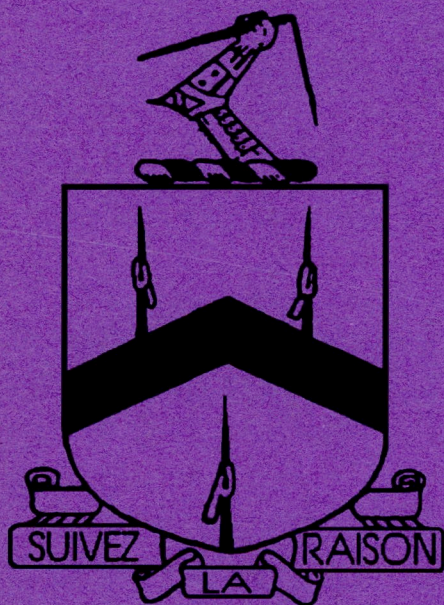


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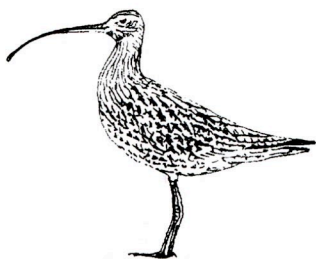
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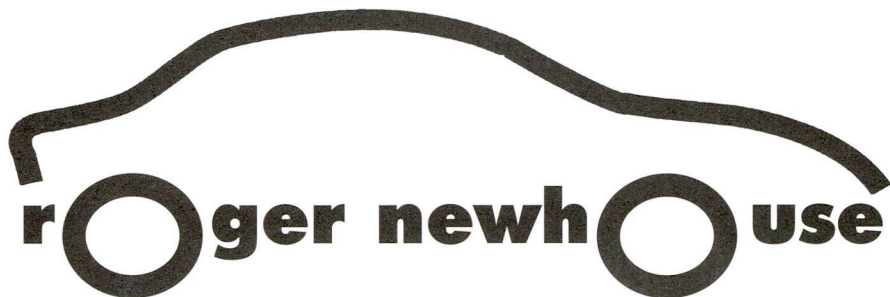
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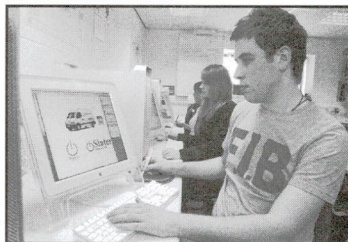
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Head of Toller House	Ben Lloyd-Evans, Graham Rishton
Head of Hartley House	Jonathan Baker, Jamie Pollard
Captain of Rugby	David Clements
Captain of Cross Country	Mark Ashton, James Rusius
Captain of Cricket	Tom Baines
Captain of Golf	Alex Hare

Form Prefects

9H	Tom Fawcett, Robert Woolmer
9J	Matthew Foster, Matthew Goode
9S	Matthew Dean, Thomas Hoare
8T	James Adley, Mark Ashton
8G	David Bode, David Clements
8P	William Green, Alex Judge
7E	James Hardacre, Charles Hollingsworth
7K	Ben Bolland, John Bracken
7M	George Preston, Alex Szostak
7W	Jonathan Howarth, Alex Wales

Ave Mrs H. Simms

Helen Simms joined the English department in September 2003. She immediately found herself drawn into the world of house drama and debating as well as teaching English to years 7-12.

Originally from South Wales she married a Yorkshire man and settled here in 1996. Her relatively short teaching career has included spells in Bradford and Leeds.

In a previous life she was employed as a social worker.

Her spare time is spent providing transport for her three teenage children. Other activities include wine tasting!

Ave Mr P. Grady

After studying environmental management at Sheffield Hallam University Mr Grady further developed an interest in environmental protection issues and after leaving university enjoyed stints at the Peak District National Park Authority and as a ranger in the New Forest. Having particularly enjoyed the guided educational walks he decided to join the teaching profession as a Geography teacher. During his PGCE at Leeds University he was placed at Ermysted's which luckily needed a new geography teacher. In his spare time he enjoys climbing, cycling, walking and dreaming about travelling in far away places...

Ave Ms R. Payne-Woolridge

After several years of office work Ruth Payne-Woolridge grasped the nettle and embarked upon a degree in linguistics and philosophy at the University of Leeds. Her mind still addled by formal logic, Ms Payne decided to complete her PGCE and make a career in teaching. Two small children, a lactician physiologist and a trumpet compete for her time. Ms Payne-Woolridge started teaching at Ermysted's in January 2004.

Ave Mr P. Footitt

After twelve years at a similar boys selective grammar school in Lincolnshire, Paul Footitt joined Ermysted's as second in the Maths department and moves from the flattest area of the country to one of the hilliest and also from the driest area to one of the wettest! However, not dampening his spirits too much, he can often be seen out walking in Wharfedale accompanied by his ever faithful Jack Russell Terrier. That is when he is not out playing golf or tennis, at home in the garden, working or involved with school outings such as skiing and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

Having completed his teacher training in Nottinghamshire and a year's teaching in Essex he then attended Kutztown State University in Pennsylvania and, on graduation, supply taught on Long Island, New York amongst other jobs. He still has close contacts with many friends in the States and tries to return there to visit each year.

Vale Mr R.J. Simpson

Richard joined the PE department two years ago. During his time at EGS he became a popular and respected teacher. He taught PE to all years as well as GCSE and A level PE. He gave tirelessly of his time to extra curricular activities at lunchtime and after school, in particular, rugby and athletics. During his short stay he accompanied ski trips and organised an annual visit to the 20/20 cricket at Headingley. He has moved to Cheltenham to develop his career further. We wish him well for the future.

Vale Miss S. Muhlemann

Sarah Muhlemann left the school in January 2004 after a highly successful period working in the English Department, where she had followed the pattern of her mother Sheila's distinguished service. Sarah's commitment, her knowledge and understanding of the subject and her absolute desire to do the best for her students were marked features of her time at Ermysted's, where she had been not only a pupil herself (on loan from the High School) but a trainee teacher. Her decision to leave the school in January was not lightly taken. Her conscientiousness, her reliability and her humour have been missed. Sarah gave birth to a daughter, Lily, in late summer.

C.B. Davies 1962-2003

Former Ermysted's pupil and teacher Chris Davies finally lost his courageous battle against Motor Neurone Disease in November 2003, four-and-a-half years after the illness was diagnosed.

His pluck, fortitude and positive thinking managed to hold at bay this very aggressive disease for much longer than many in the medical profession deemed possible.

Chris was determined to make the most of his life, supported by his loving family, a strong, kindly and loyal group of friends and his abiding passion for cricket and rugby. Chris exuded the virtues of always looking on the bright side of life and looking forward to treats and pleasures, which were always savoured and shared.

Born in Rochdale, Chris moved to Skipton as a baby when his father, Brian, became headmaster of Aireville School. He was educated at Water Street School and then Ermysted's where he was a popular and multi-talented pupil who believed in the pursuit of excellence. He was head of Ermysted House, acted in school productions, played in the brass band and was the mainstay of both the cricket and rugby teams.

On leaving Ermysted's, Chris went to Brunel University, where he studied craft, design and technology in education. It was there he met his future wife, Jenny, who was a fellow Student.

Following in his father's footsteps he returned to his old school as a master and soon earned the respect and admiration of staff and pupils. He was forced to retire in the summer of 2000 because of ill health.

Chris played cricket for Emsay for 20 years and was a fly half for Wharfedale's first team for 10 years before becoming the second team coach.

He became an active member of the Motor Neurone Disease Association and appeared before the National Institute of Clinical Excellence (NICE) in a successful campaign to make the drug, Riluzole, more widely available to sufferers. Although he knew his condition was terminal, Mr Davies made a personal statement setting out how motor neurone disease had ended his ability to do almost anything for himself. But he added: "Sounds like a miserable existence? Not a bit of it! I would be a liar if I said that the frustration does not get to me sometimes and that I never feel sad or depressed about my situation. But in general I remain positive and forward looking as there are so many facets to my life that do not rely on motor skills."

Chris is survived by his wife, Jenny, and children Tom and Holly.

A. Capstick (Capper) 1944-2004

Tony, a Skipton boy, was a pupil at Ermysted's from 1956-63 during one of the golden ages of E.G.S. Rugby. He played as a front row forward for the 1st XV in the era of Michael Harrison's "invincibles". On leaving Ermysted's he went on to the University of Cardiff to study languages.

His first post after University was at Cowley Grammar School, St. Helens. From there he had a spell in Germany and a short period at Bronte School, Keighley. Tony was spotted in Skipton High Street by the then head of French at Ermysted's, Jim Hartley, who gave him the opportunity to return to his old school. In 1972, Tony joined the staff and remained at the school until his retirement due to ill health in 2001 having given 29 years of loyal service.

A firm but fair disciplinarian with a character full of endearing idiosyncrasies, unpredictable nuances and priceless facial expression, this cocktail of traits made him popular with the boys whilst retaining an aura of mystery and uncertainty to keep them guessing and within bounds.

His teaching style was didactic, hammering out the structural components of language with great rigour. It may not have been French with all the culinary concoctions and decorous embellishments of a Michelin Blue Star restaurant. However it was honest and wholesome, providing the essential staple ingredients. With such a grounding everything is possible.

Outside the classroom, Tony spent twenty five years and more coaching Junior Rugby. Tony was well liked by the whole school community and respected for his intellect. His local knowledge was considerable and he served the school Chronicles with distinction by trawling the pages of the Craven Herald for news of Old Boys. This information was supplemented by the gleanings from local hostelrys.

Our sympathy is extended to his wife, Janet, his three children, Tabitha, Toby and Christian and his granddaughter Emily.

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Other Staffing News

Mr Douglass was absent for much of the year due to ill health.

Mr Whitaker was absent after Easter and is undergoing treatment for myeloma.

Mrs Thomas joined the Modern Languages Department on a part-time basis where she taught German and Mr Kenyon maintained his connection with the school in teaching music.

We welcomed Mr Noman Daji, on a one-year contract, as our first IT technician. He has been of considerable help to both his colleagues and to pupils alike and has contributed to school life in general.

Mrs Stephenson left the school office during the summer term to be replaced by Mrs Lockyer.

Mrs Anna Fleisch was appointed part-time assistant librarian in addition to reprographics assistant.

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Yr	Name	Yr	Name	Yr	Name			
7	Ackers-Johnson	Gavin	7	Gray-Clough	Elliot	7	Parker	Benjamin
7	Ali	Haroon	7	Greaves	Sebastian	12	Paylor	Mikael
7	Andrews	Guy	9	Green	William	7	Phillips	Arthur
7	Armour	Robin	7	Hall	Mark	7	Ramsden	Rowan
7	Balderson	Samuel	7	Hall	Robert	7	Rashid	Joher
7	Barraclough	Benjamin	10	Hargrave	Charles	7	Razaq	Sheraz
7	Barrow	Tom	7	Hargreaves	Mitchell	7	Reeves	Thomas
7	Beattie-Jones	Joshua	7	Harran	Daniel	7	Rhodes	Kenton
7	Beresford	Luke	12	Harrison	Benjamin	7	Richardson	Graham
7	Bickley	Anthony	7	Harrison	Findley	7	Roberts	Jake
7	Binns	William	7	Harrison	Matthew	12	Roberts	Will
8	Birtles	James	7	Harrison	Samuel	12	Rowley	James
7	Bruce	Alastair	7	Healey	Joseph	7	Sands	Daniel
7	Bullough	James	7	Herbert	Peter	7	Saul	Benjamin
7	Burns	Matthew	7	Heseltine	Thomas	7	Shackleton	Stephen
7	Cairns	Andrew	7	Holland	Joseph	12	Shelmerdine	James
7	Campbell	Jonathan	7	Holroyd	Charles	7	Simmons	Alistair
7	Carlisle	Thomas	7	Horsman	Daniel	7	Smallwood	Thomas
7	Chapman	Jake	7	Hussain	Mobasher	12	Smith	Edward
7	Charters	Daniel	10	Hussain	Mutahir	7	St John	Tomos
7	Chodakowski	Sebastian	7	Hutchinson	Timothy	7	Stead	Tom
12	Cichocki	Martin	7	Jeggo	Oliver	7	Stell	Matthew
7	Collett	Adam	7	Law	Alexander	7	Stockton	Luke
7	Conroy	Alexander	7	Lorente-Jimenez	Andrea	7	Styles	Thomas
7	Corless	Ken	7	Machin	David	7	Tice	Alexander
8	Cottle	Edward	7	Martin	David	7	Tolley	Nathan
7	Coughlin	Toby	7	Mason	James	11	Vicary	Jonathan
7	Dale	Thomas	7	McCutcheon	Conor	7	Wade	David
7	Day	Christopher	7	Merrell	Andrew	7	Walsh	Lawrence
7	Denby	Joseph	7	Midgley	Joseph	7	Waseem	Ibrahim
7	Drybrough	Joe	7	Millman	Charles	7	Watson	Andrew
7	Ellwood	Rory	7	Moody	Daniel	7	Watson	Nicholas
12	Fenton	Simon	7	Newbould	Edward	12	Whittock	James
7	Figg	Matthew	7	Newhouse	Jonathan	7	Wilberforce	Samuel
7	Ford	Thomas	7	Norton	Samuel	7	Woodland	Alfie
12	Foulds	Andrew	7	Nutter	Philip	7	Woods	Thomas
7	Gannon	Benjamin	7	O'Brien	Jonathan	10	Yu	Kaifei
7	Gilchrist	Jack	7	O'Dowd	Sean			
7	Golson	John	12	Ollier	Carl			

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In addition to those boys taking 'A' levels in 2004 the following boys also left either during the year or at the end of the summer term:

Yr	Name	Yr	Name	Yr	Name			
11	Allen	Liam	11	Holtom	Dean	12	Rowley	James
11	Byrne	Matthew	11	Hunter	Ben	11	Sands	Arron
11	Cartman	Liam	11	Jacques	Liam	11	Sands	Joshua
11	Cooke	Thomas	11	Longthorne	Matthew	11	Shackleton	Richard
11	Drake	Alexander	11	Maude	Oliver	12	Thomas	Alan
9	Franks	Benjamin	11	McAnespie	Tom	8	Wilson	Dominic
11	Gane	Jonathan	11	McLachlan	Michael	11	Wright	Oliver
11	Hawkins	Paul	11	Mellin	Richard			

Public Examination Results Summer 2004

Advanced Level

Key Used:

Art and Design	ad	English Literature	el	History	hi
Biology	bi	French	fr	Music	mu
Chemistry	ch	Further Maths	fm	Latin	la
Design and Technology	dt	General Studies	gt	Maths	ma
Economics	ec	Geography	gy	Physics	ph
English Language	ea	German	gn	Physical Education	pe

(Grades A to E - Asterisks denote A Grades)

J Adley	ma* ph* ch* gt fm	M Goode	ma* gy* gn* mu gt*	R Parsons	ma ph* ch gt
K Al-Muhandis	ea ec bi gt*	W Green	ea* el* ec* hi* gt	G Pavlov	ch el hi gt
M Alam	ea ch bi	S Handley	ea it gn gt	J Peters	ea* el gy gt
M Ashton	ma* ph* ch* fm* gt	R Hannah	gy* ph bi* gt	D Phillips	ea* el* hi* gt
J Baker	ma gy mu gt	J Hardacre	ma ch bi gt	J Pollard	ma* fm* ph* ec* gt*
D Banks	ea* gy* el* gt*	T Hardy	gy ea ec* gt	G Preston	gy* ch* bi* gt*
A Bargh	ma* fm* ch* ph* gt*	A Hare	gy ec* bi gt	G Rishton	ma gy ec* gt*
D Bode	ea ch ec* gt	B Harrison	gy fr* hi gt	C Robinson	ch bi dt gt
B J Bolland	ea bi pe* gt	T Hoare	gy ph bi gt	L Rosie	ma* ph dt gt
B H Bolland	gy ea ec* gt*	C Hollingsworth	ma gy* dt* gt*	J Rusius	ma* ph* ch* bi* gt*
J Bracken	ea el* pe gt	D Holmes	ma* gy* ec* gt*	B Sakharov	ma* fm* ru* it gt
J Bradley	gy it ec gt	J Hopkinson	ma gy bi gt	J Singleton	gy* el* ec* gt*
A Bryan	ma* ch* bi* gt	T Hornby	gy ea bi	G Smith	gy it ec
D Bullock	el* gy* ec* hi* gt*	M Hornsey	ma* ph bi* gt	A Stow	ma* ea* hi* gt*
M Burton	gy bi dt gt	J Howarth	ma* gy ph gt	J Style	el* ec* hi* gt*
A Butterfield	ma* ch* bi* gt*	A Judge	ea* el hi gt	A Szostak	ea ch bi pe* gt
T Clark	ma it dt gt	B Lloyd-Evans	ea* el* gn* mu* gt*	B Taylor	el gy bi gt
D Clements	ea* el pe* gt	P Mackley	ch* bi* hi* gt*	B Threlfall	ma* gy* gn* hi* gt*
B Colley	gy* ea ad gt	A Marshall	gy* ea* ec* gt*	A Wales	ph* ch* bi* gt
M Dean	el gy bi gt	D Mayes	ad dt gt	J Westhead	ea* gn hi gt
D Eells	ea el mu	E Mellin	ma* ph ec gt*	S Winward	ma* ph bi* gt*
M Eyton-Jones	ea bi pe gt	D Moriarty	ma it ec gt	R Woolmer	gy ea ec* gt*
T Fawcett	el fr ec* gt*	T Overton	ea* el* gn* hi* gt		
N Feddo	it bi hi gt	G Pappin	gy* bi pe* gt*		
M Foster	ma* ph* gn gt	P Parkinson	ma ea ad gt		

GCSE Results 2004

Key Used:

Art and Design	ad	French	fr	Mathematics	ma
Biology	bi	German	gn	Music	mu
Chemistry	ch	Geography	gy	Physics	ph
Design and Technology	dt	History	hi	R.S.	rs
English Language	ea	Information Technology	it	Dual Award Science	sc
English Literature	el	Latin	la		

(Grades A to C) Asterisks denote Star Grades and A Grades

T Allan	ea el ma ph ch bi rs gn*
L Allen	ea el ma sc sc gy it gn hi
E Askew	ea el ma* ph* ch* bi* dt it la gn*
W Bell	ea el ma* ph ch bi pe* dt* rs* gn*
R M Blizzard	ea* el* ma* ph* ch* bi* hi* dt* la* gn*
T Bohills	ea el ma* ph ch bi hi dt* ad
S Bolland	ea* el ma* ph* ch* bi* dt* gy* it* gn
R Booth	ea el ma* ph ch bi dt gy rs fr
J Brame	ea ma* ph* ch* bi mu dt it
M Bundock	ea* el* ma* ph* ch* bi* mu* dt rs* gn*
J Burton	ea* el ma* ph ch* bi dt* gy* it* gn
M Byrne	ea ma ph hi ad gn
L Cartman	ea el ma* ph ch bi pe* dt rs
J Chapman	ea el ma* ph ch* bi* hi* dt* ad gn*
J Cheater	ea el ma* ph ch* bi mu* dt gy* gn*
C Chew	ea* el ma* ph ch bi pe* dt it
T Chowdhury	ea* el* ma* ph* ch* bi* dt* it* rs* gn*
J Clark	ea* el* ma* ph* ch* bi* mu* dt* gy* fr*
A Connor	ea* el ma* ph* ch* bi* pe* dt* la* gn*
T Cooke	ea* el* ma ph ch bi mu* gn* fr*
P Copley	ea* el ma* sc* sc* gy* hi* dt* rs* gn*
P Dixon	ea* el ma* ph* ch* bi* dt* gy* gn hi*
W Dove	ea* el* ma* ph* ch* bi* hi* dt gy* gn*
A Drake	ea* el ma* ph* ch* bi* pe* dt* gn hi*
T Dunbar	ea* el* ma* ph* ch* bi* dt gy* gn* hi*
M Ferguson	ea* el ma* ph* ch* bi* dt* it gy* gn*
R Firth	ea* el ma* sc* sc* gy* dt it* rs* gn*
J Gane	ea el ma ph ch bi dt ad gn
J Gee	ea el ma* sc* sc* gy* pe* dt* it
L Greenway	ea* el ma* ph* ch* bi dt* gy* gn* hi*
J Hall	ea* el* ma* ph* ch* bi* dt* gy* gn* hi*
J Harrison	ea ma sc sc gy pe* dt it
A Harwood	ea* el* ma* ph* ch* bi* mu* dt* la* gn*
P Hawkins	ea el ma ph ch bi pe it gn
S Headey	ea* el ma* sc* sc* gy* pe* dt rs* gn*
R Hilton	ea* el ma* ph* ch* bi* dt* ad* gy* gn
J Hirst	ea el ma* sc sc gy dt* ad* it gn
S Holdsworth	ea* el ma* ph* ch* bi* pe* dt* gn* hi*
D Holtom	ea el ma ph bi hi ad
B Hunter	ea el ma gy ad gn
P Ideson	ea* el ma* ph* ch* bi* hi dt la* gn

