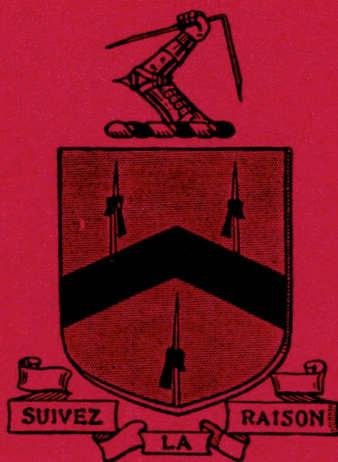


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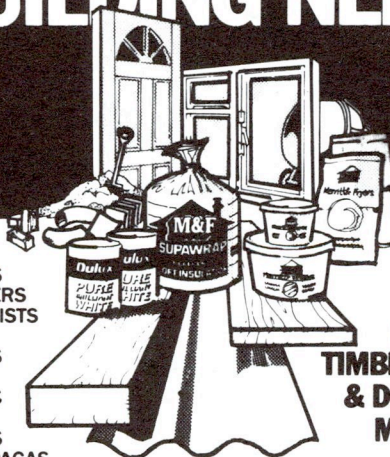
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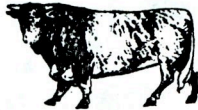
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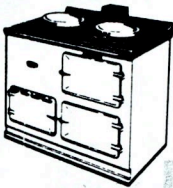
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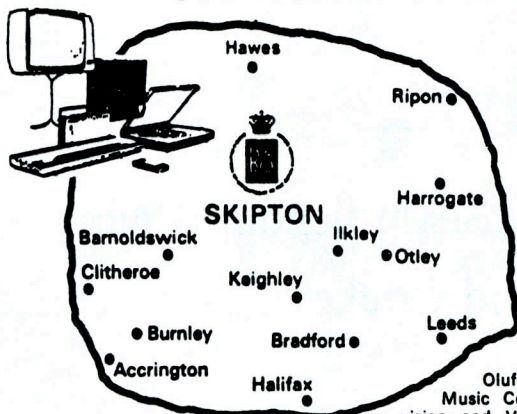
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Captain of Rugby	N. A. King
Captain of Cricket	A. J. Rooke
Captain of Cross-Country	R. E. Grillo

Ave J.R.C.

We welcome to the staff Mr. J. R. Clemitson who joined us in September to teach mathematics and to introduce "information technology" into the timetable. He is an old boy of Haydon Bridge High School and graduated at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology. He is a computer specialist and badminton enthusiast. We are happy to record that, shortly after joining us, he got married and we wish him and Mrs. Clemitson every happiness.

Ave B.P.A.K.

Mr. Keane joined staff in January 1987 as master in charge of Latin. He was educated at the Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School and graduated in Classics at Leeds University, after which he took an M.A. at the University of Western Ontario, returning to Leeds for the Post Graduate Certificate of Education. Mr. Keane has taught at schools in London and Rotherham before coming to Ermysted's, where he is, at present, resident in School House. He enjoys cross-country running and has already become a valuable member of the Common Room crossword team.

We welcome him to the school and look forward to his settling in Skipton with his family.

Avete

September, 1986

6Sb:	Driver, R. J., Hartley. Grillo, C. A., Hartley Hussain, S., Ermysted. Sapsford, S., Ermysted.
6Mb:	Baker, D. J., Toller. Coupe, D., Ermysted. Edwards, P. J. O., Petyt. Newbury, R., Toller.
4X:	Pearson, S. G., Toller.
4W:	Parkinson, A., Petyt.

- 3D: Bateman, T. J., Toller.
 Bedford, J. M., Hartley.
 Catto, P., Toller.
 Ejaz T., Ermysted.
 Hall, N. B., Toller
 Kozlowski, R. M., Ermysted.
 Smith, G. J., Hartley.
 Sutcliffe, R. J., Ermysted.
- 3G: Clarke, L. A., Toller.
 Green, S. W., Hartley
 Hobson, P. D., Toller.
 Hughes, G. J., Ermysted.
 Hughes, N. B., Ermysted.
 Lee, G. S., Hartley.
 Lund, D. P., Hartley.
 Wood, H., Toller.
- 2B: Carter, R. A., Ermysted.
 Copnall, P. M., Toller.
 Jackson, M. D., Hartley.
 Mason, A. D., Toller.
 Rundle, A. J. Toller.
 Townson, A. M., Petyt.
 Vogeler, K. G. S., Petyt.
- 2D: Atkinson, R. S., Toller.
 Chan, B. J., Hartley.
 Collinson, M., Ermysted.
 Lane, N. J., Petyt
 Scott, J. S., Toller.
 Scurrah, C. B., Ermysted.
 Smith, D. T., Toller.

IV:

- Ermysted: Johnson, G. R., Muhlemann, N., Rowland, C. L.,
 Tully, M. P.
- Petyt: Greaves, I. J.,
- Toller: Avison, N. J., Carruthers D. A., Copnall A. G., Day
 J. P., Mingay M. J., Newberry J. R., Parkin A. J. E.,
 Tosney, J. J., Williams, J. D., Wright T. D.
- Hartley: Goodwin, B. D. J., Jacques, G. D., Peckover, R. M.

IP.

- Ermysted: Binns, M. J., Bridge, I. T., Clayton, M. C., Holliday,
 R. K., Leach, G. M., Nichol, M. P., Pighills, D.,
 Whitaker, G.
- Petyt: Goodburn M., Heseltine, J., Wormald, P. B.
- Toller: Baldwin S. H. G., Hindle P. J., Hope, N. J.
- Hartley: Allen, N. B., Boothman, C., Hilton, A. R., Sutcliffe
 B. D. M.

1G:

Ermysted: Blackburn, D., Broadley, J. D. Cokell, P. J., Kearns, D. E., McIntosh J. A.

Petyt: Boldy, D. M., Heseltine, S., Shillito J. M., Sutcliffe, M. J.

Toller: Baxter, J., Burns, A. I., Clarke, R. C., Robertshaw, T.

Hartley: Appleyard D., Dinsdale D. J., Kershaw, J., MacKinnon, A. P.

December 1986

4C: Walker, D. J., Toller.

1G: Thompson, I. R., Petyt.

1P: Hindle P. J., Toller.

January 1987

3G: Tomblin, G. P., Petyt.

2D: Davies, A. P., Petyt.

May 1987

3D: Walker P., Toller.

Vale D.C.B.

The end of the Summer Term saw the departure of David Butterworth who has taught Maths and Physics in the lower school for five years. During his time with us he has been a valuable asset not only in the laboratory and the classroom but also on the rugby field where he proved a willing contributor to the success of many junior teams, providing the same quiet authority he displayed in school. He leaves us to join a computer firm in Bradford and we extend to him and his wife, Pippa, our best wishes for their future.

D.E.H.

Vale R.P.H.

The end of the Summer Term signalled the sudden departure of Paul Huntsman after his four year tenure as Head of P.E. in order to concentrate on business ventures back in his native Hull—and poses the question of what demands we make on our P.E. men's time as he is the second in succession to leave the profession after a stint at Ermysted's!

Paul came to us as an accomplished prop forward, experienced at the highest level, having already made his mark in County rugby with Yorkshire, and during his stay here brought distinction to himself and a standard of ambition and emulation for rugby players at School, by appearing first for the Northern Division (notably against the Grand Slam Australian tourists) and finally for England in both their Internationals on the 1985 New Zealand tour as an expert scrummager with the pace to match V.R. on the jog down to Sandylands on games afternoons.

His easy going affability afforded him genuine popularity with the lads at school, won the willing support of W.E. as a surrogate P.E. master during his antipodean expedition and gave him free reign of School House, kitchen and pantry when he could not get to the "Ceggan Valley." Paul was also a rounded sportsman: an accomplished fisherman, knowledgeable hunter and sufficiently versatile cricketer to cope with the challenge of female flannelled adversaries and surmount a bodyline crisis in the Dales League. He also possessed a touch of the Mike Burton entrepreneur, instigating two enjoyable and successful tours of Jersey, the second of which may have given him the idea for property renovation as an alternative to teaching. We would wish him well in his new ventures outside the profession.

G.L.T.

Vale R.C.S.

Mr. Richard Slaney left us at the end of the summer term after five years as Master in charge of School House and Head of the German Department.

An Old Boy of Warwick School and a graduate of Birmingham University, Mr. Slaney now moves to Christ's College, Brecon, as Head of Modern Languages.

Both in and out of the classroom Mr. Slaney has made a large contribution to the school. He taught German and French throughout the school and was active in many other areas of the school's life. He coached junior rugby, being one of the coaches of the very successful Junior Colts XV last year. He was also, for several years, master in charge of cricket and, along with Mr. Rooke, took the 1st XI on a very enjoyable tour of the West Country in 1986. In addition to all these contributions to school sport, Mr. Slaney also managed an occasional game of Rugby for Wharfedale and has been known to turn his arm over for Threshfield Cricket Club.

Perhaps Mr. Slaney's main task in the school has been the running of School House which he performed with his customary efficiency and personal involvement. The regular outings,—to Alton Towers or up into the Dales—became a feature of the boarders' life. He also liaised closely with the Girls' High School and the Simbach Twinning Committee which resulted in the highly successful exchange visits each year, he himself accompanying the party to Bavaria each Easter. To all of this he willingly devoted his time and effort.

Sadly, with the imminent closure of School House, Mr. Slaney has decided to leave and take up a new life in South Wales with his wife and family — Sophie and Edward having long kept the boarders awake with their wailings.

All those who knew him, colleagues and boys alike, will wish them well in their new home.

R.P.H.

Valete**September 1986.**

- 6Sa Ainscough, C.P., Hartley, September '80.
6Mb Cook, S. L., Petyt April '84.

October 1986.

- 6Sa Wood, D. M., Toller, September '82.

December 1986.

- 3G Hodgkinson, W., Petyt, September '84.

February 1987.

- 6Mb Mysorekar, D. S., Ermysted, September '85.
2D McConville, J. M., Ermysted, September '85.

March 1987.

- 6Mb Barrow, J. G., Hartley, September '85.
6Sb Avison, A. J., Toller, September '81.
Wingate, D., Toller, September '81.

April 1987.

- 6Ma Paley, N. J., Ermysted, September '80.
4X Hamilton, I. A., School House, September '85.
Stern, T. W., Petyt, September '85.
4W Heseltine, A. P., Petyt, September '83.
3D Ritchie, P. J., School House, September '84.
Wilmers, C. M., School House, September '84.
2B Howe, I. G., Petyt, September '85.

May 1987.

- 6Sb Fergie, A. D., Petyt, September '81.
Sapsford, S., Ermysted, September '86.

July 1987.

- 6Ma Bradley, D. R., Toller, September '80.
Capstick, J. M., Head of School, Ermysted, September '80.
Carter, A. J., 1st XI, Toller, September '85.
Grillo, R. E., Captain of Cross Country, Hartley,
September '85.
McIntosh, A. J., 1st XV, School House, September '85.
Malservisi, J. M., Ermysted, September '84.
Mann, R. J., 2nd XV, Hartley, September '85.
Oliver, S. I., Petyt, September '81.
Paylor, T., Petyt, September '79.
Stott, P., Petyt, September '80.
Teal, A. C., Toller, September '85.
Wraight, T. D., Toller, September '82.
6Sa (C) Baker, A. S., 1st XV, Petyt, September '80.
Beck, J., 1st XV, Ermysted, September '79.
Berry, C. S., Toller, September '80.
Clough, H. M., Cross Country, Ermysted, September '80.
Dryden, S. M., Petyt, September '80.
Edmondson, C. N., Hartley, September '80
Elliott, P. A., Head of School House, Deputy Head of
School, 1st XV, September '80.

Ellwood, D. C., 2nd XV, Toller, September '83.
 Ford, S. J., Toller, September '83.
 Gamble, M., Toller, September '84.
 Gilbert, S. D., 1st XV, Ermysted, January '81.
 Gillgrass, T., Golf, Toller, September '80.
 Harrison, R. G., 1st XV, 1st XI, England Schoolboys XV,
 Toller, September '80.
 Hendleman, D., 1st XV, Hartley, September '80.
 Hoskin, C. J., Hartley, September '80.
 Hudson, R. W., Hartley, September '80.
 Humphreys, B., Petyt, September '80.
 Jeanes, A., Hartley, September '79.
 Johnstone, P. A. N., Hartley, September '80.
 King, N. A., Head of Ermysted, Captain of Rugby,
 September '80.
 Rawson, J. O., 2nd XV, Toller, September '85.
 Rooke, A. J., Head of Petyt, Captain of Cricket,
 September '80.
 Schofield, B. M., Hartley, September '80.
 Shaw, C. N., 1st XV, Petyt, September '82.
 Smith, M. A., Golf, Petyt, September '82.
 Steel, N. W., Band, Toller, September '82.
 Turner, R. I., 1st XV, Petyt, September '80.
 Walton, M., Hartley, September '82.
 Wilson, D. J., Cross-Country, Hartley, September '83.

6Sa(M).

Bedford Turner, J. D., Hartley, September '83.
 Bentley, D., 1st XV, Ermysted, September '85.
 Blackburn, D., 2nd XV, Hartley, September '83.
 Bradley, S., Hartley, September '80.
 Burnett, W. G., Ermysted, September '80.
 Charters, G. C., Toller, September '85.
 Cook, R. E., 1st XV, Hartley, September '82.
 Deery, S. D. A., Ermysted, September '80.
 Ellis, S. M., Hartley, September '80.
 Greenwood, R. A. C., 1st XV, Golf, Toller, September
 '81.
 Howarth, A., Head of Hartley, 1st XV, 1st XI, September
 80.
 Jefferies, A., Band, Petyt, January '82.
 Jefferies, D., Band, Petyt, January '82.
 Jones, M. D., Head of Toller, 2nd XV, September '80.
 Lampert, R. J., Petyt, September '82.
 Lund, R., Ermysted, September '82.
 Meeson, C. H., Toller, September '80.
 Midgley, D. S., Band, Petyt, September '82.
 Newhouse, J., Petyt, September '80.
 Paley, G. W., Hartley, September '80.

- Pettit, T. A., Band, Petyt, September '82.
 Phillip, I. D., Petyt, September '80.
 Schosland, C. P., Cross-Country, Hartley, September '81.
 Smith, D. J., 2nd XV, Toller, September '80.
 Tinniswood, A. D., Hartley, April '83.
 Whitaker, J. S., Toller, September '80.
- 6SB (B).
 J. D. Cockerill, Toller, September '81.
- 6SB(P).
 J. P. Watts, Petyt, September '81.
- 5H.
 R. M. Rogers, Toller, September '82.
- 5T.
 S. J. S. Aston, Hartley, September '82.
 S. Bell, Petyt, September '82.
 D. M. Clarke, Petyt, September '82.
 M. C. Frosini, School House, September '84.
 M. K. Grayston, Ermysted, September '82.
 A. M. Hamilton, School House, September, '85.
 C. D. Kay, Hartley, September '82.
 M. A. Lancaster, Hartley, September '82.
 J. E. Lodge, Toller, September '82.
 D. Manville, Hartley, September '84
 J. R. Newhouse, Petyt, September '82.
 C. Rooke, School House, September '82.
 M. M. Snowden, Ermysted, September '82.
- 5W.
 M. E. Akrigg, Petyt, September '82.
 R. M. Barron, School House, January '81.
 R. J. Charmbury, Ermysted, September '82.
 J. Faulkner, Petyt, September '82.
 D. H. French, Hartley, September '82.
 N. R. S. Lambert, School House, September '84.
 J. M. Leatt, Ermysted, September '82.
 G. J. Morgan, Hartley, September '82.
 J. Potter, Hartley, January '84.
 S. R. Procter, Toller, September '82.
 J. D. Reeves, Toller, September '82.
 D. J. Snowden, Toller, September '82.
 J. A. Starkie, Hartley, September '82.
 D. P. Stephenson, Hartley, September '82.
 J. M. Tiffany, Hartley, January, '84.
 C. E. Turner, Petyt, September '84.
 M. A. Voisey, 1st XV, School House, September '82.
 A. Wilkinson, Ermysted, September '82.
- 1G Broadley, J. D., Ermysted, September '86.
 McIntosh, J. R. I., Ermysted, September '86.
- 1P Bridge, I. T., Ermysted, September '86.
- 1V. Goodwin, B. D. J., Hartley, September '86.

School Notes

Autumn Term begins: 28th August, 1986; ends 19th December, 1986.
 Half Term holiday: 27th — 31st October.
 Founders' Day: Saturday, 13th December, 1986.
 Spring Term begins: 5th January, 1987; ends 10th April, 1987.
 Half Term holiday: 23rd — 27th February, 1987.
 Cross-Country Race: 10th March.
 Careers Evening: 17th March.
 Swimming Sports: 6th April.
 Music Concert: 9th April.
 Summer Term begins: 27th April; ends 17th July.
 May Day holiday: 4th May.
 Half Term holiday: 25th — 29th May.
 School Sports: week beginning 18th May.
 G.C.E. exams begin: 21st May.
 School exams begin: 26th June.
 P. A. Summer Fayre: 4th July.
 Speech Day: 7th July.
 Autumn Term begins: 2nd September, 1987; ends 18th December, 1987.
 Half-Term holiday: 22nd — 30th October.

The joint dedication service for Ermysted's and the Girls' High School was held in the parish church on 29th August. The Reverend Donald Aldred conducted the service, the address being given by the Rector of Linton, the Reverend S. Hobson. Jeremy Capstick and Hannah Boothman performed their first public duties as head boy and head girl by reading the lessons.

There has been a boarding house at Ermysted's since the school moved to its present site in 1876 but the demand for boarding places has decreased so sharply that the Governing Body has recommended that School House be closed at the end of the Summer term 1989. It is estimated that there will be fewer than six boys in residence in the next two years. In succession to Mr. Slaney, Mr. D. J. Kelly will become senior housemaster and Mr. B. Keane assistant housemaster.

The future uses of the premises of school house are under active consideration and tentative plans have already been drawn up which make provision—at some undecided date in the future—for a geography centre and for economics, among other things. The old boarders' common room, having been a private study room for most of this year, has been converted into a computer room, the money being generously provided by the Governors and the Parents' Association. From September 1987, "Information Technology" will appear on the timetable for all first form boys, Mr. J. Clemitson being in charge of this.

Mr. Cawood and Mr. McLean organised and conducted a highly successful visit to the U.S.S.R. in February 1987 with a group of twenty boys, spending several days in Moscow and Lenin-grad. A full report is printed in this issue.

We extend our sympathies to the family and friends of Jonathan S. Chapman (5T) who was killed in a road accident in Gargrave in May 1987.

Among the various visits and trips which have come to our attention are the following: A fifth-form party saw a production of "Julius Caesar" at the Contact Theatre Manchester in October and Pendle Productions gave another "modern" performance of the play at the school for boys of Ermysted's with some High School Girls in February. The R.S.C.'s production of "Much Ado" at Ripon City School in October was attended by a large group from both schools. At other times, parties of senior boys went to performances of "The School for Scandal", "The Changeling", "King Lear" and "Serjeant Musgrave's Dance" at Darlington, York and Manchester. Also in the literary area, a group of A level boys attended a one-day course on practical criticism at Leeds University in January, whilst a party from 6Sa went to a lecture and demonstration on biochemistry at Leeds in March.

Twenty boys, accompanied by Messrs. Slaney and Douglass, spent ten days in Simbach at Easter which served as a useful "German practical".

All new boys were photographed for school records and "pupil profiles" in November while in April each form, with the form master, posed for a group photograph instead of the occasional panoramic line-up of the whole school.

We are glad to record that Mr. Tickner has made a full recovery from his protracted illness during the Autumn term. During his absence, the biology department had the services of Mrs. V. Hopwell, while Mrs. A. Lynch again joined us to teach mathematics. She together with Mrs. S. Muhlemann, will also be with us part-time in 1987-88.

Ermysted's again entered three teams for the Skipton Rotary Club's "Youth Speaks" competition. Each team comprises a Chairman who controls a meeting, a speaker who gives an address on a topic of his own choice, answering questions from the floor, and a proposer of a vote of thanks. Our junior team (M. Atkins, R. Howarth and S. Spruce) drew with Aireville, the senior team (B. Green, J. Mansfield, J. Geddes) lost to the High School, while the sixth form team (G. Waddington, B. Chambers, S. Goodson) won.

The winning sixth form team's prize included a flight in a private aeroplane from Yeadon.

Two concerts of light music were performed at the school during the year. In December, the Band of the R. A. F. Regiment visited us and in May, a German orchestra from Dortmund were the performers.

This year's visitors from Simbach spent a few days in the school in November. In addition they toured Skipton Castle and played the annual international football match at Sandylands.

They were accompanied by the Headmaster, Herr Mallinger to whom Mr. Buckroyd presented a plaque with the Ermysted's crest in morning assembly.

Other visitors in November were a group of Evangelists from California. They were present in two morning assemblies and gave a lunchtime concert as well as leading discussions with sixth-form General Studies groups.

