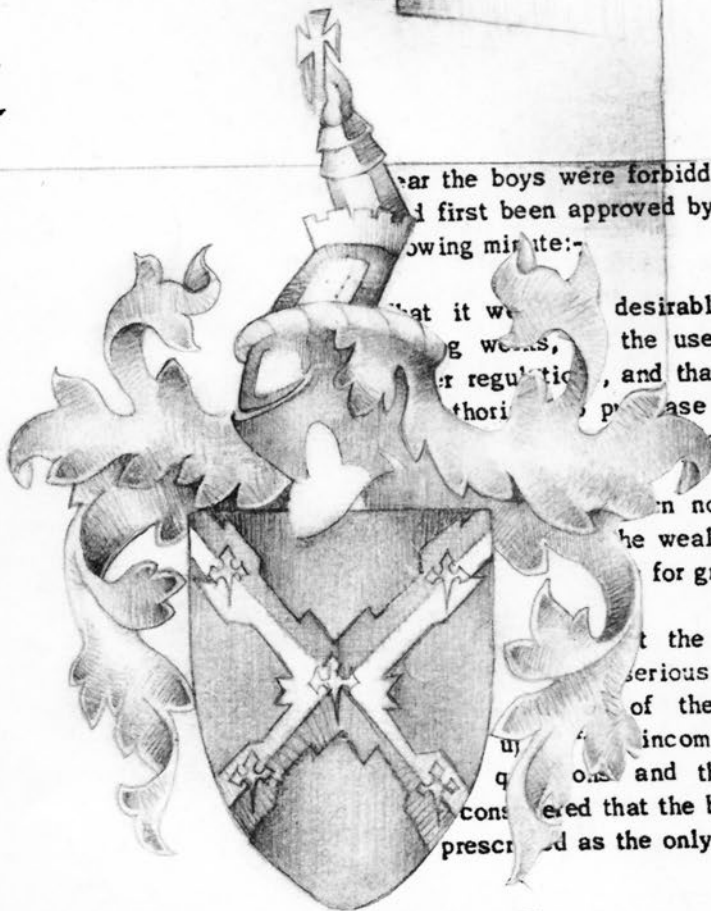


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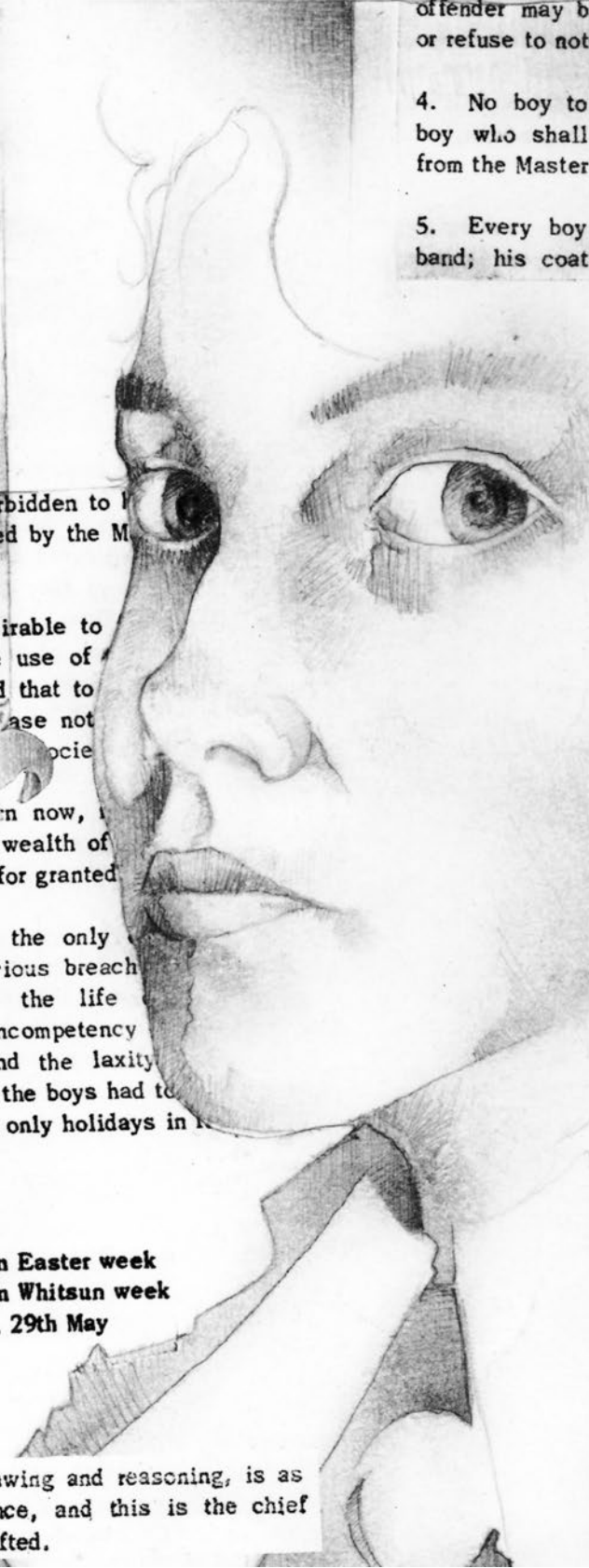
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## School Captain's Report

A captain, as one simple dictionary reads is "the master of a merchant ship". In some grandiose romantic fashion, I suppose I stand at the bow of the great ship, 'Sir Thomas Rich' as it sails through the satirical educational waters.

This year, like all others, has seen countless scholastic events a lot of which make you realize just how good a school S.T.R.S. is, even as the Educational play sees so many different Acts. Sir Thomas Rich's can be likened to an undying Shakespearean classic.

A few select events should be mentioned to give a taste of the School Year including Speech Day with an Address by Professor T. J. Williams. Definitely the funniest speech ever, with a witty insight into School life, that very few Old Richians could possibly show. Other events included Founders Day, the regular Carol Services at Holy Trinity and St. John's as well as several concerts by the School Choir. It also seems that countless Chess and Rugby awards have been given out (most pupils, it seems, play one or the other!)

Congratulations should also be given to the Venture Scout Unit for their stupendous effort in the Bed Race at Stonehouse this year gaining 1st and 2nd places; and also to those students in the Lower Sixth for their marvellous efforts in the 'Raid the Larder Campaign.'

Just a final word; I would like to thank the Prefects and Observators, David Dempsey, Martin Foster and Sarah Kemmet, as well as the two Vice Captains, Justin Sargent and Ian Jameson, all have been generous with their help and support. Good luck to the next School Captain and his crew.

All is not finished though! All the things I shall miss they certainly must include, the Final Hymn number 378; the way Mr. Holdaway wears his gown 'off the shoulder'; a Mr. Pilbeam ear to ear smile and a 'C.J.' tie!

Sic transit gloria mundi...

**Nicholas J. Easen**

## Parents' Association

Once again the year has quickly passed; for us parents it has not been without incident, for apart from losing Mrs. Kent, Mrs. Canning, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Hitchings and Mr. Hough from the Committee, this year, of course, also saw the retirement of its longest serving member — the Headmaster. Best wishes to all and our sincerest thanks for all the hard work that these committee members have put in on behalf of the School. Subject to the AGM we on the Committee look forward to meeting and working with the new Headmaster.

In view of the lack of parental support for large events, i.e. the dance, the Committee decided that it would be best to hold a number of small events and I am pleased to report that in varying degrees these have been a success. So far we have had two wine and cheese evenings, a visit to the brewery, a race night, a talk by International Rescue and before the end of this term a barn dance and a treasure hunt have been organised.

Also during this year the Parents Associations of the four Grammar Schools got together for a skittles evening. Unfortunately, I cannot report that we were the winners, but we did come a very close second to the Crypt. The evening was a big success and it has been decided that we shall hold this annually and next time play for a Cup.

In the 1988/89 School Year the Association made available to the School nearly £10,000 for various projects and grants. We would like to increase this figure but cannot do so without everyone's support and in this respect your's as pupils is vital, for unless your parents know what is going on, how can they support us, so please make sure that those letters that are given to you are handed on.

**D. W. Finch**  
**Secretary**

## Editorial

I should like to respond briefly to Mr. D. Hook's public criticism of the magazine.

As a result of the many changes in the curriculum and an ever-increasing workload it is becoming more and more difficult to complete 'The Richian' during the very busy Summer term.

Producing a costly magazine takes many quiet hours of hard work and goodwill.

**Pauline Smith**

### Officers Of The School:

**School Captain:** N. J. Easen

**School Vice-Captain:** J. A. Sargent  
R. A. Sharpe

**Observators:** I. E. Jameson,

### Prefects:

N. Bishop	M. Leason
M. Cadle	C. Marks
R. Coles	J. Nunn
A. Cook	M. O'Leary
D. Dempsey	S. Pearman
R. Edwards	S. Pettit
G. Evans	J. Reed
A. Ford	T. Richards
M. Foster	V. Rogers
C. Gillson	D. Rutter
M. Goode	C. Salter
L. Griffin	C. Tanner
J. Hawkesley	P. Thomas
B. Hounsell	J. Thompson
J. Howells	G. Tugwell
M. James	C. Wilcox
S. Kemmett	I. Williams
A. LaBouchard	S. Wright



**Mr. W. G. Heap, Headmaster 1973 - 1989**

## Farewell

At the close of the Michaelmas term Mr. Heap retired after seventeen years as Headmaster of Sir Thomas Rich's School.

