

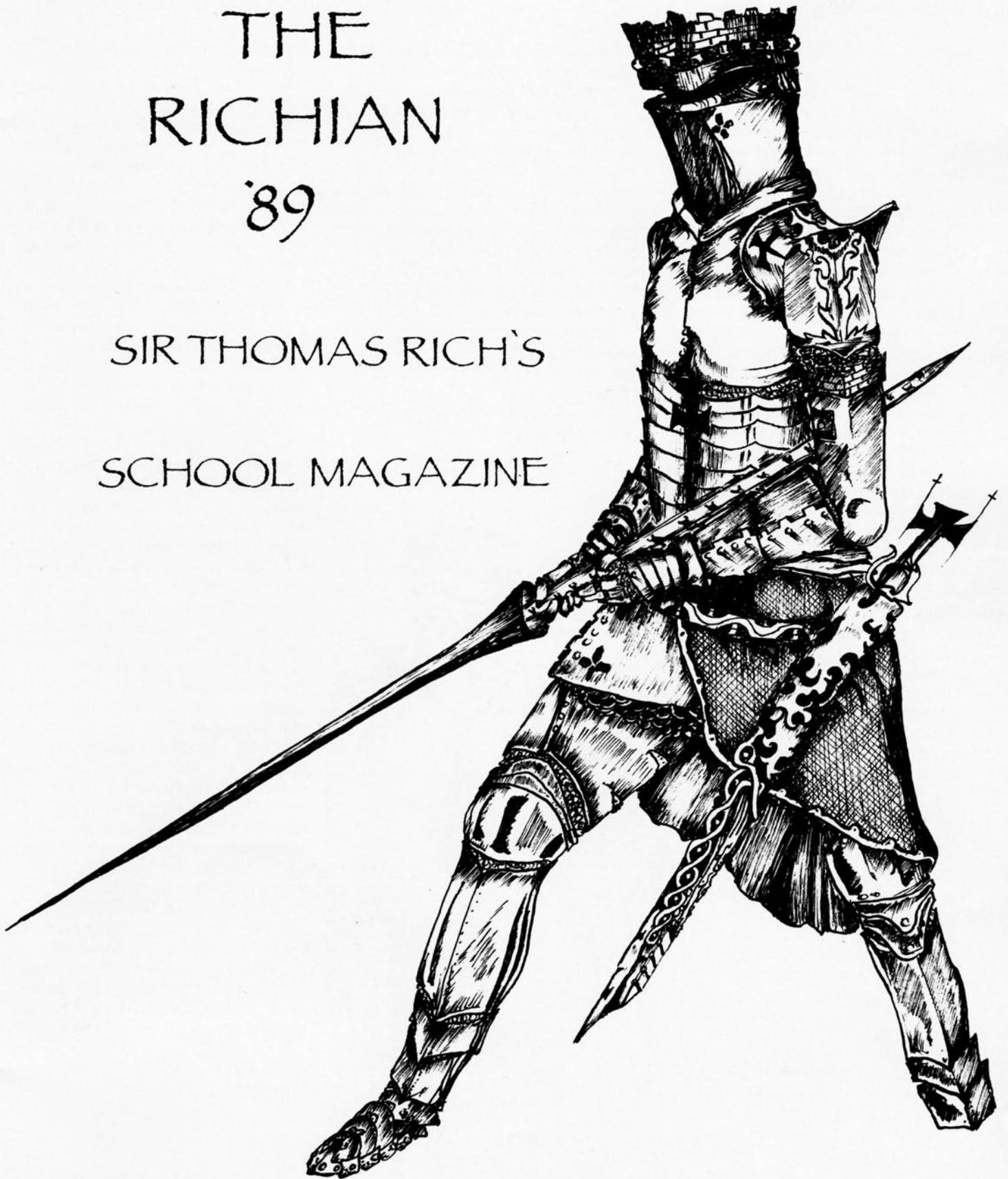


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## School Captain's Report

The year started as usual with the First Year Society Fair held to introduce all newcomers to the school to extra-curricular activities available to them. The event was well organised and well attended, with the Aircraft Society, Dungeons and Dragons Club, Naturalists' Society, Railway Society, Choir and Chess Club being among those represented.

The Guest speaker at Speech Day was Mr. Bain, the ex-headmaster of Longleven's Secondary School. His speech was witty and interesting, making this year's Speech Day unusually enjoyable.

The Carol Services saw a departure from the usual format — the St. John's service this year had a completely new format, although the traditionalists could enjoy the usual service at Holy Trinity.

The main drama production of the year was Gilbert and Sullivan's Trial by Jury, supported by a collection of sea shanties by the choir. The evenings were very enjoyable — congratulations to all involved, both on-stage and behind the scenes. The choir also played numerous anthems in assembly throughout the year.

Traditionally sport has played a significant part in the life of the school, and this year has been no exception, with the usual good performances by the cross-country team and by the rugby squads — congratulations to the under 16 team on winning the city cup. This year there has also been success in basketball, a sport which the school has only recently started playing competitively.

The year saw the departure of Mr. Jones the caretaker. In addition to his job of maintaining the school and grounds he has also provided support for a number of clubs, including the Model Railway Society and Radio Controlled Car Club. We wish him good luck for the future and also wish his replacement Mr. Quinn good luck.

I personally would like to take this opportunity to thank the prefects for their help and support throughout the year. The observers Guy Vassal-Adams and Justin Sargent have proved invaluable through the year, as has the observatrix Karen Hill, who in addition to the daily problems of prefect life has had to put up with the narrow-minded sexism of not only boys of the school, but also the bigotry of Old Richians who object to the presence of girls in 'their' school.

Good Luck to next year's School Captain and Prefects — I hope their time is as enjoyable and rewarding as mine.

*R. Freckleton*

## Parents' Association

The months have quickly passed as it certainly doesn't appear to be a year since my last report.

This year saw the retirement of Bruce Sergeant as Treasurer, a post that he had held for nine years. However, we are not losing sight of him, as he switched jobs with Dave Willetts, and is now our Auditor — Thanks Bruce for a good job well done.

With Don Lyne putting the covenants in order, we have been able to make even more money available to the School (in excess of £6,000). However, I must sound a cautionary note for the future as with the drop in the number of pupils entering the school, and also the Chancellor reducing the standard rate of tax to 25%, there will inevitably be a drop in the covenants, which are of course our main source of income.

During November and December, the P.A. were involved in intense activity over the possibility of Sir Thomas Rich's opting out of the L.E.A. control under the Education Reform Act. However, not everyone thought that this was advisable, and after much discussion, it was decided to put the interest of the School first and not pursue it.

Finally it is with much regret that at the time of going to press, I have to report that the Annual P.A. Dance had to be cancelled due to lack of support. Only 50 or so tickets were sold, and when one considers that there must be up to 800 parents, there is only one word that sums up the position — **PATHETIC.**

It does seem that a lot of parents have forgotten that the Association is there to help support the School and to buy some essentials, as well as those little extras, so please let us have your support in the future.

*D.W. Finch*  
Secretary



# FAREWELL

## Monsieur Ian Cutting

Ici est un contribution des franglais-parleurs. Quel bonhomme extraordinaire! Le chef du departement francophone quitte nous. Comme il a combatte le franglais, comme il est parle ici! Mais c'est une bataille perdante, mon brave. Tu as fait un formidable effort, mais les petits ignorants ne savent la qualite quand il est devant la face.

Pensons aux journees aux parts etranges, les landes bizarres que Mme Thatcher ignore. L'organisation de M. Cutting : un chef d'oeuvre de sens commun anglo-saxon avec le kepi francais et beaucoup de bonhomie et badinage. C'est un veritable Thomas Cook personifie.

Et quelles plaisanteries! Avez-vous entendu l'un concernant la nonne frigide et le technicien de chauffage central irlandais?

Maintenant nous perdons notre vieux ami aux intellectuels de le Oxfordshire. Qu'allons-nous faire? C'est un desastre comprehensive! Et qu' allons nous faire aussi pour aller a Glasgow dans le train et retour le dimanche nuit. Il deserte aussi ce club de voyages nocturnes impossibles.

Il est quitter pour facer des nouveaux challenges. C'est un homme aimant les idees et bons mots. Nous avons des difficultes avec les mots, mais nous franglais-parleurs disons bonne chance et felicitations — tu n'etais pas un mauvais adversaire!

Nous avons le souvenir d'un prof. vert (velo + raisins + 2CV), musical, sportif (pensez au frappeur de cricket formidable dans le short sensationnel). Avec tout ca maitre de maison de Southgate toujours avec la pensee du jour approprie pour recharger le morale et les batteries.

Monsieur Cutting — Inspirateur Courageux (et comique), merci et au revoir! Ne pas oubliez nous et nous oublions ne pas vous certainement.

*D Slinger*

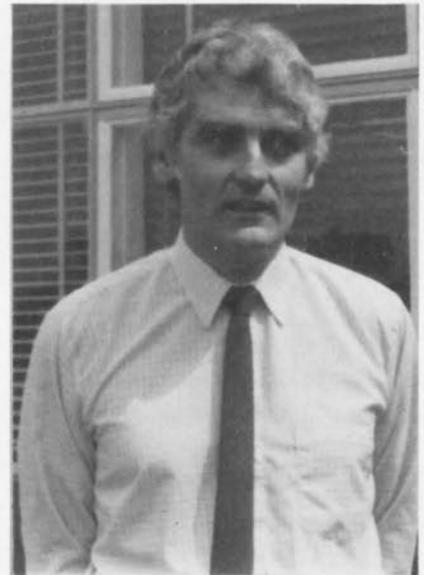


**I. S. Cutting**

## Barry Dawson

Barry Dawson joined us in September 1987 and has taught Physics throughout the school and has been in charge of Junior Combined Science — where he has succeeded in being heard above the excited voices of his pupils carrying out their investigations. His expertise and experience will be missed but we wish him well on his return to take up a post at Stroud High School for Girls.

*J. Carew Jones*



**Barry Dawson**

## Liz Sutherland

We are extremely sorry that Liz Sutherland had to leave us so soon after her arrival. She goes to a promoted post at The High School, Denmark Road and we wish her well.

During her two years with us she contributed much to mathematics teaching throughout the school and she was a popular sixth form tutor. Her contribution to the School Choir will be missed as will her company in the staff common room.

We trust she will enjoy her new post just up the road.

*B McBurnie*



**Liz Sutherland**



### Jan Dawe

Jan arrived in September 1988 to teach part-time in the Biology department.

Her previous jobs have been quite varied and include teaching captive audiences at Barliney, Severndale and H.M. Prison Channings Wood.

Sadly, we must also say goodbye to Jan as she and her family move to Tiverton, Devon, in July '89.

We wish her and her family well in the future.

*S. Morgan*

### Glyn Jones and Alan Quinn

Mr Jones left in December 1988 to go back into an Engineering career with a firm at Tetbury.