L Jacques	ea ma sc sc mu it gn
M Jennings	ea* el ma* sc* sc* gy* it gn* hi*
B Jones	ea* el ma* ph* ch* bi* dt it la* gn*
T Lockyer	ea* el ma* ph* ch* bi* dt* ad gy* gn
M Longthorne	ea ma ph ch bi ad it gn
T Maclean	ea* el* ma* ph* ch* bi* hi* dt* la* gn*
C Marshall	ea el ma* ph* ch* bi dt it gn hi
S Marshall	ea* el* ma* ph* ch* bi dt* it* gy* fr*
K Mathias	ea el ma* ph ch bi it ad* gn
O Maude	ea el ma sc sc gy dt gn hi
T McAnespie	ea ma* ph ch bi pe* gn
M McLachlan	ea ma ch gn
R H Mellin	ea ma ph bi
T Meyrick	ea* el* ma sc sc gy* hi* dt rs* gn
I Morgan	ea* el* ma* ph ch* bi dt* it* gy* gn*
J Murray	ea* el* ma* ph* ch* bi* dt* gy* la* gn*
B Newbould	ea* el* ma ph ch* bi dt* gy* gn* hi*
M Nicholson	ea* el ma* ph* ch* bi* dt* it* gn* fr*
G Nutter	ea* el* ma* ph* ch* bi* dt* it* la* gn*
J O'Reilly	ea* el ma* ph* ch* bi* hi* dt* rs* gn*
J Parker	ea el ma* ph* ch* bi* pe* dt* it gn
R Peryer	ea* el ma ph ch bi dt* it gn hi
G Platt	ea* el* ma* ph* ch* bi* mu* dt* gy* gn*
M Rhodes	ea el ma* ph* ch* bi dt* it gy* fr
J Richardson	ea* el ma* ph* ch* bi* hi* dt* la* gn*
T Roberts	ea* el* ma* ph* ch* bi* dt* gy* rs* gn*
D Robinson	ea* el ma* sc* sc* gy* hi* dt* ad gn*
B Rusius	ea* el ma* ph* ch* bi* dt* gy* la* gn*
A Sands	ea el ma sc sc gy dt ad* gn hi
J Sands	ea ma sc sc gy gn
R Shackleton	ea* el ma* sc* sc* gy mu dt gn hi
J Simmons	ea el ma sc sc gy* mu* dt* ad* gn
A Smith	ea el ma sc sc gy ad gn
D Southworth	ea el ma* ph ch bi dt ad it gn
S Sovago	ea* el ma* ph* ch* bi* dt* gy* gn* hi*
M Stringer	ea el ma ph* ch bi hi* gn*
H Strong	ea* el ma* ph* ch* bi* hi* dt* la* gn*
F Taylor	ea el ma* ph* ch* bi pe* dt* it*
K Timmins	ea* el ma* ph* ch* bi* dt* ad it fr
J Viccary	ea* el* ma* ph* ch* bi* hi* gy* rs* fr*
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S Waddington	ea el ma sc* sc* gy hi* dt ad* fr
T Wales	ea* el ma* sc* sc* gy* dt* it* gn hi*
J Watson	ea el ma ph ch bi mu dt hi
J Winward	ea* el* ma* ph* ch* bi* hi* dt* gy* fr*
O Wright	ea* ma sc sc gy gn hi
J Wroe	ea* el ma* ph ch bi hi rs* gn*
L Yates	ea* el ma* sc* sc* gy* mu* dt* it* gn*

University and College List

Destination of Year 13 Leavers

(Those that took 'A'-levels in summer 2004)

Name	Destination	Course
Matthew Ackers-Johnson	Cambridge University	Natural Sciences
James Adley	University of Edinburgh	Chemical Engineering
Mohammed Alam	re- applying through UCAS (2005 entry)	
Khalid Al-Muhandis	University of Manchester	Biomedical Sciences
Mark Ashton	University of Durham	General Engineering
Jonathan Baker	University of Durham	General Engineering
Daniel Banks	University of Durham (2005)	Law
Adam Bargh	Cambridge University	Civil Engineering
*Luke Boatwright	University of Newcastle	Law
David Bode	University of Manchester	Economics
Benjamin Bolland	University of Leeds	Sports Science
Bevan Bolland	University of Leeds	Economics
John Bracken	Gap Year	
Jamie Bradley	University of Huddersfield	Music Technology and Audio Systems
Aneirin Bryan	Oxford University	Biological Sciences
Duncan Bullock	Oxford University	Geography
Matthew Burton	Harper Adams Univ. College	Rural Enterprise and Land Management
Anthony Butterfield	Hull and York Medical School	Medicine
Thomas Clark	re- applying through UCAS (2005 entry)	
David Clements	Loughborough University	English and Sports Science
Benjamin Colley	Craven Art School Foundation	Art
Matthew Dean	University of Leeds	Geography
David Eells	University of Salford	Popular Music and Recording
Mark Eyton-Jones	University of Northumbria	Psychology with Sport Science
Tom Fawcett	University of Newcastle	Economics and Business Management
Nathan Feddo	re- applying through UCAS (2005 entry)	
*Samuel Ford	University of Durham	Theology
Matthew Foster	Oxford University	Computer Science
Matthew Goode	University of Newcastle (2005)	Geographic Information Science
William Green	re- applying through UCAS (2005 entry)	
Sean Handley	University of Wales Swansea	Computer Science
Richard Hannah	University of Leeds	Sports Science and Physiology
James Hardacre	University of Central Lancs.	Molecular Biology and Forensic Science
Thomas Hardy	University of Leeds	Geography
Alexander Hare	Gap Year. Reapply through UCAS (2005)	
Ben Harrison	University of Bangor	French, German and Spanish
Thomas Hoare	University of Newcastle	Geography
Charles Hollingsworth	Cardiff University (2005)	Mechanical Engineering
Daniel Holmes	University of Nottingham	Management Studies
James Hopkinson	Lancaster University	Environmental Science
Thomas Hornby	Harper Adams Univ. College (2005)	Countryside and Environmental Management
Matthew Hornsey	University of Leeds (2005)	Electronic Engineering
Jonathan Howarth	Lancaster University	Environmental Science
*Fesser Hussain	University of Birmingham	Medicine
Alexander Judge	Gap Year	

*Andrew Little	Oxford Brookes University	Geographic Information Systems/Physical Geog.
Ben Lloyd-Evans	Gap Year	
Peter Mackley	University of Leeds (2005)	Medicine
Andrew Marshall	University of Manchester	Economics and Finance
David Mayes	University of Teesside	Computer Games Design
Edward Mellin	Cardiff University	Mechanical Engineering and Automotive Studies
Daniel Moriarty	Employment (Accounting)	
Thomas Overton	Oxford University	English Language and Literature
Guy Pappin	University of Leeds	Sports Science
Patrick Parkinson	University of Lincoln	Animation
Daniel Parsons	University of Leeds	Physics with Astrophysics
Gregory Pavlov	University of Leicester	Law
Jake Peters	University of York (2005)	Philosophy/Sociology
Damien Phillips	University of St Andrews	Modern History
Jamie Pollard	Cambridge University	Economics
George Preston	University of Durham	Molecular Biology and Biochemistry
Graham Rishton	University of Newcastle	Economics
Chris Robinson	University of Leeds	Human Genetics
*David Rogers	University of Durham	Social Sciences
Luke Rosie	Cardiff University (2005)	Mechanical Engineering and Automotive Studies
James Rusius	Cambridge University	Medical Sciences
Basil Sakharov	University of York	Mathematics/Computer Science
Jack Singleton	UMIST (2005)	International Management
Gareth Smith	Employment	
Andrew Stow	University of Newcastle	History
Joseph Style	University of Durham (2005)	Law
Alexander Szostak	University of Leeds	Medical Sciences
Benjamin Taylor	University of Newcastle	Marketing
Brendan Threlfall	Cambridge University	History
*Edward Vittery	University of Birmingham	Economics and Political Science
Alexander Wales	University of Durham	Molecular Biology and Biochemistry
Joseph Westhead	University of Nottingham	German and Russian
Stephen Winward	University of Bath	Civil and Architectural Engineering
*Ashley Woods	University of Durham	Earth Sciences
Robert Woolmer	University of Newcastle	Economics

* indicates a pupil who left in 2003 and who re-applied through UCAS for university entry in October 2004

Founders' Day

Saturday 13th December 2003

The traditional Founders' Day service was held at Holy Trinity Church in the morning. Canon A.P. Botwright welcomed everybody and the main address was given by the Reverend Dilly Baker, Warden of Scargill House in Kettlewell. The School Choir performed an Anthem entitled "Hodie" written by Thomas Cooke in year 11. The retiring collection was made on behalf of Cancer Research UK.

Speech Day

Monday 17th May 2004

Speech Day was brought forward to this date to accommodate the key speaker Gabby Logan. Gabby is a well known sports presenter on radio and television. She also writes for "The Times". She covered the Rugby World Cup and would have been covering the Euro 2004 football when speech day is usually held.

Gabby gave an entertaining talk about her career and her determination to succeed.

Mr Ashworth's speech included the following extracts:

The new Technology block which houses three workshops, an ICT room and four additional classrooms was completed soon after Easter (2003) allowing us to occupy the building and thus ensure everything was up and ready for use in September 2003. This new building, which cost in the region of £1.3 million, was formally opened by HRH The Duke of Kent on 1 December.

Assisted by a £40,000 grant from the prestigious Wolfson Foundation coupled with considerable financial support from the LEA, summer 2003 also saw the completion of the conversion of the two former CDT rooms into new Physics laboratories, the refurbishment of both our Chemistry Labs and the transition of the Elementary Physics lab into a General Science Lab.

Plans for the future are by no means finished. Our ideas are to enlarge the school Library to twice its present size (by knocking through in to the IT room); to raise the roof of the Sixth Form Common Room (the old gym) thus transforming it into a two storey building – the ground floor to provide a further ICT Room and an additional classroom, the upper floor to provide enhanced Sixth Form facilities. An Appeal was initiated at the beginning of this school year in order to raise £600,000 during the next three years to finance this new and exciting venture. To date, progress with this appeal has been slow although we hope this can be corrected over the next twelve months.

As a Voluntary Aided School, Ermysted's is very fortunate in owning the vast majority of the buildings on the site, though there are a small number which remain the responsibility of the Local Education Authority. One such structure is the Canteen, which is scheduled to be handed over to the School. However due to its age – it dates back to the last war - the DfES early last year agreed to finance a new building. Regrettably we have not been as fortunate with two other facilities for which the LEA has responsibility. The swimming pool, which has given so much pleasure to so many over the years, has recently created many problems for us. As a result, it has become a continuing drain on our resources, so much so that the Governors have made the decision to close it with immediate effect. Further to this, the cricket pavilion has suffered from subsidence and at present it will cost the LEA a large sum of money to correct this problem. Unfortunately it is more likely that it will be demolished than a solution found which will lead to its retention. Whilst the Technology Block was taking place, we used The Bottom as a provisional car park. We had hoped that this facility may be retained and submitted a planning application for its retention. This is now subject to an Appeal.

Our thoughts at the present moment are to build the new canteen on the site of the San and the Old Scout Hut (which was demolished some years ago); and re-house the Music Department in the area now occupied by the Swimming Pool and the Boiler House underneath. There is some urgency with regard to these facilities and we hope that they can be in place as soon as possible.

Yet another set of league tables was issued before Christmas. This time the focus of attention was based upon the improvement (value added) in performance made by pupils between Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3 – that is in the first three years of secondary education. This is achieved by looking at the outcomes of individual SAT scores achieved at the end of the two Key Stages. This value-added measure placed the School second in the County and in the top 50 schools nationally.

Prize List 2004

JUNIOR SCHOOL PRIZES

Marmaduke Miller Art Prize	Samuel Newbould
Mechanics' Institute Biology Prize	Joel Stockton
John Bevis Wilkinson Chemistry Prize	William Day
Mechanics' Institute Design & Technology Prize	Peter Lotze
Petyt Trust English Prize	Christopher Greenwood
George Bottomley Memorial French Prize	Samuel Connor
Rodwell Memorial Geography Prize	Scott Thwaites
George Bottomley Memorial German Prize	Andrew Hillam
Foundation History Prize	James Januszewski
Petyt Trust Latin Prize	Andrew Hillam
Mechanics' Institute Mathematics Prize	Mark Parker
Firth Memorial Music Prize	Joel Stretch
Foundation P E Prize	Jonathan Moore
Mechanics' Institute Physics Prize	James Januszewski
Foundation Religious Studies Prize	Peter Williams

MIDDLE SCHOOL PRIZES

Jonathan Chapman Memorial Art Prize	Sam Waddington
Mechanics' Institute Biology Prize	Morgan Blizzard
Foundation PE Prize	Anthony Connor
Foundation Chemistry Prize	Anthony Connor
Foundation Design & Technology Prize	Adrian Harwood
Foundation English Prize	Morgan Blizzard
Jonathan Chapman Memorial Geography Prize	Benjamin Rusius
Foundation History Prize	William Vittery
Foundation Information Technology Prize	Tanzil Chowdhury
Jack Eastwood Memorial Prize for Languages	Joe Murray
Jack Eastwood Memorial Latin Prize	Morgan Blizzard
Mechanics' Institute Mathematics Prize	Jonathan Clark
Foundation Modern Languages Prize	James Winward
Edward Scott Music Prize	Adrian Harwood
Mechanics' Institute Physics Prize	Graham Nutter
Foundation Religious Studies Prize	Matthew Bundock

SENIOR SCHOOL PRIZES

Marmaduke Miller Art Prize	Benjamin Colley
Mechanics' Institute Biology Prize	Matthew Ackers-Johnson
John Bevis Wilkinson Chemistry Prize	Alexander Wales
Mechanics' Institute Design Technology Prize	Matthew Burton
Foundation Economics Prize	Duncan Bullock
Petyt Trust English Prize	Thomas Overton
George Bottomley Memorial French Prize	Harmic Davidkhanian
George Bottomley Memorial German Prize	Benjamin Lloyd-Evans
Rodwell Memorial Geography Prize	Duncan Bullock

Foundation History Prize	Joseph Style
Petyt Trust Latin Prize	Robert McLean
Foundation Linguistics Prize	Andrew Stow
Mechanics' Institute Mathematics Prize	James Rusius
Firth Memorial Music Prize	Benjamin Lloyd-Evans
Foundation P E Prize	Benjamin Bolland
Mechanics' Institute Physics Prize	Adam Bargh
Foundation Further Maths Prize	Adam Bargh
Neil Townson Memorial Prize for Achievement in Geography	Andrew Marshall

FOUNDATION FORM PRIZES

7E.....	Mitchell Hargreaves
7K.....	Edward Newbould
7M.....	Timothy Hutchinson
7W.....	Andrew Cairns
8G.....	Christopher Richards
8P.....	Sam Winward
8T.....	Edward Wardle
9H.....	Samuel Wade
9J.....	Christopher Greenwood
9S.....	Christopher Gornall

OTHER PRIZES

Skipton Town Council Silver Jubilee Shield	Toby Coughlin
Iain McLeod Memorial Prize	David Stockdale
Paul Chadwick Prize for Fine Craftsmanship	Sebastian Marshall
Fleming Essay Prize	William D Green
Longden Smith Prize for Rugby	David Clements
Jimmy Harrison Memorial Prize for Progress In Senior Rugby	Anthony Connor
Peter Rose Memorial Prize for Cricket	Thomas Baines
Simon Lewis Prize for the most Promising Cricketer	Richard Atkins
Drama Prize	Anthony Butterfield
Philip Osborne Public Speaking Prize	Robert Pepper
.....	/Oliver Gregory
Philip Osborne Dramatic Society Prize	Matthew Hornsey
Doris Altham Barker Prize for Musical Achievement	Jonathan Baker
.....	/David Eells
.....	/Matthew Goode
David Morgan Memorial Prize for a Prospective Medical Student.....	Peter Mackley
Head of Sixth Form's Merit Prize	Duncan Bullock
.....	/Alexander Szostak
Parents' Association Fortitude Prize	Ben Taylor
.....	/Matthew Goode
Arthur Coe Prize for Distinguished Service	Ben Lloyd-Evans
.....	/William D Green
Foundation General Efficiency Prize	Matthew Ackers-Johnson
.....	/William Singleton
Old Boys' Association Head of School Prize	James Rusius

Music and Drama Review

Music Report

The department started the year with a record number of pupils learning instruments – 121 in all. Guitars and drums remained popular and there was soon a waiting list. Many of these new players would soon be making their mark on the music making of the school.

Mr. Gregory was at the helm again, this time helped out by Howard Rogerson, Anne Heaton and Malcolm Jones who all directed ensembles. In the classroom we had the debut of Nigel Kenyon, taking Year 10 and Year 13 sets. Concerts, PTA events and other functions provided many opportunities for fund-raising and the department raised over £5000 during the year, a record sum. It is a continuing source of pleasure that pupils so willingly give of their time. Their commitment is first-rate and they are the key reason for the department's success. Well done, all of you.

Ensembles

Strings

The String Orchestra continued this year, making appearances at the Christmas and Easter Concerts. They were also involved in GCSE performances for two of its members. We welcomed Alfie Woodland to double the size of the cello section.

Members of the String Orchestra are:

Luke Yates, Sam Bradley, William Dyson-Sutton, Mark Clements, Christopher Richards, Jonathan Simmons, Alfie Woodland.

Clarinets

Mr. Rogerson continued his expert direction of the Clarinet Quartet. They played at both concerts and also prepared music that was used for GCSE performing examinations. They tackled some challenging music this year and gave the premiere of Ben Lloyd-Evans' Clarinet Quartet, 'Gladrags', at the Easter Concert. In addition they also played at a fund-raising concert in Bingley in the Autumn term.

Its members are:

Ben Lloyd-Evans, Sam Parry, Joe Mercer, Christopher Pollitt, Jack Eyre, Jonathan Baker and Arthur Phillips.

Flutes

Mr. Jones continues with his relentless training of school's flautists. Peter Mackley has continued to distinguish himself in his membership of the Harrogate and Skipton Senior Orchestra. The group played at the Christmas and Easter concerts and have demonstrated a cohesive and very disciplined sound throughout the year.

The Flute Trio (sic) are:

Ben White, Peter Mackley, Alistair Everett and Tim Ingham.

Senior Choir

The regular Friday rehearsals have proved both challenging and stimulating. The Choir sang at Founders' Day, including the first performance of Thomas Cooke's anthem 'Hodie Christus Natus Est'. The Wassail was as successful as ever with a rounded collection of English and continental carols. At Easter we continued our barbershop revival with a novelty item which included Messrs. Baker and Green dressed as prospective husband and wife and complete with false hair, teeth and eyes. As our Simbach guests were also present we included two traditional German songs in their honour.

Thomas Cooke is still a member of the National Youth Training Choir of Great Britain.

Colours were awarded to Thomas Cooke.

Senior Choir members are:

Tenors: Sam Parry, Thomas Cooke, Chris Greenwood, Tim Ingham, Mark Blackie

Baritones: Jonathan Baker, William Green, Matthew Goode, Ben Lloyd-Evans, Peter Mackley, Anthony Butterfield

Basses: David Eells, Adrian Harwood, Sam Bradley, James Robertson, Stephen Bloxham, Michael Greenwood, Mr. Jones

Big Bands

The Big Band scene is now well and truly established with the Junior Band expanding to over twenty players and the Senior Band completing their busiest and most successful year ever.

Junior Big Band

The band maintained their high standards from their inception last year. We welcomed many new members and there will be several promotions to the senior band starting in September 2004.

The members of the Junior Big Band are:

Saxes: Sam Tipping, Nicholas Green, Mark Williams, James Jordan, Sam Newbould, Arthur Phillips

Trumpets: Ben Reece, Tom Davies, Simon Johnston, Mitchell Hargreaves, Toby Coughlin, Elliot Clough

Trombones: Thomas Kilburn

Piano: Paul Wilson

Bass Guitar: Joel Stretch

Guitar: Thomas Crapper, Edward Wardle

Drums: Alex Turnbull

Senior Big Band

The band has had an exceptionally busy year. It started with the idea of going to Simbach for a short German tour. Along the way the idea of making a CD also came into being and from that point on it was all hell let loose! It's easier to give you an idea of how hard-working this band has been by showing you the calendar for this year.

October -	Big Band at Settle Operatic Society Annual Dinner. We raised £300 towards the tour and received a glowing letter of appreciation from the Society.
November -	Private party at Skipton Rugby Club. The club was soon to be a vital venue for further fund-raising. Another £300 in the Tour 'kitty'.
December -	Christmas Concert
February -	Another Rugby Club party – another £200 in the 'kitty'.
March -	CD recording over two weekends in school. Easter Concert. Simbach exchange disco at the Black Horse. Big Band Bavarian Bash – another £600 in the 'kitty'.
April -	Bavarian Tour to Simbach PTA Jazz 'n Jive
May -	Wedding at Ilkley.

All told we raised £1900 towards the tour, having set ourselves a target of £1000. The CD has been on sale since April and has made over £600 for the PTA already, selling nearly 250 units so far. There are no definite plans for next year yet but a competition seems to be a hurdle we need to try. On the strength of this year's work we can also expect more professional bookings. If someone had told me last year that we would be making a CD, going on tour abroad and raising nearly £2000 in the process I would have laughed – the fact that we really did do it is a fantastic reflection upon a very willing, able and fun team. A remarkable achievement – hats off to you all.

Big Band CD

Full details, and sample tracks, are on our school website. The CD was recorded over two Sundays in March and we welcomed back our songbird Meg Dobson who graces three of the tracks on the disc. There was also an innovation in that we included a Sextet, called the 'Multiple Raccoons' who played a famous Miles Davis number from the classic album 'Kind of Blue'.

Big Band Bavarian Tour

How can a week go so fast? Do mice really make the holes in Emmenthaler? Set phasers to disco and read on (quote courtesy of James Adley).

We left Skipton at a reasonable hour on the Saturday after we broke up. It took about 10 minutes before the cry 'can we have a video on?' was heard, only to be repelled swiftly by the staff. How all that luggage and gear managed to be stuffed into Bibby's boot was anyone's guess.



A Reflective Moment at Simbach Burgerhaus

Apart from a slight delay on the M1 it was a good journey to Dover and we made the earlier ferry. It was a little choppy but fine enough to take a last fond and tearful look at the White Cliffs of Dover before tackling the dark regions of the continent. Thankfully someone suggested we watch 'The Sound of Music' which cheered everyone up no end and soon had the brass section singing lustily along with Julie Andrews.

Breakfast was at 6am at Rasthof Jura (near Regensburg), a known gastronomic place for early morning wurst and some welcome coffee. We began to check in at the two hotels at just after 9am and there were sounds of astonishment at the quality of the rooms and the first sight of the surgically clean German plumbing. All agreed that the accommodation was first class. Sunday lunch ('Gypsy Toast') was soon troughed away and we all went for a stroll through Simbach and over to Braunau where everyone split for coffee, cakes and / or ice cream. The first night ended with a memorable jam session in which Andrew Enzor showed some real ingenuity and the perfumed sound of blues rang around Simbach into the early hours.