Mr Heap is remembered foremost for his enthusiasm and involvement in every aspect of school life. Such a commitment brought Mr. Heap into personal contact with all pupils at some stage of their school career; maybe it was at the New Boys' morning in the June before entering the School, or at a Third year or Sixth Form option meeting, a format Mr. Heap introduced to personally assist pupils in their choice of subjects and career; or at a Sixth Form Oxbridge or UCCA interview; perhaps as a member of the Squash Club — a game in which the Headmaster himself excelled — or supporting a School function — games, music, drama, public speaking or a Saturday morning detention! Perhaps even on a Sunday morning one could meet Mr. Heap jogging in and around Gloucester.

Throughout his Headship Mr. Heap resolved to maintain academic standards. Yet, he was not concerned only with the high-fliers. He is remembered for his kindness and interest in those pupils who had difficulties in their studies — often giving extra tuition — and readily giving his time and advice to anyone who sought it — pupils, colleagues, parents.

Mr. Heap gave equal commitment to Parents Evenings, Governors meetings, Old Richian meetings and Parent Association meetings.

Mr. Heap also worked hard for the School behind the scenes: he was involved with the move of Education from City Council control to County Council control, with numerous controversial plans for reorganisation and he battled tirelessly for a fair deal from the United Charities and now he leaves Sir Thomas Rich's at a time when it is reverting to a Three Form Entry School.

We thank Mr. Heap for his hard work and commitment to the School. We wish Mr. Heap and Mrs. Heap a long and happy retirement.

This year we also say goodbye to Mr. Holdaway who announced his retirement at the end of the Summer term. Mr. McBurnie recalls: "John Holdaway came to Sir Thomas Rich's as Head of Mathematics in September 1967. He quickly became involved in the life of the School, singing in the Choral Society and as treasurer of the Bus Fund and the School Fête Committee.

It was not long before he took charge of the School Timetable and of all examinations, tasks he discharged efficiently and imaginatively for many years.

Mr. Holdaway was an extremely good and popular teacher whose pupils achieved excellent examination results. His outstanding leadership qualities were appreciated by the staff in his department, and later experienced by all when he became Deputy Head in 1984.

John was always ready to help anyone who needed his assistance. His genuine concern and the warmth of his personality meant that many sought his advice.

We wish him well on his retirement. he intends to do some voluntary work and to remain as a member of the Bench."



*John D. Holdaway*

## Farewell

The School says farewell to Mr. Tucker, who, after a long association with the School both as a pupil and as a member of staff, assumes a new role as Head of the Computer Department at King's School, Gloucester in September.

Mr. Tucker came to Sir Thomas Rich's as an assistant teacher of Mathematics and Physics, later, he held responsibility for developing what is now a well-equipped and thriving Computer department. His expertise and time were appreciated by many members of staff introducing or furthering the use of computers in their subject area.

Mr. Tucker is remembered by all for his gentlemanly presence and for his constant good humour. By his sporting colleagues he is also remembered as a formidable squash player. Yet, rowing was his major sport when he attended Sir Thomas Rich's as a pupil.

We say farewell and wish him success and happiness in his new post at King's School.

In December 1989 Mr. Jamieson retired from teaching for a short while to complete his Ph.D.

Mr. Jamieson came to the School as Head of Music in September 1988

His success in encouraging interest and skill in the playing of musical instruments brought much pleasure to the School in the form of concerts, 'Trial By Jury', the Wind Band and the swinging Dixie Band which enlivened many School functions including School assemblies.

He is remembered by those who worked closely with him for his flamboyant style and his sense of fun.

We wish him every success in his studies.

Finally we say goodbye to Mrs Burslem.

Mrs Burslem was a part-time member of the Latin department for two years. Mr. Moss writes — "Susan Burslem will be remembered by years one and two and by the Sixth Form for her lively and wide ranging teaching, and by the staff room as a colleague of twinkling good humour. I have been grateful for her support in the Classics and as a sympathetic Mini owner."

We wish Mrs Burslem success and happiness in her new post at Wycliffe College.

## Welcome

This year we welcomed five new members of staff. Mr. Hodgkinson came to Sir Thomas Rich's to set up the Economics and Business Studies department. Being a keen rugby player he is also involved in coaching the sport at Tommy's.

From Warwick and Oxford Universities Mr. Hodgkinson has gained a wide teaching experience from the Royal Grammar School Worcester, the New English School, Kuwait and he now joins us from Marling School, Stroud.

Mr. Thompson came to Sir Thomas Rich's as Head of Music in December 1989, from Farmor's School, Fairford. Mr. Thompson has already produced a School Summer Concert and he is presently working with Mr. Moss and other members of staff on the School production of Lionel Bart's "Oliver".

Although Mr. Thompson is a new member of staff he is no stranger to the School for he attended Tommy's as a pupil from September 1967 to July 1975.

We welcome him back to Sir Thomas Rich's and wish him a long and happy stay.

At the beginning of the Summer term we welcomed Mr. North as Head of the French Department. The second year have already benefited from a lively excursion to Merville-Franceville. Mr. North is assisting the School production of Bart's "Oliver" and he also coaches the second year cricket team.

Before coming to Tommy's, Mr. North was a House Master at Cheltenham College. Mr. North lives in Cheltenham with his wife and family.

Mr Cappi has joined the staff at Sir Thomas Rich's to teach Physics and Junior Science. He completed his postgraduate course at Homerton College, Cambridge and graduated from Trinity Hall, Cambridge, in 1988. Mr. Cappi lives in Stroud and has taken an interest in the work of his Church there.

We hope he enjoys the start of his career in teaching with us.

We are pleased to welcome Mr. Smallwood who joins us from Leeds and Cambridge Universities to teach in the Geography department.

Mr. Smallwood is a keen jogger and he has also joined the staff squash team.

Before embarking on a career in teaching Mr. Smallwood worked for the Civil Service for two years. We hope he enjoys his first teaching post at Sir Thomas Rich's.

**Pauline Smith**



**Back row (left to right) Mr. L. North, Mr. G. Cappi, Mr. S. Smallwood, Mr. J. Thompson.**  
**Front row (left to right) Mr. I. Hodgkinson, Mr. J. Holdaway, Mr. R. Tucker.**



**Mr. A. Jamieson**



**Mrs. S. Burslem**

## Music At Sir Thomas Rich's

Music is taught throughout the School as an academic subject up to GCSE and 'A' level. In the lower three years emphasis is placed on practical music-making, the history and culture of the subject being assimilated through listening and composing projects.

There is opportunity to learn almost any orchestral instrument with County peripatetic staff, including strings, woodwind, brass, percussion, and guitar. Extracurricular activities involve instrumentalists in the brass group, orchestra, and occasional chamber groups.

Choral music is very strong. The Choir consists of approximately fifty voices and leads the School in assembly, regularly performing anthems and also larger-scale works in concerts both in and out of School.

The Madrigal Group is a smaller group (about twenty) of singers (entry by invitation) specialising in sixteenth and seventeenth century sacred and secular music. It generally performs less frequently than the choir, usually on special occasions.

The music room houses advanced electronic musical equipment as well as a number of smaller keyboards and classroom instruments and is open to any pupil who wishes to make good use of it out of class time.

This year, the 30th anniversary of the choir, there was a concert given in December at St. Catherine's Church which included Britten's 'Rejoice in the Lamb' and movements from Mozart's Requiem. The Choir also led two carol services traditionally given at St. John's, Northgate, and Holy Trinity, Longlevens at the end of the Christmas term.

The Spring term saw a junior concert which featured an Easter Cantata, 'Jerusalem Joy', and all aspects of school music were represented at a Summer Concert on 17th May.

We are now planning to stage Bart's 'Oliver' next term.

**James W. Thompson**  
*Head of Music Department*



**Guy Worth on Keyboard**

## Summer Concert 17th May, 1990

This Concert intends to present the various aspects of school music. As befits the time of year the programme has been deliberately designed to include informal, lighter items.

The School Choir, thirty years old this year, normally sings sacred music, leading the School in Assembly with hymns and anthems, and for concerts and functions, larger-scale repertoire. By contrast tonight they will sing two light, short pieces in more popular idiom, in addition to a well-loved anthem.

The Madrigal Group specializes in music of the 16th and 17th centuries, both sacred and secular. They perform here two sprightly ballets and a slower, beautiful ode to beauty.

The Orchestra has only recently been formed and I am very pleased to welcome girls from the High School, Denmark Road into its ranks. In their programme, very appropriately, is an arrangement of Gershwin's 'Summertime'.

The School boasts many fine musicians and instrumentalists, many of whom play, not just in School, but for county bands and orchestras. Tonight a few of them present music they are currently studying.

My thanks go to the peripatetic teachers, and all those who have helped in the preparation of this Concert.