The Fleming Essay attracted a small field of seven entrants, the winner being S. I. Oliver (6Ma) who selected as his theme "Why has the Green Party made so little progress in Britain?" His essay is printed in this edition. B. A. Chambers (6Sb) was runner up. Mr Colin Reeder kindly assessed the scripts.

On three occasions during the year approximately half the staff "withdrew their labour", on the instructions of the two principal unions, for one afternoon a week. Select classes were, consequently, sent home at lunchtime.

The elaborate scale model of the school, made last year by M. J. Eyles (6Ma), is now on permanent display in the top corridor, protected by a stout glass case.

We congratulate Mr. D. E. Higson on being appointed an Assistant Chief Examiner for 'O' level Physics.

General Studies at 'A' level, which all our sixth formers have hitherto taken, is no longer to be compulsory. Plans at present are for all lower sixths to follow a "foundation" course and for a select number of them to opt for the General Studies exam in their second year of the sixth form.

The biology department was pleased to receive from Mrs. E. Campbell a copy of a scientific paper published in the *Annals of Tropical Medicine and Parasitology*, of which her son, Andrew, was co-author. Andrew, an old boy of the school, died tragically in Turkey, in September 1986.

General Studies Lectures given to sixth formers this year have been by: Tony Jowett of the Department of Electronic Engineering, Hull University; Mr. John Spencer, Mayor of Skipton, on Local Government; Dr. Moxon, the Community Health Officer, on AIDS; and Paul Johns, vice-chairman of C.N.D.

Under the British Council's German/British Youth Exchange Scheme, we have again had two students from West Berlin during the summer term. They were Christopher Herting and Daniel Grohe, and joined various classes in English, History, Latin, French and Music.

The term of office of three members of the Governing Body Expired in August 1987. They are Mrs. M. Jeanes (Parents' Association), Mr. J. Mason (Parents) and Mr. J. M. W. Bingham (Staff).

A bullock, reputed to be dangerous, was found at large on the Top in October. Rumours on how it got there varied, but the general view was that it fell out of the back of a passing cattle waggon.

At the end of the Easter Term the staff said a final farewell to Mr. W. L. Jones and presented him with the school shield.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong on the birth of their daughter in March; Mr. and Mrs. Tickner on the birth of their second child, a son, in July; and Mr. and Mrs. Sellers on the birth of their second child, another daughter.

Our congratulations also go to C. Schosland (6Sa) on winning a place at St. John's College, Oxford, and to T. A. Pettit (6Sa) on gaining admission to The Queen's College, Oxford.

A. J. Ritchie (6Sb) of School House has been awarded an R.A.F. scholarship for two years.

After one of the wettest Junes on record, the weather brightened sufficiently for the customary end-of-term activities to go ahead. The cyclists pedalled from coast to coast, the D. of E. campers set off for Scotland, and the brass band visited no fewer than eleven junior schools, giving a short demonstration and concert at each.

Joining the staff in September are: Mr. T. D. Dawson, a graduate of St. David's, Lampeter, who will take charge of German; Mr. D. C. A. Stephens as master in charge of Physical Education and Games; and Mr. T. J. Start to teach physics and mathematics. Mr. Kelly is again organising a ski trip in December, 1987, to Ellmau in Austria.

Head of School elect for 1987-88 is J. G. Wood, and Deputy Head, I. Stewart.

General Certificate of Education November, 1986.

Passed in two subjects: A. D. Fergie, D. C. Mills, B. W. Turner.

Passed in one subject: J. G. Barrow, C. E. Brookes, A. R. Carr, S. R. Hatfield, C. P. S. Hearnshaw, D. A. Willis, A. Yeadon.

July 1987.

'A' LEVEL RESULTS

J. Beck, gs, t, dg, n; C. S. Berry, gs, t, cy; H. M. Clough, gs, cy, n; S. A. Dryden, gs, t*, cy, n*; C. N. Edmondson, gs, p, cy*, n*; P. A. Elliott, gs, p*, cy*, n*; D. C. Ellwood, cy, n; S. J. Ford, gs, t, cy, n; M. P. Gamble, cy, n; S. D. Gilbert, t, n; T. J. Gillgrass, p, cy, n*; D. Hendleman, gs, p, cy*, n; C. J. Hoskin, gs, m, p, cy; R. W. Hudson, gs, t, cy, n; B. Humphreys, gs, cy; A. Jeanes, gs; P. A. N. Johnstone, gs*, p*, cy, n*; N. A. King, p, cy, n; C. A. Lambert, gs, p, cy, n*; J. O. Rawson, cy; A. J. Rooke, gs, m, p, cy*; B. M. Schofield, gs, p, cy, n; M. A. Smith, cy, n*; N. W. Steel, gs, m, p, cy*; R. I. Turner, gs, t, q*; M. Walton, gs*, m, p, cy; D. J. Wilson, gs, cy, n; M. M. Ashley, q; J. D. Bedford-Turner, gs, t, q*, n; D. M. Bentitt, gs, t, q, m; J. D. P. Blackburn, gs, t, q; S. Bradley, gs; W. G. Burnett, q; G. C. Charters, gs, m*, fm, p; R. E. Cook, gs, t, q, n; S. D. A. Deery, t, q; S. M. Ellis, m*, fm, p, cy; R. A. C. Greenwood, t, q; A. Howarth, gs, q*, m, p; A. Jefferies, gs, m, p, des. tech.; D. Jefferies, gs, m, p, n; M. D. Jones, gs, t, m*, p*; R. Lund, q, m, p; C. H. Meeson, t, dg; D. S. Midgley, gs, t, m, p; J. Newhouse, gs, m, p, n; G. W. Paley, gs, m, p, n; T. A. C. L. Pettit, gs, m*, fm*, p*, cy*; I. D. Phillip, gs*, q*, m; C. P. Schosland, gs*, m*, fm, p*, cy*; D. J. Smith, dg*, m, p; A. D. Tinniswood, gs, m*, fm, p, cy; D. R. Bradley, gs, lt, t, q; J. M. Capstick, gs*, l*, fr*, g*; A. J. Carter, gs, lt*, q*, fr; R. E. Grillo, gs, lt, t*, q; A. J. McIntosh, t; J. D. Malservisi, gs, t, fr, i*; R. J. Mann, gs, hy, t*, q; S. I. Oliver, gs*, lt, t, q; N. J. Paley, lt, q; T. Paylor, gs, lt*, t, q; P. Stott, gs, lt, t*, q; A. C. Teal, q; T. D. Wraight, gs, t.

Key: cy, Chemistry; dg, Art; fm, Further Maths; fr, French; g, German; gs, General Studies; hy, History; l, Latin; lt, English Literature; m, Mathematics; n, Biology; p, Physics; q, Economics; t, Geography; i, Italian; des. tech., Design and Technology.

* — A Grade.

“O” LEVEL RESULTS

Form 5H: M. C. Baker (9), P. A. Beharrell (9), A. B. Cockerill (8), R. W. Cowley (8), P. D. Daker (9), S. H. Grace (9), M. J. Hallinan (8), D. J. Harrison (9), Mark Harrison (8), Michael J. Harrison (9), M. I. Henderson (9), P. H. Hirst (9), R. A. Holmes (7), S. G. Jacques (8), M. W. Luby (9), J. M. Lumb (6), W. B. McAdam (9), O. S. Mack (8), A. J. Maude (9), A. E. Miller (8), A. D. Moran (8), S. T. P. Moss (9), R. A. Pawson (7), R. J. Phillipson (8), R. M. Rogers (9), C. J. Taylor (8), H. D. Tennant (8), J. N. Town (9), R. W. G. Voss (5), E. Tiffany (9), G. Wilson (7), N. E. Wilson (8).

Form 5T: B. P. Abbatt (7), B. C. Allanach (7), J. R. Andrew (7), A. J. S. Aston (5), S. Bell (4), M. M. Bentley (7), G. Beresford (5), A. A. M. Binns (6), D. M. Clarke (3), P. G. Davidson (5), S. M. Flannery (8), M. C. Follows (8), J. O. Frosini (9), M. K. Grayston (7), A. M. Hamilton (5), A. J. Hart (7), A. J. W. Hartley (6), J. C. House (7), D. Isherwood (7), M. Jackson (7), K. Jolly (8), C. D. Kay (5), M. Lancaster (5), J. K. Lockyer (7), J. E. Lodge (6), D. A. Manville (3), A. T. Nash (8), J. R. Newhouse (5), C. M. Rooke (7), M. M. Snowden (8), R. Stratton (7), N. P. Wiggan (7).

Form 5W: M. E. Akrigg (3), R. M. Baron (7), C. J. Bass (7), John D. Chapman (5), R. J. Charmbury (7), J. Faulkner (7), D. H. French (2), A. M. Goodall (6), C. A. Hardcastle (6), N. R. S. Lambert (6), P. Loughlin (8), D. R. Moore (3), G. J. Morgan (7), I. A. Newhouse (7), R. J. Newstead (4), J. Potter (7), S. R. Procter (4), J. D. Reeves (3), D. J. Snowden (2), J. A. Spencer (7), N. R. Squires (7), J. A. Starkie (6), D. P. Stephenson (3), J. M. Tiffany (2), C. I. Turner (4), M. A. Voisey (8), I. J. Wallbank (4), A. Wilkinson (2), S. D. Wilmers (7), D. J. Baker (7).

Sixth Form—Single Subjects: B. J. Stephenson (1), D. A. Willis (1), J. E. Bradley (1), A. R. Carr (1), D. T. Ireland (1), A. G. Johnson (1), D. C. Mills (1), G. W. Naylor (1), I. Stewart (1), S. Strange (1), J. P. Throup (1), D. J. Turner (1), D. R. Watson (1), D. A. Vollans (1), D. A. Coupe (1), R. J. Fawcett (1), D. T. Hayes (1), R. M. Newbury (1), D. E. Speakman (1), D. M. Bentley (1), A. J. Mackintosh (1).

Founders' Day, 1986

Saturday, 13th December, 1986

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The rapidly changing times in which we live were emphasised at Ermysted's Grammar School, Skipton, Founders' Day on Saturday. Caning has been banned at the school, the Old Boys were told at their dinner in the evening. Headmaster Mr. David Buckroyd hinted that it might only be a matter of time before teachers clocked on and off, as voluntary commitment to the welfare of pupils was about to be removed by the new contract of service.

Holy Trinity Parish Church was packed for the annual service conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Donald Aldred, and with Michael Fethney, a former master at the school, giving an address. He was at school for two separate spells.

Mr. Fethney spoke of the changing world, especially as seen through his father, who was born in 1892, died in 1970, and so lived from the days when the car was a rarity to see man step foot on the moon.

Yet some things never changed, and high on the list were the ideals which had prompted William Ermysted to found the school and call for learning academically, and also for life in its wider sense. Virtue and discipline were too rather old-fashioned words today, he suggested, but ones which were as relevant as when they were first used.

Tony Elliott, deputy head boy read the lesson and the headmaster the declaration of the school's foundation. The school orchestra and brass band conducted by music master Mr. Edward Scott, added greatly to the enjoyment of the service but, it has to be said, the choir didn't in the *Te Deum Laudamus* and the anthem "Never weather beaten sail."

A collection was for the Cardiac Research Fund of Airedale General Hospital and raised £268.

WIND OF CHANGE

Headmaster Mr. David Buckroyd titled his address "The Wind of Change." One of the first under the 1986 Education Act would provide for a greater representation on the Governors of parents, and that he welcomed.

The new pay structure and contract of service when they arrived would remove at a stroke that sense of voluntary commitment to the welfare of pupils which had underpinned the profession for decades, and already lunch-time supervision was seen as overtime to be contracted out on a paid basis. "The notion of a timed day with contractual duties is anathema to me and to many of my generation and, although we have only ourselves to blame for the mess we are in, I wonder how long it will be before we have to clock on and clock off each day," he declared.

Other far reaching changes concerned public examinations though, because of the selective nature of Ermysted's intake, many of the new initiatives would have little relevance to the school. Those they would have to implement had been accepted by pupils and staff alike. In a bid to avoid premature specialisation and to ensure balance boys would in future tackle nine of the new G.C.S.E. examinations, instead of eight, seven of them compulsory. The Governors had agreed to fund the setting up of a computer room and from next September computing and information technology would become part of the lower school curriculum.

DANGER OF DRUGS

The Head continued, "Traffic education, social and personal development, the dangers of drugs, smoking and alcohol are all part of the package we offer to older boys and the scourge of AIDS will soon have to be faced fairly and squarely. The teaching profession accepts these new challenges with alacrity, but I fear we may be usurping the role of the church and the family. We seem to be held responsible for most of society's problems — yet children are exposed to the influence of school and teachers for a mere 15% of their time in any year.

Mr. Billy Jones would retire officially from the teaching staff after 29 years devoted service in March next year, Mr. Buckroyd said. He had undergone major heart surgery, and all would wish him well. His replacement would be Mr. Brendan Keane and "I am pleased to report that we were not required to appoint, as is the case in some authorities, a teacher qualified in Peace Studies, who is left-wing, coloured and gay".

A question mark hangs over the future of the Boarding House, which now has only 16 paying guests. Some work had been done at the school, but it was cosmetic, "and will in no way meet our desperate need for new accommodation and specialist facilities", the head continued. They were still awaiting the green light from the Department of Education and Science, and had sought assistance from both the local and Euro M.P.s.

The academic year began with 544 boys on roll, 190 of them from outside their own catchment area of North Yorkshire. Without them, they would scarcely be viable in terms of ranges of courses, and helped to broaden the school's base, while enriching its heritage.

UGLY WORLD

Mr. Buckroyd went on to review sporting and academic successes in detail but then gave an assurance that the school was not an island of smug complacency, wallowing in nostalgia and xenophobic self-satisfaction. Their boys had to live in a modern, changing and often ugly world, and they tried hard to instil the timeless yet frequently derided virtues of politeness, courtesy, loyalty, smartness, self-discipline and industry. They were encouraged to play a full part in the community, and he gave details of their charity work in various areas.

The final word of congratulation was to the Girls' High School on achieving its centenary.

CHIEF GUEST

Mr. Ronnie Foster, of Rosedale, near Pickering, was chief guest and drew attention to the fact that, as a leading National Farmers' Union member (he farms at Rosedale in the North Yorkshire Moors area) he spent a great deal of time in London and Westminster. He had been amazed and disappointed when, on listening to debates in the House attended by no more than 80 M.P.s, the Lobby bells had rung and hundreds of M.P.s had voted entirely opposite to the way in which the debate had indicated.

He called on Old Boys' of integrity, character and ability to seek office in both central and local government. He was critical of a system which allowed in his own industry, developing countries to pay for commodities in their own produce which was greatly inferior to that produced in this country. He also criticised a system which, allowed surplus goods to be put into store — "We have to pay to put it in store pay for it while it is in store, and then pay to get it out".

But mostly his speech was light-hearted, though with a thread of gratitude to the school for instilling those things which lasted and served former pupils in good stead—honesty, discipline and team spirit. He called on all Old Boys to seek to bring those qualities back into life.

Mr. David Higson, chairman of the Old Boys' Society, announced the setting up of a fund by the Society with the aim of providing something "really useful" to mark the school's 500th anniversary in 1992. Covenant forms were handed out at the dinner, which ended with the traditional singing of the present and former school songs, "Men of the Uplands", and "Forty Years On," followed by carols, with Mr. Brian Woods officiating on the organ.

Cross Country

SCHOOL v. OLD BOYS.

Conviviality and Robert Grillo reigned supreme at the annual cross-country race which was staged from its popular new setting close by the Parish Church shortly after the Founders' Day service.

Grillo, who has distinguished himself on the nationwide distance - running scene this year, strode majestically to victory over the arduous two lap course surmounting Park Hill and returning through Skipton Woods and the canal towpath, and he also laid a solid foundation for another splendid, if again narrow victory by the Ermysted's school team. The yielding conditions were perhaps marginally more foot-sure than last year's quagmire, but the winner's time (22-55) marked an improvement of more than a minute over the corresponding victory of 1985 when this course was established. Given a favourable draw on the starting grid in the forthcoming England Schools Championships, the talented sixth former, who has already represented North Yorkshire, may well go close to attaining a qualifying place in the England Schools team. We wish him well!

Robert was the first School runner to win the Founders' Day race.

Past North Yorkshire representatives also filled the ensuing positions with the currently Clitheroe based Brian Rycroft (23-31) — a former international equestrian eventer—leading the Old Boys' challenge in second place, Brian Howell (23-57) of York and the Old Boys, and a previous winner of the Founders' Day race, in third, and Robert Hudson (24-07) of the School team in fourth.

Fifth was Paul Judge (25-14) of the Old Boys, who is manager of the Waterhead Hotel at Ambleside, sixth was another North Yorkshire representative, Stuart Phillips (25-19) of the School side, and seventh was another past winner of this event, Roger Ingham, of Skipton (26-33), who was also celebrating "Twenty-five years on" since becoming the School's senior cross-country champion. Simon Grace (27-19) and Daniel Coupe (27-29) completed the School team's scoring count in eighth and ninth respectively, whilst the next three runners, David Isherwood (27-47), Charles Grillo (28-08) and Darren Midgley (28-13) also played a contributory part to deny the Old Boys' final scorer, "Fighter-writer" Kevin Hopkinson (28-30), who is sports editor of the *Keighley News*, the extra couple of vital places in the team count.

Kevin finished "unlucky for some" in thirteenth and the School team thus narrowly edged the spoils by 28 points to 30.

Amid the well received speech ceremony in the Royal Oak Hotel afterwards Roger Ingham thanked non-Ermysted's assistants. The Royal Oak staff for bathroom facilities, Skipton Castle Estate, Mark McGlincy and the Skipton and District Athletic Club captain, Malcolm Barnwell, who is one of the leading figures within the town's quest for an all-weather athletics track, and whom he hoped, Ermysted's past and present men of wisdom may hopefully support. North Yorkshire Schools Championships have been the only ones in England to have been regularly staged outside the county through an absence of adequate facilities.

Mr. Ingham also complimented eighteenth placed Dereck Hickie (33-53) who turned out at the age of 50, and hopefully may inspire younger brethren to partake in future years. Cross-country, he added, has a long and colourful history at the School, and a list handed to him that morning revealed winners on the shield dating back to 1908 when the race finished in Sheep Street before mounting traffic problems in the 1920's forced an amendment of that course. Further information about those early races, gladiators and incidents would be welcome!

SCHOOL HOUSE

As reported elsewhere in this magazine, 1987 brought the half-expected and much-regretted announcement of the closure of School House in 1989.

With only 16 boys in the house the major disadvantage has been in the difficulty of arranging meaningful leisure activities. However the remaining inmates have been compensated by a degree of comfort and privacy rarely achieved in a boarding school; falling numbers have played some part in this, but masters and boys alike owe an enormous debt to Mrs. Houghton and her domestic staff for their many kindnesses, not to say indulgences, towards us. I am pleased to report that all boarders, following the heroic lead of R.C.S. and R.P.H. now qualify for the epithet 'Serious Eater'.

This year's Christmas Feast Night was a particularly successful occasion: the entertainments were dominated by the threatening presence of the Mafia—J. O. Frosini's godfather?—and produced some unlikely sights: Tetley as a Clock, a Rastafarian Mr. Huntsman, Mr. Davies as Ronald Reagan, Thomas the Tank Engine in a classic interpretation from the Senior Housemaster and, most improbable of all, Mr. Gill rendered speechless.

P. A. Elliott was Head of House. For 1987/8 Mr. Kelly will be Senior Housemaster with Mr. Keane as his assistant. R.C.S.

The Study Cup, 1986-78.

- 1st Toller, 2537 points.
- 2nd Hartley, 2206 points.
- 3rd Petyt, 2058 points.
- 4th Ermysted, 2048 points.

The Cook Cup, 1986-87.

- 1st Hartley, 31 points.
- 2nd Toller, 29 points.
- 3rd equal (Ermysted, Petyt) 20 points.

The results of the various Charity appeals during the year are:
 Christian Aid Walk: £373.
 Help the Aged: £1,100.
 R.N.I.B. sponsor and title in Reading Book Series: £400.
 Founders' Day Collection for Cardiac Research Unit at Airedale Hospital: £268.
 "Pinocchio" proceeds to N.S.P.C.C.: £420.
 In addition, the Rotary "emergency" box was filled with items donated by junior boys.

THE PHILIP OSBORNE MEMORIAL FUND

During the year 1986-87 a total of £234.50 has been disbursed from the fund to subsidise a number of school activities, theatrical and physical. They were:

October 1986: A visit to the Contact Theatre, Manchester, by 5th Form literature set for a thoughtful production of "Julius Caesar" which included a "Mastermind" sequence.

February 1987: "Pendle Productions", a Blackburn-based theatre company, visited the school to present a modern version of the same play (complete with flak jackets) before a combined audience from G.H.S. and E.G.S. The production brought out the dilemma of the private man and his public role.

March 1987: A party of sixth formers travelled to the York Theatre Royal to see the R.S.C. touring production of "King Lear".

April 1987: A large fifth form group saw a powerful performance of John Arden's play "Serjeant Musgrave's Dance" at the Library Theatre, Manchester.

