winger. To make matters worse Pope had to leave the field with a bad head injury.

Good performances were given by Ireland, Burgin and Spencer.

Team: Wilkinson, Josephs, Cawley, Chapman, Bullough, Burgin, Wareing, Henkelis, Canny, Davison, Ireland, Teal, Spencer (Capt.), Rogers, Pope. (W.H.C.)

**v. Hipperholme, January 31st (H) Lost 8-14**

The score was 4-0 at half-time. after the school had failed to convert all their pressure into points.

The school were very unfortunate to go another try down, when Spencer seemingly touched down for a '22' dropout, but the referee awarded a try.

Undeterred by this, the school scored twice through Ireland and Teal, both unconverted. However, Hipperholme scored an interception try to make the score 14-8.

All the forwards played well, and Jones and Wareing played well in the backs.  
(A.J.S.)

Team: Sayer Jones Cawley, Charters, Bullough, Burgin, Wareing, Henkelis, Canny, Holmes, Billings, Ireland, Spencer (Capt.), Porter, Teal.

**v. Doncaster, March 7th (A) Lost 21-12**

For the first time this Season the school started well and sustained a lot of pressure on the Doncaster try line, this resulted in a penalty goal kicked by Canny. More pressure resulted in a fine try, scored by Porter after some fluid movement in the forwards. Some strong defensive play by Jones and Burgin kept the score at 12-3 at half-time.

Playing with 14 men after the break, Ermysted's conceded two tries in quick succession, mainly due to poor tackling.

The school tried hard to get back into the game but were stopped in their tracks when Doncaster scored again.  
(K.P.)

Team: Burgin, Bullough, Cawley, Chapman, Jones, Charters, Wareing, Henkelis, Canny, Byrne, Ireland, Teal, Spencer (Capt.), Porter, Pope.

**2nd XV**

P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Against
13	9	0	4	339	52

This season has seen a formidable 2nd XV with many making 1st XV status. Even with these interruptions, the 2nd XV have attacked every team with vigour and have nearly always come out on top, losing only to a few bigger sides. Many 1st XV potentials for next season have been found, especially in J. Wadsworth who started shakily but soon progressed to be a fine winger with speed and strong tackling. This was shown when he became the team's top try scorer. Toseland at fly-half proved to himself as much as to us that he can control a game with his tactical kicking and quick thinking and must be a contender for next seasons' 1st XV team. He was helped by the experience of P. Sayer at scrum-half whose knowledge became invaluable. The game is about scoring tries, and the people who made the breaks for these were the two centres W. Chapman and P. Hewetson. Both showed that they were strong runners and could use the smallest gap. The full-back position was not a settled place till near the end of the season when S. Harrop proved he was good at attack as well as defence. A person who must not be forgotten from the back division is R. Harker who played in many positions and played well where ever he was.

For these backs to use their skill they needed the ball. This was won by what must have been one of the best packs around. They withstood pressure many times and they attacked when the time was right with devastation. D. Simcoe at new position of prop, became somewhat of a find. He showed he had not lost the knowledge he gained at No. 8 and made many breaks from loose play. If he regains his fitness he will surely be a good prop. Alongside him was J. Canny in early season who then moved up to the 1st XV and was replaced by A. Holmes. Their kicking prowess became invaluable. Throup, who has two seasons left filled in with ease when the position was empty. N. Davison, the other prop showed he has the strength to match his number and also move quickly around the field. The power in the scrums came from the 2nd row M. Billing and N. Kendrew, Billing ending the season playing for the 1st XV. Kendrew was also excellent in the loose with his mauling which was vital at the speed the game was played. The back row was the most disputed, K. Porter, S. Scrivin, D. Rogers, S. Pope, M. Hall, M. Thornton, all contesting for the places but usually two or three were playing in the 1st XV. Hall showed he had speed and can use the ball, D. Rogers was a good loose player and Thornton had good tackling ability which showed when he played a long spell in the 1st XV. The team was led by K. Porter who was able to keep them going at times of weakness and set an example for the younger members.

Overall the 2nd XV have had a good season, winning 9 out of 13 and narrowly losing marginally 3. These will provide a sound basis to build on for next season's 1st XV.

Also played: Atkinson and Coates.

(K.P.)