**James W. Thompson**

### PROGRAMME

<b>CHOIR:</b>	Lead me Lord — Wesley
<b>J. MEECHAM:</b> (French Horn)	Slow Movement: Horn Concerto No. 3 — Mozart
<b>G. CROFT:</b> (Piano)	Bridge Over Troubled Water - Simon & Garfunkel
<b>MADRIGAL GROUP:</b>	My Bonny Lass — Morley  The Silver Swan — Gibbons  Now is the Month of Maying - Morley
<b>ORCHESTRA:</b>	Grand March from Aida - Verdi  Sound of Silence - Garfunkel  Summertime — Gershwin
<b>CHOIR:</b>	What shall we do with the Drunken Sailor — arr. Cashmore
<b>J. STABLER:</b> (Cello)	2nd & 3rd Movements: Sonata in Bb — Vivaldi
<b>A. PRIESTLEY:</b> (Trombone)	The Acrobat — Greenwood
<b>CHOIR:</b>	Frère Jacques — arr. Tate



**Mr. Thompson and the Choir**



**(Left to right) Guy Worth, Kirsten Schofield and Matthew Wells composing their own music.**



**From left to right:  
Adrian McBurnie, Andrew Roderick, Andrew Gettings, Jason Pegler, David Freeman.**

## Chess Report

Another good year for the School Chess Team!

The best results were achieved in the Times National Schools Competition. The school won its zone comfortably beating Chosen Hill in the final, five and a half points to a half point.

The School then entered the first international round where they competed against Bishop Headley School from Myrthr Tydfil. Although two of the Welsh team members were international U18 players, the School team won three and a half points to two and a half points.

At this stage the School team was more than pleased to be one of the remaining sixteen teams out of the seven hundred and fifty teams who had originally entered the Competition.

The team now faced its greatest challenge — Truro School Cornwall. The Truro team covets two very famous members: the youngest ever British Champion and Grandmaster, Michael Adams and British Internationalist, Matthew Piper. Not surprisingly, the School team, after a valiant effort went down five points to one. However, the tournament has reaffirmed the School team as one of the strongest in the country.

The team plays in Division Three of the North Gloucestershire Chess League; the League consists mainly of adult teams.

The School also fielded younger teams in the Cheltenham Friday Night Junior League. Regular team members were Adrian Stokes, David Bhattin, Dimpu Bhagawati and Adam Koller.

The team was also fortunate to be able to call up Senior Members of the Chess Club with Richard Davies and Geraint Harris willingly giving their support.

The School also entered the Marlwood Schools Competition and was "best placed" out of all the local teams.

In the Walsall Under 14 Schools Competition the team finished third. This was a very creditable performance since the schools entered were from all over the country. The best School result was gained by David Freeman who also scored four points out of five.

Present team members are Andrew Gettings, Jason Pegler, Andrew Roderick, David Freeman and Adrian McBurnie.

Various members of the team have played consistently well: Adrian McBurnie and David Freeman have played for the Gloucestershire U14 team on numerous occasions and Matthew Edwards was selected to play in the County U14 'B' team. Jason Pegler and Andrew Roderick were chosen to play for the County U16 and U18 teams; and Andrew Gettings was picked to play as Captain in the County U18 team.

Jason Pegler won the U16 county title, whilst Duncan McBurnie and Andrew Gettings won the Gloucestershire Secondary Schools U13 and U18 titles respectively.

Andrew Gettings was also selected to play for the England U16 side against Wales, at the beginning of the season.

All in all this has been another very successful year for the School.

**Andrew Gettings  
Lower Sixth**

## U16 Junior Chess International 1989: England versus Wales

Andrew Gettings was selected to play for England at board two in a twelve board international at Marlwood School, Bristol.

Andrew won his game 7½ points to 4½ points.

The Game was a fine conclusion to a highly successful season for Andrew with the School Chess Club, Gloucester Chess Club and the Gloucestershire team.

## Railway Society

The Railway Society began this year with a new leadership team. Thanks to a loyal core of existing members and a good number of new first year members, the Society has continued to flourish and has enjoyed another active and varied year.

Once again the highlight has been our recent three day trip to Scotland and North East England. This year's itinerary was one of the more ambitious, visiting the most spectacular Scottish scenic routes, travelling out to Mallaig and returning via Kyle of Lochalsh and Inverness. Two ferry crossings and a chartered coach across the Isle of Skye linked the two railheads. We were fortunate in our weather; traversing the Highlands on a glorious summer evening by the "Hebridean Heritage" train will remain long in our memories. So will the vast quantities of cornflakes consumed by a senior member during Sunday breakfast at Newcastle University. His subsequent attempts at Morris Dancing in a Sprinter near Rotherham should not be recorded by a responsible magazine. Neither will members easily forget their tour of Sheffield's bus stops as we tried to master the Steel City's incomprehensible public transport system.

Our day trips this year have also covered much ground and proved to be good fun as well. Edinburgh and Glasgow were both visited one November Saturday when we made another of our notorious early morning departures. On this occasion we found the greasiest fish and chips in the whole of Britain — anyone allergic to healthy eating will find a rare treat in Carlisle. The year's initial visit to the National Railway Museum at York gave us the opportunity to sample the newly-electrified line out of Leeds. On that occasion our outward journey did not help Birmingham New Street's punctuality ratings.

The Model Railway Section has experienced varying fortunes through the year. Initial enthusiasm for our new room was quite literally dampened by a series of leaks in the roof. However, the caretaker's persistent efforts have at last induced the contractors to weather-proof the roof. All the track has been relaid this year with good quality materials and we have made a start on landscaping the layout.

**Steve Pack**

## Quiz Successes

Two teams represented the School well in quizzes this year.

A group of boys from 3R reached the final of the Senior Section of the County Road Safety Quiz. The County Final was held in the Nuclear Electric Building at Barnwood and was broadcast by Severn Sound.

The finalists were David Freeman, Jonathan Stabler and Richard Tuck and reserve Salem Uka. The team finished a creditable third. Each member received several prizes as well as radio fame.

Meanwhile, a team of four boys prepared for the County Fire Prevention Quiz. A Fire Officer came to the School each Thursday evening to coach them in all aspects of fire safety. In June the big night came: the final was held at Smith's Industries, Bishops Cleeve. The finalists were Bryan Simpson (4R), Louis Delwiche (4T), Craig Banon (3R), and Richard Bradley (3R). The team answered some very difficult questions with composure and confidence — and won! They were presented with a trophy and a hundred pounds for the School; and each received thirty pounds, a smoke alarm and a certificate. The boys now go on to represent the County in the South West Region Final, then, if successful, onto the National Final.

**Ian J. Kellie.**

## Public Speaking And Debating

Several events took place in the autumn term, with valuable contributions being made from the third form and the lower sixth form in particular.

The difficulty faced by the organiser lay in enticing a sufficient audience into the library, rather than in finding main speakers. While maintaining the tradition of formal debates, this writer wonders whether more interest might be engendered by further exploiting the possibilities of the "Any Questions?" format. It is also worth pursuing the possibility of inviting speakers to address meetings on specific issues of local or wider interest, thus emphasising the principle that the spoken work should serve quite simply to enlighten and inform as well as to challenge and dispute.

**David. J. Slinger**

## Christian Union Report

The Christian Union organised a more successful programme of events this year and although attendance was low it was consistent and we even gained a new member.

Philip Skelton and Richard Milton assume the role of leadership in September. My best wishes go to them and to those staff and pupils who have continued to support the Christian Union.

**Martin Foster**

## Library Report 1990

The guiding principle behind the library's perestroika is to transform it from a place where reluctant footballers go to escape the rain into a useful and interesting information centre. As such it should become the heart of the school.

The primary task is to offer a wide selection of books on subjects of both academic need and leisure interest. Accordingly, we have bought around 350 new books since this time last year. In addition, we receive many new books on loan each year from the county library which have two great advantages. Firstly, they are more likely to be modern and attractively packaged. Secondly, they are free. Also, we have begun the process of cataloguing the books held in departmental vaults so you are now able to borrow books from the Art, C.D.T., Economics, English, Geography, History and Latin cupboards.

Once books have been obtained, the important job of cataloguing takes place. Our most valuable accession and the only one not to have undergone this process — Mrs. Colclough — has introduced new catalogues to make finding books easier. As well as the traditional Dewey system, we now have the more human subject and author indexes. If you are still unable to find the book you want, please ask (but not me if you need it quickly!).

These two areas are the bread and butter of any library but we are also charging into the twentieth-century by placing more emphasis on peripheries such as magazines, newspapers, leaflets, newspaper cuttings collections and local information. Here, especially your contributions, are most welcome as indeed were your answers to our questionnaire; the responses to which we are at present acting upon.

Our thanks go to the team of librarians whose efforts are much appreciated. Thanks also go to the uncatalogued Mrs C. whose hard work and fresh ideas have been much needed. The initiatives listed above are a result of her zeal. Thanks also to Mr. Harvey L6R — our total book lending figures were up hugely this year — 'Cheers, Richard!'

If information is the food of students then this information centre will strive to produce 'haute cuisine' (Fresh dictionary available in Reference section) and I retire optimistically — the future is bright.

**Dave Kavanagh**  
**Head Librarian**

## First Year Activities

At a School Council meeting early in the year, a First Form representative suggested that there could be more activities at lunch time and after school. News of this reached Mr. Kellie who asked each First Former to write down a number of activities in which they would like to be involved. From the suggestions a list was drawn up and enquiries began into the feasibility of the most popular requests.