July 1987: The Cross Britain (Morecambe to Scarborough) cycling venture, with auxiliary transport back up.

All those who have benefited offer their thanks to this Memorial Fund and to its trustees.

The Soviet Union, 1987

"Dear Parents,

For the 1987 February half-term, I am planning what is probably the most ambitious trip yet, —to the U.S.S.R."

Famous last words? Apparently not because nine months later a group of twenty of us accompanied by Mr. Cawood and Mr McLean assembled at the top of the drive for the first leg of a long journey which would take us to Moscow. The convoy left on schedule, Gatwick bound. Comments like "uneventful" and "downhill with a following wind" summed up the journey for the fifteen boys and two masters in the minibus; the rest of us had arrived at Gatwick some sixty minutes earlier in comparative luxury, for which our thanks go to Mr. Whittaker. When the school bus had successfully taxied to a parking place and the engine had been shut down for a week, the entire party met in the British Caledonian Terminus for our baggage check, and then to the video games and gastronomic delights of Gatwick village. Airport lounges lived up to their reputation, soon reducing conversation to nil, as personal stereos were much in evidence. The flight appeared on the departure board; we went through customs and across the tarmac to the Aeroflot plane waiting in a far corner of the airport.

Once in the air, we found that someone had made an arithmetical miscalculation: we were fifteen meals short. Thankfully, fifteen martyrs agreed to sacrifice their repast (needless to say, none from Ermysted's!) Some one and a half hours into the flight, with the outside temperature -50deg.C, we began to realise that the real

martyrs numbered more than fifteen. The plastic trays had been cleared away by a stewardess, popularly named Olga; the seat belts lights were flashing and the plane was descending to Moscow airport.

We emerged from the plane into semi-darkness, the only strong area of illumination being the passport control booth where each individual stood in front of a mirror and declared such pleasantries as name, age and date of birth, with a Russian official, visible only from the shoulders up. We were not to be allowed to slip through the net easily. Finally, after baggage collection, metal detection, currency declaration and further inspection, we assembled behind the infamous Iron Curtain ready for a coach ride to the Hotel Sevastopol, deprived only of our patience and some unacceptable literature.

Ice on the roads made the journey bumpy, but at the hotel, in exchange for four passports, we got the keys to a block of four rooms, —on the eleventh floor—and collapsed, near exhausted, at 2.15 a.m.

Breakfast was at 9 a.m., and any reluctance to rise and shine was washed away by a shower. At 8.50 we cascaded down eleven flights of stairs to the foyer and were shown the dining room. Breakfast was apple juice, bread and cheese, a kind of scrambled egg and coffee, all consumed to the strains of Russian Pop Music. At 10.00 a.m. we were ushered to our coach for a general sight-seeing tour of the city, with our guide who introduced herself as Irene.

En route for the city centre we learned about the various Republics of the U.S.S.R. before reaching our first port of call, the State University. When everyone had taken a photograph of the impressive star-crowned structure, we proceeded to a popular viewing point, the Lenin Hills from where the Olympic Stadium and Moskva River could be seen. We hurried back to the warmth of the coach and dodged our way between Ladas (apparently the only car in the U.S.S.R.) and trolley buses towards the New Maidens' Convent. This building, despite being incredibly beautiful with its gold and copper-domed cathedral had a rather more sinister past as it had been the retiring place for divorcees of the Tsars. Several of Ivan the Terrible's wives had been "pensioned off" here. Lastly, before lunch, we had a quarter of an hour on the River Moskva, opposite the Kremlin, and—interestingly—in front of the British Embassy.

Lunch being the main meal of the day in the U.S.S.R. was a four-course affair and, for the most part, satisfyingly different. The green tomatoes, however, proved difficult to digest and had the best of us reaching for the water. Also "indigestible" was the visit afterwards to the V.I. Lenin Museum.

My knowledge of Lenin and his achievements was (with apologies to the history department) nil, but my blissful ignorance was soon to be lost as we spent the next two hours being saturated in the Bolshevik leader's life: from his birth in 1870, through exile in Siberia, escape to Europe, glorious overthrowing of Kerensky in 1917, Presidency of the Council of People's Commisars, Marxist

ideals, attempted assassination (the bullet holes in his jacket are on display). All are catalogued by innumerable posters, friezes, books, books, letters, paintings and artefacts spready over thirty rooms on two floors. Our visit ended, appropriately, with the memorial room commemorating the death of a man we knew as Lenin, spelt in Cyrillic ЛЕИИИИ, but in fact known by fifty other assumed names and was really called Vladimir Ilyich Ulyanov. It was with no disrespect that his fifty-first assumed name was coined by E.G.S.: Uncle Len.

The evening's entertainment was provided by the Moscow State Circus in an impressive smoked glass building with an opaque Big Top. A Mongolian Circus troupe kept us both amused and stunned with a wide variety of acts. The excellence of the artists was matched by that of the animals, ranging from rabbits to yaks, which they had trained. A lasting memory of the circus is the trapeze artist who, having failed three times to do a triple catch somersault, proceeded to test the safety net by free falling head first from the highest point. Spectacular lighting effects completed an auditory and visual bombardment which we shall long remember. After experiencing the Russian crowd barging techniques in the cloak-rooms after the performance, most of us were ready for bed.

Kremlin, in Russian, means fortress, and indeed the Kremlin, began as a wooden fortress on the Moskva River in 1147. It was hard to imagine these humble beginnings as we crossed the drawbridge towards one of the seven daunting fortification towers within the perimeter wall. After looking at the massive red stars on the top of the towers, our eyes returned to ground level to be confronted by the equally impressive yellow and white buildings of the Palace of Congress. Everything seemed on a massive scale, but twice—in the case of the Tsar's Bell and the Giant Cannon—big did not appear best. Both these outside structures were inoperative: the cannon balls were too big for the cannon and the bell had cracked and so was never rung. As Kremlin guards, equipped with whistles, hurriedly cleared us from the roads, we sought refuge in Cathedral Square which had served through the ages as a gated, matched and dispatched zone for the Tsars, each of the gold-domed cathedrals flanking the square serving a different purpose.

A pleasant walk through the snow-filled Alexandra Gardens beneath the Kremlin Walls brought us to the eternal flame burning over the tomb of the unknown soldier and, (a sight not to be missed), Russian guards marching for the changing of the guard. This left me with one conclusion: ballet must be an army discipline too, as no normal soldier could do that with his legs and keep a straight face.

"Red" in Russian means "beautiful", and this is no understatement when applied to Red Square. The cobbled square, enclosed by St. Basil's Cathedral, The Kremlin, Gum and Lenin's Mause-
leum, is breathtaking. Gum, the Russian department store, decep-
tively like Harrods from the outside, is surprisingly like a market

inside. Consisting of three, four storey rows of shops selling everything from clothes to records. Prices generally seemed reasonable but the myth about denims was verified; one couldn't help doing a double-take at a pair of none-too-stylish jeans for the equivalent of £100.

Emerging from Gum, we found snow had blanketed Red Square but this did not delay travel to a rather up-market down-town Hotel Belgrade for lunch. We spent the afternoon being entertained by children at their Pioneer Palace. The Pioneer Palace, though not compulsory, serves to fill the time between school finishing at 2 p.m. and the evening. Here, children up to the age of 16 learn a variety of skills. The quality of marquetry of eight-year-olds and the dancing of six and seven year olds was a credit to the system, and we were entertained for an hour by Russian folktales, including, in English a not-so-well-known fairytale with the chorus line "What a big turnip!"

That evening, armed with five-kopek (five-pence) pieces, and desperately clutching a map, a small group braved the underground to visit Red Square (now cleared by formation snow ploughing) by night. An elite group braved a barrage of laughter to emerge from Gum suitably adorned with Russian hats, and we all watched fireworks in Red Square to celebrate Army Day. Our disappointment at the rather meagre display was mirrored by the distinctly cynical cheers of the Russian crowd. However, this disappointment was off-set, back at the hotel, by the discovery of a disco playing English music; even the senior members of the party couldn't resist a boogy—after some female persuasion.

Stories of further parties were exchanged at the breakfast table next morning, and an acute but necessarily anonymous case of "snow-blindness" even warranted a pair of sunglasses.

Well fuelled for the day with ham and eggs, we spent the morning being guided round the central circular route of metro stations. Each was lavishly decorated, making it a pleasure to wait on a platform free from vandalism. Associated with each station was a story, often depicted in statues and murals; one station had been used as a Congress Palace during World War II raids.

Enormous escalators eventually brought us to street level whence we moved to the armoury within the Kremlin. Actually, this museum contained very little armour, the exhibits being mostly artefacts from the Tsarist period. Diamonds became increasingly commonplace among the treasures which ranged from stagecoaches to Faberge eggs.

The afternoon's venue gave a last chance for souvenir shopping at an English (hard!) currency shop, Berioska, before our last meal in Moscow: fish, for a change. A mix up with the hotel porters and our baggage gave us a chance to say goodbye to Hotel Sevastapol by a rendition of all nine verses of "Iika Moor Baht' At"—much to the amusement of the porter, the embarrassment of Mr. Cawood

and Mr McLean and the surprise of the rest of the people in the foyer. The male voice choir continued to sing all the way to the station but by the time the train pulled out for its 800 km journey to Leningrad, it was exhausted, and despite the guard's attempts to lock us in the wrong carriage, the harmony gave way to snoring.

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The train rocked into Leningrad at 7.30 a.m. and after breakfast at the Hotel Karelia, our stay began in much the same way as in Moscow with a guide named Marina (soon known as Morris) and a general sight-seeing tour of the city. There had been a noticeable drop in temperature in coming north, and we were now experiencing minus 10 degrees C. Worse was to come. The river/sea was frozen but in no way could the overcast weather detract from the obvious beauty of a city called the "Venice of Russia".

A passing glimpse of the Winter Palace, the domes and spires of St. Isaac's Cathedral and the Peter and Paul Fortress whet our appetites for the days to come, and it soon became apparent that Leningrad was a vastly different city from Moscow. Lunch, like breakfast, took the form of a self-service hot and cold buffet, in many ways preferable to the food in Moscow, but after four days of waiter service it was hard work.

A visit to the Museum of Ethnography was scheduled for the afternoon but, given the option, most said they would rather spend the two hours available looking in the shops on Nevsky Prospekt, Leningrad's high street which runs for three miles through the city. The time passed quickly as we visited several shops ranging from a poster/book store to ladies' lingerie (none of us could read the cyrillic signs—honestly!) Two hours on the very icy pavements and continual harassment from Russians to enter into black market deals took their toll and, fascinating though the shops were, we were glad to return to the sanctuary of our hotel. But nowhere, it seemed, was safe, for even the restaurant attendant made an offer for my watch as I reached for a cup of tea.

Next morning everyone made an effort to be fresh and attentive for possibly the high point of the stay in Leningrad, a visit to the Hermitage Museum in the Winter Palace—the spectacular home of the Tsars until the 1917 Revolution. The exterior fantastic architecture was overshadowed by the interior decoration of the rooms. Each, it seemed, could never be matched until the next, in a long procession of halls, left us awestruck. Set amidst the gold and malachite ornaments and highly-polished parquet flooring, illuminated by diamond chandeliers, was a collection of paintings well worthy of such a splendid home. The pictures ranged from Leonardo da Vinci to Picasso, and among the vast collection there was something for everyone's taste. The sheer volume of people trying to pass through the Hermitage each day limited our time, but my brief glimpse has left me with an ineradicable memory of tremendous wealth and beauty which will take a lot to equal.

A satisfactory lunch enabled us to set off in a jovial mood for the Piskarev Memorial which is dedicated to the half million people who perished during the nine hundred day siege of Leningrad. Such was the atmosphere created by the snow-covered anonymous graves and and haunting music that few of us returned from the memorial in the same jovial mood. We had all spared a thought somewhere during their time in the cemetery for the sacrifice extracted from the city of Leningrad.

A trip to the ballet in the evening was a new experience for most of us, but an exciting excursion. It was performed by the Maly Ballet Company, and several theories emerged as to its meaning. The title, apparently "Marriage", gave us a clue, but the exact plot remained a point for discussion during the rest of the evening and early morning.

The Peter and Paul Fortress, rather like the Kremlin, represents the beginning of Leningrad as St. Petersburg. It is situated on an island in a delta and was our destination for the following day. The spire on the cathedral can be seen from all around, and the cathedral itself is the resting place of all the Tsars since Peter the Great. It is no longer functional which is, perhaps, as well since so lavish was the decoration that the ecclesiastical function as a church would be lost among the gilded icons. After the splendour of the Hermitage exhibits, a trip to the Russian Art Museum was an anticlimax. But a pleasant surprise was in store, in the evening, in the form of the Red Army Song and Dance Presentation Team who performed for us in the showpiece of Leningrad's hotels. The dancing was excellently choreographed and a wide range of styles and themes showed a degree of versatility which made two hours of pure entertainment. A male voice choir (nearly up to our own standards) was overshadowed only by a solo rendition of the well known piece from "Figaro". Our hands were smarting after a standing ovation.

So came the sad business of leaving. After changing roubles back into pounds, taking my hat off to the Russian customs officer (what did he think I had underneath it?), we boarded the Aeroflot plane once more. The meal was palatable, the hostesses amiable; or had we just become accustomed to the Russian way?

A round of applause for the pilot left the Russian crew smiling as we landed at Gatwick. A passport was the only criterion for passing through English customs and no-one, fortunately, had come adrift. The hare and the tortoise headed homeward. The tortoise, I am told, ran out of petrol so, contrary to the fable, the hare came in first.

This account would not be complete without conveying our hearty thanks to Mr. Cawood and Mr. McLean for making the trip such a memorable occasion for all concerned. And hot from the press comes the news that a return trip is in the offing for 1989. So watch out Russia!

J. G. WOOD (6Sb).

Easter Music Concert
Monday, 6th April, 1987, in the Memorial Hall.

Programme

CHOIR

- Gloria John Rutter
 1. Gloria in Excelsis Deo
 2. Domine Jesu
 3. Quoniam Tu Solus Sanctus

BRASS AND PERCUSSION —

Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester

ORGAN — Alan Horsey**TREBLE SOLO — S. M. Badrock****'CELLO SOLO — T. A. Pettit**

Sicilienne Faure

PIANO SOLO — G. Wilson

First Movement "Moonlight" Sonata, Beethoven

VIOLIN SOLO — A. T. Holgate

Czardas V. Monti

FLUTE, CLARINET, PIANO —

A. Moran, R. M. Rogers, G. Wilson

I Know Him So Well (Chess)

T. Rice

THE SASTER MINGERS (Second Innings)

Big, Bad Bill

So in Love

We Shall Not Be Moved

I N T E R V A L

ORCHESTRA

Death of Ase (Peer Gynt)

Grieg

La Cucurach

Trad. Latin American

El Tordo (The Thrush)

David Stone

FLUTE, 'CELLO, PIANO —

A. Moran, T. A. Pettit, Mr. E. Scott

Sonata No. 4 in F

Handel

1. Larghetto

2. Allegro

3. Siciliana

4. Allegro

Memory

Andrew Lloyd Webber

PIANO SOLO — A. J. Newstead

Sonata in F, 1st Movement

J. A. Andre

Old English Court Dance

Handel

TRUMPET SOLO — W. B. McAdam

Concertino No. 6

Lars-Erik Larson

PIANO DU ET — M. Collinson, Mr. E. Scott

Cancion Danza

Dorothy Parke

BRASS BAND

March Prelude

Edward Gregson

On Richmond Hill Baht'at

J. Wood

A varied programme commenced with a most ambitious offering by the Choir of 'Gloria' by John Rutter whose complexities appeared to cause difficulties to no less a Choir than that of King's College Cambridge. The Director of Music had persuaded members of the Royal College of Music, Manchester, to provide the Brass and Percussion accompaniment. The Organ accompaniment was provided by Alan Horsey. Altogether the performance was a brave attempt by a school choir which in the main performed well. Unfortunately at times the words were lost in the inevitable unequal struggle between boys' voices and a powerful accompaniment.

Badrock sang the treble solo beautifully yet even he was in danger of being overwhelmed.

After initial nervousness Tor Pettit performed Faure's 'Sicilienne'. Particularly appreciated were the tonal quality of the mute section and the pizzicato. He was ably accompanied by Wilson whose following piano solo was greatly appreciated by the audience as a competent sensitive rendition of the well known 'Moonlight Sonata'.

The violin solo 'Czardas' by V. Monti played by the Leader of the Orchestra, Holgate, again demonstrated nervousness in initial hesitancy and intonation but showed his technical ability in the difficult harmonics.

It is good to see young men playing together in a trio and Messrs. Moran, Rogers and Wilson acquitted themselves well in the trio of flute, clarinet and piano, complementing one another admirably and clearly listening to one another's performance. A well known piece well executed.

The final item before the interval being the second instalment of 'The Saster Mingers' provided a transition from the sublime to the cor blimey and involved the inclusion of a planted member of the audience in the shape of Marion Harrison.

In the second half of the programme after the Orchestra had performed 3 pieces, this reviewer was left wishing that they had been allowed to do more. One could almost feel the dying theme from the Strings and Woodwind section in the Grieg which was followed by a foot tapping traditional Latin American 'La Cucurach' continuing in David Stone's 'The Thrush' which kept the Percussion section busy, indeed the last two items encouraged one to think in terms of a budding Dance Band.

The following trio for Flute, Cello and Piano was the undoubted highlight of the evening, both boys excelled complemented as ever by the accompaniment of the Director of Music.

Andrew Lloyd Webber's 'Memory' when Moran was accompanied by Wilson, was beautifully played by both.

Newstead's piano solos provided two spirited performances. One could visualise the dance in the final item an 'Old English Court Dance' by Handel.

The Trumpet solo 'Concertino No. 6' by Lars-Erik Larson almost held the Spring. McAdam is to be complimented.

Ermysted's answer to Rawicz and Landaur was provided by Collinson and the Director of Music. Collinson's rollicking Bass complemented by the delicate touch of Mr. Scott at the top end.

A suitable finale was provided by the School Brass Band with its usual professional aplomb providing an extra item in the 'Holly Hedge March' and a suitable finale to a most enjoyable programme.

Music Examinations

The following have been successful in the examinations of The Associated Board in July 1987:

N. Bingham, Trumpet, Grade 5 (Credit).

J. Collyer, Euphonium, Grade 5 (Distinction).

Library Report

We acknowledge with thanks a donation of books from Mrs. Lancaster and Mr. Pettit together with a book token from Mr. and Mrs. Mann and Mrs. Rooke.

During the last school year 265 new books were added to stock. It is regrettable that far too many books go missing from the library largely through people failing to use the library system. Some eventually find their way back via parents or other public spirited people. A sign possibly of the age, but it would be appreciated if pupils would have a conscience about this.

Grateful thanks to Mrs. Scales who has attempted to brighten up the library with flora and book displays all of which should be more conducive to study.

V.G.V.

The Debating Society

All meetings of the society this year were held jointly with the High School but always in Ermysted's library, the High School finding themselves unable to accommodate us. A number of lady members became regular attenders and made valuable contributions to the discussions. "Discussions" is more appropriate word than "debates" since the traditional pattern of Proposer, Seconder and so forth proved too irksome and members preferred to sit in a circle and talk, being occasionally called back to the topic by the Chair-person. This method is sometimes honoured by being called a Socratic debate.

15th September, 1986.

In the chair: Mr. Phillip.

Motion: "Are you proud to be British?"

Many aspects of being British were considered: literary heritage, landscape, general culture, government, economy and empire. Clearly, "being British" meant so many different things to different people that the discussion proved very wide ranging and a vote was consensually abandoned.

“To be proud” also raised problems of interpretation. Did it mean just being pleased with something? Or that you would fight for it? This provided the starting point for the next debate.

21st September.

In the chair: Miss Harrison.

Motion: “Should one fight for one’s beliefs?” Which slipped into wider considerations on the lines of “Can you justify violence?”

29th September.

One of those annual offerings “God” (his or her existence and the relevance of the Bible).

The atheists were assertive; the believers politely assured.

6th October.

“Why should alcohol be legal but not heroin?” which was reduced, in the course of discussion, to “what’s wrong with being addicted?”

13th October.

“The Police” which produced a general discussion on law and order.

20th October.

In the chair: Mr. Phillip. (He was, no doubt, in the chair for several previous debates. The subtleties of protocol were not always clear).

Motion: “Are the Americans our allies?” As expected, the argument ranged widely from NATO to nuclear weapons and what we should do about it all.

10th November, on the eve of Armistice Day.

“Poppies: red, white or none at all?”

11th January, 1987.

In the chair: Mr. Chambers, newly elected.

Motion: “Is divorce too easy to obtain in Britain?”

18th January.

Motion: “What measures must be put into practice to prevent the spread of AIDS?”

26th January.

Motion: “Vegetarianism is the only morally acceptable diet”.

9th February

Motion: “Mental institutions should be closed and the occupants integrated into society”.

This was proposed by J. Frosini and opposed by C. Schosland.

16th February.

Motion: “How should economic policy be changed for the better?”

