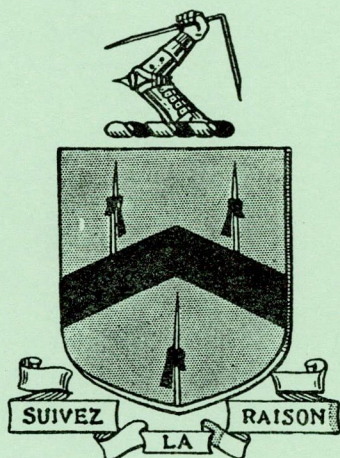


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Autumn/Winter Term, 1981-82

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Ave S.D.

We extend a warm welcome to Mr. Davey who joined the staff in September to teach Chemistry and Geography. Mr. Davey's home is Sutton-in-Craven and he was educated at South Craven School, Oakbank School, Keighley and Newcastle University, where he graduated Bachelor of Science. He also holds a City and Guilds qualification in Electrical Installation. He has previously been on the staff of Grange Upper School, Bradford, and his sporting interests are squash and sea fishing.

Ave B.G.S.

We welcome to the staff, to teach French, Mr. Bernard Sharp. A graduate of Birmingham University, he has taught in a number of secondary schools in England and abroad, and has been, until recently, a Senior Lecturer in Modern Languages at Bingley College. His home is in Harrogate and we hope he will enjoy his stay at Ermysted's.

Vale C.L.

We hope that Mrs. Luker enjoyed her short stay with us. She made a distinct contribution to the life of the staffroom for three days of the week and her work in the classroom for the French department was much appreciated. We are sorry to lose her and wish her well.

R.P.D.

Avete

September, 1981.

- 6Sb: J. E. Metcalfe, Toller.
 P. Newbould, Toller.
 M. M. Scales, Petyt.
 R. H. Simpson, Toller (returned).
 G. R. Towers, Toller.
 I. D. Whyte, Toller.

- 6Mb: J. H. Crawford, Hartley.
T. M. Fletcher, Hartley.
M. L. Luick, Petyt.
- 5S: D. S. Bullough, Toller.
A. Cook, Hartley.
T. J. L. Vickers, Petyt.
B. E. Wilson, Hartley.
- 5G: G. M. Hartford, Ermysted.
- 5B: J. R. Patrick, Toller.
J. D. Sumner, Petyt.
- 3J: C. P. Schosland, Hartley.
- 3C: M. D. Emsley, Toller.
M. G. Firth, Ermysted (S.H.).
T. N. Firth, Toller.
S. Hanks, Hartley.
A. J. Heald, Hartley.
G. M. Strange, Petyt.
- 3X: D. Morris, Hartley.
P. V. Ruddock, Hartley.
P. J. Shaw, Hartley.
- 2S: M. M. Ashley, Hartley.
R. A. C. Greenwood, Toller.
- 2W: A. A. Dolan, Ermysted (S.H.).
S. I. McGuffie, Petyt.
- 1v:
Ermysted: J. E. England, R. J. Fawcett, I. N. Gallagher, S. R. Hatfield, J. E. Lynch, R. A. Porter, G. R. Waddington.
- Petyt: S. Beck, S. J. Goodson, A. C. Gower, C. R. Hunter, J. P. Watts, S. J. Whittaker, J. G. Wood.
- Toller: G. F. Beck, N. Bingham, I. W. E. Brannan, S. J. Ellwood.
- Hartley: P. A. Clayton, N. A. Orcherton, S. M. Ready, I. Stewart.
- 1p:
Ermysted: J. E. Bradley, L. P. Jephson.
- Petyt: C. W. Allen, C. E. Brookes, A. C. Farrar, A. D. Fergie, A. D. Frankland, G. W. Naylor, M. Stephenson, J. P. Throup.
- Toller: A. J. Avison, D. T. M. Hayes, A. T. Holgate, J. B. Lumb, M. R. Moulton, N. A. Smith, S. D. M. Whittaker, D. Wingate.
- Hartley: R. J. Bland, N. A. Grimshaw, M. Holmes, D. E. Thornburn, J. P. Windle.
- 1W:
Ermysted: J. D. Cockerill, M. W. Jones, D. C. Mills, A. J. Ritchie, J. A. P. Socha, A. C. Spurgin, D. G. Wall, D. A. Willis.

- Petyt: S. Barrett, C. W. Bowes.
 Toller: G. Coates, R. M. Owens, S. M. Phillips, P. J. Rowbottom,
 D. E. Speakman, J. C. Waddington.
 Hartley: D. T. Ireland, J. A. Oddie, J. M. Sanderson, S. Strange,
 D. R. Watson, N. J. Williamson, K. A. Wood.

December, 1981:

- 6Mb: D. Constantine, Ermysted (S.H.).
 3C: S. J. Simon, Toller.

January, 1982:

- 4W: J. Read, Toller.
 3C: N. Pettit, Petyt.
 2T: T. Pettit, Petyt.
 2S: J. Read, Toller.
 2W: M. Garside, Petyt.
 1V: P. Scott, Ermysted.

Valete

- January, 1982: N. Ryder, Petyt, 6Sb, Sept. 76.
 I. Tattersall, Toller, 6Sb, Sept. 80.

School Notes

- Autumn Term begins: 1st September; ends 22nd December.
 Half Term Holiday: 26th October - 30th October.
 Meet the Masters 1st Forms: 10th November;
 2nd, 3rd and 4th Forms: 24th Nov.
 Founders; Day: 12th December.
 Children's Party: 18th December.
 Spring Term begins: 6th January; ends: 2nd April.
 Half Term Holiday: 25th - 26th February.
 Fourth Form Parents' Evening: 18th February.
 Cross-Country Race: 9th March.
 Meet the Masters (1st, 5th and 6th Forms): 9th March.
 Careers Evening: 16th March.
 Swimming Sports: 31st March.
 Concert: 31st March.
 Summer Term begins: 19th April; ends: 9th July.
 May Day Holiday: 3rd May; Half Term: 31st May - 4th June.
 Sports Day: 25th May.
 G.C.E. begins: 27th May.
 School Exams begin: 21st June.
 Speech Day: 29th June.
 Autumn Term begins: 1st September.

1st XI Home Matches:

11th May v. Giggleswick.

15th May v. Leeds.

8th July v. Darwen.

Mr. J. H. Woolmore, who has been Headmaster since September, 1972, is to relinquish his position at the end of the summer term. We offer him our congratulations on his appointment to the Headship of Thetford Grammar School, Norfolk.

The Governors have appointed as his successor Mr. David M. Buckroyd, who is at present Deputy Headmaster of King Edward VII School, Lytham St. Annes.

Martin Thornton and Sally Mewies, Head Boy and Head Girl of Ermysted's and the High School, read the lessons at the Joint Dedication Service on Friday, 4th September. An unusually lively address was given by the Rev. Richard Seed.

In September 1981, there were 486 boys in the school, the highest for some years. This number has increased during the year as other boys (many from outside the North Yorkshire Area) are selected for admission.

Some modifications in room use and accommodation have been introduced. Room 3 has been re-created by removal of the partition which once divided it and, newly furnished, is again the largest classroom in the school. The music department has moved in its entirety to the San., the smaller rooms therein being utilised for private lessons; while Room 1 is now the careers room, as well as housing the television set and video-tape recorder (a new Betamax). The old main porch and war-memorial vestibule has been converted in to the Careers Master's office, the memorial plaque having been removed and remounted, appropriately perhaps, in the Memorial Hall.

Recent legislation affecting the articles of government of Voluntary Aided Schools has enabled the appointment of a Staff Representative to the Board of Governors of Ermysted's Grammar School. We are pleased to announce that, after due consultation, Mr. C. Williamson, has been invited to join the Board as Staff Representative, with effect from 10th November, 1981.

A new Prospectus has been produced for the School, giving details of the curriculum and organisation. To comply with recent legislation, it includes full details of the school's G.C.E. results at Advanced and Ordinary Level which must now be published every year.

Mrs. Margaret Sarraff, for many years matron in School House, left in September. A small presentation was made by staff and friends in recognition of her long and dedicated service to the school.

We welcome as her successor Miss J. Shuttleworth, who was previously resident Housemistress at Skipton Girls' High School.

Modifications in our fifth form curriculum have led to the introduction of a 42- period week for O level candidates. They have an extra lesson, from 1.20 - 2.00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays.

On 11th October, a party of fourth form boys attended a performance of Shaw's "Pygmalion" at Leeds Civic Theatre.

Sixth form geographers have made their customary excursions into the Dales to study the lie of the land and, on one occasion, their itinerary lay through East Yorkshire to observe coastal erosion and rock formation at Flamborough Head.

Joining 6Mb for one year is Michael Luick from the U.S.A. He hails from Mason City in the State of Iowa which is, as the lapel badges and green stickers frequently inform us, "a place to grow."

He is sponsored during his stay here by Rotary International, and has already found time to attend a number of conferences as well as to pay a visit to the U.S.S.R.

On 22nd September, a Royal Navy helicopter arrived on The Top where, watched by the assembled school and children from St. Stephen's (sheltering from the rain, as far as possible, on the pavilion verandah), it gave a display of rescue procedures and aerial manoeuvrability.

The winter set in early. Heavy snow and record-breaking cold from mid-December onwards curtailed activities. For several days, nearly half the school was away, drift-bound; games were abandoned, and the Old Boys' matches on Founders' Day as well as the concert, were postponed; and the annual handicapped children's party was held at Brooklands School, rather than bringing the children on the arduous journey to Ermysted's. Term finished one day earlier than scheduled.

The school now has its own hymn book. A selection of hymns has been privately printed in pocket-size booklets, each with its individual plastic cover, and each boy has been issued with his own numbered copy.

A junior play-reading group has been formed on the initiative of D. R. Matthews and A. C. Wilson. Meetings have been keenly though rather thinly attended.