Monday – A trip to Wolfgangsee, a bit of a let-down as the cable car was closed for repairs. However, it was excellent weather and we spent some time taking photos by Lake Wolfgang until a psychotic swan began to take a fancy to some of the band (especially Michael Fox). After dinner we went to the Burgerhaus in Simbach to set up for the concert the next day. It is a grand place – plenty of room and some rather nice green rooms backstage for the band.

Tuesday – Stephan Haslinger joined us as our guide on our outing for a ride on the Jennerbahn (this time it was definitely not under repair). The cars were very small (two persons per car) and they rattled alarmingly as they ascended to 1800 metres. At about 1000 metres we were into thick snow. At the summit there were hot chocolates all round followed by a massive snowball fight outside. The lack of view was more than compensated for by the presence of snow and 'best shot' was certainly Henry Phillips.

Having dined back at the hotel we prepared for the concert – celebrating 20 years of the exchange and shared with a local group called Eichberg Musi. The audience was spontaneous and very enthusiastic, particularly with our rendition of Bavarian Folk Songs. Four of the band acted as MCs for the concert, rescuing Mr. Gregory from linguistic oblivion. Arriving back late at the hotel we found the bar had closed. A quick call to Hotel No. 2 achieved a result and we decamped for a celebratory drink. Eichberg Musi were also there so a 'short drink' turned into two hours of merry making, instrument swapping and dancing. This collaborative and spontaneous

enjoyment really ended the night in high spirits.

Wednesday – A day out at Vilshofen. We started with some culture – a tour of the famous Aldersbach church with Walter Wanninger. He showed us the finer points of Baroque high art, various skeletal remains (some, I am sure, were members of the band), and the meaning of the decorations which festoon this theatre of religion. We adjointed to a nearby hotel for lunch which was viewed with suspicion by some – ‘Liver cheese and bread’, what could be more Bavarian and simple?



Ermysted's Big Band – The Atrium, Vilshofen

Our concert venue for the day was the Atrium of the local Gymnasium and this was some place. Massive stage, state-of-the-art lighting and sound and plenty of help from pupils and staff. The audience were again effusive and entranced by Meg Dobson's singing. An unexpected spectacle was that of David Eells (in a makeshift turban) and Michael Fox (in a beret) chasing each other around the drum kits whilst improvising scat singing in the final piece.

Thursday – Munich. A full day visit to the Bavarian Filmstadt, a huge site which was the place where such films as ‘Das Boot’, ‘The never-ending story’ and others were made. We sat through the ‘Erlebnis Kino’ (3D Imax with moving seats), a Stunt Show and a very interesting guided tour around various studios. We were also unwittingly taking part in a video which was spliced into an episode of a German Crime Drama – the resulting film is priceless. James Darbyshire made an excellent policeman and Rachel Dunbar has probably never said ‘Nein’ so cheerfully. Our final night was spent in the hotel.

The return journey was, as expected, gruelling and exhausting.

At the end of it all our abiding memory is that of two fantastic concerts which brought out the very best in everyone and produced such a sincere and spontaneous response from our audiences. It has left some very positive memories for our Bavarian friends and was worth all of the effort that was put in by so many.

The Ermysted's Big Band is:

Trumpets

Matthew Goode
David Horton
Gill Enzor
Michael Greenwood
Henry Phillips
James Adley
Richard Thackray
Andrew Bailey
James Darbyshire
Andrew Bailey
Philip Midgley

Alto Saxes

Ben Lloyd-Evans
James Rusius
Christopher Holden
Oliver Pike
Rachel Dunbar
Matthew Bundock
Lois Mackley
George Whitlam
Hannah Beck
Oliver Gregory
Dean Southworth

Trombones

Greg Coughlin
Andrew Enzor
Stephen Bloxham
Christopher Greenwood
James Cheater
Tenor Saxes
Christopher Pollitt
Jonathan Baker
William Green
Baritone Sax
Sam Parry

Drums

David Eells
Michael Fox

Piano

Adrian Harwood

Guitar

Tom Clarke
Luke Yates

Honorary Bass Guitar

Geoff Peacock Esq.

School Colours

School Music Colours were awarded to: Oliver Pike, Matthew Bundock, Oliver Gregory, Dean Southworth, William Green, Andrew Enzor, Stephen Bloxham, Michael Fox, Adrian Harwood, Luke Yates, Tom Clarke, and James Rusius.

Concerts

Tikhu Vibrations

The first concert of the year was a very special occasion. We were visited by Tikhu Vibrations, a group from Malawi who were touring England and Yorkshire in particular. They had won a competition and had just come from an exhausting concert tour of Sweden, awarded as part of their prize. One of their members, Khumbo, had been a pupil for a half-term at Ermysted's two years previously and the concert was by way of a thank you for the hospitality that Ermysted's afforded Khumbo. They began with an appearance in the morning assembly, singing two short items without instruments. In the afternoon they held a workshop for our senior choir and some pupils from the music exam groups. This was a very entertaining spectacle with many older pupils learning some athletic rhythmic moves. In the evening they completed their visit with a magnificent concert which demonstrated every facet of their considerable talent. An entertaining and moving day.

Christmas Concert – December 2003

String Orchestra

Vivaldi – Violin Concerto in A Minor – Allegro

Soloist – Luke Yates, Conductor – Anne Heaton

Junior Big Band

Breezin'

Piano Solo – Paul Wilson : Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer

Trumpet Solo – Toby Coughlin : 'The British Grenadiers'

Stand By Me

Guitar Solo

'Fields of Green' – Jasper Smith

Played by Thomas Crapper

Guitar Ensemble

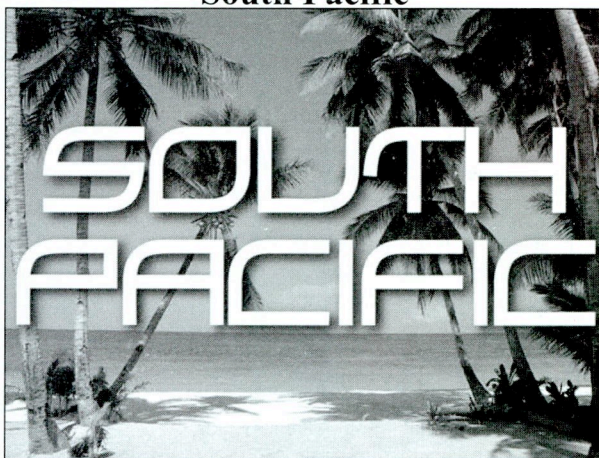
'Noah's Groove'

Clarinet Quartet	Luke Yates, Ben McGee, Joel Stretch Two Rags – ‘The Entertainer’ and ‘Elite Syncopations’ Conducted by Howard Rogerson
Piano Solo	Schumann – Arabesque Played by Ben Lloyd-Evans
Clarinet Solo	‘Forlana’ – Finzi : Played by Christopher Pollitt
Guitar Ensemble	‘Trio of Kings’ Thomas Crapper, Thomas Pascoe, Robert Hardaker John Brame, Thomas Carlisle, William Hall, Sam Mason
Clarinet Quartet	Two More Rags – ‘The Favourite’ and ‘Easy Winners’ Conducted by Howard Rogerson
Saxophone Solo	‘Spanish Love Song’ – Anon. Played by Matthew Bundock
Brass Quartet	‘Hallelujah Drive’
Trombone Solo	Trombone Concerto (Andante / Allegro) : Rimsky-Korsakov. Played by Gregory Coughlin
Senior Choir	Kyrie Eleison – Old German Carol ‘Amarilli mia bella’ – Solo, Thomas Cooke Gaudete – Ancient Latin Carol
Senior Big Band	It don’t mean a thing, Fly me to the moon, Here, there and everywhere, A String of Pearls, That Old Black Magic

Easter Concert – April 2004

String Orchestra	Handel – ‘Arrival of the Queen of Sheba’ Conducted by Anne Heaton
Junior Big Band	Brain Sprain Trumpet Solo – Mitchell Hargreaves : ‘Muskrat Ramble’ Basic Basie
Clarinet Quartet	Beethoven – Allegro Molto Conducted by Howard Rogerson
Trumpet Solo	Mussorgsky – ‘Gopak’ Played by Matthew Goode
Flute Trio	Tcherepnin – ‘In the Church’ Mozart – Menuetto Tcherepnin – ‘In the Kitchen’ Directed by Malcolm Jones
Guitar Duo	Dowland – ‘A Lesson for Two Lutes’ Thomas Pascoe / Thomas Crapper
Clarinet Quartet	Ben Lloyd-Evans – ‘Gladrag’ Conducted by Howard Rogerson
Piano Solo	Rachmaninov – Prelude in G sharp minor Ben Lloyd-Evans, Piano ‘Fingers Crossed’ Sung by Sam Parry with the band ‘Fingers Crossed’.
Senior Choir	Trampin’ Two German Folk Songs Side by Side
Senior Big Band	It don’t mean a thing if it ain’t got that swing One o’clock jump They can’t take that away from me – Guest Star – Helen Sellers I’m getting sentimental over you – Solo : Greg Coughlin Ain’t that a kick in the head – Solo : Sam Parry All Blues – The Multiple Raccoons Lester Leaps In

South Pacific



Transforming Ermysted's Memorial Hall into a South Pacific island was no easy task but the thing we have in abundance at school is TALENT and if there is a team anywhere who can do such a thing then it's right here.

Designers

Chris Wilson (yr 12) volunteered (at the end of a sharp stick) to design the set, little realising that this also meant that he had to help Mr Goater to put it up, supervise the stage crew as they painted it and then do a great deal of the painting himself on account of he was really the only person (except Mrs Hopkins of whom more later) who knew what he wanted.

Mark Nicholson and company (yr 11) did amazing things with the lighting and considering the fact that they hadn't done it before, weren't allowed up ladders, didn't get much help and got shouted at a lot I think they deserve major credit all round.

So the stage looked great. How were the performers?

Performers

It's been a long time since Ermysted's did a musical and Rodgers and Hammerstein's are rarely easy. Nevertheless with Mrs Keane at the rehearsal piano and Mrs Sellers training voices several times a week the singing was fantastic. "There Is Nothing Like A Dame" never failed to get a huge round of applause and that was just in rehearsal! The performances were all brilliant. Matthew Hornsey as Emil de Beque whose French accent, coached by Mme Leblond, was faultless, played the plantation-owner-with-a-past with a delicacy which endeared the character to the audience. Will Green managed to sing "Younger Than Springtime" not only without raising a giggle even on the line "gayer than laughter am I" but with a sincerity which totally enthralled and convinced. Sam Parry WAS Luther Billis, wheeler dealer and all purpose cheeky chappy. The whole production was enhanced by the presence in the cast of some students from Skipton Girls' High School. Catherine Gibbins as Nellie, Emily Green as Bloody Mary and Jessica Yau as Liat were the leads. They all looked beautiful and sounded great.

The supporting cast, boys and girls, had a tough job. Rehearsals were often slow for them and they must have been rather bored at times but they turned in some lively cameo appearances and did sterling service as the chorus of marines and nurses.

Crew

Backstage were Edwin and James (Rothwell and Humphreys) keeping things running with an almost frightening efficiency..... actually Edwin was out front this year doing sound. James was learning the art of stage management.

Everybody else

The list of people involved is at the end of this article, every individual vital to the show and to be thanked and congratulated as we clock up yet another dramatic success.

Mrs Hopkins and palm tree construction

Mrs Hopkins must be mentioned. It has been noticed before how she can make things out of other things. This year it was palm trees. "Hundreds of palm trees" said Ms Constantine expansively. "You can have 24" replied Mrs Hopkins firmly. She was right of course and in fact we only needed about 15. They looked great. How does she do it? With the command skills of a Montgomery she organised the stage crew (most of whom were sacked several times for mucking about with wallpaper paste.....it's OK they were reinstated to do the show which they did very well), several year 7s (Mark must be specially mentioned for dedicated hard work) and even her own children. Between them they did all sorts of things, as well as palm tree construction, to assist Chris with the beautiful set.

Well done everyone. Ms Constantine

Cast

Nellie Forbush
Emile de Becque
Ngana, his daughter
Jerome, his son
Henry, his native servant
Bloody Mary
Liat, her daughter
Luther Billis
Stewpot
Professor
Lt. Joseph Cable, US Marine corps
Capt. George Brackett, US Navy
Cmdr. William Harbison, US Navy
Lt. Buzz Adams
Radio Operator Bob McCaffrey

Catherine Gibbins
Matthew Hornsey
Mollie Dee
Brandon Yeh
Ben Harrison
Emily Green
Jessica Yeh
Sam Parry
Matthew Goode
Peter Williams
Will Green
Jonathon Baker
Mark Blackie
Michael Greenwood
Sam Newbould

Island Children

Izaak Beck
Hannah Corrigan
Chloe Tennant
Isabel Holdsworth

Technical and Artistic Team

Director
Assistant Director
Set Designer
Set construction
Set construction
Set construction
Technical Manager
Props
Lighting Designer
Lighting Designer
Lighting Technician
Lighting Technician
Stage Crew
Stage Crew
Stage Crew
Stage Crew
Stage Crew
Producer
Co-Producer

Anthony Butterfield
James Humphreys
Chris Wilson
Rachel Hopkins
Mark Hall
Mr. Goater
Ceri Shave
Tim Ingham
Mark Nicholson
Chris Marshall
James Walker
Sam Wade
Michael Beer
Callum Cameron
Alex Witek
Joe Grima
Nick Green
Heather Constantine
Edwin Rothwell

Chorus

Jamie Bradley
Robin Armour
Chris Greenwood
Sam Kenchington
Joe Hodge
Matthew Kanalas
Andrea Lorente
Arthur Philips

Pianist

Sylvia Shepherd

Nurses, Islanders and Guests

Michelle Harrison
Ceri Hall
Briony Jarvis-Taylor
Hannah Cameron
Naomi Speechley
Bethany Moreman
Hatty Midgley



Palm Trees in the making. . .

Thanks To:

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Vocal Coaching
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Furniture
Rehearsal Pianist
Choreographer
Make up
Make up

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Mrs. Connor
Yoland Ingham
Katarina Rachour

Sports Review

Athletics Summary 2004

English Schools' Athletics Assoc. 'Track & Field' Cup, York, 17th May

Ermysted's were the organising school of this first round of this national schools competition. An efficiently run event significantly aided by the marshalling of the 2003 / 2005 GCSE PE cohort.

The year 9 & 10 team, hampered by the loss of five first choice athletes due to the 'battlefields trip', struggled against the other competing schools. However, it is to their credit as a team that they still came forth out of six schools.

There were notable performances by:

- James Finucane (Javelin, 43.55m)
- Ben Thoy (Shot, 11.14m)
- Jonathan Dunn (Triple Jump, 11.00m)
- Nick Green (High Jump, 1.59m)

The year 7 & 8 team performed reasonably well with a 'team score' worthy of an ESAA certificate. However, unlike last season, they came third out of six and just missed out on qualification for the next round.

There were notable performances by:

- James Mountain (1500m, 5.01 min)
- Gavin Ackers-Johnson (Long Jump, 4.67m)

Harrogate & Craven Schools' Athletics – Leeds, 20th May

The following boys were nominated for the Harrogate and Craven Schools' Athletics trials, where if successful they would represent the Harrogate and Craven area at the North Yorkshire Schools' Athletics Championships.

James Mountain	Yr 8	1500m
James Finucane	Yr 10	Javelin, Discus, Shot
Nick Green	Yr 10	High Jump
Jonathan Dunn	Yr 10	Triple Jump
Ben Thoy	Yr 10	Shot
Cameron Herd	Yr 10	Shot, Discus
Ben Rusius	Yr 11	1500m Steeplechase (Nominated N.Yorks Champ)
James Rusius	Yr 13	2000m Steeplechase (Nominated N.Yorks Champ)

Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control we were unable to take these pupils to this trial and as such only the nominated senior competitors qualified for the N.Yorkshire Schools' Championships.

N.Yorkshire Schools' 'Combined Events' Athletics – York, 22nd May

Despite having never entered Ermysted's pupils into this decathlon style event before there were some promising performances.

Jonathan Dunn (Yr 10) was unable to compete due to other commitments.

Gavin Ackers-Johnson (Yr 7) showed signs of all round talent, despite some strong opposition and a lack of athletics experience.

Peter Kulik (Yr 8) was successful in being selected for the N.Yorkshire Schools' Year 8/9 'Combined Events' team for the N.East of England 'Combined Events' competition.

N.East of England 'Combined Events' Competition

Having performed well to reach this event Peter Kulik found himself up against some very strong opposition and unfortunately came last. However, it was to his credit that he performed consistently well in what is a very demanding competition.

N.Yorkshire Schools' Athletics Championships, York, 12th June

Ben Rusius qualified to represent the 'N.Yorkshire Schools' Athletics' team by winning the Inter category 1500m race. Older brother James Rusius was forced to pull out of the event with an injured foot.

Craven Athletics Competition, Settle Middle School, 16th June

The year 7 team were placed first out of seven schools
The year 8 team third out of seven schools
The year 9 team joint fifth out of six schools
The year 10 team were placed second out of five schools.
A total of 11 athletes won their events
A total of 8 athletes were placed in second place
The year 7 4x100 m relay team was also placed in first place.

All of these athletes qualified to represent the Craven Area Athletics team in an athletics match against the Harrogate Area Athletics team on Thursday 1st July.

N.Yorkshire Schools' Athletics County Match, York, 19th June

Having qualified for the county team by winning his race at the N.Yorkshire Schools' Athletics Championships Ben Rusius again continued his winning ways by being placed 1st in a very strong field.

Craven Vs. Harrogate Athletic Match, Leeds, 1st July

The year 7 team were placed in third place out of fourteen schools
The year 8 team sixth out of thirteen schools
The year 9 team fifteenth out of sixteen schools
The year 10 team were placed eight out of ten schools.
A total of seven athletes were placed in either first or second place.

There were some extremely good performances by all athletes involved placing them at the top of the athletics pile in the local regions.

2003-4 Season Colours

Colours are awarded to pupils who fulfil the following criteria:-

- 1 Full commitment to a major School Sport.
- 2 Performance - personal/team development.
- 3 Regular attendance at training.
- 4 Attitude - a mature approach and a willingness to learn.

The future of athletics at Ermysted's looks promising with athletes such as:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
New Awards:	New Awards	New Awards:	New Awards:	New Awards:
Gavin Ackers-Johnson	Peter Kulik	William Green	Samuel Procter	
Ben Parker	James Mountain	Ben Hollings	James Kelly	
Alex Conroy	Luke Maude	Chris Gornall	Thomas Mountain	
Sam Norton	Joshua Peacock		Nick Green	
Nathan Tolley	Philip Woodhead		Jonathan Dunn	
Rory Ellwood	Adam Yates		Re-Awards:	Re-Awards:
Andrew Cairns	Stephen Loy		Will Tate	Ben Rusius
	Richard Carr		Cameron Herd	
	Daniel O'Neil		James Finucane	

Sports Day 2004

Overall	Ermysted	Hartley	Petyt	Toller
Year 7	1st 130	4th 56	2nd 98	3rd 65
Year 8	2nd 93	3rd 84	4th 75	1st 99
Year 9	=2nd 96	=2nd 96	4th 52	1st 104
Year 10	3rd 88	1st 100	4th 65	2nd 98
Overall	1st 407	3rd 335	4th 290	2nd 366

Victor Ludorum winners - Years 7&8 : Peter Kulik, Years 9&10 : James Finucane

Yr 7	100m		200m		400m	
1	G.Ackers-Johnson	E	A.Cairns	T	D.Martin	H
2	D.Wade	P	S.Norton	E	G.Andrews	E
3	R.Armour	T	T.Coughlin	P	N.Watson	H
4	J.Midgley	H	T.Stead	P	T.Styles	P
5	J.Dryborough	E	J.Denby	H	G.Richardson	E
6	D.Charters	T	A.Simmons	E	A.Law	P
7	A.Cowley	H	K.Corless	T	A.Lorente-Jimenez	T
8	H.Ali	P	J.O'Brien	H	S.O'Dowd	T

Yr 7	800m		1500m		Relay	
1	J.Chapman	P	J.Golson	E		E
2	T.Hutchinson	E	D.Sands	H		T
3	A.Collett	E	C.McCuchean	P		P
4	B.Saul	P	J.Holland	E		H
5	T.Carlisle	T	M.Figg	P		
6	P.Herbert	T	D.Martin	T		
7	T.Reeves	H	M.Hargreaves	T		
8	J.Guy	H	K.Rhodes	H		

Yr 7	High Jump		Long Jump		Triple Jump	
1	N.Tolley	E	R.Ellwood	E	G.Ackers-Johnson	E
2	L.Walsh	P	D.Wade	P	T.Coughlin	P
3	J.Bullough	T	O.Jeggio	H	P.Herbert	T
4			D.Charters	T	J.O'Brien	H

Yr 7	Shot Putt		Javelin		Discus	
1	A.Woodland	E	B.Parker	E	A.Watson	P
2	A.Law	P	T.Stead	P	R.Hall	E
3	A.Conroy	H	A.Cairns	T	J.Midgley	H
4	S.Harrison	T	P.Nutter	H	T.Carlisle	T

Yr 8	100m		200m		400m	
1	T.Pugh	E	P.Kulik	T	J.Peacock	T
2	M.Gregory	P	A.Yates	P	T.Davy	E
3	B.Gill	T	S.Griffiths	E	W.Hall	H
4	M.Boyle	H	W.Copper	H	S.Mason	H
5	B.Reece	T	D.Pascoe	H	J.Crozier	P
6	T.Pettinger	H	J.Green	P	J.Baker	E
7	E.Cottle	P	R.Berry	T	J.Tate	T
8	S.Athersmith	E	E.Rosie	E	D.Wilson	P

Yr 8	800m		1500m		Relay	
1	L.Maude	T	J.Mountain	H		T
2	D.O'Neill	E	P.Woodhead	E		E
3	B.Hodgkiss	H	S.Ash	H		P
4	R.Chew	P	H.Phillips	P		H
5	J.Bargh	P	R.Carr	T		
6	R.Roberts	H	N.Moulds	E		
7	P.Britland	T	F.Carr	T		
8	J.Blizzard	E	S.Winward	P		