## 2nd XV Results:

v. Kirkham	Lost	0-4
v. Heath	Won	32-0
v. Giggleswick	Won	18-6
v. Ripon	Won	40-4
v. Wakefield	Lost	4-18
v. Leeds	Lost	3-6
v. Harrogate	Won	32-0
v. Normanton	Won	24-0
v. Roundhay	Won	28-0
v. Hkley	Won	30-0
v. Hipperholme	Won	10-0
v. Doncaster	Lost	6-10
v. Pontefract	Won	42-4

## U.13 XV 1980/81

P	W	D	L	F	A
10	8	1	1	269	90

As expected the U.13 XV had a very successful season, losing only one of their ten games to Q.E.G.S. and drawing another with Harrogate. In all of their other games they dominated play with a very fluent, mature approach to the game worthy of a senior side.

The forward play throughout the season has been outstanding. Although on many occasions they faced a much larger pack, the forwards set about their task with fierce determination. It would be unfair to single-out any one particular player, needless to say that any boy who played in the forwards this season should feel very pleased with his performance.

With less-talented backs the forwards may have seen a great deal of 'good' ball squandered. Fortunately, this was not the case; the backs were worthy of their forwards Harrison and Schindler were the instigators of many moves that resulted in tries being scored.

It would have been fitting to see the U.13's finish the season winning the first Claro Craven U.13 Rugby competition, (held at Harrogate G.S.). However, this was not to be the case. Although they did not lose a game (won 3, drew 1) and did not concede a point, they had to see King James' School of Knaresborough walk away with the trophy owing to a better points difference. Few who were present would deny that the Ermysted team were unfortunate not to win.

This is a team with talent in abundance and a team-spirit second to none, it would also appear to have a very bright future. (M.S.)

## Boys who have played

Harrison (Capt.), Beck, Webster, McCarton, Holme, Bottomley, Williamson, Padgett, Wallbank, Binner, Winterburn, Schindler, Heseltine, Adamson, Earl, Abbott, Peyton, Bingham, Hamilton, Brown, Pickles, Paxton.

## Junior Colts XV

P	W	L	F	A
10	6	4	212	186

After an indifferent start, the side soon grew in confidence and stature and to win more games than those lost, and to score more points than conceded is a noteworthy achievement for a junior side, especially when gauged against the formidable strength of the fixture list. Certainly the team was greatly bolstered by the acquisition of two new recruits, Beaufoy and Webster. The former is particularly a wing forward of rare calibre and provided just the explosive incentive that other players needed to reach their potential. The strength of the team undoubtedly lay in the pack, who although rarely superior to their opponents in stature made up for this with terrier-like commitment. The scrummaging and mauling was aggressive and co-ordinated. Puente, Wilson and Atkinson especially, pulled out a plethora of quality ball. Davison's line out ability also contributed to the possession the forwards won, which in some matches approached a monopoly level. The strength of the pack and the close bunch play they launched in attack is further underlined by the fact that they scored three quarters all the tries.

The backs were workmanlike rather than fluent and penetrative. However, Patrick matured at fly-half and used his boot to good effect in all facets, including goal kicking. Holmes was full of zest and bite in the centre and Newbould at full back often proved a saviour with his try-saving tackles. The most notable victory of the season which also clearly illustrated the trenchant character of the side, was the 27-26 win over Hipperholme, where Patrick's winning penalty was the culmination of a fight back after half time when the side was 26-0 in arrears! This season should have



established a firm foundation from which greater successes could be achieved as next years Colts. (C.I.D.)

Those who played include: Newbould, Logan, McGowan, Whyte, Patrick, Holmes, Hall, Bellerby, Atkinson, Puente, Wilson (Capt.), Gallaher, Webster, Dolan, Davison, Midwinder, Beaufoy, Pickles, Birtley.

**Results:**

13 Sept.	80 v. Kirkham (A)	Lost 14-12
20 Sept.	80 v. Lancaster (A)	Lost 48-0
27 Sept.	80 v. Heath (H)	Won 42-8
4 Oct.	80 v. Ripon (A)	Won 40-12
16 Oct.	80 v. Giggleswick (H)	Won 36-15
8 Nov.	80 v. Harrogate (H)	Won 18-12
15 Nov.	80 v. Normanton (A)	Lost 24-0
21 Nov.	80 v. Roundhay (H)	(Postponed)
27 Nov.	80 v. Pontefract (A)	Lost 20-8
29 Nov.	80 v. Normanton (H)	(Postponed)
24 Jan.	81 v. Ilkley (H)	Won 29-8
31 Jan.	81 v. Hipperholme (A)	Won 27-26

Top Scorers: Beaufoy 52, Patrick 44, Webster 24, Logan 20.

## Old Boy' Chronicle

At the Annual General Meeting of the Society on 13th December, Fred Armitage relinquished the office of Secretary to the Society. His successor is David Smith, c/o Skipton Building Society.

