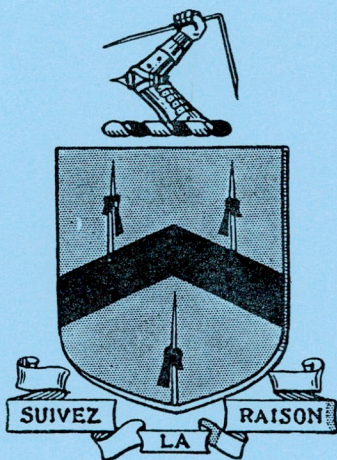


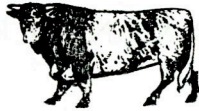
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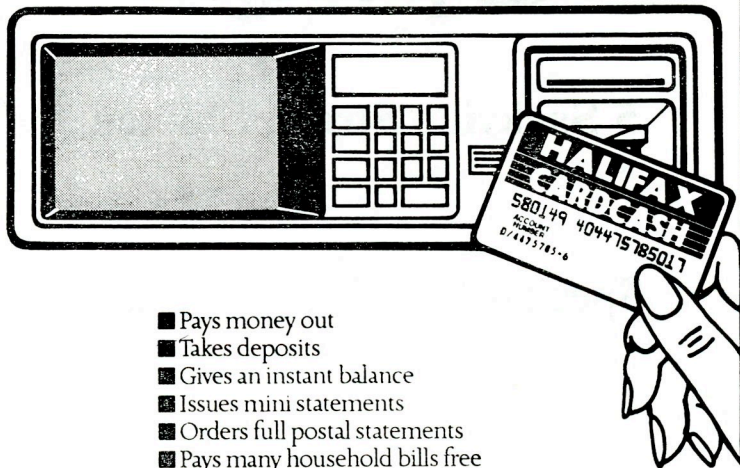
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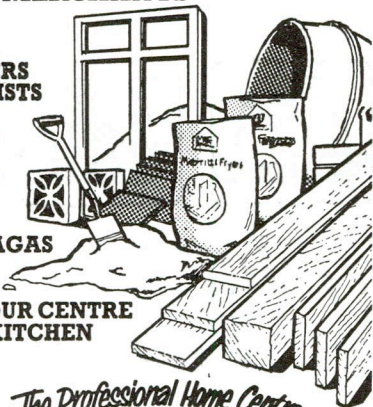
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Vale W.L.J.

Mr. Jones decided, for health reasons, to resign from the staff of Ermysted's at the end of the summer term 1986 after twenty-nine years as a master.

As a boy at Ermysted's from 1942-1950, W.L.J. had a distinguished academic and sporting career. He was head of Petyt House, vice-captain of the 1st XV and won the Longden Smith Rugby Prize; he was, in addition, a playing member of the Skipton R.U.F.C. On the athletics field he was both Preliminary and Junior Champion and held four sprint records for many years.

On leaving school he went to Leeds University and after graduating completed his National Service in the R.A.E.C. before being appointed to the staff of his old school in 1957.

Both in and out of the classroom Mr. Jones made an abiding contribution to the school. Though, as a personality, quiet and unassuming, he was conscientious and thorough in all he tackled, combining sound scholarship and a lively interest in his subject with genuine concern for the progress and welfare of the boys. He taught Latin throughout the school, from first form to University entry, but also made a valuable contribution in the pioneer days of sixth form general studies, as well as taking some English lessons with junior forms. He was also active in many other areas of the school's life: he coached Colts rugby and, for a time, organised athletics. Mr. Jones was Housemaster of Hartley and for a decade organised the school's internal exams. Together with colleagues, he took parties abroad, to Rome and Venice in 1960 and to Luxembourg in 1967. He was, for fifteen years — in succession to H.C.R. — editor of the *Chronicles*. In those days they appeared termly, which means that there were some forty-five editions which he produced and saw through the press, an achievement which he executed with his customary efficiency during the school holidays.

As an informed specialist in the school's history, Mr. Jones was (unofficially) keeper of the Archives and Silverware. It was this expertise which enabled him to mount the exhibition on Speech Day, 1976, to commemorate the centenary of the school on its present

site, a task which required some months of research and letter writing in order to discover, collect and display the mementos and exhibits of the past.

Mr. Jones was a staunch upholder of all those values for which the school stands and he transmitted them to his pupils by exercising a firm but kind discipline. All those who knew him, colleagues and boys, will wish him a long and rewarding retirement.

Vale S.W.

The Reverend Stuart Westley left us in October 1985. He joined the staff of Ermysted's in September 1973 to take charge of Religious Knowledge throughout the school. An Old Boy of Manchester Grammar School and a graduate of Emmanuel College, Cambridge (where he read Mathematics and Theology), Mr. Westley served in the Anglican ministry for eight years in a Liverpool parish before joining the staff of Arnold School, Blackpool, followed by Bramhall County Grammar School and Denstone College.

Mr. Westley was responsible for the preparation of some two hundred morning assemblies each year and arranged for numerous guest speakers to address the school, as well as being instrumental in producing the school's own mini hymn-book. In addition to teaching R.K. and some mathematics, he ran courses on statistics and computer theory for sixth form General Studies and was closely involved in introducing and administering the course work option taken by most of our candidates for A level General Studies. In 1984 he gained the Diploma in Advanced Studies in Education at Manchester University.

Many and varied were the other contributions which he made to the school and a brief list will indicate the extent of his involvement with and dedication to the life of Ermysted's. He organised the entrance examinations for applicants for admission; and the annual Christmas party for handicapped children from Brooklands School. He selected and prepared competitors for the "Top School Quiz" sponsored by Keighley Junior Chamber. There were numerous meetings and conferences, visits and expeditions (to Ripon, York and Fountains), and he introduced the "World Trade Game" which became a regular feature for boys in the lower sixth after the summer exams. He also recruited participants for the national "Stockpiler" investment competition. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme which now flourishes in the school was another of his concerns and he did much of the pioneer work in launching it at Ermysted's. Every year, too, there were Charity Appeals and Sponsored Walks which he promoted for Christian Aid, Help the Aged or other causes, the proceeds from which over the years ran into many thousands of pounds.

That some of these activities seem now to have lapsed is a measure of the contribution which Mr. Westley's organising skill made to the school. He has decided, after twelve years at Ermysted's,

to return to the parochial ministry and we wish him well in his new appointment as Priest in charge of St. John the Evangelist, Higham, and St. Peter Simonstone in the Diocese of Blackburn.

Avete

September, 1985.

- 6Sb: Avis, A. C., Hartley.
 Bentley, D. M., Ermysted.
 Charters, G. C., Toller.
 Rawson, J. O., Toller.
 Schosland, C. P., Hartley (returned).
- 6Mb: Carter, A. J., Toller.
 Grillo, R. E., Hartley.
 Mann, R. J., Hartley.
 McIntosh, A. J., School House.
 Moody, N. J., Hartley.
 Teal, A., Toller.
- 5W: Mysorekar, D. S., Toller.
- 5G: Barrow, J. G., Hartley
 Carr, A. R., Toller.
- 4T: Hamilton, A. M., School House.
- 3B: Hamilton, I. A., School House.
- 3W: Crabtree, A. M. Petyt.
 Lund, R., School House.
- 2D: Breare, N. A., Petyt.
 Spruce, S. J. L., Hartley.
- 2C: Olby, P. M., Toller.
 Varney, C., Toller.
 Wilman, D., Toller.
- 2M: Ash, N. D., Hartley.
 Fox, D. J. S., Ermysted.
 Graham, T. M. W., Petyt.
 Hutchinson, A. P., Toller.
 Mansfield, A. R., Petyt.
- 1V:
 Ermysted: Burnett, R., Calvert, R. G., Cartman, C. L., Hussain,
 L. G., Kershaw, D. J., Rickerby, C. D., Roberts, N. M.,
 Sample, A. P., Shorrocks, S. E.
- Petyt: Badrock, S. M., McKeown, J. M., Maude, D. J.
- Toller: Carling, M. R., Clarke, A., Harrison, T. M., Hodgson,
 D., Riley, R. W.
- Hartley: Normanshire, D. J., Roberts, M. R., Sheppard, S. N.,
 Spencer, M. P., Spensley, P. J.
- 1P:
 Ermysted: Mason, J. P., Stephens, D. W. (School House), Wilkin-
 son, S. W. T.
- Petyt: Collyer, J. R., Ford, B. L., Ingham, M. B., Oliver, M.
 A., Speak, G. L.

- Toller: Barthram, T. P., Bayley, M. A., Clark, D. K., Edwards, M. J., Hird, N. D. D., Thompson, G. D.
- Hartley: Bullock, M. A., Chambers, M. B., Clamp, S. R., Green, M. J., Preston, A. D., Whiteley, R. J., Whittaker, L. D., Wilkinson, T. J.
- 1G:
- Ermysted: McConville, J. M., McDonald, J. W., Newstead, A. J., Wiggan, C.
- Petyt: Best, M. A., Gower, S. N., Howe, I. G., Hussain, I. H., Lynch, J. P., Matthews, J. A., Percival, D. T.
- Toller: Boothman, W. M., Curtis, A. D. K., Lovell, J. D., Parr, R. J., Rayner, A. S., Robertson, S. P.
- Hartley: Coates, B. P., Denison, M., Drinkwater, I., McDuff, M., Preston, C. S., Toothill, N. J.

December 1985

3B: J. R. Martin, Toller.

T. Stern, Petyt.

2D: R. J. Martin, Toller.

May 1986

3W: C. J. Illingworth, Petyt.

Valete

November 1985: S. J. Caukwell, 6Sb, Ermysted, September '80; D. Clarke, 4S, Toller, January '84.

December 1985: D. T. Garrett, 3W, Ermysted, September '83.

March 1986: A. R. Tiffany, 6Mb, Hartley, September '80.

June 1986: R. W. Parker, 6Sb, Ermysted, September '82; A. J. Thorogood, 6Sb, Hartley, September '80.

July 1986

6Ma.

N. R. Andrews, 1st XI, Petyt, September '79.

A. J. Brown, Head of Hartley, 1st XI, September '79.

R. S. Buckroyd, Captain of Rugger, 1st XI, Ermysted, September '83.

J. Carman, Toller, January '82.

A. W. Davies, Hartley, September '79.

M. S. Elsworth, Toller, September '79.

M. J. Eyles, Hartley, September '84.

P. R. McCartan, 1st XI, Petyt, September '79.

D. Morris, Hartley, September '81.

S. A. Padgett, 1st XV, 1st XI, Head of Ermysted, September '79.

S. J. Simon, Toller, September '81.

A. C. Thompson, Toller, September '85.

A. J. Whitehead, Hartley, September '84.

S. M. Williamson, 1st XV, 1st XI, Hartley, September '79.

T. Woodburn, Orchestra, Ermysted, September '83.

6Sa(B).

- M. R. Anderton, School House, September '83.
 T. Armstrong, 1st XV, Ermysted, September '82.
 M. W. D. Binns, Hartley, September '84.
 K. P. Bottomley, Ermysted, September '79.
 G. J. Brown, 1st XV, Toller, September '84.
 R. Cawley, 1st XV, Toller, September '83.
 R. S. Chapman, Toller, September '84.
 J. M. Earl, 2nd XI, Brass Band, Golf, Ermysted, September '79.
 I. N. Hall, Toller, September '79.
 J. S. Halliwell, Hartley, September '84.
 S. Hanks, Hartley, September '81.
 M. D. Heseltine, 1st XV, 1st XI, Hartley, September '79.
 C. Holmes, Toller, September '79.
 D. C. Ilott, Petyt, September '84.
 R. A. Lumb, 2nd XV, Ermysted, September '84.
 R. M. Oxley, Petyt, September '79.
 N. B. O. L. Pettit, Petyt, January '82.
 P. D. Raw, Hartley, January '82.
 D. J. Schindler, 1st XV, Cross-country, Toller, September '79.
 G. J. Schofield, Hartley, September '79.
 M. G. Shadenburg, Toller, September '83.
 G. M. Strange, Deputy Head of School, 1st XV, Captain of Cricket, Petyt, September '81.
 A. J. Thompson, Petyt, September '79.
 S. Wallace, Petyt, September '80.
 A. S. Wallbank, Petyt, September '79.
 D. A. Watts, Head of School, Captain of Cross-country, Brass Band, Petyt, September '79.

6Sa(P).

- J. E. Abbatt, Ermysted, September '79.
 C. Barker, Head of School House, September '80.
 J. P. Bentley, Ermysted, September '79.
 A. Bingham, 1st XI, Brass Band, September '79.
 P. J. Bloomfield, Ermysted, September '79.
 S. J. Carling, Hartley, September '79.
 G. Cawley, 2nd XV, Toller, September '83.
 M. D. Emsley, Toller, September '81.
 T. N. Firth, Toller, April '81.
 G. A. Fisher, Ermysted, September '84.
 S. J. Frame, 1st XV, Petyt, September '84.
 S. J. Goodwin, Orienteering, School House, September '80.
 A. I. Hamilton, Toller, September '79.
 P. G. Harris, Toller, September '80.
 M. R. Harrison, 1st XV, Toller, September '79.
 P. J. G. Hartley, Toller, September '80.
 A. J. Huntrods, Toller, September '79.

- C. B. Jones, Ermysted, September '79.
 P. Martin, Petyt, January '83.
 A. Moorhouse, Toller, September '79.
 P. Neal, Orienteering, School House, September '79.
 U. D. P. Phillips, Petyt, September '79.
 P. J. Shaw, Golf, Hartley, September '81.
 S. Shuttleworth, Head of Petyt, September '79.
 P. J. D. Strafford, Toller, September '79.
 I. R. Webster, 1st XV, 1st XI, Brass Band, Petyt, September '79.
- 6Mb.
 I. R. Colman, Toller, September '80.
 N. J. Hirst, Toller, September '82.
 N. J. Moody, Hartley, September '85.
- 6Sb.
 J. Anderton, Petyt, September '80.
 A. C. Avis, Hartley, September '85.
 P. W. Naylor, Ermysted, September '80.
- 5W
 R. I. Evers, Ermysted, January '85.
- 5C
 S. Beck, Petyt, September '81.
 G. Coates, Toller, September '81.
 C. Fernandez, School House, September '83.
 N. A. Grimshaw, Hartley, September '81.
 C. R. Hunter, Petyt, September '81.
 J. A. P. Socha, Ermysted, September '81.
 A. C. Spurgin, Ermysted, September '81.
 J. C. Waddington, Toller, September '80.
 D. G. Wall, Ermysted, September '81.
- 5G
 C. W. Allen, Petyt, September '81.
 S. Barrett, Petyt, September '81.
 C. W. Bowes, Petyt, September '81.
 R. M. Owens, Toller, September '81.
 R. A. Porter, Ermysted, September '81.
 P. I. J. Scott, Ermysted, January '82.
 D. E. Thorborn, School House, September '81.
- 2C
 D. N. J. Cook, School House, September '84.

School Notes

Autumn Term begins 29th August, 1985; ends 20th December.

Half Term holiday: 21st-25th October, 1985.

Founders' Day: Saturday, 14th December, 1985.

Spring Term begins: Monday, 13th January, 1986; ends
 27th March.

Half Term holiday: 10th February to 14th February.

Careers Evening: 11th March.

Swimming Sports: 24th March.

Music Concert: 26th March.

Summer Term begins: 14th April; ends 18th July.

May Day holiday: 5th May.

Half Term holiday: 26th-30th May.

G.C.E. begins: Thursday, 22nd May.

School exams begin: 27th June.

Speech Day: 8th July.

Autumn Term begins: Thursday, 28th August, 1986; ends
Friday, 19th December.

Half Term Holiday: 27th-31st October.

1st XV Home Matches, 1986-87:

23rd	September	Giggleswick.
30th	„	Pontefract.
4th	November	Leeds.
8th	„	Normanton.
15th	„	Crossley Heath.
29th	„	Prince Henry's.
13th	December	Old Boys.
31st	January	Hipperholme.
3rd	February	Wakefield.
7th	March	Kirkham.

The Autumn Term began earlier than usual, perhaps the earliest ever, on 29th August, 1985. There were 544 boys in the school but the staff remained unchanged, no new master having joined our ranks. This must be almost unique, at least for many decades, and the editor's researches have failed to discover a Chronicle which did not contain at least one "Ave—." In November, however, Mr. Westley left us, Mr. Sellers taking over the greater part of his R.K. timetable, while we welcomed Mrs. A. Lynch, who returned to teach Mathematics.

In February, moreover, Mr. W. L. Jones went into hospital to undergo heart surgery. The operation was successful but Mr. Jones's convalescence proceeded more slowly than expected, and, though he called in to see us during the summer, he has decided to resign from the staff with effect from the end of the summer term. Mr. Williamson took over Mr. Jones's Latin teaching and we were happy to have the services of Mrs. S. Muhlemann to take some classes in Mathematics.

We extend our sympathies to the family and friends of Mark Bromage (2M) who died suddenly in February.

Peter Clarke's successor as caretaker is Mr. Tony Stearn. He took up his post in November 1985 and has fitted quietly into the school's routine, be it in boiler room or tuck shop.

Industrial Action by certain sections of the teaching profession in furtherance of their campaign for a pay settlement led to some disruption of the school's routine during the year. Lunch-time supervision was reduced and a number of out-of-school activities and functions were abandoned. There were no opportunities for parents to meet the masters and on several half days, when some fifty per cent of the staff were on strike, a number of classes were instructed not to attend school. In all other respects, however, the school functioned normally and has emerged from the dispute unscathed.

In November, representatives of Craven College addressed the Fifth Form outlining the opportunities for post O-level studies at the College.

Among the various visits and expeditions organised during the year, the following have come to our notice: Two groups of boys from 6 Modern (one with a party from the High School) attended powerful performances by Arthur Miller's "Death of a Salesman" given "in the round" at the Royal Exchange Theatre, Manchester, in November. Later in the year a large contingent attended a study day on "King Lear" at the College of Ripon and York St. John. Twenty sixth form Biologists spent a day on a course at Leeds University Department of Biochemistry in April; and as part of "Industry Year", ten fourth formers paid a visit to Keighley Lifts.

Pendle Productions visited the school in March to present a modern version of "Macbeth" to an audience of O level candidates from Ermysted's and the High School. The small company with multi-role playing actors gave an original interpretation of the Shakespearian classic.

Four boys (G. Charters, A. Gower, M. Perry, J. Collyer) attended an audition at Wakefield for the National Festival of Music for Youth. All are members of the Harrogate and Skipton Area Schools' Concert Band.

Messrs. Armstrong and Kelly organised a skiing party to France in December, spending Christmas abroad. Although "good snow" proved harder to find than expected, all were able to practise their skills.

The annual careers evening in March was again well attended and a good number of senior boys were able to discuss prospects with representatives of a wide variety of professions.

We offer our congratulations to Mr. J. Armstrong and Mr. C. B. Davies on the occasion of their marriages at the end of the Easter Term, and give the couples our best wishes for their future happiness.

Sponsored walking (or running or swimming or cycling) for charity has again been in evidence during the year with boys waving sponsor forms at their friends and relatives, extorting promises of 2p a mile or 10p a lap. The only result which has reached us tells of £358 raised for Christian Aid in September 1985.

Mr. Paul Johns, Chairman of the local C.N.D. group, recently gave a talk at South Craven School on the Moral and Ethical Justification of Nuclear Disarmament, a video recording of which was shown at Ermysted's to an interested (though largely converted) audience.

A cartilage operation led to Mr. Huntsman being "strapped up" for a while in the summer though still able to take P.E. classes and supervise games. His recovery was rapid and he is confident of being fit for the rugby season.

We are pleased to record that Mr. P. J. Wherity, after several years' experience as an O level examiner, has been appointed to the panel of examiners for physical Geography at Advanced Level for the J.M.B.

The Fleming Essay Competition attracted thirteen candidates, the winner being T. Paylor (6Mb) who selected as his title the (daunting) topic "Youth culture is a passive, escapist fantasy, a cover for safe conventional attitudes, breeding mindlessness and a lack of curiosity. Every time you listen to pop music, you give a vote to Thatcher." Honourable mention was given to A. J. Carter (6Mb) and T. Woodburn (6Ma).

The scripts were kindly assessed by Mr. Robin Moule.

Another video player has been acquired (a V.H.S. machine) for use in the rooms on the lower corridor.

Sundry building and maintenance operations took place during the year. The old concrete steps up to the top which had been crumbling for some time have been renewed and made good. The classrooms in the main block were all painted during the spring term, each one taking two days to complete. The forms thus evicted from their normal rendezvous sought accommodation elsewhere in a sort of "musical chairs" operation. Also, extensive re-leading and

renewal of the guttering on the main block should have put a stop to the creeping damp patches and (in the Common Room) the occasional drips of water from the roof.

The Sixth Form Common Room has been redecorated and furnished as a classroom while the Boarders' Common Room is to be equipped with study booths for P.S. In addition, the glass corridor is to be replaced during the summer with a better version of the same.

Perhaps the most useful acquisition during the year was the minibus, purchased through the generosity of the Parents' Association and the Governors of the school. It is a British Leyland "Freight Rover", 17 seater, in ermine white, inscribed with the school's name along the side and the coat of arms on the door. It has proved a valuable asset to the school and (after some initial trouble with the near-side wing mirror) has been much used for sports teams, theatre parties and other excursions. Mr. Wherity and Mr. Gill have undertaken the booking and administration for it.

The electric bell is now rung by an automatic timing mechanism installed in September 1985. It has proved somewhat more reliable than the human fallibility of the Lower Sixth rota of boys who previously operated it manually.

Whilst on the subject of bells, we now have on the window sill the bell from the old school on Shortbank Road which was rediscovered during the 1976 centenary celebrations. It has been donated by Messrs. Myers, antique dealers, of Skipton.

Dutch elm disease was diagnosed in many of the trees along the main and School House drive and during December a dozen or so were felled, lessons being orchestrated by the snarl of the lumbermen's mechanical saw. Saplings have now been planted along the drives as some compensation for the loss.