The Badminton Club was started. It meets every Wednesday after School in the gym. All equipment is provided. Mr Henderson, a qualified coach, is a regular visitor who ensures standards improve steadily. Attempts to organise matches against local schools were unsuccessful as the other schools failed to raise a team!

Indoor cricket has become a popular tradition, but at present is restricted to Second Years and above. However, Mr. McBurnie has rearranged the schedule to accommodate six games for the First Years. Four Captains were selected and plenty of 'Ian Botham's' asked if they could play. The complexities of the unique rules led to some confusion but the games were enjoyed and played in good spirit.

Several boys asked for more adventurous outdoor pursuits. As a start, and to test the response, Mr. Quinn organised a ten mile walk one Sunday morning. A good number of boys and parents were ready and waiting for the start at Prinknash Abbey. Despite the occasional wrong turn and accidental trespass (thankyou, Mr. Henderson, for putting our maps the right way up) a pleasant walk was enjoyed by all.

The next month's excursion was the dry ski slope at Robinswood Hill. This proved popular; Mr. Morgan and Mr. Lloyd and over thirty boys mastered the basics of skiing. Most boys were keen enough to ask to go again and follow-up visits will take place.

In May a group of boys with Messrs Kellie, Morgan, Preece and Quinn went to Clearwell Caves in the Forest of Dean. Two hours of 'deep caving' proved to be dirty, exciting, probably dangerous, but great fun.

At the time of writing, the next activities planned are sailing and canoeing followed by orienteering. The enthusiasm has been catching with boys taking on responsibility of setting up their own clubs. Two different roleplay clubs (Dungeons and Dragons style) meet regularly and Mr Smallwood supervises a group of Baseball enthusiasts on Wednesday evening.

The most popular request of all — table tennis — proved difficult to start. A weekly search through the 'For Sale' advertisements has yielded only one table. If anyone has a spare tennis table or knows where one is gathering dust, please inform Mr. Kellie.

Otherwise, it looks as if this will have to wait for next year's First Year!

**Ian J. Kellie**

**"First year photos!" Playing football with Mr. Lloyd; enjoying a Drama lesson in the Memorial Gardens; Sports Evening; Junior School Children join in a Drama lesson; the School Choir seated for Assembly; in the Computer Room; centre picture John Vallender, 1R, sporting the "Blue Boy" uniform.**



## A Personal View Of The Popular Sport Of Architecture

Traditionally the British obsession is with the weather. However, recently this archaic custom has been broken, a new and more easily controlled issue has seized the minds of the nation. The recent forays of Prince Charles into the world of both architecture and broadcasting seem to have awoken a dormant sense of responsibility in the Great British public.

It all started with a speech, just a routine speech from His Royal Highness but the high spot of the year, to our noble architectural messiahs. The Prince of Wales was coming to talk to them! What joy, what anticipation! Presumably they expected the usual polite but rather boring "Thank you for having me", speeches. These were heard, but only from their own ranks, Charles offering was rather more lively.... and not too complimentary.

He verbally demolished half of Birmingham, ritually flogged and hanged whole planning committees, said "Thank you" and sat down, smiling.

The cultural shockwaves rocked the nation's County Councils, nearly disturbing their peaceful slumber. Little old ladies in Chelmsford put down their knitting, took up their pens — and wrote! Letters were flying in all directions, most of them off course admittedly, but the majority reached their intended targets — our friend the Prince being a favourite, metaphorical bull's-eye. Architects nationwide answered their comrades' calls. Normally rare and elusive creatures, such as 'County Planning Officials' appeared in Local papers, and even on 'Wogan', to politely suggest that Charles should stick to polo and leave architecture to look after itself. Despite this negative response there was a smallish mountain of correspondence accumulating which supported the views of the prospective monarch.

So what of his reply? Evidently spurred on by the success of Mum's Christmas broadcast H.R.H. decided to make a television programme.

Naturally, the loyal, trustworthy, respectable, peer — controlled B.B.C. was chosen for the transmission. Armed only with several camera crew, a few country estates, his boyish good looks and most of Cornwall the Prince set out to record his views. It may be an opportune moment to point out .... to the more excitable reader, that the Prince was not awarded prime-time screening solely because of his family background and, more importantly, that he was very careful to stress that the programme was based on his views alone.

Nevertheless, the critics were not to be put off by his introductory disclaimer. This time they were prepared, dug in, taking notes and ready to pounce. They were certainly given plenty to pounce on. The debate grew hotter, tempers flared and self — appointed experts appeared in every household. Why the big commotion?

Well it seems that Prince C. had struck a raw nerve once again. His programme had dared to question the aesthetic values of externally — braced, Lego — framed sheets of glass, not only that but he had said that traditional skills and values should be incorporated into contemporary designs. With one hand he slammed Birmingham city centre, while with the other he patted the backs of Skiptons' planning department. Modernists architects were horrified, who was this Prince to boss them around? They struck back, no holds barred, fighting for their honour, (honour ! ?)

The Prince's reply took a few months to surface. It rose like Atlantis from the seas of debate, stirring things up even more by virtue of its hefty displacement. He kicked off with a repeat of his original televisual venture, quickly followed by a series in 'The Sunday Times Magazine' which demonstrated to a captive audience of subscribers his inability to paint in watercolour. These articles, however, were merely a foretaste of his masterstroke — 'A Vision Of Britain'. With a dull thud of polite discretion his prophetic book of ten commandments hit the bookshelves. Tower-block residents everywhere rushed out to pay nearly a weeks wages for it; no they didn't. Never mind he meant well. The book laid out some ground rules for better building, apologised for being too forthright and then condemned anything built since the peasants revolt of 1381. Good intentions? Yes, but shall we ever see the day that Birmingham is levelled and the tower blocks rebuilt as two-bedroomed Gothic bungalows? I think not. As for me; I'll settle for a thatched cottage with a view, just a little bit of Cornwall would be nice too, though ....

**Iain Roberts 5R**



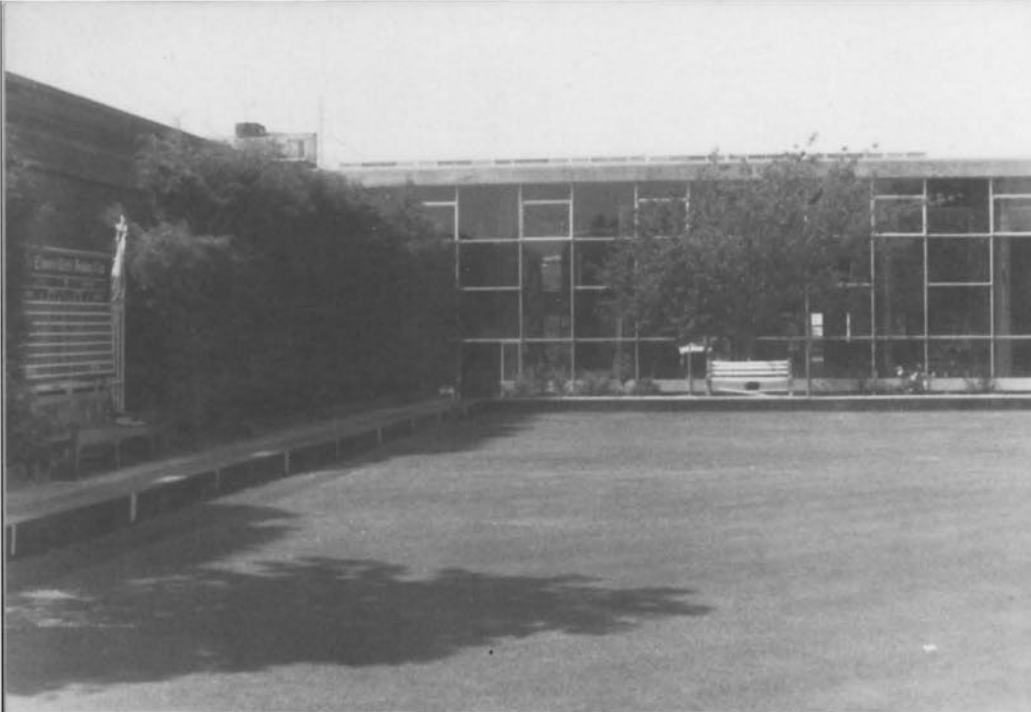
**Iain Roberts 5T**

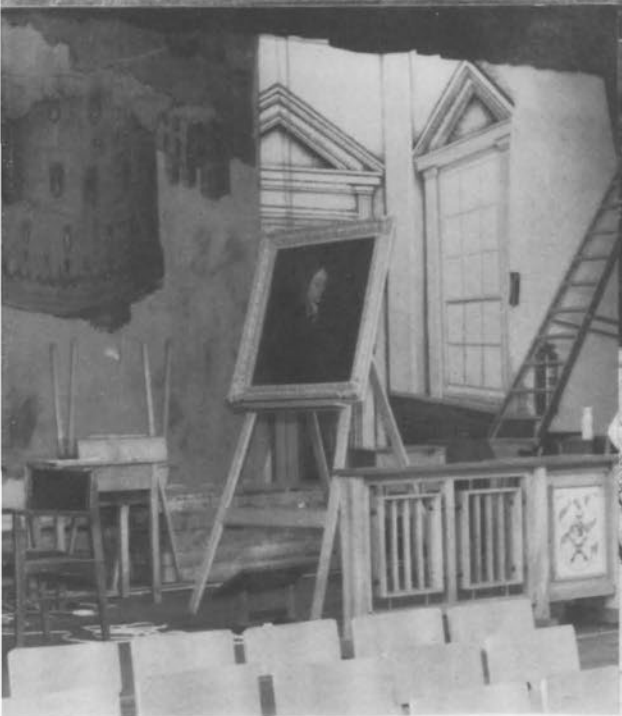


**The Gloucester Docks Development: the new blends with the old,**



**as all good architecture should, according to Prince Charles.**





## Go Hike The Canyon — And Have A Nice Day

We had been five days on the road in our Ford Thunderbird. From Denver, Colorado, the route took us up to 12,000 ft as we crossed the Rockies and on to the spectacular scenery and geology of Dinosaur National Monument in the Green River badlands. We marvelled at the bizarre landforms of the Zion and Bryce National Parks in Utah before heading south to Arizona.