Representatives from the school again competed in the Keighley Junior Chamber public speaking competition. We congratulate S. Beaufoy (4H) in gaining second place in the junior contest; D. R. Matthews (6Sb) in the senior contest and M. P. Gallagher (4H) in the junior gave creditable performances but found themselves out-classed by the stiff opposition.

The sight of boys cycling round the quad of an evening indicates not any slackening of the school rules, but the introduction of a training scheme for the Cycling Proficiency Certificate, under the instruction of a North Yorkshire police officer.

During the Spring Term we were pleased to have with us two students on teaching practice. Mr. C. J. Bradford, an old boy of Woodhouse Grove and a graduate of the University of Dundee, took a wide range of English lessons, as part of his post-graduate course at Leeds Institute of Education; and Mr. M. Nelson, a graduate of Liverpool Art College, assisted in the art department while studying for the Teachers' Certificate at Leeds Polytechnic. We trust they enjoyed their stay, and wish them well in their careers.

Ermysted's has once again, been well represented in Yorkshire Schools' rugby. J. Canny was vice-captain of the North Yorkshire Under 19 team, and played for them against Lancashire, Durham and Welsh Schoolboys. He was also given a trial for the North of England "19 Group."

The following were also given trials:

For North Yorkshire: J. F. Ireland, D. Wilkinson, N. Wareing, D. Rogers, D. Teal, S. Byrne.

For Yorkshire: S. Byrne, J. F. Ireland, J. Canny.

On two days in December a team of four guest advisers from the Management of firms in Cross Hills and Barnoldswick presented a programme of talks, films and discussions for all members of the Lower Sixths. They emphasised the country's dependence on the wealth created by industry, the challenge afforded by an industrial career and the personal qualities which managers require. This original and stimulating venture was arranged by Mr. Williamson.

Our erstwhile colleague Mike (Kiwī) Mason paid a flying visit in January. After teaching in various parts of the Antipodes since leaving Ermysted's, he has, of late, been travelling in S.E. Asia, and came to Skipton via Hong Kong, Tokyo, the Trans-Siberian Railway and Helsinki.

Voluntary contributions to the School Fund in September and January were, respectively:

6Sa c, £13.50, £12.50; 6Sa P, £12.00, £12.00; 6Sb c, £11.50, £12.00; 6Sb M, £10.50, £10.00; 6Ma, £4.50, £4.00; 6mb, £4.50, £5.50; 5S, £12.50, £13.00; 5G, £9.50, £9.50; 5B, £12.50, £12.00; 4H, £10.00, £10.00; 4W, £7.50, £7.50; 4M, £7.50, £7.50; 3J, £12.50, £12.50; 3c, £9.50, £10.00; 3x, £12.00, £12.00; 2T, £11.00, £11.50; 2w, £9.00, £10.00; 2s, £10.50, £11.50; 1v, £10.50, £10.50; 1p, £11.50, £11.50; 1w, £10.50, £10.50. School House, £20.50, £20.50.

We are pleased to acknowledge receipt of "The Giggleswick Chronicle" and "The Bradfordian".

General Certificate of Education

November 1981.

Passed in two subjects: J. J. Canny.

Passed in one subject: R. C. Coyle,
N. J. Daggett,
R. W. Holden,
N. Ryder,
M. J. Toseland.

Music Examinations

The following have been successful:

D. R. Matthews, Piano, Grade 7.

J. M. Earl, Cornet, Grade 4.

C. B. Jones, Baritone, Grade 3 (merit).

T. R. Bundy, Flute, Grade 3 (distinction).

Christmas Party

Like the "Windmill" Theatre, Ermysted's never closed in the great snow of December 1981. Difficult though it may have been to get to and fro, the difficulty our boys experienced must have been as nothing to the difficulty experienced in getting the handicapped children to and from Brooklands School.

So Mr. Auger and his staff decided it would be wiser to take the Brass Band, and Santa and his presents, and the tea to Brooklands School, instead of bringing the children, as in other years,

to the party in Ermysted's. Sadly, this meant that the usual slapstick stage show was not possible, but otherwise all went well, and our efforts were much appreciated. Our grateful thanks to all who subscribed towards the cost.

Links with Brooklands School have been strengthened still further by three of our boys who have volunteered to help each week with the "Gateway" Youth Club there.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

The initial groundwork for an award consists of a large amount of compass work and First-Aid practice which enables a walker to have full safety on an expedition and enables him to deal with a variety of problems, from broken legs to exposure cases, should these occur.

A short walk up Buckden Pike was used to test our map-reading and compass abilities as well as walking technique.

The major test of everything we had learned was in the form of a two-day expedition to Thorpe where camping and cooking abilities were combined with map-reading and accurate bearing-taking.

Tree-planting at Malham is one of the "services" involved in the award scheme, as is learning about the Police and Fire Service.

Also included is a sport of your choice, and a hobby of your choice, on which you will be assessed. A number of people are involved in rock climbing and canoeing which will take place in the summer, as will the official expedition.

Although the compass work is slightly tedious, it is essential for safety and increases one's confidence in walking.

More than a third of the number of boys who received awards at the annual presentation evening in Skipton Town Hall on January 7th, were pupils (or "old boys") of Ermysted's Grammar School.

The awards were presented by Lord Swinton of Masham and the recipients were:

GOLD: A. R. Olby.

SILVER: P. R. Ragg.

BRONZE: A. L. Disney, P. M. Ely, A. M. Heaton and A. M. Hutchings.

S.R.B. (4H)

Christmas Concert

(12th January, 1982, postponed from December)

Choir

Sleepers Wake	J. S. Bach
Cantata for the Sunday next before Advent.	
i) Chorus	Sleepers Wake!
ii) Recit	He comes, the Bridegroom comes.
iii) Duet	I seek Thee, my life.
iv) Chorale	Zion hears.

- v) Recit Come enter in with me.
 vi) Air My friend is mine.
 vii) Chorale Glory now to Thee.

Concerto for flute, strings and continuo

—in G Tommaso Albinoni

- i) Allegro
 ii) Adagio
 iii) Presto

Flute — Peter Atkinson
 Violin I — Samuel Whitaker
 Violin II — Adam Holgate
 'Cello — Peter Jones

ORCHESTRA

Chorale Melody (Komm, Susser Tod)

J. S. Bach

Scherzo for Christmas

A. W. Benoy

Prelude for Christmas

BRASS BAND

March Prelude

Edward Gregson

Swedish Melodies

Kenneth Cook

Post Horn Gallop

Koenig

School House Report

The beginning of the year got off to a good start with the "New boys" arriving and settling in quickly. There were three new first formers together with Martin Firth in the third form and Matthew Simons and, a little later, Dinos Constantine in the Lower Sixth.

After the settling in period, the first organised trip was our annual visit to Bradford Ice Rink, with the customary trip to the chippie afterwards. This, as well as the bonfire and Disco, (Miss World Contestants were patronised by the elite members of the House who again picked the winner) was held in conjunction with the High School boarders who, although rumours are rife, do still exist, albeit for a short while. These events, I think, were enjoyed by most.

Another trip in the Autumn Term was to the Stock Car Racing at Burnley. This was enjoyed by all who went and it is hoped that this will also become an annual event.

There have again been several Sunday afternoon walks organised by Mr. Ward to such places as Malham Cove, Victoria Caves, Gordale Scar, Bolton Abbey and other local places of interest, and there are two more overnight camps at Windermere planned for the summer term.

The Christmas Party was again a fitting end to the Autumn term and I would once again like to thank those guests who came and 'enjoyed' our company. This was the time of snowdrifts and snow

clearing which was first bemoaned, but then the realisation of shortened school and missed lessons brought about a rapid change of heart.

First event of the Easter term was a sponsored obstacle course competition to raise money for House funds and the Parish Church roof fund. This was treated as good fun by all (except perhaps those who had to clear up the mess afterwards) and raised about £100. Some of the younger members of the House also had some energy left to help raise about £60 for Dr. Barnado's by again assisting with the annual House to House collection in Skipton.

The Games Room and new Modelling Room have been well used but the new craze is seemingly to collect hamsters, mice and gerbils, and the old modelling room has been turned into a 'zoo' to accommodate about 12 of these. The idea may lose its novelty although the introduction of a humming fish tank at the top of the stairs seems to dispute this theory.

The juniors managed to win the Junior Rugby Trophy, with the seniors coming second in their competition and being unlucky not to come out the victors. School House and Ermysted's also won the cross country competition overall. We have again provided several members for school teams and on several occasions the School Under 13 rugby team, had almost half its members from School House.

The House continues to run smoothly and is all set to regain the Athletics and Swimming trophies (with a little help from Ermysteds!), but the question so far is "will Low make it for the Summer Term?"

A. D. Burgin, 6 Sa

CHARITY GIVING

Who said Yorkshire people were tight-fisted, and times are hard? During the Autumn Term the School raised money for five charities. The amount collected for "Poppies" around Remembrance Day is not known: but the figures for the other four are listed below. The 1980 figures are given in brackets, and a few moments work with a calculator will show you that the grand total represents an increase in giving of over 35%, very much more than the inflation rate, even on the most pessimistic estimate!

Christian Aid (Sponsored Walk)	£367.80	(£210.01½)
Calendars for the Blind (RNIB)	£120.48	(£75.00)
Founders' Day (Collection)	£75.00	(£81.30)
Brooklands School Party	£61.00	(£94.54)

PLAYING THE STOCK EXCHANGE

Once again, two syndicates of Sixth-formers in Ermysted's scan the "Financial Times" every day, and invest huge sums of imaginary money in the most profitable shares. We're not top School in the "Stockpiler" Competition yet, but . . . who knows? There's time yet! This year, too, we've also entered a team for the Midland Bank Group Young Investors' Competition. We wish them all luck!