At this stage the society seems to have dissolved. At any rate no news of later meetings has reached us. Perhaps the regular members (a round dozen, with twenty - two at a bumper meeting) found the strain of solving the great issues of our time too demanding. The confidence of youth may have evaporated. No vote was taken at most meetings which perhaps demonstrates that

those present realised the insoluble complexities of the matters before them; or perhaps it was just fence-sitting; not, we assume, apathy.

It is hoped that next year's sixth formers will relish the opportunity to sit in a circle in the library on a Monday evening and let the talk flow.

Reading Poetry

(Meditations on a course at Leeds University).

Self-absorbed and distant
A dead man stands;
Mark-winning phrases
Transmitted to our hands.

Sedation by the word;
Lectures seem a bore.
But wait, what's this?
David takes the floor.

Notes scribbled frantically
To catch each falling gem
Illustrate illegibly
The gap 'tween us and them.

I wonder what he's taking,
Dancing here and there,
Attempting a response
From bodies slumped in chairs.

Security of future
From pocket-sized remarks
Scattered over the masses
Ensure the needed marks.

Liveliness of speech,
Itchy hands and feet;
Boredom disappears
As wit and interest meet.

Varying degrees of stiffness
Variate the throng.
The stone-dead write the fastest,
For the others, it's far too long.

At last the cue for lunch,
—Audible relief.
It hasn't come too soon
Is the audience's belief.

Boredom oozes visibly
From head propped up on desks,
As thoughts stray to anarchy,
Money, food and sex.

Apparent disenchantment
At the way proceedings went
Formulates the question.
Was that two pounds well spent?

Larkin, Donne and Eliot
In a window shop display
Seem fun as an alternative
To a normal sixth-form day.

Oh, where was poetry's freshness
And life-enhancing fun?
Apart from David's madness
I fear we were not won.

But David, Paul and Steven,
Masters in their field,
Peddle literary wares
As Donne and Co. are killed.

Though they did their best to tell us
Of rhythm, form and rhyme,
What we want to know is —
Will we score the points on time?

Anon, of 6Ma.

Pinocchio

by A. L. Wall.

Presented in the Memorial Hall, 6th and 8th May, 1987.

THE CAST

Pinocchio	..	..	..	..	..	Andrew Parkin
Cat	..	..	..	..	..	Richard Parker
Fox	..	..	..	..	..	Alistair Rundle
Cricket	..	..	..	..	..	James Macintosh
Geppetto	..	..	..	..	..	Anthony Copnall
Cedric	..	..	..	..	..	Daniel Blackburn
Minnie	..	..	..	..	..	Simon Badrock
Fairy	..	..	..	..	..	Daniel Kershaw
Lampwick	..	..	..	..	..	John Collyer
Fire Eater	..	..	..	..	..	Peter Copnall
Barker	..	..	..	..	..	Andrew Rayner
Policeman	..	..	..	..	..	Jonathan Kershaw
Columbine	..	..	..	..	..	Christian Scurrah
Harlequin	..	..	..	..	..	Stuart Jacques
Toffee Apple Man	..	..	..	..	..	Jonathan Broadley
Boatman	..	..	..	..	..	Gary Speak
Coachman	..	..	..	..	..	Leon Whittaker
Marionettes	..	..	..	..	..	Nicholas Allen
					..	Andrew Preston
Man	..	..	..	..	..	Allan Carruthers
Women	..	..	..	..	..	Ian Greaves
						Richard Peckover
						James Newberry
Boys and Girls at Toyland	..	..	..	..	..	Paul Mason
						David Smith
						Nathan Roberts
						Duncan Dinsdale
						Ian Thompson
						Neil Toothill
Produced and						
Directed by	..	..	..	..	..	Joseph Lynch and James Wood
Lighting by	..	..	..	..	..	Iain Stewart and David Ireland
Sound Effects by	..	..	..	..	..	Peter Clayton
Stage Managers	..	..	..	..	..	Richard Bland
						Jason Cockerill
						Nicholas Smith
Scenery by	..	..	..	..	..	Matthew Jones and
						the Lower Sixth Art Group
Make Up by	..	..	..	..	..	Mrs. Gracie and Mrs. Scales

Special thanks to Mr. Buckroyd and the staff for their continual support, the Art and Craft Departments for their time and expertise, the Parents' Association for providing refreshments, and to Mr. Curran of Craven Convertors for his generosity.

PINOCCHIO

This, though an amateur performance of a famous fairy tale of childhood innocence, was produced in a professional way. It was clear that long and careful preparation had gone into the play and that James Wood and Joe Lynch were about to produce an excellent piece which would go down in the annals of the school.

The patrons of the arts arrived and were shown to their seats by smartly-dressed ushers, ready for what proved to be the finest junior play ever staged.

In the first scene, in Geppetto's house, Copnall junior as Geppetto was very confident of himself and a true Thespian as were several inhabitants of this dingy house, namely Simon Badrock in the guise of Minnie Mouse, and Andrew Parkin as Pinocchio — undoubtedly the star of the show. As the action progressed, it became clear that this was not just a stage play but a fully-packed entertainment spectacular.

The clear favourite with the teenage section of the audience was the Fairy (Daniel Kershaw) who was so successful at looking such an unlikely fairy with rugby socks, tutu and digital watch that on every entrance he was greeted by wolf whistles. The great fire eater, the elder Copnall (Geppetto's real-life brother) surprised no-one when he proved to have as much confidence on the stage as his brother. The Fox (Alistair Rundle) and the Cat (Richard Parker) were quite at home with their parts — especially the Fox, being a mischievous character on and off stage.

These and all the others worked smoothly and efficiently to present a stunning performance which justified the months of rehearsal.

The players were complemented by the scenery. Created by Mr. Cawood, Matthew Jones and helpers, there was an amazing range and variety of sets and, each time the curtains opened, the audience were agog at their intricacy and at the efficiency with which the stage hands had set them up so rapidly. The back-stage team worked with dedication to give all support to the actors' and producers' efforts.

Last but not least were the electronic wizards, the lighting and sound engineers. Their special effects and computerised program ensured no hitches on the way. I especially admire the lighting team because you require stamina to stand the heat on the lighting gantry for a whole performance.

The heartache, set-backs and unstinting hard work finally produced not only a fine play but an incredible amount of money for a very good cause. Well done James, Joe and all involved; this production will linger in everyone's memories for a long time to come.

S.J.W. (6Sb).

We are pleased to record that £421 was raised by the performances; it has been donated to the N.S.P.C.C.

Behind the Scenes

After one week at school, way back in September '86, lunch-times were beginning to drag until someone had the idea of producing a junior play. Two hundred and eighty hours of work later, the curtain went up on our first performance.

Our preparation time was spent on recruiting, casting and rehearsing thirty first and second year boys. Getting full attendance at any rehearsal was almost impossible, and many attempts were abandoned. Then, we had to design, build and paint enough scenery to fill the stage for some thirteen different scenes; and so we became regular inhabitants of the school on Friday evenings and indeed during every available holiday.

As rehearsals progressed, more time had to be allocated to co-ordinating scenery and acting, together with lighting and sound effects. None of this would have been possible without the patience and forbearance of a dedicated band of our friends.

Finally, there was the administration: public performing rights had to be obtained; there were rehearsal rotas, box office, publicity, programmes to print, letters to parents and negotiations with the headmaster and staff. All these arrangements became part of a normal lunchtime or squeezed in between rehearsals.

As the beginning of May approached, tickets and programmes were ready, but with two performances and a matinee for primary schools booked, we still didn't feel confident that we had a play to perform. Many people said "It will be all right on the night", but now the night had arrived all too quickly, it seemed. After an internal dress rehearsal on Mayday which left actors, technicians, and producers exhausted and hoarse, we felt that a play had emerged from among the chaos, but we were conscious that we had managed only one complete run through.

After our success with the matinee performance for St. Stephen's and Water Street schools, an air of confidence helped to calm our first night nerves. Except for two major floodlights spectacularly blowing in the first Act, all went according to plan. We spent our rest day repainting the scenery which was looking as faded as we felt.

By Friday morning a recount of seats made it obvious that a full house was a certainty. One of our ambitions was now fulfilled. As the curtain rose a sense of 'making one last exceptional effort' swept the whole company. Riding on a high tide of emotion, like the precise mechanisms of an ancient timepiece, the cogs of the play unbound to their inevitable, but none the less sad, conclusion.

Words could never satisfactorily describe how the applause at the final curtain call created an immense feeling of gratification for us. Suddenly all the nine months' work seemed worth it for just a few moments of success, success that we hoped would help some-one less fortunate than ourselves, have a chance to succeed.

J.E.L. 6Sb(P) and J.G.W. 6Sb(B).

THE ACTORS' REVENGE

(thoughts from those who took part).

It all started when James Wood and Joe Lynch decided to produce "The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole" for their Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme (Gold). Actors were cast, rehearsals got under way: but, unfortunately, we found that the play was still in copyright and we could not get performing rights. So it had to be abandoned. By now, it was nearly half term, so we hadn't much time. Many titles were suggested to James Wood and Joe Lynch for an alternative play: "The Wizard of Oz" or "Robin Hood", but eventually "Pinocchio" was fixed on and, luckily, our producers got the performing rights.

Again, rehearsals started. One early blow came when Gepetto backed out, but a replacement was hastily found, and rehearsals continued, at lunchtimes, evenings and at weekends. Lines were gradually learned, but by the spring half-term it was evident that we were not ready, so the play was postponed till early May. Easter came; rehearsals were not going well, so James and Joe had to squeeze in another one on the day before the dress rehearsal. On one of these occasions Pinocchio himself did not arrive. However, we finally got it all together for the dress rehearsal.

The first night was quite nerve wracking, and the seats were nearly all sold. The second and final night was a great success and we played to a full house. The money raised was donated to the N.S.P.C.C., and we were glad to hear that we had managed to collect over £400.

Mr. Bernard Davies of the N.S.P.C.C. made a stirring speech which was very moving; all in all, the play was a great success.

A.G.C. (1V), A.J.E.P. (IV).

The Swiss Experience

It was an early morning start; the weather was wet in Manchester; I hoped it would be better over there. The flight took off on time and it wasn't long before we could see the Alps below us.

On landing in Zurich, I was astonished at the lack of mountains in that area and thought maybe that this was a wasted trip. As we rattled off to our destination by train my expectations were soon fulfilled as we steamed into the gorgeous Bernese-Oberland.

Eventually we reached our destination, the small mountain village and ski resort of Wengen. This place, perched precariously on the mountain side, seemed at first inhospitable to the average tourist, but soon extended its welcome to us.

Now that the holiday had begun, I could get down to the serious business for which I had come. The next day, I set off on the highlight of the holiday, a trip up the world famous Jungfrauoch, the highest railway station in Europe. This looks down on the famous Jungfrau glacier.

This was the second glacier I had seen, and was by far the most impressive. All the things I had seen in textbooks were there before me, and this brought the ice age to life. It was minus six up there, and felt it, so my flirtation with the glacier was brief.

The next day, it was the turn of the Pitz Gloria, the highest restaurant in Europe, and also one of the best viewpoints. As you sit in this revolving restaurant, you have a panoramic view of the whole area, the Eiger, Jungfrau, and Monch, each wearing their caps of ice.

Down in the valleys, where the air was thicker, the glaciers took second place to the cliffs of rock they had exposed. Here layer upon layer of rock could be seen twisted, distorted, moulded into the shapes we see today, a stunning example of the powers of nature.

Even the small attractions in Switzerland take your breath away, like the Trummelbach Falls, a glacial-melt water stream, which has cut its way into a mountain, as it tumbled over the cliff edge into the valley below. Here the water hurtles between the rocks at high speeds, polishing them so they glisten with their constant film of water.

Sadly, however, my educational experience had to come to an end, it was school on Monday, and the Sunday demanded a day of travelling.

I could not complain. I had seen what I had come for, and the weather and the people had been kind — I had a complete Swiss experience.

I would like to thank, before I close, my Mother, Peter and Ric for their help, and the Iain McLeod Memorial Fund through which I was able to undertake this Swiss expedition.

D.T.I. (6Sb).

Lift Off

The rocket stands silent
 Towering above the still earth.
 Only the murmur of cars
 Motoring down the highway.
 In the distance
 The crowd of people
 Waiting in anticipation.
 Then the countdown begins.
 Trembling vibrations like stampeding horses
 Shake the ground violently.
 Then the roaring begins, quietly
 Rumbling like distant thunder
 But soon the noise is unbearable,
 Shattering the silence,
 Waking the land.

Billowing clouds of smoke pour out
 From powerful engines
 As the rocket lifts
 Away from its perch
 Towards the dark evening sky.
 The bright yellow incandescent fumes
 Light up the land for miles around.

N.B.A. (1P).

Mountains

The mountains lay scattered across the land
 Projecting from the depths of the earth.
 The mountains stand,
 Like huge earth giants towering high above man.
 They are strong and silent
 Watching the clouds pass far below.
 The streams weave their way down
 Towards the valley
 Entwining the mountains in their sparkling liquid.
 The savage crags
 Shred the hands of men
 Who attempt to conquer the glorious heights
 Of the almighty mountain.

I.T.B. (1P).

Flying High

One dismal winter's evening a small group of us left E.G.S. for the foreign territory of the Girls' High School. Our objective? The Rotary Club's "Youth Speak" competition. Each school in the vicinity fielded a junior, senior and (with the exception of Aireville) sixth form team.

To cut a long story short, our juniors drew, the seniors did quite well (!) and our sixth form team (myself as chairman, Ben Chambers as speaker and Simon Goodson proposing the vote of thanks) managed to carry off the sixth form title against stiff competition from the Girls' High School; we won by approximately 6 points.

After receiving a monetary remuneration for our services, three of us were in for a shock. Rotarian Mr. Jim Curran, who had been one of the judges, offered us a trip in his private 'plane.

So the three of us one each from the three schools set off one fine early summer's day to Yeadon Airport (or Leeds/Bradford for the uninitiated) and the Yorkshire Airplane Club.

After a slow car ride via the scenic route to reach our destination we were greeted by Mr. Curran who lead the way to his Cesna 4-seater Airplane.

He initially took us through the safety checks which ranged from releasing a small amount of fuel from the tanks (which also released any potentially dangerous water which could have affected the engines) to checking the wheels were still on !

We all clambered aboard and after contacting Air Traffic Control Mr. Curran started the engines and we taxied to the holding point and completed the final checks. At last, we received permission and we took off.

Visibility from a small plane is superb, an almost 180 deg. view. We flew straight over to Skipton a journey which took half an hour by car but only eight minutes by air. We circled around our respective schools "buzzing" everyone including those from Biology whose lesson I was missing who came running vigorously to the windows !

We returned to Yeadon via the new Aire Valley trunk road, landing safely we disembarked making rapid progress for the clubhouse.

Finally, I should like to thank my companions David and Ruth and most of all Mr. Curran for a very enjoyable afternoon.

G.R.W. (6Sb).

Coast to Coast

"British Rail gets you there," they claim. They got us there—just—but not the remainder of the bikes which wouldn't fit in the minibus. A promising start to a cycling holiday which was to turn out wet, wet, wet.

After a mix-up over seat reservations was sorted out, a tedious train journey landed us on the bleak and windy Lancashire coast. One of our number immediately squandered money on one of the slot machines which were to consume most of our hard-earned pocket money. Then, after dinner, the 1988 E.G.S. Coast-to-Coast cycle trip was off and away.

A hard climb over Buttertubs brought us to Hawes ready for the meal which confronted us, fish, vegetables, apple pie, ice cream; it seemed a long time before we got our next square meal, next evening, at Osmotherley (fish again—and chips). Afterwards, we hiked down the endless trail to the village for a water fight which ended up as a general free for all, resulting in the floor of the public toilets turning into a swimming pool. The elder members of the party sampled the local ale.

Another day; and another meal, at Malton, which was (as you may have guessed) fish—smoked mackerel this time. The more unfortunate cyclists bathed their wounds, the consequence of several crashes on tight corners, steep hills and a forest trail, where we thought we were being shot at (it was Foster's tyre blowing out). After a pool tournament, we bedded down ready for the last long day's haul into Scarborough on Wednesday.

We left Malton, in drenching rain, for Pickering, the Bianchi team taking the brunt of the weather as we rode, Tour de France style, in slipstream formation. As we passed the Flamingo Land entrance we considered going inside instead of the planned visit to Watersplash next morning. We made what turned out to be the wrong choice, and decided to take the risk of going to Watersplash.

As I walked down the steps to the dining room of Scarborough Youth Hostel I told myself that if fish were set before me again I would strangle the cook in a mad frenzy. Luckily for the cook it turned out to be steak and kidney pie. With full stomachs the party cycled down on to the front, giving a lady pedestrian on a zebra crossing a bad fright; we had failed to notice the red light. She escaped with a troubled expression on her face.

The local talent proved very attractive but there were some rather large Mods standing nearby, so we decided it was not worth the risk of losing face.

At 10 o'clock next morning we bounced down the long awaited dip at Watersplash on an overcast morning. After half an hour in the pool the heavens opened and spoiled the climax of what had been an enjoyable holiday.

R.W. (4c).

Twenty five Years Ago

(From The Chronicles, Autumn 1961 — Summer 1962)

R. C. Hood was Head of School and Toller; the other heads of Houses were R. P. Bennett, B. Dexter, B. C. Tosney, G. R. Bradley and D. F. Clark. Captain of Football was I. M. Goodall; J. Buckman was Captain of Cricket. There were 520 boys in the School.

Joining the Staff during the year were Mr. E. B. Gill (P.E.), Mr. M. T. Wallis (French), Mr. C. J. Scaife (Physics and Maths) and Mr. F. Corr succeeded Mr. Fisher in the Art department. In the summer Mr. A. M. Gibbon retired, having been in the staff as Head of History since 1927 and Second Master since 1953. Also in the summer Messrs. Winstanley and Robertson left.

Of the boys who had left in Midsummer 1961, 18 had gone on to universities, representing 34 per cent of all leavers.

Saturday morning school ceased in September 1961 and boys played games on one afternoon a week only instead of on two as previously. Voluntary games were available on Saturday morning, and first formers were reported as being quite keen; there was "a negligible response" from the rest of the School.

Mr. J. S. Leigh produced "Julius Caesar" with M. Winkworth-Smith in the title role, I. M. McBride and G. H. Crew being Brutus and Cassius. This had also been the school play twenty-five years before, in 1936.

The portraits of previous headmasters which had formerly looked down from the walls of Big School were brought out of hiding and hung on the main staircase.

There was a Climbing Club, a Railway Society, a Scout Troop, a Geographical Society and, newly founded, The Electronics Society and The Peter Toller Society which guest speakers were invited to address on subjects related to religion, politics and social affairs.

Several young beech trees were planted along the Gargrave Road edge of the Bottom "in the hope that, in time, they will lessen the ever-increasing noise of traffic".

The Old Boys' Society celebrated its fiftieth anniversary, having been founded in March 1912 by the then headmaster, A. C. Powell.

Parties went abroad to Rome and Germany.

The 1st XV played 16 matches, won 4, lost 11 and drew 1. "This has not been a season upon which one can look back with a great deal of satisfaction" reported W.L.J. The 1st XI played 14 matches, winning 5, losing 7, with 2 abandoned. There was an extensive programme of cross-country fixtures, seven in all, several being triangular meetings. However, heavy rain in April caused the Athletics finals to be twice postponed and when they were at last held "the track had been softened to a muddy consistency. Conditions were unpleasant for the cold competitors and even colder spectators."

The annual subscription to The Chronicle (3 editions) was seven shillings.

Culled from the Corridors

1st Form English:

"The second person of a verb is the second person to speak in a dialogue".

"He was a Frenchman, wearing a blackberry".

2nd Form English:

"He was emitted from hospital two days later".

4th Form German:

"Achtung vor dem Hund" means "Beware of viscous dog".

4th Form English:

"The man was arrested because he was a Russian defect".

"We taped our feet on the floor".

"When they buried Sir John Moore they didn't use a coffin but burried him in a clock."

4th Form French:

"Il voulait devenir ingenieur: He wanted to become a genius."

"Nouveaux meubles: New marbles".

Translations: "His father has political crimes and the Odessa was the secret police".

“Odessa is a town on the sea in the North. It was part of Nice”.
4th Form History:

“The demonstrators were butched by the cavalry”.

Form a 6th Form Report:

“He is the veritable epitome of assiduity. His written answers often contain the spark of real academic excellence. However, he must cultivate a more concise linguistic style, uncluttered by the unaffordable luxury of unnecessary verbiage and superfluous flourishes if he is to score highly in the exam”.

The school’s name continues to puzzle and confuse. We add to the dozens of variants: —

“Hermy Stead’s”, “Ermusted’s Girls School” and “Erme-steyeds” which have been seen during the year.

The Green Party

The General Election on June 11th will be the first election for a young new party called the Green Party, although many of its members and supporters are no strangers to the game of party politics. A few years ago the Green Party was known as the ecology party and was an obscure movement inhabited, for the most part, by intellectuals and idealists. Since the name change, these have remained but the party has become a far more practical, modern concern appealing to and attracting people from right across the social spectrum. For possibly the first time in U.K. politics there is now a party with a truly radical manifesto determined to change the structure of our society, — and here immediately is one of the main reasons why the Greens have made relatively little progress.