We congratulate S. M. Badrock (1V) on reaching the final of the Choirboy of the Year competition, in which he was one of sixteen finalists. In October, he appeared on Yorkshire Television with Mr. Scott as accompanist.

The Skipton Brass Band, under its conductor Mr. Paley and containing several boys of the school, took part in the National Brass Band Championships at the Royal Albert Hall in October. There were eighteen bands competing and we congratulate "our" band on finishing in third place.

General Studies Lectures, given jointly to the sixth forms of Ermysted's and the High School, have again provided stimulating materials for discussion. We heard Mr. John Watson, M.P., on "The work of a Member of Parliament"; Mrs. Elizabeth Peacock, J.P., M.P., on "Women in Parliament" and a lecture and film on "The work of the Water Authority".

In the summer term, two exchange students from West Berlin were attached to 6Mb. They were David Naegler and Ralph Buchwald, and they joined classes in English, German, Art and Economics. Their visit to Ermysted's was sponsored by the British Council.

The P. J. Osborne Memorial Fund has, during the year, helped to finance three theatrical occasions: visits to Ripon Cathedral for a performance of "The Winter's Tale" and to Manchester for "Death of a Salesman", and a co-sponsored performance of "Macbeth" given at Ermysted's by Pendle Productions Ltd.

We are happy to acknowledge our indebtedness for subsidies from this fund.

Ermysted's has, for some years, entered competitors for the National Schools Public Speaking Competition, the local heats being run by the Airedale Junior Chamber. Four senior boys competed this year, all from 6Mb: D. Bradley, N. Hirst, S. Oliver and D. Teal. Hirst having won the local round, choosing a topic on the general theme "Effective Communications", appeared in the Yorkshire finals at Beverley in February. He gave a fine, well-paced and forceful performance but was outclassed by the powerful opposition.

There have again been exchanges of students from Ermysted's and from the High School with our German twin town, Simbach-am-Inn. At the end of October, the German visitors spent four days in the Skipton area, partly in school, partly out and about. The annual football international was played at Sandylands (though enquiries have failed to discover the score), and they visited a farm as well as Skipton Castle. The English hosts went to stay with their German counterparts during the Easter holidays.

The winter of '86 was colder and wetter than usual. As a fuel-economy measure, the Christmas holiday was extended till 13th January (a week being added to the summer term to make up for lost time). Snow fell in April and the rain persisted, washing out the senior sports in May. It brightened, however, in the summer term, and a full cricket programme was completed. The Duke of Edinburgh's award hopefuls departed on their Lake District expedition; cricketers went touring the West Country and a party of nineteen

cyclists pedalled over the North Yorkshire Moors. Other events which have come to our attention include visits to the National Museum of Photography in Bradford, an examination of the Petyt Library, a School House barbecue and First Form trip to Windermere.

Whatever else the GCSE achieves, it has already produced its own crop of jargon. Our public exams will be conducted either by the JMB or the YHREB (both being Constituent members of the NEA Consortium) "Grade-Related Criteria" appeared, soon to be dubbed "going round in circles" as discussions were protracted. However, "assessment objectives" have at last been defined, "domains" identified and new syllabuses devised — then revised — and delivered to the school by the boxful. 'O' level "norm-referencing" is to be replaced by "criterion-related grades", the "National Criteria" for each subject having defined what should be known or achieved for each of the new grades A-G.

In the sciences, much greater emphasis will be placed on practical work; oral skills will be more important in modern languages and an "oral component", separately certificated, will be compulsory in English Language. Course work (internally assessed and externally moderated) will become a prominent feature in other subjects. Heads of Department have discussed implications and lines of approach at a series of one-day INSET meetings where they were able to consider the ramifications of the new exam and explore strategies for its implementation.

Peter Clarke retired from his post as caretaker at Ermysted's in November, 1985, departed for Canada where, shortly afterwards, we are happy to announce, he got married.

Except for his war service in the Royal Air Force, Peter had been caretaker here for 46 years, arriving by bicycle early in the morning, six days a week, and being last to leave at night. He was a familiar figure in boiler room or tuckshop, expert on pipes and plumbing and, by organising his team of assistants, did more than anyone to keep the school habitable, with broom and bucket, and the massive bunch of keys. He is still with us, however, having returned in January, to continue his work for us part-time.

As a tribute to his long, loyal and efficient service to the school, he has been made an honorary Old Boy.

We wish him and Mrs. Clarke all happiness for their future.

Mr. A. Sellers has been appointed to take charge of Religious Knowledge in the school from September, 1986.

Joining the Mathematics department we have Mr. J. R. Clementson, from Hexham, Northumberland.

Head of School elect (for 1986-87) is J. M. Capstick; P. A. Elliott is Deputy Head.

General Certificate of Education**November 1985.**

Passed in one subject: N. B. O. L. Pettit.

Summer 1986**'A' Level Results 1986**

* indicates grade A.

M. R. Anderton, gs, t, q^{*}; M. P. Armstrong, n; T. Armstrong, ar; J. Beck, t, ar; M. W. D. Binns, gs, q, n; K. P. Bottomley, cy^{*}, n; G. J. Brown, t, q; R. Cawley, m, p, cy; R. S. Chapman, t, n; J. M. Earl, q, m; I. N. Hall, p, cy, n; J. S. Halliwell, p, cy, n; S. Hanks, p, n; N. D. Heseltine, t; C. Holmes, gs, m, p, n; R. A. Lumb, gs, q; R. M. Oxley, gs, ar, p, n; N. B. O. L. Pettit, gs^{*}, m^{*}, fm^{*}, p^{*}, cy^{*}; P. D. Raw, n; D. J. Schindler, p, cy, n^{*}; G. J. Schofield, t, cy, n; M. G. Shadenburg, n; G. M. Strange, p, cy, n; A. J. Thompson, gs, p, cy^{*}, n^{*}; S. Wallace, t, cy; A. S. Wallbank, t^{*}, cy, n; D. A. Watts, gs, p, cy^{*}, n^{*}; J. E. Abbatt, gs, t^{*}, q, p; C. G. Barker, gs, m, p^{*}, cy; J. P. Bentley, t, p; A. Bingham, gs^{*}, p, cy, n^{*}; P. J. Bloomfield, t; S. J. Carling, gs, t; G. Cawley, n^{*}, fm^{*}, p^{*}; M. D. Emsley, m, p, cy; G. A. Fisher, m, p, cy; S. J. Frame, gs; S. J. Goodwin, gs^{*}, p^{*}, m, p^{*}; A. I. Hamilton, gs, m, fm, p; P. G. Harris, gs, m, p, cy; M. R. Harrison, m, p, cy^{*}; P. J. G. Hartley, gs, t, m, p; A. J. Huntrods, q, m, p; C. B. Jones, t, c, y; P. Martin, gs, m^{*}, fm, p^{*}; A. Moorhouse, gs, m^{*}, fm^{*}, p^{*}, cy^{*}; P. Neal, gs^{*}, m, p^{*}, cy^{*}; U. D. Phillips, p, met; P. J. Shaw, m, p, cy; S. Shuttleworth, m, p, cy; P. I. D. Strafford, gs, m^{*}, fm^{*}, p^{*}; I. R. Webster, gs, t^{*}, m, p; N. R. Andrews, t; C. J. Birtwistle, t; A. J. Brown, gs, lt, fr, g; J. D. Carman, gs, lt, hy; A. W. Davies, gs, lt^{*}, hy, t^{*}; M. S. Elsworth, gs; M. J. Eyles, t, ar^{*}; P. R. McCartan, fr, g; D. Morris, hy, t; S. A. Padgett, gs, lt, t^{*}, q; S. J. Simon, t, ar; A. C. Thompson, t, q; A. J. Whitehead, gs, q, g; T. I. Woodburn, gs, lt, t^{*}, q, ar.

Key:

ar, Art; cy, Chemistry; fm, Further Mathematics; fr, French; g, German; gs, General Studies; hy, History; lt, English Literature; m, Mathematics; met, Metalwork; n, Biology; p, Physics; q, Economics; t, Geography.

"O" Level Results 1986

5 W: G. F. Beck, el, gy, fr, ma, ph, ch, bi, wk; J. N. Bingham, el, gy, ar, fr, ma, ph, ch, bi; R. J. Bland, el, ei, gy, ma, ph, ch, bi; I. W. E. Brannan, el, gy, la, gn, ma, cy, bi; C. E. Brookes, el, gy, fr, gn, ma, ph, ch, bi; B. A. Chambers, el, ei, hi, gy, fr, ma, ph, ch, bi; S. J. Ellwood, el, hi, gy, fr, ma, ph, ch, bi; R. I. Evers, el, gy, ma; A. D. Frankland, el, gy, la, fr, ma, ph, ch, bi; I. N. Gallagher, el, gy, ar, fr, ma, ph, ch, bi; S. J. Goodson, el, gy, fr, gn, ma, ph, ch, bi; D. T. Ireland, el, gy, re, ma, ph, ch, bi; A. G. Johnson, el, hi, gy,

fr, ma, ch, bi; J. E. C. Lynch, el, gy, fr, ma, ph, ch, bi, mk; A. C. Martin, el, hi, la, fr, gn; M. R. Moulton, el, gy, la, fr, gn, ma, ch, bi; D. S. Mysorekar, el, ei, hi, gy, la, fr, ma, ch; J. A. Oddie, el, hi, gy, fr, ma, ph, ch, bi; S. M. Phillips, el, gy, la, fr, ma, ph, ch, bi; A. J. Ritchie, el, ei, gy, fr, ma, ph, ch, bi; P. J. Rowbottom, el, gy, fr, ma, ph, ch, bi, wk; J. M. Sanderson, el, gy, fr, gn, ma, ph, ch, bi; D. E. Speakman, el, hi, gy, fr, gn, ma, ch, bi; B. J. Stephenson, el, gy, fr, ma, ph, ch, bi; I. Stewart, el, gy, fr, gn, ma, ph, ch, bi; S. Strange, el, gy, fr, ma, ph, ch, bi; D. J. Turner, el, gy, ma, ph, ch, bi; D. R. Watson, el, hy, gy, fr, ma, ph, ch, bi; S. D. M. Whitaker, el, gy, ar, fr, ma, ph, ch, bi; S. J. Whittaker, el, gy, fr, gn, ma, ph, ch; J. G. Wood, el, gy, la, fr, ma, ph, ch, bi.

5C: S. Beck, el, gy, ph, bi, mk; J. E. Bradley, el, gy, ar, ma, ph, ch, mk; P. A. Clayton, el, gy, ma, ph, ch, bi; G. Coates, el, gy, ma, ph, mk; S. L. Cook, el, ei, hi, gy, ma, bi; R. J. Fawcett, el, ei, gy, ar, ma, ph, bi; C. Fernandez, el; N. A. Grimshaw, el, ma, ph, ch, bi; C. M. Hodgson, el, gy, fr, gn, ma, ph, ch, bi; A. M. S. Holmes, el, gy, ma, ph, ch, bi; S. A. Hopwell, el, gy, ar, ma, ph, ch, bi; C. R. Hunter, el; L. P. Jephson, el, gy, ma, ph, ch, bi, mk; D. C. P. Mills, el, ma, bi; N. A. Orcherton, el, gy, fr, gn, ma, ph, ch, bi; J. A. P. Socha, el, ma, bi; A. C. Spurgin, el, ar, ma, ph, ch, bi; M. S. Stephenson, el, ei, gy, ar, fr, ma, ph, bi; J. P. Throup, el, hi, gy, ph, ch, bi; D. A. Vollans, el, ei, gy, fr, ma, ph, ch, bi; G. R. Waddington, el, gy, mu, fr, ma, ph, ch, bi; D. G. Wall, el, re, ma, ph, ch, bi; J. P. Watts, el, ar, ma, ph, ch, wk; D. A. Willis, el, gy, ar, ma, ph, bi; J. P. Windle, el, gy, ar, fr, ma, ph, ch, bi; A. Yeadon, el, gy, fr, ma, ph, ch, bi.

5G: P. S. Adams, el, ei, hi, gy, ma, ch, bi; C. W. Allen, el; A. J. Avison, el, gy, ar, ma, ph, ch, bi; S. Barrett, el, ma, ph; J. G. Barrow, el, hi, gy, re; C. W. Bowes, el, ma, ph, bi, mk; A. R. Carr, el, ma, ph, bi, mk; J. D. Cockerill, el, ma, ph, ch, bi; A. D. Fergie, el, ma, ch; A. C. Gower, el, ma, ph, ch, mk; S. R. Hatfield, el, gy, ma, ph, ch, bi; D. T. Hayes, el, hi, gy, ma, ph, ch, bi; C. P. S. Hearnshaw, el, gy, ar, mu, fr, ma, bi; A. T. Holgate, el, ei, hi, fr, ma, ph, ch, bi; M. W. Jones, el, gy, ar, fr, ma, ph, ch, bi; R. A. Kemplay, el, ei, hi, ar, ma, ph, bi; G. W. Naylor, el, ei, gy, ar, ma, ph, bi; R. M. Owens, el, ma, ph; R. A. Porter, el, ma, ph; A. M. Richmond, el, ei, hi, fr, ma, ph, ch, bi; P. I. J. Scott, el, gy; A. M. Shaw, el, ar, ma, ph, ch, bi; N. A. Smith, el, ar, ma, ph, ch, bi, mk; D. E. Thorborn, el, gy, ma, ph, ch, bi; B. W. Turner, el, ar, ma, ph, bi; D. Wingate, el, gy, ar, ma, ph, ch, bi.

Sixth Form, single subjects only: G. S. Berry, gl; S. M. Dryden, gl; S. J. Ford, gl; S. D. Gilbert, gl, mk; R. W. Hudson, gl; R. W. Parker, gl; R. I. Turner, gl; A. C. Avis, gl; J. D. Bedford Turner, gl; D. M. Bentley, gl; J. D. Blackburn, gl; R. E. Cook, gl; S. D. A. Deery, gl; R. A. C. Greenwood, gl; M. D. Jones, gl; C. H. Meeson, gl; D. S. Midgley, gl; J. S. Whitaker, gl; D. R.

Bradley, gl; R. Grillo, gl; A. J. Mackintosh, gl; J. D. Malservisi, gl; R. J. Mann, gl; N. J. Moody, gl; S. I. Oliver, fr; P. Stott, gl; T. D. Wraight, gl; T. Paylor, gl; J. C. Robinson, fr.

Key: ar, Art; bi, Biology; ch, Chemistry; ea, English Language; ei, English Literature; fr, French; gl, Geology; gn, German; gy, Geography; hi, History; la, Latin; ma, Mathematics; mk, Metalwork; ph, Physics; wk, Woodwork.

The Governors

There have been a number of changes in the Governing Body during the course of the year. We heard with regret of the death of Dr. D. M. Morgan, a former vice-chairman who had served the school and his profession so well. The death was also announced of Mr. Norman Petty of Barnoldswick, a former governor, of the school and distinguished raconteur at Old Boys' dinners; and Mr. Arthur Coe, a governor for forty years, eighteen of them as chairman, has retired from the Board.

A recent change in the North Yorkshire County Council Regulations provides for the appointment of two teacher representatives on the Governing Body, elected by their colleagues, one to serve for three years, the other for two years.

The current list of Governors is as follows:

Foundation Governors.

Mr. R. L. Whittaker, Chairman.
 Mr. J. S. Spencer, Vice-chairman.
 Mr. C. D. Swinglehurst.
 Mrs. I. B. Alderton.
 Mr. F. Nutter.
 Dr. J. D. Robinson.
 Mr. K. Schofield.
 Rev. D. Aldred.
 Mrs. B. H. Watkin.

Parents' Association.

Mrs. M. E. Jeanes.

Leeds University.

Dr. A. J. Geddes.

Old Boys.

Mr. C. Reeder.

Representative Governors.

Mr. W. N. G. Hitchon.
 Mr. J. Tosney.
 Mr. N. J. Vaulkhard.
 Mr. H. M. Crabtree.
 Mr. T. N. M. Stow.
 Mr. J. Mason (Parents' representative).
 Mr. C. I. Douglass (Staff representative for three years).
 Mr. J. M. W. Bingham (Staff representative for two years).

The Study Cup, 1985-86

This cup is awarded annually at the end of the summer term on the number of alphas gained by each boy in the 1st to 5th form in the six sets of alpha lists produced annually. Effort rather than attainment will, therefore, be the criterion.

It is administered by a committee of senior boys comprising the four house captains and chaired by the Head Boy or his Deputy.

1st	Toller,	2636
2nd	Hartley,	2562
3rd	Petyt,	2299
4th	Ermysted,	1992

Library Notes

We are happy to acknowledge a donation of books by Mr. K. Hartley who was at the school in the 1930's. They include:

Randolph Churchill: "A Life of Winston Churchill" (3 vols.).

W. S. Churchill: "The Second World War", Vols. 1-6.

Bertrand Russell: Several volumes of Philosophy, including "A History of Western Philosophy".

We are sorry to lose the services of Mrs. Barbara Webster who left in July 1986 after eight years as Library Assistant, and offer our grateful thanks for the attention, care and concern she has shown for the Library during her time at Ermysted's. As her successor we welcome Mrs. A. Scales.

Founders' Day 1985

14th December, 1985

(Reprinted, with acknowledgement, from the Craven Herald)

A call for all old boys of Ermysted's Grammar School, Skipton, to covenant the price of "a packet of fags or a pint of beer each week," to help equip the school to move into the 21st century, came from Mr. Dick Middleton, this year's chief guest.

He was speaking at the annual old boys dinner, held in the school's memorial hall. In 1992, the school celebrates its 500th anniversary, and it is hoped that something really tangible will be presented to mark the occasion. Mr. David Higson, chairman of the Old Boys Society and a master at the school, suggested a minimum figure of £50,000. They now had over 950 members, and it was hoped they would soon top the 1,000 mark.

Mr. Middleton was at school from 1930-35, before leaving to join Skipton Building Society. In 1938, he joined the militia, as it was known, and shortly afterwards was called up and spent the next seven years in the forces in all parts of the world.

When he returned, he went into the timber industry, but continued his association with the school, joining the P.T.A. when his son was at school, and becoming fund-raiser "par excellence." He became chairman of that body, and a Governor of the school. Later, he moved to South-West England, and it was from his home in Exeter that he travelled North for the week-end's Founders' Day celebrations.

He was among a large congregation, who, in the morning, joined pupils in Holy Trinity Parish church, where the address was given by Canon A. C. Dobb, of West-houghton near Bolton, a friend of the school's music master, Mr. Edward Scott.

In the afternoon he watched the rugby match, where the school triumphed quite comfortably, while a cross-country race between school and old boys was also won by the school, but quite narrowly.

Mr. Middleton reminisced about his school days and beyond, in particular his war-time service where, he said, the discipline he had had instilled into him at school served him in good stead. He spoke of many of the characters of his school days, men who had helped to shape his own character. He was sure the school would continue to do that well into the next century, given resources, and that was why he appealed to the old boys for support financially.

HUMILITY

Mr. Middleton spoke of the pleasure, pride and humility the invitation to speak had given him, and proposed a toast to the school.

Responding, the headmaster, Mr. David Buckroyd, endorsed his appeal for funds, and said that their desperately needed building programme was merely waiting the go-ahead from the Department of Education and Science. It was his hope that the programme and their quincentenary would coincide, so that they could all truly celebrate and be thankful.

The society continued to flourish due, in no small measure, to the hard work of its officials and secretary David Smith in particular.

Striking a brief sad note, he paid tribute to the late Mr. Ken Hawkswell, an old boy and Governor, Dr. David Morgan, vice-chairman of the Governors, and more recently Derrik Hebden, all of whom, along with others, had died during the year.

There was better news of Mr. Norman Petty, following a leg amputation, but for Mr. Peter Clarke, he suggested, there was no hope. He had been caretaker at the school for 46 years, and a confirmed bachelor—or so all believed until his recent marriage. He was now in Canada, but was to be re-employed on a part-time basis in January, and all would wish him well.

Tribute, too, to the school secretary, Mrs. Eileen Gracie, and to Mr. Wally Evans, and yet another to the old boys for their contribution to the purchase of a new 17 seater mini-bus for the school.

LARGEST

The sixth form was the largest in the school's history, and so great was the demand for science in the sixth that students were having to be turned away. Last summer "A" level pass rate was 75%, slightly down on the previous year, but at "O" level it was up by two per cent at 82.4. Overall, numbers had increased to 544 and while many schools had falling roles and were having to shed staff, theirs was increasing, and they were entitled to appoint the equivalent of another one and a half teachers.

Unhappily, the increase was not reflected in the boarding house, and no longer were North Yorkshire "inaccessibles" available. They would have to recruit from further afield, and he called for old boys to help in that direction.

Dealing with sport, Mr. Buckroyd drew attention to the outstanding success of their rugby players, both collectively and individually. They had not so far lost a match, and picked up many representative honours. They hoped to round off the season with a tour of Jersey, but that would cost £3,000, and many and ingenious were the methods being used to raise funds. One was the presence of two of the more solid looking citizens from the first fifteen that evening, armed with a bucket in which they invited all present to make a donation.

In golf, they had not fared as well as their own high standards required, though Toby Gillgrass aged, 16, had captained Yorkshire Schoolboys, played for the North of England, and been a reserve for the national team.

Cricket, despite the soggy summer, had also been quite successful with only two defeats, while in athletics and cross country, their representatives continued to do them proud.

COMMUNITY HELP

Despite the industrial action, extra-curricular activities continued to flourish, while boys had helped in the community in various ways. They had also helped those less fortunate than themselves, with Cancer Research, Christian Aid, Help the Aged, Blind charities, Bradford City Fire Disaster appeal, handicapped children of Brooklands school, Operation Road Runner, Ethiopian Famine Relief, all benefiting to a greater or lesser degree, and in less than one term over £1,000 had been raised in a variety of ways for Ethiopia.