Junior Plays

(4th December, 1981)

"Arthur"

by David Cregan

ARTHUR	Jonathan Abbatt
AUNT ALICE	Stephen Padgett
CAPTAIN OF THE FIRE BRIGADE	John Peyton
CHIEF FIREMAN	Andrew Jeanes
FIRE BRIGADE	Neil King
	Paul Blood
FREDERICK	Samuel Whittaker
DENISE	Ian Phillip
MAYOR	Sean Brennan
LADY POLICE INSPECTOR	Joseph Lynch
GERTRUDE	Nigel Paley
LADY POLICE FORCE	Jason Cockerill
	Jeremy Lumb
	Martin Lofthouse
SCOUT COMMISSIONER	Hamish Clough
OTTER PATROL	John Bentley
	George Naylor
	Peter Clayton

"Ernie's Incredible Illucinations"

by Alan Ayckbourn

ERNIE	Neil King
MUM	John Bentley
DAD	John Peyton
DOCTOR	Glenn Harrison
RECEPTIONIST	Ian Phillip
OFFICER	Adrian Baker
AUNTIE MAY	Jonathan Abbatt
BARKERS	Nigel Paley
	Samuel Whittaker
	Joseph Lynch
	Peter Clayton
REFEREE	John Tillotson
TIMEKEEPER	Bruce Schofield
MAN	George Naylor
KID SARACEN	Stephen Padgett
EDDIE EDWARDS	Paul Blood
LADY	Hamish Clough
ATTENDANT	Martin Lofthouse
TRAMP	Jason Cockerill
GIRL LIBRARIAN	Andrew Jeanes
LADY LIBRARIAN	Jeremy Lumb
SOLDIERS	Stephen Padgett
	Robert Middleton

Set and Property Construction

Mr. D. Jenkinson, Mr. C. Ainsworth, Mr. P. Cawood, J. Beck, K. R. Binner, N. D. Heseltine, P. D. Holme, C. J. Hoskin, N. E. Pate, I. P. Winterburn.

Lighting

Mr. I. W. White, S. Bradley, H. F. M. Hughes, S. R. Shuttleworth, A. V. Stringer.

Sound and Music

D. R. Matthews, A. Bingham.

Make-up

Mrs. E. Gracie, Mrs. A. Scales, Mrs. B. Webster.

Stage Managers

N. A. Geldard, M. Procter

Producers: D. R. Matthews and A. C. Wilson.

The two plays were both short comedies and the enthusiasm and joviality of the boys involved helped to put this aspect across very well.

The first play, "Arthur," was about a "boy" who at the age of 21 decided to cast off his authoritative aunt and live his own life. Jonathan Abbatt playing Arthur put across the maturity of the part very well whilst blending amiably with the comedy around him. His oppressor, Aunt Alice, played by Stephen Padgett, despite a little hesitancy early on, grew in confidence and relished the part of the old scolding woman bound for insanity. As the play unfolded, the fireman comedy by John Peyton enjoying his commanding role and policewomen, who resembled a female crazy gang, went down very well. Ian Phillip flaunted himself well as Denise and Hamish Clough and Sean Brennan as the scout commissioner and mayor respectively kept the flag flying with clear and accurate words.

The second play "Ernie's Incredible Illucinations" was about a boy "Ernie" who had incredible hallucinations. The whole play was an account of these hallucinations as Ernie's parents tried to persuade the doctor of their validity. Ernie was well played throughout by Neil King and he put the comedy across well. John Peyton and John Bentley worked well as Mum and Dad, with Peyton exploiting the comedy atmosphere to the full keeping the audiences laughing at every opportunity. The othermajor part, auntie May was lively played by Jonathan Abbatt who did well to put across the comical eccentric aunt and showed what an asset his dedication will be to productions of the future. The highlight of the evening came when Hamish Clough decided to do a desperate juggling act to save his makeshift bosom from departing. The laughter it brought reflected well the light hearted and enjoyable evening had by all.

Finally, the producers, D. R. Matthews and A. C. Wilson are to be commended for their enthusiastic and imaginative contribution in making these plays as enjoyable and 'professional' as any of their type I can recall. Certainly, their ability not only to organise and direct the mechanics of staging a play but also to motivate and mould the actors to allow them to reach the remarkably mature and convincing interpretations of their parts is a quality of which they can be justly proud.

C.I.D.

Behind the Scenes

In writing this account, my first duty is to pay tribute to Mr. D. J. Morton for the way in which he readily gave us his time and invaluable advice without which the junior plays of 1981 would never have been. I would also like to thank our two secretaries, Mrs. E. Gracie and Mrs. A. Scales who gave up literally hours of their time in undertaking the laborious task of reproducing the script and printing programmes, before, with the aid of Mrs. B. Webster, our librarian, applying the make-up to 30 unwelcoming faces when the time came.

It was on the sad news that due to a lack of producer, amongst other things, a major production could not take place that the junior plays became a reality. In a matter of weeks, two plays had to be picked, cast and produced, an awesome task indeed.

The plays were hurriedly cast in two weeks. This meant, unfortunately, that some minor parts were filled on a first come first served basis as in four or five lunchtimes a week one had time to hold auditions only for the major parts. However, I am pleased to say that many of those who missed out on an acting part put their creative talents to good use under the guiding hand of Mr. C. Ainsworth in constructing a stage which would fill the requirements of both plays. The back cloth which hadn't seen light since the days of "Zigger Zagger" breathed again and a series of complicated curtain moves were worked out to enable the props to be changed quickly and effectively without spoiling the continuity of the plays.

The costumes proved to be a problem on two counts: the varieties required and the size of the people wearing them. However, bit by bit each character began to look his part thanks to a white coat from the chemistry lab, various articles of mum's clothing, hundreds of pins and literally last but not least six firemen's uniforms from Skipton Firestation on the afternoon of the performance.

Finally, it seemed almost an eighth wonder that in the short space of time available the production team of N. Geldard, M. Procter, A. C. Wilson and myself found ourselves in the at one time impossible position of raising the curtain on the night with confidence.

Many times it had seemed doubtful whether the production would ever take place but thanks to the hard work of so many and above all the enthusiasm found in the boys of the lower school, the show did go on.

D.R.M.

The Media in Democracy

In November of 1981, I entered an essay contest about "Media in a Democracy" in the hopes of winning North Yorkshire's offer to send a girl and boy to the three-day conference in London on that topic in January, expense-paid. I won. The following is a brief report of the major experiences of the very enjoyable, educational conference:

6 January, 1982. The Lord Mayor of London opened our conference, sponsored by the United Nations' Council for Education in World Citizenship, by outlining what he thought to be the main reasons for having a conference on "democratic" media;

1. The world is closing in on itself; it's becoming one, not many entities. Communication, travel, and education are forcing humanity to realize that what effects one side of the globe, ultimately effects the other, as well. As world citizens, young people must know about their world, and different aspects therein.

2. With all the trouble spots in the world (he listed about a dozen), people must know the situations in each, and what the truth is; therefore the emphasis on media.

The first speaker of the day and of the conference was Jeremy Isaacs, chief executive of Channel Four, the new television station in Britain as of November of this year. He defined his goals and aims in the programming he is planning, and told why he thought it important to present unbiased, interesting, and stimulating television. As a note of interest, when I asked a question—we were asked to state our name and school—he revealed that he had played cricket with Ermysted's headmaster, John Woolmore.

Roy Shaw spoke on "The Media and the Common Mind," and listed what he thought were the problems with "popular" television, and newspapers. He said a truly democratic state must know much about itself and the world. The voter must be informed, and not merely entertained.

After lunch, we broke up into discussion groups, mine being "Terrorism and the Media." A professor of terrorism from Aberdeen lead the group in its search for a policy on the reporting of terrorism.

A disco was given that night, with a fair attendance, a professional disc jockey, and a bar.

7 January, 1982. First thing, the editor of *The New Statesman*, Bruce Page, delivered a talk on "Politics, the Press, and the People." He was interesting, but controversial.

Prior to lunch, the High Commissioner of India, Seyid Muhammad, gave "A View from the Third World." He was hard to understand, and during the question-and-answer period, a bit curt. He spoke of India's advances in media communications, and at times seemed to be selling.

John Twitchin, a British Broadcasting producer, showed us films in the Oliver Thompson theatre on distortion in the media. He

gave some examples of his own errors and ignorance. We then saw films on racism and sexism in the media.

A Civic Reception was held on behalf of the students and speakers of the conference at Guild Hall, in the City of London. The Lord Mayor shook hands with us all, and invited us into the Guild Crypt for cavier and white wine (the cavier tasted like dead fish—ugh!). We were then given time to spend the rest of the evening as we chose, so my friends and I went to see *Christiane F.*, a German film.

8 January, 1982. At 9.30 we saw a film questioning the popular value of television, "Is it Worth It?". Then a panel consisting of Ben Whitaker, a minority rights group director, and two guests, including a man from Ghana, answered "consuming interests" questions. Mary Whitehouse, advocate for media censoring, was unable to attend because of the snowstorm we had that day, as happened to Jonathan Dimpleby at Bath. Discussion groups gave reports on their sessions, and then we concluded prematurely because of the increasing snow fall.

M.L.L.

Music for All Fools' Eve

Not, perhaps, quite as appropriate a day as you might think for the Choir's performance of "The Scrap-Yard" (words by David Gribble, and music by Timothy Moore). It turned out to be a sad and thought-provoking piece, on the theme: "What do you do when the children don't need you, when you are, as it were in the scrap-yard yourself?" They sang of the barrels' memories, reduced from wine to geraniums; of the old geyser; of the pram turned soap-box cart; of the old wire; of the 1938 Austin "Tourer". They sang well, enunciating the words clearly and incisively, competently accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Fox. All leading up to the moral: "What will you do when your springs start to creak, when you're finished and empty? What will you do when they can't mend the leak?"