Contrary to what many people believe — and are told to believe — the Greens are not just concerned with environmental issues but have formulated policies which range across the whole gamut of today’s problems from unemployment to health to Northern Ireland. Because Green politics is a whole way of life, questioning the entire way we live, many of the policies appear very threatening to those people who, at the moment, consider themselves to be quite comfortable, — thank you very much, — and it’s here that the power lies: Power through Parliament, power through industry and business, and power through the media. Those people who have the greatest sense of the Greens as a threat hold what seems at times an almost impenetrable, unbreakable grip over the way we live and on our perception of the things we see. To a certain degree, they are able to manipulate our awareness of occurrences, mainly through the media, and the way we react to those occurrences. They are also able to affect the way we perceive work, — making us dependent on a job, creating a society where status is linked to your job and where therefore, unemployed people have no status. This includes not only those counted in the official figures but also young people, many women and old retired people.

Naturally, along with no status goes no power, and it is these people whom the Green Party are wanting to help, are wanting to empower. But, if they are empowered, what would happen to the present power holders? They would not lose their power but would be placed on a par with the other components of the society they inhabit, and therefore would, in their eyes, be threatened with losing out, losing power. So, whilst they still hold power they will not allow any seeming upstarts like the Greens to threaten it.

I have been using the word 'power' a lot — but this is important. The division of power in our society is enormous, is found in many areas where we do not always realise it, as well as in the obvious areas: judge over defendant, boss over worker, teacher over pupil, young over old, husband over wife, science over art, money over almost all of us; and it is these divisions that the Green Party threatens.

The Green Party is far from unique in taking this stand. Admittedly idealist, but no less valid, other groups and individuals have stood up for the powerless and underprivileged, from the Diggers in 1649 through to the present-day peace movement; but all the time these people have been working against massed vested interests, ironically because the vested interests have been in money whereas the green and peace movements have been working for the vested interest of society as a whole — something far larger.

All the above, whilst valid for some people is far from valid for others, so let us consider other more practical reasons for why the Greens have made such little progress.

One reason is funding. Unlike the Conservative Party which receives a lot of money in donations from industry and the Labour Party which receives money from the Trade Unions, mostly, and industry to a lesser degree, — the Green Party, in common with the Alliance which receives a certain amount from industry has no such benefactors and so cannot afford the giant publicity the main parties command (costing upwards of £4 million a year nowadays). Politics is becoming an increasingly expensive activity: one only needs to look to America to see the extremes to which spending can go. The Green Party, however, working at a grass roots level has to resign itself to a very long campaign before it can ever hope to form a government.

Another practical reason why the Greens have yet to make much progress in the political machine in this country is due to the way we vote. Given the right voting system — in the Greens' case, proportional representation (PR) — the Greens have shown, in Austria, Germany etc. they can be a powerful force. Indeed the Greens now actually have a minister in the Austrian government, so to a certain degree, the lack of progress of the Greens in this country is something that is unique to us, due to our 'first past the post wins' electoral method.

Continuing the point made about money: many people have no idea what Green politics are and how they might affect them, but the Greens remain confident that given time and education (which is not meant patronizingly) people will come to terms with the green way of life and will wholeheartedly accept it. The Greens know this will not occur soon, — and many will claim that it will never occur.

Objections are raised from the right wing that people don't want the extra responsibility the green ethic places upon us, and that the simpler, more primitive way of life some Greens advocate will restrict people's choice (and therefore freedom), and put more emphasis on the price mechanism and financial reward to provide an incentive as at present. Alternatively, some Anarchists will argue that the policies the Greens want to achieve, many of which are very close to Anarchist philosophy, can never be achieved through an institution like government, and that the state will reject any alternative ways of living — so long as it still exists.

Whatever happens, come June 11th, the number of votes, as opposed to the number of seats — may show, or may not, that the Green party has made far from "little progress" in Britain. Whether it does or not, the Greens will still no doubt smile and say "early days".

S. I. Oliver, 6Ma.

Speech Day, 1987

Tuesday, 7th July, 1987.

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A call for education to be given a period of consolidation and stability, without the threat of major changes, was desperately needed, Mr. David Buckroyd, headmaster, told Ermysted's Grammar School's speech day on Tuesday. He agreed, however, that in view of the "antics of some authorities," the call for a national curriculum was understandable.

It was towards the end of his speech that Mr. Buckroyd put his views on current proposals being advanced by Education Secretary Kenneth Baker. The contribution of staff members could never be quantified or arbitrarily restricted to a number of hours per week or year, he said, and continued, "Mr. Baker is leading the teaching profession into uncharted waters and if our noble ideal of service, currently somewhat tarnished, is ever obscured by the stop watch and log sheet our young people, who deserve better, will be the ones to suffer. The committed professional teacher will not allow himself to be tied down by contractual constraints. He will continue to do his job when and where required".

Earlier, in what he stressed were personal views, he had said the need for a national curriculum was understandable. The Education Secretary's call for stress on basic subjects was already there in the vast majority of schools including Ermysted's. His call for more frequent testing to improve standards would not of necessity do that in itself. Indeed, testing and assessment themselves demanded time and resources, and the danger was that the body of knowledge and range of skills to be tested would have to be reduced in order to create the time necessary to do that testing. A further tier of testing at 14 plus would form an unnatural break in the continuity of secondary education.

As for the re-creation of Direct Grant Schools, or Grant Maintained Schools able to "opt out" of local authority control, answerable to and funded by the Department of Education and Science, Mr. Buckroyd said the existing service from North-allerton was "swift, efficient and courteous", and he had no craving for greater financial autonomy. Indeed, it would require financial, management and entrepreneurial skills with which the average head was not equipped either by inclination or training. "Instant divorce from North Yorkshire and an arranged marriage with the D.E.S. holds no attractions for me personally," he declared.

HEAL THE SORE

And in a reference to the continuing dispute over negotiating rights, the head said, "the sooner this particular running sore is allowed to heal up, the quicker we will be able to face the challenges of the future".

At the start of his speech, Mr. Buckroyd referred to the untimely death of old boys Peter Rose, Andrew Campbell and Howard Davison, as well as Jonathan Chapman, a pupil in a road accident, while Peter Olby and Richard Lampert were still in hospital fighting serious illness and a future over which hung several question marks. To the families they could only offer sympathy, prayers, and support.

The decision to close the boarding house had meant that several boys had moved on to ensure continuity of education, and as a result they would start the new year in September with only six boarders.

School House did, however, provide a good deal of floor area and, with the refusal of the Department once more to sanction funds for their major building programme they were looking at meeting many of their needs via the buildings that would become vacant. Both he and Mr. Roger Whittaker, chairman of the Governors, said they were hopeful that they would be able to coax the necessary money — much less than for the original scheme. Indeed, it was hoped very soon to rebuild staircases, essential to meet safety requirements, in order that the top floor could become teaching space by September of next year at the latest.

A feature of the year had been how individuals had risen above their peers, even though team performances had been first class. He did admit that it had not been a vintage year academically, which could well account for so many senior prizes being picked up by an unusually restricted number of boys. Equally, their O and A level results did not match up to those of last summer. In particular, there had been a deterioration in general studies results, as boys put all their efforts into their specialised subjects. In future they would be offering a varied and interesting programme of personal and social education in the sixth, touching subjects such as health and sex education, AIDS, drug abuse, adult responsibilities and interview techniques, with A level general studies an optional extra.

Mr. Buckroyd then dealt at some length with individual sporting success well as those of teams, and went on to refer to wider aspects of public speaking, music and the return of drama to the school, as well as careers counselling and work in the community. In the latter respect boys had responded to charitable appeals for a variety of causes, outstanding being the £1,100 raised last Autumn for "Help the Aged".

The head went into his thanks, to the teaching staff, caretaking, technical, ground, canteen and boarding house staffs. The Parents' Association played their part admirably, and a summer fayre on Saturday had raised over £1,000. The Old Boys' Society was always generous with its support, advice and financial assistance.

Finally, tributes went to Mrs. Anne Faubert, of Arncliffe School, and to Miss M. Kent, of the Girls' High School, both of whom are to retire this summer, and there was a presentation to Miss Kent of a plaque bearing Ermysted's coat-of-arms. They looked forward to a continuing close relationship with her successor, Mrs. Chambers, Mr. Buckroyd said.

Mr. Whittaker extended a warm welcome to everyone present, especially representatives of the Local Education Authority and heads of other schools present.

Despite Government proposals to make choice of schools easier, that would not happen, at least in the immediate future, at Ermysted's where their size would inevitably be limited by the numbers capable of reaching the required academic standard. Small, in their view, was beautiful, he declared.

NECESSITY

While they wished to retain traditional values, many of which appeared to be out of vogue, they would always be ready to accept changes for the better, though not necessarily to meet every changing modern whim.

One that was being forced on them by necessity was closure of the boarding house, which had always played a disproportionate part in the life of the school considering its size numerically. It was the end of an era.

Prizes were presented by chief guest Mr. James Turnbull, Her Majesty's Coroner for the Western Division of West Yorkshire, and a friend and former colleague in the legal profession of the chairman.

He gave the boys two words to ponder. They needed to have confidence — a confidence in their ability to do those things at which they could perform best. There had been prize winners, but all who had tried had succeeded to the best of their ability. Life ebbed and flowed. They must have the confidence when it was ebbing to catch the opportunities when it flowed their way. And in all things, he suggested, they should possess dignity. That had been shown in full measure by Boris Becker in his defeat at Wimbledon. And, Mr. Turner reminded his hearers, the greater their privileges the greater were their responsibilities.

The scene was then moved to the library, where the chief guest formally opened a new computer room. It contains over £14,000 worth of hard and software, provided by funds from the Foundation, Parents' Association and Old Boys. Computer science will be introduced for pupils beginning their education at the school from next September.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Ian Douglass, a teacher - governor, seconded by head boy, Jeremy Capstick

PRIZE LIST 1987

JUNIOR SCHOOL PRIZES

Marmaduke Miller Art Prize	.. .. .	R. D. HOBSON
Mechanics' Institute Biology Prize	.. .. .	H. S. WESTLAKE
John Bevis Wilkinson Chemistry Prize	.. .. .	R. POTTER
Foundation Divinity Prize	.. .. .	R. J. MARTIN
Petyt Trust English Prize	.. .. .	N. A. WHITEOAK
George Bottomley Memorial French Prize	.. .. .	N. A. BREARE
George Bottomley Memorial German Prize	.. .. .	R. D. TATTERSALL
Rodwell Memorial Geography Prize	.. .. .	N. A. WHITEOAK
Mechanics' Institute Handicraft Prize	.. .. .	J. P. LYNCH
Foundation History Prize	.. .. .	R. HOWARTH
Petyt Trust Latin Prize	.. .. .	R. J. HARGREAVES
Mechanics' Institute Mathematics Prize	.. .. .	N. A. BREARE
Firth Memorial Music Prize	.. .. .	G. R. JOHNSON
Foundation P.E. Prize	.. .. .	N. A. BREARE
Mechanics' Institute Physics Prize	.. .. .	R. POTTER

SENIOR SCHOOL PRIZES

Marmaduke Miller Memorial Art Prize	.. .. .	D. J. SMITH
Mechanics' Institute Biology Prize	.. .. .	P. A. ELLIOTT
John Bevis Wilkinson Chemistry Prize (shared)	.. .. .	C. N. EDMONDSON/ A. J. ROOKE
Foundation Divinity Prize	.. .. .	D. M. CLARKE
Foundation Economics Prize	.. .. .	I. D. PHILLIP
Petyt Trust English Prize	.. .. .	S. I. OLIVER
George Bottomley Memorial French Prize	.. .. .	J. M. CAPSTICK
George Bottomley Memorial German Prize	.. .. .	J. M. CAPSTICK
Rodwell Memorial Geography Prize	.. .. .	S. M. DRYDEN
Mechanics' Institute Handicraft Prize	.. .. .	A. JEFFERIES
Petyt Trust Latin Prize	.. .. .	J. M. CAPSTICK
Mechanics' Institute Mathematics Prize	.. .. .	T. A. PETTIT
Firth Memorial Music Prize	.. .. .	A. T. HOLGATE
Foundation P.E. Prize	.. .. .	R. G. HARRISON
Mechanics' Institute Physics Prize (shared)	.. .. .	P. A. ELLIOTT/ T. A. PETTIT

FOUNDATION FORM PRIZES

1G	.. .. .	J. KERSHAW
1P	.. .. .	B. D. M. SUTCLIFFE
1V	.. .. .	G. R. JOHNSON
2D	.. .. .	J. D. LOVELL
2B	.. .. .	M. A. BAILEY
2A	.. .. .	J. P. LYNCH
3G	.. .. .	D. P. LUND
3D	.. .. .	N. J. NAPIER
3M	.. .. .	N. A. WHITEOAK
4W	.. .. .	B. S. RUSSELL
4X	.. .. .	J. A. M. GEDDES
4C	.. .. .	D. E. FEATHER
Skipton Town Council Silver Jubilee Shield	.. .. .	M. TULLY
Iain McLeod Memorial Prize	.. .. .	D. T. IRELAND
Fleming Essay Prize	.. .. .	S. OLIVER
Longden Smith Prize for Rugby	.. .. .	N. A. KING
Jimmy Harrison Memorial Prize for progress in Senior Rugby	.. .. .	S. D. GILBERT
Arthur Coe Prize for Distinguished Service (shared)	.. .. .	J. E. LYNCH/ J. G. WOOD
Peter Rose Memorial Prize for Cricket	.. .. .	A. J. ROOKE
Foundation General Efficiency Prize	.. .. .	A. J. CARTER
Old Boys' Association Head of School Prize	J. M. CAPSTICK

UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC LIST

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J. E. ABBATT	Sheffield University (Physical Geography/Geology)
M. R. ANDERTON	Brunel University (Law)
T. ARMSTRONG	Leeds Polytechnic (Hotel Management)
C. G. BARKER	Salford University (Electronic and Electrical Engineering)
F. BENTLEY	Newcastle Polytechnic (Geography)
A. BINGHAM	Leicester University (Law)
K. P. D. BOTTOMLEY	Queen Mary's College, London (Geochemistry)
A. J. BROWN	Newcastle University (Law)
G. CAWLEY	Durham University (Physics)
R. CAWLEY	Durham University (Chemistry)
R. S. CHAPMAN	De La Salle College (Environmental Science and Geography)
A. W. DAVIES	Durham University (English)
M. D. EMSLEY	Leeds University (Electrical and Electronic Engineering)
T. N. FIRTH	Lancaster Polytechnic (Business Studies)
G. A. FISHER	Newcastle University (Chemistry)
S. J. GOODWIN	City University, London (Banking and International Finance)
I. N. HALL	Newcastle University 1987 (Agriculture)
A. I. HAMILTON	Warwick University (Electrical Engineering)
S. HANKS	N.E. London Polytechnic (Biological Science)
M. R. HARRISON	Durham University (Chemistry)
P. J. G. HARTLEY	Newcastle Polytechnic (Psychology)
N. D. HESELTINE	Newton Abbot Agricultural College, 1987.
C. HOLMES	Leeds Polytechnic (Accounting and Finance)
A. J. HUNTRODS	Liverpool Polytechnic (Applied Physics)
C. B. JONES	London School of Chiropody (State Reg. Chiropodist)
P. R. MCCARTAN	Liverpool Polytechnic (Modern Languages)
P. MARTIN	Durham University 1987 (Engineering)
A. MOORHOUSE	York University (Electronic Engineering)
P. NEAL	Edinburgh University (Medicine)
R. M. OXLEY	Sunderland Polytechnic (Applied Biology)
S. A. PADGETT	Hull University (Economics/Geography)
N. B. O. L. PETTIT	Hull University (Robot and Control Engineering)
D. J. SCHINDLER	Durham University (Biology/Biochemistry)
G. J. SCHOFIELD	Newton Abbot Agricultural College
P. J. SHAW	Manchester University (Chemistry)
S. SHUTTLEWORTH	Manchester University (Chemistry)
P. I. D. STRAFFORD	York University (Physics)
G. M. STRANGE	Bangor University (P.E./Psychology)
A. J. THOMPSON	Bath University (Pharmacy)
A. C. THOMPSON	Leicester Polytechnic (Combined Studies Accountancy/Law)
A. S. WALLBANK	Stirling University (Biology)
D. A. WATTS	Edinburgh University (Medicine)
I. R. WEBSTER	Exeter University (Accountancy Studies)
A. J. WHITEHEAD	Kingston Polytechnic (German, Economics and Politics)
T. WOODBURN	London School of Economics (Economics)

MUSIC FOR SPEECH DAY 1987

CHOIR

The Cuckoo	Trad. English Tune
Windy Nights	Stanford
The China Mandarin	Bantock
TREBLE SOLO: Simon Badrock	
O Pray for the Peace	Blow
O Praise the Lord	Greene
TREBLE SOLO: Ben Firth	
Pie Jesu (Requiem)	John Rutter

ORCHESTRA

	March (Magic Flute)	Mozart
	Minuet and Trio	Haydn
	Sparrow	Latin American — Arr. Stone
PIANO SOLO:	Alastair Newstead	
	Scherzo (Midsummer Night's Dream)	Mendelssohn
TROMBONE SOLO:	Mark Carling	
	An English Tune	Ernest Young
OBOE SOLO:	Matthew Tully	
	Serenade op. 125	Diabelli
	Chorus from Paris and Helen	Gluck
TUBA SOLO:	Gareth Johnson	
	Pavane	Faure
VIOLIN SOLO:	Adam Holgate	
	Rondino	Fritz Kreisler
PIANO SOLO:	Christopher Rickerby	
	Prelude in C	J. S. Bach
TENOR HORN SOLO:	Martin Collinson	
	Feelings	Arr. Derek Ashmore
ORGAN SOLO:	Gary Waddington	
	Nun Danket Alle Gott	Karg Elert
PIANO SOLO:	Christopher Herting	
	Prelude in E Flat	J. S. Bach
	Sonatine in F	Beethoven
BRASS BAND		
	Four Pieces	Johnson

Constant Conscience

A shadow falls,
 A stranger passes.
 Tall with dark hair,
 Slight sunglasses.
 We don't know whence he came
 We don't know where he went.
 It's up to you to decide,
 What he represents.
 Like a raincoat in sunshine,
 Or sandals in snow,
 He always has an answer
 But nothing much to show.
 Negative answers, money spent,
 People lost and patience lent.
 He speaks all the time—
 Yet nothing is said.
 Stop for a moment,
 Think for a while.

For I see in your mind,
 A curious style.
 The stranger is gone,
 But will he return?
 He will constantly fear you:
 Your conscience will burn.

C.M.H. (6Sb).

Thaw

First a drip,
 Then a drop,
 The stream's sparkling magic waters
 Trickle into life.
 Melting cool water oozes
 Down the side of the slippery icicle,
 Hanging motionless on the barbed-wire fence.
 A bird calls,
 Up in the grasp of a tree
 Silhouetted, hiding the gleaming sun.
 A curious quirel
 Emerges into the dead leaves,
 But soon scuttles away
 Back to his dark green hole, embedded with algae.
 The dominating grip of winter slackens
 Until another year.

M.P.N (1P).

Rugby Reports

1st XV RETROSPECT, 1986/7

A season which always threatened to be hard going opened with the promise of the excellent Hull Tournament where on the Sunday the team gave eventual runaway victors, Bradford, one of the sterner tests they faced on the way to the final. A measure of our eventual disarray was that by February we were trounced by them by 52 points. Early successes against moderate opposition failed in the end to produce the confidence and supportive self-belief needed for the more demanding challenges, and in the second half of the season, a disgruntled attitude and a faction-ridden side lost matches indiscriminately against good and poor opposition: a stirring performance — enough to have produced victory over the powerful Q.E.G.S. Wakefield — preceded the final four match demise; a creditable challenge to a strong Old Boys side containing the majority of last year's near record team was followed by capitulation against a fairly mediocre West Park. Only with the season over did we glimpse what might have been when in the Ampleforth Sevens a narrow opening defeat by eventual finalists Trent College was followed by a run of four victories of increasing command, spirit and quality play.

Individually, the side contained several good, sound performers and in Glen Harrison a brilliant one, whose fine displays for Yorkshire against Leinster and Lancashire earned him justly merited international recognition against France at Bedford. When he played with full concentration, the combination of top class acceleration, coruscatingly sustained pace, sure instant handling and graceful power on the break, it was a breathtaking sight which will live in the rugby memory for many long years to come.

One front row was well served by props Greenwood and Baker and the rugged commitment of skipper King at hooker, whose play, however, was never the same after being passed over in the final county trial after appearing as a Yorkshire replacement earlier. Rooke's 6' 6" line-out command produced the best possession we enjoyed, especially in the pre-Christmas matches, while of the younger players,

Baker in the back row produced flashes of promise for the future. Corporately, however, the pack reflected something of the malaise of their Senior International brethren, and the misplaced attitude of ponderous "power-play" was a poor substitute for the swift, clean possession which made for such flowing back play the previous season.