At the Founders Day service in the morning, an address was given by Canon Dobb, Vicar of St. John's Church, Wingates, Westhoughton, near Bolton, and special music included an anthem by the choir under the baton of Mr. Edward Scott, music master at the school. A brass group also took part. The Te Deum Laudamus was to the brass accompaniment of Gareth Green, a former pupil of the school.

Head Boy, David Watts, read the lesson, and at his request the record collection of £203.63 will be donated to the Helen House Hospice for terminally ill children. David consulted Mrs. Morgan, wife of Dr. Morgan, vice-chairman of the Governors who died recently, to enquire as to his favourite charity, and that was the one she recommended.

Organist was Mr. Peter Jamieson of St. Margaret's Church, Ilkley.

SOCIETY A.G.M.

Ermysted's Old Boys' Society held their annual meeting at the school.

Twenty-two members were present to hear that the membership had now risen to 950. The possibility of raising money by donation from the members to enable a presentation to the school in its quincentenary year, 1992, was also discussed.

The officers were all re-elected. Dr. B. Cartwright and Mr. L. Price were elected to the committee and Mr. C. Reeder was elected as the Old Boys' representative on the Board of Governors.

Cross Country

SCHOOL v. OLD BOYS

The cross-country race between school and the Old Boys was staged "over pastures new" from the Royal Oak Hotel, and proved undeniably to be the most successful function to date since the race was established on a permanent basis.

Run over a two lap course up Park Hill, the embankment of the by-pass, and then down through Skipton Woods and the canal tow-path, which thus enabled spectators assembled to cheer on the runners at half-way. The event was indeed one for the true cross-country connoisseur engaging tough hills, field and furrow and it was grand to see "old Eller-Beck" — which figured in ancient Ermysted's folklore, once more enjoying a glimpse of cross-country action.

The premier individual honours went to Roger Humphreys, formerly of West Craven, who triumphed in a time of 24 mins 5 secs., and even more precisely, again underlined the esteem in which the Founders Day fellowship is regarded, being one of a number of far-travelled competitors and having journeyed from Peterborough especially for the occasion. Runner-up was Ermysted's new sixth form recruit, Robert Grillo, who produced a "class" performance and led arguably the finest School team for many years to a splendid, albeit narrow victory, by 59 points to 61.

Also competing were a guest team from the illustrious and World famed IV Parachute Regiment, HQ. Company, who entered fully into the spirit of the Founders Day proceedings and echoed the sound applause for the School team amid the "after-math" speeches, which were well received all round. In the underadvertised three-way contest, the Para's just edged out the two principal sides, again by a narrow margin of the three points it was convivial sporting flavour as a whole which was the real winner, and could it be that if relationships with this distinguished forces unit are maintained and strengthened, there might be a case for the Regiment's Colonel in Chief Prince Charles gracing the School with his princely presence when the forthcoming five-hundredth anniversary arrives!!

First twelve in the race as follows: 1 R. Humphreys (Old Boys) (24.05), 2 R. Grillo Ermysted's (24.38), 3 C. Procter, Paras (24.58), 4 S. Thompson, Paras, 5 D. Watts, Ermysted's, 6 R. Ingham, Skipton (Old Boys), 7 A. Wilkinson, Barnoldswick (Old Boys), 8 P. Judge, Ambleside (Old Boys), 9 R. Hudson, Ermysted's, 10 J. Wilson, Paras, 11 P. Turner, Paras, 12 S. Phillips, Ermysted's.

Amongst the people who ensured the event's success special thanks were accorded to three "unrelated" assistants, Malcolm Barnwell, of Skipton and District Athletic Club, and local fell runner, Mark McGlincy for marshalling chores and the Royal Oak landlord Steven Shearer, for providing shower facilities for the "muddied" gladiators.

Christmas Music Concert

Thursday, 19th December, 1985.

Programme**ORCHESTRA**

Little Norwegian Suite

Erik Hansen

Pieces from "Swan Lake"

Tchaikowsky

PIANO SOLO: Daniel Feather

Sonatina in C

Dussek

FLUTE DUET: Andrew Moran and Glyn Wilson

Flower Duet from "Lakme"

Delibes

EUPHONIUM SOLO: Andrew Longmate

Air from Orpheus and Euridice

Gluck

CELLO SOLO: Reuben Whittaker

German Dance

Mozart

ORGAN SOLO: Gary Waddington

Chorale Prelude on "In Dulci Jubilo"

J. S. Bach

WOODWIND GROUP:

Carol Suite

Arr. Andrew Moran

I N T E R V A L

CHOIR AND BAND

A Christmas Fantasy

Gordon Langford

BAND

A Christmas Festival

Leroy Anderson

Music Examinations

In July, 1986, the following were successful:

D. E. Feather	Grade V, Theory.
S. M. Badrock	Grade V, Flute (Merit).
A. D. Moran	Grade V, Flute (Merit).
M. D. Perry	Grade V, Cornet (Merit).
M. J. Rich	Grade III, Flute (Merit).

The following were successful in the examinations of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music in December, 1985.

D. E. Feather, Piano, Grade 5 (Passed with Merit).

M. D. Perry, Cornet, Grade 4 (Passed with Distinction).

Geography a la Francaise

The Geography Department (viz. Messrs. Douglass, Wherity and Gill, accompanied by Messrs. Stubbs and Fell) with thirty-nine boys departed during the Easter holidays on their biennial urban studies excursion to Paris.

The time spent there was designed to be a compromise between directed study and the necessary liberty in which the sixth-form boys could sample the sites, sights and delights of Europe's most stimulating capital city. Each morning involved "fieldwork" on the streets of Paris, plotting and recording patterns of urban land use, revealing such fascinating data as that coffee costs less on the shady side of the street; that as pedestrian flow increases, so does the average walking speed; and that the price of beer correlates positively with rateable values (that is: it was cheaper up a back street). One resourceful investigator, busily recording details of transactions on the first floor of "Printemps" department store, was accosted by a Gallic Captain Peacock. In reply to his challenge as to his authority to undertake such a survey, he replied with convincing panache that he was writing a complimentary article for a British magazine. The afternoons were free and the pre-dinner period was spent incarcerated in the classroom for follow-up work and lively discussion. It became clear that over-simple explanations of urban phenomena rarely apply in a city of the complexity and unique charisma that is Paris.

The fieldwork involved the boys travelling in small groups to a variety of destinations which changed daily. Initial trepidation in using the metro system and organising their time schedules was

soon replaced by an urbane proficiency. In particular, punctuality at lunch from far-flung locations was impressive, although perhaps not entirely divorced from the fact that the venue was the Moulin Rouge in the heart of Pigalle.

Home for the stay in Paris was an international students' centre close to La Defense, a spectacular development of skyscraper blocks of shops, offices and apartments at the Western edge of the city's core. Unlike London, the French have protected the historic panorama of Paris and its magnificent edifices from being overwhelmed by a forest of gargantuan soulless sentinels. Instead, new foci have been added at the periphery.

The last day in Paris was set aside for general sightseeing providing an opportunity for a railway enthusiast in the party to take the T.G.V. from Paris to Lyon, covering the 290 miles in just two hours. Another, addicted to the velocipede, took to the streets by bike, a prime example of mad dogs and Englishmen. Even Marcel Proust has expressed anxiety at driving through Parisian traffic. The final evening was spent at a Paris restaurant to introduce pure-blooded Tykes to genuine French cuisine. The meal was arranged by Malcolm Alderson, an old boy from Skipton now living and working in Paris. The fare was magnificent and, in triumphant riposte to patriotic chants from some locals at tables in an adjoining section of the restaurant, the Ermysted's ensemble regaled a delighted patron (and dumbfounded his regulars) with a spirited rendering (unabridged) of "Ilkla Moor Bah't' At."

The return journey involved a stormy channel crossing with a late evening arrival in Skipton. The young men disappeared into the night, maybe tired, but certainly enriched by their experience.

C.I.D.

School House 1985-86

There were 27 boys in the house. C. G. Barker was Head of House.

School House underwent considerable cosmetic surgery during the summer, emerging from it with carpets all round and a proper dividing wall for Top Dorm as well as a refurbished top-floor bathroom. This process will be completed in September by the renovation of Annexe and the installation of individual study booths in the common room.

The biggest change to the life of the house has come with the acquisition of the school's minibus. Junior boarders have been particularly eager to seize the chance of weekend excursions, Light-water Valley being perhaps the most popular destination.

It is pleasing to report the excellent academic progress made by nearly all the boarders this year. There were some very good examination performances despite a severe bout of World Cup fever which left many of us bleary-eyed and drained.

For the Summer Term we again had two sixth form students from Berlin as guests, namely Ralph Buchwald and David Naegler. Such contacts and participation in A.T.C., Youth Club, local sports clubs and the social life of the area have established a relaxed and outward-looking atmosphere in the house which has made the past year a particularly settled and enjoyable one.

R.C.S.

The Laycock Bequest

We were happy to acknowledge in our last edition, the donation of a sum of money from the estate of Keith Laycock, an old boy of the school. It has been used to initiate a reference library devoted to local history. The books so far purchased are:

- Barringer — Yorkshire Dales.
- Baumber — Haworth.
- Dewhirst — Keighley.
- Dickinson — Mines and t'Miners.
- Fieldhouse and Jennings — Richmond and Swaledale.
- Hartley and Ingleby — Life and Tradition in the Yorkshire Dales
- Hartley and Ingleby — Life and Tradition in the West Riding.
- Hey — Buildings of Britain: Yorkshire.
- Holmes — Proud Northern Lady.
- Jennings — Nidderdale.
- Northern Mines Research Society, Vol. 21 — Greenhow.
- Raistrick — Buildings of the Yorkshire Dales.
- Raistrick — Malham and Malham Moor.
- Raistrick — Lead Mines of the Mid-Pennines.
- Raistrick and Jennings — Lead Mining in the Pennines.
- Rogers — Geology of the Yorkshire Dales.
- Rowley — Tom Lee.
- Rowley — The Book of Skipton.
- Tate and Singleton — History of Yorkshire.
- Williams — Medieval Skipton.
- Wood — Cowling.

D.C.G.

MUSIC CONCERT

Wednesday, 26th March, 1986.

Orchestra

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| March of the Bowmen | Frederick Curzon |
| Hello | Lionel Richie |
| Sicilienne | Gabriel Faure |

Horn Solo — C. Hearnshaw

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| Rondo from Horn Concerto in E Flat | Mozart |
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Flute Solo — A. Moran

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| Theme from Chess | Benny Andersson |
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Violin Solo — S. Hopwell

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| Village Dance | Gordon Jacob |
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Wind Group —

Waltz of the Flowers
Ragtime Dance

Tchaikowsky
Scott Joplin

*INTERVAL***Choir**

News from Newtown

Gordon Jacob

Baritone Solo — Jonathan Alver

(Appears by kind permission of the Principal, Royal Northern College of Music)

Piano Accompanist — Mrs. A. Wood**Brass Band**

Holly Hedge March
Jazz Fantasia
Pilgrims Chorus

Stuart Johnson
Peter Seivewright
Wagner

The Debating Society

The Society was reconstituted as "The Fifth and Sixth Form Debating Society", those attending during the season being equally divided between fifth and lower sixth; the upper sixth apparently declined to involve themselves.

Mr. S. Oliver was appointed Chairman of the Society, which met fortnightly in the Library. All meetings were held jointly with the High School.

18th November, 1985

Motion: "This House supports bloodsports" (amended, during the debate, to "foxhunting").

Proposers: Mr. Chambers and Mr. Tinniswood.

Opposers: Mr. Adams and Mr. Tiffany.

Votes: Aye 4, Noe 10. Lost by 6 votes.

9th December, 1985

Motion: "This House supports the (U.K.) nuclear deterrent" (the brackets were added during the debate).

Proposers: Mr. Kemplay and Miss Marion Harrison (reluctantly)

Opposers: Mr. Hirst and Miss Amanda Patrick.

Votes: Aye 2, Noe 17, Abstentions 1. Lost by 15 votes.

16th December, 1985

In the Chair: Mr. I. Phillip.

Motion: "This House supports the government's proposals on the reform of the Sunday Trading laws".

Proposer: Mr. Oliver.

Opposer: Mr. Schosland.

Votes: Aye 6, Noe 7. Lost by 1 vote.

20th January, 1986, at the Girls' High School

Motion: "This House would abolish the Monarchy."

Proposers: Miss Davey and Mr. Colman.

Opposers: Miss Boothman and Mr. Kemplay.

Votes: Aye 6, Noe 10. Lost by 4 votes.

3rd February, 1986

Motion: "This House finds abortion unacceptable".

At a larger than usual meeting, a preliminary vote was taken before the debate, giving Aye 8, Noe 19.

Proposers: Miss Amanda Patrick and Mr. Schosland.

Opposers: Mr. N. Hirst and Miss Marion Harrison.

Votes: Aye 7, Noe 18, Abstentions 1. Lost by 11 votes.

24th February, 1986, at the Girls' High School

Motion: "This House believes in the existence of God".

Proposers: Mr. T. Pettit and Miss Amanda Patrick.

Opposers: Mr. Chambers and Mr. Walton.

Votes: Aye 17, Noe 11. Won by 6 votes.

10th March, 1986

Motion: "Women should stay at home and so help to relieve the unemployment problem."

Proposers: Mr. Colman and Mr. Schosland.

Opposers: Miss Marion Harrison and Miss Hannah Boothman.

The two parts of the motion proved somewhat confusing and there was little response from the floor — literally so, since in a crowded meeting there were not enough chairs for all attending.

Votes: Aye 2, Noe 36. Lost by 34 votes.

17th March, 1986, at the Girls' High School

A hat debate, details of which have not reached your correspondent.

19th May, 1986

Motion: "This House supports black revolution in South Africa."

Proposer: Mr. Colman.

Opposer: Miss Amanda Patrick.

Votes: Aye 6, Noe 3, Abstentions 1. Won by 3 votes.

As normal in such societies, debates tended to generate much heat but little light. Points were often tentatively made or speakers eked out assertions with rhetorical questions; on other occasions, simple dogmatism ruled, and members made it clear that their entrenched views and prejudices were not to be shaken by argument. It must be observed that the lady members made better prepared speeches, written out and delivered more persuasively than the gentlemen members, though ladies seemed more reluctant to speak from the floor. There were paradoxes (Miss Harrison supporting a motion then voting against it) and stereotypes (Mr. Colman's "What about the workers?" and "God is a capitalist conspiracy"), but at least Messrs. Chambers, Kemplay and Walton usually managed to inject some balance and even wisdom into desultory floor speeches.

Simbach '86

On April Fool's day, a luxury coach full of Ermysted's boys and High School girls departed, on the by now well-trodden path, to Skipton's twin town of Simbach am Inn in Southern Bavaria.

Unlike the previous year, in which we were almost all taking our first taste of life in Simbach, half of us were making a return visit.

The journey was long (26 hours), exhausting and not without incident. On arriving, our hosts were present to welcome us, and virtually all of us had met the boy/girl with whom we would be staying, as the German group had been in the Skipton area in the previous October. The day of arrival was spent with the family, talking, sleeping or familiarising ourselves with the surroundings.

The only appointment for the next day was a class party in the School's hall at which a few of the school's members played as a warm up to the star of the show — Ian "Josh" Coleman.

The next three days, the last ones of our counterparts' Easter Holiday were spent as the families wished. Some of us visited Munich, Salzburg or the kilometre long castle at Burghausen though many of us veterans from the previous year remained in Simbach for the three days.

Monday morning heralded the beginning of the Summer term for our German friends. In school there was an official reception followed by a guided tour and visits to lessons. The school is very modern, many details of it having been published in several previous Chronicles. At noon there was a walk around the densely tree-covered hill tops, which rise behind the school, to the ultimate destination — a huge mushroom — from which on clear days you could supposedly see the Alps. Following the walk we either returned home or remained in the centre of Simbach, the latter group taking a well earned rest at "Le Garage," hub of the town's social life.

Tuesday was predicted by our hosts to be a glorious day — and so it was. On this day we were in Berchtesgaden visiting the saltmines, of which earlier Chronicles have carried details, following a boat trip on a steep sided, very deep lake called Konigsee.

Wednesday morning was spent on a guided tour of Braunau (see previous Chronicles) before the International Sports Afternoon. Football was the first sport and Ermysted's triumphed by three goals to one, to take the inaugural trophy.

Then the hockey match, in which the girls were unable to keep the Skipton flag flying : going down by 5 goals to 3.

Thursday was spent in Passau which was rather a non-descript place save for the murky waters of the Danube which flowed past the town. By now, the weather had turned for the worse.

That night a farewell party was held near Simbach at which many people were promising to return next year.

Friday was a free day and provided ample time for packing and the buying of last minute presents. At 5.00 p.m. in the blustery, sleeting conditions, we bid farewell with many a tear being shed. Those of us in the fourth year, will not be returning next year

because of G.C.E. exams but a trip immediately following these exams is already in the pipeline, indicating the popularity of the exchange trip.

Twenty-eight and a half hours later we arrived back in Skipton to our awaiting families.

On behalf of all who went to Simbach, I would like to thank our German hosts who received us so well, and also Mr. Slaney, Mr. and Mrs. Buckroyd, Mr. and Mrs. Charters, the two bus drivers and last but not least, Petra and Karin from "Le Garage" who made our holiday even more enjoyable.

S.H.G. (4H)

Workshop News

Our thanks once again to the Parents Association for providing us with two additional pieces of equipment — a band saw and an industrial power drill. The band saw provides a rapid means of cutting timber to shape and, in addition, augments the small band saw we already have for cutting plastics, a material we are having to explore for the new G.C.S.E. examination. The power drill has many uses for drilling holes for wall plugs, on the job drilling, and enabling us to use flap wheels and wire brushes. Both pieces are in regular use and within the scope of the work we can do. Thank you, parents.

Surprise Visit

During the practical 'O' metalwork examination, we, like other schools, occasionally have visits from the Board's inspectors to see that examinations are being conducted in a proper manner. This year was no exception and our visitor turned out to be Mr. Bowers, — a former craft teacher at E.G.S. — probably in the late forties. Although I had never met him previously it was interesting to recall with him many notable, if not notorious, names of past staff members of that era.

D.J.

Art Trip

This trip had the honour of christening the school's new minibus which in the event performed perfectly, so enabling the group led by Mr. Cawood to arrive early at York for an exhibition of a selection of the previous years 'A' level work. The performance of the minibus, however, was somewhat eclipsed by a remarkable piece of navigation by Mr. Davies which was faultless. Such was his competence that he was able to make the outing a truly comprehensive, cultural affair by taking the group on an unscheduled detour, showing us round what was apparently a prime example of York's great architecture — an original post-war council estate !

Having arrived early at York, Mr. Cawood was able to reiterate the point of the trip, which was an evaluation and appreciation of the art work on show to give us some indication of the standard required for respective grades. Bearing this in mind we took an hour-long look round the exhibition. The general consensus of opinion afterwards was that the standard of work on the whole was lower than expected, and thus in this respect was encouraging. Furthermore, it was noticed, many of the non-Ermysted's offerings for the projects, which constitute part of the A level exam, brought the exam down to the level of farce: — Far from showing the candidates' artistic ability they showed their prowess at using scissors and paste. This ineptitude by the candidates was almost paralleled by that of the examiners whose marking scheme was disconcertingly inconsistent — at least that was our opinion.

On the return journey we stopped off in York city centre to pick up some picture frames. Amazingly the inevitable never happened and no frames were smashed or broken despite us having to negotiate masses of people.

Upon returning to Ermysted's it was concluded that despite no tour of the co-educational school and no stereo system in the mini-bus, it had been an enjoyable and worthwhile day.

T.W. (6Ma)

Germany and beyond

We all assembled at school at about 12.45 a.m. This year the bus was on time and the coach left school at 1.00 a.m. The coach was quite spacious but didn't afford the luxuries of a television and video like the year before.

Most people tried to get to sleep straight away although a lot were excited and couldn't get to sleep. We made several stops on the 260 miles long journey to Dover.

We arrived in Dover over one hour early at about 8.00 a.m. We left Dover on time at 9.30 a.m. (British Time) and arrived at Boulogne at 12.10 p.m. (French Time) after a fairly calm crossing.

We then set off on the journey to Beaune arriving there in time for evening meal. We were up early in the morning for we had a fairly long day in front of us.

We arrived in Titisee very early and went to explore and we had a good chance to look at souvenirs. We went to bed early for we had had a long day; but first we had a general knowledge quiz.

We got up and walked into Titisee where we had more time to explore. In the afternoon we went to nearby Neustadt, where we went swimming. That night we had another general knowledge quiz in which Mr. Cawood tried to do some more charades as he had the night before.

We got up and the weather wasn't very good so we decided to travel to Switzerland and the Rhine Falls. The Falls were magnificent and one could get within a few metres of the falls.

We then went to Lake Constance and the weather still hadn't fared up so we didn't bother going for a boat trip. We went onto Mainau Island which is an island on Lake Constance.

The next day we awoke and found snow covering the ground for miles around. We therefore decided to go to the Europa-Park which is a lot lower down and hopefully there wouldn't be snow there. When we arrived there the weather was a lot better and most people thought that this was clearly the most enjoyable day. The highlights were the Swiss bob-sleigh ride, the mountain coaster and the log flume. Everyone enjoyed it so much that we stayed for a few hours longer than planned.

For the last day in Germany we went to Triberg first of all and visited the Gutach Falls which were good and afforded superb views. We then went to Freiburg which was the biggest place we visited. It had a cathedral. The whole party went nearly to the top of the tower which was a hard climb. From the top of the tower there were superb views of the surrounding countryside. We then planned to visit Belchen which is a perfect observation point but when we reached it the lift was only for people who were ski-ing.

We then decided to return to Titisee to do some last minute souvenir hunting. The last night was a lot more lively and the highlight of the evening was Mr. Cawood buying everybody a coke (he was really compensating for the lift).