In general, the boys of the school have not, hitherto, risen to the challenge presented by having our own electronic organ in the Memorial Hall. A notable exception was revealed in David Matthews, who gave a masterly rendering of two pieces in very different styles: and, nicely balancing these organ solos were two piano solos by Steven Little: Moszkowski's "Evening Calm", and one of Mendelssohn's "Songs without Words."

Peter Jones on the 'cello, and two first-formers, Adrian Holgate and Samuel Whittaker on violins, accompanied by the maestro himself (Mr. Scott) on the organ played Thomas Arne's "Largo and Allegro." The recorder group gave us Dvorak's "Humoresque." The orchestra, led by William Lister, played pieces by Handel, Purcell and Curzen in a most professional manner, of which any school could be proud.

Yorkshire in general, and Skipton in particular, has a long tradition of brass-band playing. It would not, therefore, be altogether unfair to the other musicians to say that the "backbone" of the concert came with the two brass band spots—"Lutspiel" by Kela Bela and the Vaughan Williams' March: "Seventeen come Sunday" in the first half: and then another march by the latter composer: "Folk Songs from Somerset," followed by Stuart Johnson's "Four Dances for Brass," which resoundingly concluded the concert.

It was pleasing to see the Hall comfortably full. There was room for two or three more rows of chairs, perhaps, but not many more. The performers certainly deserved a good audience.

S.W.

Leningrad Visit

"Why spend billions of dollars to fly to the moon when one may visit another world by just travelling to the Soviet Union?" That thought went through my mind many times during a recent eight-day trip to Leningrad and Novgorod. Almost every aspect of life there is different from our own.

Twenty-five people (three teachers, two guests—including me—and twenty pupils from South Craven Comprehensive School) left England on Friday, 19th February for a journey which was to take us to Russian Orthodox Cathedrals, ultra-modern housing projects, fantastic museums of art, drab sweet shops, a boiling-hot hotel room overlooking the frozen river Neva, and gilded palaces restored to much of their earlier grandeur. We were to meet lorry drivers, students studying English, Soviet Eskimos, priests, street sweepers and icy-river swimmers. We were to see only a fraction of a country so vast in landscapes and varied in nationalities that it vies in diversity only with the country of my birth.

I found the Soviet people to be sombre yet sincere: when they smiled they meant it; when they frowned, the same held true. Their hardness may come from the centuries of oppression, first at the hands of the Tsars, now from the arms of their own government. Also, their history has been one of physical hardship. Leningrad, for example, lost one third of its three million citizens during the Nazis, 900-day siege. After the war, Stalin purged a million more. Today they face an uncertain national future.

The aspect of Soviet life that struck me most was the widespread inefficiency. One of the reasons that there is comparatively little innovation is that during and after the 1917 Revolutions (both the March bourgeois and October Communist ones), much of the middle-class fled the country. With them went some of the best brains and most of the imagination. Also, 85% of the 1917 population was peasantry, and it takes a long time to establish a tradition of high education among the descendants of such illiterate folk.

Leningrad itself is a beautiful, bustling city, truly the second capital of the Soviet Union. Art, industry, government, education,

tourism and trade all find a home there. The argument that it is a showplace for the critical eyes of the West is hardly valid, for there are now 135 communities in the Soviet Union where there are tourist centres, and more are planned.

Leningrad has an interesting history. Built as Saint Petersburg by Peter the Great in the early 1700's, its old district composed of Italian, German and French architecture of the eighteenth century. Wide avenues and boulevards give the feeling of space and openness. The river Neva flows through the heart of the low-lying city and most of the major tourist attractions lie on its banks. No tourist, either foreign or domestic, should miss the Hermitage, once the Tsar's Winter Palace and now one of the world's finest art museums. Next in importance and interest is Palace Square with its magnificent column of Saint Peter and beautiful arch, Peter-Paul Fortress, Saint Isaac's Cathedral, the Corn Exchange and its shipping monuments, and life along Nevsky Prospekt. The shops lining Leningrad's main shopping area are an education in themselves, and a Sunday service at Alexander Nevski Monastery is a must.

Outside Leningrad, at Pushkin, is Catherine Palace, built for the wife of Peter the Great. On the other direction, on the shores of the Gulf of Finland is Peter Palace. Both were either badly damaged or almost completely destroyed during the Nazi occupation from 1941 to 1944. Novgorod, a lengthy jaunt of 200 kilometres further into the country, is the former capital of Russia, and contains a Kremlin and several Byzantine-influenced cathedrals and monasteries. While our group stayed in Leningrad, we attended a ballet, opera and circus. We visited a score of museums at various times. Leningrad and its environs are dripping with things to see, and learn from.

The Metro is fascinating, as its walls are constructed of marble and elaborate plasterwork, with chandeliers hanging from the ceilings. That much-used form of public transport (private car ownership in urban area is discouraged) is clean, cheap and extensive. A passenger pays 5 kopeks (about three pence) no matter how far he plans to ride; while up on the streets, electric trams and trolley buses are equally cheap and busy. During the busy hour, the public transport system is packed. Once on the Metro during such a hectic time, I was literally picked off my feet, carried into the train and at our destination swept out of the door—all done without touching the floor or moving my feet.

Consumer goods were in adequate supply in the shops, yet there was little choice and variety. The only queues we saw were created out of the unproductive way of Soviet shopping: people must queue to price an item, queue again to pay for it at the cash register (no cheques or credit cards of course), and then wait in line once more to present the receipt and collect one's purchases.

The food was satisfying but not spectacular. In order to stretch foodstuffs further, rolls were often filled with cabbage or diced apples and cinnamon, and soup was a bit watery and also laced with cabbage.

Desserts were modest, but those with a sweet tooth supplemented their diets by visits to the confectioners, where the chocolates, the caramel and the nut rolls delighted even the most discriminating. Because the water was a threat to intestinal goodwill, we were served plum and lime mineral water. The travel agents warned us not even to brush our teeth with the brown liquid.

Several guides repeated that Leningrad experiences an average of only 60 days of sunshine a year. We were blessed with four of them. It showed twice, but besides that the temperatures were not exceedingly low. Unlike Britain's, Leningrad's climate isn't highly humid, thus the cold doesn't penetrate the flesh and bones so easily.

One of the trip's highlights was when I travelled by Metro to my friend Sergei's flat in the suburbs. His wife Olga served me with traditional Russian Cuisine of baked chicken, buttered rice and plums. Their one-and-a-half year old son entertained me with his antics. After we had eaten, we watched the news on television. Sergei and Olga interpreted it for me; I was especially interested in the item about El Salvador. It was a very memorable evening.

The whole trip was a time of reflection and growth for me. By the time we flew back to London, I appreciated popular, intelligent democracy much more and realised how much all of us take for granted. I do not think the standard of living in the Soviet Union is as poor as the Western media would have the public believe, and yet I would never want to live there, nor have that system forced upon me. At the same time, economies and governments are not worth blowing the world to bits for; nothing lasts for ever in this world, and that includes national boundaries and ways of living.

Michael Luick.

Sixth Form Room

It was decided, at the beginning of the Spring Term, that the Sixth Form Common Room was in urgent need of repair; and so was formed the "Common Room Select Committee for Redecoration" consisting of five of the room's most frequent visitors, under the watchful eye of the school's groundsman who acted as supervisor and shop-steward. The decision was taken to paint it fire-orange, pine-forest blue, and poppy-red, although there was one member of the team who seemed bemused at the colour sense of today's youth.

Work started at 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday afternoons, often fifteen minutes earlier but never fifteen seconds later. The shock of having to substitute a bracing game of rugby at Sandylands for the scruffy confines of the common room eventually wore off and we settled to the task with relish. With the initial mundane sanding and under-coating out of the way, it was on to the emulsioneering and glossing, and things really began to take shape. A certain member of staff was heard to say that he was "highly delighted" with our efforts. At last, after seven weeks of toil, backache and stiff necks, the room was

finished. We decided that there should be no pompous ceremony at the opening of the "new" room, so we settled for the customary 3 o'clock coffee break, only this time with chocolate biscuits, signalled as always by a shrill blast on his whistle by our supervisory steward.

Not only has the painting improved the room, it has also improved the standard of darts, the proportion missing the board and hitting the wall being significantly smaller.

R.A.B. (6Sa)

Edo Art

Early, on Wednesday the 17th of February, 15 members of the fifth and sixth forms, lead by Mr. Cawood and Mrs. Sarraff left Skipton railway station on a visit to the "Great Japan Exhibition" at the Royal Academy, London.

The hours up to lunch were spent shopping in Oxford Street. After lunch and a walk down Regent Street the exhibition was reached.

On display were some fine examples of Japanese paintings, textiles, ceramics and lacquerwork of the Momoyama, and Edo periods (1568-1868).

Of particular interest were two suits of armour belonging to Hideyoskiski—a dictator of the early Edo period—and the screen painting of a tiger by Nagasava Roxtou.

After several hours the party returned to Skipton, after a tiring but worthwhile day.

J.M.S.

Chess Club

The club has had a very successful year. A new venue and some new sets have done much to improve the popularity of the game, although most of the support still comes from the junior forms.

An event which has proved popular has been the knock-out competition. At the time of going to print this is in its final stages but the earlier rounds certainly revealed a keen competitive spirit within the School.

We have also played our first friendly fixture, a team of first form boys taking on a select team from Gisburn Road School, Barnoldswick. Despite some sterling efforts by our boys they were defeated by a team with several county players and a wealth of league experience.

It is hoped that other fixtures can be arranged next year and that support for the club is maintained.

C.T.

Twenty Five Years Ago

(From *The Chronicles, Autumn 1956 and Spring 1957*).

J. R. Chapman was head of school; heads of houses were M. Austin, B. Ward, A. A. Brown, M. G. Whittaker, M. B. Nutter, K. Reid.