As a result, wingers Turner, Cook and later in the season Hendlman, though still playing well, were far from the effective force of last year. The rawest of players at the start, centre Gilbert, in fact made the biggest strides and deservedly won the Jimmy Harrison trophy, while full-back Howarth also developed soundly as the season progressed. The absence of a single lower sixth former able to command a regular place in the side placed a heavy burden on the young fifth form half-backs, but House at the base of the scrum performed determinedly and developed in consistency over the season while Tiffany possessed many attributes though needing as yet a surer physical edge to his play.

Many of the senior players possess the ability to succeed in adult rugby, and if a sense of over-personalised motivation with its consequent dispiritedness when things go wrong can be replaced by a more truly supportive team dedication, the lessons of this, somewhat sour, season will not have been wasted. G.L.T.

1st XV 1986-7

P. 17	W. 6	D. 0	L. 11	Points for 247	Against 327.
20/9/86	v.	Lancaster R.G.S. (H).			Lost 18-7.
23/9/86	v.	Giggleswick School (H).			Won 12-8.
27/9/86	v.	Ripon G.S. (A)			Lost 15-22.
30/9/86	v.	King's, Pontefract (H).			Won 47-4.
4/10/86	v.	Doncaster G.S. (A).			Lost 20-25.
15/10/86	v.	Guiseley School (H).			Won 38-10.
18/10/86	v.	King Edward VII, Sheffield (H).			Won 17-8.
4/11/86	v.	Leeds G.S. (H).			Lost 17-11.
15/11/86	v.	Crossley Heath (H).			Won 22-6.
29/11/86	v.	Prince Henry's, Otley (H).			Won 24-18.
13/12/86	v.	Old Boys (H).			Lost 28-7.
21/1/87	v.	West Park St. Helens (A).			Lost 34-13.
3/2/87	v.	Q.E.G.S., Wakefield (H).			Lost 16-4.
14/2/87	v.	Bradford G.S. (A).			Lost 0-52.
7/3/87	v.	Kirkham G.S. (H).			Lost 34-0.
14/3/87	v.	Harrogate G.S. (A).			Lost 18-7.
21/3/87	v.	K.E.S., Lytham (A).			Lost 9-3.

2nd XV 1986/87.

P. 13.	W. 6.	D. 1.	L. 6.	Points for 248.	Against 156.
20/9/86	v.	Lancaster R.G.S. (H).			Lost 16-4.
23/9/86	v.	Giggleswick School (H).			Won 13-7.
27/9/86	v.	Ripon G.S. (H)			Won 26-4.
30/9/86	v.	King's, Pontefract (H).			Won 48-3.
4/10/86	v.	Doncaster G.S. (A).			Won 58-0.
4/11/86	v.	Leeds G.S. (H).			Lost 10-4.
15/11/86	v.	Crossley Heath (H).			Won 34-0.
29/11/86	v.	Prince Henry's, Otley (H).			Won 40-4.
24/1/87	v.	West Park, St. Helens (A).			Lost 13-3.
3/2/87	v.	Q.E.G.S., Wakefield (H).			Lost 23-4.
14/2/87	v.	Bradford G.S. (A)			Lost 0-48.
7/3/87	v.	Kirkham G.S. (A).			Cancelled.
14/3/87	v.	Harrogate G.S. (A).			Drew 4-4.
21/3/87	v.	K.E.S., Lytham (A).			Lost 24-10.

1st XV Match Reports

20th September v. Lancaster (H) Lost 18-7

Ermysted's began the season with a tough fixture against Lancaster.

The two sides were evenly matched, and the game began with the ball going from end to end. However, Lancaster's superior kicking strength began to push Ermysted's back into their own half. After a series of penalties the school were punished when they went behind from a penalty kick.

Straight from the re-start Ermysted's gained the lead, as Harrison finished off a strong run with an unconverted try. The first half finished with both sides kicking penalties to give Ermysted's a 7-6 lead.

In the second half, Ermysted's were soon under pressure from a fit and well organised Lancaster pack. However, Ermysted's defended well for a long period, but then were caught half asleep as Lancaster ran in three tries in the space of five minutes. Ermysted's then put that disappointment behind them, and put Lancaster under pressure. However, tiredness and a well organised defence stopped any addition to the scoreline.

23rd September v. Giggleswick (H) Won 12-8

This match was somewhat similar to the pattern of play in the match against Lancaster. We took advantage of some loose play by the opposition early on which subsequently gave us an early lead. The pack lacked aggression and concentration for a while, and lost some vital ruck situations due to carelessness. However, the backs showed stiff defence as they did against Lancaster, and we went in at the break with our noses in front.

Straight after the interval the opposition scored a quick try catching us napping. The best way to reply was to get one back straight away, and that's what happened with full-back Alex Howarth scoring a fine opportunist try. We were a bit suspect in defence, but forwards and backs were determined to win and subsequently got back in numbers, the opponents failing in their last ditch attempts in the closing minutes. Their backs fumbled towards the end due to excellent pressure from our backs. On the whole the second half was much more promising with increased aggression and some excellent defensive play. The try scorers were Howarth 2, and Gilbert 1.

27th September v. Ripon (A) Lost 22-15.

Another disappointing display by Ermysted's led to a second defeat in three games.

After only a few minutes Ermysted's were 6-0 down when a high tackle on their own twenty-five yard line was awarded a penalty try under the posts, which was easily converted. Already the pattern of the game was set, penalty after penalty for seemingly nothing was given to both sides.

Ermysted's pulled the score back to 6-3 after Ripon had missed several penalty attempts of their own. The first real piece of rugby of the game gave Ripon a well-finished try. Two more penalties for Ermysted's made the half-time score 12-9.

Early in the second half, both sides missed several penalties before Ripon slotted another six points after scoring a converted try; in the dying minutes of the game Ermysted's found some sort of organisation and good running by Howarth gave Turner an easy try.

30th September v. Pontefract (H). Won 49-4

Ermysted's with a slightly altered side, faced Pontefract in weather more suited to cricket.

Right from the start Ermysted's dominated the line-outs and scrums, keeping the pace steady and controlled. A fine pick-up from the back of the scrum by number 8, M. Baker, and a charge over the line, gave the school their first try, shortly followed by a second from a push-over scrum, again scored by M. Baker. The remaining tries were scored by centre G. Harrison, and the wingers, R. Cook and R. Turner as a result of excellent running, and fine ball handling down the line by the backs.

A lack of concentration by Ermysted's enabled Pontefract to score their one and only try, but the school replied with two more excellent running tries.

Credit must be given to J. House and A. Tiffany, who gave fine performances on their First XV debut.

11th October v. King Edward's, Sheffield (H). Won 17-8.

An unbeaten run of six matches came to an end for King Edward's, Sheffield, when they met a strong Ermysted's first XV.

Although things got off to a bad start for Ermysted's through an early try by King Edward's, the home team soon answered with strong forward play resulting in a push-over try for M. Baker.

Playing against a very strong wind in the first half, back play was limited, but after the change round they soon got into their usual free-flowing style with Harrison typically creating havoc for the opposition.

Turner added a second try early in the second half, but King Edward's replied, making the score 8-8. A penalty by Howarth then gave Ermysted's the edge and a superb, unrehearsed move, allowing Harrison to go over for the final try, ended a well fought game.

18th October v. Guiseley (H). Won 38-10

A quick try from Guiseley fly-half in the first minute due to poor tackling put Ermysted's under pressure, and a second converted try minutes later by the same man put Guiseley 10 points ahead. Despite the poor performance by the forwards in the first half, two tries from Harrison and one from Howarth, all unconverted, meant Ermysted's led 12-10 at half time.

The second half saw the forwards switch to overdrive, and Ermysted's began to dominate the game. Three tries from Turner, and two tries from flanker Jones, after good support work, (of which three were converted by Howarth), meant Ermysted's won quite convincingly.

4th November v. Leeds G.S. (H). Lost 11-17

On a coolish Tuesday afternoon it was Leeds who made the better start, scoring in the first few minutes—the winger going over in the corner.

However, inspired by captain King and back-row team-mates, Ermysted's were soon deep inside the Leeds half, Howarth finishing a fine team effort.

But yet again Ermysted's were caught napping, this time by a swift Leeds movement which was halted by foul play. The penalty was converted.

The second half continued in much the same pattern, Howarth again bringing Ermysted's back into contention with a finely worked try and a penalty goal. However, Skipton didn't develop to the fullest of their ability, and the final score finished Leeds 17, Ermysted's 11.

1st XV Team Characters

N. KING (Captain), Hooker.

An admirably determined tight forward, rugged and aggressive in his approach besides being a specialist hooker, skilled in all aspects of modern scrummaging techniques. In terms of County representation, it was an unfortunate case of "so near and yet so far", and he certainly was an able enough player to have deserved fuller recognition. An abrasive leader who got the best out of the senior players.

G.L.T.

A. HOWARTH (Full Back).

A determined player who possesses every skill necessary in a full back's suitcase and has covered well for mistakes made by others. His ability to recover a side from danger is excellent, his timing is perfect, although he lacks pace. With added pace to improve his attacking performance, Alex will prove to be a competent all-round full back.

D. HENDLEMAN (Winger).

Darren has not had a regular place in this year's side although, when he has appeared, his own style of play flared and his classy touches could still be seen. Maybe injury impeded part of his play, but he coped well and never lost his spirit.

R. TURNER (Winger).

Robert's finishing flair was outstanding, but his tackling left something to be desired. His team cheer-leader tactics were another asset to his play.

R. COOK (Winger).

He covered well for the side as scrum half at the beginning of the season. His speed and determination were put to more use when he switched to winger. His deceptive attacking style of running finished off many back moves.

G. HARRISON (Centre).

Glen Harrison earned himself a position in Yorkshire Schoolboys for the second year as well as reaching the North of England and England Schoolboys team, travelling to Wales and Ireland to play two of the games. He earned himself an England cap against France at Bedford.

S. GILBERT (Centre).

Sean, a member of last year's 3rd team, was by far the most improved player. A player who really cared about his performance, worked hard in training to great effect, as the results showed in his marked improvement in pace.

E. TIFFANY (Fly Half).

Edward is a very talented player possessing the necessary skills of a fly-half. His casual approach to the game doesn't bring the best out in him. Although only a fifth former he has plenty of time to grow in confidence and stature.

J. HOUSE (Scrum Half).

Johnny was brought into the side against Giggleswick and gave a new diversion to the backs with a quicker pass than previously. His darting blindside breaks often confused backrow players but gained territory for us. Unfortunately his attitude was unhelpful and his respect for older team members in the side was poor.

M. BAKER (No. 8).

Matthew has adapted well to senior school rugby. His physique and accuracy were fine assets of his play. He controlled the ball at the base of the scrums well, earning himself many pushover tries. He still lacks grit and fire. Maybe with added venom to his loose play he will turn out to be a first class number eight.

J. BECK (Flanker).

John's experience as a flanker in senior school rugby proved to be an important link in the back row. This chain was broken in his absence. His demolishing tackling and fierce mauling has inspired others to do likewise. His contribution to the side was dogged during the season due to injury.

A. McINTOSH (Flanker).

Max is unreserved in his bravery but this can have a conflicting effect costing the side many points in the form of penalties. His speed around the pack and his support back-up play has been a distinct part of his game. In the senior rugby field Max has the tenacity to do well but at the moment lacks the bulk.

P. ELLIOTT (Flanker/No. 8).

The hardness in which Tony played the game was proportional to the injuries he sustained. His ability and intelligence as a player saw him adapt well to No. 8. A player whose commitment was second to none setting an example which some of the younger team members should have taken note.

A. ROOKE (Lock).

His height advantage over many opponents has caused him to win the lion's share of line-out ball. His ability to take the ball two-handed in mid-air has made him our prime tactic for lineouts. His physique adds weight to the scrum but impedes his mobility around the pack.

D. BENTLEY (Lock).

A boy transferred from soccer to rugby; changed to a lion due to a constant supply of stick from fellow team-mates. Dave responded to this tremendously and this certainly was reflected in some of his later performances, notably Bradford where he played with immense spirit and pride for his school side. Always a hundred per cent man, obtaining every ounce of energy from his "not perfect" physique for the game.

A. BAKER (Prop).

When in the right frame of mind, 'Sid's' scrummaging technique has outdone supposedly superior props. This has been a major asset to the scrum. However, his inconsistency has often affected his performance.

R. GREENWOOD (Prop).

Potentially a good all-round prop forward but lacks the will and fire which could have earned him a place in the Yorkshire Schools' squad. His alertness and awareness has been a bonus to the forwards, who at times have not followed suit.

N.A.K.

Also played:

C. Shaw, M. Voisey, M. Jones, S. Whittaker, R. Stratton.

Representative honours:

The following played for the North Yorkshire Schools Under 16: M. Baker, M. Voisey, E. Tiffany.

The following played for North Yorkshire Schools Under 18: G. Harrison, N. King, R. Greenwood, A. Rooke, R. Turner, A. Howarth.

JUNIOR COLTS RUGBY

Played 12 Won 10 Drawn 0 Lost 2. Points for 344, Points against 146.

This excellent playing record was a fair reflection of the quality of a fine side. Natural athleticism was matched by enthusiasm, determination and an eagerness to learn and improve. The cohesion and spirit that was created enabled the less talented to gain confidence rapidly and make a full commitment to the team's success. Lesser opposition was dispatched with style, while that offering stiffer resistance was eroded by waves of attacking rugby. It was significant that the only defeats suffered came when the side was considerably weakened by injury and illness.

Captain Breare was at the heart of the success. A fine athlete with endless enthusiasm for the game, he showed a mature tactical appreciation and a willingness to bring those around him into a match; one anticipates a fine rugby career with representative honours for him. His able lieutenants, Tiffany, sure of hand and boot. If not altogether fleet of foot, and Slater, a balanced runner with a well-trimmed pass, formed a creative midfield pairing which often succeeded in releasing the elusive Clough and the powerful Ejaz on the wings. Wilkinson joined the line effectively from full-back with a deceptive change of pace; centre may yet prove his best position. The ebullient Birch always made the most of his limited chances to perform and the whole line was well served by scrum-half Mason, the most improved player of the year, who quickened and lengthened his pass and was ever alert to openings at the base of the scrum.

The pack grew into a combative competent unit, based on a solidly efficient front row of King, Stubbs and Whitaker whose commitment was so fiery that combustion often appeared imminent. Harper found his true position in the second row and gave some impressive displays of open running and solid graft. The arrival of Clark lent further height and weight and although a raw recruit he showed signs of futurer promise. If the team had a real weakness, it was probably in the back row where the industrious hard-running Wright too often toiled alone, after the departure of Sagar, with Ritchie never quite forcing his way into a game and Westlake's intense commitment being more vocal than physical. At the end of season, Birch and Smith, both useful players denied opportunities in the backs, played on the flank and their performances showed promise for next season.

Apart from their success and improvement during the season these players also deserve praise on another important matter: appearance, behaviour and punctuality, especially for away matches, were always excellent. One hopes for an even better season next year with perhaps a 100% record.

The achievements of the side have made them worthy winners of the Malhamdale Trophy, the first time it has been won by a junior side. Well done!

R.C.S.
C.I.D.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY 1987

A feature of this year's race was the very fine running of most of the competitors. Pre-race conditions were not as smooth as they might have been and sections of two fences which had been erected across the course near the start had to be completely dismantled and then rebuilt after the races had been completed. This exercise in wire and wood was expertly accomplished by I. M. and W.J.P., and that's the long and short of it!

In the Senior Race, Robert Grillo threw caution and stomach tablets to the wind and ran the race of his life, clipping two minutes off the previous record. He deserves our congratulations for this superb display—a true reward for his unbounding enthusiasm for the sport. Also in Hartley House, Robert Hudson ran in a worthy second and so ended his running career at Ermysted's. Robert has always been a first-class competitor and it was pleasing to see him achieve such a high position in a hard race. In third place was Stuart Phillips, who must surely be favourite for the title spot next year. Fourth place went to Alex Howarth. Although now committed to rugby, Alex has always been a fine all-round athlete. He ran strongly and captained his House to the Senior Championship.

The Inter. Race was well won by Simeon Grace and was a fitting tribute to this young man's determination and commitment to running. He was chased home by Jason Gilbert in second place, with Nicky Bhagat third (both Fourth Formers), thus continuing the personal duel these two began in their first year at Ermysted's.

Alistair Clough ran superbly in the Junior event, leading the field by quite a margin. This is a runner we will need to keep an eye on in future years. In second place was Richard Parker, a fine natural runner who will certainly be a threat to Clough's domination next year. A sterling run by Duncan Clark brought him to third place. Duncan is a Second Former and on this showing must be a leading contender for the Junior title next year.

The Prelim. Race, always a fascination for what it will deliver, found a true champion in Derek Carruthers. He romped ahead and soon obtained a clear lead. In second place was Tom Robertshaw, who ran strongly, pursued by Brett Sutcliffe in third. Thus each of the First Forms had a runner in the first three places and honour was satisfied.

W.J.P.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY 1987: RESULTS

PRELIM. RACE

Champion — Carruthers, D. (Toller)
2nd Place — Robertshaw T (Toller)
3rd Place — Sutcliffe B. (Hartley)
Prelim. House Champions—ERMYSTED

JUNIOR RACE

Champion — Clough A. (Ermysted)
2nd Place — Parker R. B. (Toller)
3rd Place — Clark D. (Toller)
Junior House Champions — PETYT

INTERMEDIATE RACE

Champion — Grace S. (Hartley)
 2nd Place — Gilbert J. (Ermysted)
 3rd Place — Bhagat N. (Petyt)
 Inter. House Champions — TOLLER

SENIOR RACE

Champion — Grillo R. (Hartley)
 2nd Place — Hudson R. (Hartley)
 3rd Place — Phillips S. (Toller)
 Senior House Champions — HARTLEY

Cross Country House Champions 1987 — TOLLER

Swimming Sports

Airevi le Baths, Monday, April 6.

(* indicates new record).

SENIOR	Time
3 lengths front crawl: 1 Maude (P), 2 Goodall (H), 3 Gillgrass (T), 4 Frankland (P).	1 m. 13.3 secs.
2 lengths front crawl: 1 Flannery (T), 2 Maude (P), 3 Goodall (H), 4 Gillgrass (T).	42.3 secs.
2 lengths breast stroke: 1 M. D. Jones (T), 2 Hendleman (H), 3 Goodall (H), 4 Capstick (E).	56.7 secs.
2 lengths back stroke: 1 Maude (P), 2 Frankland (P), 3 M. W. Jones (E), 4 M. D. Jones (T).	55.8 secs.
1 length butterfly: 1 Maude (P), Howarth (H), 3 M. W. Jones (E), 4 M. D. Jones (T).	22.3 secs.
Neat Dive: 1 Howarth (H), 2 Bell (P), 3 Maude (P), 4 equal Capstick (E), Gilbert (E).	
Relay: 1 Petyt, 2 Toller, 3 Ermysted.	1 m. 37.5secs.
JUNIOR	
2 lengths front crawl: 1 Edwards (T), 2 McCarthy (E), 3 Peyton (E), 4 Harper (P).	44.7 secs.
1 length front crawl: 1 Sagar (H), 2 Longmate (E), 3 Edwards (T), 4 C. Wright (E).	19.8 secs.
1 length breast stroke: 1 Longmate (E), 2 Goodall (H), 3 Edwards (T), 4 Yeadon (E)	25.3 secs.*
1 length back stroke: 1 Goodall (H), 2 Tiffany (T), 3 C. Wright (E), 4 Bhagat (P).	25.1 secs.
1 length butterfly: 1 Martin (T), 2 Longmate (E), 3 Edwards (T), 4 S. Wright (E).	24.3 secs.
Neat Dive: 1 R. G. Whitaker (P), 2 McCarthy (E), 3 Edwards (T) 4 J. Smith (P).	
Relay: 1 Ermysted, 2 Hartley, 3 Toller.	1 m. 35.5 secs.
PRELIMINARY	
2 lengths front crawl: 1 Maude (P), 2 Chambers (H), 3 Spensley (H), 3 Bayley (T).	46.8 secs.
1 length breast stroke: 1 Spensley (H), 2 Clarke (T), 3 Chambers (H), 4 Green (H).	26.9 secs.
1 length back stroke: 1 Maude (P), 2 Stephens (H), 3 Sheppard (H), 4 Collyer (P).	25.9 secs.*
1 length front crawl: 1 Maude (P), 2 equal Spensley, Bayley, 4 Lovell (T).	21.0 secs.
Neat Dive: 1 Maude (P), 2 Chambers (H) 3 Kearns (E), 4 Collyer (P).	
Relay: 1 Hartley, 2 Toller, 3 Petyt.	1 m. 42.8 secs.

House Points:

	E.	P.	T.	H.
Senior:	19	52	36	34
Junior:	58	20	39	24
Prelim:	6	34	22½	59½
Totals:	83	106	97½	117½
Positions:	4th	2nd	3rd	1st.

Victores Ludorum:

Senior: Maude (27).
 Junior: Edwards (22).
 Prelim: Maude (24).