### OBITUARIES

**W. M. READ (72).**

William was highly respected in his native Embsay where he lived all his life, apart from a short spell in Skipton. Until his retirement, he was the Secretary and a Director of Merritt and Fryers Limited, the Building Contractors, of Skipton, who were responsible for the construction of the Memorial Hall.

**D. A. BOOTHMAN (67).**

Arthur retired soon after Local Government re-organisation, prior to which he had been Chief Clerk at the County Council Offices in Carleton Road, Skipton. He was a prominent lay reader in the Anglican Church, and had preached in every Church in the Craven Deanery.

**IAN ROSS (32).**

Ian entered the accountancy profession on leaving school, and at the time of his premature death, he was a partner in Coe and Midgley, Chartered Accountants, of Skipton.

**W. B. CHIPPINDALE (56).**

Affectionately known to his contemporaries as "Chips", Brian will be remembered for the talents he displayed on the sports fields of Ermysted's. He had been a Director of National Sulphuric Acid Association in London, but retired on account of ill health in 1980."

**JOHN EDGAR GILL (90).**

On leaving Ermysted's, Mr. Gill studied dentistry at Leeds University and practised in Devon, then in Calcutta, and finally in Wimpole Street, London. He retired to Jersey. In earlier days, he was a keen rugger player and is thought to be the last surviving member of the Skipton team which won the Yorkshire Cup in 1912.

ARTHUR PETHYBRIDGE (84).

Arthur spent all his working life in the family wholesale tobacconist and confectionery business in Skipton. He was an enthusiastic member of the Skipton Players, taking part in many of their performances, and also adjudicated several times for other societies.

GEORGE HARRISON (66).

George worked in the family butchering business after leaving school. A keen sportsman, he played for Upper Wharfedale and was a member of the Threshfield Golf Club.

### MARRIAGES

Stephen Harrison to Miss Susan Peacock, at St. Andrew's Church, Skipton.

Brian Emmott to Miss Pauline O'Shea, in Wilpshire, Blackburn.

J. R. (Ronny) Parker retired early in 1980 after many years in business as an outfitter in Skipton. His son, Roger, has been appointed an architectural associate with John Brunton and Partners, of Bradford.

Geoffrey Kitching, who left E.G.S. in 1934, retired in June, 1980, having spent 45 years as an administrator in Local Government in London. His permanent address is 58 Waldemar Avenue Mansions London, SW6 5LX.

In November, the Old Boys' Society launched an appeal towards the cost of a microprocessor for use at School. A substantial sum has been contributed.

Walter Walker has recently retired after more than 30 years with Ledgard and Wynn, as Company Secretary.

K. B. Horner (left 1954) has been awarded the degree of M.Sc. in Physics and Physics Education at the University of York, where he has recently spent a year on secondment.

Geoffrey Stevens (left 1956) writes from South London, and wonders where his fellows of 25 years ago have got to. He is an Assistant Secretary in the Department of Energy, dealing with the international aspects of nuclear policy. His address is 43, Fox Hill London, S.E.17.

Michael Chapman has graduated LL.B. with second class honours at the University of Dundee.

S. Pye, reading physics at Oriel College, Oxford, has been elected to a college scholarship following his first in Mods.

David R. Hodgson has gained a B.Pharm. with second class honours at the University of London School of Pharmacy.

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D. N. Oxford, reading Food Science and Food Economics at Reading University, has passed his first year examinations.

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David J. Burrow has gained a B.Ed. with honours, at Ilkley College.

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Philip J. Lister, who read geographical science at Portsmouth Polytechnic, has been awarded his B.Sc. with first class honours.

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Chris Brown has graduated with honours in Business Studies at Huddersfield Polytechnic.

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Mark Kepler, who now lives in Doylestown, Pennsylvania, U.S.A., has gained recommendation for entry to the Temple University in Pennsylvania, to study English and Social Studies, in September, 1981. He was in the top 10 per cent of students recommended.

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David A. R. Hannam is now a veterinary surgeon in the research department of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food at the Veterinary Investigation Centre, Thirsk. Since qualifying at Liverpool University he spent some time in practice at Settle before joining the Ministry.

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Howard Cutler (left 1962) has been appointed to the Board of North Eastern British Road Services Ltd., Harrogate. He has worked for B.R.S. since 1974 as personnel manager.

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A number of old boys are at Nelson and Colne College, specialising in Art and Design. Martin Greenland is in his second year, taking an Art and Design foundation course; Shaun Woodward, after taking the same course, has progressed to Lanchester Polytechnic to study Transport Design for a B.A.; and Christopher Dransfield has progressed to Blackpool College of Art to study Technical Illustration.