Mr. A. M. Gibbon was still holding the reins as acting headmaster. At the Old Boys' dinner, Mr. Gibbon pointed out that the school served the whole of the Craven area. Out of 408 boys in the School, only 107 were Skipton boys. Indeed, there were not as many Skipton boys at the school in 1956 as there had been at Toller's Grammar School 460 years before when the population of the Parish of Skipton was 2,000. The 260 boys who travelled each day from other parts of Craven, principally from Barnoldswick and Earby, far exceeded the number from Skipton.

James Bridie's "Tobias and The Angel" was produced by H.C.R. in the town hall with exotic oriental effects and a live dog in the cast. A member of the English staff, Jack Bevan, published a slim volume of verse "Dragon's Teeth," a copy of which is still on the library shelves. It was reviewed in the Chronicle by H.C.R.

It was recorded that twenty-five years before, i.e. in 1931, the number on the roll had reached 300 for the first time in history.

The 1st XV, accompanied by Messrs. Swainson and Evans, went on tour in Ulster, playing three matches. During the season, the first team beat Lancaster, Keighley, Giggleswick, Sedbergh, Ashville, Ripon, Roundhay and Leeds; lost to Bradford and Heath; and drew with the Old Boys. The second XV lost 5 and won one game.

At Cross-Country, the School beat Leeds G.S. Hartley won the school race, narrowly, from Craven. Seventh place in the senior race was taken by W. J. Paley.

The Mountaineering Club went up Pen-y-Ghent and Rylstone Craggs, and down several potholes (with borrowed ladders).

The death occurred early in 1957 of Miss Florence Shuttleworth who had been our only lady member of staff, teaching Art for over twenty years from 1918-1938 and again during the war.

Mrs. Coulthurst generously donated £5,000 towards the building fund for the projected Memorial Hall, bringing the sum needed near its target. The Old Boys had already raised £1,000.

The School Fund raised £50 a term; three editions of the Chronicle cost five shillings a year, so that the price has increased only four-fold over a quarter of a century.

The choir, conducted by John Brown, appeared on television in a broadcast from Kirkby Malham church. The School Concert included a 'cello solo by R. L. Whittaker, as well as a performance of Faure's "Requiem", to which "the choir did justice."

Crossword Solution

Solution to puzzle in our last edition:

Across: 1, Expletives. 5, Primate. 8, Aloha. 10, Vie. 11, Relish. 14, Vector. 16, Pi. 17, Vu. 20, Et. 22, Bap. 23, Planar. 25, PE. 26, All. 27, Magi. 28, At. 31, Nordic, 33, Knot. 35, Ed. 36, Fad. 37, Ayatollah.

Down: 1, Empire. 2, Tot. 3, Quadruple. 4, Moet. 6, Ills. 7, Eg. 8, Ave. 9, Lice. 12, SP. 13, Hierarchy. 14, VC. 15, Oval. 19, PLO. 19, In. 21, RE. 22, Bat. 24, Am. 25, Picket. 28, Atoll. 29, SNCF. 32, Red. 34, Soh.

Culled from the Corridors

5th *Form essays:*

"As father of three young children your hens continually never stop making a noise which means they find it difficult to sleep."

A meat dish named "ghoulash" (the devil's brew?)

Some cosmopolitan correspondents included: Dmitri Quarkaday, Elentherios T. Bradford and Omar Quisling.

A 3rd *Form geographer* recommended "the amenities and phyllites" of a place.

2nd *Form Science:*

"The water was never hot, and when it was, it soon went cold again."

"I weighed accurately approx. 10 gm of calcium carbonate."

2nd *Form English:*

"At dawn, the birds were singing their mourning song."

"The Stories of the Arabian Knights."

"He was tough, with a brawny Scottish accent."

1st *Form:*

"She was wearing a fur coat."

R.K. "Moses was keeping his father's flock-in-law."

Maths: "Why are they called right-angles, sir, when some go to the left?"

A *graffito*: "Is the Rubik Cube a cubic ruse?"

Badminton

On 30th March, the inter-house Badminton tournament took place at Sandylands Sports Centre. It was organised by members of the sixth form. Two pairs represented each house, each pair playing every other pair in the opposing teams. The total number of points each pair scored in a game was added to the house total, the maximum points in a game being 11, and each team playing 12 games.

Ermysted's, having the benefit of more experienced players from local badminton clubs, took an early lead which they maintained throughout the contest. The other three teams fought a hard battle for the remaining positions.

The scores were:

Ermysted's	132
Toller	74
Petyt	70
Hartley	64

We hope to stage this event on a regular basis in future.

A.J.K.

Cross Country Day

Conditions were unfavourable for good running on March 9th, the day being extremely cold and very windy and the sodden ground made the going heavy. However, the runners worked hard and some relatively good times were in fact achieved.

This year the Annual Cross Country was somewhat innovatory, both at the Start and Finish. The reason for this was that the Police, in order to avoid a considerable traffic hold-up on the Grassington road, had asked if there was some way in which it could be possible to ensure that runners reached the Brackenly Lane junction in groups and not as a continuous stream. It was decided to experiment by reversing the order of starts, sending the Seniors off first, followed by Intermediates, Juniors and Prelims—each race starting five minutes after the previous one. This did in fact solve the traffic problem. It had been recognised that this stratagem would cause congestion at the Finish and so to circumscribe this problem four separate funnels, one for each race, were constructed. The success of this ploy was displayed by the smooth conclusion and recording of all the races.

In the Senior Race, Ian Whyte was a most convincing winner being a considerable distance in front of the battle that was being fought for second and third placings. Richard Holden who finally beat off a strong challenge gained second place with Andrew Paton achieving third.

The Intermediate Race saw Chris Gilham once again romp home in fine style—another very impressive victor. He was pursued doggedly by Peter Atkinson who ran a fine personal race to finish in second place. Melvin Amos was a surprise third finisher who looked strong and full of running as he came in—a runner to watch out for next year.

David Schindler, Alex Howarth and Paul Adamson shot off to a fine start in the Junior Race and soon pulled clear of the pack. This early lead was extended as the race progressed as Schindler began to edge clear of Howarth, while Adamson, who could not sustain their blistering pace, began to drop back. Schindler's final devastating attack left Howarth trailing some distance behind. At the finish Schindler had acquired a notable lead over his younger opponent who had stolen a similar lead over Adamson. David Schindler is an excellent runner but Alex Howarth also deserves congratulations for his gutsy run.

The Preliminary Race was all the more interesting in that during the season no clear favourite had emerged. However, the issue was soon settled beyond all doubt as Stuart Phillips tore away from the field and forged forward in imperious style. He was vigorously chased by Stephen (Whippet) Whitaker who displayed courage and stamina in attempting to tame the whirlwind that moved irresistibly along in front of him. In third place, was Stephen Ellwood who has trained hard all season and fully deserved this position after a fine personal performance.

The races this year showed unquestionably that we have at Ermysted's a fine set of runners who could, given the necessary encouragement, aspire to County and even National recognition.

May I record my gratitude to all Staff for this estimable help on the day and especially to D.E.H. and M.S. whose efficiency and administrative capabilities once again ensured a trouble-free operation.

(W.J.P.)

ANNUAL CROSS COUNTRY RACE—9th MARCH, 1982

RESULTS

Senior	Intermediates	Juniors	Prelim
1. I. D. Whyte	C. I. J. Gilham	D. J. Schindler	S. M. Phillips
2. R. W. Holden	P. J. Atkinson	A. Howarth	S. D. Whitaker
3. A. Paton	M. Amos	P. Adamson	S. Ellwood
4. A. V. Stringer	S. Phillips	R. W. Hudson	J. A. Oddie
5. A. D. Wiseman	S. M. Barnwell	N. D. Heseltine	S. Beck
6. T. Reid	P. R. Ragg	D. A. Watts	M. W. Jones
D. Cawley	A. J. Hothersall	W. A. Robertson	J. C. Waddington
8. R. M. Smith	J. M. Spensley	C. A. Lambert	G. F. Beck
9. M. M. Scales	R. J. Lambert	S. D. Gilbert	J. P. Watts
D. R. Matthews	S. R. Beaufoy	J. E. Abbott	P. J. Rowbottom

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP

	E	P	T	H	TIMES
Senior	176	383	124	338	31m. 13s.
Intermediate	371	495	423	606½	21m. 52s.
Junior	683	857	900½	829½	16m. 46s.
Preliminary	338	396	161	336	16m. 47s.
TOTAL	1568	2131	1608½	2110	
POSITION	1	4	2	3	

Football Reports

Football Retrospect 1981-82

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Obviously, this was a good season, yet the first team was tinged with disappointment. Runaway victories were intermingled with narrow defeats in crucial games at Wakefield, Leeds and Normanton. The pack were magnificent in all these games, acutely embarrassing some prestigious scrummage formations by heaving them unceremoniously backwards and outplaying them in the loose. The backs at this stage had good and bad days but in fairness to them they were rarely able to turn out the same formation for successive games. Both Cawley and Bullough had protracted injuries and several others minor ones. Sayer was converting himself to a centre, a process which was minimally disruptive due to his adaptability. Nevertheless through this problem time, one always believed that there was considerable potential in the side, that above all they believed in themselves and in Ireland's leadership. The players least sure of their places early in the term developed very significantly so that by the second term we had a genuine team with several reserves who could play without weakening the unit.

Spring term was enjoyable with no disappointments. Tremendous momentum was injected by a 12-11 victory over unbeaten Hipperholme on their mountain with seven reserves playing. If a side, or the half that played, does not have an element of confidence after such a win then they never would. A strong Doncaster side and Bradford were both beaten in a Spring term which passed without defeat. Team spirit, morale or whatever was excellent. Young players like Towers, Whyte, Rae and Throup all came into the side for several games without detracting from its efficiency or ability to cope with difficult situations. In fact, each contributed something to the team game that possibly was not there before and we look to them, along with Canny, Toseland, Wadsworth and Holden to provide the basis of a similar side next season.