Athletic Sports

(Tuesday, May 19, 1987).

	Time/Distance
SENIOR	
100 metres: 1. Cook (H), 2 Hendleman (H), 3 equal: Turner (P), Baker (T).	12.32 secs.
200 metres: 1. Baker (T); 2 Cook (H), 3 Turner (P), 4 Voisey (E).	24.23 secs.
400 metres: 1. Schosland (H), 2 Cook (H), 3 Stratton (T), 4 Phillips (T).	54.8 secs.
800 metres: 1. Schosland (H), 2 Grillo R. (H), 3 Phillips (T), 4 Watts (P).	2 m. 11 secs.
1500 metres: 1. Grillo R. (H), 2 Howarth (H), 3 Phillips (T) 4 Watts (P).	4 m. 31 secs.*
High Jump: 1. Snowden (E), 2 Cockerill (T), 3 Voisey (E), 4 Wilson (H).	1.63 m.
Long Jump: 1. Hendleman (H), 2 Turner (P), 3 equal Cook (H), Bass (E).	6.34 m.*
Triple Jump: 1. Snowden (E), 2 Hendleman (H), 3 Howarth (H), 4 Cockerill (T)	11.82 m.
Shot: 1. Hendleman (H), 2 Greenwood (T), 3 Voisey (E), 4 Smith (T).	12.33 m.*
Discus: 1. Greenwood (T), 2 King (E), 3 Voisey (E), 4 Wallbank (P).	32.3m.*
Javelin: 1 Bass (E), 2 Greenwood (T), 3 Ellwood (T), 4 Wallbank (P).	39.4 m.
Relay: 1 Hartley, 2 Toller, 3 Ermysted.	1 m. 44.5 secs.
JUNIOR	
100 metres: 1 O'Donnell (E), 2 Holland (E), 3 Richards (P), 4 Russell (T).	12.66 secs.
200 metres: 1 O'Donnell (E), 2 Richards (P), 3 Holland (E), 4 Mason J. (P).	25.9 secs.
400 metres: 1. Tattersall (E), 2 McCarthy (E), 3 Walton (H), 4 Breare (P).	57.6 secs.*
800 metres: 1 Yeadon (H), 2 Parker (T), 3 Gilbert (E), 4 Bhagat (P).	2 m. 26 secs.
1500 metres: 1 Clough (E), 2 Gilbert (E), 3 Bhagat (P), 4 Whamond (T).	4 m. 59 secs.
High Jump: 1. Wilkinson (E), 2 Lancaster (H), 3 Williamson (P), 4 Whittaker (P).	1.44 m.
Long Jump: 1 O'Donnell (E), 2 Russell (T), 3 Parker (T), 4 Atkinson (E).	5.36 m.
Triple Jump: 1. Russell (T), 2 O'Donnell (E), 3 Atkinson (E), 4 Richards (P).	11.46 m.
Shot: 1 Mason J. (P), 2 Sanders (T), 3 Whittaker (H), 4 King (E).	12.70 m.*
Discus: 1 Mason J. (P), 2 Whittaker (H), 3 McCarthy (E), 4 Breare (P).	37.1 m.*
Javelin: 1. Russell (T), 2 Whittaker (H), 3 Whittaker (P), 4 McCarthy (E).	31.5 m.
Relay: 1 Ermysted, 2 Toller, 3 Petyt.	1 m. 11.3 secs.
PRELIMINARY	
80 metres: 1. Clarke (T), 2 Stephens (H), 3 Robertshaw (T), 4 Cokell (E).	11.39 secs.
200 metres: 1. Clarke (T), 2 Robertshaw (T), 3 Bullock (H), 4 Drinkwater (H).	30.1 secs.
High Jump: 1 Stephens (H), 2 Bridge (E), 3 Wilkinson (H)	1.34 m.
Long Jump: 1 Collinson (E), 2 Bullock (H), 3 Bridge (E), 4 Clarke (T).	4.19 m.
Triple Jump: 1. Stephens (H), 2 Rayner (T), 3 Preston (H), 4 Harrison (T).	9.29 m.
Relay: 1 Toller, 2 Hartley, 3 Ermysted.	1 m. 21.4 secs.

* indicates new record.

House Points	E.	P.	T.	H.
Senior:	54½	33½	74½	95½
Junior:	94½	72½	56	35
Prelim:	26	10	43	49

Totals: 175 116 173½ 179½

Positions: 2nd 4th 3rd 1st.

Victories Ludorum:

Senior: Hendleman (22 points).

Junior: O'Donnell (23 points).

Prelim: Stephens (17 points).

ATHLETICS MATCHES, 1987

—v— Bradford and Hipperholme, 5th June.

1st year team: won.

2nd, 3rd and 4th year team came second beating Hipperholme.

—v— Silcoates School, 1st, 2nd and 3rd years.

All teams lost though there were some very creditable performances by Clarke, Preston, Johnson, Breare, Wilkinson and King.

Claro-Craven Team:

The following have represented the Claro-Craven team: Scholsland (6Sa), Bass (5W), Mason (4C), O'Donnell (4X), Russell (4W), Atkinson (3G), Parker (3G).

Claro-Craven Championships.

Mason and Sheppard both won the shot in their age groups, Mason qualifying for the England Schools' Championships.

Cricket Retrospect 1987 Season

After an excellent start to the season with an emphatic win at Leeds G.S., the 1st XI season rather lost its way in the next few matches with a combination of poor weather and over-cautious, defensive cricket. The fact that five matches were drawn overall is an indication of the lack of 'consistent' cricket played with good batting performances regularly followed by poor bowling and vice-versa. There were some excellent individual performances, however, notably a sparkling partnership of 75 between Alex Howarth and Glen Harrison at Batley, Matthew Baker's 7 for 45 at Burnley and Shabbir Hussain who took 8 for 30 v. Clitheroe.

Cricket at Ermysted's is extremely strong at the moment as the remaining teams (2nd XI to Under 12) results show: played 14, won 12, drawn 1, lost 1. The Under 15 and Under 14 won all their matches handsomely which would indicate we have some good senior teams to come. The school is also beginning to make an impression on the Representative side of schools' cricket, and following on from Graham Strange last year, Matthew Baker, James Tiffany and Simon Slater have also represented the school at a higher level this season.

Finally, it would be remiss of me not to mention my colleague Richard Slaney who left this summer to take up a post at Christ's College, Brecon. He has done much to further the standard of cricket at Ermysted's, and many boys have benefited from his contribution over the last few years. Our thanks and best wishes go to him in his new post. C.B.D.

RESULTS — 1st XI.

Played 10. Won 2. Drawn 5. Lost 3.

v. Leeds G.S. (A): Won by 85 runs.

E.G.S. 150 all out. D. Watson 21, A. Carter 34.

Leeds 65 all out. S. Hussain 4 for 7.

v. Batley G.S. (A): Match Drawn.

E.G.S. 181 for 9 dec. G. Harrison 39, A. Howarth 44, M. Baker 35.

Batley 58 for 1.

v. Giggleswick (A): Match Drawn.

E.G.S. 149 for 6 dec. D. Watson 38, A. Howarth 41.

Giggleswick 38 for 1.

v. Burnley (A): Match Drawn.

Burnley 130 all out. M. Baker 7 for 45.

E.G.S. 38 for 6.

v. Clitheroe R.G.S. (H): Lost by 25 runs.

Clitheroe 120 all out. S. Hussain 8 for 30.

E.G.S. 95 all out. E. Tiffany 26.

v. Parents XI (H): Won by 73 runs.

E.G.S. 139 for 5. A. Howarth 35, D. Watson 26.

Parents 76 for 9.

- v. **Clitheroe R.G.S. (A): Lost by 4 wickets.**
E.G.S. 105 for 6 dec. S. Hussain 23.
Clitheroe 106 for 6 dec. A. Howarth 4 for 32.
- v. **Staff XI (H): Match Drawn.**
E.G.S. 199 for 4 dec. D. Watson 60, A. Howarth 47, G. Harrison 52.
Staff 127 for 7. C. Davies 54, V. Rooke 22.
- v. **Old Boys XI (H): Lost by 6 wickets.**
E.G.S. 102 all out. R. Johnson 4-19.
Old Boys 104 for 4. D. Bullough 58 n.o.
- v. **F. Bullough's XI (H): Match Drawn.**
F. Bullough's XI 234 for 8 dec. C. Sterling 80, C. Billett 71.
E.G.S. 158 for 7. A. Rooke 44 n.o.

RESULTS — 2nd XI.

Played 3. Won 2. Drawn 0. Lost 1.

- v. **Leeds G.S. (A): Lost by 6 wickets.**
E.G.S. 160-9 dec. M. Jones 38.
Leeds 162-4.
- v. **Batley G.S. (A): Won by 46 runs.**
E.G.S. 104 all out. D. Baker 21.
Batley 58 all out. I. Brannan 4 for 19 runs. N. Bingham 3 for 4 runs.
- v. **Giggleswick (H): Won by 6 wickets.**
Giggleswick 52 all out. R. Phillipson 4 for 21. J. Chapman 3 for 5.
E.G.S. 54 for 4. D. Harrison 23 n.o.

COLTS XI

Played 5. Won 5. Lost 0.

- v. **Batley (H):**
Batley 94 all out. (Bramley 3 for 14).
School 95 for 6 (McCarthy 42, Webster 22 n.o.).
- v. **Burnley (A):**
Burnley 27 all out (Williamson 6 for 16).
School 28 for 5.
- v. **Aireville (A):**
School 158 for 4 declared. (D. Walker 31, McCarthy 78 n.o.).
Aireville 89 all out. (Bramley 4 for 17).
- v. **Giggleswick (H):**
Giggleswick 54 (Dobson 5 for 4).
School 55 for no wicket (D. Walker 37 n.o.).
- v. **South Craven (H):**
South Craven 64 (Whitaker 4 for 11).
School 65 for 2 (McCarthy 24 n.o.).

A hundred per cent record speaks for itself: a most successful season in which the side swept away their opponents with clinical and business-like efficiency. The team was ably led by Webster, whose blend of patience and persuasion brought the best out of his talented acolytes. His high standards brought an impressive response in the field. Strike bowler Williamson is a fiery and aggressive performer whilst underlining his potential by subscribing dutifully to the time honoured attributes of length and line. He was supported by a quartet of seamers all capable of taking wickets. Bramley was the model of accuracy, Dobson thoughtful and persistent, Whitaker strong and willing, Foster rapidly improving. McCarthy has an abundance of natural talent and, with more control, will become a left arm quick bowler of quality. His fielding was athletic and irrepresible, setting the tone for his colleagues. Russell's wicket-keeping is safe and sound, although as yet lacking finesse.

In the batting department, the contrasting talents and temperaments of the prominent players were a clear mirror of their respective personalities. The opening pair of Walker and Scarborough were circumspect and technically correct, providing the innings with a reliable foundation. Walker, in particular, has both the strokes and the good sense to build an attractive innings, and has proved a most useful acquisition. McCarthy is a powerful hitter of the ball, and fluent stroke maker, as his 78 not out against Aireville testifies. He is a bewitching sight in full flow, but is also capable of Bothamesque indiscretions and impetuosity. Williamson is also a fine bat, but rarely needed to play a big innings as opponents failed to set the school more than 60 runs to win.

Many of the side can look forward to taking their places in the senior XI's next season. They have earned their success, and long may it continue!

Those who played: Webster (captain), Russell, Whitaker, R. G., Gilbert, Walker D., Scarborough, McCarthy, Brown, Foster, Bramley, Dobson, Williamson, Whalley.

C.I.D.

JUNIOR COLTS XI

Played 4. Won 4. Drawn 0. Lost 0.

- v. **Burnley (A): Won by 60 runs.**
E.G.S. 117 for 6 dec. M. Wilson 33, L. Anson 38.
Burnley 57 all out. N. Ash 6 for 13.
- v. **Giggleswick (A): Won by 7 wickets.**
Giggleswick 67 all out. R. Mason 6 for 10.
E.G.S. 68 for 3. A. Cromarty 36 not out.
- v. **South Craven (A): Won by 7 wickets.**
South Craven 51 all out. N. Ash 5-17, R. Sutcliffe 4 for 2.
E.G.S. 54 for 3. S. Slater 25 n.o.
- v. **Batley (A): Won by 1 wicket.**
Batley 89 all out. R. Sutcliffe 3 for 4.
E.G.S. 91 for 9. A. Cromarty 25, M. Wilson 24.

A record of four wins from four matches speaks for the quality and promise of this team. Not only is there an abundance of natural ability, but also the willingness to learn and respond positively to advice.

Tiffany was a thoughtful and authoritative captain, who set a high standard of performance by his wicketkeeping. Batting was particularly impressive, and most boys displayed a sound, straight technique which will enable them to score well against better bowling and on better pitches. Cromarty and Wilson formed a successful and watchful opening partnership and, although Slater and Tiffany did not enjoy the best of form, they are stroke-makers of great potential. Anson, though less sure in technique, has an uncomplicated attitude to batting, and Ash, Holmes, Mason and Sutcliffe all played important innings. The bowling was tidy with Ash and Mason gaining success through line and length. Sutcliffe's flighted off-spin is an exciting addition to the side, and with practice and thought he will develop into a substantial wicket-taker.

The four victories were over Batley by one wicket, Burnley by 60 runs, Giggleswick by 7 wickets and South Craven by 7 wickets. Unfortunately, rain caused the cancellation of the Bradford fixture, and a chance to take a prized scalp. The wins were as comfortable as the margins suggest, and only casual batting and the onset of panic in the final overs made the defeat of Batley seem harder than it was. R.C.S.

RESULTS — UNDER 13.

Played 2. Won 1. Drawn 1. Lost 0.

- v. **Burnley: Won by 7 wickets.**
Burnley 53 all out.
E.G.S. 56 for 3. Curtis 17, T. Harrison 17 n.o.
- v. **South Craven: Match Drawn.**
South Craven 145 for 8 dec. Chapman 84, Potherby 31.
E.G.S. 101 for 2. D. Stephens 51 n.o.

RESULTS — UNDER 12.

Played 1. Won 1. Drawn 0. Lost 0.

- v. **Burnley: Won by 20 runs.**
E.G.S. 68 for 7. Hindle 24.
Burnley 48 all out.

PLAYERS

- 1st XI: A. Rooke (capt.), D. Watson, M. Baker, D. Harrison, G. Harrison, E. Tiffany, A. Carter, S. Hussain, R. Newstead, M. Jones, R. Cowley, N. Bingham, A. Howarth, P. McCarthy, I. Brannan, J. Sanderson, J. Chapman.
- 2nd XI: N. Bingham (capt.), A. Fergie, H. Tennant, S. Strange, J. Chapman, M. Jones, I. Brannan, D. Baker, A. Miller, M. Bentley, R. Phillipson, D. Harrison, S. Slater, S. Ellwood.
- U. 15: P. Webster (capt.), L. Scarborough, D. Walker, T. Williamson, P. McCarthy, R. G. Whittaker, J. Gilbert, D. Dobson, T. Bramley, S. Whalley, R. Foster, B. Russell, R. Tetley, N. Brown.
- U. 14: J. Tiffany (capt.), S. Slater, L. Anson, N. Ash, M. Wilson, A. Cromarty, D. Harrison, R. Mason, P. Holmes, M. Sutcliffe, K. Harrison, S. Davidson, N. Breare, T. A. Hussain.
- U. 13: D. Stephens (capt.), M. Bayley, A. Newstead, A. Curtis, J. Lovell, T. Harrison, J. Scott, M. Collinson, I. Hussain, M. Best, M. Green.
- U. 12: J. Shillitoe, J. Heseltine, S. Heseltine, J. Hindle, A. McIntosh, P. Cokell, J. Baxter, J. Day, M. Goodburn, M. Nichol, D. Appleyard.

Golf

Schoolboys' Team Competition for the Geoffrey Fell Memorial Trophy, at Skipton Golf Club on Wednesday, September 24, 1986.

The School entered two teams.

First team: T. Gillgrass (captain), R. Greenwood, M. Smith, A. Longmate.

Second team: B. Turner, I. Brannan, J. Rawstron, S. Whitaker.

Eleven teams took part in the competition, which was won by South Craven School. The School First team was second; the Second team was third.

GOLF FOUNDATION 1987 GOLF TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP FOR SCHOOLS.

The qualifying round was held at Headingley Golf Club, Adel, Leeds, on Thursday, 9th October, 1986.

Twelve schools took part. The competition was won by Rossett High School, Harrogate, with a score of 244. The School was second with a score of 246.

Toby Gillgrass, the school captain, had a gross score of 72, the best of the day by six strokes.

The School team was Toby Gillgrass (captain), Robin Greenwood, Andrew Longmate. J.M.W.B.

School v. Old Boys, at Ghyll Golf Club, Barnoldswick, 8th July, 1987.

School won, 3½ - 2½.

J. Ryder and S. Thornton v. T. Gillgrass and J. Rawstron, match halved.

J. Phillip and R. Taylor beat M. Earl and V. Rooke, 4 and 3.

D. Hickie and J. Holdcroft lost to A. Longmate and C. Wright, 3 and 1.

G. Roberts and W. Lee beat I. Brannan and N. Bingham by 1 hole.

H. Best and H. Capstick lost to D. Walker and M. Sims, 4 and 3.

A. Windle and D. Smith lost to S. Whitaker and D. Roberts by 1 hole.

Second Year Soccer

The season opened in September and finished in June. After only a short time it became obvious that it was going to be a three-horse race between Part Timers (the eventual winners), Whiteley's Wonders and Wiggan Athletic.

Considering that players came from a rugby school, the standard of play was quite high. Towards the end of a sport season, when it becomes obvious which team will win, enthusiasm usually wanes. In our case, thankfully, it did not happen; all the teams still turned up for matches.

On behalf of everyone who took part in the five-a-side league, I am pleased to express our appreciation for Mr. Butterworth's help and encouragement throughout the season.

R.J.W. (2B).

Old Boys' Chronicle

Obituaries.

BRIAN ROBINSON (58).

Brian died, after a short illness, in May. He was brought up in Barnoldswick and entered primary teaching after training at St. John's College, York. He was for some years art teacher at Barnoldswick Secondary School before being appointed deputy head at Gisburn Road School and then headmaster of the newly opened Reedley County Primary School, a post which he held for thirteen years. Brian was an enthusiastic sportsman, keeping goal for Barnoldswick and playing cricket in the Ribblesdale League as well as for Blackpool.

DAVID HASLAM (35).

David was a librarian, living in Reading. He collapsed and died suddenly of a heart attack.

HOWARD P. DAVIDSON (32).

Howard died in May after a long illness. After graduating at Manchester University, he worked for a computer sales firm.

PETER RAGG (left 1983).

Peter was killed in a road accident in April.

JOHN BIRDSALL (83).

John used to run the Jewellery, Watchmaking and Opticians shop in Sheep Street.

JOHN R. STOCKDALE (68).

John was in partnership with G. Parkinson as insurance brokers. In 1971 he became a magistrate and at one time was deputy chairman of the bench, and chairman of the Domestic Court Panel.

WALTER WHITE (79).

Walter, a farmer, was a founder member of Wharfedale R.U.F.C. DEREK THOMAS (58).

Derek left school to do National Service in 1947, and then took up a post in the Handicraft department at Barnoldswick Modern; in 1964 he was appointed Head of the Technical Department of Tong Comprehensive School in Bradford, retiring in July 1985.

CYRIL MYERS (59).

On leaving school, Cyril was first employed by the Rover Company in Earby, and in 1945 he started at Rolls Royce, eventually becoming engineering manager until his retirement.

PETER ROSE (35).

Peter collapsed and died of exposure and hypothermia while out walking on Penyghent on New Year's Day. A former head boy of E.G.S., he was well known for his sporting achievements in rugby and cricket.

BRIAN LUND (60).

Until his retirement this year Brian was Community Services Administrator for the Airedale Health Authority's Dales Unit. A keen sportsman, he played for Skipton R.U.F.C., and represented Yorkshire at bowls.

MARRIAGES

Anthony Firth to Miss Joanne Fletcher at Broughton Hall Chapel.

Stuart Capstick to Miss Louise Decosse in Victoria, British Columbia.

Paul Burke to Miss Beulah Victoria Gill at Birmingham Register Office.

Gordon Whinkup to Miss Caroline Plummer at All Saints Church, Earby.

Richard Gains to Miss Angela Smithson at Skipton Register Office.

David Armitage to Miss Anne Sugden at Holy Trinity, Skipton.

Michael Scothern to Miss Sally Dexter at St. Andrew's, Kildwick.

Andrew Midgley to Miss Caroline Anne Fletcher at St. Alkelda's Church, Giggleswick.

Sean Byrne to Miss Margaret Fordyce at East Whitburn Presbyterian Church, West Lothian.

Hugh Woolmore to Miss Jayne Maria Hartley at St. Stephen's, Skipton.

Nigel Spencer to Miss Elizabeth Helen Rymer at Hetton Methodist Church.

Russell Harker to Miss Julia Ann Trowsdale at St. Oswald's Church, Arncliffe.

John Hewetson to Miss Judith Metcalfe at All Saints' Church, Broughton.