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Brian R. Whitham is the Assistant Engineering Superintendent of Empress Nickel Mines (part of the R.T.Z. Combine), at Gatooma in Zimbabwe. He has been in Africa for 12 years, and has just recovered from a heart attack.

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John A. Broughton is in practice as a Solicitor in Keighley.

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John R. D. Pollard is practising as a Dental Surgeon in partnership with his father in Skipton.

K. Horner (left 1976) has qualified as a dentist (B.D.S. Hons.) at Leeds University.

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Hubert Starley (72), whose address is 215, London Road, Twickenham, TW1 ES1, has recently retired and mentions that he now has the time and desire to communicate with any of his old form mates of the 1921-1925 era. He notes that, at his age, his schoolboy memories have become clearer.

Mr. Starley has recently taken out a generous covenant in favour of the Old Boys' Society.

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Barrie Spencer, a recent visitor to the district, is head of the crafts department at an Independent School in Canberra, Australia.

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Roger Knowles is running his own business in Windsor, and by making up his own perfumes, soaps and lotions, seems to be one of the few businesses in the U.K. making a profit!

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Blake Morrison, poetry editor for the Times Literary Supplement, recently appeared on the B.B.C. Television programme "Did you see . . .?"

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John Pickles has received an M.Sc. in Telecommunications Technology at Aston University. He is employed by the Plessey Company in Nottingham.

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Stephen Osborne (34) has been appointed production director of Buoyant Upholstery, Nelson, part of the Silentnight Group.

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Brian Emmott is a probation officer in Blackburn.

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Robert Whiteoak has been appointed Technical Sales Director of I'Anson Brothers, animal feed processors.

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Ian Harland (25) is a farm manager near Lusaka, Zambia, and recently climbed Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. With his companion, he used one of the more difficult routes, in severe weather conditions, to reach the summit of the permanently snow-capped mountain.

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At the Old Boy's dinner in December, the chairman Mr. Julian Hide, said that more former pupils of the school were needed to keep the Old Boy's Society going. He asked every old boy to recruit at least one new member to the Society during the next year. Because of the low number of paying members the Society's finances were not very healthy, although they were not in the red.

Chief guest was Mr. Malcolm Stansfield, Deputy Director of Farm Management at Reading University. A native of Barnoldswick, Mr. Stansfield was a pupil at Ermysted's between 1947 and 1954. He took a post graduate diploma at Reading University after gaining a BSc. in Agriculture at Leeds University.

"As the years go by, I realise that I, like you, am very fortunate to be a member of this society, because it means you have some connection with this area," he said.

"There's something rather special about this Craven area, and we are even more privileged, in that we were members of the pupil force of this school."

Retired members of staff liked to see old boys, and he thanked the former staff at the dinner for their continued support.

Mr. Stansfield said he was horrified by some of the products of the modern education system. "It's no good thinking we are the privileged few. We have to do something about it to maintain the solid, the active, and sound education system some of us went through.

"I'm very impressed with what I've seen today. It was rather a wonderful experience to see all those boys on parade at the Founders' Day service. These are things to hang on to. Ermysted's has this wonderful tradition of doing things properly—let's hope it continues.

"It must have been a good school to get a lad like me through the system onto the staff of a university. I left this school with two very clear things in mind: vocation and ambition. I hope lads today have this same ambition."

He said advantages of Ermysted's were that it was not too big, and had a tremendous staff. The then headmaster, Mr. M. L. Forster, had influenced him greatly, and had persuaded him to stay on at school and go on to further education. "I wanted to leave school and become a cattle dealer, because I could see what a prosperous life some of them led," he explained.

"I think one of the main things about this school was the fact that it was not easy to achieve, but it was possible to do so with hard work because of the type of work the teachers set. That's a wonderful thing to have experienced; many children today are over exploited or under exploited."

He had learnt more about life in the school woodwork shop and rugby pitch than anywhere else, he said. He had learnt that work was necessary to succeed—an input/output relationship.

Responder to the toast was the headmaster, Mr. John Woolmore. He said 1980 had been an unspectacular year, in which the school had gone about the business it was supposed to do. He thought the school play, which ended on Friday, was the best he had seen.

The most significant thing in the year was the change in law allowing pupils to come to Ermysted's once again from West Craven. "We shall again welcome them to the school," he said. "There was no difficulty admitting boys from North Yorkshire in previous years, but county boundaries were more difficult. The law changed on August 1, and we have got 20 or more boys in the school who otherwise would not have been here. It has also helped the boarding house, it is in splendid heart, making its contribution to the school."