We set off at 9.30 a.m. from Titisee and travelled to a hyper-market in France. We had dinner there after we had been shopping.

We then decided to visit a zoo which was very enjoyable. We then travelled on to Beaune and arrived there at about 5.30 p.m. We set off early next morning and arrived in Boulogne at 4.30 p.m.

Mr. Cawood decided to give us tea on the boat. Unfortunately it was a very rough crossing and most people's teas came back up again. Only a few of us weren't ill.

When we arrived in Dover we were about an hour and a half late. Most people were still feeling sick on the journey back. We arrived back at Skipton on time at about 11.30 p.m.

We must thank Mr. Cawood, Mr. Maclean, Mr. Varley and Mrs. Gracie for making the holiday very enjoyable.

S.C.W. (3J)

Fox Hunting

Foxes and birds are disturbed
 By the oncoming morning,
 The crashing through valleys and fields.
 Fox hounds run across
 On the scent of a hungry fox.
 Then it happens.
 Huntsmen blow their horns,
 Triumphant notes ring out.
 The poor animal dashes
 From undergrowth,
 Frightened.

Heron

Standing still,
 Rock still,
 The patient killer of the marsh,
 On one stilted leg,
 Waiting.
 In one movement he grabs a fish,
 And flies off on wide wings,
 Gracefully flapping, into the distance
 Among the clouds.

M.J.E. (1P).

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

The society has had yet another successful year, members of 4T being the backbone of the club.

The year started with our dusty room in the cellar of School House being transformed into a purpose-built workroom. We now have previously unknown luxuries such as fixed, formica-type surfaces, a sink (with running water and drains), dust-free floor, wall and ceiling coverings and even an extractor fan.

The Parents' Association have also kindly bought the society complete portraiture and still-life lighting equipment, complete with backgrounds.

However, despite our facilities, the Society's work is rarely seen. Most of the work by members is for themselves, although we have recorded many school events. Individual and team photographs for the Jersey rugby tour magazine were also taken by the society (copies of which are still available for a small fee!).

During the year members of the club held meetings to introduce some of the lower years into the club and next year we shall extend these meetings in order to start teaching the principles of photography, developing and printing. We also hope that next year will see the start of competitions, together with exhibitions of the society's work.

D.K.

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME

Cross country Ski Weekend, Dufton, Cumbria,

21st - 23rd February.

After a delayed start, due to late trains and frozen diesel, we eventually left at 8.10 p.m. on Friday night along the A65 in the school minibus. Snow showers had been promised and no sooner had we left Long Preston than a blizzard descended on the bus. However, the sky cleared by the time we reached Clapham, and this gave us a foretaste of what was to come. Some one-in-seven hills, with one to two inches of snow on the road, between Appleby and Dufton, proved hazardous, but we arrived about 10.15 p.m. for a supper of soup, pizza and ice cream. We retired to bed; equipment was promised for 7.30 a.m.

Cross-country skis have to be longer than downhill skis and the ski-sticks have to come up to your armpits. This caused one or two problems for Peter McCarthy and Declan Hayes, one because his skis had become delaminated, the other because he picked up a broken ski stick. However, after a substantial breakfast, we ventured out with our instructor, Keith.

Keith had settled in Dufton because of its peace and tranquility as well as its amazing scenery. Cross Fell (nearly 3,000 feet), and Great and Little Dun Fells (2,800 feet) provide excellent vantage points from which to view the Lakes and the Howgills across the wide but fertile Eden Valley. We were taught how to put on our skis and then went into the technique of gliding, using one's body as efficiently as possible to gain maximum forward motion. Unlike downhill skiing, cross-country skiing can be done on any terrain, and the fish-like scale pattern underneath the ski stops you from slipping back on the hills. Now we set off up the footpath to High Cup Nick, and quickly learned that going up a hill was easier than skiing down one, as the three girls in the group found out on our first slope. Falling over, however, is part of the fun, and we finished the morning session with lunch in a stone built barn.

During the afternoon we climbed to about 2,000 feet, with the aim of skiing down the slope in a controlled manner. Matthew Jones and Joseph Lynch did very well, completing the 500 foot descent in about seven minutes; however, Jon Reeves, Declan Hayes and the author did fall down on a number of occasions, which was considered highly amusing. We reached the Youth Hostel at 4.00 p.m., tired and aching, and—to our surprise—sunburnt, in mid-February. During the evening we watched two films on cross-country skiing, discovering that on the Continent they have marathon-type ski races, using cross-country skis. An Ermysted's - High School "langlaufen" competition was suggested.

Sunday dawned with six-foot drifts and both roads out of Dufton blocked, but we were able to ski directly from the front of the hostel on to what was the Pennine Way. It was now five feet under snow, the walls on either side covered. We practised traversing, which proved difficult for some; Reeves slid down the slope, perfecting the glisse cagoule. In the afternoon we had a cross-country race, Jones coming first and the rest of the group admirable runners-up. We were welcomed back to the hostel at about 2.30 by the appetising smell of vegetable soup and bean cake. The return journey to Skipton proved a lot easier than the Friday night trip. We had all been praying that we would be snowed in, so that we could have another day of "langlaufen"; however, this coldest February since 1947 had provided us with an energetic, invigorating and, at times, amusing weekend when, as a group, we all got on very well.

J.A.

Hubberholme Expedition

Seventeen into thirteen does go! With the rucksacks and other gear taking up four seats of the minibus, we were left with thirteen seats into which we had to fit seventeen people. Somehow we managed, and a trip of only forty minutes brought us to Hubberholme bunkhouse. Despite the prospects of a long day ahead of us no one seemed anxious to go to bed. The next day we were up at seven, and even allowing for problems with the porridge, we were all ready at ten for the first day's walk.

The weather was bitterly cold, and everybody was bundled up in a hat, scarf and gloves, which were soon taken off as we got going. The first leg was along the river bank to Buckden. That was the easy part. From Buckden we headed back on ourselves up the valley side. The hill was not steep but quite long, and with a foot and a half of snow to contend with we were soon feeling the strain. Near the top, we turned slightly more uphill towards Buckden Pike. The snow gradually became thinner and thinner until we were walking on a sheet of ice. We battled on, but with one of our members turning back because he felt unwell, Mr. Armstrong decided that it would be better for the whole party to turn back. With the weather closing in, and walking on the ice becoming extremely difficult, this was the only sensible decision to take, despite the disappointment of some of our members. Since the weather curtailed a whole day's expedition into a morning's hike the afternoon was left free for individual pursuits (e.g. sledging, monopoly, T.V.).

On Sunday, fortified with a slightly more successful porridge, the party split up. The older, more experienced members set off on a map-reading exercise. The remainder went on an expedition to the adjacent valley. Unfortunately, the latter party had to turn back, again because of weather and bad walking conditions. On the return journey it was decided to have a "Deepest Snowdrift" competition. Sledging was thought to be a good idea, but without a sledge, improvisation was necessary, and a member's survival bag was pressed into

service. The map reading exercise was slightly more successful. It consisted of reaching a map reference where a clue was to be found to the following map reference, and so on.

Despite the weather preventing the full programme from being carried out, the party returned on Monday morning feeling the weekend had been a success.

J.A.M. (3B).

Base Camp Winter Adventure '86.

The party, Heseltine, Potter, Pickering, Millichap, Coates Burnett, Barthram and Robertson, assembled at Ermysted's in early evening of Friday, February 7. Shortly, the leaders arrived in the Base Camp minibus and we were on our way to Linton Youth Hostel, our base for the weekend. After unpacking and various bed-making we left the hostel to go on a night walk which took us around Linton Falls. A bit further downstream we crossed over the river on stepping stones. Then it was through the fields and back to Linton.

In the morning, after an early breakfast we set out to go caving at Dow Cave. Although outside there were deep snow drifts, it was unusually warm inside the cave itself. There was a stream running right through the cave, and in parts, where it could not be crossed, we just had to wade through it. One thing that was noticed was how the rock structure changed as we got deeper into the cave.

We arrived back at the minibus cold and wet but satisfied. The thing we really needed to warm us up was Long Ashes Leisure Centre, featuring a swimming pool, sauna, jacuzzi and squash courts. No one was still cold when we came out.

Sunday brought a very active day. First we went sledging. The slopes were just perfect and there were crowds of people there including skiers as well. After dinner it was up to Hubberholme where we were faced with the task of getting up an old dried up waterfall. It was like climbing a giant flight of stone steps: first there would be a sheer face and then a flat part where camouflaged frozen pools of water would provide dangerous hazards. At the top the views were breathtaking but there wasn't much time for that as we were all engaged in a snowball fight.

After evening meal that night we gathered in the common room to play some trust games, so called because they involve trusting a partner or group. One of them involved recognising a person by feeling their face when you had a blindfold on.

On Monday we drove to Brimham Rocks where we took part in a number of activities. One group learnt to abseil while the other went boulder hopping; this involves climbing over large rocks, an exercise made difficult by the snow and ice. We did some sledging there as well in the afternoon.

That evening we went to Long Ashes again.

On Tuesday morning everyone was up early to pack up all the gear which was put in the minibus. Then everyone went on a walk to see how far we could get down the River Wharfe starting from Linton itself. We passed through numerous places including Burnsall, Barden Tower and the spectacular Strid before reaching Bolton Abbey at about 4 p.m. We were picked up here in the minibus, and driven back to Ermysted's where our gear, and a welcome cup of tea, was waiting!

Everyone enjoyed themselves and would certainly recommend Base Camp to anyone who was thinking of going.

R.P. (2D)

Alaska 86

After the sweat and toil of a year's hard work in the Lower Sixth, I must confess that I had serious misgivings about missing a rest in the sun and heat of a North Yorkshire summer. My doubts were reinforced when I and the fifty others in my travel group were subjected to a gruelling 150 mile journey from Whitehorse up the Alaska highway in a traditional American school bus. It was at this point that I thought that maybe there were better things on which one could spend £1,600. At last the torture was over and we arrived at our destination, shaken and slightly stirred.

Base Camp turned out to be a windswept stretch of beach; no tents or equipment yet; they were still in Whitehorse, awaiting the arrival of the other half of the expedition who had left Britain 24 hours after us. It seemed that we had here the perfect ingredients for a Monty Python travel agent sketch. When the other contingent finally arrived at the half-built ruin called Base Camp at half-past midnight, the wind had died down and they were greeted by the first of many beautiful sunsets. Maybe life here would not be so bad after all.

Our first week was spent in training how to survive for six weeks in the wilderness. This meant learning to live with problems such as bears, water infected with "beaver fever" (the local alternative to ex-lax), mosquitoes, the intensity of the sun, exposure, and adapting to the meagre expedition rations. The bear problem was the most infuriating factor during the six week period. We had intruded on their natural territory and they were on the hunt for food. So food had to be hauled up a tree every night, and cooking and eating had to be done at least a hundred yards away from the sleeping area. With food nearby, you ran the risk of being disturbed by a hungry bear in the middle of the night; and they are well known for not using the front door of the tent.

Three and a half weeks were devoted to our principal aim: the scientific fieldwork. Fifteen of us had opted for geomorphology and our work included daily river velocity readings, through-flow measurements, soil infiltration rates and evaporation rates. The most impressive project was the work we did on a sand spit. Each

day we recorded its length and width at various points and compared them with the wave counts and other factors. During a storm we observed, in the space of two hours, the partial destruction of the spit and breaching at several points. It then rebuilt itself and moved through twelve degrees before joining on to the mainland — an impressive sight that showed that geography is perhaps an interesting subject after all.

The adventure-phase was conducted in the Kluane Ranges, the lower mountains on the periphery of the huge St. Elias ice range which stretches into Alaska and includes the highest peaks in North America, among them Mount Logan, the largest mountain in the world.

Three days were spent training in methods of climbing and walking on snow and ice, using ropes, ice axes, crampons and other items essential for such manoeuvres. The training was varied and interesting. We learned such vital skills as belaying, ice-axe arrest, crevasse crossing and rescue, ice-climbing and abseiling. A day was spent practising these skills but, in an attempt on a mountain, Mount Archibald, the weather and the sheer technical difficulty of the climb turned us back after a few major injuries had been narrowly avoided (thanks to our mountain leader's level-headedness and the safety techniques we had learned).

A dozen of us spent a further week in the range. We managed to walk 120 miles and climb 14,000 feet. It was well worth it, both for the sheer satisfaction of overcoming ice, rock and scree to reach the top for the spectacular views of the Mount Elias ranges and the Donjek and Kaskawulsh glaciers.

Not only did the expedition teach me a lot about geography and the ground scenery of the Yukon, it taught me something about myself and about working in a group of people of the same age, with the same aims and ambitions, in a wilderness.

I am pleased to record my thanks to the school, to the Iain McLeod Memorial Fund, to the Parents Association and to all who helped me with the fund raising, and to the Headmaster for his solid support and constant interest.

C. Schosland (6Sb).

Christian Union

On Wednesdays during the year a group of boys and girls, aged fourteen and over, have met at lunchtime to discuss and share ideas, views and opinions on the Christian religion. Under the able leadership of Tor Pettit and Tracey Longmate, with help from senior members and interested participants, forty-minute meetings have been held in which members have discussed passages from the Bible seeking an interpretation or meaningful message.

A lighthearted and friendly approach is adopted with this difficult area, namely religion for the young. With the approach of a new academic year, we are in the process of producing a monthly news letter and exploring other new ideas.

We shall be very pleased to see newcomers at our meetings during the year, both Christians and non-Christians as well as those who are unsure of their attitude to God.

S. M. E. (6Sb).

Cycling Trip North Yorkshire Moors

The instructions read, "Leave school, left onto Gargrave Road, right at the junction with Grassington Road, up to the roundabout, bear left toward Harrogate and then take the first left towards Embsay." From here on it was a case of following your nose as it had been decided to take a softer option to Ripon.

Confused? So was I; I'm talking, of course, about the Cycling Trip to the North Yorks. Moors which left school on July 13th in three waves. The so called 'fast' group headed by Tim Woodburn, the middle group headed by Mr. Wherity and well, to be tactful, I'll just call the remainder Mr. Gill's group.

The desination for that first day was Osmotherley, some 55 miles away, the eventual plan to circle the North Yorks. Moors reaching the coast at Whitby on Monday night from where it was planned to move down the coast to Scarborough, only to leave the salty waters of the North Sea behind and move east, through Malton, back home.

All this seemed many miles ahead as I watched the fast group disappear into the distance. I was the first of many to have 'pannier problems'. As I fumbled with the straps the middle group whizzed by. With the problem solved, I took off after them only to reach Bolton Bridge to see them waiting.

As I arrived a cheer went up! No it wasn't for me but for Gordon Beck as he went by on his moped. As I looked at the daunting hill ahead it flashed through my mind that a motor could well prove useful on this ride.

The bread buns had their inevitable effect on the speed merchants and so it was at a more cautious pace that we left Ripon after lunch. As the afternoon unfolded the terrain became gradually more arduous and it was with relief that I collapsed some four hours later in the centre of Osmotherley.

After a hard day's cycling what could be better than a good square meal? Youth hostel food is usually sound, but the food at Osmotherley was unique. A new delicacy, Rhubarb and Apple Crumble; O.K. so far, but whoever heard of putting salt in instead of sugar? Fortunately, the mistake was quietly acknowledged and there followed ice cream on the house for the pan scrubbers.

"It's like riding on a time bomb," I was impassively informed the next morning. The 55 miles of the day before had taken their toll on my back tyre which by now was showing the canvas under the rubber. This I was told was a potential blow out. Oh boy!

With this in mind, I rode by bike rather tentatively trying to avoid unnecessary wear. The morning consisted of long stretches of steep uphill linked by miniscule stretches of downhill. The weather was warm and by the time we reached Danby I was ready to flop but somehow managed to drag myself to the nearest pub for an orange juice (sorry, I'm driving), by which time the middle group caught up with the fascinating news that we had stopped in the wrong place! So off we went down to the Danby Lodge National Trust Centre for lunch which I had already eaten.

As the strain showed on the elderly members of the group the rests became longer and more frequent but unfortunately all good things have to come to an end, and I eased my saddlesore derriere onto my saddle only to be confronted by a 1:4 hill out of Grosmont. Suddenly the ice cream which I had a few minutes ago enjoyed seemed like extra weight as I strove to make it to the top much to the amusement of the local pedestrians who insisted on telling me that it was easier walking!

As the pedals kept going inevitably round so Whitby approached and the dark blue sea, screech of seagulls and smell of the sea air hailed the end of a gruesome day.

The night before the distinctive flavour of the food had provided entertainment but at Whitby table tennis gave enjoyment to the spectators more than the players. This, of course, was overshadowed by the bright lights and penny slots of the waterfront. All three of these proved to be just the right ingredients for an enjoyable evening. I have only one complaint about Whitby, who built a youth hostel on top of the cliffs with at least 200 front door steps?

This day was billed as an easier day, a mere 20 miles with a long break in Robin Hood's Bay. This gave the opportunity to those so inclined to swim, whilst the more sensible people (like myself) were content to paddle in the sea, eat fish and chips, look around the shops and generally laze around.

Unfortunately, there was a high price to pay for a paddle in the sea: the climb back up from sea level. This began with the steep hill back up through the Bay Town which no-one managed to ride up, not even Mr. Gill. Once up on top of Fylingdales Moor it was surely a simple case of following the signposts to Scarborough. Wrong again. But this didn't stop some people from doing just that. The correct route followed by the majority was supposed to be easier but in on way did this detract from the pleasure of reaching the youth hostel.

Even finding the hostel was difficult. We, of course, went straight past it only to be redirected by a policeman who stood in awe as 20 bikes did a U-turn and headed of towards the hostel.

Surprisingly, it was not the penny slots which provided the amusement, in fact, excluding a rowdy game of 'cheat' instigated by yours truly, the evening passed quietly. It was in the morning refreshed after a hearty breakfast that we made for Marineland, our bikes safely locked in the bike shed by putting a cycle lock through the hasp.

The marineland proved to be a pot pourri of water amusements; two water chutes which spiralled down from a high tower finally dumping you in a swimming pool, totally disorientated, at the bottom, proved to be a favourite. However, for the more mature members of the group a rubber inflatable dragon provided a battle between E.G.S. and what seemed like the rest of Scarborough, for possession (need I say who won?).

After a morning of fun it was back to the more serious task of cycling to Malton 30 miles away. On arriving back at the youth hostel to our horror the cycle lock which had been put through the hasp had been cut but apparently not by a would-be thief but by the warden who needed to get in for something. Realising we could have offended him, we left without further ado.

The actual terrain between Scarborough and Malton was reasonably flat, but the cycling was made difficult by the fact that we were riding into a headwind. This was compounded by our first and last serious bout of punctures. However, after three repairs, on the same tyre, in the space of 30 minutes, the thing eventually stayed up and a somewhat fragmented group reached Malton by a more direct route.

The wind and the activities at the swimming pool had taken it out of most people and after the night life of Whitby most were satisfied to watch others do the work in the Tour De France on T.V. Richard Bland, Mr. Gill, Mr. Wherity and myself, however, did manage to scrape together enough change for a game or two of pool, in which youth triumphed over wisdom.

The wind had not dropped and even after a splendid breakfast ranging from kippers to croissants many could not face the pace of the fast group so the middle and fast groups combined to form one group of 12. The remainder set off and indeed arrived at Sherrif Hutton before us. After we had ransacked the village store we reluctantly took on the wind, in hot pursuit of the others, only to arrive at Easingwold to see a row of bikes propped up against the kerb. In the next leg though riding in a pack of 6 x 2 proved a useful way of speeding up the pace and we made good time to Boroughbridge.

It did not take long to sniff out the fish and chip shop and feeling refreshed and nourished we set off to the next stop, the A61. Theoretically from the A61 it should have been straight home, retracing our steps from that first day. But this was not the case for one person. Mr. Wherity's back wheel finally got its own back for five days of stick and just refused to turn. Mr. Gill, too, had problems (it happens to the best of us) but made it, so I am told, to Bolton Bridge by free-

wheeling down the hills. Mr. Wherity, with some help of the automobile kind, finally made it home; and so the story now complete, it only remains for me to say a big thank you on behalf of us all to Mr. Wherity and Mr. Gill for the time and effort they put in both before the ride and in completing it and so making it such an enjoyable occasion for all concerned.

J.W. (5w).

Speech Day 1986

Tuesday, 8th July, 1986.

(Reprinted, with acknowledgement, from "The Craven Herald")

Facilities at Skipton Ermysted's Grammar School are "hopelessly outdated and inadequate—we have been described as the least well provided for secondary school in the whole of North Yorkshire." That was the message spelled out by headmaster Mr. David Buckroyd at the school's annual speech day, held on Tuesday. Doubtless it would not be lost on the chief guest, Mr. F. F. Evans, North Yorkshire's Chief Education Officer, who presented the prizes.

Mr. Buckroyd also described the past year as "one of the most difficult and bitter the education service of this country has ever lived through . . . a year which I do not wish to see repeated, but in which my admiration for our young people has increased one hundred fold."

Even in an area as remote and undemonstrative as Skipton, teachers had felt forced to take industrial action in the shape of occasional strikes and a withdrawal of good will, which had placed a great strain on relationships within schools and within the community at large, the headmaster said and parents had every right to feel dismayed at the lack of formal communication through Parents' Evenings. Major new initiatives like the G.C.S.E. were being introduced against non-co-operation and frustration at the lack of resources; his senior colleagues had been torn between their feeling of solidarity with their fellow teachers and their duty of care to the pupils. Yet they had not taken advantage of the obvious lack of supervision — they had got on with their work and their play, and been adult enough to appreciate their role as pawns in a major struggle and determined enough to minimise its deleterious effect upon their personal aspirations.