David J. Catterson to Miss Janet Fearnley at St. Andrew's, Kildwick.

Alan Darwin to Miss Josie Peck at Beverley Minster.

Steven P. Thornton to Miss Julie Park-Goldthorp at Holy Trinity Parish Church, Cowling.

Malcolm Alderson to Mlle Pascale Verdenne at Christ Church, Skipton.

Stewart Binns to Miss Alison Stacey at St. Michael's, Chapel Allerton.

OLD BOYS' NEWS

Our annual request to Old Boys for information about themselves, and to the older Old Boys for reminiscences of time past, has met with a pleasing response. We are happy to print an article by Ronald Harker, (School House 1921-28), formerly Night Editor of "The Observer" and now retired to his native Grassington.

THE WAY WE WERE

It is sixty years since I was awarded my rigger colours. It seems an appropriate time to set down some recollection of what life was like as a boarder at Ermysted's — especially since this year sees the likely closure of the dormitories of School House.

I was eleven when my parents took me to Skipton from Grasington and left me to learn how to live away from my native village. I recall readily the alien, intimidating smell of the place. When I was shown my place in the top dormitory and saw the line of smart cabin trunks of earlier arrivals after the summer holiday, I shrank in embarrassment. My trunk was a curved-top basket covered in black oil cloth. I think it had been to Africa with some family elder.

Initiation came the first night. New boys, in turn, were required to stand on the end bed in one of the ten or twelve that ran each side of the dormitory. Established boys stood on their own beds armed with pillows. At a signal the new boy was ordered to dive under the second bed, scramble over the third, dive under the fourth, and so to the end wall. Every time he emerged from under a bed he got a mighty swipe from a pillow, and another clout to speed him over the next. In a second phase each new boy was forced to stand on his locker and sing. Bentley, I remember, sang a music hall hit of the day called 'Lucky Jim'.

Housemaster for the top dormitory was W. E. Bishop. 'Old Bish'. He was fond of younger boys, healthily I believe, and taught them French in the lower forms. He took Bobby Mann and Jimmy Dyson one summer holiday to Switzerland and wouldn't let them spend a penny of their own. When he returned, almost penniless, he said, 'Now I must go and play some more bridge.' He played robust rigger for Skipton Town Club. He never dried himself when he came out of the swimming bath (said it took the oil out of the body); dressed formally on Sundays, and took a Spanish Bible to church. He never wore a back-stud on his Sunday shirt so that whenever he bent forward in the service his starched collar shot up the back of his neck.

After serving a period of detention for some misdemeanour on one Saturday afternoon a day boy from Barnoldswick looked up from the quad to see Mr. Bishop grinning from a third-floor window. He called out, 'Old Bish can't catch me!' Bishop's face vanished. The boy, now alarmed, set off running for his train. In no time at all Bish had donned his old-fashioned canvas running boots, and was after him — down the drive, across Gargrave Road, down Brook Street, over the canal, through Dewhirst's alley, and out into Broughton Road. He caught the boy at the station gates, hauled him back to school, then gave him tea — usually toasted teacake or toast on which Bish often spread dark chocolate that he had dunked in his tea to soften.

There was a story that he ended his days selling newspapers on a pavement in Harrogate. I don't know if it is true.

There were four or five private studies at the entrance to the lower, senior dormitory, divided from each other with pine panelling. I became familiar with them as a fag for one of the older boys who did their prep and kept their sports gear in them. E. A. Carr (Tunk) was head of School House and Head of School, when I first went to Ermysted's. He was huge — or seemed to be. In the school Chronicles someone asked, 'Is it true that a rugger ball has been found at Embsay with the clear imprint of Carr's boot on it?'

I think Bobby Mann fagged for Tunk. One of his duties was to take Tunk's gloves and cane to him in the quad before we set off for church. Tunk was on adult terms with the youngish matron. Her room was just over the partition from Tunk's study. One day he broke wind so noisily you could have heard the blast down the drive. Then he saw that matron's door was ajar. Quick as a flash, with Elizabethan impudence, he roared, 'Get out, Mann!'

Our breakfasts were spartan — a bowl of lumpy porridge islands in a lake of blue milk, and plates of bread and margarine. Matron sat at one end of a long table, with Tunk at the other end and a dozen or so senior boys in between. After his porridge Tunk would begin to mumble audibly, 'Man cannot live by bread alone,' at the same time eyeing Matron's pot of marmalade. He would repeat this until he saw the blush rising in Matron's throat, then he would send his fag down the table and she would meekly hand him the jar.

Tuck boxes, provisioned by fond parents were often empty by half-term, and we were often hungry. We got a lump of minced pork offal for tea on Sundays. It was called savoury duck. One day before tea-time I tried to steal an extra savoury duck from the table. Suddenly Carr was in the doorway. He didn't say 'Man cannot live by bread alone', he said, imitating the headmaster's voice, 'Temptation, oh, temptation.' The headmaster was the Reverend F. G. Forder, a severe man who had meal grace said in Latin, and called home-going day at term-end, 'Exeat.' Some parents paid for what were called 'extra breakfasts' — usually two small strips of fatty boiled bacon. I suppose it made a small supplement to the headmaster's income.

On Sunday we went to church along Water Street in crocodile. School House was allotted a block of pews at the back of the Parish Church; little boys in the front pews, bigger boys behind, and seniors in the rear rows. The churchwarden in this part of the church, a nice tubby little man called Randall, passed the collection plate along the first pew, whose farthest occupant turned and passed it to the pew behind. By the time it reached the back pew there was a small pile of money, mostly pennies but some sixpences. As

it was passed down the last pew, back to Mr. Randall each of the elder boys helped himself to a decent portion, and Mr. Randall went off smiling with an almost empty plate.

The deputy headmaster was Mr. Hibbert. 'Tibby' taught chemistry in the school's untidiest classroom. He made an early radio set. One year there was a famous horse race: an English horse Papyrus which had won the Derby was matched in America against Zev which had won the Kentucky Derby. When it was still daylight in America but night had fallen in Britain, Kay stole out of the dormitory, burled the chemi-lab, tuned in to Pittsburgh, and heard that Zev had won. The morning papers were published too early to carry the news, so at breakfast time Kay went around laying bets. He picked up a tidy sum from patriotic juniors and seniors alike, who readily put tuck money on Papyrus.

The tidiest classroom was where portly Mr. Owston taught physics. We called him 'Pig Owston', not with any derision but simply because he was so fat. And he had a ponderous humour to go with it. Among the day boys were two Berrys. One day, it is said (I wasn't there) Owston reprimanded one of the Berrys for inattention, saying, 'You goose, Berry', followed quickly by 'I don't think you care a straw Berry' And then, 'Are you the elder Berry?' When this anecdote circulated, of course someone had to ask, 'Didn't he say "I'll kick your arse, Berry"?' Boyish ribaldry surfaced in the woodwork classes when a lesson ended, and little Mr. Thornton called out, 'Now put your tools away boys.'

In summer time we wore straw hats in School House. We called them bockies. It was a fetish to have one's bocky so damaged that the rim would hardly cling to the headpiece. To hasten this condition we would fling new hats spinning over the crossbar of rugby goalposts on The Slope, the pitch behind the gym. On Sundays we wore Eton suits — striped trousers with small jackets ending in a point behind. We called the jackets bum-freezers.

On the eve of holidays we sang, 'This time tomorrow where shall we be? Out of the arms of the Reverend F. G.' We sang it for the last time when Mr. Forder took up a new post in Catford and was succeeded by Alexander MacDonald McIntosh from Giggleswick school. Mac was an enigma, greeted by us with anxiety and suspicion. He made no play to secure affection, but won respect gradually by his exercise of justice and patience. He was a big man with slightly prominent blue eyes. He had played rugger for Yorkshire. One of his rules was that however severe the weather on Tuesdays and Thursday games days, the first fifteen must always play. I have handled the ball when it has been crusted with snow. In these conditions he would sometimes impulsively share the ordeal, stripping off his refereeing blazer and joining the scrum-mages on the losing side.

He taught me one lesson in sportsmanship. In the swimming sports I won the 20 lengths race. The Games master George Taylor then announced that contestants must line up for the three-lengths race. I protested that I was tired after 20 lengths, a race in which my main rival had not taken part. I refused to swim. The race went ahead without me, but the dispute somehow reached the ears of the headmaster. His judgment was that the three-lengths race should be swum again, but Harker, having contracted out, would not now be allowed to compete. I lost the championship.

He steered me into journalism; coaxed me into reading 'When a Man's Single' and 'Tommy and Grizelle'; and when I left school wrote me a daunting letter from the Highlands which were his roots. In the letter he said, 'If you have the patience to master the craft, you have the advantage of mind and soul that will mean great things eventually.' I fear I fell short of his confidence.

He and the other masters who taught me are all gone. Yet not quite gone. Among all professions those who teach children have an extension of life, a period of immortality. It lasts in the memory of their last surviving pupil until the pupil dies. I bear a portion of that immortality, for McIntosh, Tibby Hibbert, Mr. Clements (so gentle of spirit he could not control geography classes for older boys, who with devilish percipience exploited his weakness), Dan Duffy who was no abler than Clem in that respect, spruce little Tich Cooper who taught higher mathematics, Mr. Farrar, the stately Eurasian, who looked magisterial but taught only the youngest pupils, and whose passion was cricket, and Anstice, the history master who bravely joined in rucker games though he had one leg in irons, and who shattered my notions of chivalry by asserting that history showed the best way to win a battle was to strike the enemy's army in the rear with three times as many men.

How surprised they might be if they could know that their faces and voices are as fresh in my mind as yesterday, and in the memory of others who may read these words.

Ronald Harker

In a long letter, Doctor Selwyn Goodacre (1951-58) tells us that he has been in general practice since 1965 and takes over as senior partner in October this year. At school, he did 'A' level biology which meant trekking up to the Girls' High School four days a week because E.G.S. did not offer it as an option. Kingsley Reid was one of the others who also did so. Doctor Goodacre reports: "I pursue my interest in Lewis Carroll and have been the editor of the journal of the Lewis Carroll Society for the last twelve years. I have done a certain amount of research on the text of the Alice books, and the new edition of the books, with illustrations by Ralph Steadman, has a text edited by me, as did a big American edition in 1982 that retailed at 1,000 dollars a copy. I have been in the area recently, doing some research on Branwell

Bronte and have identified a number of poems that he published in the Halifax Guardian in 1841-42. In the summer of 1986, I attended the biennial conference of the Beatrix Potter Society giving one of the talks, — on Potter Piracies and Imitations.”

Dr. Goodacre also adds, “How amazing to see the photo of Roger Whittaker in *The Chronicle* ! He looks exactly as he was in 1958.”

Nicholas Powell has been awarded an upper second class honours degree in Applied Biology at Sunderland Polytechnic.

Paul E. Holland has gained a B.Sc. in Geology at Leicester University.

Also from Leicester University, S. M. R. Lewis has been awarded a B.Sc. in Geography.

Simon A. Smith has graduated in Mathematics at the University of Warwick.

Simon J. Leeper has been awarded the degree of B.Eng. (Hons.) in Civil Engineering at Trent Polytechnic.

Andrew D. Rae has graduated B.Sc. (1st class Hons.) in Chemical Engineering at the Loughborough University of Technology, and is now working for the Shell Oil Company at Stanlow.

Julian Athawes read Agricultural Engineering at Silsoe College, Bedford, and has graduated B.Sc. (Hons.)

Steven Busfield gained a Second Class B.A. (Hons.) in Modern History at Keble College, Oxford.

Peter J. Atkinson has won a national Service to Sport Award, presented by the sports foundation. He has gained an upper second class degree in Chemical Engineering at the University of East Anglia, where he was president of athletics.

John Varley has gained a First Class B.Sc., in Microbiology at Newcastle University.

Richard Holden has been awarded a B.A. degree (Class 2, Div. 1), at Carnegie College.

Darren K. Berry has obtained a B.Sc. in geology at Luton College.

David Crabtree and G. Towers have gained B/Tec. H.N.D. in Conservation Management at Farnborough College of Technology.

A. D. Paton (School House 1975-83) is currently a Corporal in the Royal Signals stationed in Herford, West Germany. He got married in August 1987, and his home address is 28 Bensham Road, Darlington, Co. Durham.

Andrew Swarbrick (left 1974) who graduated at Leeds and then took an M. Phil. degree, is now director of studies at the Mander Portman Woodward Tutorial College, Birmingham. He has compiled a book of essays on Oliver Goldsmith and has recently published a critical study of the poetry of Philip Larkin (Macmillan).

John Swarbrick (left 1974) graduated at Downing College, Cambridge, followed by a spell in Canada. He is now an accountant with I.C.I.

Kevin Porter (left 1981). After taking a degree in Social Psychology at Cardiff University, Kevin was admitted to the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, passing out in April 1986. He has been commissioned in the Royal Engineers and completed his Young Officer training at Chatham. He is now a Lieutenant, on a tour of duty in Northern Ireland, and is engaged to be married.

Matthew D. Whatley (left 1980) has been commissioned from Sandhurst into the Cheshire Regiment.

Christopher Perkins (left 1983) also passed out from the R.M.A. in April 1987 and has been commissioned in the Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment (Berks and Wilts).

Bryan Alderson (left 1984) went to Welbeck College, Work-sop, to take his A levels. He played in the College 1st XV, was Captain of Soccer and has now entered The Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst.

Richard Smith, now at Cambridge University, has won a place on the 'Operation Raleigh' project.

Paul Schofield went to the 'Mr. Olympia' competition in Columbus, Ohio, having won an all-expenses paid trip in a competition. Later in the year, he was appointed as partner in the firm of James Pye and Son, Estate Agents.

David Scott is managing director of the Birmingham Daily News; he recently accepted an invitation to address a conference of newspaper owners in Adelaide and Melbourne.

Paul Burke is a ceramicist at British Gas in Birmingham.

Dave Smith has been appointed as the Insurance Administration Manager at S.B.S. Head Office.

Paul Collins appeared in I.T.V's 'New Faces' programme. Under his stage name of Paul Zenon he impressed the judges with his conjuring tricks.

Nigel Broughton has taken up a position as Clinical Research Fellow in the Department of Orthopaedics at the Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne.

Carl Hartford has graduated from the R.A.F. College, Cranwell, and is to begin aircrew training at R.A.F. Finningley.

Stephen Barnwell has gained an Upper Second Class Geology Degree at Nottingham University.

Christopher Naylor, who graduated in Estate Management at Oxford Polytechnic in 1983, has now qualified as a Chartered Surveyor and is working for a firm in London.

Timothy H. Naylor has gained a B.A. in Land Management at Reading University.

Gary Priestnall has been awarded a B.Sc. with 1st Class Honours at Durham University.

P. B. Warren has graduated with 1st Class Honours, in Physics and Theoretical Physics, at Christ's College, Cambridge.

Parents' Association

1986-87 once again proved to be a very successful year for our Parents' Association. The Association has gone from strength to strength over the last five years and a similar effort will be required over the next five to meet the common cause, the boys of Ermysted's Grammar School. When we are organising or attending the functions held in School it is often easy to forget why we are there, but this must never happen. Each year we try to better the previous one, and thankfully this has been possible with School always benefitting. The last year was no exception and it culminated in allowing the Headmaster £1,000 for the new computer block. This was a much needed venture and would not have been

possible without the effort of the Governors, Old Boys' Association, and indeed, the Parents' Association. Our contribution may seem small but nevertheless was very important.

These funds were made possible in two major ways: Firstly the Christmas Raffle. This once again proved to be a huge success. The final figure raised was £704.84p and I am indebted to Geraldine McCarthy who organised the prizes and final draw. It is always a difficult job to do, but Geraldine handled the whole process in a calm and efficient manner. Secondly, the Summer Fayre. This turned out to be a dream come true raising in excess of £1,000. You may recall the dreadful weather we had in June this year, but July 4th turned out to be a glorious summer's day, with temperatures in the 80's. Mary, my wife, once again organised the Fayre and it proved to be a nightmare. The weather and an acute shortage of helpers made her life a misery, but the committee, as always, rallied round to make the day what it was. Mary and her Summer Fayre committee spent six months, organising, telephoning, begging and borrowing and usually worrying, but the result was a credit to them all. I thank Geraldine, Mary and her Summer Fayre Committee most sincerely.

Two other fund raisers were an Antiques Evening and the Joint Dance. Both these events whilst raising less money were both enjoyable and no doubt we will hold them again.

Parents of boys in the Upper School will recall the Parents' Association used to run an insurance scheme to protect our son in the event of an accident or serious illness. Due to new legislation the insurance company found it impossible to offer us new cover. However, after much searching and many enquiries we have found a new policy similar to the old and hopefully the new scheme will now be established. I hope on a permanent basis.

A brand new venture by our Association was the joining of the National Association of Grammar Schools. This association was formed to protect the future of the Selective Grammar Schools left in England, which total only 150. We felt it important we should join forces should a battle become necessary at a later date. Ermysted's Grammar School has been around for nearly 500 years and given luck will continue to do so for another 500. Ermysted's will be represented on the National Committee by myself and Mrs. Shirley Malservisi.

1986-87 was a hard working year with an excellent committee. The ladies of the committee frequently give their time at Parents' Evenings as well as at the fund raising events, and sometimes this passes unnoticed. However, I take this opportunity to thank them for their hard work over the year and to assure them they are not forgotten. I thank all the committee members for their efforts and hope they will continue to give their services. Ermysted's have been very fortunate to have the services of Tricia Brookes and

Michael Schosland as secretary and treasurer of the Parents' Association. There is no doubt whatsoever I could not have managed without them. I thank them both. I must also thank the secretarial staff of Ermysted's for their endless support. They are frequently called upon for extra duties and there is never a grumble.

Finally, I must thank the Headmaster, Mr. David Buckroyd for his support, guidance and indeed humour. His presence at our meetings did at times make all the difference in making our association successful.

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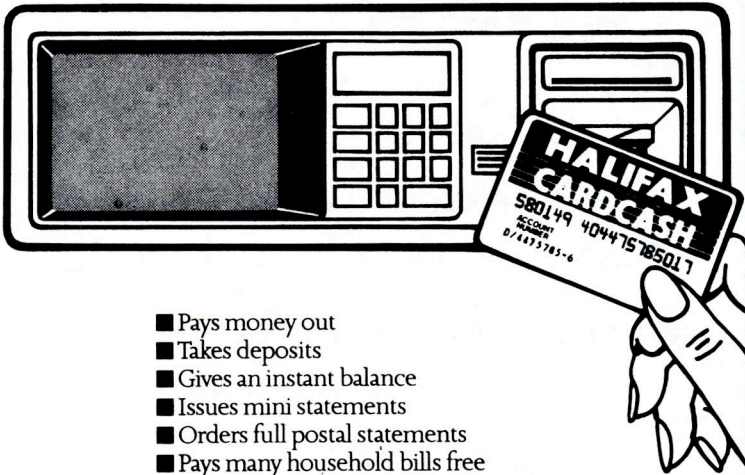


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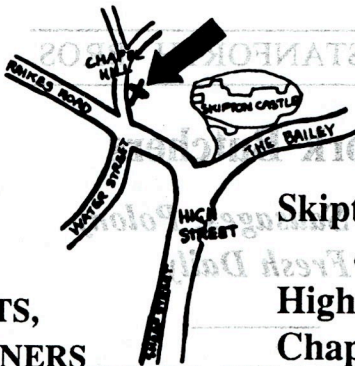


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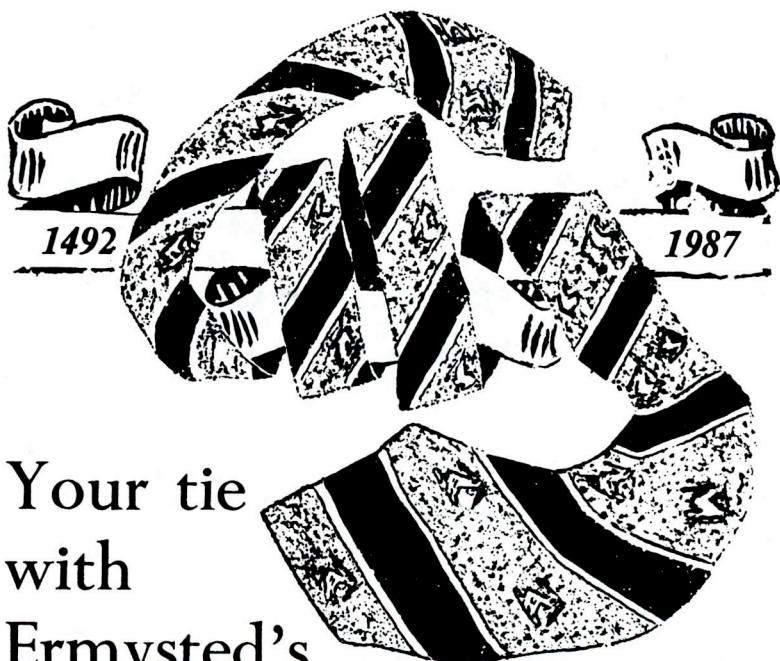
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