He spent nine years at this School as Caretaker. As Caretaker, no, Glyn was much more than that! No job was too small or complicated to receive his skilled expertise and his work in welding, woodwork, making of fitments, must have saved the School thousands of pounds!

He ran the junior Model Club, attended all School functions, in short, he was a valued member of staff.

We wish him and his family every success and happiness in the future.

To his successor, Mr. A. Quinn and his family we extend a warm welcome and hope they have a happy time here with us at Rich's.

*W. G. Heap.*

### Faith Jones

Mrs Jones leaves us in July to move back to her home in Bedfordshire and to take up a new appointment at Sharnbrook.

We thank her for her lively and enthusiastic teaching in the Geography and History departments and for brightening the Common Room.

We wish her well at her new school.

*A.S. Pilbeam*



**Alan Quinn**

### Anne Edwards

After a little more than a year of teaching French and German with us, Anne Edwards is moving to full-time post at Ribston Hall. Her energetic and thorough approach has kept classes in the lower school very busy!

We shall miss her bright personality and news of the vineyard in the Newent area. We wish her every success for the future.

*I.S. Cutting*



### Morgie Mouat

We were privileged to have Mrs Mouat with us for two terms to teach Geography, History and Drama.

Her kindly approach, individual attention and the insight she brought from the coloured South African scene were greatly appreciated.

*A.S. Pilbeam*

# WELCOME

## Bob Fowler

Mr. R. L. Fowler was welcomed back to the mathematics department in January. He taught here previously, from 1973 until 1980, and we were extremely fortunate to regain him. Many pupils and parents will be aware that Mr. Fowler is an accomplished organist and has retained his contact with us in recent years by playing at Founder's Day Services. Besides taking charge of school chess he is expected to make his debut for the staff indoor cricket team sometime next season.

*B. McBurnie*



**Bob Fowler**

## Jennifer Colclough

Mrs Colclough came to Rich's in September '88 to work in the library.

Before taking time off to rear a family Mrs Colclough had worked as a librarian in Bedfordshire, Surrey and Gloucestershire.

Since arriving she has had time to "overhaul" the book stock and catalogue and has made several changes in the library — collections of newspaper cuttings and local material are amongst plans for next year.

Mrs Colclough is always ready to help people to find books and information in the library.

*I. Roberts*



**Jennifer Colclough**

## Susan Burslem

Susan Burslem joined us in September 1988 to teach part time in the Latin department, dividing her week between Stroud High School and Rich's. We welcome her warmly and are grateful for the work she has already done with the first and second years.

*D.F. Moss*



**Susan Burslem**

## Ian Kellie

In September 1988, we were pleased to welcome onto the Staff, as the second Deputy Head, Mr. Ian Kellie.

A graduate of Durham University he joined us from Ashton Park School, Bristol, where he was Head of Science and Senior Master.

Ian is married with two sons, aged five years and seven years.

We wish him every success and happiness at Rich's.

*J. D. Holdaway*



**Ian Kellie**



**Betty Irvine**

April, 1988, saw the introduction of Local Management of Schools (LMS) into Gloucestershire Secondary Schools. This meant that a Bursar was required and Mrs. Betty Irvine is to be congratulated on her well deserved promotion to this new position. Included in her responsibilities are the Finances of the School as well as undertaking duties as Clerk to the Governors.

Betty's new office, which had to be purpose built in the entrance hall is now well established with its own computer system.

Congratulations are also extended to Mrs. Jan Brown on her promotion to School Secretary after working as Assistant Secretary at Rich's for some five years.



**Jan Brown**

*J. D. Holdaway*

## The New Curriculum

Sir Winston Churchill's advice on the content of the school curriculum was "It doesn't matter what you teach boys so long as they hate it". Most readers will note how successfully Sir Thomas Rich's has followed this ideal over the years, long may it continue!

There are, however, some changes on the way. In 1983 the Manpower Services Commission began to plan and finance a new style of education for the 14-16 age group, known as TVEI — the Technical and Vocational Educational Initiative. It was felt that schools generally were giving their pupils inadequate preparation for the workplace and that experience in the field of modern technology was deficient. Following several years of pilot studies, all pupils in state schools will be involved in this scheme and in September 1989 the fourth year will experience the effects of TVEI.

Hard on the heels of TVEI came GCSE. We are now at the end of the third year of teaching for this certificate with its emphasis on coursework and levels of achievement. But, GCSE is unlikely to last much longer for we now have the National Curriculum!

The National Curriculum requires all secondary pupils to follow courses in the core subjects — mathematics, English and science, and in the other foundation subjects — history, geography, technology, music, art, PE and a modern foreign language. Every pupil will be tested in these subjects and although the required content and the attainment tests have not yet been developed and published for most subjects we expect the tests will displace GCSE. Then there is profiling.

At Sir Thomas Rich's we plan to accommodate all these initiatives in the following way. From September 1989 all the fourth year will take a course in broad balanced science. For those boys who wish to do so and are capable there is an opportunity of taking three GCSE's in physical, chemical and biological science. The others will take the double certificated combined science. Two periods a week will be allocated to technology with courses in information technology, electronics and graphic communication.

**Andrew Tiffney in the multi-media workshops.**

Two periods will be allocated to the expressive arts and in this first year the theme will be "The English Character — in art, music, literature and drama."

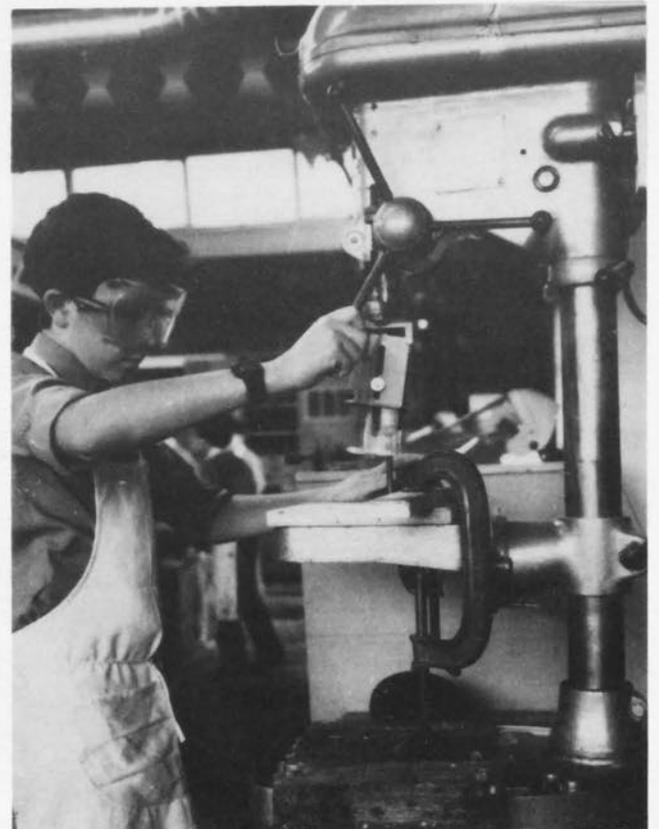
In addition we have planned some whole day events when studies will be made of environmental issues, modern industry and the media. There will be an arts festival at the end of the year.

All the existing GCSE courses will continue but there is inevitably a slight reduction in the number of options from which boys can choose.

We anticipate some further changes in 1990 and 1991 as the National Curriculum requirements become clearer.

Whether we continue to follow Churchill's dictum remains to be seen!

*A. S. Pilbeam*



## Profiles

From September, 1989 we shall be replacing our present reports for Year 4 with "profiles". They will be issued at the same times as reports have been, so Fourth Years will receive their profiles in December and July. If this new reporting system is successful we shall extend it gradually to other Years.

"Profiles" are like reports but they provide much more detail. Each profile will be in the form of a small (A5 size) booklet containing a sheet for each subject, a sheet describing "Personal Qualities", a sheet for "Activities in School", a sheet for "Activities out of School" and a final sheet for parents to sign.

**SUBJECTS:** each subject will comment on approximately five areas of study, relevant to the term's work on which the profile is reporting. For example, Music will comment upon Musical Literacy, Listening, Performing, Composing and Presentation. For each of these areas a statement will describe how the pupil is progressing. To ensure the profiles can be read easily and to ease the administrative tasks involved the statements will be printed by computer. Occasionally an additional, hand-written comment may be added by a teacher and each sheet will be signed by the subject teacher.

**PERSONAL QUALITIES:** this sheet will provide statements covering a pupil's attendance, punctuality, appearance, manners, initiative, ability to work in a group and ability to work alone.

**ACTIVITIES IN SCHOOL:** the pupil will be asked to record their involvement in school activities outside normal lessons. These might include trips, club/society membership, help in school events, etc.. An appropriate teacher should sign for each activity to certify that the pupil did take part.

**ACTIVITIES OUT OF SCHOOL:** each pupil will write a summary of interests which they follow outside school time e.g. hobbies, reading and sports enjoyed.

**RETURN SLIP:** the final sheet will be for parents to sign and return to school. There will be room for comments. The profile itself may be kept at home (the school will retain a copy).

Why change from the present Report Books? There are four main reasons.

(i) Although the Report Book provides an adequate summary of a pupil's progress there is little room for teachers to write in any detail.

(ii) The government is planning the introduction of Records of Achievement for all school leavers by 1995. At the end of their Fifth and Upper Sixth Years each pupil will receive (in addition to exam. certificates) a Record of Achievement which will provide a summary of the pupil's achievements, interests, contributions in school, etc.. Our profiles will be a good method of collecting such details.

(iii) The National Curriculum is being introduced gradually into schools. In secondary schools this will start with Maths and Science in September, 1989, other subjects following as their details are approved by the Government. Associated with the National Curriculum is assessment at ages 7, 11, 14 and 16. In each subject several "assessment targets" are set within which various "levels of achievement" are possible. The National Curriculum will dictate what is taught in most lessons and parents will want to know how their children are progressing within the attainment targets in each subject. Our profiles will provide this information.

(iv) Gloucestershire has involved all its secondary schools in the Technical and Vocational Education Initiative (TVEI.) From September, 1989 20% of the timetable for Fourth Years will be devoted to TVEI studies and this will develop annually, eventually including all Fourth to Upper Sixth Formers. In addition to timetabled lessons there will be trips, visiting speakers, residential weekends, etc.. There will be no certificates but our profiles will ensure that each pupil has a record of all activities undertaken.

*I.L. Kellie*



# MUSIC AND DRAMA

## Trial by Jury.

As the major musical and dramatic production this year, what was on offer in March in the School Hall?