Fortunately, Ermysted's had not suffered as badly as many schools from the devastation of the last year or more, but they had suffered several blows on a more personal and private level. For the second year running, despite the wholehearted backing of the Local Education Authority, their building programme failed to receive the go-ahead from the Department of Education and Science, and yet, when only 15 building schemes in Aided Schools throughout the country, were given the green light (none incidentally in North Yorkshire), an investment totalling less than six million pounds, the odds were stacked against them. Another new classroom would be brought into use in September, to add to the Scout Hut which was converted to classroom use last year, but that would not remove a desperate need for additional specialist facilities in science, C.D.T. and P.E. "We shall pursue our claim with the utmost vigour and we shall never give up hope," he declared.

DISAPPOINTMENT

Another source of disappointment has been the failure to recruit new boarders in sufficient number to match natural wastage.

Mr. Clemiston would be joining the Mathematics Department in September and would bring a welcome expertise and experience in Information Technology, but with 30 boys engaged on O Level Computer Studies courses at Craven College, they were grateful to Mrs. Kate Hillman and her colleagues for their continuing support.

Last August, the School opened its doors to 544 boys, of whom 149 were in the Sixth Form. Both these figures represented record levels, entitling them to one and a half additional members of staff, but without the 1980 Education Act which allowed parents to opt across County boundaries, they would be grappling with the phenomenon of falling rolls and staff redeployment, which had been a contributory factor in the low morale and uncertainty of the nation's teaching force in general. One third of the boys were drawn from outside the immediate catchment area of North Yorkshire. The numbers on roll may have peaked now, as the first year intake for this coming year was likely to be down to the low 50's.

With increasing numbers opting to stay on at school to tackle A levels, sometimes perhaps unwisely, they were gratified and relieved to maintain a high success rate at A Level, 75% to be precise, but overall the numbers of Grade A and B passes showed a marked slump. This was reflected in a smaller than usual take up of University and Polytechnic degree courses, which could partly be explained by the higher entry standards which Institutes of Higher Education demand these days. Perhaps this realisation has dawned on fifth year boys, who produced at O Level a pass rate of 82.4%, up nearly two per cent on the previous year, a considerable achievement in view of the fact that there were 96 boys in a year which had a lengthy tail; 65 of the 96 boys passed in seven or more of their eight subjects.

MORE SUBJECTS

As he forecast last year, the advent of the G.C.S.E. has forced them to re-examine the curriculum of years four and five, and from September 1987 they would fall into line with the majority of schools and introduce a two year run in to the new examination. Ideally, the changes should have been introduced for the coming year but uncertainties about syllabuses, in-service training and funding, had led to the naive hope of a one year delay. Choosing optional subjects at the end of the third year could close off certain career avenues at a tender age and to combat this they would introduce an expanded core curriculum which embraced all three sciences and geography, as well as English, mathematics and French, and would increase the number of subjects from eight to nine, only two of which would be optional.

On the sporting front, the School has had an outstanding year with their sportsmen bringing credit upon themselves and their School wherever they have performed.

Music was one of their success stories. Throughout the recent dispute, Mr. E. Scott continued to stage concerts to appreciative and growing audiences. Seven choristers from the Parish Church, all of them pupils at Ermysted's took part in the televised Festival of Remembrance in the Albert Hall, and Simon Badrock of 1P reached the National Final of the Chorister of the Year Competition.

The acquisition of a minibus has given a major boost and was currently away showing the flag in Somerset. It had hugely expanded the scope of their activities. All were indebted to the Governors, Parents' Association and Old Boys for their generosity in providing the vehicle which is kept in pristine condition by squads of "volunteers."

After a comprehensive vote of thanks, Mr. Buckroyd thanked two people in particular — Mr. W. Evans and Mr. C. Williamson. "Mr. Evans has been at the sharp end during the prolonged action and Mr. Williamson, as well as master-minding the work of the Careers Department, has kept the Classics flag flying during Mr. Jones' illness. Without the lubricating oil of these two excellent professionals, the wheels might well have ground to a halt."

PRECIOUS RESOURCE

He ended "nothing would be possible without two essential ingredients — the endless supply of the nation's most precious resource, our young people, and a dedicated, skilled and tragically undervalued teaching force. I pay tribute unashamedly to my teaching colleagues here at Ermysted's, who have struggled through a difficult year amidst profound soul searching and professional anguish.

If my opinion were canvassed by the new Minister of State for Education, Mr. Kenneth Baker, I would advise him against any new initiatives until the present ones have been assimilated. Turning the clock back by reintroducing Direct Grant Schools or spawning a new breed of Crown Schools would be thoroughly divisive and would not help the generality of State schools. All schools need to be centres of excellence, not just a few in privileged areas, and I would strongly urge the Minister to continue to get out and about, to see the first class work that is going on in schools up and down the country, and he could do worse than call in to see us here in Skipton, at Ermysted's Grammar School.

But the headmaster stressed that his report was not all doom and gloom. They had had great successes both academically and on the sporting front, and he outlined those achievements.

TALENT AND EFFORT EQUALS "DOERS"

Mr. Evans, a comparatively new appointment as Chief Education Officer, spoke of a lengthy association with, and love for, Skipton. A Lancastrian by birth, he had visited often with his parents and, later, when he taught in Accrington, he often came here.

Whenever he did come, things were happening. People were being positive, and doing something, using their talent and making an effort. They were doing things, as opposed to thinking about doing things. He reminded the boys that talent alone would get them nowhere; it needed to be allied to effort. It seemed to him that the school and the town of Skipton, used talent with effort and achieved much.

Yet if one read newspapers, one would not believe things were at all rosy. He had recently read a book, "What's it like to be young in the 80s," sub-titled "Too much too soon." Too often young people were pictured as spectators, rather than doers; not striving to make use of their talents. They were often painted as not influencing affairs, as having lost their balance. But, the County officer said, it was not like that. They had heard from the head of the part young people at the school had played in helping Sport Aid and Bob Geldorf. Young people had played a magnificent part in the Ethiopian Appeal, Live Aid, Sport Aid, Children in Need, giving support in the community, running their own youth clubs. Many were being positive, they were doing things, achieving something.

Ermysted's and other schools throughout North Yorkshire were full of talent. He paid tribute to the work done by teachers, especially during the last difficult year, but their task was not helped by those who would knock the young and the teaching service. To knock was counter-productive, he suggested, and was to be deplored. At the same time, they would not advance without the all round preparation of a sound education service. We were living through difficult times; through an industrial revolution. He likened it to the arrival of the tractor on the agricultural scene as an example, though today the technological revolution was happening with such speed that it was almost frightening.

One thing, however, did not change. People and communities, and it was a task of the education service to develop people and guard against "Zombification."

Finally, Mr. Evans congratulated the prize winners, while reminding them that people mattered more than prizes even. "The future is yours," he told the boys. "Do get on with doing things. Develop the talent you have, and then use it. It is your life. Don't bemoan the society in which you live. You and I are that society! You and I make it what it is. You and I can make it. Let's make it together."

A warm vote of thanks to the speaker was proposed by the newest Governor Skipton solicitor Mr. Colin Reeder, seconded by the head boy, David Watts.

PRIZE LIST 1986

JUNIOR SCHOOL PRIZES:

Marmaduke Miller Art Prize	R. WHAMOND
Mechanics' Institute Biology Prize	L. J. SCARBOROUGH
John Bevis Wilkinson Chemistry Prize	S. C. WHALLEY
Foundation Divinity Prize	R. A. WALKER
Petyt Trust English Prize	D. E. FEATHER
George Bottomley Memorial French Prize	D. E. FEATHER
George Bottomley Memorial German Prize	S. H. GRACE
Rodwell Memorial Geography Prize	M. S. SIMS
Mechanics' Institute Handicraft Prize	D. J. DOBSON
Foundation History Prize	S. C. WHALLEY
Petyt Trust Latin Prize	T. B. C. BRAMLEY
Mechanics' Institute Mathematics Prize	J. R. RAWSTRON
Firth Memorial Music Prize	P. H. HIRST
Foundation P.E. Prize	B. S. RUSSELL
Mechanics' Institute Physics Prize	S. R. MARSHALL

SENIOR SCHOOL PRIZES:

Marmaduke Miller Memorial Art Prize	S. J. SIMON
Mechanics' Institute Biology Prize	A. J. THOMPSON
John Bevis Wilkinson Chemistry Prize	P. NEAL
Foundation Divinity Prize	D. J. TURNER
Foundation Economics Prize	T. WOODBURN
Petyt Trust English Prize	A. W. DAVIES
George Bottomley Memorial French Prize	Not awarded
George Bottomley Memorial German Prize	Not awarded
Rodwell Memorial Geography Prize	I. R. WEBSTER
Mechanics' Institute Handicraft Prize	L. P. JEPHSON
Foundation History Prize	A. W. DAVIES
Petyt Trust Latin Prize	J. M. CAPSTICK
Mechanics' Institute Mathematics Prize	G. CAWLEY
Firth Memorial Music Prize	A. BINGHAM
Foundation P.E. Prize	G. M. STRANGE
Mechanics' Institute Physics Prize	A. MOORHOUSE

FOUNDATION FORM PRIZES

IG	..	..	..	..	..	..	J. P. LYNCH
1P	..	..	..	..	..	..	M. A. BAYLEY
IV	..	..	..	..	..	..	J. N. MCKEOWN
2M	..	..	..	..	..	..	D. NAPIER
2C	..	..	..	..	..	..	W. HODGKINSON
2D	..	..	..	..	..	..	N. A. WHITEOAK
3W	..	..	..	..	..	..	B. S. RUSSELL
3B	..	..	..	..	..	..	J. A. M. GEDDES
3J	..	..	..	..	..	..	D. E. FEATHER
4S	..	..	..	..	..	..	P. LOUGHLIN
4T	..	..	..	..	..	..	C. ROOKE
4H	..	..	..	..	..	..	M. J. HARRISON
Skipton Town Council Silver Jubilee Shield	..	..	..	..	..	..	C. RICKERBY
Ian McLeod Memorial Prize	..	..	..	..	..	..	C. P. SCHOSLAND
Fleming Essay Prize	..	..	..	..	..	..	T. PAYLOR
Longden Smith Prize for Rugby	..	..	..	..	..	..	R. S. BUCKROYD
Jimmy Harrison Memorial Prize for progress in Senior Rugby	..	..	..	..	..	..	G. J. BROWN
Arthur Coe Prize for Distinguished Service	..	..	..	..	..	..	S. SHUTTLEWORTH
Foundation General Efficiency Prize	..	..	..	..	..	..	G. M. STRANGE
Old Boys' Association Head of School Prize	..	..	..	..	..	..	D. A. WATTS

UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC LIST

October 1985

C. ATKINSON	Manchester University (Civil Engineering)
M. BIRTLEY	Middlesex Polytechnic (Civil Engineering)
P. A. CURRAN	Liverpool Polytechnic (Business Studies)
G. N. DOUGLAS	Oxford Polytechnic (Accountancy)
C. H. DOYLE	St. Katherine's College, Liverpool (B.Ed. Geography)
S. J. EASTERBY	Middlesex Polytechnic (Geography)
A. R. FREEMAN	U.M.I.S.T. (Management Science)
M. P. GALLAGHER	Liverpool University (English Literature)
A. G. HALL	Southampton University (Environmental Sciences)
A. D. HALLIWELL	Sunderland Polytechnic (Pharmacy)
J. M. HARTLEY	Newcastle University (Modern Languages)
A. M. HEATON	Heythrop College, London (Philosophy/Theology)
M. D. HOLMES	Leeds Polytechnic (Food and Accommodation Management)
R. S. HUNTRODS	Trent Polytechnic (Accountancy and Finance)
R. J. LAMBERT	Bradford University (Electronics)
W. B. LISTER	Keble College, Oxford (Geography)
S. D. LOFTHOUSE	Exeter University (Accountancy)
S. E. LOGAN	Sussex University, 1986 (Law with German)
G. J. MCADAM	Liverpool University (Chemistry)
D. W. METCALFE	Reading University (Land Management)
D. M. PLUMMER	City University, London (Electrical and Electronic Engineering)
J. E. POWELL	St. Andrew's University (Geography)
J. B. READ	Manchester University (Geography)
A. M. SHACKLETON	Edinburgh University (Astrophysics)
R. W. SHEPHERD	Exeter University (French)
J. J. STUBBS	Sunderland Polytechnic (Pharmacy)
N. A. WHYTE	Middlesex Polytechnic (Engineering)

The 1985 leavers listed below are applying for degree courses to commence in
Autumn 1986

M. P. ARMSTRONG	J. L. CAMPBELL	S. M. KING
R. G. J. BELLERBY	K. COE	D. J. MIDWINTER
P. R. BENTLEY	P. DAVISON	S. S. G. REYNOLDS
C. J. BIRTWISTLE	L. M. J. HEBDEN	D. M. WORTHINGTON

A CONCERT OF MUSIC FOR SPEECH DAY

8th July, 1986.

Orchestra	Ave Verum Corpus	Mozart
	3 English Dances from Playford's	
	"Dancing Master" 1650	
Choir	O Lovely Peace	Handel
	Sound the Trumpet	Purcell
	Donkey Riding	Trad. Lancs. Folk Song
Wind Group	Morning	Greig
	In the Hall of the Mountain King	Greig
	Five Chord Trick	Graham Lyons
Organ Solo	Gary Waddington	
	Prelude and Fugue in C	J. S. Bach
	Tuba Tune	C. S. Lang
Oboe Solo	Christopher Rickerby	
	March	Alan Richardson
	Melancholy Tale	Alan Richardson
Bassoon Solo	Peter Hirst	
	Humoreske	Weissenborn
Treble Solo	Simon Badrock	
	I Know That My Redeemer Liveth	Handel
Flute Solo	Andrew Moran	
	Circus Pony	Stephen Dodgson
Cello Solo	Tor Pettit	
	Song Without Words	Mendelssohn
Brass Band	March "Dingley Dell"	Rayner
	Silent Worship	Handel
	March "Slaidburn"	Rimmer

Culled from the Corridors

A Level English:

"Hermione has been emphatuating with Polixenes."

"O" Level History:

"Labour wanted fairer shares for unserved men after the First World War."

Fourth Form English:

"In Macbeth, the witches were cooking a fowl mixture in the cauldron."

Chemistry definition:

"An allotrope of a substance is when a substance without adding anything can be made into something else."

A Fourth Form list of Bernard Shaw's plays included:

"Saint John,"

"Acropolis and the Lion,"

"Heart Break Hotel,"

"Manx Superman,"

"Captain Brassbound's Other Island."

A third former wrote that he had been reading "The Secret Dairy of A drain Mule."

Another noted that "A terradactyl was a prehistoric bird." (Presumably earth-bound).

Second Form English:

"The man's whole sole was moved by the sound."

A Second Former, giving information for his "pupil profile":

Teams played for: "Under 13 rugger; played in all games."
Colours? "Black and white."

Twenty - five Years Ago

(From "The Chronicles", Autumn 1960—Summer 1961).

W. R. Smith was Head of School, with J. P. Hodgson, J. A. Rosenthal, S. Capstick, G. R. Bradley and E. Hartley as Heads of Houses. Captain of Football was W. R. Smith and Captain of Cricket E. Hartley.

Mr. T. J. Stevens (P.E.), Mr. J. Kennerley (Maths and Science) and Mr. K. W. Robertson (English) joined the staff in September, 1960, and Mr. A. C. Coe became Chairman of the Governors in succession to Colonel Longden Smith.

During the summer holidays, the School House dining room and kitchens were extended and modernised; the floors in other parts of the school were relaid, and there were extensive renovations to the swimming bath.

The House trophy boards which had been forced into temporary retirement when the new library emerged from the old Big School reappeared on the walls of the Memorial Hall.

Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools carried out a general inspection in November 1960. It was described as "a most friendly affair".

The old grammar school in Shortbank Road was officially listed as a building of "special architectural and historic interest."

The Scout Troop had thirty members, which was reported as its full capacity. Mr. Dulling started a Linguists' Club; there was a chess club, Railway and Geographical Societies; but the Debating Society was in abeyance.

The Old Boys news reported that J. A. Harrison played rugger for Yorkshire and, having graduated at Christ's College, Cambridge, was appointed to the staff of Warwick School. W. J. Paley played in the Leeds City brass band.

In September, 1960, there were 501 boys in the school. 77 were in the 6th Form (from the two-form entry), 35 taking Arts subjects, 42 taking science.

H.C.R. produced "Murder in the Cathedral" (David Hill as Becket, and David Higson in the Chorus of Women of Canterbury), with a magnificent set. He also relinquished the post of School Librarian which he had held for 23 years.

The First XV played 17 matches, won 7 (Sedbergh, Giggleswick, Heath, Roundhay, Old Boys, Woodhouse Grove, Penarth G.S. — on tour), lost 6 (Keighley G.S., Bradford G.S., Harrogate, Keighley G.S., Lancaster, Wigton G.S.), and drew 4 (Leeds G.S., Ashville, Crossley and Porter School, Gravesend G.S.).

The Cricket XI beat Clitheroe, the Staff, the Parents and the Old Boys; lost to Leeds G.S., Giggleswick, the Hawks, Woodhouse Grove and Lancaster; and drew with Bradford G.S., Leeds Modern and Keighley G.S.

R. M. Ingham was first home in the Senior Cross-Country race, run on a new course incorporating Sharpshaw Moor. The Cross-Country Concert produced "plenty of noise from both the stage and the audience" and "the brass band made good attempts at several tunes."

G. A. Riding set new records for both Discus and Javelin.

During the Easter holidays, parties went to Norway and Paris.

It was announced that, from September 1961, Saturday morning School would be abolished. "It has become increasingly difficult in recent years to arrange for all boys in the school to play games on two afternoons every week." So games were reduced to one afternoon a week and boys spent an extra afternoon in the classroom. One or two-hour detentions were served on Saturday morning.

A beautifully carved board bearing the name of the School and the date of foundation was erected at the bottom of the main drive. It was the work of Mr. W. Hewit who was in charge of handicraft.

At the end of the Summer term, Mr. W. B. Swainson left to become Second Master at Settle High School, though continuing his connection with Ermysted's as secretary to the Old Boys' Society. Mr. Baskerville (Modern Languages) also left and took a post in Ghana.

School Cross Country Championships

Robert Grillo burst onto the Cross Country scene with a magnificent performance, leaving all competitors (including the shadowy ex-Army P.T.I.) struggling in his wake. Unfortunately, his fine time of 27 mins. 21 secs. could not count as a record as the Senior course had been altered because of impenetrable fog on Sharpshaw. It will be most interesting to see if Robert can break the record next year.

In second place was David Watts, this year's Cross Country Captain, who made a gallant but unavailing effort to remain the Cross Country Champion. Alex Howarth came home in fine style in third place.

In the intermediate race, Stuart Phillips was a clear winner from the second placed competitor, Stephen Whitaker. Sean Grace ran extremely well to finish in third position.

The Junior race was most competently won by Thomas Stern, a newcomer to the School. Stern lived up to his name and was an easy winner. Jason Gilbert again ran pluckily to finish second and Nicky Bhagat once again trailed him into third place.

Duncan Clarke was in fine form and romped home to win the Prelim Race. Tom Harrison ran in a gutsy second, with Mark Bayley, that well-known all-rounder, turning in a good performance to finish in third place.

CROSS COUNTRY 1986 RESULTS

SENIORS	1.	Robert Grillo	4.	Robert Hudson			
	2.	David Watts	5.	Jolyon Rawson			
	3.	Alex Howarth	6.	Tim Woodburn			
INTERMEDIATE	1.	Stuart Phillips	4.	Richard Bland			
	2.	Stephen Whitaker	5.	David Isherwood			
	3.	Sean Grace	6.	Samuel Whittaker			
JUNIORS	1.	Thomas Stern	4.	Alastair Clough			
	2.	Jason Gilbert	5.	Robert Tattersall			
	3.	Nicky Bhagat	6.	Nicholas Breare			
PRELIMINARY	1.	Duncan Clark	4.	Daniel Maude			
	2.	Tom Harrison	5.	Andrew Preston			
	3.	Mark Bayley	6.	Robin Whiteley			
		E.	P.	T.	H.		
Senior	171	314	265	135
Intermediate	569	550	350	387
Junior	254	134	188	385
Preliminary	83	38	15	30
TOTAL	1077	1036	818	937
Position	4	3	1	2

HOUSE CHAMPIONS, 1986 — TOLLER

Rugby Reports 1985-86

FIRST XV

P.15 W.14 D.nil. L.1 For 337 Against 114.

No-one watching the first agonising forty minutes play of the season, with our forwards shunted back remorselessly by the huge, rugged Lancaster pack, the meagre scraps of possession hastily forced back into opposition hands, could have forecast the wonderful season of often joyous and thrilling rugby which lay ahead. And yet it was the grim determination, the remorseless courage and tenacious corporate tackling, the conviction of playing whole-heartedly for one-another, which not only pulled that opening match out of the fire but forged the spirit of confidence and commitment for the fine season that followed. The team's record compares with Erymsted's best, and indeed they were unfortunate to yield an invincible season to Kirkham in the penultimate match largely due to fielding a depleted and rearranged side consequent on unfortunate car crash injuries coupled with a long disruptive lay off. More importantly, the side earned and justified its record in the sustained and adventurous quality of its play: it was a team in the fullest and completest sense. Not for twenty years has the school had a full set of backs, with capable specialist players in all seven positions and the completeness of its play complemented the completeness of its personnel. The pack, though lightweight by traditional Erymsted standards, were fit, mobile tenacious and adept at absorbing the lessons of changing forward play consequent on the new laws. The side contained the talent, the pace, the rugged authority but in the final analysis, also the intelligent application of technical knowledge and the corporate sense of strategy which make for genuine sporting success.

The team's success was founded on sustained mastery of rugby basics. The speed of handling of the whole back unit was frequently brilliant, with, in particular, Strange's giving and taking of a pass a lesson for many current senior internationals. This combined with the mature generalship of Michael Harrison and the pace and penetration of Glen Harrison afforded the finishing trio of wingers, Turner and Hendleman and full back Heseltine with the bulk of the exciting tries scored. The balance of Schindler's scrum half game improved markedly and his service and break play were of the highest order.