Yr 8	High Jump		Long Jump		Triple Jump	
1	P.Kulik	T	D.O'Neill	E	W.Hall	H
2	R.Roberts	H	M.Gregory	P	N.Moulds	E
3	J.Blizzard	E	J.Peacock	T	E.Cottle	P
4	R.Chew	P	J.Mountain	H	R.Carr	T

Yr 8	Shot Putt		Javelin		Discus	
1	S.Phillips	E	B.Reece	T	W.Copper	H
2	J.Altham	T	H.Phillips	P	S.Loy	P
3	J.Crozier	P	Z.Pearson	E	S.Chowdury	E
4	J.Whitlam	H	J.Binns	H	B.Cowley	T
Yr 9	100m		200m		400m	
1	J.Fassenfeld	E	J.Paley	H	S.Connor	H
2	C.Gornall	T	K.Dadhley	T	J.Wardman	T
3	J.Chan	T	J.Moore	H	M.Thompson	T
4	W.Bollen	H	T.Campling	E	D.Phillips	H
5	A.Turnbull	E	H.Haider	T	S.Newbould	E
6	H.Bailey	P	R.Hardaker	E	V.Mistry	E
7	A.Brook	H	T.Heathcote	P		
8	D.Hicks	P	T.Eyre	P		
Yr 9	800m		1500m		Relay	
1	J.Morphet	T	T.Curvis	E		T
2	P.Nicholson	E	D.Wellock	T		H
3	T.Crapper	H	A.Nicholson	E		E
4	L.Sheppard	P	J.Powell	T		P
5	J.Porter	E	W.Green	P		
6	A.McLachlan	T	S.Johnston	H		
7	L.Jursins	H	A.Enzor	H		
8	P.Williams	P				
Yr 9	High Jump		Long Jump		Triple Jump	
1	S.Connor	H	S.Newbould	E	H.Haider	T
2	W.Green	P	T.Heathcote	P	A.Turnbull	E
3	T.Campling	E	J.Paley	H	D.Hicks	P
4	C.Gornall	T	M.Thompson	T	M.Parker	H
Yr 9	Shot Putt		Javelin		Discus	
1	J.Fassenfeld	E	W.Bollen	H	L.Sheppard	P
2	D.Phillips	H	B.Hollings	P	W.Davidson	T
3	D.Stockdale	T	S.Tipping	E	S.Wade	H
4	H.Pighills	P	A.McLachlan	T	R.Davies	E
Yr 10	100m		200m		400m	
1	J.Dunn	E	W.Tate	T	S.Procter	H
2	C.Herd	T	G.Whitlam	H	B.McGee	H
3	B.Thoy	T	S.Milner	E	C.Cameron	P
4	J.Finucane	P	B.Oswald	E	T.French	T
5	J.Humphreys	E	C.Hargreaves	H	W.Maisey	T
6	N.Marshall	H	S.Walker	P	M.Woodhead	E
7	M.Redfearn	H	A.Witek	T	J.Taylor	E
8	M.Beer	P	R.Atkins	P	J.Chew	P
Yr 10	800m		1500m		Relay	
1	T.Mountain	H	J.Kelly	H		T
2	B.Eccleshall	E	O.Gee	T		H
3	M.Athersmith	E	J.Marsh	E		E
4	D.Garrod	P	S.Green	H		P
5	F.Trueaman	H	E.Cowan	P		
6	M.Greenwood	T	J.Kulik	T		
7	A.Turner	T	J.Greenwood	E		
8	C.Merrell	P	R.Cudworth	P		
Yr 10	High Jump		Long Jump		Triple Jump	
1	N.Green	E	S.Procter	H	J.Dunn	E
2	M.Redfearn	H	E.Cowan	P	D.Garrod	P
3	J.Chew	P	W.Maisey	T	T.Mountain	H
4	J.Kulik	T	J.Taylor	E	A.Turner	T
Yr 10	Shot Putt		Javelin		Discus	
1	B.Thoy	T	J.Finucane	P	C.Herd	T
2	G.Whitlam	H	W.Tate	T	R.Gill	P
3	L.Butterworth	P	M.Woodhead	E	G.Consoli	E
4	B.Oswald	E	A.Everett	H	W.Phillip	H

1st XI Cricket

Unfortunately the 1st XI season was cut drastically short to just two games due to another wet British summer. Matches against Leeds GS, Giggleswick School and the Old Boys team were all cancelled leaving just two games to play.

The teams first result of the season was a 40 run loss to the MCC played at Skipton CC. Ermysted's took to the field bolstered by the addition to the team of Andrew Foulds and Will Roberts from Wharfedale school, adding strength in depth to an already talented side. As is custom in these matches the MCC batted first, giving an opportunity with the new ball to Scott Hudson and Mark Taylor. Both bowlers ran in with plenty of pace and aggression with Hudson in particular bowling a dangerous spell of Left Arm swing and seam, ending up with match figures of 3-33. All the bowlers used contributed and were ably backed up in the field, most notably by Matty Thomas who performed some majestic work on the boundary.

At the end of their allocated batting time the MCC were 183 for 5, other wickets being taken by Bolland (1) and Taylor (1)

In reply opening batsmen of contrasting styles Scott Hudson and James Procter started the innings well, scoring quickly off some wayward bowling. However wickets tumbled at regular intervals and it was only some big hitting from Mark Taylor (30) and Nick Bowker (24) that got us close, but sadly not close enough, to our target.

Our final game was the fiercely contested Staff match, over a month after our last game, in which the staff somehow ran out 7 wicket winners in the penultimate over. The School batted first and fell well short of a good score with A Foulds (30) and T Baines (27) top scoring. In reply wickets of Blanchard, Rooke and Malherbe gave us hope, however Mr Speak consolidated and guided the staff home with 7 balls to spare.

Hopefully the sun will shine next year and the team can get a few more games, and wins, under their belts.

T. Baines

Results

Wed 28th April	Ermysted's G.S.	v	Leeds G.S.	Away	2.00pm
Cancelled – Waterlogged pitch					
Wed 5th May	Ermysted's G.S.	v	Giggleswick	Home	2.00pm
Cancelled – Waterlogged pitch					
Mon 10th May	Ermysted's G.S.	V	M.C.C.	Home	11.30am
MCC	183 for 5		(S Hudson 3 -33)		
EGS	143 all out		(W. Roberts 26, M Taylor 30, N. Bowker 24)		
EGS lost by 40 runs					
Wed 9th July	Ermysted's G.S.	v	Old Boys XI	Home	2.00pm
Cancelled					
Wed 16th July	Ermysted's G.S.	v	Staff XI	Home	2.00pm
EGS	116 all out		(A. Foulds 30, T. Baines 24, S. Hudson 20)		
			(D. Blanchard 2-23, R Head 3-14)		
Staff XI	119 for 3		A. Brownlee 38, S. Speak 34, V. Rooke 24)		
Staff XI won by 7 wickets					

Colours

Re-awards

Mark Taylor
Tom Baines
Scott Hudson

New Awards

Andrew Foulds
Matthew Thomas
Will Roberts
James Procter
Ben Bolland

2nd XI Cricket

Due to the inclement weather and the short summer term the 2nd XI were unable to complete a fixture this year.

Under 15 XI

The under 15 XI did not have a bad season in general. We played 3 matches and one 6-a-side tournament; we won 2 matches and came second in the tournament.

The first match was against Giggleswick at home in the first round of the county cup. However it rained, so the match was moved indoors. We played a 6-a-side match and Ermysted's won quite comprehensively in the end. The second match was against St Aidan's in the second round of the cup and again Ermysted's won. We batted first and made 150 with just 1 wicket down. Chris Baines scored 75 not out and James Kelly pitched in with an unbeaten 33. We bowled St Aidan's out for 74 with Michael Beer taking 3 wickets for 14 runs and James Kelly 2 wickets for 7 runs performing well. Then we came up against Easingwold in the third round of the cup. We lost this match but put up a reasonable fight. Easingwold got 114 with 4 wickets down and Ermysted's got 91 with 9 wickets down losing by 23 runs. However Jonathan Taylor got 29 runs and James Kelly 22, both playing well.

Finally there was a 6-a-side tournament, which we played well in and finished second out of 5 teams, losing only once to the eventual winners.

Chris Baines

Results

Tues 27th April	Ermysted's G.S.	v	Giggleswick	Home	2.30pm
EGS won - Indoor Match					

County Cup 2nd Round

Wed 26th May	Ermysted's G.S.	v	St Aidan's	Home	2.00pm
EGS	150 for 1		(C. Baines 75no, J. Kelly 33no)		
St Aidan's	74 all out		(M. Beer 3-14, J. Kelly 2-7)		
EGS won by 76 runs					

County Cup 3rd Round

Wed 9th June	Ermysted's G.S.	v	Easingwold	Home	2.00pm
Easingwold	114 for 4				
EGS	91 for 9		(J. Taylor 29, J. Kelly 22)		
EGS lost by 23 runs					

Thurs 10th June	Ripon G.S. 6-a-Side	Away	11.00am
Ripon G.S.	Won		
Easingwold	Lost		
St John Fisher	Won		
Ripon 'B'	Won		
EGS – 2nd Place			

Colours

Re-awards to:

R. Atkins
G. Whitlam
C. Baines
J. Taylor
J. Kelly
M. Beer

New Awards:

Under 14 XI

The under 14s started off the season with a cup tie against Giggleswick, a team which we had never played before and knew little about. After choosing to bat first Rhys Davies and Tom Heathcote got off to a good start, with Tom unluckily getting run out for 34 and with Rhys eventually getting out for a terrific 61. We ended up leaving Giggleswick a total of 147 for 3. Tight bowling from Jonny Moore and Tom Davies restricted Giggleswick to only 51 for 7 after 20 overs.

The 2nd round of the cup meant travelling to Oakbank. Choosing to bat first again, the excellent bowling from Oakbank and the lack of boundaries by Ermysted's meant we could only manage 93 for 3, with Rhys scoring 37 not out and Jonny scoring 30. Although Scott Thwaites managed figures of 2 for only 20, Oakbank won the game in the last over.

After the disappointment of being knocked out of the cup we played Bradford Grammar. As usual the match was very close. Batting first, Ermysted's posted 112 for 4 with Rhys and Jonny again getting good scores with 41 and 39 not out. After taking a few early wickets, we felt as if we were in with a chance of winning the game. In the end Bradford were left with needing 4 runs off the last ball. With the ball stopped at the boundary, a mistake in the field lead to them running 3 and the match drawn, a fair result from the evenly matched game.

Throughout the season the team had made good progress, with certain individuals showing amazing form. Next season we can hopefully show the teams full ability and win a few more matches.

H. Bailey

Results

County Cup 1st Round

Thurs 29th April	Ermysted's G.S.	v	Giggleswick	Home	2.30pm
EGS	147 for 3		(R. Davies 61, T. Heathcote 34, J. Moore 23)		
Giggleswick	51 for 7		(J. Moore 2-9)		
EGS won by 96 runs					

County Cup 2nd Round

Wed 13th May	Ermysted's G.S.	v	Oakbank	Away	3.00pm
EGS	93 for 3		(R. Davies 37no, J. Moore 30)		
Oakbank	94 for 5		(S Thwaites 2-20)		
EGS lost by 5 wickets					

Wed 9th June	Ermysted's G.S.	v	Bradford G.S.	Away	2.00pm
EGS	112 for 4		(R. Davies 41, J. Moore 39no)		
Bradford	112 for 4				
Match tied					

Colours

Re-awards to:

H. Bailey
J. Moore
S. Thwaites
D. Stockdale

New Awards:

Rhys Davies
Tom Davies
Tom Heathcote
David Wellock
Richard Golson
Hasnehn Haider

Under 13 XI

The cricket season started with a second round cup tie against Millthorpe because Harrogate had given us a bye. The game started well with E.G.S bowling the openers out cheaply but Millthorpe got their act together and their middle order batted well. E.G.S started just like Millthorpe but our middle order didn't put up much resistance and E.G.S quickly lost the match.

The next match was against Bradford G.S. E.G.S batted first and Adam Yates reached a total of 70 runs not out. After the break, E.G.S came out and took the game to Bradford G.S and with good fielding from Luke Maude and Richard Carr. All the bowlers kept it tight and E.G.S won by about 10 runs.

The last match was against the U14s. It was a limited overs match of 20 overs. 12 people played and they batted in pairs for 2 overs and those who didn't get out, got to bat again. The precise scores were not recorded but the U13s won by roughly 30 runs. It was a good end to the season and the season went well overall but the loss to Millthorpe in the cup was disappointing.

J. Crozier

Results

County Cup 1st Round

TBA Ermysted's G.S. v Harrogate G.S. Away
EGS won – HGS gave a walk over

County Cup 2nd Round

Tues 25th May Ermysted's G.S. v Millthorpe School Home 1.00pm
Millthorpe 137 for 8 (Choudhury 3-16)
EGS 52 all out
EGS lost by 85 runs

Wed 9th June Ermysted's G.S. v Bradford G.S. Away 2.00pm
EGS 125 for 6 (Yates 65, Crozier 21)
Bradford G.S. 120 for 7 (Pugh 2-10, 2-6)
EGS won by 5 runs

Mon 5th July Ripon G.S. 6-a-Side Away 11.00am
Ripon G.S. Lost
Easingwold Lost
St John Fisher Won
Ripon 'B' Won
EGS – 3rd Place

Colours

Re-Awards

J. Starkey
P. Midgley
A. Yates

New Awards:

Edward Walker
John Crozier
Phillip Woodhead
Daniel Wardley
Edward Hird
Thomas Pugh
Richard Carr
Zachary Pearson
Harry Bullough
Luke Maude

Under 12 XI

The Year 7 team hasn't gone as well as I have would have hoped. We only managed to grab one victory out of three matches. The first match we played was against Settle Middle School at home in the Yorkshire Cup. Settle won the toss and elected to bat first. Ermysted's fielded and bowled well and managed to keep their score down to only 65-7 in the 20 overs. Ermysted's also batted well, especially Thomas Stead who ended up on 35 not out and John Golson who scored 15 not out. Ermysted's won by 8 wickets in the end, with 7 overs to spare.

The second match was against Malsis away. This match was probably the worst of the three. We fielded first and bowled them out for 78. Then it was our turn to bat, we batted badly and we got ourselves out for 44. We were not as much of a team as them, they had played cricket in that team every day of that week, and we had only played one match before that. Stead again the highest scorer with only 11. Haroon Ali took 3 wickets for 11 runs.

Against Bradford G.S. Ermysted's won the toss and batted first on the uneven Astroturf wicket. We batted out the 20 overs and the score was 91-4. Thomas Stead with the highest scorer with 44 and Kenton Rhodes scored 20. Bradford Grammar got off to a good start. Their number three was looking very dangerous, until he was run out by Jimmy Bullough's good fielding. The remainder of their batters finished the match off in the 18 overs.

The best batter throughout the season was Thomas Stead, who scored a total of 90 runs in the three matches. The most economical bowler was probably me but Haroon Ali and John Golson were probably the leading wicket takers. We will try and hopefully win all of the matches next year and get further in the Yorkshire Cup.

T. Smallwood

Results

County Cup 1st Round

Thurs 6th May	Ermysted's G.S.	v	Settle M.S.	Home	2.00pm
Settle M.S.	65 for 7		(Golson 2-9)		
EGS	69 for 2		(Stead 35, Golson 16)		
EGS won by 8 wickets					

County Cup 2nd Round

Wed 21st May	Ermysted's G.S.	v	Malsis	Away	3.00pm
Malsis	78 all out		(Ali 3-11)		
EGS	44 all out		(Stead 11)		
EGS lost by 34 runs					

Wed 9th June	Ermysted's G.S.	v	Bradford G.S.	Away	2.00pm
EGS	91 for 4		(Stead 44, Rhodes 20)		
Bradford G.S.	93 for 2				
EGS lost by 8 wickets					

Colours

New Awards:

T. Stead

House Cricket Results 2004

House cricket was played in a 6-a-side format at the end of the Summer Term. The results were as follows:-

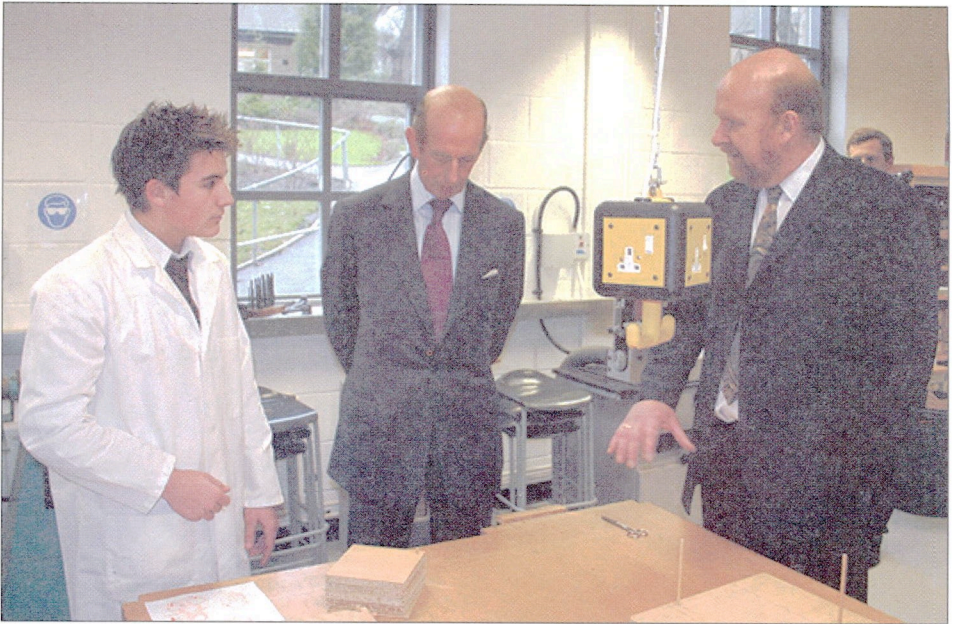
<i>Position</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>4th</i>
Year 10	Hartley	Petyt	Toller	Ermysted
Year 9	Petyt	Ermysted	Hartley	Toller
Year 8	Petyt	Toller	Ermysted	Hartley
Year 7	Hartley	Petyt	Toller	Ermysted
<i>Overall</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>3rd</i>
	Petyt	Hartley	Toller	Ermysted



Traditional Founders' Day Service at Holy Trinity Church



Ermysted's 1st XI!



*HRH Duke of Kent
officially opened the new building in December 2003*



while at the school he took time to visit the revamped Science labs



The cast of South Pacific



Ermysted's Big Band



Gabby Logan presented the prizes at Speech Day



Big Band on Tour in Wolfgangsee, Austria



Sports Day 2004



Ermysted's Cross Country Squad



Years 8 and 9 in Mont Saint Michel, France



The PA Summer Fayre provides funds for numerous School activities

Cross Country

Overview

We had another very successful season with numerous individual and team victories. The most memorable events were in the English Schools' Cross-Country Cup competition where our juniors were County Champions and Inters won the North East of England Title as both teams made the final. These teams were greatly helped by the significant improvement of Danny O'Neill, Peter Kulik, Oliver Gee and Tom Mountain. When we add to that the individual victories of our star performers and our overall strength in depth at nearly all ages it is hardly surprising we won so many team events throughout the year.

Individual victories were recorded by: James Mountain at Bingley, Skipton A.C., Malsis, Leeds, EGS Home fixture and EGS Relays. Ben Rusius at Lancaster and EGS Home Fixture. James Rusius at the Harrogate and Craven Area Championships and EGS Relays. Old Boy Matthew Watson also won the Senior Men's event at Skipton A.C.

Team success was achieved by our Seniors at the Harrogate and Craven Area Championships, Leeds, EGS Home Fixture and EGS Relays. Our Intermediate team won at Bingley, NE of England round of the ESCCCup, Lancaster, Leeds and EGS Home Fixture. Our Junior teams won at Bingley, the N. Yorks round of the ESCCCup, Skipton A.C., the Harrogate and Craven Area Championships (both Y8 and Y9 teams), Leeds, EGS Home Fixture, Settle and EGS Relays.



It is also important to recognise and thank our retiring senior boys for their efforts this year and throughout 7 successful years. Matthew Ackers-Johnson and captains Mark Ashton and James Rusius have been stalwarts of the club and much of our continued success has been due to their effort and example. Thanks also to all who have represented the school and shared in another great year.

Bingley A. C. Schools Cross-Country Challenge

The Year 7&8 team were first to compete and saw what we expected to be the first of many individual wins from James Mountain. Ben Hodgkiss continued his good form from last year to win the silver medal but the most astonishing performance was the fantastic 4th individual position for Danny O'Neill. At Bingley only three athletes counted so our score of 7 points was unbeatable and ensured our first team victory. We had another welcome surprise from an astonishing individual improvement from Thomas Mountain who was not only first back for school but also earned himself a medal! He was well supported by John Marsh 4th and James Kelly 11th for another team trophy. The Senior race although not as well populated as the others had some talented athletes. James Rusius was our first runner home in 4th, with Matthew Ackers-Johnson 6th and Joe Mercer completing the team in 7th for another team victory.

Marple Hall School Relays (27/09/03)

Our Senior team was strong and Mark Ashton, Matthew Ackers-Johnson, Luke Porter and James Rusius finished a very creditable 4th of the 16 teams at their age group.

Our Intermediate team were made up of mainly Y10s. Thomas Mountain, Richard Golson, Andrew Nicholson and Alex Baldwin finished just outside the medals in 4th place out of the 18 teams.

Our Y8 team have probably the best team this year and two of the team had elected to run instead of playing rugby. James Mountain came back second on the opening leg; Luke Maude then narrowed the lead but remained in second. Danny O'Neill had another great run and not only caught but overtook the leader to hand over to Ben Hodgkiss in the lead. Ben had a good run and held on until about 600 metres from the end but even his fast time was not good enough for the team title. They had the consolation of silver medals for their efforts and the satisfaction of leaving 22 teams in their wake.