In short, a varied evening of music, comedy and spectacle. Gilbert and Sullivan started a tradition, peculiar to the British stage, of larger-than-life characters and memorable songs put together at the expense of some grand opera, mocking and honouring at the same time. "Trial by Jury" tells in one act the tale of how a sweet young thing, jilted by her carefree beau, captivates the judge trying the case. Silly, yes, but it works! The innocent plaintiff, Louise Griffin, used body language from the silent movies to express her tender emotions whilst making it plainly clear that she was still open for business. In white, so pure! whilst the bridesmaids wore brash, peachy numbers, the plaintiff informed the bedazzled jury of red-blooded men who hadn't seen a girl for months (the curse of single-sex education?) how the accused had been unable to decide whom to marry. Darren Strange (for one night) and Nick Easen played the part for what they could get, strumming silent guitars and moving pompously about the stage singing of how if they couldn't marry this one today "...then I'll marry the other tomorrow!" This obviously shocked the upright jury, who spent most of their time ignoring the accused, so comically displayed by their conspicuous reading of newspapers and, can it be? drinking. They obviously supported the plaintiff; "She loves you" they asserted, swaying in unison. But by now the Judge, so frequently a major character in law-abiding Victorian times, was hooked on the innocent victim. Despite his noble and highly professional experience (he said so himself!) the most unprofessional passing of billets doux to one of the bridesmaids indicated that he was not above a little amorous horse trading should the opportunity arise. Nick Edwards emphasised the "dodderly-old-fool" aspect of the judge's role whereas Guy Worth delighted the audience with the hops and flourishes of a traditional G & S judge. Edward Winfield soberly portrayed the lawyer and David Dempsey thunderously supported the others as Clerk of the Court.

Crowds, bridesmaids, jury and others filled the stage. Donald Moss's direction gave everyone just enough to do so that the stage was never overcrowded, wisely deciding that it is safer to move debutant actors in groups to avoid collision and embarrassment. It was difficult, at times, to pick out all the words; a pity since G & S stories depend on the full understanding of the audience. Fortunately, the music was bright and dependable and the clear acting made up for brief moments of poor diction. We might accuse the treacherous acoustics in the Hall rather than blame the actors. The orchestra, under the direction of Alisdair Jamieson, performed superbly; G & S may be fun but it's never easy to get right.

Visually, the production was a real treat. Not only were the costumes colourful and appropriate but the set was excellent. Designed by Roger Lockey and put together by a team of volunteers under the direction of Alan Preece, the set received many favourable comments from the audience. Certainly, the coat of arms over the Judge's chair gave both authority and colour to the proceedings.

Yet this musical feast was but the second half of the evening; we had already enjoyed varied and excellent music for an hour before the G & S filled the stage. The strings of the orchestra, from Beauchamp Music Group at Highnam, performed an "in-house" piece showing their unity at its best. The School's brass group offered us a totally different range of sounds as they performed music from the Renaissance to the present day. Something for everyone?

The Choir had started the evening, supporting Alan Welchman (baritone) in a set of high Victorian sea songs. Seriously written, choosing the characteristics of the sea and distant horizons as themes, they had the stamp of those "...who go down to the sea in ships." However, the more I listened, the more I realised how out of place and comic the lyrics were. Saucy sailors and (modern) double meanings of various lines presented to the modern listener a picture of a world light-years from what Stanford intended when he wrote the songs. The Choir warmed to its task as the evenings passed by so that by Friday they sang at their best. With small forces and the poor acoustics in the Hall, their dynamic range will never be great but musically, and by that I mean in expression and phrasing, they have never sung better.

If you weren't there, this is what you missed. It is a shame that so many of our pupils and parents cannot manage one evening to see what the School can put on the stage. In an age of so much dross in entertainment, video nasties and satellites included, the thrill of live spectacles may well achieve a new golden age; why not start by supporting the School's own production next time? If it is anything like this last production, I can guarantee an excellent evening for you.

Don't miss it!

I.S.C.





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**"Court" on trial in this year's musical, 'Trial By Jury' (from the centre clockwise) are Guy Worth, David Dempsey, Nicholas Easen, Edward Winfield, Louise Griffin and Jonathan Allen.**

## Music Report

As the previous edition of the Richian was going to print, the Dixieland Band were about to play at Gloucester Docks for the City Charity Day. This was a fitting climax to the bands activities with outstanding contributions from Jason Tawn (clarinet) and Andrew Tidmarsh (tenor saxophone). With the departure of these two the band has not operated but is now about to rise from the ashes again.

Andrew Tidmarsh was also last years choir captain: the choir completed the year with a beautifully controlled performance of Bruckner's Locus Iste for Founder's Day and the traditional trip to the Gower to let off steam. On October 1st they took part in a RSCM Festive Evensong in Tewkesbury Abbey conducted by the retiring president Lionel Dakers. The nave was filled with five hundred singers:- to perform Sumsion's Evening Service in A and Haydn's The Heavens are Telling in such company was thrilling indeed.

Closer to Christmas the two Carol Services:- fine singing as ever within different forms of worship for each church. The Nine Lessons format obtained at Holy Trinity, while a successful experiment was tried at St. John's: Ian Cutting devised a service constructed in broad chapters — Christ comes to the world/ to Bethlehem/ to the family — each containing a sequence of carols and readings both biblical and modern. It is hoped that this pattern will be repeated this year.

The Madrigal Group's Christmas by Candlelight was replaced by Schutz's Christmas Story, a short baroque oratorio nimbly performed by the twenty singers. At all Christmas events the organ was played by Bob Fowler who rejoined the staff of Rich's in January. He was put to work again in Stanford's Songs of the Fleet, accompanying on the piano this time. Stanford's songs, alternately robust and serene, opened nights of concerts in early March. The programme also included works for brass and string groups and in the second half Gilbert and Sullivan's Trial by Jury. Our welcome visitors on these occasions were the Beauchamp Music Group strings who formed the core of the pit orchestra.

With so much going on it is regrettable that support from parents and friends at our 'public' functions seems rather weak. Do please come to concerts, shows and carol services whenever possible.

*A. Jamieson*



**Mr Jamieson conducts the brass band during rehearsals.**

# ART

## An Artist in Residence

Not so long ago Sir Thomas Rich's School ranked alongside the Lord's Long Room and the Masonic Lodge as one of the last bastions of male exclusiveness. Recently however the pervasive feminine influence has been felt in both the Staff and Sixth Form Common Rooms, changing the "Boy's Own" atmosphere irrevocably.

Into this enlightened arena entered another new phenomenon, a visiting Artist in Residence. Rebekah Tolley was a newly qualified graduate in photography and printmaking, and on her preliminary visit to the school in January she also signalled her total lack of interest in rugby, maths or computers. How would she survive?

She began her residency in confident manner with a slide show and talk about her photography to a rather awe-stricken 3R. They responded well however to the images on show and an interesting discussion followed highlighting the emotional content of Rebekah's work.

The arguments continued the next day when more slides were displayed, this time of other artists' work which dealt with emotions and expressionism. One or two pupils were highly critical of some of the paintings. Then while the air was still warm the group was given their task, which was to produce a visual image and a piece of music based on an emotion that they had felt personally in the past or present. The theme was also taken up in the French lessons courtesy of Mr. Cutting giving the relevant translations.

We were also fortunate in having the services of Jan Layton-Smith at this time, working at the school on supply when not teaching art at Brockworth. So with all this additional help, the boys couldn't fail to produce unusual and eye-catching artwork, and many elected to work on their pictures during their spare time.



Rebekah also grabbed the opportunity to extend her own work by having photographic sessions with First and Second Year pupils as well as with one or two pupils from the Upper School. The group sessions were particularly noteworthy, with pupils laid out in patterns on the stage whilst Rebekah directed proceedings from the top of a fifteen foot set of step-ladders.

The results of her efforts and 3R's work were then put on display at the beginning of the Summer Term as a testimony to this unique and successful collaboration.

R. Lockey



John Jones IR.

# SHORT STORIES



The winners of this year's competition are Jeremy Biggs and Jason Dickson.

## Good Versus Evil: The Final Chapter

The Dark Lord of All Evil grumbled sullenly as he ejected the screwed-up crisp packet onto the red carpet before his throne, and belched voluminously. A goblin, clad in jeans and a Rick Astley tee-shirt, scrabbled frantically to remove the offending piece of plastic from the floor of the Fortress of Eternal Darkness.

Glancing contemptuously at his repulsive retainer, the Dark Lord stood up and aimed a kick at the whimpering imp, who squealed with pain as the trajectory of his liege's Doctor Marten intersected with the position of his posterior.

"Where is my Ring? My Ring of Power?" the Dark Lord bawled. "The one with 'One Ring to rule them all, One Ring et cetera, et cetera' written on it?"

"Have you put an advert in the Lost and Found column of the Evil Times?" suggested his fiendish underling.

"Silence, Fool! Verily, that plays no part in any great fantasy novel. If you cannot come up with a better idea than that, then depart, before I make a kebab of you!"



The minion had no reason to doubt his master's words. His flared trousers rattled against his two receptively bony ankles as he limped his way hunch-backed, from the Throne room of Doom.

The Dark Lord paced around the gloomy hall, peering at maps of 1933 Germany, 1924 Russia, 1980 Libya, Mordor, the Galactic Imperium, the anti-Galactic Rebel military dispositions that graced the walls, and reminisced over portraits of Genghis Khan, Judas Iscariot, Sauron, the Contras, the Sandinistas, and an image almost too evil for him to bear, even though he was, theoretically, the most evil being from the spires of Asgard to the depths of Sheol, the image of the infinitely terrible Rick Astley.

An unexpected movement in the shadows, picked up by the bionic eyesight of the Dark Lord, caused him to whirl around, his tutu rustling in the breeze that his motion caused.

"Who intrudes in the presence of the Almighty Jeremy, Lord of All Evil, in whose proximity even Lex Luthor trembles?" roared the Dark Lord.

A small man with big, hairy feet emerged from the tenebrity behind the throne, obviously lost, and clutching a small, golden cylinder, one half-inch across, and three-quarters in diameter.

"Are you the Dark Lord?" asked the hobbit, for such he was.

"Is that my Ring?" roared the Dark Lord in reply.

The hobbit shook his head, to clear the daze induced by the noise.

"Now, now. Don't be rude. Answer my question first, if you would be so kind, seeing as I asked it first. And please don't shout," he piped.

"Is that my Ring?" bellowed the Dark Lord, ignoring the hobbit's requests, and almost bowling the halfling over with his shouting.

"Now, you be careful," said the hobbit as he regained his balance.

"You know what happens to Mister Uppity when he loses his temper. He shrinks, doesn't he? And you don't want that to happen, do you?"

"What?" yelled the Dark Lord, not having the remotest inkling as to what this awful little creature was talking about.

"I'm not going to say another word until you answer my question," chided the hobbit, hands on hips.

"I am Jeremy, Dark Lord of All Evil," said the Dark Lord, before he could stop himself.