He read a few lines from the school song, and said that although they sounded quaint and out of date, their message was still real. There was a danger that schools could become totally engrossed in exams and courses which led directly to jobs, and not to educate pupils for a life of quality. The school had to find the right path between the two. "I would call upon the Old Boys' Society to help us find this correct path," he said.

The Founder's Day service on Saturday morning December 13, was conducted by Canon Christopher Martineau, assisted by the Rev. Stuart Wesley. The address was given by Canon Maurice Slaughter.

In the afternoon, the Old Boy's team triumphed over the school's rugby team 14-3. Despite a 'tacky' pitch, both teams managed a lively open game.

The annual Founders' Day crosscountry race, which had steadily gained in popularity since its permanent establishment four years ago, resulted in a narrow victory for the Old Boy's team. Their first eight runners, closed in with a score of 69 points, against the School teams 74.

In the five-miles run from Sandylands to Sharpshaw Moorgate and back, Roger Ingham again took the individual honours, finishing some fifty yards ahead of his closest rivals, Roger Humphries and Brian Howell.

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Andrew Whitley has gained the "Foreign correspondent of the Year" award, given annually through the T.V. programme "What the Papers Say". A former boarder, Andrew went from Ermysted's to St. Catherine's College, Cambridge, where he read History, and then took a post in Teheran as English lecturer at the Iranian—American school. After some years teaching in Iran, he was appointed correspondent to the B.B.C.'s Foreign Affairs section and contributed regular items to radio broadcasts and to the Financial Times. He has travelled widely in Nepal, Afghanistan, India and Pakistan as well as in Iran.

Shortly after the Ayatollah came to power, Andrew, along with seven other journalists, was pitched out of the country, to which, however, he has since returned.

To receive the award at London's Savoy Hotel, he flew back from America, where he is currently researching for a book he is to write on the rise and fall of the Shah of Iran. It was, of course, his fall which sparked off the dramatic events which have dominated Middle East affairs in recent years.

## Parents' Association

Ermysted's Grammar School Parents' Association was founded at a meeting on November 23rd, 1943. The main aims of the Association were:

To co-operate in and promote any approved schemes for the moral, cultural and physical well being of pupils at the school.

To foster a spirit of partnership and community between all who are concerned in the efficient working of the school.

To promote social and cultural relations between individual parents and between the school and parents.

Successive committees have worked hard over the years to carry out these and other aims. Many social and fund raising events have been arranged. Unfortunately some of these events have had poor support from parents.

Last year over £900 was raised and the Parents' Association provided the school with various items of equipment both academic and recreational. This year the Association are committed to providing one third of the cost of a computer for the Maths Department.

The main fund raising event of the year is the Garden Party on Saturday, June 27th. Please come along and give your support and help to make the Garden Party a great success.

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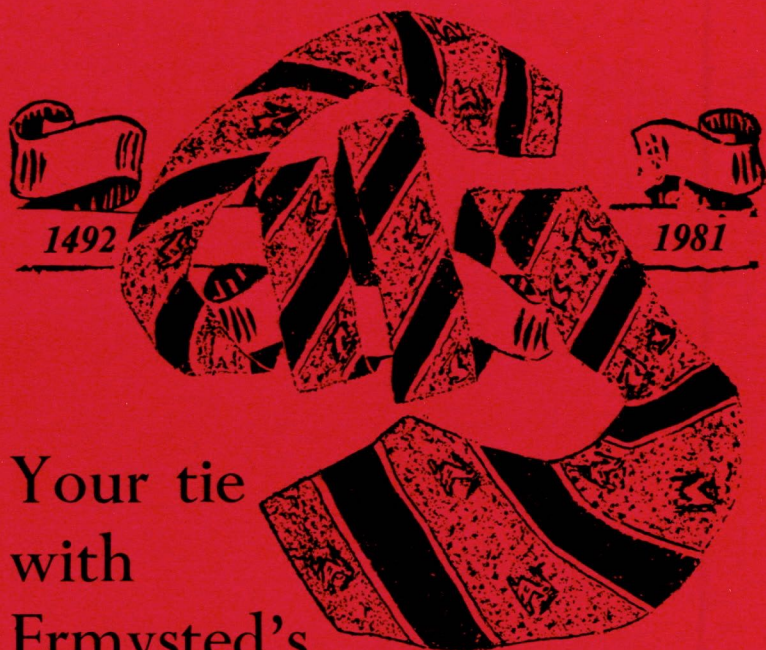
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