The forward play was above all mobile and destructive, the finely-honed sense of breakdown foraging and its consequent good ball, was a developed art in the hands of Brown, Buckroyd, Beck and Padgett. The set piece play (after the opening game) was never less than parity and the platform of the young front-row players Greenwood, King, McIntosh and Baker improved markedly as the season developed, while the line-out possession from Williamson, Padgett and Buckroyd was frequently more than we dared hope for. In many respects, the crudest-looking players was the key figure of the season, for Brown's galvanic motivating energy was second only in importance to the completeness of this destruction of any opposition danger.

The highlights of this excellent season were obviously many, but the most satisfying in its completeness was the demolition of the fine West Park St. Helen's side fresh from their astounding 80 points victory over Normanton. Here the intensity of the concentration on the game plan in first containing, then destroying the opposition and finally running in four ecstatic flowing threequarter tries afforded the large Sandylands crowd the best match there for very many years and taught the team to savour the genuine thrill of total rugby satisfaction in an exactly executed, carefully planned and worked out victory. The finest contest was undoubtedly the narrow single point win over the fine unbeaten Crossey-Heath combination, the one occasion during the season when a first class forward struggle needed to be won and was comprehensively achieved. And, ironically in a season of thrilling try scoring in nearly every match, a moment to remember with real pleasure was Buckroyd's last minute mammoth penalty goal attempt at Leeds Grammar. From on his own ten yard line, up hill, the ball smashed high on the upright with such power that it ricoched almost out of play at the corner flag on the full, capturing both the boyant exhilarating confidence with which he led the side and signalling yet another highly satisfying victory.

Though as has been stressed, the side's success was very much a product of true team cohesion, Michael and Glen Harrison both represented Yorkshire under 18 group and Schindler was also a county squad member. The younger players, Greenwood and King in particular, were key members of the North Yorkshire side. We again survived to the third day of the Preston Grasshoppers' Tournament where the injury-hit composition and balance of the side was unsuited to the heavy conditions and truncated playing time, bowing out in the plate semi-final. We were, of course, better equipped for sevens play and after a hesitant performance at the Ilkley Tournament a more fully representative side thrilled the large Ampleforth crowd with victories over Welbeck College, Ampleforth themselves, Bradford G.S. and Leeds G.S. only to concede the final to the fresher R.G.S. Newcastle. The finale to a crowded season was the return to Jersey on tour where the easy victory over the Island Colts side was counterbalanced by defeat at the hands of an excellent adult student side from Southampton University. However, the quality of the play against the odds in this final encounter, so oddly reminiscent of the mood of determination shown in the opening game at Lancaster, with its successful blooding of young players of the calibre of scrum half Cook, augers well for the continued success in the coming season.

G.L.T.

TEAM CHARACTERS

R. S. BUCKROYD (Captain)—No. 8.

An outstanding leader by commanding personal example in every aspect of the game. A complete forward with pace, power, handling skill and a prodigious goal-kicker, who landed a Paul Thornton effort to turn the game at Leeds Grammar early in the season. A regular or North Yorkshire and a final trialist last season for the Yorkshire 18 Group, after representative honours for Lancashire earlier in his playing career. G.L.T.

N. D. HESELTINE—Full-back.

A deceptively speedy, fearless and skilful footballer with a trusty left foot. Safe and unspectacular as the last line of defence, his major contribution has been his eye for an opening and his support work in attack. One of the leading try scorers. R. I. TURNER—Winger.

A young improving winger with real speed and finishing power. An exuberant presence on the field, he has suffered more than his share of injuries. Should develop into a regular match-winner next season.

R. G. HARRISON—Centre.

Very much the talented attacking edge of the team's running back play. A savage hand-off, a curving outside break and side-step off either foot are natural gifts in his armoury. A tendency to tackle high and to turn up late and inadequately equipped are frustrating but ultimately tolerable weaknesses. Former Captain and out-side half of the Yorkshire 16 Group side and a member of the Yorkshire 18 Group side this season.

G. M. STRANGE—Centre.

A player possessing supreme handling skills. His taking and giving of a pass is an object lesson to younger players and his unselfish distribution was the cornerstone of much brilliant back play this season. An uncompromising tackler, he never let the side down and struggled hard to get on the score sheet.

D. HENDLEMAN—Winger.

A powerful newcomer to the side and a rarity in Ermysted's wing play in being both a secure tackler and possessing a genuine turn of long distance finishing speed. Scored some crucial tries and an exciting prospect for 1986-87.

M. R. HARRISON—Outside Half.

The elder member of the multi-talented duo from the Harrison stable from Threshfield. A Yorkshire 18 Group cap this year. A solid commanding player with transfer and breaking skills of a high order. A fine footballing mind and a destructive tackler, relying more on judgement than sustained speed, his season was spoiled somewhat by niggling injuries.

D. J. SCHINDLER—Scrum Half.

Another Yorkshire 16 Group cap and a replacement at 18 Group this season, possessing a mercurial pass and a quicksilver reaction. Brilliant and indefatigable he has developed a fine balance between his distributive responsibilities and his solo break play. Faultless in defence, despite his lack of size, he always gave of his best and was sorely missed later in the season through injury.

G. J. BROWN—Flanker.

The key all action player in the team's style. A superb tackler unerringly at the source of trouble at the earliest opportunity. A noisy motivator on the pitch he covered every inch of the playing surface and was an invaluable provider and supporter.

J. BECK—Flanker.

A grafting destructive tackler, expert at the chargedown. A former captain of the all conquering Wharfedale under 17 side, he has come back from the most fearsome injuries and never flinches in any confrontation. Fit, fast and fearless he was the third member of a magnificent back row which was never mastered all season.

S. M. WILLIAMSON—Lock.

A fitness fanatic Sean was swift about the field and most effective in the mauls. His line-out play improved but he was reluctant to use his physical stature to its full effect. By intelligent support play and "fringing" he managed to score more than his fair share of tries.

S. A. PADGETT—Lock.

A rangy converted flanker who has turned himself into the main source of line-out possession. Always in the thick of the action he was most comfortable in attack where his sudden bursts created chances out of nothing.

R. A. C. GREENWOOD—Prop.

A composed unruffled performer who was perhaps lacking a little in aggression. Very effective at close quarters and a marvellous poacher of the opposition ball. Should be a mainstay of next year's pack.

N. A. KING—Hooker.

A hard rugged player excellent at winning opposition ball. Effective in the loose and guaranteed to win more than his share of scrumage ball. Accurate thrower at the line-out and a key member of next season's squad.

A. S. BAKER—Prop.

An expert scrummanager with the typical look of injured innocence when penalised for some doubtful practice or other. Determined and rock steady he is not the fastest about the field but his contribution is highly valued by his fellows in the forwards' union. A great prospect for 1986-87.

A. J. McINTOSH—Prop.

A late arrival at Ermysted's he willingly converted to the position of prop. when he saw the plethora of flankers. A completely committed player who supported tigerishly and who revelled in the forward exchanges. In and out of the fifteen his enthusiasm never wavered and he will surely command a regular place next year.

T. ARMSTRONG—Winger.

A strong runner and reliable tackler he has been on the verge of a regular first-team place all season but has lacked a little know-how and finishing speed.

R. CAWLEY—Winger.

A speedy finisher and a reliable defender he played several games early in the season but lost his place, perhaps unluckily, after spurning through faulty handling some gilt-edged opportunities.

Also played: R. E. Cook, N. J. Hirst, A. Howarth, R. A. Lumb, D. E. Thorburn, J. C. Waddington, P. A. Elliott, M. R. Moulton, I. R. Webster. R.S.B.

1st XV Match Reports

14th September v. Lancaster R.G.S. (A) Won 12-10

Playing with a stiff breeze in the first half Ermysted's were unable to take advantage of the elements and found themselves penned in their own 22 for much of the time, thanks to the efforts of a much heavier and more aggressive Lancaster pack. The occasional relieving kick out of defence was the only respite as Lancaster piled on the pressure. Fortunately the opposition backs were stereotyped in their play and resolute defence kept them at bay. Somewhat against the run of play McIntosh scored a try, converted by Buckroyd, which was School's only reply to Lancaster's early penalty goal.

With the wind behind them Lancaster kicked intelligently for position and launched innumerable attacks. An unconverted try and a penalty goal gave them what seemed like a commanding lead but, with 5 minutes remaining, M. Harrison, supported by his brother Glen, produced a sparkling try for Schindler under the posts. Buckroyd's conversion set up a nail-biting finish and an unexpected victory which was the first against Lancaster for several years.

24th September v. Giggleswick. (A) Won 21-6.

Giggleswick put up spirited resistance, particularly in the forwards, but they had no reply to the scintillating back play of the Ermysted's team. G. Harrison sliced through the defence for a converted try without a hand being laid on him and the half-time lead would have been more emphatic, if all chances had been taken. Early in the 2nd half Williamson added a second try after good support work; No. 8. Buckroyd appeared outside the winger to score in the corner and Cawley scored a fourth wide out to seal a comfortable victory. A conversion and penalty goal by Buckroyd completed the scoring.

28th September v. Ripon G.S. (H) Won 46-3.

For the first fixture of the season at Sandylands Ermysted's expected an easy passage and were surprised by the quality of Ripon's resistance. Only after 25 minutes did the School team throw off its lethargy and begin to show its pedigree. The features of the match were full back Heseltine's incursions at speed into the three quarter line, bringing him a second half hat-trick of tries, and M. Harrison's magical distribution from fly half. After a halting first 35 minutes School were unstoppable in the 2nd half and tries came at regular intervals from Heseltine (3), Padgett (2), Buckroyd (2), G. Harrison and Cawley. 3 of these tries were converted by Buckroyd and 1 by M. Harrison. In the end a convincing win but not without its uncomfortable moments.

1st October v. Pontefract. (A) Won 33-6.

Pontefract fielded 2 outstanding centres and 13 young, inexperienced triers who were no match for the School. After the early exchanges Ermysted's wore down the opposition with the speed and variety of their attacks and before long the score began to mount up. Many tries came from long distance and it was particularly pleasing to see Hirst and Turner on the score sheet for the first time. Buckroyd (2) G. Harrison and Beck were the other try scorers, with 3 conversions and a drop goal from Buckroyd.

5th October v. Doncaster G.S. (H) Won 34-18.

Ermysted's extended their unbeaten run this season to 5 games with this impressive victory over a strong visiting side. After a slow first 10 minutes, during which Doncaster opened with a penalty, Ermysted's scored through prop forward McIntosh after good forward support play. Buckroyd added the conversion. A bad mistake by the Skipton backs then resulted in a breakaway try for Doncaster, the stand-off converting it to give his side the lead.

Ermysted's regained the lead through 2 well taken penalties from Buckroyd and their play seemed to be regaining its normal cohesion. Tries from G. Harrison and Heseltine, with Doncaster's reply restricted to a penalty goal, took the home side into an impregnable half-time lead.

Doncaster started the second half in style, pressurising the Skipton line to earn themselves a penalty, their fly half happily obliging. After making heavy weather of things School then regained some of their characteristic flair, forwards and backs combining well to earn a further 3 tries from Heseltine, his second, M. Harrison and Schindler. Buckroyd added 1 conversion. After a series of penalties Doncaster scored a consolation try and conversion in the last minute of the game.

2nd November v. West Park, St. Helens. (H) Won 23-6.

Cheered on by a large crowd Ermysted's continued their unbeaten run by overwhelming one of the most talented and successful sides in the North, this notable scalp being a just reward for a totally committed display.

West Park's running style of play meant that they unwisely ran kickable penalties while 3 converted penalties by Buckroyd put Ermysted's 9-0 up after half an hour. They added to their lead when winger Hendleman crossed in the corner after a strong run, giving the Skipton side a 13-0 lead at the interval.

The coup de grace came soon after the break, when Strange made a decisive burst through the centre, which was followed up by marvellous forward support play, resulting in flanker Beck going over for a try, converted by Buckroyd. The final nail in the coffin came 10 minutes from the end, when Turner finished off a slick back move to round off a marvellous win. West Park managed a consolation try in the

dying seconds, giving a glimpse of what might have been, but on the day there was only one winner.

The result was thoroughly deserved and gave the crowd and the opposition an idea of the potential of this Ermysted's side. They managed to match and eventually outclass West Park's tricky, pacy backs but it was in the forwards that the game was won, with Ermysted keeping their opponent's possession down to a minimum. They dominated at line-out and scrum and were quicker and more aggressive in the loose, coming out considerably on top. It would be unfair to single out any one player in what was really an exhilarating team performance against one of the most successful Northern School sides in recent seasons, confirming Ermysted's great potential talent.

5th November v. Leeds G.S. (A) Won 16-9.

On a bright but windy afternoon Leeds made the early breaks and after just 5 minutes Ermysted's found themselves 6 points adrift. However, inspired by captain Buckroyd, they were soon deep inside the Leeds half, and it was not long before Buckroyd powered over the corner for a fine individual try, which was unconverted. Leeds forged further ahead with a well-taken penalty, making the score 9-4 in their favour. Sustained pressure by the Ermysted's back row allowed a break by fly-half M. Harrison, which resulted in a try for full back Heseltine. Buckroyd added the difficult conversion, giving Ermysted's a slender lead at half-time of 10 points to 9.

After the break Leeds looked dangerous but the solid Ermysted's defence absorbed anything Leeds could throw at them. In fact, throughout the second half, Ermysted's were hardly able to break out of their own half. With 10 minutes to go, School were awarded a penalty some yards inside their own half. With the wind behind him Buckroyd decided to go for goal and it was three points all the way, with a very well-struck penalty indeed. The score was now 13-9 and constant breaks by G. Harrison resulted in another penalty decision going Ermysted's way, Buckroyd again obliging.

This, the seventh win in succession, illustrated that even when not playing particularly well, the team has a spirit and resilience which will see them through to victory.

9th November v. Normanton (A) Won 19-9.

Ermysted's continued their winning ways in fine style at Normanton. School opened the scoring with a fine individual try from wingman Hendle, which was followed up after intensive pressure by a scissors move in the backs, leading to a try by G. Harrison. Buckroyd was off target with the conversions but managed to convert a penalty award, making the half-time score 11-3.

Ermysted's soon increased their lead after the interval by 4 points when second row Williamson powered over in the corner to score. The last 20 minutes were spoiled by the constant and aimless kicking of the Normanton fly-half, although one speculative effort led to a mix-up in the Ermysted's defence and a gift try to the opposition under the posts. In the final 5 minutes, following excellent play by No. 8. Buckroyd, Schindler rounded off the scoring with a try wide out.

16th November v. Crossley Heath. (A) Won 13-12.

Ermysted's travelled to Halifax to take on an unbeaten Crossley Heath 1st XV, which contained 5 Yorkshire players.

After early pressure by Ermysted's, Crossley Heath were forced to give away a penalty which was easily converted by Buckroyd. This was equalised by the opposition a few minutes later. Resolute tackling in the centre by Strange and G. Harrison denied the strong Crossley Heath backs, and Armstrong and Turner, who was later replaced after injury by McIntosh, showed up well in defence. A penalty, awarded to the School after a typically incisive break by Schindler, was run, catching the opposition unawares. Slick handling by the backs put G. Harrison in for a try, converted by Buckroyd. Crossley Heath retorted immediately with a penalty, leaving the half-time score 9-6 in School's favour.

In the second half Ermysted's took control and were encamped on the enemy's line for long periods. Good ball from the forwards allowed full back Heseltine to squeeze through a gap near the line and score wide out. After a spirited fight-back Crossley Heath scored an excellent consolation try, which was converted but this came too late to threaten Ermysted's 100% record.

Once again this was a good overall team performance, with new prop. Baker making a notable contribution, and if all the chances had been taken, the points margin would have been much greater.

14th December v. Old Boys. (H) Won 27-4.

The School side, having been one of the first school teams for years to reach Christmas unbeaten, thought they were going to be up against it, when early on the heavy Old Boy's pack scored an easy pushover try through No. 8 T. Shepherd.

However, the dominant factors were the School back row and the superior School back division. The School equalised through swift back play, resulting in Hendleman going over in the corner. Buckroyd added a penalty to take the half-time score to 7-4.

Now the fitness of the Schoolboys or perhaps the lack of the same amongst the seniors began to tell and the "longer burning" school side ran in some superb tries. The rampant Buckroyd barged over the line from a Schindler break to take the score to 13-4. Beck and Schindler each added a try but the best of the bunch came last with Hendleman, the strong running wingman, finishing up on the end of an impressive handling display in very sticky conditions.

All in all the School were the better side on the day with outstanding performances from G. Harrison and No. 8 Buckroyd.

18th January v. Prince Henry's G.S., Otley. (A) Won 30-3.

Electing to play with the fierce wind in the first half, Ermysted's dominated territorially but failed to turn their superiority into points until shortly before half-time. The ball was frequently overkicked and handling in the wind was a lottery. After a late burst of scoring the teams turned round at half-time with Ermysted's leading 16-0.

In the second half Otley gained reward for some spirited play with a penalty but as they tired, School came more into the game. A marvellous length of the field run by G. Harrison for his second try knocked the stuffing out of Otley and they conceded a further 2 tries near the end. Buckroyd converted 3 of the tries scored by G. Harrison (2), M. Harrison, Williamson, Padgett and Greenwood.

1st February v. Hipperholme G.S. (A) Won 14-4.

Played in blizzard conditions on the top of the Pennines this was no game for the purist. The biting wind added to the difficulties for the backs but to their credit they persisted in trying to handle until the threat of exposure took its toll. The forwards were able to indulge in old-fashioned foot rushes, particularly down the slope and the School had Howarth and Heseltine to thank for their sterling defensive play when Hipperholme tried the same tactic. Sheer strength close to the line brought 2 tries for Buckroyd and Heseltine's change of pace and direction wrong-footed the defence for the clinching try, which Buckroyd converted.

8th March v. Kirkham G.S. (A) Lost 4-7.

Kirkham, enjoying by their standards an indifferent season, played above themselves and gave the School an object lesson in determination, in blanket defence and in spoiling the opponents' possession. The absence of Schindler was keenly felt and the forwards were never allowed to settle after the lengthy journey and tardy arrival at Kirkham.

When things are going against you, all the luck and eccentric refereeing decisions seem to work in favour of the opposition and this game was no exception. After the evenly matched early exchanges Kirkham went ahead through a close-in penalty, awarded after the most bizarre interpretation of the advantage law that your correspondent has ever witnessed. In the second half Waddington crossed in the corner, only to be recalled for a "forward pass" seen by one pair of eyes only. A quick retort by Kirkham caught us napping and led to an excellent try in the corner. G. Harrison's typical scything break and try after 5 minutes of added time, caused by a head injury to Beck (not the luckiest of grounds for John!) came too late to save the day.

This report may smack of scour grapes but one look at the face of the Kirkham coach after the match confirmed that Lady Luck had deserted us utterly and smiled on our opponents. In the final analysis School did not play to its potential and never matched Kirkham's aggression and spirit up front. A frustrating match but a salutary lesson!

15th March v. Harrogate G.S. (H) Won 30-8.

This final match of the season against traditionally difficult opponents served up a feast of open, running rugby to which both sides contributed in fine style. The teams were evenly matched for much of the game and only in the latter stages were School allowed to indulge in the scintillating passing movements which have been the hallmark of their play this season. Harrogate's clever and strong-running backs posed a real threat until injuries disrupted their efforts. School's major scoring efforts came late in the game and the final score did not do justice to Harrogate's spirited efforts.

Rugby is very much a team game and it is perhaps appropriate that your correspondent has misplaced the list of scorers in this final fixture of the season. All have made a valuable contribution to the success of one of the finest school sides Ermysted's has ever produced.

The matches against Ilkley G.S., Q.E.G.S., Wakefield, Bradford G.S. and ,K.E.S. Lytham were lost to the weather.

9th March. ILKLEY SEVENS COMPETITION.

The School failed to progress beyond the group games, having lost to St. Edward's, Liverpool and to Dundee High School. The only win was recorded against Hipperholme 2nd VII.

16th March. AMPLEFORTH SEVENS COMPETITION.

Group Matches	v. Welbeck College	Won 22-10.
	v. Ampleforth 1st VII	Won 3-0.
	v. Bradford G.S.	Won 16-12.
	v. Leeds G.S.	Won 14-16.

In the Final Ermysted's lost to Newcastle Royal G.S. by 30-10.

21st, 22nd, 23rd March. PRESTON GRASSHOPPERS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS 15-A-SIDE RUGBY FESTIVAL.

Friday. Group Matches. Ermysted's won 1, lost 2.

Saturday. Losers' Plate. Ermysted's won both matches.

Sunday. Losers' Plate Semi-final. King William's, Isle of Man, 13 points
Ermysted's 4 points.

SECOND XV

Record: P.12 W.7 D.1 L.4 Points For 211 Against 90

While failing quite to match the superb playing records of the two previous Second XV's, this year's side developed into a useful team, who showed their true worth by remaining unbeaten in the second term of the season. Typically, the side's playing pattern was often disrupted by calls to the First XV, but a good team spirit and large pool of talented players managed to minimise the problems posed.

After retaining very few of the previous year's team, it was inevitable that the side would struggle in the opening fixtures, and the traditionally difficult games against Lancaster and Giggleswick, brought early season disappointment. However, the team matured quickly and recorded comfortable victories against weaker opposition in Ripon, Pontefract and Doncaster. A well-merited victory against Leeds was sandwiched in between impressive displays in defeat against West Park and Crossley-Porter, who provided tough opposition. The side started to play to its full potential in the second term and after a hard fought draw against Otley, the side gave some of its best performances. Hipperholme were well beaten and victories against Kirkham and Harrogate in fine style rounded off the season very well.