"That's better. Yes, this is your ring," replied the hobbit, who was now obviously enjoying himself. "Can I borrow your fag lighter, please?"

Aha, thought the Dark Lord as his confidence returned. He has a vice and a weakness, which I can use to destroy him.

As if reading the Dark Lord's thoughts, the hobbit explained. "You see, the great wizard Dennis told me that I needed your cigarette lighter to destroy your ring and make the world lighter thereby. Boom boom!"

The Dark Lord took a step backwards, and bumped into the wall. Appalled, he considered the consequences of his Ring's destruction: his instant demise; the collapse of his Black Tower and his empire; and the destruction of all evil. Regaining his composure, he drew himself up to his full stature and shouted, "I am Jeremy, Dark Lord of All Evil, who has built the Fortress of Darkness on the greed of men and the cruelty of women. My creed is the Survival of the Fittest, my motto, 'That which cannot hurt me makes me stronger.' I rule a thousand cities, continents, planets and universes. I am the Bane of Peasants and the Fate of Emperors. I am..."

"Yes, I read all that in Burke's Peerages," said the hobbit.

"Don't interrupt," the Dark Lord croaked.

"Underneath all that bluster, you're just a poor, insecure fellow, and I feel really sorry for you."

"What?" The Dark Lord was well and truly puzzled now.

"And don't say 'what', say 'pardon'," corrected the hobbit.

Suddenly feeling very tired, the Dark Lord sat down back to the wall.

"Have you got a girlfriend?" asked the hobbit, a note of concern tinging his high-pitched voice.

No reply emerged from the Dark Lord.

"No, I didn't think so," concluded the hobbit, who began to pace backwards and forwards as he formulated his theory. The Dark Lord sat, catatonic, staring blackly forwards and muttering unintelligibly under his breath.

"You see," began the hobbit, "the fact that you have no girlfriend engenders a profound sense of insecurity, as you feel incomplete, unfulfilled, with no-one to turn to for support, sympathy or comfort. This in turn causes you to become inward-looking and introverted, with a substantial grudge against humanity. To turn aside for a moment to follow Freud's ideas, your sexual urges, lacking gratification, collapse inwards, only to resurface in the form of raw masculine aggression. This aggression, along with your insecurity, which urges you to eliminate all threats, both real and imaginary, and your sexual frustration, which subconsciously drives you to extend your territory in the hope of attracting a mate, instils a desire to rule the entire universe, and to control all opposition." The hobbit paused for breath. "I'm sure you're a very nice person really, and the girl of your dreams is just out there somewhere, just waiting for you to meet her."

The Dark Lord focussed his eyes on the hobbit, a wry smile on his deformed lips.

"If only you knew what a tough job this is, with all these devils, dictators and teeny-boppers waiting to be told how to do their duty, and all the assassins who come to kill you, just because you are the Dark Lord of All Evil, you'd hate it. Make you weep it would."

A solitary tear coursed down his cheek.

"There, there, no need to cry," said the hobbit, comfortingly. "Now you know how all your victims felt." He extended his hand, to touch the Dark Lord.

Suddenly, abruptly, the Dark Lord ignited, like an inflammable vapour, and vanished. The hobbit winced at the heat of the sudden fire, whose light momentarily revealed the Throne Room of Doom in stark relief, before the flames disappeared as suddenly as they had appeared, taking the Dark Lord with them. His robe and tunic, slightly scorched, but otherwise undamaged, drifted gently to the ground.

"Alas, that pure evil and pure good are mutually destructive. By feeling a beneficial emotion, he destroyed himself," said the hobbit, to no-one in particular. Then, returning from his glassy-eyed reverie, he rummaged around in the inside pocket of the Dark Lord's robe. In addition to chewing gum wrappers, cigarette butts and an old handkerchief, he found the lighter, a packet of Benson and Hedges, and a set of fifty two playing cards with obscene photographs adorning them.

After observing his loot, he muttered, "A thing can cause evil reactions without being inherently evil. It must be destroyed." With that, he applied the lighter flame to the cigarettes, one by one, until fine ash was all that remained of them. With a grunt, he placed the cards back into the pack, then into his pocket and glanced down at the ring.

It was gold, circular and featureless.

Fighting down the impulse to don the ring and transform himself from being a miserable hobbit peasant into the Dark Lord Walter, he pressed down the button on the cigarette lighter, his heart pounding, beadlets of perspiration appearing on his forehead, his sphincter muscle dangerously near to relaxation. The button jerked down, unable to resist the pressure exerted by the hobbit's hairy thumb, and a tongue of flame danced out and licked the air, relishing its life in the open. Trembling, the hobbit placed the circle of metal into the yellow flame...it ignited, flaring up with the brilliance of magnesium. With a cry the hobbit cast the artifact away from him, and its still-glowing ember flaked away as it struck the ground.

For a moment, the hobbit felt exhilarated, with a brief vision of the fame and glory that would greet his triumphant return to Hobbiton. Then the collapsing superstructure of the Black Tower rained down on him and squashed him flat.

**J. S. Dickson (6th Form)**

## The Sacrifice

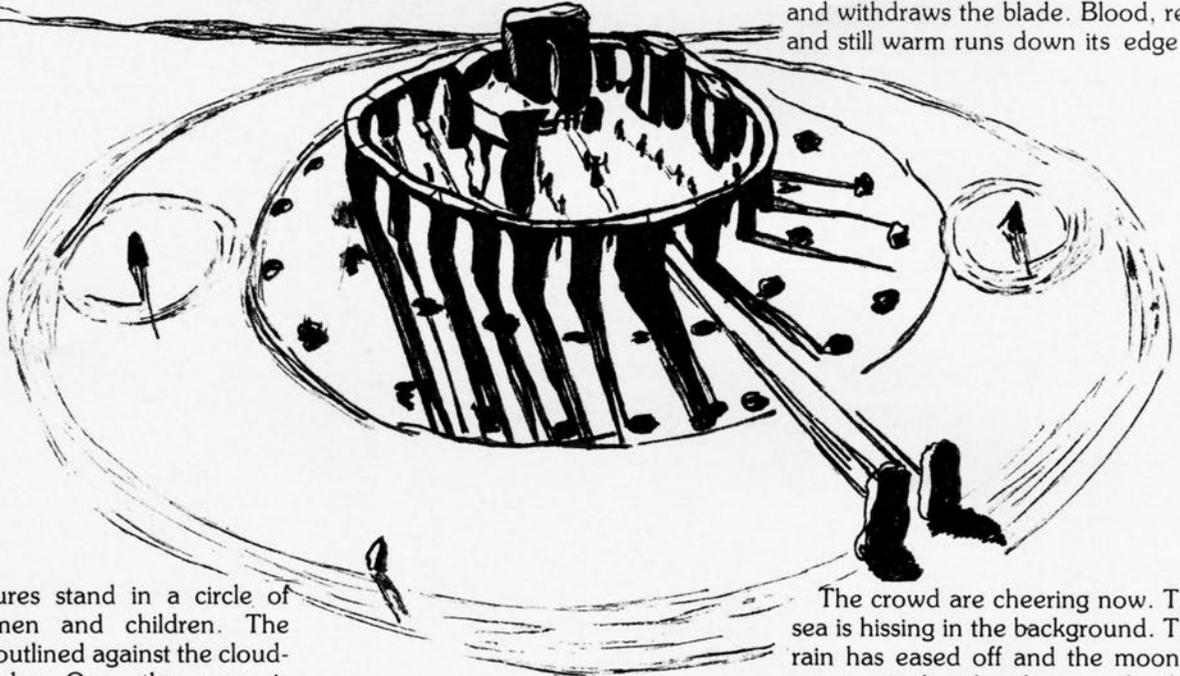
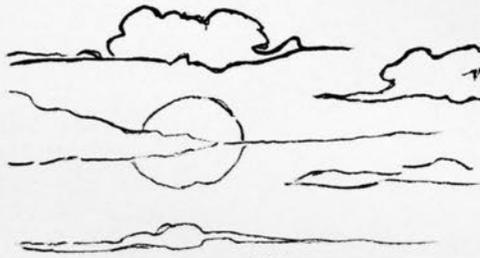
Rain came down heavy that night. It was cool, sweet and refreshing. Ripples spread through puddles like wildfire. Miniscule droplets of water splashed hitherto forming a misty haze on the horizon. The air was cold, fresh and biting. The full moon, invisible, hidden by the great bank of clouds, had a fairy ring around it. It cast a milky white light which gave the clouds a silver lining. A crane spiralled high above these clouds on unseen thermals of hot rising air, twisting and coiling. It was taken by the wind over far distant shores, past the ancient land of Morgotha and into eternity.

On a tall mound stands a stone circle. The stones number twenty one. Below the mound there is a cliff, below that the ocean whose waves crash and explode against the shores of Belerian with great ferocity. It stretches far into the horizon ending in Numenor's shores.

heels. It coils and spirals skyward into the darkness. The circle is chanting in a foreign tongue: "Ngur! Ngur! Death! Death! As though in reply the witch begins to scream curses over the boy's soul. 'And then there was silence' The phrase came to the man's mind. It was true. The hissing of the sea seems to sing a funeral dirge in harmony with the rain. They break the phrase.

A streak of lightning lightens the woman's face. She screams out a hideous laughter. It is loud, very loud, and mindbendingly shrill. "Sheren ishehe": It is time. A child brings forth a stagnant green, foul smelling, acidic liquid. The woman dips her finger into the liquid and applies it gently to his forehead and chest. The boy winces in pain. The last he ever will.

"Olim hildinna taniteh scemehirh", "The earth will receive our blessing" hisses the man. He unsheaths the knife. It glints wickedly in the torchlight. He draws it above his head. Then he plunges it earthward with all of his force. A screaming mother runs to the screaming child. The man draws the knife along the boy's torso ripping bare flesh with no effort at all. Tendons snap and muscles are ripped in two. Blood spurts skyward over an awe-sticken crowd. They love it. The man nods and withdraws the blade. Blood, red and still warm runs down its edge.



Two figures stand in a circle of men, women and children. The stones are outlined against the cloud-darkened sky. One, the man, is robed in black with a cowl pulled far over his face, only his eyes, cold and heartless stare outwards. They are blue. The other, the woman, is dressed in red and gold ceremonial robes. Her cowl is pulled back behind her neck. Her face, young and beautiful, is exposed to the elements. Her black hair streams out behind her waving in the wind. The man clutches an ornately designed dagger in a skeletal hand. He looks down in mockery at the young blonde haired boy. He is about ten years of age. Smoke rises from the robed man's

A man hums in a low tone, as does the woman next to him. The wordless message spreads from human to human like wildfire. It speeds swiftly through the 'congregation'. Then the cowed man speaks in an ear splitting hiss. It rings out over the throng like a clear bell. Unknown praises go forth to the demon Schtthurth. In the background the wind, rain and sea continue the second verse of their personal dirge. The sea's waves crash harder now at its zenith.