Skipton A.C. Cross-Country (03/10/03)

The U13's were first to go for school. James Mountain fought hard all the way round and moved steadily away from the field for a clear victory. Luke and Danny were neck and neck throughout but Luke's sprint took him into 9th with Danny a close 12th at the end. Their team total of 22 won gold medals. The U15's have had some

tremendous races against each other this year and that competition is really working as they pull each other on to better and better performances. This time it was Oliver Gee who led the team back, with John Marsh also beating this year's surprise package Tom Mountain. The team gained silver medals. The U17's were our oldest age group and Luke Porter, Szabolcs Sovago and Jeremy Gee got a nice reward of bronze medals for battling round their 3 mile course.

English Schools' Cross-Country Cup, North Yorkshire Round (01/10/03)

James and Thomas Mountain were the individual stars for Ermysted's but this race relies on the team qualifying in the top 3 if they are to progress and both of their teams were outstanding. The Y7/8 Team won and the Y9/10 was a very close second to put them through to the North East of England Round. The Juniors (Year 7/8) showed how strong the team is by having 3 of the first 5 finishers (James Mountain 2nd, Ben Hodgkiss 4th and Luke Maude 5th) with Danny O'Neill completing the team in 12th of the 48 runners for a very low score of 23 points and a clear victory. The Intermediates were also very impressive with their scoring runners all being in the top 10 for much of the race. Thomas Mountain maintained his excellent early season form for 4th, Oliver Gee confirmed his current ability in 5th, John Marsh was 9th and James Kelly 14th.

Ermysted's become NE of England Champions

Both races involved 12 teams of 6. The Junior team were N. Yorkshire champions and had high hopes of qualification and individual success for James Mountain. James showed great determination to battle into fourth place. His team-mates also had great runs with Ben Hodgkiss 12th, Luke Maude 21st and Danny O'Neill 23rd. Four runners counted for the team to finish in third place. The Intermediates challenge is built around a tremendous team spirit and four athletes who are actually very close to each other in ability. Their great strength is the competition that they have between each other to be first back. Oliver Gee 13th, Tom Mountain 14th, John Marsh 17th and James Kelly 20th not only qualified ahead of the N. Yorkshire champions but also won the whole event to be crowned the unofficial NE of England Champions.

English Schools' Cross-Country Cup Final

Acklam, Middlesbrough (06/12/03)

In the Junior race James Mountain finished an excellent 11th of the 144 athletes. Ben Hodgkiss had a stomach complaint but still ran well. He set off quickly but couldn't keep up the pace eventually coming 55th. Luke Maude and Danny O'Neill continued their personal battle with Luke winning on this occasion and both coming just behind Ben in 59th and 65th. The team's non-scorers were Phillip Woodhead and Peter Kulik who found the competition a little strong. The team total of 190 points was a good team effort and good enough for 9th place in the whole of the country. The intermediates had done remarkably well in the semi-final where they had won the team title. However, they really did find the competition a different level in this final. Oliver Gee ran well to come through to 44th place a whole 60 positions higher than last year. With Tom Mountain 67th, John Marsh 76th and James Kelly 84th the team were placed 18th out of the 24 on the day and over 400 initial entry. It is worth noting that this was the fourth time that John Marsh and James Kelly had run in the national final of this event which is testament to their ability and service to the school.

A Record Turn-out for the School Cross-Country 2003

A fantastic 553 students completed this year's event making it the largest number of participants in recent times and probably the school's history! It wasn't fine and it was windy but quite warm and firm underfoot so all in all quite a pleasant afternoon for this whole school event. There was a most competitive race in the Y7's as pre-race favourite John Golson had to work very hard to hold off Tim Hutchinson with Andrew Cairns making the podium in 3rd. James Mountain won the Y8/9 race but again was made to work as Alex Baldwin and Richard Golson were pushing him all the way. Ben Rusius maintained his record of winning in each year of school but did not break his own record in the Year 10/11 race where Oliver Gee beat Thomas Mountain for the runner-up position. James Rusius was the closest to a record but was 14 seconds adrift of his own winning mark of last year. He has now finished running in the school cross-country with a phenomenal record of wins from seven outings. Matthew Ackers-Johnson was second student back and Joe Mercer, fresh from successfully orienteering for England in Ireland, was third. Mr. Edward rose Lazarus-like from his sick bed to claim the runner-up spot in the race and Mr. Speak and Mr. Grady both made the top ten.

School Cross-Country 2003 Top 10 Finishers:

Position	Year 7	Year 8/9	Year 10/11	Year 12/13
1st	Golson	Mountain	Rusius B.	Rusius J.
2nd	Hutchinson	Baldwin	O. Gee	Mr. Edward
3rd	Cairns	Golson	Mountain	Ackers-Johnson
4th	Ackers-Johnson	O'Neill	Marsh	Mercer
5th	Martin	Maude	Kelly	Ashton
6th	Ford	Curvis	J. Gee	Mr. Speak
7th	Carlyle	A. Nicholson	Dunn	Wittock
8th	McCutcheon	Franks	Hudson	Hall
9th	Figg	Wardman	Witek	Mr. Grady
10th	Drybrough	Woodhead	Newbould	Garnett

Malsis Cross-Country (16/10/03)

Over 250 athletes from 14 schools took part in these races which saw our cross-country season continue apace with another individual victory for James Mountain. There was only one of the four races that we were eligible to compete in and our U13 team performed admirably but had to settle for third place on the day.

Stonyhurst Cross-Country (15/10/03)

Our team had excellent runs from Matthew Ackers-Johnson, Joe Mercer, Tom Mountain and Mark Ashton who all made the top 20. It was good to see three runners making their debut for school after excelling in the School Cross-Country and also a good contingent of Y10 and 11s who have another few years left in this race. The team finished second.

Lancaster Cross-Country (19/11/03)

For the intermediates Jeremy Gee led the cavalry charge start but very soon Ben fought his way to the front only for the marshals to send the first four Ermysted runners the wrong way. Fortunately James Kelly and Oliver Gee shouted our lads back and there was still enough time for nearly normal service to be resumed as Ben Rusius came home first, Oliver Gee 2nd, John Marsh 3rd, Tom Mountain 4th and James Kelly 5th. With six to count we still needed our final scorer and Jeremy Gee came back 11th of the 21 finishers for a comprehensive victory. For the seniors Joe Mercer returned from orienteering duties to show that he would have strengthened our Area Championship winning squad. He was first back in 5th place with another impressive performance from Luke Porter 6th and Robert Stow held on to 8th in the best sprint finish of the day. The team finished second.

Team and Individual Glory at the Harrogate & Craven Area Cross-Country Championships (15/11/03)

Over 600 athletes from 20 schools took part in these races which saw our cross-country teams continue their excellent form. Out of the five boys' races we won three team titles and one close runner-up. Cross-country captain James Rusius became Area Champion in the Senior race with his brother Ben Rusius and James Mountain both being runners-up.

The Year 7 team found the competition a little strong. There were good runs from Gavin Ackers-Johnson 19th, Andrew Cairns 22nd, Tim Hutchinson 31st and David Martin 33rd. The Year 8 team and James Mountain were defending champions. Coming off the final hill James couldn't find a sprint finish and was beaten on the line. His consolation was the most emphatic team victory of the day as all six of our runners were in the first 11 home out of over 70 runners, a truly outstanding team performance. The other runners were Ben Hodgkiss 6th, Philip Woodhead 7th, Danny O'Neill 8th, Peter Kulik 10th and Luke Maude 11th. The Y9 team found a new star in Ben Franks who had a magnificent run to finish 5th. He had a strong team to support him as Richard Golson 10th, Alex Baldwin 11th and Andrew Nicholson 14th produced another low score to win our second team title. The Intermediate team were involved in a tight team finish and ran well with five runners in the top 20 but finished second. It was tremendous to see Ben Rusius return to running after five months to finish in the runners-up spot. His team was made up of five Y10 students, Oliver Gee 10th, Tom Mountain 14th and James Kelly 15th for another low score of 41 points. In the Senior race James Rusius ran away from the field for our only individual victory. Our other cross-country captain Mark Ashton had a tremendous run to finish 4th, Matthew Ackers-Johnson 7th and Luke Porter 9th ensured we achieved our third team victory out of the five races.

Three out of Four Team Titles and an Individual Victory at Leeds GS (22/11/03)

The Year 7 race saw a much improved team performance with five in the first 12 home for second place behind the hosts. John Golson was 3rd, Andrew Cairns 5th, David Martin 8th, Tim Hutchinson 11th and Matthew Figg 12th. The Year 8 & 9 team were led to team victory by another impressive runaway performance by James Mountain. Ben Franks finished 3rd, Alex Baldwin 4th, Luke Maude 6th, Danny O'Neill 7th and Philip Woodhead 8th. Our Y8 and Y9 teams could each have won the event on their own as Andrew Nicholson came 9th, Richard Golson 11th and Peter Nicholson 12th. Our Year 10 & 11 team then got in on the act. Oliver Gee led their challenge for team. His team-mates were a mixture of Y10 and Y11 students with Thomas Mountain 4th, John Marsh 5th, James Kelly 6th, Szabolcs Sovago 7th, Barney Newbould 12th, Jonathan Dunn 13th and Luke Greenway 14th out of the 24 runners. Our Seniors were again impressive as a unit. They clearly won the team title having their three scoring runners in the first 6 home. This included a tremendous runners-up spot for Matthew Ackers-Johnson and strong support from Jim Whittock 5th and Luke Porter 6th.

Stonyhurst Invitation (29/11/03)

Our Senior team raced at Stonyhurst in this highly competitive and testing race. There were 20 teams of strong cross-country pedigree from as far a field as Glasgow. A record 127 finishers made this the biggest race that most of our seniors would run in this year and they did the school proud with all of our scoring runners in the top half of the finishers. The course was extremely interesting (emphasis on the extreme) and consisted of 5 miles over mixed terrain including many a hill, dale, woodland sections, numerous stiles and a stream crossing. Adding in the torrential rain and gale force wind and it really was an achievement to finish let alone run well. This was real cross-country as it used to be and all the runners will look back in years to come and remember it fondly as a great experience. We had the Rusius brothers in action against each other and James showed real strength and determination to gain a top 10 finish and showed that he was "The fastest Rusius in Town". Ben though will take pleasure from coming through another test on his road to recovery. The team finished in 4th place.

Three out of Four Teams win at our annual Invitation Event

The Year 8& 9 team continued their rich vein of form to complete another impressive team victory. From 39 runners James Mountain emerged a worthy winner leading from virtually gun to tape. For the first time this season we had Scott Thwaites running for school and he showed what we had been missing, coming home in fourth. We had excellent runs from Luke Maude in 6th and Danny O'Neill 11th. In fact we had such strength in depth that our 'B' Team finished 5th. The Intermediate team were absolutely magnificent recording the first 5 finishing positions in a field of 18 finishers. The Seniors big names were playing football but Joe Mercer came a tremendous second and showed that he would have gained his county colours last month if he wasn't pushing for further national selection at orienteering. Jim Whittock was 4th, Luke Porter 5th and Robert Stow 6th completed the team to confirm our third team victory.

Settle Middle School Cross-Country Races

In the Year 7s Andrew Cairns tripped and cracked his shin on a rock. That was the end of his race and also our realistic hopes of team success. For the Year 8 race James Mountain and Ben Hodgkiss were not competing but the others followed each other home in 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th for a magnificent team victory.

Ermysted's Grammar School Relays (17/03/04)

The U12s ran really well. Andrew Cairns ran one of the fastest times of the day on the first leg, Tim Hutchinson and John Golson kept the team well in the hunt and only 6 seconds separated the first 4 teams after 3 of the four legs. Gavin Ackers-Johnson on the anchor leg ran the 6th fastest time of the day to bring the team home in the silver medal position just 12 seconds behind the winners.

The U14s were up against 8 other teams. James Mountain led off on the first leg and returned a clear leader as he ran what proved to be the fastest leg of the day. Luke Maude, Scott Thwaites and Ben Franks all ran well to secure gold medals for the team.

The U16s had very strong opposition from Lancaster, Oakbank and Silcoates and had to settle for the bronze medals.

The U18s race was again lacking in support with only the Silcoates team to beat. Joe Mercer, Matthew Ackers-Johnson and James Rusius claimed the gold medals. Our B team of Jim Whittock, Luke Porter and Mark Ashton came back in the silver medal position.

Ermysted's Year 8s are the third best team in the Northern Schools' Championships

The ever improving Year 7 team managed to finish a creditable 10th of the 21 teams with John Golson leading the way in 21st in a field of over 100 finishers. Andrew Cairns (50th), Gavin Ackers-Johnson (53rd) and David Martin (66th) completed the team. The Year 8 team managed to gain a magnificent third place despite missing key runners. Adam Yates was 48th, about half way through the 94 finishers, in only his second race for school. The Year 9 team finished 7th of the 18 teams. The Year 10 & 11 team had hopes of a top 6 team position and Ben Rusius was expected to also gain an award in the top 10 individuals. Ben finished 7th and the rest of the team found it hard against older opponents. However, with Oliver Gee 20th, James Kelly 32nd and John Marsh 33rd the team score was good enough for 5th of the 22 teams and it does look good for next year's event. It was during this race that an athlete collapsed and forced the abandonment of the senior race. This also meant that captains James Rusius and Mark Ashton as well as Matthew Ackers-Johnson did not run their scheduled final race for school but I would like to thank them for their sterling contributions over 7 successful years.



Representative Honours 2003/2004

Harrogate & Craven : James Rusius, Mark Ashton, Matthew Ackers-Johnson, Jim Whittock, Luke Porter, Robert Stow, Ben Rusius, Szabolcs Sovago, Oliver Gee, James Kelly, Ben Franks, Richard Golson, James Mountain, John Golson.

North Yorkshire: James Rusius, Matthew Ackers-Johnson, Jim Whittock, Ben Rusius, Oliver Gee, James Mountain, John Golson

School Colours

Senior

Re-Awarded - James Rusius, Mark Ashton, Matthew Ackers-Johnson,

New Awards - Joe Mercer, Luke Porter, Jim Whittock

Junior

Re-Awarded - John Marsh, James Kelly, Oliver Gee, James Mountain, Scott Thwaites, Richard Golson, Andrew Nicholson, Peter Nicholson, Sam Newbould, James Mountain, Luke Maude, Philip Woodhead, Daniel O'Neill

New Awards - Jonathan Dunn, Peter Kulik, John Golson

Trophy Winners 2003/2004

Runner of the Year	Winner	James Mountain (Y8)	266pts	Trophy & Plaque
	Runner-up	John Golson (Y7)	216pts	Silver Medal
	Third place	Oliver Gee (Y10)	178pts	Bronze Medal

Captains Trophy

The Trophy is awarded to John Golson for overall dedication, contributions to the team and attendance at training sessions.

Most Improved Runner

Exceptional progress has been made by Danny O'Neill (Y8), Peter Kulik (Y8), Thomas Mountain (Y10), Luke Porter (Y12), Joe Mercer (Y12) & Matthew Ackers-Johnson (Y13) but the trophy went to Oliver Gee (Y10).

Orienteering

EGSOC has just celebrated its 20th year in existence under the watchful and youthful eye of Mr Gill and the season past has been one of the most successful. It started early in September with a double header in the Yorkshire Dales with an excellent run from Joe Mercer. This was to set the tone for the rest of the season. The autumn schedule involved events on the Pennine Moors at Marsden, a challenging weekend away in the Lake District and a series of local events including Swinsty near Blubberhouses. The highlight of the early part of the season was the representative honours for Joe Mercer as he ran for England in the Junior Home Internationals. This is the second international the school has had and Joe was proud to receive his vest on speech day from Gabby Logan.



The spring schedule began with a trip to Sherwood Forest and some excellent runs in this ancient forest. A new crop of year 7's tasted the delights of the sport, with David Machin and Andrew Merrell showing promise for the future. Badge event at Yateholme near Holmfirth and Cawthorne on the North York Moors were part of the build up to the big events in the late spring, namely the JK and the British Championships. This year's JK, the biggest event in the orienteering calendar was held on the technically challenging terrain of Graythwaite in the Lakes. A great weekend was had by all with some real "value for money" runs. A few weeks earlier the team travelled north to Northumbria to compete on Simonside on the windiest, wettest and muddiest day imaginable. Out of the gloom Joe Mercer emerged with a magnificent 5th place.

The highlight of the summer term was the team winning the Yorkshire Schools Champs for the second time in three years. This was a good all round team effort with 17 boys representing the school, all contributing to the success. In particular mention should be made of club stalwart Daniel Holmes who started in the first form and has just left to go to university. We calculated that he had probably attended over 100 events with school.

Joe Mercer and Alistair Everett have both been in the Regional squad and run for Airienteers to help them win trophies at both junior and senior level. Perhaps the most encouraging thing of all has been the appearance of two up and coming staff starlets, with Mr White the new PE teacher and Mr Grady the new geography teacher taking to the forests and fells. With such a good role model to guide and advise them they cannot fail to succeed!

And finally.. it continues to give me great satisfaction to see so many old EGSOC members still keeping up with the sport. Thanks lads and here's to the next 20 years.

CM Gill

Soccer

The 2004 Association Football season was sponsored by:

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Introduction

Ermysted's Football Club has continued to flourish in the 2004 season. At Sandylands a new first team pitch with removable goals (donated from school fund contributions) has been a great success enabling two home fixtures to be played at the same time. As a further development following on from the inaugural year of 2003 Ermysted's has now gained acceptance into the broader footballing community with entry into District Cup Competitions at First Team, Year 11 & Year 10 levels. An experience which is sure to expand the horizons of football throughout the school. A great deal of thanks must go to our 2004 sponsors Dacre Son & Hartley, Arthur E. Walker & Co Accountants, the EGS Parents Association and the School Fund for assisting me to purchase kit and equipment to make expansion of football a reality.

Equally important to note is the invaluable assistance that Mr. Speak and Mr. McMechan have given to teams this year, and further thanks must go to EGS Staff who have allowed a myriad of pupils to access football within lesson times.

Ermysted's 1st Team

James Rusius (Team / Club Captain / first ever full school football colours awarded)

Jack Singleton (Player of the Season)

Justin Murr, Mark Ashton, Joe Westhead, John Bracken, Will Garnett, Graham Rishton, Daniel Moriarty, Matthew Ackers-Johnson, Simon Fenton, Bevan Bolland, Mark Eyton-Jones

First Team trials were held in January with 48 boys attending from years 12 & 13. Following a two week gap to accommodate A Level Modular Examinations the season got under way with a mini tournament held at Ripon Grammar School on 4th February 2004. An outstanding Ermysted's team were only narrowly beaten by the eventual winners, St. John Fishers of Harrogate, having already knocked out the hosts, Easingwold School and a very strong Leeds Grammar School side in the group stages.

1st Team Fixtures List 2004

Date	v	Opposition	Result	Score
4th February	v	Leeds Grammar School	Cancelled by Leeds due to Ice	
11th February	v	South Craven	Won	4-2
25th February	v	Granby High School	Won	6-0
26th February	v	Giggleswick 6-A-Side	Semi Finalists	
3rd March	v	Giggleswick	Won	5-0
10th March	v	District Cup St. John Fishers	Lost in Extra Time	3-4
17th March	v	Settle High School	Won	4-0
24th March	v	Bradford Grammar School	Won	3-2
31st March	v	Granby High School	Won	3-0
March	v	Ermysted's PA 5-a-side	Winners - Retained Trophy	
June	v	Aireville School		
		Old Boys 5-a-side Invitation	Winners	

As the above results testify the 1st Team proved to be an outstanding team and as such the first ever football school colours were awarded to Captain James Rusius by mid season. By the end of the season colours had been awarded to the majority of the first team and I wish them all well in their varied futures.

Second Team

In an attempt to get as many sixth form footballers playing as possible some second team fixtures were arranged where possible. The results were as follows:-

Wednesday 25th February v Granby High School : Won : 4-0
 Wednesday 3rd March v Giggleswick School : Won : 5-2

It proved problematic to find opposition schools which could produce two full teams in the sixth form.

Year 11

Following well attended trials, with upwards of forty boys attempting to gain a position in the squad, the year 11 team moved into an expanded playing schedule. Leading by example Tanzil Chowdhury captained this team which demonstrates great promise throughout the season. Through his efforts he became the first year 11 recipient of full football colours.

Captain: Tanzil Chowdhury (Senior colours awarded).

Player of the Season: Tanzil Chowdhury

Year 11 Fixtures List 2004

Date	v	Opposition	Result	Score
5th February	v	Settle High School	Cancelled by Settle due to ice	
10th February	v	Prince Henry's Otley	Cancelled by Prince Henry's	
12th February	v	Year 10 squad	Won	7-2
4th March	v	Settle High School Re Scheduled	Lost	1-3
5th March	v	Rossett School District Cup	Lost	0-5
11th March	v	Leeds Grammar School	Won	2-1
18th March	v	Aireville School	Lost	4-5

Year 10

The new year 10 squad were put through their paces early in the year as a team had to be selected to participate in the Harrogate and Craven District 6-A-Side competition to be held at Rossett school in mid September. Under the same format at the Year 9 6-a-side competition a year 10 team were unfortunate to go out of the competition at the semi-final stage to the eventual winners Rossett School, Harrogate through a penalty shoot out competition.

Captain : Gianluca Consoli

Player of the season: Samuel Procter (Gained first ever Junior Football Colours)

Year 10 Fixtures List 2004

Date	v	Opposition	Result	Score
12th February		Year 11 squad	lost	2-7
23rd February	v	King James' Knaresborough District Cup	Lost	1-4
3rd March	v	Leeds Grammar School	Cancelled due to poor weather	
4th March	v	Settle High School	Won	4-2
11th March	v	Leeds Grammar School	Lost	2-7
16th March	v	Upper Wharfedale	Cancelled	
18th March	v	Aireville	Lost	4-5

Year 9

Early in September 2003 a team was entered into the District 6-A-Side competition based on the all-weather surface at Rossett School, Harrogate. The team consisting of Richard Golson, Andrew Nicholson, Sam Liu, Jake Fassendorf, Alex Baldwin and Thomas Eyre (WHO). In the process beating St. Aidan's, Rossett, St. John Fishers, King James' Knarborough, Settle High School, Nidderdale High, Aireville, Ripon Grammar and Upper Wharfedale Schools.