One of the team's major strengths were its defence. The statistics reveal that excluding the games against Lancaster and West Park where well disciplined, skilful, and power opposition were encountered, only 24 points were conceded in 10 matches. The major reasons for this were sound tackling, coupled with an ability (nearly always) to monopolise the possession. Strong scrummaging allied with the hooking of Webster, together with the line-out forces of Rooke and Thornton were the major factors for this. The back-row unit of Elliott, Lambert and Thornton proved an effective force all season, showing great promise for next year. Scrum-half Shaw improved as the season progressed, controlling many games with his astute tactical play.

The back division suffered in early season from having a constantly changing line-up, but they were eventually welded into a very effective unit. The powerful running of Armstrong and R. Cawley brought many tries, and coupled with the efforts of Frame and G. Cawley, who both performed consistently all year, these players were the basis of the side's scoring power. Full-back Howarth proved himself a reliable and sound player at this level, and was one of many who should go on to form part of a successful 1st XV.

Captain Webster led the side well, encouraging the younger players, who learned much and improved greatly during the season. It is that fact alone that makes the season successful and encourages hopes that the high standards of performance at senior rugby will continue to be maintained at Ermysted's.

2nd XV players: Watson, Webster (capt.), Whittaker, Rooke, Parker, Elliott, Lambert, Thorborn, Shaw, Frame, Gilbert, Armstrong, R. Cawley, G. Cawley, Thompson, Howarth, Hayes, Baker, Shuttleworth, Cook, Lamb, Turner, Hendleman, Beck, Waddington, Spurgin.

Results

Sept. 14th	v.	Lancaster (A)	Lost 0-38.
Sept. 24th	v.	Giggleswick (A)	Lost 0-4.
Sept. 28th	v.	Ripon (W)	Lost 20-6.
Oct. 1st	v.	Pontefract (A)	Won 50-0.
Oct. 5th	v.	Doncaster (H)	Won 42-0.
Nov. 2nd	v.	West Park (H)	Lost 14-28.
Nov. 5th	v.	Leeds (A)	Won 12-4.
Nov. 16th	v.	Crossley-Porter (A)	Lost 3-6.
Jan. 18th	v.	Otley (A)	Drawn 0-0.
Feb. 1st.	v.	Hipperholme (A)	Won 30-0.
Mar. 8th	v.	Kirkham (H)	Won 14-4.
Mar. 15th	v.	Harrogate (H)	Won 26-0.

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Colts XV.

Played 12 Won 7 Lost 4 Drawn 1. Points for 208. Points against 111.
Matches:

v. Lancaster	L.	0	—	8
v. Ripon	L.	8	—	14
v. Doncaster	W.	62	—	0
v. Giggleswick	W.	14	—	10
v. West Park	L.	13	—	28
v. Crossley Heath	W.	16	—	0
v. Otley	W.	13	—	3
v. Otley	L.	4	—	10
v. Kirkham	W.	18	—	12
v. Harrogate	D.	16	—	16
v. Lytham	W.	10	—	4

Those who played: Baker (capt.), Bass, Voisey, Holme, Wallbank, Spencer, Rooke, Harrison M., Harrison D. J., House, Cowley, Lodge, Daker, Tiffany, Follows, Mack, Stratton, Baron, Jolly, Newstead, Goodall, Lodge.

The season saw the team mature into an effective side winning several matches in handsome style. In the games which were lost, the margin of defeat was always held to acceptable limits. In most cases, these games could have been won had it not been for the occasional lapses in concentration or momentary aberrant defensive mistakes. Many defeats sustained the previous season against the same opponents were turned into victories, and a harder mental and physical edge to the play provided the necessary corporate temperament to allow the side to assert itself.

As the season progressed, a new-found confidence exuded from the ranks, manifest in a more certain defence and fluent handling the attack. The willingness to run the ball has always been a refreshing feature of the side, with both wings receiving plenty of running opportunities. This attractive style of play commanded the attention of a loyal band of supporters as well as leading to try-scoring openings. Wingman Newstead has been a revelation, running with barnstorming determination and providing a powerful coup de grace at the end of handling moves orchestrated by the admirable half-backs House and D. Harrison. The centres acquitted themselves well: Tiffany, polished and perceptive; Follows, incisive and creative, and deputy Mack always available to replace either with slick transfer and great courage. Fullback Stratton emerged as a dominant figure in back play. His incursions into the line and running from broken play were devastating and frequently led to try-scoring opportunities.

The pack played with increasing conviction and, for the first time, forwards began to use their physical prowess in the interests of the side. Lock Wallbank, ably supported by Holme, became a tour de force in scrummage, line-out and maul. Spencer evolved into a destructive prop in the classic mould. The back row were ably led by captain Baker, inspiring his School House acolytes of Voisey and Bass to feats of "derring do." Rooke, Cowley and M. Harrison had to share the other two front row berths, all worthy of a place, — thus illustrating the keen competition for membership of the side, as well as the reserve strength in the set.

After such a successful season many players can look forward to inclusion in the serious sides next year. Their talent should ensure that the high standards at the top of the school are maintained. C.I.D.

Junior Colts XV

Played 11 Won 3 Drawn 1 Lost 7. Points for 120. Points against 181.

Although the table of results looks rather grim, the majority of games were close and well fought.

The team was plagued with injury throughout the season, which meant the loss of some key players.

The forwards were always strong and applied pressure when it was needed most. They are now becoming much more mobile, and this, together with their strength, is making them a force to be reckoned with. The props, Wright and Sanders were always good, with Longmate continuing to improve with experience. The back row were always prominent throughout with good tackling from Walton, Scarborough and Willson.

The backs are all talented but sometimes don't use this to their advantage as teamwork. McCarthy, Webster, Gilbert and Whitaker were always good as individuals and when Richards got the ball he used his speed to great advantage.

When looking closely at each match, the season was not a bad one and the team should use this as experience for seasons to come.

Results:

v. Lancaster	L.	12	—	4
v. Ripon	W.	50	—	0
v. Giggleswick	L.	14	—	8
v. West Park	L.	42	—	14
v. Crossley Porter	L.	42	—	0
v. Otley	L.	15	—	10
v. Otley	L.	14	—	4
v. Hipperholme	W.	18	—	4
v. Kirkham	D.	4	—	4
v. Harrogate	W.	4	—	0
v. Lytham	L.	34	—	4

B.R.

Under 13 XV

Played 10 Won 5 Lost 5. Points for 90. Points against 112.

The season proved to be a pleasing one for the team. All games except Lancaster were closely contested and well-fought.

The pack, most of the time, was organised, but at some moments was disorganised. They had always good spirit and a great determination and were not prepared to be pushed about.

The backs also kept themselves organised. They ran and passed the ball and with a new member, Breare, to the side he increased morale and tries. Also Smith lived up to his name for some very ferocious tackling.

On the whole, the team has increased in skill tremendously and the season of 86/87 promises to be a good one.

Team: K. Harper, R. Whittaker, R. King, S. Wright (capt.), P. Ritchie, M. Sagar, R. Howarth, H. Westlake, M. Cromarty, N. Stubbs, R. Mason, N. Breare, S. Slater, J. Tiffany, A. Clough, M. Wilkinson, D. Cook, K. Harrison, S. Davidson
S.C.W. (2c)

Cricket Reports

FIRST XI

Play 14. Won 8. Drawn 4. Lost 2.

The 1986 XI enjoyed a successful season and finished with a playing record which put it on equal terms with the fine teams of recent seasons. Such a performance did not seem likely at the outset of the season but once the team had settled the senior players played to their full potential and younger boys were able to make the most of their chances to perform later on. Credit must go to the 'senior pros', Graham Strange, Neil Andrews and Ian Webster for their continuing commitment and enthusiasm for school cricket. Strange's record in statistical terms does not do justice to the quality of his batting, which was always geared to the needs of the team. His captaincy was astute, and his assurance in handling his men grew during the season. His selection for both Yorkshire Schools and Yorkshire Cricket Association U.19 teams was well deserved and one looks forward to his continuing progress at the higher levels of the game.

Andrews' batting matured considerably, perhaps at the expense of his bowling, and his best innings were a shrewd balance of powerful straight hitting and secure defence. Always a total competitor he put pressure on himself and those around him to succeed. Ian Webster, who has made himself into a good wicket keeper by application and enthusiasm, performed excellently, showing a hitherto unsuspected extrovert nature once behind the stumps and producing acceptable fielding from a team not over endowed with natural athletes. Andrew Bingham was again a reliable 'bits' and pieces' player, sound in defence, able to pick up useful wickets, and apart from one nightmare miss, a safe fielder. 'Fritz' Rooke was the main strike bowler, capable of producing lift, swing and a prodigious off-cutter from a very full length. With Strange he was selected for North Yorkshire U.19s, and unfortunately injury denied him the chance to play for the full Yorkshire team.

The most improved player was undoubtedly Alex Howarth who finished the season with a string of fine scores, once he had learned to harness his calypso style and hit through the line. A steady bowler and very safe fielder he has developed into a fine all-rounder. Glen Harrison also finished the season in fine style with some exciting innings on tour expressing his immense natural talent even if his fielding was not always what one would expect from a high quality stand-off half! Andy Carter, a fine wicketkeeper, made an uncertain start in the 1st XI, but his batting gained in confidence, and he played some useful innings at the end of term.

Five younger players established themselves in the team: David Watson, a watchful left-hander who played a valuable innings at Leeds; John Sanderson, a slow left-arm bowler and useful middle order batsman; Matthew Baker, deservedly selected for Yorkshire Schools U. 15 XI, a fine opening bowler and a promising batsman; Robert Cowley, left arm, medium pace, able to find the outside edge; Edward Tiffany, a right-hander strong on the off side.

Other appearances were by: James Brown (4 matches), Neil Heseltine (6), Jonathan Earl (1), Neil Bingham (1), Ian Brannan (1), Michael Harrison (1), David Watts (1), Matthew Jones (1).

The most notable event of the season was the tour of Somerset, fully chronicled elsewhere. To that report one ought to add that the party was a credit to the school both on and off the field and made the week a most enjoyable one for both Mr. Rooke and me.

R.C.S.

Results:

Sat., April 26th:	v. Bradford G.S. Cancelled - rain.
Tues., April 29th:	v. Leeds G.S. (a) Drawn. E.G.S. 110 (Strange 39, Watson 31 n.o.). Leeds G.S. 106-9.
Sat., May 10th:	v. Batley G.S. (a) Drawn. E.G.S. 168-6 dec. (Strange 83, Andrews 34). Batley 153-8 (Baker 3-25, Strange 4-41).
Tues., May 13th:	v. Giggleswick (a). Won by 9 wickets. Giggleswick 44 (Rooke 6-18, Andrews 4-26). E.G.S. 45-1.
Sat., June 21st:	v. Burnley Habergham H.S. (a). Won by 97 runs. E.G.S. 138-9 dec. (Strange 61). Burnley 41 (Cowling 6-15).
Tues., June 24th:	v. Nelson and Colne College (h). Won by 143 runs. E.G.S. 164-9 dec. (Howarth 54). Nelson 21 (Rooke 7-7).
Sat., June 28th:	v. Hipperholme (a). Won by 6 wickets. Hipperholme 135 (Baker 4-25, Bingham 3-17). E.G.S. 137-4 (Strange 69, Harrison R.G. 28).
Tues., July 1st:	v. Parents XI (h). Won by 51 runs. E.G.S. 144-1 (25 overs) (Andrews 84 n.o., Brown 39). Parents 93-7 (25 overs).
July 5th — 11th:	Somerset Tour.
Tues., July 15th:	v. Staff XI (h). Won by 70 runs. E.G.S. 169-6 dec. (Howarth 78, Andrews 33). Staff 99 (Earl 45, Harrison R. G. 5-41).
Tues., July 16th:	v. Old Boys XI (h). Lost by 4 wickets. E.G.S. 155-9 dec. (Carter 38). Old Boys 156-6 (Logan 51).
Wed., July 17th:	v. F. Bullough's Invitation XI (h). Drawn. Bullough's XI 219 (D. Bullough 48, Hodgson 52, Howarth 4-29). E.G.S. 144-8 (Howarth 44).

2nd XI CRICKET

Played 3 Won 2 Lost 1

The 2nd XI was well led by Alex Howarth whose individual performances with bat and ball were a fine example to a particularly eager young team. Leeds Grammar School and Batley were comfortably defeated but a one-wicket defeat at Giggleswick after the 1st XI's claims had thinned the ranks was a disappointing end to the short season.

Players: Howarth (capt.), Carter, Sanderson, Earl, N. Bingham, Fergie, Brannan, Tiffany, Cowley, S. Strange, D. Watts, M. Jones, A. McIntosh, Greenwood.

R.C.S.

Junior Colts XI

- Played 6 Won 3 Drawn 1 Lost 2.
- v. Giggleswick (Away). Match drawn.
E.G.S. 126 for 9 dec. (Williamson 34, Gilbert 20).
Giggleswick 56-4. Rain stopped play.
 - v. Batley (Home). Lost by 24 runs.
Batley 89 (Whalley 5 for 7).
E.G.S. 65.
 - v. Bradford G.S. (Away). Lost by 9 wickets.
E.G.S. 110 (McCarthy 32).
Bradford 112 for 1.
 - v. Burnley (Away). Won by 6 wickets.
Burnley 75 (Williamson 7 for 17).
E.G.S. 79 for 4 (Scarborough 24 not out).
 - v. Hipperholme (Away). Won by 112 runs.
E.G.S. 173 for 7 dec. (Williamson 79, Webster 35 not out).
Hipperholme 61 (Foster 4 for 10).
 - v. Aireville. Won by 4 wickets.
Aireville 81 (Whalley 5 for 7).
E.G.S. 82 for 6 (Scarborough, Webster 18 not out).

The side improved considerably during the course of the season developing a more competitive instinct and a sharper sense of teamwork. These qualities allied to individual concentration and pride in performance progressively erased the carelessness and limitations evident in the earlier matches. Initially the side possessed one or two cricketers of obvious talent and a long tail of hopeful journeymen. As clear proof of progress made the journeyman one by one established their credentials by making useful contributions in the later games. The mainspring of the side was undoubtedly Williamson a pace bowler of real promise as his blitz of Burnley amply testifies. He is also a batsman of maturity with an effective blend of watchful defence and fluent strokeplay enabling him to build a long innings, illustrated by his splendid 79 as he rendered the Hipperholme attack an impotent force. In the bowling departments he was well supported by Whalley a busy yet thoughtful cricketer whose wicket taking owed more than a little to the steadfast pursuit of the virtues of line and length. Foster and McCarthy also made useful contributions with the ball. Webster also is a slow bowler of promise and his measured approach to batting paid dividends, notably against Aireville coming in after wickets had tumbled and steering his side home with cool authority. Scarborough, as yet somewhat cavalier, is a batsman of promise and can look forward to next year with every confidence. McCarthy still promises more than he achieves, but when he manages to curb a natural impetuosity he has the talent to blossom. Behind the stumps Russell was enthusiastic and courageous and epitomised the buoyant spirit of the side as a whole which I hope will be sustained next season.

C.F.D.

Under 13 XI Cricket

Played 3 Won 1 Drawn 1 Lost 1.

This promising team achieved a crushing win over Aireville, a winning draw against Burnley and succumbed to Bradford G.S. with a four off the last ball of the match. Wicketkeeper and captain James Tiffany and batsman Simon Slater were selected for North Yorkshire and the talented Matthew Wilson should certainly have joined them. Anson, Ash and Cromarty gave depth to the batting and Anson was joined by the accurate Mason and awkward Holmes for the bowling. The fielding did not always match the quality of the rest of their cricket although it did improve. As a group they are eager to learn and one anticipates a major contribution to school cricket from them in the years ahead.

Players: Tiffany (capt.), Slater, Wilson, Anson, Ash, Cromarty, Mason, Holmes, Ritchie, Harrison D., Harrison K., Hussain, Davidson, Howarth, Westlake.

R.C.S.

1st XI Cricket Tour to Somerset.

Results: 7th July	Ermysted's 220-6 dec. Won by 123 runs. Kingswood School, Bath 97 all out.
8th July	Ermysted's 187-9 dec. Match drawn. King's School, Bruton 179-8.
9th July	Ermysted's 179-7 dec. Won by 124 runs. Sexeys School, Bruton 55 all out.
10th July	Yarlington C.C. 54-10 20 overs. Won by 4 wickets. Ermysted's 55-7.
11th July	Ermysted's 147 all out. Lost by 1 wicket. Warwick School 150-9.



PETER CLARKE
(The carpet is a wedding present from the staff)
(See page 13)

In the second week of July, a party of 13 boys, accompanied by Mr. Slaney and Mr. Rooke embarked on a 6 day long cricket tour to Somerset. The trip proved to be a vastly enjoyable one, showing the party the stark contrasts of cricket at the top level of the public school circuit and cricket played more for social purposes in a silage field against a local village side!

The tour started successfully with a hard-earned win over Kingswood School, Bath. Ermysted's amassed 220-6, mainly through the efforts of G. Harrison, unluckily not to reach a century as he hit 94, and N. Andrews who hit a solid 74. Kingswood never attacked their target preferring to try and bat out the draw. They were unsuccessful in their efforts, due mainly to R. Cowley (5-25), and N. Andrews (3-8), while wicketkeeper I. Webster grabbed 3 victims to get the tour off to a good start.

Tuesday provided an excellent day's cricket at King's School, Bruton, a side unbeaten to date this season with a good record against some of the country's best schools. In a tense closely-fought game, in which fortunes fluctuated rapidly from side to side, Ermysted's managed to force a well-deserved draw after batting first on an excellent batting wicket. Captain G. Strange (44), and all-rounder N. Andrews (50) added 72 for the opening wicket, before Strange was dismissed. G. Harrison (41) then joined Andrews in an excellent second wicket stand to take the score to 138 in good time. Indifferent middle order batting let the position slip somewhat, before A. Rooke (16) rescued the situation to allow Ermysted's to declare at 187-9, which ultimately proved to be an excellent declaration.

Pace bowler N. Andrews quickly reduced King's to 1-2 in a hostile opening spell. However, the home side fought back in the shape of a large third wicket stand of 93, which took the score to 126. Ermysted's, however, started to bowl more accurately restricting their opponents' scoring, and defending their total well. Rooke (3-64), and Strange (3-35) grabbed late wickets to set up a close, exciting finale.

Ermysted's batted very poorly on Wednesday morning against Sexey's School, Bruton, and slumped to 84-6 at lurch with only Strange (36), showing any real form. An unbroken seventh wicket stand of 80 between Sanderson (36 n.o.) and Tiffany (38 n.o.) as the wicket eased instigated a recovery to 179-7 dec. Sexey's weak batting was quickly exposed by hostile pace bowling from Andrews (5-20), and Rooke (5-33) as they were destroyed for a meagre 55.

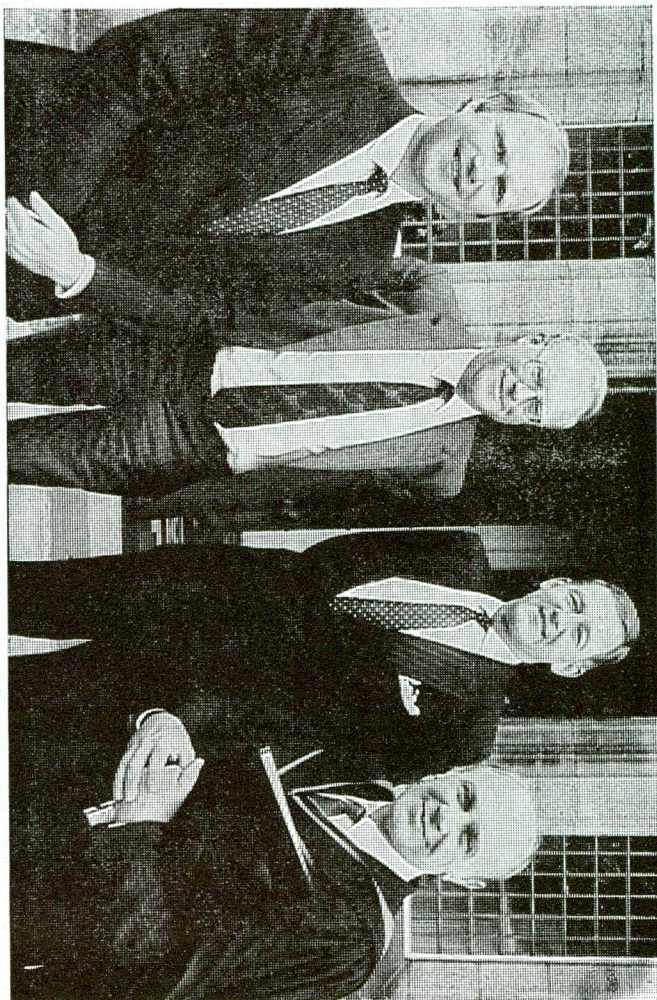
Thursday proved to be an extremely eventful day. After the tour reporter and wicketkeeper narrowly avoided a vicious attack with a pair of scissors from the hotel landlady, the tour party played out a repeat of the World Cup final on the beach. After W. Germany raced into a 5-2 lead, Argentina stormed back in the second half to win 10-6, as the Germans shows a reluctance to do any defending leaving Schumacher (Strange) helplessly exposed to the skills of Maradona (Harrison) and company.

After a rather chilly dip in the rather unsuitably named Tropicana swimming pool, the team moved onto the delights of the Yarlinton Oval to everyone's surprise, this turned out to be a recently cut silage field with a steep 1 in 4 gradient; and a wicket rolled by a Land-Rover pulling a heavy stone roller! Not surprising, bowling was restricted to a slow speed only, allowing Messrs Slaney and Rooke to make their first appearance of the trip. The home side made 54, due mainly to some over-generous fielding, indeed one female batsman made 13 after about 5 chances. The tourists imposed strict restrictions on boring batting and a retirement for each batsman after 10 runs, and managed to get home by 4 wickets. After the game both sides adjourned to a local pub, for a thoroughly enjoyable evening, including a closely fought skittles match between the two sides and a singing session where the visitors easily outsang their hosts!