The crowd are cheering now. The sea is hissing in the background. The rain has eased off and the moon is peeping its lazy head past a cloud. It casts its fingers of light over the boys figure making his body seem misshapened somehow. It is eerie. His soul has been dampened.

Below the cowl the eyes flash red in satisfaction. A cold evil wind ruffles the cowl revealing a rotten skull with pieces of age old flesh hanging off. He is the long dead sorcerer Malagroth. The amulet around his neck, ornately designed and jewelled, flashes in amusement.

**J. Biggs: 2T**  
**Short Story Competition.**



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**Karen Hill becomes the School's first observatrix.**



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**This year's 'Raid The Larder Scheme' was a tremendous success with over 200 food parcels delivered.**



## CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

### Chess Club

The 1988-'89 season was a time for consolidation for the school chess team after the numerous successes of the previous year.

Our newly-promoted team in the North Gloucestershire League Division Three found the competition noticeably harder than in the lower divisions, but was by no means outplayed and looks set to maintain its position.

At the Sixth Annual Marlwood Tournament we actually improved on our previous season's result, since this time we graduated to the Intermediate Section after the first two qualifying rounds, and out of the 22 schools from all over Britain taking part, we were finally placed 13th. Both A. Roderick and P. Moss lost only one game out of seven played, with M. Butler, J. Pegler and D. Freeman also winning at least half of their games.

In the Times Knockout Competition we once again proved ourselves to be the strongest School Chess Team in Gloucester, losing only narrowly to our old adversaries, Cheltenham College, in the Zone Final.

Despite the departure of our board 1 at the end of last season, A. Gettings has adapted to the new role with ease and has played consistently and successfully throughout the season, as well as playing in numerous individual competitions outside the school. Despite frequently managing to lose the toss, new captain P. Moss has lost only 3 games in the past 10 months, and although S. Townsend left the school at the end of last year, he has kindly been giving up his spare time to play for the school in the evening matches. J. Pegler and A. Roderick have formed an ever-reliable duo on the

middle-order boards, with sustained success against higher-graded opposition, and A. McBurnie, D. Freeman and A. Stokes have also played on several occasions for the "A" team.

Experience has also been gained by the two teams of younger players entering the Musketeers League in Cheltenham, and the annual Katherine Lady Berkeley Tournament, in which we finished 5th out of 8 teams. Those players not already mentioned: J. Newman, M. Rattenbury, A. Koller, D. Bailey and D. Battin.

With Mr Davies moving to Kings School after his dedicated support of school chess, thanks should go to Mr Hale, who stepped in to act as Club President until the arrival of Mr Fowler, who has undertaken the many demands of this post with great efficiency. Finally the Caretaker should be thanked for allowing the use of the school premises for matches outside school hours.

**P. Moss**

## Railway Society

Last summer our intrepid band of dedicated railway enthusiasts, both young, and old enough to know better, embarked on the annual excursion to Scotland and North-East England. Compared to the hectic treks of previous years, this year's trip was of a more sedate nature, but nevertheless, as the seventh lesson was beginning back at STRS, we were eagerly investigating the merits of suburban Glasgow.

Newcastle University once again served excellently as a haven in which to rest our weary heads, and to recover in time for the next days visit to the North Yorkshire Moors Railway, (despite a strange attempt by ??? to foil our plans by abandoning his bag at Darlington station). Some found that this experience brought back happy memories of the 'Golden Era of Steam', while others muttered subversive comments about rusty 'kettles'. Divine justice prevailed when members of the latter group put their heads out of the window and were rewarded with an eyeful of smuts, but Thornaby depot ensured us that it was smiling faces all round once more.

Three days of intense activity came to a close on the Sunday evening on our arrival back at Gloucester, 933 miles the wiser. Scotland must possess some endearing quality, however, since in November the Railway Society was engaged in a re-run of its popular "Falkirk '87 Trip" — "Falkirk II" taking a 700 mile route via Glasgow and Edinburgh. Once again much enjoyment resulted, particular mirth breaking out at the sight of a motley collection of photos belonging to Messrs. Gregg and Macbeth.

Praise should go, as always, to the boss, Mr Cutting, not forgetting those ever-willing shepherds of the flock, AJP, Mr T and Mr P, whilst strong disapproval is willed at Travellers Fare, for their extortionate prices and poker-faced employees, but it's full steam ahead for a West-Highland Fling this summer!

**P. Moss 62**

## Model Railway Society

During the last year, many improvements have been made to the Model Railway Society's facilities. The layout was extended to twice its original size during the Autumn half-term and new track has been laid over this section. Landscaping of the layout has also started but members, who are more or less free to come and go as they wish, are encouraged to bring their own loco's and stock to run on the layout. The room itself is also being improved and lighting will hopefully be installed by the County Council in the near future.

Since Christmas, many trips have been organised; to Scotland, Truro and Portsmouth, including a 24 hour trip to Carlisle, Aberdeen, Inverness and Newcastle and two, two-day trips to the West Country. These trips have raised much-needed money for the Society as well as being pleasurable.

As usual, many thanks must go to Mr. Pack for his enthusiastic help with the layout and time given up in leading the many enjoyable trips this year.

**M. Beard 4T**

## The Stamp Club

The Stamp Club, held on Tuesdays and Fridays, got off to a disastrous start last year. We have a membership of thirteen people, unfortunately we have not got a lot to offer them.

We have joined the Philatelic Bureau, and at this moment we are trying to join other societies, but due to the lack of local organisations we are finding this very difficult.

We must thank Mr. Drake for providing us with a stamp catalogue, and also Mrs. Mouat for all her help. Free membership is open to everyone until further notice, due to the lack of support.

We hope to have got the club together after a few months, and we will keep you posted as to this. It would help us a great deal if you give us your ideas and support.

**S. Finch 3R**

**J. Parish 3T**



## Christian Union

Membership has increased gradually over the year and commitment has been good.

Des Figueiredo, a worker from the Scripture Union, presented an uplifting experience in the praise of the Lord. A very lively group, Stairs and Whispers, came to talk to us.

The C.U. offers young Christians fellowship, support, and an opportunity to put their point of view. We should like to renew our annual invitation to all members of the School to come and see why we continue to meet. Even a belief in God is not obligatory!

**C.U.**

# SPORT



**Krystian Fulman proudly wearing his England cap**

## Krystian Fulman

Krystian has been picked to play rugby for England's under-16 side.

In September, last year, Krystian began a gruelling series of trials at county and national level.

The final selection was held at Woolwich Army barracks.

"It was a nerve-racking experience," said Krystian "the whole weekend was spent under selection. It was on the Sunday after the final (trial), in which I had played well, that the squad of twenty-one was announced. I had been selected!

Furthermore, I'd been selected as the only player in my position, to go on tour to play for England against Italy.

The team spent ten days in Italy training six hours each day in temperatures of over eighty degrees.

We played Italy's B team at Viterbo and won 19-3 and played Italy's A team at Colleferro and lost 10-9 — the full-back was missing and we were unlucky enough to have a penalty kick on the whistle.

It had been the best time of my life and all the hard training and preparation had been worth it."



**Daniel Rutter leaps for the ball**

## Rugby 1988/89

1st XV	P	W	D	L	F	A
	10	6*	-	4	160	116

\* Match v Crypt abandoned due to injury. W-3-0

Captain:— A. Smith

Colours:  
A. Smith (already awarded), P. Thomas, J. Lyne.

Representative Honours:  
P. Thomas — GLOS, SCHOOLS U18

The 1st XV had a rather mixed season due mainly to disruptions among the team. Despite this setback the team played with commitment and in general gave a good account of themselves although carelessness caused several defeats.

2nd XV	P	W	D	L	F	A
	6	5	-	1	106	63

Captain — I.Selwyn-Reeves/S.Haines

1st XXX Colours: Already Awarded to:- S. Haines, M. James, M. Neocleous, S. Wright, P. Nash, R. Eva, J. Nunn, G. Evans.

New Colours to:  
J. Sargent, R. Freckleton, A. Hales, S. Gladwell, D. Rutter, N. Carter, N. Clark, K. Fullman, A. Gettings.

A good season, excellent commitment and spirit. Despite having 4 matches cancelled the 2nd XV produced some good rugby both individually and as a team, so producing one of the most successful seasons.

Colts XV	P	W	D	L	F	A
	10	6	1	3	196	109

Captain — J. Wootton

Colours: J. Wootton, J. Carlile, R. Phelps, A. Cook, D. Evans, S. Warren, G. Antonijevic.

This has been an excellent season for the Colts XV in which they have shown both commitment and ability. The results reflect the positive approach to both training and playing. All members of the squad deserve credit for their achievements.

Gloucester City Cup

Lost narrowly to Crypt school 14-9 in replay of first round match. A disappointing result after playing well in both matches.

Junior XV	P	W	D	L	F	A
	11	6	1	4	152	130

Captain:- M. Bilous

Colours:- M. Bilous, N. Cambridge, P. Grainger.

A season of mixed fortunes caused not only by injuries but also by an inconsistency of effort. Towards the end of the season the team were showing greater confidence, commitment and pride.

Under 13 XV	P	W	D	L	F	A
	11	6	-	5	176	138

Captain:- Tanner

Technically a very good XV with a great deal of promise and potential. At present they are not a physically strong squad. However as strength develops so too should results.

# Cross-Country Report 1988/89

## SENIOR REPORT

In comparison to recent years, this year the Senior team had an encouraging season. Under the Captaincy of Patrick Moss and Danny Morgan, the team possessed lots of spirit and determination. The traditional fixtures were held and out of the five races, the team beat Monmouth and King Henry's, Coventry. Unlike previous years, greater commitment was evident in the Senior team and this was most welcome, particularly when it came to competing against larger schools.

As last year, Steven Mitten proved to be the best runner in the School and frequently came in first for the Senior team. This was a considerable achievement, when one considers that he was racing against pupils four years older than himself. He represented the City, County and South West of England and performed well in the national cross country championships.

One must also mention Patrick Moss, who led by example and improved greatly over the course of the season. This was highlighted in the House Cross-Country, where he ran a very good tactical race, winning in a comfortable style. He was supported by Danny Morgan who was always consistent and could be depended upon. The School will miss these two runners next season.

In conclusion, if the team is to improve in future years, then it will have to demonstrate greater commitment, in a sport where only hard training reaps rewards.

## JUNIOR

In a limited fixture list, the Juniors demonstrated great promise, achieving fifth place in the Worcester Spring relays. One must mention Tim Tomlinson who displays lots of potential and this was evident in the North Glos. league series, where he consistently finished high up in

the results. His performance combined with Ryan Buckley and Andrew Leighton, are very encouraging for the future.