It was nearly sunset when we eventually reached our prebooked campsite on the South Rim of the Grand Canyon. As the darkness gathered we looked across this vast gash in the high flat plateau, home of the Navajo Indians. It was impossible to take in the enormity of it all. That night whilst a hearty meal was being consumed at Bright Angel Lodge, plans were made for the morrow when we intended to do the fifteen mile journey to the floor of the canyon and back.

Before dawn we were preparing for our hike. At an altitude of 6900 ft it was cold at 6 a.m., although by midday it would be well over 100 F. Just after seven we set off down the Bright Angel trail, each carrying a gallon of water, as advised. There were four of us intrepid English folk, two male and two female, all of us experienced walkers, but this was no ordinary hike. The route was not difficult, descending in zigzags hewn out of the towering rock walls for about 3½ miles. Shelters at regular intervals were provided with water supplies, but we eschewed these temptations and carried on to the flattish ground at Indian gardens. Here a water course provided moisture for succulent vegetation, and large prickly pear cacti and Yucca fringed the sandy track.

From Indian Gardens only the brave venture on. For two miles the route follows the course of a "bad water" creek before reaching the most spectacular part of the descent, where the track is at its narrowest down the Devil's corkscrew. An evil looking collared lizard stood in our way at one point, but vanished before I could get my camera out. We were now but a mile from the mighty Colorado. It was three hours after leaving the rim that the final bend was rounded and the river lay before us.

We scrambled over rocks too hot for comfort to the edge of the water. Despite the air temperature of over 100°F, the fast flowing muddy water was icy cold. We paused for a quick lunch, and summoned our energy for the journey back. At this point it should be mentioned that most who get this far follow the river for two miles and cross to Phantom Ranch where they pass the night before returning. We Brits, however, were going up on the same day.

The ascent ahead of us was 4500ft, a little higher than Ben Nevis. We were tired from our descent and the unrelenting heat — it was going to be hard work! We were by no means the only people about and at one point fell in with a girl who had just finished a raft trip down the river. She had a loaded rucksack, and despite our slow and deliberate pace she soon fell behind us. Above the Corkscrew a "mule train" of tourists was encountered taking the easy(?) way down — they looked as tired as us!



**Frank Henderson**

Just before Indian Gardens a change in the weather occurred. After eight weeks of drought a storm was brewing. The sky darkened and above the great wall of the canyon lightning flickered. The strange gloom and the weird whistling of the ground squirrels in the great amphitheatre we had entered created an eerie atmosphere. Fear of sunstroke was replaced by a more acute general unease. We took a long rest on the plateau before setting off on the final climb. Progress was slow as one of the ladies was suffering from severe cramp whilst I was totally exhausted. The last two miles were sheer hell but eventually we made it, ten hours after we had left. For the next two hours I could do nothing but lie in the tent, listening to the evening chorus of frogs and insects, but after a steak and an iced beer later that evening I could look back on a day that I will remember for a long, long time!

**Frank Henderson**

As Britain and America stand on the brink of war with Iraq, Jonathan Peacey's study of Wilfred Owen's poem "Dulce Et Decorum Est" is a reminder to us all of the horrors of war.

## A Study of the poem "Dulce Et Decorum Est".

In this poem, the writer, Wilfred Owen, tries to bring home the true horror of war in comparison to the glory portrayed by those at home who support the war.

In the first verse the poet sets the scene and by using long sentences and a slow rhythm he conveys the feeling of weariness and the dumb exhausted condition of the soldiers. In contrast, the short sentence "Men marched asleep", is all that needs to be said to give the reader a vivid picture of the men's condition. They were lame and so tired as not to care about their dead comrades. The rhyming words "sludge" and "trudge" describe the heavy, clinging, thick mud of the trenches and the weary sound of "trudge" adds to the sombre scene.

At the start of verse two, the quick shout, ". Gas! Gas!" changes the feeling to panic and terror against the most feared enemy — gas. "Ecstasy of fumbling" means frantic action, reinforcing the sense of panic, and the poet who was there criticizes the "clumsy helmets" which the troops were issued with.

The poet completes the second verse with an image of a rolling sea and of drowning as a man goes down in the gas. References to the "green light" convey the feel of water and the gradual loss of life. The final words "gathering, choking, drowning", demand to be read more and more slowly as if each were a stage of dying.

In the last verse, Wilfred Owen invites us to look again in our dreams at the gassed man. He paints an horrific picture of the pain and suffering of the ordinary soldier. The far from heroic end "obscene as cancer" is to compare it with the worst we can imagine, and all this on "innocent tongues" suggests the youth of many of the men. Our dream closes with the lines, "if you could see this you would not talk of glory and honour."

The verse ends almost accusingly with a directive off the recruiting posters: "you would not tell with such high zest", emphasising the "you" as in "Your country needs you."

The following quote from the Odes of Horace, a Latin poet, complete the poem: "That old lie: Dulce Et Decorum est Pro Patria mori." This is Latin for, "it is right and proper to die for the fathers". This makes the poem stronger because it is Latin, traditionally associated with glory, honour, nobility and beauty, and is a counter point to the horrific images in the poem.

The poet, Wilfred Owen, was there; he knew the pain and suffering. This poem was his way of trying to show others the lies and stupidity of the "great" war.

I like this poem; it is a horrifying view of war and a complete contrast to all normal war literature.

**Jonathan Peacey. 5T**

## Dulce Et Decorum Est

Bent double, like old beggars under sacks,  
Knock-kneed, coughing like hags, we cursed through  
Sludge, till on the haunting flares we turned our backs  
And towards our distant rest began to trudge.

Men marched asleep. Many had lost their boots  
But limped on, blood-shod. All went lame; all blind;  
Drunk with fatigue; deaf even to the hoots  
Of tired, outstripped Five-Nines that dropped behind.  
Gas! Gas! Quick, boys! — An ecstasy of fumbling,

Fitting the clumsy helmets just in time;  
But someone still was yelling out and stumbling,  
And flound'ring like a man on fire or lime...  
Dim, through the misty panes and thick green light,  
As under a green sea, I saw him drowning.

In all my dreams, before my helpless sight,  
He plunges at me, guttering, choking, drowning.  
If in some smothering dreams you too could pace  
Behind the wagon that we flung him in.  
And watch the white eyes writhing in his face,

His hanging face, like a devil's sick of sin;  
If you could hear, at every jolt, the blood  
Come gargling from the froth-corrupted lungs,  
Obscene as cancer, bitter as the cud  
Of vile, incurable sores on innocent tongues, —

My friend, you would not tell with such high zest  
To children ardent for some desperate glory,  
The old Lie: Dulce et decorum est  
Pro patria mori.

**Wilfred Owen**

## Blind Terror

And lead us not into your homeland  
Furnish us with guns and bows  
Deliver us a fresh salvation  
Kill our foes.

Treat us with your own damnation  
Sprinkle us with nail-spiked lies  
Breathe on us your caustic gases  
Tear from us our children's eyes

Watch us as we scream and strangle  
Maim and kill 'till 6:02  
Hide and seek and never find us  
Black man hidden by a white man's tie

Born a Roman : die a slave  
Echoed by her flagging wave  
Captured by a tearing flesh wound  
Deadened:-  
By a white man's sole.

**David. M. Kavanagh L6T**

Dedicated to the memory of Mr.  
Stephan Biko who died while in  
police custody in South Africa in  
1977.

"You can blow out a candle  
But you can't blow out a fire".

— 'BIKO' by Peter Gabriel

## First Train Of The Day

A clatter, a crash and a flicker of light,  
The tube comes alive from a four-hour night.  
All work completed, all repairs made,  
Open again to continue the trade.  
Briefcases, brollies, a thousand commuters,  
Off to London to work their computers.

As the platform fills with people all waiting,  
A brief draught of air shows the train is approaching.  
Drowning all the noise it bursts into the station  
Newspapers are folded in anticipation.  
The doors clatter open and the scramble begins  
Rushing for seats; peoples' faces are grim.