This season's record does not quite compare with that of one or two of the more illustrious sides in recent years but it so easily could have. We rarely struggled for supremacy up front: the front row, Byrne, Canny and Davison were confident, robust and technically excellent. The back five were mobile, hard tackling and, above all, ball-winners in most situations. One major factor in any success achieved was the rapid adaptability of the pack to the new laws. The backs took longer to settle down but eventually became an effective combination particularly in defence where Sayer and Cawley closed up the midfield. One tackle of Bullough's in the Old Boys' match where he came from the left wing to take a winger at the right corner flag typified the never-say-die spirit. We look forward to next season with optimism, hoping in addition that both players and coaches will get as much pleasure as has been the case this year.

J.A.H.

TEAM CHARACTERS

J. F. IRELAND (1980-81-82) Captain

Despite two "dog-collars", a broken fore-arm and an early season mountaineering accident, "Fred" Ireland missed surprisingly little of the school season and proved himself a fine captain whose robust, committed and intelligent back-row play was a genuine inspiration to the side, crucially, at moments when real leadership of a determined quality was needed. On the field of play the most notable aspect of his approach was his intelligent control of tactics allied to his physical leadership from the front. Equally notable in the team's success, however, was his cheerful enthusiasm off the field, shown in his day to day commitment to and encouragement of rugby which rubbed off so markedly on the junior and senior members of the side alike.—G.L.T.

J. CANNY (1980-81-82) Hooker, Colours, Vice-Captain

A player of great ability who has been useful in all phases of play. A hooker of considerable flare, invaluable in the tight and loose and who has given the side many points with his boot. He has deservedly held a Yorkshire place this season and is an obvious candidate for captain next season.

S. BYRNE (1980-81-82) Prop, Colours

An excellent loose head prop. He has proved to be a brilliant scrummager with an effective technique. A fit member of the pack, he is also useful in the loose.

H. DAVISON (1979-80-81-82) Prop, Colours

This year's team comic who often finds it hard to vent his aggression into the game. Nevertheless, an exceptionally strong prop who has been rarely in trouble all season and has proved useful in all aspects of the game.

D. TEAL (1979-80-81-82) Second Row, Colours

A player who has been somewhat plagued by injury in the latter part of the season, but his consistent line-out jumping has been another main source of good ball for the backs. An effective scrummager whose fitness has sometimes been in question.

D. ROGERS (1981-82) Flanker, Colours

One of the real grafters in the side whose wide out game, and rucking and mauling ability have been invaluable to the side, providing much clean, tidy, ball. An extremely fit and mobile player who can be relied on in all aspects of the game.

M. THORNTON (1980-81-82) Flanker, Colours

Another hard working member who completes the force of the back row. A very fit player who possesses an ability to get his hands on any loose ball. He is a strong tackler who is always quick to the breakdown.

N. WARING (1980-81-82) Scrum Half, Colours

He is a player whose agility at the base of the scrum provided a fast delivery to the backs, but on occasions lapses in concentration put other team members under pressure. A player of considerable intelligence who will prove a strong member of next year's side.

D. WILKINSON (1980-81-82) Fly Half, Colours

A flyhalf of considerable ability whose skill has set the back line in motion to good effect. A reliable touch kicker who also possesses the ability to break the opposition's defence. As the season has progressed, he has greatly improved as a runner.

D. CAWLEY (1980-81-82) Centre, Colours

The most elusive player in the team whose unrelenting pace has enabled him to break through the tightest of defences. When fully fit, his running with the ball proved him to be one of the outstanding backs.

P. SAYER (1981-82) Centre, Colours

A sound and reliable player whose courage has halted many attacks and scored many a try. Although his fitness has sometimes not been that of a centre, he has always had the ability to straighten the line and was missed when ill as he would always give of his best.

C. BULLOUGH (1980-81-82) Winger/Centre, Colours

A very strong and elusive winger whose speed was a great asset to the side although injury hampered him early in the season. He had proved a versatile player with a useful boot especially evident when playing centre.

J. REES (1981-82) Second Row, Half Colours

Another player lacking 1st XV experience who filled the second row position admirably. He has proved a useful scrum technician with his presence always being felt, although his aggression was not always channelled into the game.

D. SIMCOE (1981-82) Prop, Half Colours

This year's second team captain whose several appearances with the 1st XV were much appreciated. He is an intelligent player with considerable ball skills, who sometimes lacks aggression. He is an exponent of the rolling maul.

S. HARROP (1981-82) Full Back, Half Colours

A player of good positional sense and considerable ability who is also reliable in defence and attacks with penetrating crash bull runs. His contribution to 1st XV rugby has been much appreciated this season.

J. WADSWORTH (1981-82) Winger, Half Colours

A very powerful runner whose ability to break the tackle was a positive advantage to the side. Although rather inexperienced in his positional play, his strong running gained many points for the side.

G. TOWERS (1981-82) No. 8

Although inexperienced at 1st XV level, he has proved himself a valuable asset to the side who late in the season fixed himself a place in the team. His services will be invaluable next year.

I. WHYTE (1981-82) Flanker

Another player lacking experience who sets himself a very high work rate and who takes pride in being first to the breakdown.

A. RAE (1981-82) 2nd Row

He made his debut late in the season and played very well, a useful prospect next season.

G. THROUP (1981-82) Hooker

He came to the fore late in the season due to J. Canny's forced absence. He has filled the gap to great effect, being a fit and mobile player. He should try to improve his line-out throwing, however.

R. HOLDEN (1981-82) Winger

A player with great acceleration who possesses great ability to beat his man. His contribution to the side was most welcome.

J.F.I.

1st XV Match Reports**v. Kirkham G.S. Sept. 12th (A) Won 10-0**

In ideal rugby conditions, the School totally dominated the whole of the game, even though not much preparation had been made. Good ball was gained in both scrum and line out, but was not always fully capitalised on. The score at half time was 3-0 due to a successful John Canny penalty attempt. This was added to shortly after the interval by another John Canny penalty. The highlight of the game came midway through the second half when strong running from winger Chris Bullough resulted in a try in the corner. Unfortunately the conversion attempt failed. (S.H.)

v. Lancaster R.G.S. Sept. 19th (A) Lost 30-0

Despite the result, the team put up a spirited performance. The forwards displayed strong scrummaging, and mauling, winning some good ball for the backs. Unfortunately, though, through no lack of effort, were unable to capitalise, being beaten by superior backs. (J.D.W.)

v. Heath, Sept. 26th (H) Won 59-0

In a game totally dominated by the Ermysted's team, the forwards provided the backs with a stream of good possession, and throughout the game the new-look back division had ample opportunity to string together a series of effective moves, resulting in most of the backs crossing the line. The front five dominated and succeeded in driving Heath off all their possession whilst Teal and Rees were unopposed in the lineout. The game provided a much-needed boost to the confidence of the team, who used the match to iron out small faults whilst playing attractive, running rugby, much to the delight of the crowd.

v. Giggleswick, Sept. 29th (A) Drawn 10-10

The school travelled to Giggleswick expecting a relatively easy game, but this attitude, along with the unfavourable, humid, conditions provided a rather unexciting match. The match started untidily and the lack of practice was very evident. However, the school managed to convert some pressure into points with a penalty kick by Canny. In the second half, some solid rugby was played and after a good scrum against the head, Wareing scored from the back of the scrum. However, the try went unconverted. Giggleswick replied with a good deal of pressure and were rewarded with a converted try. From then on, the match was dominated by the school but their efforts went unrewarded until Canny kicked a difficult penalty from the right-hand touch. Ermysted's looked to have the match sewn up when Giggleswick kicked a controversial penalty and took the score to 10-10. All in all, a disappointing performance by both sides. (N.T.D.)

v. Ripon, October 3rd (H) Won 26-0

Under the new captaincy of J. Canny (J. Ireland having to pull out because of illness) Ermysted's played some of their best rugby up to date. It took only a few minutes for stand-off Wilkinson to put E.G.S. in the lead with a try under the posts which Canny converted with ease. With the forwards providing good clean ball for the backs, the new centre partnership of Bullough and Sayer scored 3 well-taken tries between them, Bullough running half the length of the field to score his second try. Towards the end of the match flanker Rogers scored a well-deserved try leaving the Ripon side humiliated by this 26 points to 0 defeat.

v. Pontefract, October 6th (A) Won 60-0

Ermysted's 1st XV impressively notched up their 4th victory so far this season when they travelled to Pontefract on October 6th. J. Ireland, the captain, scored the first two tries from the No. 8 position, on returning to the side after a recent illness. Then great forward play enabled the backs to run rampage and rain in a further 10 tries. J. Wadsworth with a combination of strong running and aggression scored four fine tries. D. Wilkinson and P. Sayer scored two spectacular tries each and Holden and Wareing also went over to make the final score 60-0. Canny added six conversions. (R.W.H.)

v. Q.E.G.S. Wakefield, October 10th (A) Lost 19-9

A very commendable performance by Ermysted's brought about one of the closest games between the two schools for a number of years. The first half, however, belonged to Wakefield, scoring 19 points to the school's 3. All three tries came from their powerful backs who looked extremely dangerous in attack. In the second half, the Ermysted's pack started to dominate, strong running from Teal and Davison brought the school near to scoring on several occasions, but unfortunately the deserved reward of a try just never came. Sayer and Holden in the backs, with some determined running, showed that the Wakefield defence could be penetrated, but in the end, Ermysted's had to settle for three penalties, two by fly-half Toseland and one by hooker Canny. (D.W.)

v. Leeds G.S., November 3rd (A) Lost 17-0

The school travelled to Leeds expecting stiff opposition forward play, but in good, if not very warm conditions, the school pack dominated from the first whistle. With excellent line-out ball from Teal and good front-row control in the scrums, the ball was often supplied cleanly to the backs, but due to injury problems and lack of penetration, full advantage wasn't taken. Leeds had a weaker pack than expected but any ball obtained was put to good use by their swift backs along with good linking up by their back row. There were fine performances from John Canny who hooked well especially against the head and also there was the welcome appearance of Whyte who showed sensible control of loose ball. (H.D.)