## HOUSE CROSS-COUNTRY COMPETITIONS

This was a very successful competition, with 95% of the school population actually participating and representing their houses. In general, conditions for all four races were good. As mentioned before, P. Moss for Westgate won the senior race, timing his run well to take the lead at the top of Chosen Hill and he could not be caught by his rivals.

In the 4th/3rd year race, S. Mitten of Westgate outclassed all the other competitors, winning by a clear two minutes from T. Tomlinson of Eastgate. In the 2nd year race, S. Christie of Southgate won for the second year in succession, but Westgate won the 2nd competition overall. To complete the records, M. Ostle of Northgate won the 1st year race and led his house to victory.

## RESULTS

Senior Competition — Winners — Eastgate.  
Junior Competition — Winners — Westgate

## SENIOR CROSS-COUNTRY CUP

For the most improved runner, who has made a major contribution to the team. Winner — Patrick Moss.  
Senior Colours — Steven Mitten.  
Junior Colours — Tim Tomlinson.



JUNIOR CROSS-COUNTRY



## Squash Club

President: Mr. W. G. Heap

Captain: A. C. Smith

Secretary: G. Vassall-Adams

Treasurer: S. S. Sandhu

The House Competition was again a very close contest. Westgate won the Junior Competition and Eastgate were last. The Senior Competition saw the reverse with Eastgate the winners. However, overall winners of the Lancaster House Shield were Southgate with thirty six points, Northgate and Westgate joint second with thirty five points and Eastgate fourth with thirty one points.

P. Grainger and A. C. Smith are to be congratulated on their continuing success in Junior County and Adult Senior Squash respectively. They were not eligible for the individual competition. The Junior Shield was won by R. W. Cannock and the Senior Shield by G. E. Ross.

I would like to thank the Officers of the Club for their efforts over the last year.

*President*

## Indoor Cricket

Another highly successful season of five-a-side cricket was enjoyed by nine senior teams (including the staff team). The traditional two competitions, league and knock-out, were completed.

A successful innovation was the introduction of similar competitions for boys in the second and third years. In all over 100 players took part in this popular lunchtime activity.

*Mr. McBurnie*



HOUSE TENNIS.

# Basketball Report — Season 1988/89

## UNDER 14'S

This season was highly successful, with the Under 14's unbeaten in all of their League and Cup matches. They won all of their twelve matches in comfortable style, with only St. Peter's really displaying any resistance.

They dominated the Gloucester City League right from the start, with P. Grainger and N. Cambridge prominent in the team's seven League wins. Yet, the secret to the team's overall success was due to the depth in strength of the squad, with all the players demonstrating a keenness to train hard and an enthusiasm to succeed. This was very evident with M. Bilous, who improved greatly through the course of the season and represented the Under 15 School side, along with P. Grainger and N. Cambridge.

In the Gloucestershire County Cup, the side came top of the initial league, winning all of their three matches against Deer Park, St. Peters Beaufort and Churchdown. In the semi-finals, they again faced their arch-rivals St. Peter's and in a very close match, managed to win through to the final, where they faced Beaufort and comfortably won to lift the County Cup.

Without question, credit must be given to P. Grainger, whose contribution to the success of the team was most evident, not only with his talent on court, but also with his coaching to the team in general.

In conclusion, the team has now set itself very high standards and if success is to be continued next year, then they will have to display even greater commitment, determination and continue their enthusiasm for the game.

## UNDER 15'S

As with the Under 14's the team had a highly successful season, thanks mainly to the expert coaching of Joe Grainger, who has been selected to represent England at the Under 19 level. The P.E. Department are very grateful for all the time and hard work that Joe Grainger has placed into the promotion of Basketball in this School and he will be greatly missed next season.

Under his guidance, the team won the Gloucestershire County Cup, beating Archway in a very close semi-final, to win in the last few moments of the game, by one point. In the final, they beat Pate's Grammar of Cheltenham, obtaining revenge for an early defeat in the season.

The team's Cup success was not so prominent in the League, where they seemed to be rather inconsistent. Yet, with the addition of P. Grainger and N. Cambridge from the Under 14's, the team performed much better. One must mention C. Atine who has greatly improved this season and with greater confidence, will continue to develop. A. Cook continued to play a dominant role in the team and has still a lot of potential which can be worked upon if greater commitment is displayed. For the record, the team won three out of their five league matches.

## HOUSE BASKETBALL

With each new year, the standard of the House Basketball competition increases and it continues to attract lots of support from the Pupils.

In the Junior Competition (Third and Fourth years), Southgate dominated the tournament, winning all of their three matches and with only Eastgate displaying a threat to the title. Once again, P. Grainger of Southgate played a key role, with Southgate well drilled and organised. Yet, one should mention M. Bilous of Northgate, N. Cambridge and N. James of Eastgate, who all contributed well to their respective team's performances.

In the Senior Competition (Fourth/Fifth years), Eastgate won the title, mainly due to their good organisation and discipline on court. Southgate looked to be the strongest side on paper, but poor team organisation, ensured that they would be runners up. Players who were particularly outstanding in this competition were N. Fulbrook of Eastgate, S. Mitten of Westgate and N. Clark of Southgate.

*P.D. Lloyd*

## RESULTS.

### JUNIOR

- 1st. SOUTHGATE — 6pts.
- 2nd. EASTGATE — 4pts.
- 3rd. WESTGATE — 2pts.
- 4th. NORTHGATE — 0pts.

### SENIOR

- 1st. EASTGATE — 6pts
- 2nd. SOUTHGATE — 4pts.
- 3rd. WESTGATE — 2pts.
- 4th. NORTHGATE — 0pts

## Joe Grainger

Joe has been selected to play basketball for the England under 19-squad. His success follows a series of trials played at both county and national level.

In the coming year Joe will play as a member of the English squad of 15 in a number of national and international tournaments, including the forthcoming tournament in Jersey. Joe has also been chosen to play as a member of the actual team which will represent England in the European Championships, Easter 1990.

In the future Joe hopes to play for the Men's national league.

"I also hope to go to College in America to further my basketball education," said Joe. "I'm still an infant in the world of basketball."

Does Joe have any advice for future players?

"I have found that height is not a factor. At 5' 10" I am the shortest player in the England team, but so long as you set yourself a goal at what ever you want to achieve and you work hard to achieve that goal then you are likely to accomplish it".

# POETRY

## The Statue

The statue stands at the top of the hill,  
The plaque below it, iron and chill,  
And on it, inscribed, are many a name  
Of all the dead troops, not to mention the lame.  
Yet, each name stands for a young man's life,  
A sorrowful mother, a grieving wife.

The plaques often say, and the people they sing,  
"These men gave their lives for our freedom and King."  
They gave not their lives, but their lives were seized,  
By all the great rulers, their minds all diseased,  
With one great desire, to win in a fight!  
And prove to the world that they're in the right!

But no one wants war, not even the strong,  
For even they see that real war is wrong.  
But arguments start, and voices are raised,  
And treaties form an impossible maze.  
Then nations are drawn into senseless war,  
Where, "Go out and kill" becomes a new law.

So, terrible war is like a foul trap,  
Lying out there, and waiting to snap.  
Avoiding a war takes far more wits  
Than those of the leader the statue depicts.  
Men who make war come a penny for two,  
But men who make peace number only a few.

*Louis Delwiche 3T*



## The King Is Dead! Long Live The King

I read a newspaper yesterday,  
Elvis Presley is, apparently, alive,  
And well —  
A little greyer, a little plumper,  
But none the less alive.

I know this is true, —  
I saw him the other day,  
In Tesco,  
Doing the shopping,  
He was with Buddy Holly.

I know it was Buddy;  
He was wearing glasses —  
Black-rimmed ones  
He was humming to himself  
“That’ll be the day.”

They went out to their car,  
And their chauffeur — a negro,  
Named Hendrix,  
Opened up the car. They got in,  
They went in the direction of  
Weston.

I was amazed at the sight,  
I spoke to a woman nearby,  
“Did you...?”  
She nodded, seemingly  
unsurprised.  
She told me her name was Janis,

“Joplin?” I thought, slightly off  
guard.  
There was indeed a resemblance.  
Was she?  
Yes. Of course. Must’ve been;  
But incognito-like the others.

When I got home it was dark.  
And in the sky was a bright moon,  
— Keith Moon?  
Perhaps not — that’s being  
silly —  
But you never can tell,

Not since 1967 —  
When Paul McCartney died.

Adam C. Cook — U6T

## Bourton on the Water

The car drove on down a winding  
road with fields on either side.  
It was early in the Morning, at the  
beginning of spring-time.  
We came to the top of a shallow hill,  
The car stopped, and we looked  
down in awe,  
What lay below us, was the most  
beautiful sight I ever saw.

The road ran down like a winding  
stream, and vanished off to the  
right.  
But it was not this we were looking  
at, it was a far, far more wonderful  
sight.  
The hills around looked fresh and  
green and sparkled in the  
sunshine,  
And down below, by a winding  
stream stood a small ancient  
town, from old times.

A mist hung over it and shimmered  
and moved, it reminded me of  
the sea.  
And then I knew how beautiful the  
countryside could be.  
We stood there staring for what  
seemed like hours,  
The mist had disappeared, and left  
the town, still standing there,  
Where it had stood for hundreds of  
years.

David Savory 2T

## Prophet

From a platform  
that holds uncertainty,  
I turn to find so many  
crouched under an avenue of trees,  
the distant sounds  
of unforgotten laughter  
begging forgiveness  
against a background of contempt;  
in a place  
where stone armies stood  
and fell,  
a small figure wrestles with aphonic  
fear  
to find a sentence of silent gestures  
that filters out  
and guides itself through the  
florescence of  
my misunderstandings.  
forbearance reawakened  
— until I feel myself  
held again  
and the darkness  
disguises the shallowness of feeling,  
as the memory tends to chaos  
your hand outstretched offers  
renewed trust —  
a fist that uncurls like the passing of  
night  
and in a blind faith  
paints a picture of regression.

A. La Bouchard



## Networking

The creatures of the dark can taste  
my blood,  
As I lie here,  
Amid a flood  
Of fleshed out fantasies,  
This electric makes midnight;  
Allows me to —  
Extend the night.

I can blank out all creation,  
And descend amongst echoes,  
Where my hand  
Passes through your face,  
At a glance.

Return my aspirations,  
And I will give you  
All your, "realities",  
And succumb again to...

**Jeremy Hawksley**  
**6th Form**

## The Camera Rap

Load up the film  
And keep out the light  
Turn the little lever  
To wind it up tight  
Look through the viewfinder  
Set the right aperture  
Want to make sure  
That you get a good picture

Focus the lens  
And make sure it's clear  
Don't get too far  
And don't get too near  
When your taking a photo  
Remember this rap  
Follow the instructions  
And "CLICK"  
You've got a snap.