And in a few hours it will all be repeated  
As people go home, their day's work completed.

**Malcolm Beard**

## UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE ENTRANTS 1989

P. C. Akerman	Brighton Polytechnic (Combined Science).
S. Anderson	Bristol College of H.E. (Education).
Louise Barwick	Middlesex Polytechnic (Business Studies).
R. P. Blake	Manchester University (Physics).
N. C. Blewitt	Cardiff University (Management Services).
S. W. Camber	Huddersfield Polytechnic (Computer Science).
S. Clutterbuck	Coventry Polytechnic (Humanities).
M. Cole	Newcastle University (Classical Studies).
J. S. Dickson	Leeds University (Genetics).
R. M. L. Evans	Manchester University (Physics).
D. J. Fee	St. Catharine's Cambridge (Geography).
R. P. Freckleton	Christ Church, Oxford (Biology).
S. Gladwell	Portsmouth Polytechnic (Biology).
S. Gough	Leicester University (Mathematics).
J. Grainger	Salford University (Engineering).
K. Harvey	York University (French/Linguistics).
Karen Hill	Brunel University (Mathematics and Management Studies).
S. G. Hughes	City University (Engineering).
M. C. Hunt	Oxford Polytechnic (Cell Biology).
O. R. Kent	Surrey University (Engineering).
P. N. J. Kidley	Manchester University (Architecture).
P. H. Moss	Edinburgh University (French/Business Studies).
J. A. Nicholls	Bath University (Engineering).
A. C. Nield	Durham University (Physics).
A. F. Parker	Oxford Polytechnic (Cell Biology).
S. S. Sandhu	Brasenose, Oxford (English).
A. C. Smith	Luton College (Leisure Administration).
R. C. Tapp	Exeter University (Biology).
L. M. Townley	Trinity Hall, Cambridge (Mathematics).
P. J. Trigg	Goldsmiths, London (Music).
A. Y. F. Tsoi	Loughborough University (Electronics).
S. Vaid	Sheffield Polytechnic (Computer Science).
S. M. Wright	Liverpool University (Accountancy/Economics).
G. L. Vassall-Adams	St. Catherine's, Oxford (Geography).
C. K. Yip	Bristol University (Chemistry).



### Sir Thomas Rich's Class of 1970. Form 4A

Back Row:

S. BRIGHT W. MARTIN P. KEELY C. DAVIDSON A. KING R. BARNES P. FRAMPTON D. GREGSON  
P. SERGEANT (FORM PREFECT) G. COURT N. GOSDEN N. EYLES M. ANDERSON S. RILEY R. CORREIA D. BRUCE  
P. DIX J. THOMPSON A. DEE P. GOBLE N. GILES M. CHANCE S. PROCTOR A. MILES K. WHITE A. MANN

Sitting:

A. DALTON I. SIMMONS R. LABAN A. JEEVES MR. W.G. BRADFORD G. HYETT D. BOOTH P. BRYSON D. BARBER

## Rugby 1989/90

1st XV	P	W	D	L	F	A
	10	6	-	2	103	65

Captain:- P. Thomas

Colours:- P. Thomas, M. James, D. Rutter, M. Neocleous, T. Jones, R. Eva, M. Goode,

Despite several fixtures being cancelled, this season proved very successful. A positive attitude to training and a depth of experience helped provide a good team unit. The team deserved their success as they played with good commitment and heart, if not always finesse.

2nd XV	P	W	D	L	F	A
	9	4	0	5	125	95

Captain:- G. Evans

1st XXX Colours to:-  
of the 1st XV — G. Wood, J. Sargent, N. Carter, J. Nunn, S. Wright, C. Tanner, A. Evans.

of the 2nd XV — A. Gettings, N. Fullbrook, M. Price, S. Meredith, A. Turner, J. Carlile, D. Evans, A. Cook, J. Wootton, C. Yip, G. Antonijevic, R. Parsloe.

This was a disappointing season for the forwards, who generally played very effectively as a unit and won more than their share of possession. Outside them, the backs lacked experience and were weak in defence, a situation not helped by a poor attitude to training. Nonetheless, many of the games were fiercely contested and the team showed good character, especially "up front".

Colts XV	P	W	D	L	F	A
	10	10	-	-	230	32

Captain:- M. Bilous

Colours:- M. Bilous, A. Knight, N. Cambridge, N. James, M. Etheridge.

Founded upon an excellent attitude to training the whole squad worked hard to improve. A very strong forward unit led by example by M. Bilous gave no quarter throughout the season and were the springboard for many victories. Behind, the backs were very solid in defence although in attack things were not always as fluid as they should be. However all squad members are to be congratulated for their efforts.

Junior XV	P	W	D	L	F	A
	10	4	-	6	172	180

Captain:- S. Cambridge

Colours:- B. Robinson, J. Hemms

This was a frustrating season. The team consisted of a number of talented players but on many occasions injury, illness or a general lack of concentration prevented them from working together as an effective team.

However, in some matches the team played very well and I hope that next season they will be determined enough to perform consistently at a high standard.

Under 13 XV	P	W	D	L	F	A
	11	3	1	7	126	186

Captain:- P. Shaw

The team's results fail to reflect the players' enthusiasm and total commitment to the game. At times they played attractive rugby, but often they suffered against teams who were physically much stronger. However, they completed the season with some good team performances and hopefully they will be more successful next year.

## Basketball Report — Season 1989/90

### UNDER 15's

The U15 basketball team had a very successful County League season winning all their matches. This success was due mainly to the experience of Panji Grainger (England U15) with the help of Nicholas Cambridge. Unfortunately, the rest of the squad were not as dedicated to team training sessions as these boys and so the team were withdrawn from the Cup competition.

Congratulations to Panji Grainger on his England success.

**Ian J. Gallagher**

Mr Gallagher would like to thank all staff, boys and parents for their cooperation and help over the last year.



**Senior cross-country**

## **Senior Cross-Country Report '89/90**

In recent years, the senior cross-country squad has been criticized for lacking commitment and motivation. This last season, however, has seen the standard progress to a much higher level. The team has acquired strength in depth, loyalty to fellow athletes and determination.

A consecutive victory over Monmouth School, at the start of the season, displayed promising signs and a one point defeat to the Strategic Army Apprentices highlighted the team's strength. The efforts of all were especially justified in the Worcester Spring Relays where we finished in tenth place out of over thirty teams. This was a considerable achievement as we beat schools both larger and more experienced than ourselves.

Steven Mitten and Les Davis were selected to represent the county, in their respective age groups, and were later selected for the South West Championships and English Schools Cross-Country Championships where they both performed well.

Brian Hounsell and Les Davis must be mentioned for their vast improvement and commitment to the team, not once failing to give their support. Their efforts will be missed next season as they both leave the school. One must also mention Giles Croft and Kevin Howie whose consistency provided the team with good results time and time again, and whose good humour lifted the team spirit. Omar Akim, a relative newcomer to the school and team, showed great determination and strength, and will, too, be missed next season. Simon Goodwin, Russell Barnes, Richard Milton and Philip Skelton continue to run well and with Giles Croft and Kevin Howie, will form the backbone of the team next season. Jonathan Peacey and Peter Magrath also contributed enormously in fixtures throughout the year.

Finally, the squad would like to thank Mr. Peter Lloyd who devoted so much of his time to taking athletes to and from meetings and whose enthusiasm and advice was appreciated by all.

**Steven Mitten**

## Cricket Report

### UNDER 15'S

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
7	4	3	0

This was not, at first glance, a great season in terms of results, but two of the lost games were very close matches, both against a strong Crypt side, the second one being the Rotary Cup Final. The only sizeable defeat came against Marling, by 60 runs. Set against this, there were three easy victories against Newent, Beaufort and Saintbridge, and a narrow win over Chosen Hill.

Excellent batting performances came from James and Freckleton, and the team generally looked more solid than last year, when it collapsed regularly. The bowling was not quite as successful this year, doing well against weaker opposition, but occasionally straying in direction against the better sides. Most successful bowlers were Attwood, Baker and Hansford. Mention should also be made of Freckleton's effective wicket-keeping, and the good spirit and attitude displayed by the team throughout the season.

Just one disappointment, which was the necessity of using players from lower forms to boost the team because of the small size of the squad. No matter how good the replacements are, it should be possible to field a side regularly made up of Fourth Year boys who are keen to represent the School.

Representative Honours:- Nicholas Cambridge  
Captain of Gloucestershire U15

Colours recommended for:- Nicholas James  
John Freckleton

**Roger L. Lockey**

### U13 Cricket

Having taken over a side that were unbeaten last year, I was afraid that their and my reputations might suffer. Fortunately, such is the talent in this year-group that they were never in any danger, even of drawing, let alone losing a match.

All members of the team were able to contribute at some stage of the season, largely due to the excellent captaincy of Ben Hansford, who had the ability to organise the batting and bowling to match the strength of the opposition.

Representative Honours went to Ben Hansford, Philip Brown and Jason Brown, who all played for the County, and Ben Hansford deserves special congratulations, having been selected for the South West of England to tour Holland.

**Lindsay B. North**

## The Indoor Cricket Review

Indoor cricket is now a popular sport throughout the School. Over eighty boys played in this year's League and many more came along to support.