v. Army Apprentices, November 5th (A) Won 21-6

School came into the match aware of the fact that they would be facing a well disciplined, physically fit team. It was Ermysted's, however, that controlled the first half through superior scrummaging and confident handling through the backs. Sayer opened the scoring for School with the first of his 2 tries when he 'squirmed' his way under the posts, following typical centre crush ball. Canny converted and School were six points in front. After sustained pressure, Sayer completed a well-worked backs move to go over close to the corner and Canny's dependable boot took the School into the second half 12 points in front. The second 40 minutes proved to be a closer contest with the Army side producing more fluent rugby in particular in the backs. However, their early pressure didn't pay and indeed School extended their lead with a J. Canny penalty. The last ten minutes involved hectic end to end rugby involving impressive close handling among each set of forwards. The Army side finally obtained some reward for their competent play when, after swift back play, they scored under the posts and converted an easy kick. School made the match safe when two minutes later Wareing completed a fine individual effort to score; the conversion put the match out of the opposition reach. (C.L.B.)

v. Harrogate, November 7th (H) Won 15-14

Ermysted's expected a difficult game as they knew the Harrogate team had several players in the North Yorkshire side. Fine scrummaging by the Ermysted pack provided their backs with perfect ball, from which Bullough went over for a well-executed try, which was converted by Canny. From a penalty, Harrogate obtained a useful 3 points as their next score was from a try on the wing, giving them a one point lead, as the conversion was not successful. In the second half Ermysted's put

on the pressure with extremely strong forward drives in the scrum gaining several yards. With added pressure, Wareing scored under the posts giving Ermysted's another six points. Harrogate scored again from a penalty move, using both forwards and backs, but the try was not converted. In spite of good attacking play by Ermysted's, a foolish mistake gave Harrogate's kicker an easy 3 points with only a few minutes left. The determined Ermysted's pack again applied pressure, causing the Harrogate forwards to give away a difficult penalty, but it was well kicked by Canny and Ermysted's won 15-14.

v. Normanton, November 14th (A) Lost 14-0

Ermysted's travelled to Normanton fielding an injury-prone side. Playing down the slope in the first half, the school set off well, dominating the scrum, the front row particularly excelling but mounted attacks fell short of the line and the ball was cleared by the Normanton backs. Several penalty attempts were missed by both goal kickers and the score remained 0-0 at half-time. An early try in the second half gave the school the incentive. A sustained patch of pressure in Normanton's half again terminated as back and forward alike failed to penetrate. Two quick breaks with suspect tackling gave Normanton two tries and the match.

v. Ilkley, January 23rd (H) Won 22-0

After a long lay-off, School started scrappily with very little good set ball for either sets of backs and the early exchanges were quite even with school being under a large amount of pressure for the first quarter of the game. School gained the upper hand, mid-way through the first half, following a fluent back movement which led to a try by Bullough in the corner. School further asserted their superiority with tries by Rogers, Wareing, Sayer and Cawley, with one being converted by Wilkinson. The win was comparatively easy, although sterner opposition will be faced next week, especially with certain members absent for various reasons. (S.P.H.)

v. Hipperholme, January 30th (A) Won 12-11

Hipperholme, unbeaten in their previous sixteen matches this season, were as expected a tough side. Playing up the hill against the wind in the first half, a depleted Ermysted's put up a brave defence against a strong attack. Cawley at fly-half was outstanding and showed his versatility. Hipperholme scored 11 points and Rogers a good try for the school. In the second half, a determined school attack was rewarded when, after fine work by the pack, Simcoe was put over for a try. Hipperholme defended well, but in the last minute a mistake in clearance led to a try by Thornton to give the School a well deserved victory. Outstanding for the school were captain Ireland and the back row. But it was a fine team performance all round. (D.S.)

v. Doncaster, February 20th (H) Lost 9-6

The game started with little commitment from the Ermysted forwards but this was slowly rectified as the game progressed and some good ball towards the middle of the first half gave the Ermysted's backs a chance to show their prowess. But they were denied a try by the solid Doncaster defence. An offside decision against the Doncaster back row, gave C. Bullough a chance to put Ermysted's in the lead. He did so with a fine penalty kick from outside the 22. Towards the end of the first half pressure from the Doncaster side resulted in a five yard scrum. Doncaster, the better scrummaging side on the day, didn't have too much difficulty in taking the scrum over the line for a touchdown try. The try was converted leaving the score at 6-3 at half time. The second half saw the Ermysted's side dominate the game. The forwards started providing some good clean ball, and the backs were again unlucky not to score, although good cover tackling cannot be denied the Doncaster team. A scrummage just inside the 22 was cleanly hooked by Throup. Good passing from the half-backs gave C. Bullough a chance to take the ball on crash from P. Sayer. He split the defence to touch down for what was a fine try. Bullough converted the try, making the score 9-6. The Doncaster side never really looked like taking the game from then on and Ermysted's came close to scoring on several more occasions.

v. Bradford, March 6th (H) Won 10-7

The school faced their last game of the season hoping to defend an unbroken home record. The conditions were unfavourable, with a gale force wind blowing. Ermysted's elected to play into the wind in the first half and Bradford immediately applied the pressure scoring a quick try from a clean forwards move. Ermysted's then set up a spirited reply, battling back up the touch with tight forward play, and Wilkinson kicking for touch, despite the adverse wind. Despite such a fine performance by Ermysted's, the score was 7-0, with Bradford dropping a goal late in the first half. In the second half, the School, through Wilkinson's boot moved into Bradford's 22

and with a fine try, Davison notched up Ermysted's first points. With Skipton forwards gaining much clean ball, they were soon back in the 22. A maul developed on the opposition line and Davison, with a spirited effort scored his second try which was converted by Bullough. The score was now 10-7 and Ermysted's slackened off but although Bradford with good work by their forwards applied a lot of late pressure, Ermysted's solid defence withstood the onslaught and left the pitch after playing some solid rugby in the most commendable all round performance. (J.F.I.)

2nd XV 1981-82

Considering all the losses to the first XV through promotion and injury the Second XV had a fairly successful season, winning eight out of fourteen matches.

Although there were some poor performances against weaker teams such as Giggleswick, on the whole the team played well throughout the season but at times lacked consistency. The wins over Hipperholme and Doncaster were perhaps the best wins of the season, although one of the best performances came when losing to a very strong Wakefield side.

Simcoe captained the side with enthusiasm and aggression and scored some important tries from his position as prop. The pack on the whole was a strong one and scrummaged well, although being a bit slow in the loose. Throup and Hartley were outstanding.

The backs were not at full strength until after Christmas but played reasonably well all through the year, Naylor and Toseland playing well.

Throughout the year the team played with great enthusiasm and should provide some very capable first team players for next year.

D.S.

Colts Rugby, 1981-82

P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Against
13	6	7	0	170	247

Team: Wilson (Captain), Puente, Gallagher, Davison, Webster, Atkinson, Beaufoy, Read, Alderton, Spensley, Hall, Patrick, Bellerby, King, Whyte, Holmes-Dolan, Newbould, McGowan, Gilham, Wilkinson, Barnwell, Worthington, Doyle, Midwinter.

Leading try and points scorers:

Patrick 35, Hall 20, McGowan 20, Beaufoy 16, Dolan 16, Puente 16, Wilson 12.

This season, the side perhaps lacked the buoyant consistency of the previous year, and as a result of several lack-lustre performances incurred several defeats which were largely responsible for the fact that over 200 points were conceded. Also, the lack of a truly effective blend of threequarters beyond the half-backs seriously hampered the side. Nevertheless, the forwards when galvanised with fire and passion were once more a powerful force, both as individuals and as a corporate unit. On occasions, their instinctive harmony as an attacking unit rent their opponents asunder and rendered them perplexed. The principal contributors were Atkinson and Puente, varacious foragers both; the admirable Davison, whose line-out work and aggressive mauling were a sight to behold; and Beaufoy, a speedy flanker with the genuine hallmark which epitomises a natural number seven.

Behind the scrum, the controlled play of half-backs Hall and Patrick developed successful tactics to support the pack with accurate kicking, adept use of the narrow side and, in break-play, a sensitive awareness of the presence of the supporting breakaways. Even in adversity, the morale of the side never flagged, and for this all credit must go to the captain, Wilson, whose firm leadership and personal play commanded the respect of his team mates. Certainly, there is enough talent in this year's side to suggest that many will play an effective part in the senior XV's in next season's campaign.

C.I.D.

JUNIOR COLTS, 1981-82

September 12, 1981. Kirkham, Away. Won 18-12.

Try scorers: Schindler (2), Winteburn (2). Conversion: Harrison.

September 16th, 1981. Lancaster, Home. Lost 30-26.

Try scorers: Harrison, Bottomley, Padgett, Holme, Winterburn (2). Conversion: Jones.

September 26th, 1981. Heath, Away. Lost 16-8.

Try scorers: Beck (2).

October 3rd, 1981. Ripon, Home. Lost 9-0.

October 15th, 1981. Giggleswick, Away. Won 26-6.

Try scorers: Worthington, Binner, Beck, Adamson, Schindler.

Conversions: Harrison (3).

- November 7th, 1981. Harrogate, Away. Lost 20-14.**
 Try scorers: Winterburn (2), Beck. Conversion: Harrison.
- November 14th, 1981. Normanton, Home. Won 24-0.**
 Try scorers: Winterburn (2), Adamson, Schindler (2), Beck.
- November 21st, 1981. Roundhay, Away. Lost 13-9.**
 Try scorers: Harrison. Conversion: Harrison. Penalty: Harrison.
- January 16th, 1982. Ashville, Away. Cancelled.**
- January 23rd, 1982. Ilkley, Away. Drew 12-12.**
 Try scorers: Padgett, Schindler, Winterburn.
- January 30th, 1982. Hipperholme, Home. Won 28-10.**
 Try scorers: Adamson (2), Peyton, Bellerby, Beck (2).
 Conversion: Winterburn (2).
- March 6th, 1982. Bradford, Away. Lost 30-0.**
- March 15th, 1982. Hayden, Home. Won 10-6.**
 Try scorers: Winterburn, Harrison. Conversion: Constantine.