**Robert Fee**  
**Form 1R**

## UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE ENTRANTS 1988

A. J. Bielby	Newcastle University (Mechanical Engineering).
N. G. Chandler	Polytechnic of Wales (Business Studies).
S. R. Clark	Warwick University (Mathematics).
J. P. Silmon-Clyde	Trinity College, Cambridge (Mathematics).
S. D. Crichard	Birmingham University (Dentistry).
T. C. Crockford	Warwick University (Electrical Engineering).
S. P. Devine	Bath University (Biochemistry).
R. G. Ellis	Hatfield Polytechnic (Mechanical Engineering).
J. Etheridge	Reading University (Food Science).
M. T. Eva	Exeter University (Medical Physics).
A. M. Foster	Leeds University (Medicine).
N. A. Gallagher	Imperial College, London (Mechanical Engineering).
C. R. Godding	Reading University (Law).
M. M. Goga	Polytechnic of Wales (Mechanical Engineering).
R. A. Grimwood	Manchester Polytechnic (Environmental Science).
J. R. Haines	Liverpool Polytechnic (Medicine).
N. Harvey	Bristol Polytechnic (Humanities).
I. M. Heathcock	Brighton Polytechnic (Electrical Engineering).
C. M. Hurley	Leicester University (Geology).
P. J. Hyett	Bristol Polytechnic (Systems Analysis).
J. S. James	Kingston Polytechnic (Applied Chemistry).
M. P. Kilby	Portsmouth Polytechnic (Mechanical Engineering).
R. A. McGregor	Bristol University (Biochemistry).
A. Mann	Bath University (Aeronautical Engineering).
J. C. Methven	Brasenose College, Oxford (English).
A. B. Methven	Trinity College, Cambridge (Natural Sciences).
P. D. Mills	Birmingham University (Accountancy).
R. M. Mitten	Kings College, London (Medical Biochemistry).
M. J. Page	Portsmouth Polytechnic (Pharmacology).
J. J. Page-Jones	Liverpool University (French/Mathematics).
D. M. Peters	Plymouth Polytechnic (Environmental Science).
M. A. Pibworth	Liverpool University (Mathematics).
R. Prewett	Bath University (Architecture).
J. P. Shackleton	South Bank Polytechnic (Modern Languages).
J. P. Tawn	Southampton University (French).
A. J. Tidmarsh	Queen Mary's College, London (German/English).
A. R. Trigg	Bristol Polytechnic (Quantity Surveying).
J. C. Webster	Bath University (Mechanical Engineering).



**The Lounge Bar at the Elmbridge Club.**

## Old Richians' Association 1988-1989

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Treasurer: David Mayo  
Membership Secretary: David Hook  
Past Presidents: Andrew Bishop; Dennis Collins; Frank Watkins

### President's Report

The other day a somewhat tenuous train of thought led me to suppose that the Association could well be described as having 'classical' attributes — 'classical' is a context to be remembered possibly by, among others, those Old Richians who over the years studied with me a succession of French and German "A" level 'set books'. Reference to a couple of dictionaries encouraged my musing still further, with such definitions as "restrained in style", "dignified", "traditional", "that endures despite changes in fashion". Reflecting further that dictionaries are meant to be used selectively to meet the need of the moment, and choosing to ignore such offerings as "having formal beauty", I concluded that yes, the Association in the past year has shown itself to be 'classical', a high-sounding, even flattering viewpoint in a year which in some respects has not been easy.

The social scene has indeed been "restrained" and "traditional". The Annual Dinner is chronicled elsewhere, but other events, designed to appeal across the whole age-range of membership, sadly did not 'take-off'. A summer skittles evening and barbecue planned by the Junior Section as one such broad-based attraction became, in the event, just another Junior Section Skittles Evening. As in recent past years it has been in the Junior Section where most activity has been in evidence. (I leave it to the participants to decide whether their discos, indeed any disco, can be "dignified".)

Moving to other matters, an Extraordinary General Meeting in January decided that a considerable increase in subscription fees was inevitable. Most members have by now amended their banker's orders, for which we are grateful. Some members have still not yet renewed, but if one takes into account the compensating effect of new members, overall membership figures remain much as before.

The other principal matter which has engaged members' attention has been, not for the first time, the "reorganisation issue", the new concept introduced by the 1988 Act. At the A.G.M. the 19 members present (a modest 6% or so of total membership) revealed views on change which varied from clear opposition to the recognition, albeit with whatever degree of nostalgic reluctance, that change was a necessity. No decision was taken regarding support for "opting out". Discussion ended with four members volunteering to meet officers of the Parents' Association to examine further the implications, favourable and otherwise, of such a course. The meeting duly took place, but no further action was taken by the Association. Whatever the eventual decision in Whitehall on local reorganisation may be, it is vital that the Old Richians' Association should display another 'classical' attribute noted earlier and, if circumstances so require, steadfastly "ensure despite changes in fashion" — a thought not too far removed from "Garde ta foy".

**Eric Smith**  
**President**

## The Elmbridge Sports and Social Club

The Elmbridge Sports and Social Club which overlooks the school at Sandyleaze was built and formed by the Rugby Club in December, 1983 and the strength of the Club pays testimony to the excellent facilities that we now provide.

The full time Stewards, Rob and Lorrae Gough have contributed significantly when maintaining standards and presentation which have made the Club such a popular place to be. Their cheerful and welcoming approach ideally compliments the helpful attitude that one always received at the Club.

We can now accommodate a lounge bar to match most licensed premises in the town and members can enjoy the comfort of luxury furniture including alcove seating which adds to the friendly and relaxed atmosphere. The Club which is open every evening is a Bass house and on the sporting side the Club accommodates cricket, pool, darts, and crib. Summer Barbecures, Social Evenings, Parties, General Knowledge Quizzes are ongoing.

With family membership at only £3 per annum, I have no hesitation in recommending our Club to everyone associated with school and the Elmbridge community.

**K. Ray**  
Club Chairman

## Annual Reunion Dinner 1988

As forecast in last year's copy of the "Richian", the 1988 Annual Dinner took place in November, again at the Crest Hotel, Barnwood. Some sixty members, their wives and guests were present for what proved to be a most enjoyable evening. This year it was encouraging to see an increase in the number of younger members attending, and also of other members who live away from Gloucester.

The toast "Sir Thomas Rich's School and all that it implies" was proposed by Linden Huddleston, formerly Head of English for some 25 years, and seconded by Rev. Terry Harris, who made the journey from his home near Exeter. Both entertained us in the manner to which we have become accustomed, with anecdotes about their time at Rich's. The Headmaster responded to the toast and this was followed by the President's report.

Again we are very grateful to David Billingham who was in charge of arrangements for the evening. A special word of thanks too, to Alf Martin, who once more carried out the duties of toast-master and M.C.

At the beginning of this report it was pleasing to note an increase in certain groups of members attending, but overall numbers were below expectation, a feature which has troubled the committee for some years. In an attempt to arrest this decline the Committee is considering introducing a 'theme' element. Details have yet to be worked out, so please keep an eye on the usual channels of publicity for information. It is expected that the dinner will be on November 25th, again at the "Crest".

E.G.S.

## Junior Section

Chairman: David Q. Hook, Staff Liaison: John D. Holdaway, Deputy Chairman: Duncan Sargent, Social Secretaries: Gary Bircher, Stephen Grieve, Committee: Jonathon Meager, David Williams, School Reps: R.P. Freckleton (School Capt), J.A. Sargent, R.C. Tapp & J. Thompson (Upper Sixth), M. Caddle and C.J. Marks (Lower Sixth).

The past year has seen the traditional blend of Junior Section events — quarterly dinners, skittles matches, get togethers and discos.

The get-togethers included a trip to the Badminton Horse Trials, the July Summer Skittles Evening, Christmas Quiz and this Easter the return by popular demand (honestly!) of the Petanque Championship.

It was with regret that I learnt that Ian Cutting our quizmaster for the last nine years was leaving Rich's. Ian has enriched school life in many ways and certainly the success and popularity of the Christmas Quiz is due almost entirely to him. I am sure all members of the Junior Section would want to join me in wishing Ian success and happiness in Witney.

The four discos held at The Top Cue Club have been better attended and more profitable than in previous years, their success being the result of the hard work of the committee, in particular the School Repts whose continuing support is much appreciated. This year we lose Justin Sargent and Roderick Tapp after three years service and Rob Freckleton and Justine Thompson after one year. Justine has the distinction of being the First Female on the Junior Section Committee (who says I oppose all change?) and, I hope, not the last. Hopefully the Association will soon see its first influx of lady members — only ten years after the first lady Prime Minister!! Turning to the future of the School we have, unfortunately in my opinion, seen the resurrection of the County Council's plan to turn Rich's into a Sixth Form College. There has been considerable debate and controversy over whether or not this is the best future for the school and if parents should have been allowed a vote on 'Opting Out'. I have continued to press for the retention of Rich's as a Grammar School leading to disagreements with those who do not share my particular vision of the future. I greatly regret any bad feeling that my position has caused but on the basic issue I remain unrepentant — to quote Martin Luther "Here I stand, I can do no other".

I close my report with an appeal for more members for the Junior Section Committee, for those who have not yet joined the Association to do so and for those members who are reading this to send in information on themselves for next years magazine.

**D.Q. Hook**  
Chairman



## Old Richians Rugby Club

Results for Season 1987/88

1st XV P37 W24 L9 D4

2nd XV P33 W16 L17

3rd XV P29 W16 L13

4th XV P19 W11 L7 D1

The 1988/89 Rugby Season at Old Richians will be remembered for the significant list of injuries to key players which seriously influenced our playing record, particularly in the First SV. Club Captain, Paul Wood, himself was injured and spent most of the Season on the sidelines and this gave the opportunity for Sean Neeley to take over Captaincy and for young players to gain First XV experience in local rugby and with the Club boasting now quite a strong fixture list, the youngsters would have gained useful, but on occasions, painful experience.

Young players to stand out included Mark Nicholls, Ian Burson, Phil Ackerman and Tim Parham.

It was pleasing for the Club that former player John Etheridge, now with Gloucester, gained England B recognition and that we were able to encourage two players, Demi Prystajecj and Clive Bishop, down to Kingsholm for senior rugby with the Gloucester Club.

The Boxing Day First XV encounter with Old Cryptians was lost, but all our other three teams won on that day and notable wins for the Club, particularly at the beginning of the Season, were against Old Patesians, Cirencester, and Lydney United. The Club received good support from other Team Captains, John Boon, Simon Teague, and Dave Wykes.

Much comfort can be drawn from the fact that the Club's Mini and Junior sections are now very strong indeed and this bodes well for the future. For this on the Mini side, Dave Taylor and Ken Shaw, amongst many others deserve mention and also Pete Cole and Mark Walker, who have brought on the Under 15 and Under 16 Teams respectively. In the Under 16 squad, Chris Fullman gained international honours for England Youth and the Under 15 Team were unfortunate not to make the final of the County Cup losing to the eventual winners, Clifton, at the semi-final stage.