Year 7

Early in the academic year of 2003 a year 7 team was entered into the 'Wagon Wheels' national five-a-side football tournament, round 1, held at St. John Fishers School, Harrogate. Unfortunately the team did not progress beyond this phase but did produce some excellent team performances with Alex Conroy shining individually.

House Football

Results

Year 7

- 1 Ermysted's
- 2 Toller
- 3 Petyt
- 4 Hartley

Year 8

- 1 Toller
- 2 Petyt
- 3 Ermysted's
- 4 Hartley

Year 9

- 1 Ermysted's
- 2 Petyt
- 3 Toller
- 4 Hartley

Year 10

- 1 Hartley
- 2 Petyt
- 3 Toller
- 4 Ermysted's

Year 11

- 1 Hartley
- 2 Petyt
- 3 Ermysted's
- 4 Toller

Sixth Form

- 1 Hartley
- 2 Petyt
- 3 Toller
- 4 Ermysted's

Overall House Results

- 1 Petyt
- 2 Hartley
- 3 Toller (on Goals Scored)
- 4 Ermysted's

Rugby

Results Summary

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Pts for	Pts against
1st XV	13	3	9	1	195	322
2nd XV	6	0	6	0	62	146
Colts	12	9	3	0	349	192
Jnr Colts	11	3	8	0	102	373
U13's	15	14	1	0	343	97
U12's	13	10	3	0	302	103

Results – In Depth

Ermysted's Vs.	1st XV	2nd XV	Colts	Jnr Colts	U13's	U12's
Ripon G.S.	W 29 - 10	-	-	-	-	-
Ripley St Thomas	D 15 - 15	-	L 17 - 7	L 75 - 14	L 37 - 22	-
Bolton (D.Mail Cup)	L 14 - 17	-	-	-	-	-
Horsforth (D.Mail Cup)	-	-	W 48 - 7	-	-	-
Silcoates	L 63 - 19	L 14 - 5	W 24 - 7	L 0 - 57	W 14 - 5	Cancelled
Benton Park	L 17 - 14	-	-	Postponed	-	-
South Craven	L 6 - 33	-	W 5 - 27	L 12 - 5	W 0 - 22	W 23 - 3
RGS Lancaster	-	L 22 - 18	-	-	-	-
Upper Wharfedale	-	-	-	W 17 - 12	-	-
Bingley G.S.	W 38 - 0	Cancelled	W 7 - 38	Cancelled	W 7 - 15	L 14 - 20
Harrogate G.S.	L 21 - 26	L 24 - 25	W 24 - 19	L 55 - 0	W 7 - 29	Cancelled
Ripon G.S. (D.Mail Cup)	-	-	W 59 - 7	-	-	-
Moortown U12	-	-	-	-	-	Cancelled
Crossley Heath	L 0 - 48	L 7 - 35	-	L 58 - 0	W 10 - 12	W 22 - 24
Wharfedale 10-a-side	-	-	-	-	W14-112	W14-105
Benton Park	-	-	-	W 27 - 13	W 36 - 7	Won 22 - 7
Bradford G.S. (D.Mail Cup)	-	-	L 0 - 49	-	-	-
Ashville College	L 29 - 0	L15 - 3	W21 - 12	L 53 - 0	W17 - 0	L 0 - 10
Runshaw Col	L31 - 3	-	-	-	-	-
Kettlethorpe H.S. (Cup)	-	-	-	L 8 - 5	-	-
Horsforth	-	-	L 24 - 38	-	W42 - 5	L 17 - 24
Giggleswick	L 6 - 30	L 5 - 35	W12 - 27	W 15 - 22	-	-
KES Lytham	Cancelled	Cancelled	Cancelled	Cancelled	Cancelled	Cancelled
Ripon G.S.	W30 - 3	-	W12 - 50	L 15 - 12	W 5 - 22	W 56 - 0
Ripon G.S.	-	-	-	-	-	W 41 - 3
Rishworth	Cancelled	Cancelled	Cancelled	Cancelled	Cancelled	Cancelled
Upper Wharfedale	-	-	Cancelled	-	-	-

1st XV

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Pts for	Pts against
13	3	10	1	195	322

Representative honours

David Clements - Yorkshire Schools 'A' and Yorkshire State Schools (U18)

AJ Connor - Yorkshire State Schools (U16)

For a season that promised so much at the beginning, it was disappointing as it ultimately delivered so little. With the addition of two new backs in Andrew Foulds and Will Roberts, the squad was brimming with optimism. We won the first game and in the second had opportunities to win but overall a draw was a fair result.

Following on from this strong display came a string of successive defeats, including a demolition by a potent Silcoates side. Although defeats were regular, score lines were not over-whelming; with many of the sides we played decidedly average. This emphasizes the disappointment felt by the squad's general under performance. The next victory came against close rivals Bingley, which was a resounding and morale boosting result. A change in the game plan and a strong performance from the back division, especially Justin Murr, saw a convincing 38-0 triumph. This was followed up by another defeat to Crossley Heath although the performance was one of distinct change. Commitment and aggression were shown in abundance but the opposition proved just too strong, running in numerous unanswered points.

After half-term morale was decidedly low, as it seemed we just could not buy a win. All too often the team would start extraordinarily slowly, allowing our opponents to establish a strong lead. This often proved too hard to over turn in the second half, although it has to be noted that the performances were generally better. A good example of this was seen against Harrogate, as the visitors built up an 18-point lead. The match then turned into a true nail biter only to see Ermysted's again narrowly missing out.

The season did finish on a high with an ill-tempered victory over a poor Ripon side. A small amount of pride was established as the match finished 30-3, with James Hopkinson fulfilling the potential he showed pre-season. A bright spot of the season was the performances of AJ Connor at open side flanker. The Yorkshire capped player, showed aggression in every game and was contender for man of the match in most of his games. This despite him being much younger than his opposition, and usually much smaller.

Overall the season was a huge disappointment, with much of the potential left un-fulfilled. However the lower 6th must look to the future and with a strong core, should easily surpass this seasons results.

David Clements

2nd XV

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Pts for	Pts against
6	0	6	0	62	146

The 2nd team's 2003 season was always going to be a difficult one for our up and coming young players. The chance to play mature upper 6th formers when still only fifteen is always going to be a daunting experience but what made matters worse was the amount of injuries we endured in some of the early games. Noticeably, the pack suffered when Jonathan Burton dislocated a shoulder and Alex Drake broke his leg. Both forwards were out for the remainder of the season. Further players including James Rusius and Matthew Ackers-Johnson had cross-country commitments so the opportunity to perform fully as a team was considerably reduced.

We played our most convincing rugby away at RGS Lancaster and at home to Harrogate in consecutive weekends. The former ended 22-18 to an experienced Lancaster team with Ermysted's unfortunately having two disallowed tries. The half time score was 15-0 to them so we clearly dominated the second half. The game

against Harrogate was lost by an even narrower margin of just one point and a sloppy period of about ten minutes late in the second half was responsible for this loss. It allowed Harrogate's alert backs to score two tries and go on to win the game. Another memorable fixture was against Ashville College when Mark Taylor converted a penalty in the third minute. The majority of the match was played in their half with all of the pressure coming from Ermysted's but because of their strong defence, we failed to achieve the final try scoring move.

Christopher Holden finished as the team's leading try scorer with three tries to his name and some impressive performances came from William Bell, Bob Marshall, Ben Bolland, Chris Reeday and Addison Southam. The try of the season was scored against RGS Lancaster when James Hopkinson crossed the line after a stupendous run with emphatic support from the rest of the forwards.

Jonathan Baker

Colts

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Pts for	Pts against
13	9	4	0	354	233

Joe Grima Award for the 'most improved player' - Alex Witek

Joe Grima Award for the 'most valuable player' - Frank Trueman

Representative honours - West Yorkshire U15 - Nick Green, Michael Beer

After a successful season as junior colts, we had a lot to live up to. The first match against Ripley St. Thomas was not the start we had hoped for however as we got a sound thrashing of 17 points to 7. We came back very strongly in the following match and gave a tired looking Horsforth side a 48-7 beating. Perhaps the high points of our season were the victories against Silcoates; (24-7) and Bingley; (38-7) as these teams were very strong and were hard games to play. We also recorded good wins over South Craven and Harrogate.

If they were the high points of our season then the Bradford match was definitely a low. We gave our best but it was plain for all to see that they were the better team. Not letting that dampen our spirits, we played in what was one of the harder games last season against Ashville College and came away 21-12 winners. We lost just one more game in the season against a much improved Horsforth side and came away from the season having won 9 of our 12 games.

Our most improved player this season was Alex Witek and our player of the season was the utility forward, Frank Trueman. Ben Thoy had a good season too as he was our top try scorer and was selected to play for West Yorkshire along with Nick Green, Joe Grima and myself. Joe deserves special mention as he was selected to play for the full Yorkshire side. As a squad, we hope to make a successful transition to first and second team rugby and to improve on this season's good record.

Will Tate

Junior Colts Rugby

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Pts for	Pts against
11	3	8	0	102	373

Joe Grima Award for the 'most improved player' - Harry Bailey

Joe Grima Award for the 'most valuable player' - Jonathan Moore

We had an unfortunate rugby season in autumn 2003 with more losses than wins. For a large part of the season we had a number of injuries and this didn't allow us to play to our full potential. This was a shame because our team could have performed better as we had some talented players who played well individually. Next year we hope to have fewer injuries and train harder so that we are able to play to our full potential. We had quite a few players who shared and contributed to our good results, and they continued to improve throughout the season.

I was disappointed that regular team players do not come to the after school training sessions which I see essential for the improvement of our team. Next year we must be determined to win all our games as we only have one term to prove our selves and we must be determined to win.

S Tipping

Under 13's Rugby

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Pts for	Pts against
15	14	1	0	343	97

Winners of the Wharfedale Floodlit 10-a-side Competition

Winners of the 'Malhamdale Trophy'

Joe Grima Award for the 'most improved player' - Peter Kulik

Joe Grima Award for the 'most valuable player' - Joshua Peacock

This season was a successful one with just one defeat. Our first game was against Ripley St. Thomas who we hadn't played before but the game ended in a loss. So the team was fired up for the next game to get a win and we did that against Silcoates, which were the only team last year who we didn't beat and the score was 14-5 to us. The week after we beat local rivals South Craven 0-22 with 4 exciting tries and the defence held even though it was put under pressure by the opposition.

We carried on with the victories by beating Bingley, Harrogate G.S. and Crossley Heath. We went to the Wharfedale 10-a-side tournament as reigning champions and beat everyone. We played well as a team by attacking the gaps in the opponent's defence, went top of the group and retained the shield. The next day we played Benton Park where we scored a lot of tries and tackled well - the score in that game was 36-7 to us. The next game was against Ashville College, which was a game where the opposition never got past the try line. We went on to play Horsforth where we won 42-5 with both the pack and the back line working well and supplying each other with the ball well. Then it was our last game against Ripon Grammar in some wet and horrible conditions where the ball was slippery. We ended up winning the game and finishing the season on a high.

This season was a good one where both the forwards and the backs played well, in particularly Josh Peacock scored lots of tries, Peter Kulik played well in the rucks and mauls, and Harry Bullough kicked some difficult conversions.

Joe Altham

Under 12's Rugby

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Pts for	Pts against
13	10	3	0	302	103

Winners of the Wharfedale Floodlit 10-a-side competition

Joe Grima Award for the 'most improved player' - Sam Norton

Joe Grima Award for the 'most valuable player' - Nick Watson

This season was quite a successful one for the U12's as we won ten of our thirteen games and the side also won a tournament at Wharfedale as well. The first match was against South Craven which we won 23-3 through some try saving tackles from our full back Gavin Ackers-Johnson. A week later we played Bingley Grammar School. This was a very tough game and we lost 14-20. Three weeks later we played Crossley Heath away from home and it was a very close game. We ended up winning 22-24 after a last minute try from Ackers and a conversion by Jimmy Bullough.

We took part in a tournament at Wharfedale RUFC. A lot of teams we had already played were there. We played 5 matches and we won them all. Tom Stead kicked all of the conversions. Against Benton Park we had a comfortable victory winning 22-7. Everyone was outstanding in that game. The next match was against

Ashville College who were a good side and they beat us 10-0 on a very muddy pitch. We also lost the following week against Horsforth. The final score was 17-24 to Horsforth even though we were the better side.

On the final game of the season we played Ripon Grammar School. We thrashed them 56-0 on the coldest day of the season. Lots of people scored including Nick Watson, Ben Parker, Sam Norton, Gavin x2, Jimmy Bullough and Tom Stead who also kicked all of the conversions. That day we also had a B team and they won 41-3 which was their only game. Overall I think we had a great season.

Tom Stead

House Rugby

House rugby was played in the Autumn term in fine sunny conditions. The competition involved about 300 pupils throughout the week and was played in fine spirit.

The results were as follows:

Position	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Senior	Ermysted	Hartley	Toller	Petyt
10	Toller	Petyt	Hartley	Ermysted
9	Ermysted	Petyt	Hartley	Toller
8	Toller	Hartley	Ermysted	Petyt
7	Ermysted	Hartley	Toller	Petyt
Position	1st =	1st =	3rd	4th
Junior	Ermysted	Toller	Hartley	Petyt

Rugby Colours and Grima Awards

Colours are awarded to pupils who fulfil the following criteria:-

- 1 – Full commitment to a major School Sport.
- 2 - Performance - personal/team development.
- 3 - Regular attendance at training.
- 4 - Attitude - a mature approach and a willingness to learn.

Under 12

Most Improved Player Sam Norton

Most Valuable Player Nick Watson

Colours - New Awards: Jimmy Bullough, Nick Watson, Gavin Ackers-Johnson, Mark Hall

Under 13

Most Improved Player Peter Kulik

Most Valuable Player Josh Peacock

Colours - Re Awards: Phillip Woodhead, Joe Altham, Harry Bullough

Colours - New Awards: Josh Peacock, Peter Kulik, Jake Starkey, Adam Yates, Jesse Teiti, Rory Roberts

Junior Colts

Most Improved Player Harry Bailey

Most Valuable Player Jonny Moore

Colours - Re-Awards: Sam Tipping, James Marshall, Jonny Moore, Rhys Davies, David Wellock, David Stockdale

Colours - New Awards: Joel Stockton, Tom Stoddart, Sam Liu, Dominic Phillips, Harry Bailey,

Junon Chan, Ben Franks, Jake Fassenfeld

Colts

Most Improved Player Alex Witek

Most Valuable Player Frank Trueman

Senior

Full Colours Re-Awards: David Clements, Matthew Burton

Full Colours New Awards: James Hardacre, James Adley, Tom Baines, James Hopkinson, Anthony Connor Ben Bolland, Matthew Kitching, Jonathan Baker, Ben Taylor, James Procter, William Roberts, Andrew Foulds Mikael Paylor, Justin Murr

Half Colours Re-Awards: Mark Taylor, Duncan Bullock, Tom Hoare, David Eells

Half Colours New Awards: James Hart, Oliver Cowell-Smith, Chris Holden, Harmic Davidkhanian, Robert Marshall, Chris Reeday, Addison Southam, William Bell, Felix Taylor, Adam McLachlan, Jerry O'Reilly

Other Information

	Top try scorer		Top Points scorer	
1st XV	AJ Connor & M Burton	5	Andrew Foulds	65
2nd XV	Chris Holden	3	Chris Holden	15
Colts	Ben Thoy	13	Ben Thoy	65
Jnr Colts	Jake Fassenfeld	9	Jake Fassenfeld	54
U13's	Joshua Peacock	22	Joshua Peacock	110
U12's	Gavin Ackers- Johnson	19	Gavin Ackers-Johnson	95

House Swimming 2004

Junior Championship (Years 7 & 8)

1st Toller
 2nd Petyt
 3rd Hartley
 4th Ermysted's

Overall House Championship

1st Toller
 2nd Hartley
 3rd Ermysted's
 4th Petyt

Inter Championship (Years 9 & 10)

1st Hartley
 2nd Ermysted's
 3rd Toller
 4th Petyt

Victor Ludorum Winners

Junior (Years 7 & 8) Luke Maude
 Inter (Years 9 & 10) Bradley Robertson-Welsh

Parents' Association Report

The onset of the school year started with a farewell to Maureen Wharton who had been chairman of the PA for several years. Many thanks to her for her endless hours of fund raising for Ermysted's.

Several other key members of the PA committee also moved on which left us rather depleted and with no chairman. The A.G.M. came and went without the post being filled and the year commenced. After a couple of months I discovered myself filling the post, so rather reluctantly I took it on in a more official capacity.

A recruitment drive was necessary for committee members and following the new parents PA Wine and Cheese evening a new group of enthusiastic and lively parents from Year 7 boys stepped forward and immediately played an extremely important role in helping us raise around £15,000 throughout the year.

The fund raising events started with a talk from some of the Calendar Girls who had us laughing and crying with an excellent account of their experiences. The money raised from this evening was split between the PA and Leukaemia Research.

The Christmas Raffle raised £3,500; the bribe of a selection box to boys who sold 10 or more tickets seemed to work as we made more money than usual. (Although I do feel if every boy made the effort to sell ten we should raise £6,000). Thanks to all parents who not only brought the tickets but also contributed a prize.

December brought the Wassail Evening, more people than ever were squeezed into the Memorial Hall. Mr. Gregory led the choir in a roof raising performance of Carols and Christmas ditties. The mulled wine was as excellent as ever and encouraged everyone to join in, a great event to get us into the Christmas spirit.

The New Year brought the usual round of fund raising events. The Quiz was as popular and competitive as ever. It was really nice to see teams from the youngsters who put up a great performance. The Jazz and Jive went with a Bang- I'm not sure whether this was the hand pumped beer, or the players reminiscing over their German experience or the fact that several boys were leaving the school and were wanting to make their mark. (Over £1,000 was raised). The five- a- side football seemed harder to organise than usual, eventually 8 teams entered, with the boys team retaining the trophy.

I hope you all enjoyed the Animal Quiz, many thanks to Ann Chew who created it. We had messages of appreciation from far and wide and requests for it to become an annual event!

Finally the year ended with a rather damp Summer Fayre, the rugby tournament organised by Mr. Simpson was the most appropriate event of the day, although the young shepherd drew many people out of the school onto the grass to brave the weather. The 20ft slide was as popular as last year, and we did a roaring trade on the 2nd hand uniform stall. The contributions of cakes, bottles, chocolates etc were magnificent, thanks to everyone who helped or contributed in anyway.

I hope you have enjoyed these events and I would like to thank everyone who attends, contributes and helps, without your generosity none of this would be possible. £7,000 worth of equipment was bought for the school, with another £6,000 promised.

Clare Woodhead EGS PA Chairman

Old Boys' Society

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2003 – 2004 Annual Report.

Those of you who were present at the 2003 A.G.M. held on Founders' Day at School will know that the Society is healthy and financially sound. The Income and Expenditure Account shows a balance of £8,553, while the Investment Account stands at £36,108.

As previously reported, the Investment Account assets are the result of a legacy some years ago, and have been held in reserve to assist the School in specific projects as identified by the President.

The position of lady members of staff was discussed at the A.G.M., as you all know members of teaching staff are honorary members of the Society. As yet no lady member of staff has expressed an interest in attending the Annual Dinner; the consensus of the meeting was that, when it does happen, the ladies should be made welcome. This does not mean that Old Boys can bring their ladies to the Dinner, it remains a "members only" event, and as yet there are no female pupils at Ermysted's.

After discussion at the A.G.M. the appointment of a Chairman-elect was postponed until the 2004 A.G.M., it was felt that appointing somebody to the position 2 years ahead of their appointment of Chairman was not advisable; asking somebody to commit themselves for what in effect is a five year spell.

The election of officers was straight forward, all being re-elected unopposed.

Since the A.G.M. a sum of £20,000 was been offered to the School from the Investment Account in the form of a grant towards a need to raise sponsorship of £50,000 to support the School's application for Specialist School status in Mathematics and Computing. Success in this application would result in the school receiving extra funding towards these subjects for a period of five years.

Unfortunately, on this occasion, the application was unsuccessful, but the President assures me that the rejection of a school's first application is not unusual, and that a further application will soon be made.

The Founders' Day Dinner was once again a success, upward of 150 members enjoyed a pleasant evening, with John Spencer, Chairman of Governors entertaining us with an excellent speech. Profits from the evening, as usual mainly from the Bar and Raffle, were £1575. The Raffle proceeds had been promised, by the A.G.M., to the History Department to assist them in their research into Old Boys who were killed in the First World War. I am pleased to report that a sum of £667:85 was made available to them, thank you all who contributed at the Dinner.

At the Dinner a presentation was made, on behalf of the Society, to Roger Ll. Whittaker, who has retired as Chairman of the School Governors after 25 years in the position. During that time Roger has overseen probably the biggest changes the school has seen since it moved to the present site; I know that his efforts have been greatly appreciated by all. Incidentally, Roger was Chairman of the Society for the years 1976 to 1978, immediately preceding his tenure as Chairman of Governors.

The new C.D.T. block was formally opened on December 1st. 2003 by the Duke of Kent, the Society's officers were among the invited guests on that occasion.

The situation regarding the Library appears to have been resolved, the room known to older members as "Big School" will be refurbished as the main library. The old gymnasium is to be heightened with a second floor being added.

The swimming baths have, unfortunately, had to be closed. The Governors took the decision because they were, in effect, "leaking" too much money in the long-term.

Another closure, by the North Yorkshire Education Authority, has been the Cricket pavilion. The condition of the pavilion has been a concern of the school for some time, but as the L.E.A. are the owners of the pavilion the school was in no position to spend any money on it. The replacement of the pavilion is, as yet, not decided.

The canteen, a pre-fabricated building dating from the 1940's, is, at last, coming to the end of its life. Again the owners are the L.E.A.; they have agreed to fund a replacement building, built on the Sanatorium site. This building, and a replacement cricket pavilion if built, becomes the responsibility of the school on completion.