In order to make the morning start at Warwick, Friday morning had an extremely early start, and this coupled with the tiring four hour journey from Somerset had a damaging effect on the performance of several players. Ermysted's after being put into bat made good progress to 91-2, through good batting by Strange (46), Harrison (30) and Carter (19). A sudden middle order collapse, as weary batsmen displayed a lack of concentration, saw the score fall away to 125-9, before a last wicket stand of 22 brought around a final total of 147.

Warwick began confidently, if not a little fortunately to reach 34-0 by tea. Rooke who bowled superbly throughout the innings unchanged took two quick wickets after tea to help the visitors' cause. However, Ermysted's were up against a class player in the Warwick opener Moffat who dominated the innings with a fine 76, before Strange had him lbw at 120, to leave the score at 120-5. It looked as though Ermysted's were going to complete a dramatic recovery as Strange (2 wickets) and Rooke (6 wickets) reduced the home side to 136-9. But the last pair scrambled home, inflicting the first defeat of the season on Ermysted's, who were undoubtedly beaten as much by their own mental and physical condition, as by their opponents.

Tour Party: G. Strange (capt.), N. Andrews, A. Bingham, A. Carter, R. Cowley, G. Harrison, A. Howarth, N. Heseltine, A. Rooke, J. Sanderson, E. Tiffany, D. Watson, I. Webster. I.R.W. (6Sa)



Mr. J. Spencer, Mr. F. F. Evans, Mr. R. L. Whittaker, Mr. D. M. Buckroyd.

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Swimming Sports

(24th MARCH, 1986)

SENIOR	Time
3 lengths front crawl: 1 Shuttleworth (P), 2 Martin (P), 3 Schofield (H), 4 Turner (P)	1m 11.86 secs.
2 lengths front crawl: 1 Shuttleworth (P), 2 Martin (P), 3 Jeanes (H), 4 Jones (T)	46.26 secs.
2 lengths breast stroke: 1 Frame (P), 2 Firth (T), 3 Jones (T), 4 Gamble (T)	53.35 secs.
2 lengths back stroke: 1 Shuttleworth (P), 2 Martin (P), 3 Firth (T), 4 Jeanes (H)	54.16 secs.
1 length butterfly: 1 Shuttleworth (P), 2 Jones (T), 3 Martin (P), 4 Parker (E)	24.71 secs.
Neat Dive: 1 Beck (E), 2 Firth (T), 3 Williamson (H), 4 Gilbert (E)	—
Relay: 1 Petyt, 2 Toller, 3 Hartley, 4 Ermysted.	1m. 34.35 secs.
House Points:	Ermysted 25 Petyt 63 Toller 38 Hartley 17

JUNIOR

2 lengths front crawl: 1 Flannery (T), 2 Edwards (T), 3 Loughlin (T), 4 Maude (P)	43.23 secs.
1 length front crawl: 1 Flannery (T), 2 Edwards (T), 3 Goodall (H), 4 equal: Longmate (E), Maude (P)	19.8 secs.
1 length breast stroke: 1 Goodall (H), 2 Tiffany (T), 3 Longmate (E), 4 Longburn (T)	25.93 secs.
1 length back stroke: 1 Spencer (E), 2 Tiffany (T), 3 Edwards (T), 4 Maude (P)	23.95 secs.
1 length butterfly: 1 Maude (P), 2 Edwards (T), 3 Goodall (H), 4 Loughlin (T)	22.0 secs.
Neat dive: 1 Peyton (E), 2 Bell (P), 3 equal: Whittaker (H), Maude (P), Flannery (T).	—
Relay: 1 Toller, 2 Petyt, 3 Ermysted, 4 Hartley.	1m 33.0 secs.
House Points:	Ermysted 24½ Petyt 28½ Toller 65 Hartley 24

PRELIMINARY

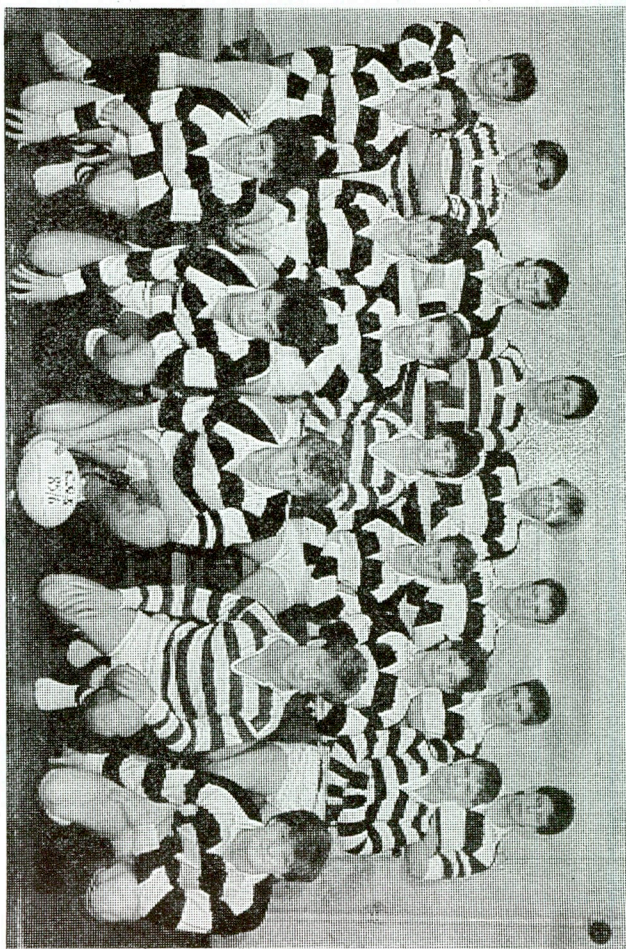
2 lengths front crawl: 1 Sagar (H), 2 Maude (P), 3 Spensley (H), 4 Wright (E)	47.49 secs.
1 length front crawl: 1 Sagar (H), 2 Maude (P), 3 Wright (E), 4 Breare (E)	22.00 secs.
1 length breaststroke: 1 Spensley (H), 2 Sagar (H), 3 Coldwell (P), 4 Whittaker (T)	24.14 secs.
1 length backstroke: 1 Maude (P), 2 Roberts (H), 3 Whittaker (T), 4 Collyer (P)	27.04 secs.
Neat dive: 1 Wright S. (E), 2 equal Chambers (H), Spensley (H), Wright C. (E), Coldwell (P).	—
Relay: 1 Hartley, 2 Petyt, 3 Ermysted, 4 Toller.	1m 42.05 secs.
House Points:	Ermysted 21 Petyt 37 Toller 12 Hartley 52
Total Points:	Ermysted 70½ 4th Petyt 128½ 1st Toller 116 2nd Hartley 93 3rd

Victores Ludorum:

Senior: Shuttleworth (24 points).

Junior: Edwards (20 points).

Preliminary: Sagar (17 points).



1st XV Squad, 1985-86.

J. Beck, D. Thorburn, R. Greenwood, A. Rooke, S. Padgett, S. Williamson, G. Brown, R. Turner,
D. Hendleman, A. Howarth, A. Baker, T. Armstrong, G. Strange, N. King, A. McIntosh,
N. Heselme, G. Harrison, R. Buckroyd (capt.), S. Frame, M. Harrison.

Athletics

Torrential rain on Tuesday, 20th May and more rain on 21st May led to the cancellation of the Senior Sports this year, with the exception of two field events which had already been completed. They were:

Senior Discus: 1 Thorborn (E), 2 Elliot (E), 3 Buckroyd (E), 4 Bentley (E).	35.44m.
Senior Javelin: 1 Buckroyd (E), 2 Rawson (T), 3 Lambert (E), 4 Cockerill (T).	40.01m.

The Junior and Preliminary events were held on Thursday, 5th June.

JUNIOR	Time/Distance
100 metres: 1 Baker (T), 2 McAdam (E), 3 Holland (E), 4 Goodall (H)	12.43secs.*
200 metres: 1 Baker (T), 2 Stratton (T), 3 Voisey (E), 4 McAdam (E).	25.75 secs.
400 metres: 1 Grace (H), 2 Baker (T), 3 Bell (P), 4 Tattersall (E).	58.56 secs.
800 metres: 1 Grace (H), 2 Stratton (T), 3 Gilbert (E), 4 Frosin ((E)	2m. 2.84s.
1500 metres: 1 House (T), 2 Grace (H), 3 Gilbert (E), 4 Whitaker (P).	5m. 6.2s.
High Jump: 1 Snowden (E), 2 Voisey (E), 3 Whitaker (P), 4 Williamson (P).	1.62m.*
Long Jump: 1 Bass (E), 2 Nash (T), 3 Goodall (H), 4 Wilson (H).	5.41m.*
Triple Jump: 1 Goodall (H), 2 Wilson (H), 3 Russell (T), 4 Moss (P).	10.86m.
Shot: 1 Voisey (E), 2 Wallbank (P), 3 Mason (P), 4 Willson (T).	10.96m.
Discus: 1 Wallbank (P), 2 Bass (E), 3 Voisey (E), 4 Ellwood (T).	26.22m.
Javelin: 1 Bass (E), 2 Wallbank (P), 3 Ellwood (T), 4 Nash (T).	33.84m.*
Relay: 1 Toller, 2 Hartley, 3 Petyt, 4 Ermysted.	No Time
PRELIMINARY	
80 metres: 1 Parker (T), 2 Mason (P), 3 Wright (H), 4 Clark (T)	11.37 secs.
200 metres: 1 Parker (T), 2 Breare (P), 3 Atkinson (H), 4 Clark (T).	27.82 secs.*
High Jump: 1 Lancaster (H), 2 (equal) Smith (P), Wright (E), 4 Wilkinson (E)	1.37m.
Long Jump: 1 Smith (P), 2 Parker (T), 3 Millichap (P), 4 Westlake (T)	4.37m.
Triple Jump: 1 Atkinson (E), 2 Breare (P), 3 Stephens (H), 4 Rayner (T)	10.05m.
Relay: 1 Toller, 2 Petyt, 3 Ermysted, 4 Hartley	1m. 20.06s.

* Indicates new record.

VICTORES LUDORUM: Junior: Voisey (19), Baker (18).
Prelim: Parker (17), Breare (12).

HOUSE POINTS				
	E.	P.	T.	H.
Junior	76	55	73	46
Prelim:	23½	39½	42	19
Total	99½	94½	115	65

Golf

The Golf Foundation 1986 Schools' Golf Team Championship Qualifying round, held at Wilpshire G.C., Wednesday, 18th September, 1985.

Team: T. Gilgrass (captain), R. Greenwood, M. Smith.

The team was placed 6th out of 13 teams, T. Gilgrass taking the prize for the best round of the day.

"Geoffrey Fell Memorial Trophy," Skipton Golf Club, 25th September, 1985.

1st Team: T. Gilgrass (captain), R. Greenwood, M. Smith, P. Shaw.

2nd Team: A. Longmate, J. Earl, A. Bingham, I. Brannan.

The first team was 4th out of 13 teams in the competition; the second team was 6th.

J.M.W.B.

School v. Old boys, Wednesday, 16th July, Ghyll Golf Club.

Old Boys won, 4½ to 1½.

The Old Boys' team

J. Ryder (captain) and
S. Thornton

W. Lee and

I. Rhodes

lost by 1 hole to

halved the match with

The School team

A. Bingham and

A. Longmate

M. Earl and

V. Rooke

R. Addyman and P. Pethybridge	won 3 and 2 against	T. Gillgrass (capt.) and B. Turner
G. Roberts and K. Parrington	won 3 and 2 against	N. Petyt and G. Charters
M. Brown and J. Greenwood	won 4 and 3 against	S. Whittaker and D. Roberts
D. Smith and A. Windle	won 3 and 1 against	M. Bingham and J. Yeadon

F. Nutter, Senior professional and team manager, who also presented the A. D. Taylor Golf Tankard to the captain of the Old Boys' team.

Old Boys' Chronicle

Obituaries.

NORMAN PETTY (74).

Norman, "Greg" to many who knew him, was a native and life-long inhabitant of Barnoldswick. On leaving Ermysted's, he entered accountancy with the firm of Windle and Bowker and maintained his interest in that firm up to the time of his death. He was also concerned with many local companies and was company secretary of several.

A keen and proficient sportsman, Norman was primarily a cricketer (notably in the Ribblesdale League), but also played rugby for Colne and Nelson and for the West Craven Rugby Club; in addition, he was a stalwart of the Skipton golfing world.

Unhappily, arthritis, which increasingly crippled and pained him, brought an end to his sporting career, and the amputation of a leg two years ago confined him to his home.

He was a governor of Ermysted's for twenty-two years, a former governor of West Craven High School, a founder member of the Barnoldswick and Earby Round Table, and a Justice of the Peace, serving for over twenty years on the Skipton Bench.

Perhaps for most old boys, he will be chiefly remembered for his witty speeches (generally in verse) at Founders' Day dinners. Indeed, there are those who say that the occasion has not been the same for the past two or three years when Norman had been prevented by illness from speaking.

GEOFFREY SUMMERSGILL (55).

On April 16th, 1986. Geoffrey was at Ermysted's 1941-48 and, at the time of his death was administration and personnel officer at British Rail, Doncaster.

HAROLD WILLIAM HOLE (69).

Harold was formerly advertising and production manager for Busby's, and later Debenham's at their Bradford, Harrogate and Ilkley stores.

NICK TOSNEY (37).

An architect, Nick worked in the planning department of the Yorkshire Dales National Park, and was a member of Skipton R.U.F.C.

ANDREW J. CAMPBELL (23).

Andrew left school in 1981 to read zoology at St. Andrew's University, and he had just taken a master's degree at the University of Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine. He died tragically in a swimming accident in Turkey.

MARRIAGES

Paul Bradley to Miss Beverley Anne Walls at St. Stephen's, Skipton.

Nicholas J. Bull to Miss Hayley Jane Fullerton at Holy Trinity, Skipton.

Anthony D. Burgin to Miss Catherine Anne Jarvis at St. Thomas' Church, Sutton.

Chris Davies to Miss Jennifer Siblon at St. Stephen's, Skipton.

Ned Brown to Elaine Karen Pickering at St. Mary's, Carleton.

OLD BOYS. NEWS

Peter Clarke, caretaker at Ermysted's for forty-six years, has been made an honorary member of the Old Boys' Society.

'Erb Wilson (School House 1925-29) kindly wrote to us recently. He often meets Ron Jackson in Ilkley and has kept in contact with Arthur Wood (still at Bolton Abbey) and (until his recent death) Norman Petty who was, in his day one of Ermysted's finest cricketers and a fast and elusive centre threequarter.

Another senior old boy, Frank Wilkinson wrote to us, with some memories of the School and Skipton. He was a day boy in 1916 when A. C. Powell was Headmaster and left in Form 4 in 1919 when Rev. F. G. Forder was Head. In the 1914-18 war there was a German prison camp built next to the Top; the lower rugby pitch was dug up for vegetable growing; and the annual cross-country race used to finish in the High Street, opposite Manby's. The head boy was Tom Wrathall.

Frank is now 82 years of age and was with Vauxhall Motors for forty years so never had a chance to visit the old school, but did find, in a junk shop, two picture postcards of the School taken about 1908. He recalls, in a long letter: Bateman who became an aeronautical engineer, E. B. Fielden who went into the R.A.F. and in the 1940's became Captain of the King's Flight and Geoffrey Amble who was a Battle of Britain pilot. He confesses that he himself dodged cricket by becoming swimming monitor. "We had an excellent curriculum and a great team of masters," he adds. His present address is — Abbeyfield House, 21, Londesborough Road, Scarborough, N. Yorks.

B. T. Dugdill (1956-63) writes to us from Bangladesh where he is team leader in a United Nations F.A.O. dairy venture. Their work is to supply safe milk, collected from small farmers in remote rural areas, to the rapidly expanding capital Dhaka. By 1979, five dairy plants had been built and now over 32,000 farmers are supplying milk surplus to village co-operative societies. A significant achievement of this programme, he tells us, has been the creation of a structure which links rural and urban co-operatives.

Mark Henkels received the Institute of Gas Engineer's Charles Hunt Memorial medal for gaining the best results in Natural Gas Engineering at Salford University.

Michael Banks has been appointed Director of Engineering at Landis Lund.

Paul Bradley is the manager of Carleton Garage, Skipton.

Three members of Wharfedale R.U.F.C. hope to enter the Guinness book of records; Richard Slater, Michael Harrison and John McGuinn cycled nearly 400 miles from one end of Ireland to the other in a record time, to raise funds for the club's development appeal.

Alistair Dolan, now at Lancaster R.G.S., toured Australia with the Lancashire Schools 18-Group.

John Alderton has gained a Bachelor of Law (2-1) degree at Leeds University.

C. J. Armitstead has been commissioned as a regular officer in the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. He won the "best cadet" prize in his intake at Arborfield.

Julian Brown (left 1980) graduated in paper science at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology and is now a postgraduate research assistant in the Department of Pharmacy in the University of Manchester.

William Chapman recently graduated in engineering and with three fellow graduates decided to cross the planet's biggest desert. They crossed Europe via France and Spain, entered Africa at Tangier, and after traversing the Rif (where they were chased by hash-sellers) spent a day in the Souk at Fez. Then came the Atlas and the high plateau, Tamanrasset and, at last, Niger (after changing two broken leaf springs). They stayed with Touareg nomads, drank camel's milk, bought a sheep and cooked it and baked mealie bread. They plan to be back in England by December.

M. A. C. Bartlett (left 1981) is working as a civil engineer for Matthews Hall on the construction and repair of the M25.

Dear Old Boys,

I agree: your section of the Chronicle is a bit thin. We have combed the papers and listened to the gossip but our spies cannot be everywhere and we've run out of information. Hundreds receive the Chronicle and there are thousands of you spread round the world. Has no-one been matched, dispatched or hatched lately? Do let us know.

Editor,
The Chronicle, BD23 1PL.

Parents' Association

Over the last two years, I consider myself fortunate to have been Chairman of the Parents' Association. During that time, I have met and worked with some very nice people, and this has certainly made my job a lot easier. Whilst the chairman may often take credit for the donations made to school, it is these very people who form the backbone of the committee and are directly responsible for organising events, which supply the necessary revenue we need to feed back to school. Indeed, good housekeeping by previous committees, has made the Association viable and provided insurance for the proverbial rainy day.

We all know the demands our sons present us with, and it is by natural process this is fed back into school. The Headmaster's capitation may be unable to meet the extra demands of our modern world and the Parents' Association has been able to assist. Over the last twelve months we have provided video tapes, a baritone for the music department, P.E. equipment and various apparatus for chemistry and Physics. Coupled with this, we chipped in with a £1,000 towards the mini bus, this after much debate.

I know many parents believe these extras should be provided by Central or Local Government, but I'm afraid the facts show that these funds are not available, and therefore it would be a case of doing without. Fortunately, the requests for help are often favourable, and the hard working committee's efforts are rewarded. The boys of Ermysted's Grammar School, in turn, reap these rewards.

Our fund raising last year was confined to four major events. The raffle raised £600, and I am indebted to Geraldine McCarthy who took on the job of organising it with excellent results. The joint dance with the High School raised a further £200 and was once again very enjoyable. My wife, Mary, chaired the Summer Fayre Committee, and after many heart-stopping moments came up trumps on the day. The Fayre made a profit of over £1,000. The Development Funds Draw provided £400 profit, and I thank Lilian Bland who took over very ably from Tony Schindler.

Finally, my thanks go out to Tony Schindler and Denis Colman who both have been Chairman and Treasurer in the past, along with all other committee members whose sons have now left school, to all current members, boys and parents. My special thanks to Patricia Brookes, my excellent secretary, and Mr. Buckroyd who attended every meeting, despite his crowded diary.

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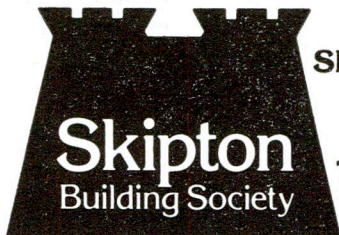
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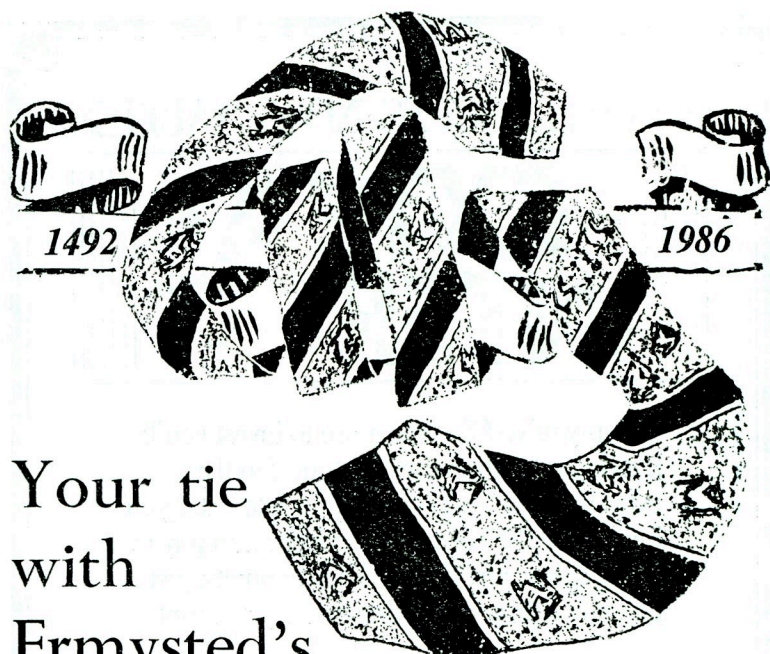
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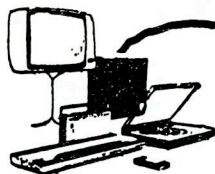
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