On the administrative side, the Club is looked after by Club Chairman Gerry Stone and his Committee with Treasurer, Rob Wheeler; Fixture Secretary, Dave Carter; and Club Secretary, Clive Bishop giving able support. We would also like to express our thanks to Mr Jones, the school caretaker, Mr Homer, the groundsman and not least to the Headmaster, Mr Heap whose encouragement and support for all our activities is very much welcomed.

**K.D. Ray**  
Club President



## Old Richians

**BARBOUR, Richard S. (1976-84)**, having gained an Engineering degree with Honours, wrote after completing his first year in what he called "the real world of work". He felt "this private industry stuff can be demanding" having recently worked seven day weeks and 45 hours overtime per month! Richard was living in a Housing Association property in the Kingswood area of Bristol, renting at the time of writing with the hope of being able to buy later. He is a member of two local societies there — one for radio controlled model aircraft (his major hobby), and the other a travelling theatre group.

**BURNETT, Neil**, is a colleague of Alan Watkins at National Express. Neil held various Customer Relation posts for the Company at Cheltenham and Bristol before being appointed Product Manager (Central West) at Birmingham. This post includes management of Digbeth Coach Station, the second busiest in Europe. More recently he has been appointed Service Standards Manager at the company's headquarters. When he is not at home in Redditch with his wife and three daughters, Neil still finds time to enjoy his transport hobby — after all, train spotting is a change from coach controlling!!

**CLARK, Paul (late 1960s)**. News from "down under" advises us that Paul, in 1987, became the youngest-ever person to be appointed Senior Assistant Superintendent of Cessnock maximum security prison. More than ten years ago, Paul went to Sydney for a holiday with his brother who had emigrated there a short while before — and never came back. He is married with two children.

**DEAN, Nigel David (1961-66)**, continues to work as an associate producer in the sports department of Television South in Southampton. He is involved in a wide variety of sports programming but the most important results for him each weekend are still those of Gloucester Rugby Club and Gloucester City football club.

**DYSON, Nicholas J. (1972-79)**, gained his Ph.D. from Manchester University for research in molecular biology. He is a senior development scientist with Amersham International currently on secondment to Cold Spring Harbour Laboratories near New York to join in the general areas of D.N.A. tumor viruses and cancer research. He is specifically studying the interaction between oncogenes (cancer causing) and anti-oncogenes (whose normal function is the suppression of cancerous growth). Nick, who is married and has a two year old daughter, originally gained a first class Honours degree in Genetics at York University.

**FULLER, Howard (1970s)**, graduated from Portsmouth Polytechnic in 1984 with a 1st-class honours degree in Electrical and Electronic Engineering. Working for British Telecom at their R & D laboratories at Martlesham Heath, Ipswich, he was promoted to senior Engineer after two years. Three years later, with experience in the design of microprocessor systems, he moved to a Technical Sales job with B.T. in London, supporting Mini and Microprocessor Computer systems and local Area networks. He hopes this may be the prelude to setting up his own business. Socially, Howard feels London is a great improvement on Ipswich — particularly as he still remains young, free and single.

**GEORGE, Dr. Glyn H. (1971-77)**. After two years in the desert island nation of Bahrain in the Arabian Gulf, Glyn has returned to the nation of his birth — Canada. He is an Assistant Professor of Mathematics in the Faculty of Engineering of the Memorial University of Newfoundland. This is his third job in his third continent — but he is still over two thousand miles away from his home city of Toronto!

**GIRDLESTONE, Terry (1960s)**, was recently appointed to the acting rank of Chief Inspector with Gloucester City Police Force.

**HARDY, Maurice**, when last seen in April, was Night Production Editor of "The News" at Portsmouth. Still writes his features series on new cars, however. His brother....

**HARDY, Stephen**, has moved from coaching (he was at Cheltenham Coach Station) to the banking business at Tewkesbury. Obviously there was more money in it!!

**HARRIS, Rev. Terry (1946-52)**, moves to Plymouth in September to take pastoral care of two churches in Plympton and one in Yealmpton, after completing nine years in the Exeter Methodist Circuit. Terry, who was once Secretary of the School Stamp Club, has recently received the Deakin Trophy in a Postal History competition with his display "Niufo'ou 1930-46", and a third prize for postal material from Methodist Mission Launches used in the Solomon Islands. Terry and his wife, Julia, celebrate their Silver Wedding in August and we take this opportunity to congratulate them. Daughter, Rachel, is at Durham University while son, James, takes "A" levels this summer. Incidentally, Terry's mother is now 96 years old and has moved into a Nursing Home in Exeter.

HOLDER, Leonard H. (1936-41), is a Chartered Building Surveyor and lives in St. Ives, Cornwall. When he wrote at the end of October 1988 Len was, like a large number of us, surprised that he had not by then received a copy of "The Richian". This fact was caused by printing troubles beyond our immediate control and for which we can only apologise.

HOOK, David Q. (1972-80), was appointed in September 1988 to the Governing body of Rich's. In February of this year David took up a new post as Senior Surveyor and Valuer with Gloucester City Council, based at their offices in the North Warehouse, Gloucester Docks.

HOWKINS, Keith A. (1974-82), has moved from Ipswich on taking up the post of Senior Technical Assistant with Derbyshire County Council which, he explains, means evaluating items like the Rate Support Grant and "whatever grants come in with the Poll Tax". In a recent letter Keith wrote "I suppose I will have to be more politically neutral now" — those Old Richians who remember his fervent political views and eloquence at Debating Society meetings will possibly find this hard to believe!

KERSWELL, R. R., has obtained his Masters Degree from Berkeley University, California.

LOACH, Richard S. (1978-85), is this year's captain of the boat club at Southampton University where he is studying Medicine. As part of his studies Richard spent a few weeks last Summer in the South Pacific kingdom of Tonga practising what he had learnt. The problem with courses in developed countries is, Richard writes, that "we don't actually get to do much to the patients". In Tonga as well as collecting an enviable sun tan Richard (who was supported on his trip with a small grant from the Richian Trust) was able to practise "hands on" medicine — delivering babies, minor operations, etc!

MAYO, C.J., last year gained 1st Class Honours and was awarded University Prizes for Mathematics at Nottingham University.

MAYO, John (1938-44), has, we hear, recently suffered a spell of bad health which culminated in admission to the Military Hospital at Wroughton, Swindon, for some major surgery. He returned home in March and, by April, appeared to be making a very good recovery — eating like a horse and putting back the weight lost in the previous six months. His doctors recommended him to take early retirement and, looking around, he found that most of his contemporaries have packed in full time work by his age. So he resigned his position as Manager of the Andover Tourist Information Centre although, when the doctor says it is alright, he intends to do "a bit of part time relief work just to retain the connection and interest". (We all look forward to seeing you at the Annual Dinner, John.)

MAYO, Jonathon (1960-61), son of John, is a Wing Commander serving at the R.A.F. Supply Depot, Stafford.

NAYLOR, David J. (1977-84). Last heard of whilst working for the British Library in London, David surfaced back in Gloucester towards the end of 1988. Employed by the B.B.Cs recently opened Radio Gloucestershire. As one of Rich's many gifted public speakers, his present post will come as no surprise to those who remember his contributions to the debates held in the Lecture Theatre.

NEARY, John A. (1972-77), on leaving School joined the Royal Air Force, serving with them for seven years. He is presently employed as a progress co-ordinator with Dowty Rotol. Married to Jane, John is chairman of the Gloucester Young Conservatives, a vice-chairman of Gloucester Conservative Association, and was elected as a City Councillor to represent the Longlevens ward in 1988. In that year also he was appointed a Governor of Sir Thomas Rich's.

NEWMAN, A.W., has obtained 1st Class Honours in Applied Physics at Lanchester Polytechnic.

PHILPOTT, Brian, is a Chief Inspector in the Metropolitan Police. It is believed that his "patch" includes Buck House.

RAWCLIFFE, Right Revd. Derek (1930s), is Bishop of Glasgow. He was seen on television last year when he visited Lockerbie after the tragedy.

RAY, Keith D. (1953-59), lives in Ross-on-Wye. This is closer to his employment than twelve months ago (when he resided in Minchinhampton), yet still close enough to Rich's to remain President of the Rugby Club, chairman of the Elmbridge Club, and a member of the Association's Committee. Memories of his rugby playing days are recaptured by watching his fifteen year old son playing in Richians colours at Under 15 level.

TAPSCOTT, Jeremy B. (1976-78), became the new cartoonist for the Gloucester Journal in September 1988. Living in Newent, Jeremy is currently completing illustrations for a children's book which is due to be published shortly.

THOMAS, S., was the 1988 Midland Counties Champion at 400 metres.

WATKINS, Alan O. (1958-64) became Network Promotion Manager for National Express following the coach firm's privatisation by the Government. he had previously been Public Relations Manager.

WATKINS, Francis O. (1932-37), continued his retirement last year on the same lines as the previous year. He and his wife, Pat, kept up their hobby of caravanning. For one great spell they toured Western Scotland and were reasonably lucky with the weather. In March of this year, however, Frank found himself in hospital with heart trouble. (Pat swears he only did it to dodge a dental appointment — and he couldn't bear the thought of her having had something which he hadn't had!) This will obviously curtail their caravanning for a while and they will not be able to consider going to their usual steep and wild areas — but the maps are out hopefully!

WATKINS, Jack (1939-47), opted for early retirement from teaching and immediately found his days filled. He is one of a team of liaison officers set up by the Pitman Examinations Institute to advise colleges and schools throughout the Country.

WATKINS, Keith (1972-77), lives in Birmingham and is in charge of training for his Accountancy firm. He maintains that any success can only be measured against the next set of results. Keith now considers that teaching/lecturing is not an easy option!!

WATKINS, Malcolm J. (1961-68), Gloucester City's Director of Archaeology must be finding his working life extremely busy these days contending with all the projected improvements to the City.

WILLIAMS, T., is Professor of Clinical Pharmacology at Brompton Hospital.

#### Deaths

The following Old Richians are known to have died recently. We would like to offer our condolences to their families.

DAVIS, Donald H., of 4 Beach Close, Prestatyn, Clwyd, died suddenly from a heart attack on 12th November 1987.

JACQUES, John E. (1930s), about whom we wrote last year, died at the year end.

#### Weddings

Our congratulations and best wishes are offered to the following

BEWLEY, Rob (1974-82), to Miss Rosemary Helen Dick at Streaton Presbyterian Church, Newtownards, Northern Ireland, on 27th August 1988.

FOSTER, Neil (1977-82), to Miss Yvonne Prosser at St. Philip and St. James Church, Hucclecote.

PARKER, Brian P. (1977-82), to Miss Sharon Collett at Robinswood Pentecostal Church, Gloucester.



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