The Senior League was hard fought; the outcome remained undecided up to the last week of play. Eventually, the staff tied in first place with Christopher Byrne's Upper Sixth side; the Lower Sixth, led by Scott Meredith, took the knock-out cup, while 'the team of the season', the Fifth Form side led by Colin Pensom were runners-up.

The Junior League was taken very seriously indeed. This also resulted in a tie between Adrian McBurnie's Third Form team and Jason Brown's Second Formers.

This season a First Year League was played. The enthusiasm amongst the First Form teams proves that sportsmanship is as important as winning.

We wish to thank Mark Goode and Markas Neodeus for their long service to the game although most batsmen will probably be glad to see them go!

Also, our thanks go to Brian McBurnie and to everyone involved in this very successful season.

**Stuart Baddeley**  
**Scott Meredith Lower Sixth**



**Preparing for the match (left to right):  
Jeffrey Mercer, Paul Shaw, James Paterson, Paul Crichard, Ben Hansford, James Newman.**



**Tim Jones umpiring and Richard Saunders getting ready to bat.**

## Old Richians' Association 1989 — 1990

President: David E. Mayo  
Secretary: David G. Billingham  
Treasurer: Andrew K. Bishop  
Membership Secretary: David Q. Hook

### President's Report

In September 1989 I was privileged to be elected as President of the Association taking over from Eric Smith who had presided over our activities for the previous two years. In his report published in the 'Richian '89' he referred to the matter of Secondary School reorganisation which at that time was still in a state of uncertainty. Thankfully decisions have since been taken which ensure Rich's will continue unchanged into the future. Eric's further reference to the School motto, 'Garde ta foy' was indeed most appropriate.

At the annual dinner in November we were able to extend our best wishes to Mr. Gordon Heap for his impending retirement at Christmas. Mr. John Holdaway has been Acting Headmaster since then and we are most grateful for his assistance in maintaining those links between the School and the Association on a number of matters. I take this opportunity to wish him well too for his imminent retirement at the end of this summer term and sincerely hope to continue the spirit of mutual support with the new Headmaster, Mr. Jarvis when he joins the School in September.

The Association is once again greatly indebted to its stalwart officers Messrs Billingham, Bishop and Hook for continuing to control its affairs, the annual dinner, summer social evening, and in David Hook's case, the Junior Section Disco together with other events and the mailing to members editions of Newsline and the annual Richian magazine. This latter task is a very onerous one so needless to say David and his parents always make all volunteers very welcome on 'envelope duty' evenings. In addition, David supports me in representing the Association on the recently rekindled Swimming Pool Appeal Committee. Investigations into the work required to bring it back into use are well advanced. Necessary fund raising is likely to be actively pursued shortly and I sincerely hope that members of the Association will contribute generously when the time comes.

In conclusion may I express the hope to see a greatly increased number of Association members at the next Annual Dinner to be held later this year on Saturday 1st December. All ex Richians are most welcome whether members of the Association or not so please encourage any others known to you who may not see this magazine to join us at this reunion event.

**David Mayo**  
**President**

### Junior Section

Chairman: David Q. Hook, Staff Liaison: John D. Holdaway, Deputy Chairman: Duncan Sargent, Committee: Gary Bircher, Stephen Grieve, Justin Sargent, Jason Stone, Justine Thompson, David Williams, School Reps: N. J. Easen (School Captain), M. Cadle, C. J. Marks (Upper Sixth), M. D. Wells, G. Worth (Lower Sixth).

Whilst the last year has not been the most dynamic in the Junior Section's history, progress has been made on social activities, membership and fund raising and therefore it can be judged a success.

Two of the section's major activities, the quarterly dinners and discos remain little changed from previous years but a commitment to raise funds for the swimming pool appeal could well see an increase in the number of social events the section organises in the coming year.

Of this year's social events two worth a special mention were the Christmas Quiz, won by a team from the Upper Sixth and the trip to the Pilkington Cup Final at Twickenham, which was over-subscribed.

As Chairman, I am fortunate in having the support of a hardworking committee plus a number of other Old Richian 'volunteers' who add the necessary muscle required to organise any event. The committee has gained the services this year of Jason Stone but at the end of the year will lose Martin Cadle, Chris Marks and Nick Easen, whom I would like to thank for their support and hard work (N.B. good school reps never escape!)

Since last year's report, both Mr. Heap and Mr. Holdaway have announced their retirements and I would like to add my best wishes and thanks to them both. Mr. Jarvis begins his Headship of Rich's with the County Council having at last abandoned its plan to turn the school into a Sixth Form College and with a return this September to three forms of entry. Rich's has survived the storm, let us hope that it now benefits from a prolonged period of peace and stability.

**David Q. Hook**  
**Chairman**



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

## **Annual Reunion Dinner 1989**

The 1989 Annual Dinner was held at the Crest Hotel Barnwood on Saturday 25th November.

The members present together with their wives and guests again enjoyed a convivial evening with table groupings based as far as possible on similar years in school. It was especially good to see one or two who had made considerable efforts to attend and it was a particular pleasure to have Mr. E. J. (Eddie) Parsons present as he is one of the Association's oldest members.

The toast of 'Sir Thomas Rich's and all that it implies' was jointly proposed by Mr. John Winstanley, a former Deputy Headmaster and Mr. Graham Baxter who was a pupil in the 1940's. The Headmaster Mr. Gordon Heap responded on behalf of the School.

In the President's report thanks were expressed to David Billingham and David Hook for organising the hotel arrangements and printing of menus respectively. A special mention was also made of Alf Martin who once again acted as toast master.

The President expressed the hope for increased membership of the Association and also that a wider representation of past years would be demonstrated at each succeeding dinner in the future.

In conclusion the President made presentations of engraved wine goblets to Mr. Heap who was shortly to retire at the end of the 1989 michaelmas term and also to John Winstanley and Eric Smith in recognition of their many years of maintaining practical links between the School and the Association.

**David Mayo**  
**President**

## **News Of Old Richians**

As always the Association is pleased to hear about Old Richians wherever they may be. Please pass on any snippets of information for inclusion in this column to one of the Officers mentioned above or to any member of the Committee.

It is with deep regret that we report the death last February of Robert (Bob) BLAIR. Bob was a loyal member of the Association for many years. He served as President in the early 1970's and later undertook the duties of Secretary. At the time of his death he was a Vice-President of the Association and a much respected member of the Committee. His friendship and wise counsel will be greatly missed.

ASHBEE, David, is Head of English at Rednock School, Dursley. In 1989 his first collection of poetry "Perpetual Waterfalls" was published by Eritharman Press. David's earliest work, his 'juvenilia' as he likes to call it, appeared in the Richian when he was still at school. On leaving Rich's David studied English at Goldsmith's College, London. The present wide-ranging collection of poems includes a number of local themes and one, "Observators", recalls his time at Rich's.