On the sports side of the Society activities, the annual rugby match against Giggleswick Old Boys seems to be back on the fixture list after a short hiatus. This match is usually played on the Sunday after Founders' Day. Please watch the "Craven Herald and Pioneer" for details of venue and time of kick-off. Will interested potential playing members please contact Steve Howarth at School.

The annual cricket match against the boys continues, interested potential playing members please contact Ken Oxley.

Golf is, at the moment, the busy sport. We have the Hitchen Trophy, played for by Old Boys during May each year and we now play against the School during the Ermysted's Open competition. The annual match against Giggleswick Old Boys continues to thrive, after 2 consecutive draws the 2003 match saw the Society coming out winners 3 matches to 1. Would golfers interested in playing in any of the above next season please contact the undersigned.

When Chris Davies retired due to ill health he presented a trophy to be played for at the annual "School -v- Society" cricket match. Your committee decided that, upon Chris's death, the trophy should be re-named "The Chris Davies Memorial Trophy". The meeting approved unanimously, it was agreed that Chris's wife and parents should be approached for their approval. This has been done and approval gained.

As you can see, the Society is in good health. Your Committee thanks you all for your support, if you know any Old Boy who is not a paid-up member of the Society please encourage them to join, the more subscriptions we can achieve the more we can do to help YOUR school.

Len Price.

Hon. Sec.

Life as a boarder at Ermysted's

I was a day boy travelling by train from Grassington from 1928 to 1932. My parents then moved to Litton and I was transferred to "School House" as a boarder for the best part of a year until I got a job.

Looking back I will not say Dotheboys Hall but by present standards food was poor. Vitamins were unknown. We had one good meal a day at mid-day, meat, sometimes salt beef with mashed potatoes and cabbage followed by rice or suet pudding.

Boarders had breakfast consisting of oatmeal porridge and for instance half a kipper or half a meat pie with bread and margarine with a little butter mixed in, and jam.

At tea time we just had bread and jam.

Boarders had tuck boxes supplied from home containing jam and cake.

We slept in a dormitory; I think two levels above what was then "Big School", rows of narrow beds on each side of the room. In the same room were six or eight wooden screened "studies" where the boys did their homework, each of them housing two or three boys. There the boys also kept their tuck boxes containing jam and cakes which the parents supplied and maintained, and other personal effects. These "studies" were the only places at the school which the boys could call "home".

We were allowed into town on Saturday afternoons and we went to church both morning and afternoon on Sundays. The crocodiles of boarders from Ermysted's and girls from the High School were on opposite sides of the road at the same time and there was a lot of eye contact and whispering. It was often known which boy fancied which girl. I remember there were quite a lot of darlings in their black uniforms and hats with ribbons and black stockings. My heart gave a leap whenever I caught a glimpse of a girl I loved from afar.

We boarders had the great pleasure of a couple of extra hours of woodwork on Saturdays which I enjoyed very much.

I do not know when Ermysted's stopped taking boarders but I have a photograph from 1933 when I was there when there were 23 boys.

All who were at Ermysted's enjoyed a good mental and physical education and still retain an affection for the place "70 year on", those who are still alive of course.

Ralph T. Hannam (Now living in Iceland)

Old Boys' News

Obituaries

Mike Fethney – former master of Ermysted's – died May 2004. He was born in Bradford in 1931. After National Service he went to Oxford University to study modern history. He had two spells at Ermysted's, firstly as an RE teacher and then returned in 1968 in charge of running the boarding house.

Kevin Petrie – former science teacher at Ermysted's - died October 2003 aged 90. Born in Manchester 1913. Worked briefly in the cotton industry before joining the family engineering firm Petrie McNaught while studying for a degree in chemistry. In 1964 he married and moved to Settle. They became the first wardens of the Quaker meeting house in Kirkgate. He got a teaching job at Ermysted's where he worked until he retired in 1976.

Tim Binyon – died October 2004. After leaving Ermysted's and following National Service attended Oxford University as an Exhibitioner in 1956 taking Russian and German. After lecturing at Leeds University he returned to Oxford as a Senior Research Fellow a post he held until retirement in 2003. He was chief guest on Founders' Day a few years ago.

Colin Heselton – died February 2004 aged 69. Born in 1934 in Kirkby Malham he attended Ermysted's but had to leave early to get a job to help support his mother after the death of his father. He worked for Preston Farmers and their successors for almost 50 years.

Dr Christopher Shepherd died February 2004 aged 63. He was born in Keighley in 1940. After leaving Ermysted's he studied medicine at Christ's College, Cambridge and Guy's Hospital, London. In 1969 he started as a GP at Ilkley Health Centre. In 1971 he became part time clinical assistant in ophthalmology at Skipton and Airedale hospitals and in 1985 part time ophthalmology assistant at Wharfedale General Hospital. He continued in these two posts until his death.

John Daggett – died December 2003 aged 90. On leaving Ermysted's became apprentice overlooker at the family's weaving mill in Broughton Road. He married in 1933 and had 6 children. He served in the Duke of Wellington's regiment and became sergeant seeing action in Iceland and Normandy. He took part in the D-Day landings, the Italian campaign and received shrapnel wounds. He worked for many years at Mark Nutter Mills in Sackville Street and later Woodrow Universal in Cross Hills.

Harry G Chester 1931-36 – Died Jan 2004 aged 83 in York. Played rugby for first XV.

Ronald Chadwick died August 2004 aged 85. Born in Colne but moved to Lothersdale in 1939 when he married Madge – they were married for 64 years. He fought throughout the Battle of Britain and D-Day Landings with the Royal Air Force and later worked for Rolls Royce. For the last 16 years lived in Saltburn, Cleveland.

John Mitchell – died March 2004 aged 67. Was brought up in Zimbabwe and the Congo but returned to England for good in 1952 and attended Ermysted's. He trained first as an architect and later as a teacher. He became deputy head of Hothfield Primary School before retiring in 1989.

Marriages

Ian Hall from Thorpe married Ruth Charnley of Buckden at All Angel's Church, Hubberholme in November 2003. They will live in Threshfield.

Daniel Colley, eldest son of former mayor Richard Colley married Isabel Wall at St Stephen's Church, Skipton in July 2004. Daniel is a creative director of a London advertising agency. They will continue to live and work in London.

Other News

Harry Watson aged 82 swam 100 lengths in March to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Relief

Graham Williamson and **Martin Windle** earned Skipton Cricket Club a place in the record books. They both claimed three wickets in three balls against Addingham in the Waddilove Cup.

Andrew Wiggan, studying engineering at Cambridge headed for Thailand to build a water supply for remote villages.

Brothers **Christopher** and **James Mason** have now both graduated with first class degrees in Geography from Cambridge University. Christopher from Christ's College in 2001 and James from Selwyn College in 2004.

James Mason took part in the prestigious Varsity cross-country race over Wimbledon Common. He was the leading Cambridge runner coming second individually with his team first. In the 23km Mont Blanc Mountain Race at Chamonix he finished 7th in the Men's under 23.

Mark Roodhouse has been awarded a Doctorate of Philosophy from University of Cambridge. He now lectures on history at the University of York.

Kevin Ellis has been appointed chief executive of West Yorkshire Metropolitan Ambulance Service NHS Trust

Trevor Jones ex Boarder has released an album. It is titled Stories We Could Tell by Miracle Mile.

Edward Hudspeth travelled to Kenya to work on Community and conservation projects.

James Green graduated from University of Durham with a 2.2 Hons degree in Software Engineering.

Jonathan Shakespeare was awarded BA (Hons) in Transport Design by Coventry University.

Chris Spurgin represented Cambridge in the Lacrosse Varsity seconds. (Studying at Sidney Sussex College)

Karl Potts joined the Commando Training Centre of the Royal Marines in summer 2003. At their recent passing out parade, in addition to receiving the Green Beret – the distinctive hallmark of Commando troops, he was awarded the King's Badge, an award that goes to the best all round recruit in the King's Squad.

Adam Binns has been appointed senior surveyor at international firm Jones Lang LaSalle.

Blake Morrison has received an honorary doctorate from the University of Bradford in recognition of his contributions as a writer and poet.

Howard Topper is going to Hong Kong to become head of maths at a school in Clearwater Bay.

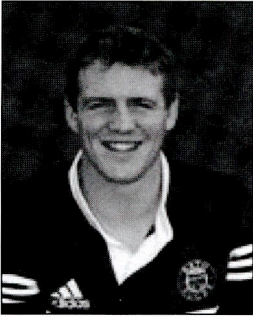
David Hudson retired from the Skipton Building Society after working there for 40 years. He was head of facilities and played a key role in moving the headquarters into the Bailey.

Dave Smith retired from Skipton Building Society as its longest serving employee having worked there for 41 years. He was project manager for the move to the Bailey.

Philip Jones graduated from University of Wales, Bangor with a BSc in Marine Biology/Zoology

Out of the Archives

England World Cup Rugby hero, Mike Tindall, can lay claim to a fine rugby pedigree - going all the way back to Ermysted's in the early 20th Century...



Mike Tindall, MBE, Bath and England Rugby star, played a crucial part in England's 2003 World Cup triumph in Australia. The powerful centre has strong Yorkshire roots, being born in Otley and educated at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Wakefield. Furthermore, his grandfather, Douglas Tindall, attended Ermysted's between 1917 and 1924, following in the footsteps of his brothers and cousin.

Douglas Tindall was born on 18 October 1907 son of Arthur Tindall, a blacksmith. Douglas attended Brougham Street Council School before starting at Ermysted's in September 1917. Being local he was a 'Day Boy' and his 'Petyt Scholarship' gave his family an exemption from fees. Two brothers preceded him at Ermysted's: Arthur (1907-12) and George (1909-1914).

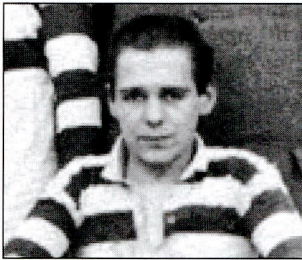
Douglas played for the 1st XV from 1921 to 1924, achieving the vice captaincy in his final season. Like his grandson, he was a back, and possessed good handling and tackling skills. Team Characters from Easter 1924 records:

"An excellent opportunist; has a sure pair of hands; is good in defence. He uses the blind side perhaps too frequently"

Guided by headmaster and former Skipton RUFC stalwart, A.M. McIntosh, the 1923-24 team achieved an excellent playing record: played 13, won 11, lost 1, drawn 1, points scored 282 and points against 60. And a result that might upset Mike: Ermysted's 7, Wakefield Grammar School 5!

Douglas would have captained the 1st XV in the 1924-25 season, but he left school in July 1924 to take up a career in banking.

Other facts about Douglas, revealed by the Chronicles, include 'Physical Measurements' for 1923 which records him, aged 16, as 5' 3 and 8 st. 4 lbs. - a far cry from the 6'2, 14 st. 7 lbs. that Mike boasts as a modern Rugby professional. He also played cricket for the 1st XI, being considered a potentially good 'break bowler', but an "impatient bat".



*Douglas Tindall
- from 1st XV team photo of 1922-23*

On the academic front, he achieved a Northern Universities Joint Matriculation Board School Certificate in 1922. He also found time to take part in the Debating Society, and sat on its 'Committee'. At the 1922 Speech Day he received the senior Mathematics and Form 'Va' prizes.

As well as Douglas' rugby exploits in the early 1920s, the Tindalls of Skipton had already provided some prominent players for the School in the pre-war era. His brother, George, captained the 1st XV in 1912-13. Harry Tindall, Douglas' cousin, had been an outstanding half-back and was awarded his 'cap' in 1913. Unfortunately Harry was killed whilst on military service in September 1916, at the battle of the Somme. The family connection at Ermysted's is still alive today: Douglas' nephew, Mike Lawson, an 'Old Boy', works as a science department technician at Ermysted's.

Trips, Visits and Functions

Information and Communication Technology

ICT at Ermysted's has grown steadily over recent years and is now taught to all students in each year as they progress through the school. Success at GCSE has been built on this year with the completion of the first running of ICT at A Level after a 100% success rate at AS last summer.



During the second year of the A Level course students are encouraged to use the knowledge gained during the first year and apply it to wider 'real life' situations. In order to help make this transition students visited Yorkshire Water - an organisation which invests heavily in Information and Communications Technology.

The visit included a tour round the Yorkshire Water control centre in Bradford where the flow of all of Yorkshire's water can be controlled from a small number of computers. Students also saw the main computer centre as well as visiting the customer call centre at Thornbury.

Mr Greenfield

Simbach 2003

Unser Reporter Neil Iveson hat vier Austauschschüler über den Austausch gefragt:

Wie war die Reise?:

Tom Pascoe: Es hat viel Zeit gedauert aber es war nicht zu unbequem.

Ben Andrews: Am Mittwoch, um zwölf Uhr dreißig, sind wir abgefahren.

Michael Greenwood: Wir sind die ganze Nacht gefahren und dann sind wir um dreizehn Uhr angekommen.

Alistair Everet: Die Reise hat einen Tag gedauert aber es war nicht langweilig, weil wir Videos gesehen haben.

Wie waren die deutschen Partnerfamilien?

M.G.: Die deutschen Leute waren sehr freundlich und sie waren auch sehr gastfreundlich.

A.E.: Sie mögen Musik sehr gern und sie waren alle stark in Englisch.

Was hast du gemacht?

B.A.: Am Wochenende sind wir nach München gefahren. Wir sind mit einem Zug gefahren, die zwei Stockwerke hatte. Wir haben da Geschenke für unsere Familien gekauft.

T.A.: Wir haben viele Ausflüge gemacht. Wir sind überall mit dem Bus gefahren.

Was haben die Lehrer gemacht?

M.G.: Herr Jones hat natürlich sehr viel Deutsch gesprochen und Herr Blanchard hat viele Zigaretten geraucht.

T.P.: Sie haben auch Alkohol getrunken, deswegen haben sie in der Disco getanzt. Sie sind immer auf den Ausflügen mitgekommen und waren viel freundlicher als in der Schule.

Was war der Höhepunkt?

A.E.: Der beste Ausflug war zum Königssee. Wir sind mit einem Boot zu dem kleinen Dorf St. Bartholomä gefahren.

M.G.: Die Landschaft war sehr schön. Es gab sehr große Berge. Die Alpen.

B.A.: Und das Wetter war auch schön.

T.P.: Es war sonnig und warm.

Würdest du wieder nach Simbach fahren?

B.A.: Ja, es war sehr interessant und es hat viel Spaß gemacht. Wir haben sehr viel umgangssprachliche Wörter gelernt, wie „Grüß di“.

T.P.: Ja. Wir haben gelernt, wie die Deutschen eigentlich sprechen, eher als wie es in Büchern steht.

Château du Baffy, Normandy

One dark Tuesday evening in May, a group of 43 year 8 and 9 boys and several teachers, namely Mme Leblond, Mrs. Hudson, Mr. Grady, Mr. Smith and Mr. Wiggan, left school for Château du Baffy in Normandy. We drove through the early hours of Wednesday morning and we arrived in Dover at around 7am GMT. By around 9am ECT, we had arrived in Calais and continued our coach journey. Any feelings of boredom were soon alleviated when Mme Leblond handed out the workbooks, which were a source of great entertainment for all the boys.



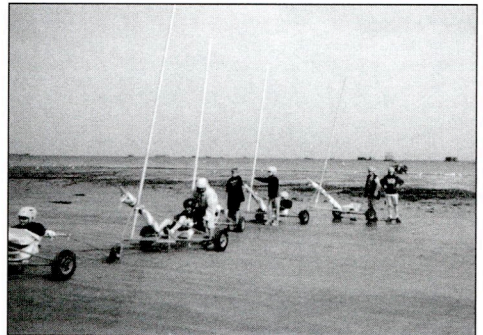
At some point in the afternoon we arrived in Honfleur, a small fishing village, famed (so we were told) for its picturesque houses and general picturesqueness, where we would be set free to roam the sites. Mrs. Hudson suggested the church, or the harbour as particularly interesting. Of course, being sophisticated Ermysted's boys, we went straight to the cultural highlight of the village, the carousel. A good time was had by all - apart from those who were embarrassed at being seen with a group of 13 and 14 year old boys on a children's ride. After the thrills of the carousel, we went and bought crêpes in stuttered French (jay er erm voudray erm er une er crep avec uh sugar) until Mme Leblond and Mrs. Hudson came to rescue us.

Some hours later, we finally reached Château du Baffy.

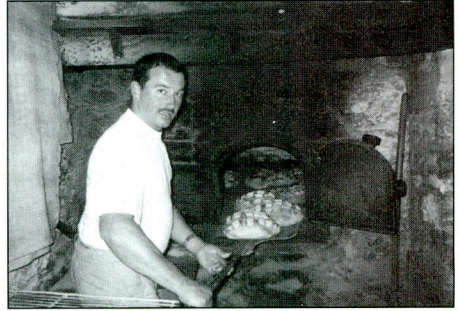
The next morning we got back on the coach for the hour long journey to Mont St. Michel. Once we had crossed the causeway and arrived on the mount, we ascended the many, many steps to the top, where we looked around the abbey which was all very ornate with lots to see. Of particular interest were the many photos and drawings of feet in the monks' dining room. Why so many feet, we do not know. God moves in mysterious ways. After a brief interlude for lunch we began a tour of the museums and shops on the mount. The museums were all fascinating, particularly Archeoscope. We all watched in amazement as a plastic model of Mont St. Michel rose out of heavily chlorinated water to the sound of opera and French we couldn't understand. After this we saw The History Museum, Tiphaine House and the Maritime Museum. Many boys also took the opportunity to buy authentic berets at €10 each. I however, went for a more tasteful glow-in-the-dark St. Michael. A good, if expensive, time was had by all.

We then returned to our Château where it was revealed that we were not the only ones to have bought authentic French souvenirs. Mr. Grady had bought a solid gold (we were told) model of Mont St. Michel. To decide who would get this worthy reward, he announced that we would be having "The Mont St. Michel Tournament". We discovered a large football pitch on the outskirts of the village, where this tournament was to be played. And play we did, to varying degrees of success. Of course, Mrs. Hudson's team did have an obvious advantage; with her football prowess and with chants like "L'équipe Hudson, Mobilise!" (The team Hudson, energize!) we couldn't fail.

The next morning we travelled to a spot on the beach where we were to partake in the activity of land yachting. Once we had been provided with the appropriate kit, we got into pairs and wheeled our land yachts out onto the beach. The wind was blowing strongly while we listened to Mrs. Hudson translate instructions from the instructor. Soon we were able to begin the char à voile (land yachting). However, the wind was now not blowing strongly and was merely a gentle breeze. This meant that, rather than gliding blissfully across the golden sands, at the will of the wind, we rolled a metre or two before coming to a shuddering halt, at which point the other person in the pair had to run after and push. By the end of the morning, there were many aching legs backs and arms. When the wind did pick up a bit, which it did every now and then, it was very fun.



We then got back on the coach to make our way to the bakery. We drove and drove for quite some time, but eventually, we reached the bakery. It was shut. It was also the wrong bakery. We drove some more and soon came to the right bakery. It was unanimously agreed, however, that the long drive was justified, as we all gazed, enraptured, as Jérôme Marie, the baker, put dough into a stone oven, only to take it out again some minutes later, transformed into bread! It was fascinating to hear all the details of how traditional French bread is made, from putting the bacteria into the dough, to cutting it up with a razor blade. After a brief opportunity to purchase bread and other such items, we hurried on to Bayeux, for the final of the day's activities. We split into groups to visit the tapestry, do the town trail, and visit the War Museum.



On the final full day of our trip we first went back to Bayeux, where we were set loose into the market, in groups of 3 or 4, with the task of buying our own lunch. We were amazed by the wide array of food on offer, and how much €20 could buy. We found such bargains as the new "A la recherche d'une nouvelle star" (French Pop Idol) CD for only €5, with such hits as, "Elle a les yeux revolver" (she has revolving eyes), "Je voudrais mourir" (I would like to die) and "La bombe humaine" (The human bomb) (NB All translations were what we thought at first, and may not necessarily be correct.). Later on that day, Mme Leblond impressed us all with her singing skills as she revealed that "Elle a les yeux revolver" was a song she knew and loved.

We then made the journey to Cherbourg and La Cité de la Mer. There were various aquariums, as well as displays on ocean exploration and other sea-related topics. Of particular interest was Le Redoutable, France's first nuclear submarine. We were taken on a remarkable guided tour of the vessel, and saw everything, from the nuclear missiles to the rather luxurious, Thunderbirds-like officer's mess. After that enlightening visit, we visited the Carrefour hypermarket. Once the teachers had all purchased their essentials, we returned to the Château where after another meal we completed the Mont St. Michel Tournament. To our bitter disappointment, L'équipe Hudson did not win, despite our clear advantages. We were appeased somewhat when we received our prizes for the most original lunch - some lovely penholders with built-in thermometers with some blue liquid inside and little fishes. After this, there was a disco held in conjunction with the Welsh pupils who were staying in the annex.

It was agreed that the trip had been a success, and one which the staff wished to repeat another year. Mr. Wiggan was particularly vociferous in his praise of us. In conclusion, a good time was had by all.

James Januszewski

Un Voyage en France

Je suis allé avec un groupe d'élèves de mon collège en France. Le voyage a duré six heures, et nous sommes allés en car pour la plupart, mais nous avons voyagé en bateau pour traverser la Manche. D'abord, nous avons visité Honfleur, une belle, petite ville. Nous avons visité le vieux port pittoresque et j'ai acheté des frites pour mon déjeuner.

Notre résidence, le Château du Baffy, était très bien et les gens étaient très sympa et gentils. Le lendemain, nous sommes allés au Mont Saint Michel. J'ai vu la belle architecture et j'ai acheté un beret! Il faisait très beau et il faisait chaud. En rentrant, nous avons joué au foot comme tous les jours.

Vendredi, nous sommes allés à Bayeux pour faire du char à voile. C'était bien, mais il n'y avait pas assez de vent pour aller vite. Ensuite, nous avons visité un musée de guerre. C'était très intéressant, mais triste en même temps. Avant de visiter le musée, nous sommes allés à une boulangerie et nous avons regardé la fabrication du pain.

Samedi, nous sommes allés au marché de Bayeux et nous avons dû choisir notre déjeuner. J'ai acheté du saucisson avec des pommes frites et, comme dessert, un éclair. C'était très bien et il faisait très chaud.