BRADFORD INVITATION SEVENS TOURNAMENT

- v. Bradford. Lost 3-0.**
- v. Doncaster. Drew 12-12.**
 Try scorers: Harrison (2), Schindler.
- v. Leeds. Won 14-0.**
 Try scorers: Adamson, Winterburn (2). Conversion: Beck.
- v. Woodhouse Grove. Lost 14-6.**
 Try scorers: Harrison. Conversion: Harrison.
- The team members included: Heseltine, Constantine, Adamson, Worthington, Strange, Abbott, Harrison, Schindler, Bingham, Beck, Webster, Binner, Williamson, Bottomley, Holme, Padgett, Winterburn, Wallbank, Firth.

Report

P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Against
12	5	6	1	175	164

The Junior Colts have enjoyed a very satisfactory season with five convincing wins and several narrow defeats. In spite of being outweighed by most of the opposition, there was a high level of courage and commitment given by a large proportion of the players. In particular, the tackling of captain Harrison and prop-forward Beck were extremely memorable and contributed largely to the side's success.

The half backs Schindler and Harrison, at the tender age of 14, are very experienced campaigners, having played together consistently over a period of seven or more years. This experience proved a vital asset to the side, inducing an infectious level of confidence into the rest of the players. Beck, Webster, and Winterburn all contributed greatly and improved consistently as the season progressed, becoming fine all-round forwards. In the threequarters, Heseltine switched from centre to full back with great success and gave many courageous displays, whilst newcomers Strange, Constantine and Adamson made fine progress as their knowledge of the game increased.

There is an abundance of talent in this side and when they learn to start playing from the initial whistle instead of waiting until they are 10 points in arrears they will win many more of their matches.

V.R.

Their performance in the Bradford Sevens was almost memorable. Every man tackled as though his life depended upon it. They beat Leeds, the eventual finalists, with dismissive ease, lost to Bradford who had beaten them by 30-0 in XV's by a single dubious penalty goal, but achieved the ultimate in moderation by losing to Woodhouse Grove 2nd VII.

J.A.H.

Old Boys' Chronicle

OBITUARIES

JACK SWALE (61).

On leaving school in 1940, Jack joined the Royal Navy, where he ended up as Petty Officer. Afterwards he spent his life in the Local Government Service, in Settle and later in Ingleton.

FREDRICK MAXFIELD (71).

He served with the army in France and Belgium during the war; he was the senior partner in Maxfield Bros., the oldest established building business in the Dales, until its close down in 1978.

THOMAS FEATHER (70).

He died in November last year at his home in Salisbury, Wilts.; a schoolmaster, he had been head of Wilton Secondary Modern for 24 years, retiring in 1972. He was at Ermysted's 1923-1929, then graduated at Birmingham University and served in the R.A.F. during the war.

DEREK G. ASHBY (46).

Derek spent his life as a schoolmaster, working in Germany for the International School in Hamburg, and latterly in Driffield, as head of the German department. He had also worked for the Volkswagen company in Germany.

LAWRENCE PRESTON (76).

Died in a road accident in the West Midlands; he worked until retirement in the signals department of the Railways.

C. S. RUSSELL (71).

Clifford was on the staff of Skipton Post Office for several years before the 1939/45 War. Later he became the Postmaster at Buxton and afterwards at Scarborough before he retired in 1971.

J. SHIMWELL (53).

After leaving school in 1945/6, John entered the Civil Service. He was with the then Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in Newcastle for several years before going to the Income Tax Division of the Inland Revenue. In the early 1970's he was transferred to the Customs and Excise Division of the Inland Revenue where, as a V.A.T. Officer in the Nottingham area, he was instrumental in the introduction of V.A.T. to a large part of Northern England.

MARRIAGES

Peter Leatt to Miss Margaret Read at Emsbay Methodist Chapel.
Chris Taylor to Jane Poulson, at St. Bartholomew's Church, Colne.

OLD BOYS' NEWS

Randall E. Nutter has taken early retirement after over 30 years in the teaching profession. At the time of his retirement, Randall had been the Head of the lower school at Aireville School, Skipton for 20 years.

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M. D. Whittaker has graduated B.Eng. in Electrical and Electronic Engineering at the University of Bradford.

M. C. M. Parker has gained the degree of B.Tech. in Materials Science and Technology at Bradford University.

C. J. L. Fountain (1960-68) is a partner in a firm of solicitors Messrs Martin L. Cohen and Co., 1 Yarm Lane, Stockton-on-Tees.

In October, we were pleased to see David Yelland on holiday with his family from Australia where he has lived since 1961. David is a teacher at Geelong in Victoria. Keenly interested in sport, he is an experienced referee in the Soccer League.

His brother, John, returned to England several years ago and, involved with a car hire firm in Bristol, is soon to move to Ludlow.

John Ward (1926-31), on holiday from his home in Buenos Aires, visited the school in September. Formerly of Long Preston, where his father was Headmaster of the Primary School, John took a degree in Chemistry at Leeds, joined I.C.I. and worked for a number of years in both India and the Argentine.

Andrew Spencer played in the North of England rugby trial recently.

Norman Haighton, who is a Senior Executive Officer for the D.H.S.S. in Newcastle, has gained an Award from the Nuffield and Leverhulme fellowship, to enable him to travel 'around the world', assessing various uses of Visual Display Units.

Martyn Paley recently gained a Ph.D in Physics at Nottingham University. He now works for Kodak Ltd. in Harrow.

Richard Smith, of Carleton, has been elected as a Special member on the Milk Marketing Board.

Richard Dinsdale recently passed his final law exams; he works for the Skipton firm of Savage, Crangle & Co.

D. J. Preston, having obtained a B.Sc.(Hons) in Pharmacy at Ashton University, has now been admitted to the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain.

Andrew T. Brown gained a Ph.D at Leeds University, researching colour chemistry.

Chris Taylor is a partner in a C.B. accessory shop in Skipton.

Philip Wharfe is the deputy chief electrician at the new Mermaid Theatre in London.

Stephen Parish, a computer programmer with Racal-Redec Ltd., Tewkesbury, has recently been on a six-month working trip for his firm in California.

Parents' Association

This year has once again seen the Parents Association as active as in past years, working hard at ways to raise money for the School which is more than ever required in the present economic climate.

We started the school year in the happy position of having £1,510 in the funds, after paying £100 towards the cost of a bassoon for the school orchestra and £550 towards the cost of the computer. Our development fund was under way and we were assured of at least a further £250 from this source.

The insurance scheme started last year was proving popular with 182 boys enrolled.

At our first meeting we asked Mr. Woolmore what he would like for the School and some of the items included chairs for the Memorial Library, tapes for the V.T.R. and a cabinet in which to store them; also money would be required later for the construction of a building at the Sandylands Sports Centre to be used by both the girls' and boys' schools, the girls to share the cost, for the storage of sports equipment.

Mr. J. Shepherd was appointed to fill the vacancy as parents' representative on the Board of Governors, and a letter of thanks was sent to the retiring member.

An application to turn Millfields Hall into an amusement arcade was vigorously opposed by the Association, and we are pleased to report that the application has been turned down.

In November we were asked to purchase a set of English textbooks for the Middle School and although the P.A. took the view that the County should pay for these, they also took a realistic look at the present financial situation and of course agreed to give the money.

The Christmas Draw was put in hand, as usual, though the actual draw was delayed till the January Concert, owing to the very bad weather. The response was excellent and a valuable £400 was raised.

A joint girls' and boys' school P.A. dance was held at the High School and this was a very enjoyable occasion, the funds of each school being £100 better off for the effort. Following this social event it was decided to hold a "Lasagne and Wine" evening on 10th May, and we should like to record our thanks to the Oats Restaurant for the facility.

The final fund-raising effort this year will be the renamed "Summer Fair" and the P.A. would hope that this event will receive everyone's support as never has the need to assist the School been greater than it is today.

D. Colman, President.

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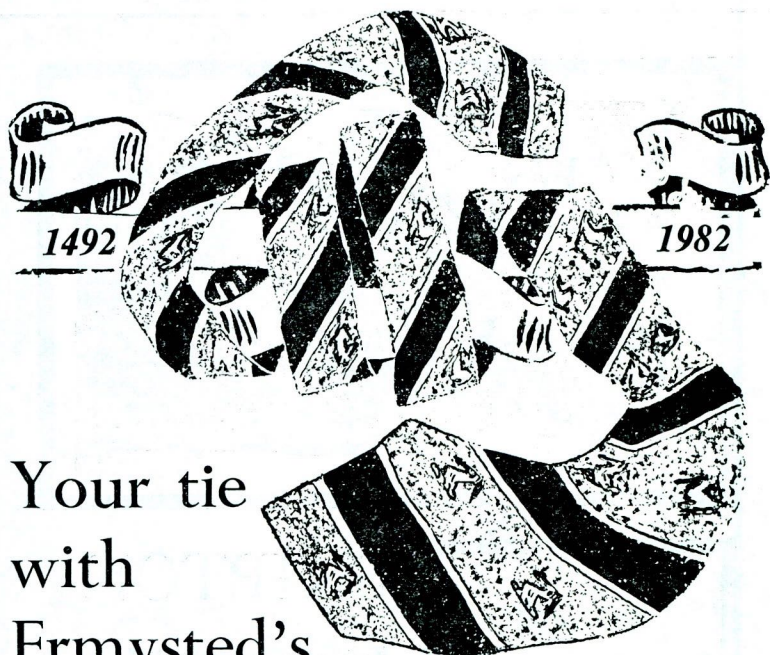
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