Pour moi, la meilleure partie des vacances était notre visite à La Cité de la Mer à Cherbourg. J'ai vu beaucoup de poissons et nous avons visité un sous-marin. C'était très intéressant et j'ai aimé ça. Dimanche, nous sommes rentrés en Angleterre, mais je ne voulais pas quitter la France. Mon séjour là-bas m'a beaucoup plu et j'espère que je pourrai bientôt retourner en France.

Andrew Hillam

Oxbridge Open Day Visits

Oxford - 29th-30th June

Cambridge - 1st-2nd July

By Oliver Gregory

Our experience of Oxford commenced immediately with a tour of the city in the minibus, the logic being I suppose that uncomfortable as the 5 hour journey from Skipton had been, by this stage our bottoms were passed caring. As a graduate of Worcester College himself Mr. Jones played tour guide, his voiceover doing for Oxford what John Motson does for international football - his enthusiasm for remarkably dull facts and figures rendering something that at least looks interesting almost unwatchable. Still, his typically German instinct for efficiency ensured that his descriptions of the city were, for a half hour bus ride, pretty exhaustive. They certainly felt like it.

But even the many attractions of Oxford stimulated less comment than Mr Clough's driving did. Unsurprising really - he's the kind of guy that interprets one-way as wrong way and sees 'Stop' signs as a challenge, but then he did seem willing to risk life and limb (albeit not his own) to give us unprecedented access to Oxford's many landmarks, boldly going where no minibus has (legally) gone before.

Joking aside, the two days spent in Oxford were very productive. The group of about twelve was spread out at three separate colleges - Oriel, Worcester and St Anne's - where we were to spend the night. With three others I was put up for the night at Oriel in what can only be described as luxurious en-suite rooms. Those at St Anne's weren't so lucky, housed as they were in rooms resembling prison cells. By the sounds of things, paint flaking off the walls would have been a real luxury - apparently most weren't painted at all.

Having arrived at about 3pm the afternoon was spent exploring the city in small groups. I visited a number of colleges and generally tried to get a feel for the city. With an abundance of good shops and pubs and a fantastic setting Oxford exceeded my expectations. I'm not a fan of small towns or big cities so it was a relief that Oxford is so self-contained, a compact compromise apparently offering the best of both worlds.

Wednesday was far more structured - my college laid on breakfast and lunch with numerous talks, tours and opportunities to meet tutors and students alike in between. Overall the open day was very useful, and I left with much better knowledge of Oxford as a city, the individual colleges and the course I hope to study.

With only a paragraph left to discuss the subsequent two-day visit to Cambridge it's not hard to guess which city left the greater impression on me. The format for the trip to Cambridge was much the same, although with a distinctly more scientific flavour to events. Messrs Clough and Jones had been substituted for Messrs Smith and McLean.

My time spent in Cambridge was certainly useful, even if the only purpose it really served was to persuade me to apply to Oxford instead. One student I spoke to in Oxford gave me vague advice that when choosing between colleges you should pick the one that 'feels' best. In Oxford I got three great meals in a dining hall that wouldn't have looked out of place in Harry Potter, help and useful advice from the staff and students and generally a good time. In Cambridge I got a room key, scowled at by the college porter and had to gatecrash the events at another college because the one I stayed at wasn't providing any information on the subjects I'm interested in. I'm yet to pick a college, but one thing's certain - Oxford felt better.

Year 9 Religious Studies Trip to Bradford

March saw the year 9 students take a trip to visit two prominent religious sites in Bradford: The Central Mosque and The Cathedral. Around 90 pupils and staff made the trip.

The visit to the mosque gave an insight into how members of a Muslim community use their place of worship. Prayer is one of the focal uses of a mosque and what the boys saw reflected that. The place where ritual washing takes place and the two prayer rooms were visited. The building is under construction and the main prayer hall is unfinished – this allowed us to see something of the care and design that goes into the construction of a modern place of worship.

The site of Bradford's Cathedral dates back almost 1400 years. It has been providing a service to schools for over a decade with a full-time education officer. A very full and detailed programme had been arranged for us and we really needed more than the 3 hours allocated to fully do it justice. The themes followed included a tour of the building explaining how it is used as place of worship; Christian signs and symbols; something of the history of the Cathedral and Christianity in Britain and a visit to "Lifelines" a multi-media, interfaith exhibition. The visit contributed to the work covered in the year 9 syllabus, giving students insights into the beliefs and practices of major faith communities.

Lancashire Flame doused by Yorkshire Storm

On Wednesday 14th of July 2004, at Headingley stadium in Leeds, Yorkshire recorded a stunning victory over their close rivals Lancashire in the Twenty20 cup, beating them by 8 wickets. This battle of the titans was aptly renamed 'the war of the roses' and lived up to its name with a vicious battle in which the boys in red were crushed!

The relatively long journey to the stadium could have been seen as a battle in itself as Ermysted's pupils crammed the coach with born and bred Yorkshire boys, all true to the white rose. (A few seats were spared though for the lads in red although any attempts made to chant for Lancashire was soon drowned out by the voices of the white rose's choir of angels.) Before long the gleaming coliseum like stadium was soon in sight and all knew it was only a short time until all voices would be in chorus urging their team to be victorious.

Yorkshire won the toss and put Lancashire in to bat; the reds opened with the infamous Andrew Flintoff, who was on his Twenty20 debut, and M B Loye. This was a short-lived partnership as Loye soon fell under pressure from Yorkshire. He faced only 4 bowls and scored 7 runs, he was caught and bowled by T T Bresnan who performed well overall and kept the reds score down. G Chapple then came in just to be sent back after a short innings of 5 bowls, scoring 2. Hooper followed soon after scoring 16 from 13 bowls. By this time Lancashire had run up a total of 86 with Flintoff starting to accumulate runs quickly. Cork came to the crease facing only 5 bowls, scoring 4; this seemed to be the way Lancashire played their whole innings, all except one man. Andrew Flintoff scored 85 off 48 balls and played brilliantly, his total making up more than half of the final score. Lancashire finished on 168 as all were out after 19.1 overs.

After a good bowling innings from Yorkshire, it was their turn to bat and Harvey and Wood were the targets for Lancashire and keeping the run rate down was essential. Wood failed to score many runs as Anderson and Chapple piled on the pressure with a full on bowling attack, he faced 11 bowls in all and scored 2. Harvey marched on consistently, pushing the ball through any gaps seen on the field. Jaques replaced Wood and had a respectable innings scoring 39 before being dismissed by a good catch from Null. Lumb came in to finish off the match off along side with Harvey after 17.5 overs and finishing on 170. Harvey performed fantastically and finished on an incredible 108 runs off 59 balls, scoring an immense 16 fours and 2 sixes. Harvey's incredible innings was made even better as this was one of his first games after weeks of injury.

This brilliant trip was thoroughly enjoyed by all, even the Lancastrians and was brilliant to watch through all the excitement and tension! This trip would not have been possible but for the time given generously by Mr Greenfield, Mrs Keane, Mr White and Mr Simpson. All the students appreciated all the time and effort put in by the staff and are very grateful for their hard work!

Reuben Gill and James Finucane

Paperclip Physics

Robert Anderson, James Darbyshire, Sam Bradley and James Merrell represented Ermysted's in the annual Paperclip Physics competition in February. They did a presentation on "Rutherford's Scattering and the Structure of the Atom". Their presentation was to a panel of three judges, which consisted of a physics teacher, a physicist and a non-physicist and were judged mainly on how well the non-physicist understood what they said. The presentation had to include practical demonstrations using only household equipment to explain their chosen topic.



The first round was held at Leed's Grammar School on February 18th and included four teams from Yorkshire. The boys had a narrow victory over Hull's Girls' High School to get through to the final round.

The final round was held at London on 31st March where 13 teams from around the British Isles competed. They had each won their regional heats. The competition itself was held at the institute of Physics. The boys had had time to improve upon their original presentation and, accompanied by Mr. Smith, set off at six o'clock in the morning for the three-hour train journey, courtesy of the institute.

The competition was fierce and the result even closer than the previous round – all the more reason to congratulate our team. The name of EGS was again made to echo high places. The boys came an overall second in this national final, each winning a digital camera.

EGS has an excellent record in this competition and have represented Yorkshire in the final round three times in the last five years.

History Visit to Ripon Workhouse

On the 17th October 2003, fourteen pupils studying history in Year 13 went to Ripon Workhouse to carry out an investigation into the ethos of the institution. An afternoon was spent looking at the living, working and sleeping areas of the workhouse and taking in the conditions that the workhouse presented to its occupants. This visit was to support the pupils' studies into the treatment of the poor between 1830-1939 for their A2 'State and the Poor' unit. The visit to the workhouse revealed the complex and changing role that these institutions played with many surprising examples on this site of the growing care that was shown to the poor, rather than the stereotypical harsh regime that is often associated with workhouses. Despite the rather cold weather an interesting afternoon was spent looking at the physical environment of the workhouse and handling the wide range of evidence that has been gathered at Ripon. This has helped to enhance and develop the perceptions of life in 19th century Britain amongst our A2 pupils.

Mr Peters

Latin Reading Competition

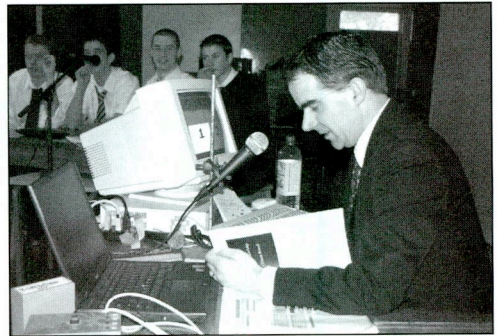
Three Year 9 pupils represented the School in the annual Leeds and District Classical Association Latin Reading Competition. Overall there were a total of 62 entrants from nine schools ('alas went the commentary that only one – Ermysted's – was from the state sector'). Congratulations to Andrew Hillam who was placed first in the Junior event in which there were 33 entrants.

House Quiz

These traditional pre-Christmas events took place with plenty of wit, intelligence and good-humoured banter. The scores were projected onto the back curtain so it was easier to keep track of each quiz, which were with the usual mix of questions from curriculum subjects, general knowledge, mental arithmetic, sport, memory, pictures and novelty topics, in rounds of various formats. Toller were the defending champions but last year's runner-up Ermysted made the early running on day one. They won the Y10 quiz, thanks in particular to some encyclopaedic knowledge demonstrated by Kevin Flatley, and shared victory in the Y11 quiz.

Day two saw Mr. Greenfield increase further the technology via a PowerPoint slide show of the questions for his Y12 and 13 quizzes. These two were shared between Toller and the early pacesetters Ermysted for whom Ben Harrison shone in the Y13 quiz. Toller also took the honours at Y9 to catch up Ermysted in the overall race.

The final day dawned with just the two youngest age groups to go with Toller leading Ermysted by only half a point, with Petyt and Hartley neck and neck battling for third. The unknown potential of the Y7 students was up first and after four questions it was two points each and a close quiz looked in prospect. However thanks to some good all round team knowledge and a star performance from Andrew Cairns, Toller came through as winners and crucially Ermysted were 4th. So Toller were crowned champions again before the last quiz even started. The Y8 quiz was another keenly contested event with the lead changing many times and with Petyt 1 point ahead of Toller with the last question worth 2 points to go. Hartley tried a bit of gamesmanship and buzzed in early but forgot that the question would still be offered. However, Ermysted had the final say to give Petyt a well earned victory in the last quiz.



It was Toller though who won overall thanks to victories at Y12, Y9, Y7 and a shared first at Y11. Well done to everyone involved teams, audience and staff alike for another impressive demonstration of the students' abilities.

School Notes and Miscellanea

From September 2003 the school has a four form entry with up to 120 pupils in the new year 7.

Since a request to hold a wedding in the Memorial Hall the school is now licensed to hold weddings on the premises.

Community Volunteers

Over the last few years pupils in years 12 and 13 have voluntarily taken part in community-based placements. This has involved contact with a wide variety of people and organisations in the Skipton and Craven area. Charities, community based organisations, care homes, hospitals and individual people have all benefited from their help.

On Wednesday afternoons pupils give their time over to conservation work, linking up with local primary schools and welfare groups to help in many diverse ways. Some pupils are placed in charity shops, others help with vital tasks such as shopping for elderly residents in Skipton. Another area of involvement is giving support to charities in administrative and I.T. based work.

The Community Volunteers began during the 2000-01 academic year with nine participants, each year since then there has been over twenty volunteers out in the Skipton and Craven community making a real positive difference to the people around them. It has been pleasing to observe the positive work that all the volunteers have been involved in. Moreover it has been interesting to see the benefits that pupils have derived both socially and personally from their experiences in the community.

Mr Peters

Scott Thwaites

Scott Thwaites won the Year 8 / 9 category at the British Cyclo-Cross Championships in Birmingham last February. This followed his victory at the British National Cycling Championships in January and a Gold Medal at the North of England Championships in December. As a consequence of his successes, he received an invitation to represent the Welsh Cycling Union at the Tour of Kerry in August and to be part of a British Schools' contingent attending the Tour of Achtervelt in Holland during July.

The School Day – from September 2004

An increasing number of boys are taking A level subjects at Skipton Girls' High School – taking subjects that we don't offer and/or subject combinations that don't fit into our option blocks. Likewise a number of girls are attending lessons at Ermysted's.

To make this cooperation possible the school day has been changed to allow travel between the schools. There are still eight periods but the day now takes the following shape:

8.45	9.10am	Registration/Assembly	
9.10	9.45am	Period 1	35 minutes
9.45	10.25am	Period 2	40 minutes
10.25	10.40am	BREAK	
10.40	11.15am	Period 3	35 minutes
11.15	11.55am	Period 4	40 minutes
11.55	12.55pm	LUNCH	1 Hour
12.55	1.00pm	Registration	
1.00	1.35pm	Period 5	35 minutes
1.35	2.15pm	Period 6	40 minutes
2.15	2.30pm	BREAK	
2.30	3.05pm	Period 7	35 minutes
3.05	3.45pm	Period 8	40 minutes

50 Years Ago – 1953/1954

Head of School was A. Langsford.

The Old Boys' Society accounts showed a credit of £29. The Parents' Association reported a credit of £22 8s. 3d.

The School Dramatic Society presented "Noah" for four nights in December at Skipton Town Hall.

M.P. (names were rarely added to articles) had left school in the summer of 1953 and spent four weeks of the summer working for the "Workers' Travel Association" in Bourges, central France. They travelled by bicycle and the whole eight week round trip cost well under 15 pounds!

On January 25th the whole school attended a special afternoon showing of "The Conquest of Everest" at the Premier Cinema.

School cross country was held in March. This year there was no ploughed field to contend with but a barbed wire fence bordering Brackenley Lane proved a new obstacle. Teachers stopped the (small amount of) traffic near the Craven Heifer for the duration of the race to allow boys to cross.

After a request from Parents' Associations from EGS and SGHS, British Rail added a "Through School Special" leaving Barnoldswick at 8.19am calling at Earby at 8.27am and arriving at Skipton at 8.36am.

Members of the school were prominent in the celebrations of the octocentenary anniversary of Bolton Priory. A model of the building as it may have been was presented - this remains on display.

The Royal Belfast Academical Institution was touring Yorkshire and stayed at Ermysted's for one night (in the Sanatorium). They beat the school team.

Speech Day was held in the Odeon Cinema, Skipton.

At least two thirds of boys leaving did not go to university.

School House Scout Troup was restarted and organised a weekend camp in Draughton.

25 Years Ago - 1978/1979

Head of School was S.C. Robson and Deputy was S. Howarth (currently teaching History at Ermysted's).

Mr Arthur Coe stepped down as Chairman of The Governors after eighteen years. His successor was Mr R.L. Whittaker.

At the start of the autumn term there were 466 boys in school with only two forms in the first year. This was the lowest number for some time and it was decided to reorganise the House system. Ermysted and School House (now with few boarders) would become Ermysted while Hartley and Craven would be known as Hartley. Brothers are always in the same house.

Proposals were submitted to the Secretary of State for Education to "admit boys irrespective of ability or aptitude". The Girls' School would do likewise and relocate to Aireville school premises while the Girls' School buildings would provide a joint sixth form with teachers from both schools.

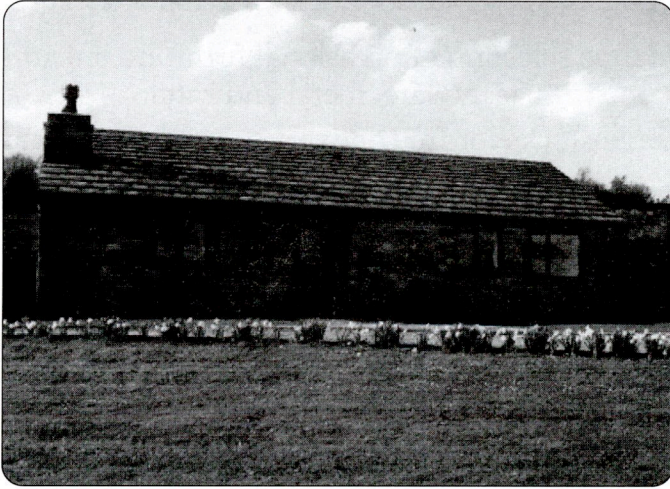
"Jumbo and the Paycock" was presented in the Memorial Hall for four nights in December.

Winter was one of the coldest and snowiest in living memory and in June Walter Hill Beck overflowed after torrential rain and flooded the centre of Skipton.

J.M. Phillips and M.J. Whatley gave a report on their cycling tour of Brittany.

The Parents' Association Garden Party in June, despite poor weather, raised £478.41.

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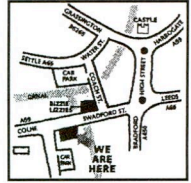
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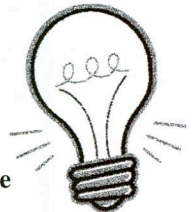
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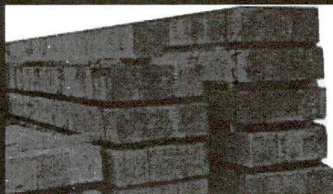


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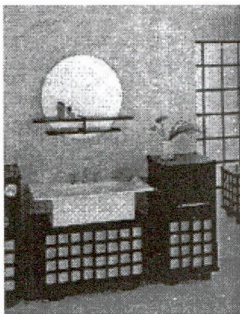
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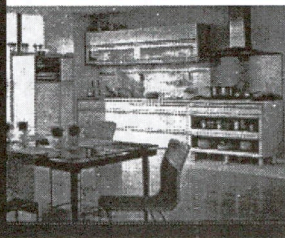


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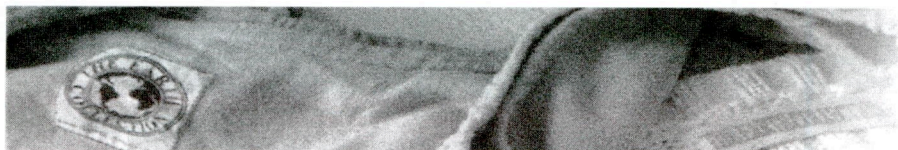
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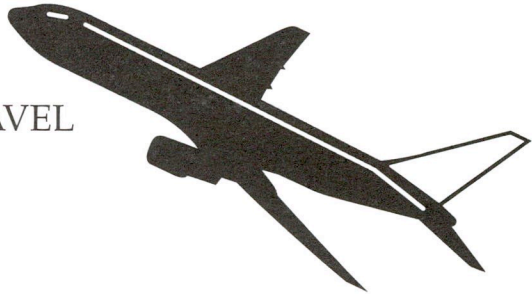
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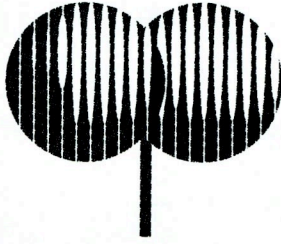
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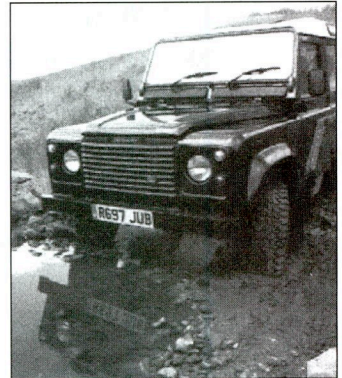
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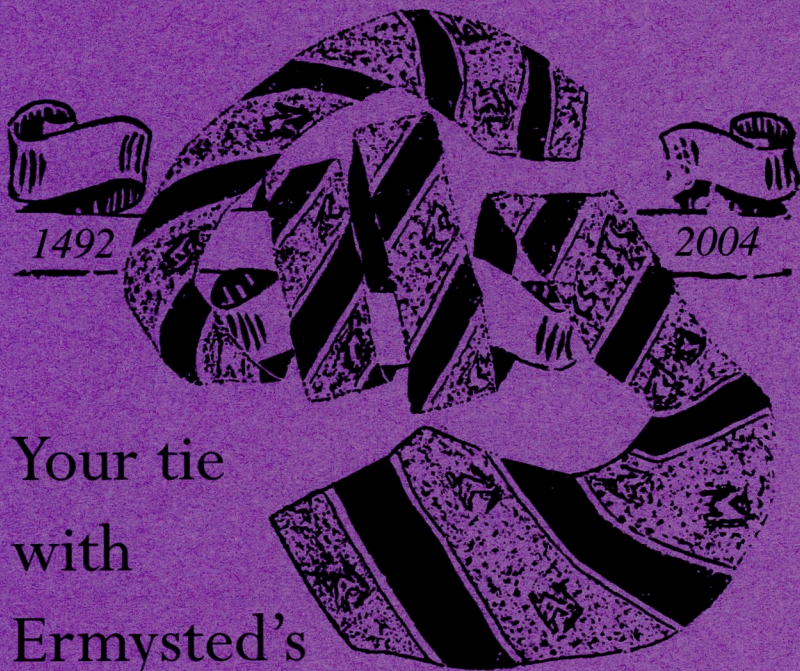
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