- BALL, David George (1944 — 54) has been appointed Assistant Secretary of Labour by U.S. President George Bush. The new appointment will mean a significant cut in salary, since David was President of the giant Amax Corporation, an international mining and energy group. David's new post will involve moving to Washington to oversee the employee benefits and financial security of over 50 million working Americans in a department with a 1.7 trillion dollar budget.
- BEWLEY, Robin (1974 — 82). After a year working for Cadbury Schweppes in Stamford, Connecticut, Rob is now back in Britain, Birmingham to be precise. From information received (a wispa?!) we believe that he is now the marketing manager for those parts of the world which don't have their own Cadbury Schweppes marketing sections. Needless to say, this is a post which involves a great deal of travel.
- BIRCHER, Gary (1978 — 85) is with one of the big four banks (which we are not quite sure), and at the time of writing is awaiting the results of his final (all being well!) banking exam. Gary became engaged to Judith earlier this year "with the happy day planned for June '91." Meanwhile as a new home owner Gary has become a D.I.Y. enthusiast, more by necessity than choice.
- BISHOP, David C. (1974 — 81) has moved from Frome to Weston Super Mare from whence he commutes to NatWest's Severside Regional Advances (Loans to you and me) Office in Clifton. Still a keen cricketer, Dave is also a member of Weston Super Mare Round Table.
- BISWAS, G. (1983 — 85). Now in his final year studying medicine at Guy's Hospital, London. This presumably means that he is now a junior house doctor, working lots of hours!
- BRAZINGTON, Stewart J. (1978 — 85). After reading law at Lanchester Polytechnic, followed by studies at Chester Law College, Stewart is now working in a practice in Taunton.
- BRINDLEY, Alan R. (1978 — 85). Graduated from University College, Cardiff in 1988. He is now working as an accountant in that city.
- CARR, Gair, Justin (1977 — 84) is a Financial Consultant with Australian Mutual Provident Society and he is now in the process of forming his own company, 'Shakespeare Will Writers & Financial Advisors'. Gair recently sponsored the School Under 13 Rugby Team. Gair is currently dating Vanessa Pugh whom he has known for over a year.
- CHAUDHURI, Avi (1977 — 84). After reading law at University College, London, Avi has now been called to the Bar of the Middle Temple. We remember him at Rich's as an eloquent and persuasive member of the Debating Society, as well as an accomplished actor, so Avi should make a formidable barrister.
- CHITTY, John, (1978 — 83) is currently working for the Department of Employment in Southgate Street. A keen amateur actor with Gloucester's Phoenix Players, John is also an active sportsman playing football for Longford. He is in addition studying to become an accredited Methodist local preacher. In June this year John found time from this hectic schedule to become engaged to Jill — congratulations.
- CHILMAN, John (1978 — 85). After reading geography at St. Anne's, Oxford, John has also joined the ranks of the accountancy profession. He is working for 'Price Waterhouse' and is based in Bristol.
- DAY, Robert E. (1968 — 77) is married with two sons, William and Edward. Rob teaches geography at Old Swinford Hospital School, Stourbridge. At the school, interestingly founded in 1667, Rob is involved in numerous activities, including the Cadet Force. Last year he successfully completed a second B.Ed course in Art and Design.
- DEAN, Jack W. features in the commentary dealing with the Defence of Malta in the recorded series "Images of War". We understand that the B.B.C. is also interested.
- DEAN, Nigel D. (1961 — 66). Now a sports producer with T.V.S. in Southampton. Member of the I.T.V. teams covering major events including the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, the World Cup in Italy and the European Indoor Athletics Championships. Married with two daughters, Lucy and Jenny.
- GARDNER, Simon A. (1978 — 85). After a year's practical experience with a firm in Cheltenham, Simon is now back at Brighton Polytechnic continuing his degree course in Architecture.
- GEORGE, Glyn H. (1971 — 77). Glyn continues to teach mathematics as an Assistant Professor in the Memorial University of Newfoundland. He is also a member of the Avalon Consolidated School Board, which controls twenty-seven schools in the capital city of St. John's and the surrounding area.
- GETTINGS, Richard (1977 — 84) — married to Christine Hutchings, April 1990 at Barnwood Church. Richard is a Police Inspector (Marine) with the Royal Hong Kong Police and living in Kowloon.
- GLIK, David C. (1971 — 78). News is a little sketchy, but we understand he is currently in Australia.
- GREEN, Jeff S. (1981 — 85). Has completed his Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering at Nottingham University and is now working for Rolls Royce. He was married to Lucy in October 1989.
- GRIMWOOD, Richard A. (1978 — 85). Decided to give Higher Education a try, so after resigning from his job in Gloucester he is now at Plymouth Polytechnic in the second year of the environmental degree course.
- HENDERSON, Ian S. F. (1972 — 79). He is now a marketing officer responsible for general insurance at the Ecclesiastical Insurance Company in Brunswick Road. Ian remains an active cricketer and skittler. He is married to Nicky and they have a baby daughter.
- HOLDER, Leonard H. (1936 — 41) wrote to us from Cornwall asking if he could bring the Aircrew Association to the attention of fellow Old Richians. He regrets having lost touch with so many of his contemporaries and would welcome any news of them. He may be contacted at Churchtown Farmhouse, Towednack, St. Ives (TR26 3AZ).
- HOSKIN, Revd. David W. (1960 — 68) was inducted vicar of St. Mary's Parish Church, Beverley, Yorks. in 1989.
- HOSSLE, Torston (1978 — 85). After reading geography at St. Catherine's College, Oxford, Torston is now undergoing pilot training in the R.A.F. He became engaged to Cheryl in the last year.



**The marriage of Richard Gettings and Christine Hutchings,  
April 1990, at Barnwood Church**

JENNINGS, Paul (1974 — 80). Married, living in Chesham. Partner in a firm dealing with the "integrity of Halon gas fire protection systems in the computer industry." This arcane activity takes him to such disparate places as the new C & G building at Barnwood and large installations in Qatar in the Middle East.

JENNINGS, Duncan J. (1980 — 87). Brother of Paul. works with computers in the Chelsea Building Society at their H.Q. in Cheltenham. Still very much a railway buff, clocking up 55,000 track miles last year. Also plays bowls and cribbage and is a keen photographer, (mostly of railways).

JODRELL, Duncan I. (1970 — 77). In Baltimore for a year as a visiting Assistant Professor in the Medical Faculty of the University of Maryland, carrying out research. He then plans to return to his post at the Institute of Cancer Research at the Royal Marsden Hospital, London. Has taken up racket — ball as well as squash and tennis.

LANGMAN, Paul A. (1964 — 72). Paul's news is brief and to the point. He tells us he has now returned permanently from Hong Kong and is teaching mathematics at Rugby School.

LAWRENCE, Nigel T. (1975 — 80). One of the many Old Richians who are members of the Gloucestershire Constabulary, Nigel is currently stationed at Barton Street. Still a keen sportsman, though a recent injury received in the course of duty may have put paid to his police rugby career.

LYNE, Ian R. (1978 — 85). Now in his third year of a theology and psychology degree at Balliol College, Oxford. Next year Ian hopes to do a one year Master's degree at Warwick University.

MALLET, James D. (1980 — 85) is an assistant manager at the new Dr. Foster's restaurant and public house in the Kimberly Warehouse, Gloucester Docks.

MANLEY, Robert N. (1978 — 85). Works for a local firm which repairs medical equipment such as kidney machines. Married to Claire, they expect to move shortly to Worcester.

MAY, Nigel P. (1980 — 87). Lives in London. His energy and perseverance led to an opening in the magazine "Look In" — the junior T.V. Times. He tells us he has interviewed some of the big names of the pop music world, including Sinitta, Aswad and "Neighbours" star Jason Donovan. His next aim is to achieve a "break into television", so watch out, Philip Scofield, your days may be numbered!

MAYO, Christopher N. (1978 — 85). When not inter-railing in Europe, Chris works for R. Watson & Sons, Consulting Actuaries, in Reigate. Still a keen athlete, he is a member of Herne Hill Harriers, Tooting, South London.

MILES, Colin G. (1978 — 85). On completing his degree in microbiology at Kent University, Colin took a year off, we believe in Australia. After no positive sightings for several months, we learn he has now returned and is working at the National Institute for Medical Research.

MONTANARO, Paul G. (1980 — 85) — married to Miss Sarah Hackling of Frampton on Severn, June 1990.

MORKOT, Andrew C. G. (1978 — 83). Leaving Rich's in the Fifth Form, Andrew worked initially for Johnson's Office Equipment in Gloucester. he is now in his second year of a computer science degree at Brighton Polytechnic.

MORRIS, Kenneth J. (1945 — 50) has once again proved that if you want something done, ask a busy man. In addition to his many other commitments, Ken has taken on this year the organising of the Gloucester Cathedral £4 million restoration appeal, commemorating the Cathedral's 900th anniversary.

PROSSER, Richard T. J. (1978 — 85). On leaving school Richard worked for a local insurance firm, but has now changed course and has joined the police force.

POOL, Ian. R. (1982 — 87). Having completed two years of a Modern European Studies course at Loughborough University Ian spent the last year as an assistant at Altenholz Gymnasium (Grammar School), in Schleswig-Holstein. A momentous time to be in Germany Ian was able to visit East Germany as well as sample the euphoric atmosphere in Berlin shortly after the wall was breached for the first time.

REED, Graham J. (1978 — 85) completed his Chartered Institute of Bankers exams last year and continues to work for Lloyds Bank at their Northgate Street branch.

SARGENT, Duncan (1977 — 84). Left the 'Action Bank' 2½ years ago to work for Eagle Star Insurance in Cheltenham. Duncan became engaged to Elaine last September and is getting married this October, "on the proviso that Gloucester are playing away!". A hard working member of the Junior Section Committee Duncan recently bought a house in Longlevens, though he writes "this may be a mistake because I am only 2 minutes away from DQ now instead of 5!!".

SMITH, Ian. R. (1974 — 81) is employed by Gloucestershire County Council in their County Surveyors Department but is best known to thousands of Gloucestershires for his regular appearances at Kingsholm for Gloucester. Ian was the only Old Richian in the Gloucester side in this years Pilkington Cup Final.

STREET, Noel H. (1978 — 85). Currently gaining a year's practical experience, Noel is four years into his degree course in architecture at Birmingham Polytechnic.

VALLENDER, Stephen J. (1978 — 85). Worked at the National Coal Board Research Establishment at Stoke Orchard on leaving school, but has now joined the police.

VOYSEY, Stephen (1978 — 85). After graduating in music at St. Catherine's College, Cambridge, Stephen is now involved in orchestral management in Manchester.

WELLS, Bryan retired in 1988 as Headmaster of Hempsted C of E Primary School in Gloucester. In retirement Bryan has turned his hand to writing a book called "Better Safe" which has received praise from leading churchmen and politicians. The stories concern a clever fish called Fred. Former pupils at Hempsted may remember these stories since they were originally told to them by Bryan long before a wider audience was thought of.

WESTBURY, Colin W. (1981 — 86) came first out of over 600 candidates from the West of England in the exams of the Institute of Certified Carpenters. Colin, who works for building contractors E. G. Carter is studying general management at Gloucester College of Arts & Technology.

WESTLAKE, Andrew S. (1973 — 81) was ordained as a Baptist minister in July 1990 at a service in Brunswick Baptist Church, Gloucester.

WILLIAMS, Vaughan. C. (1983 — 88) left Rich's after his 'O' levels and moved to Ramsey Grammar School in the Isle of Man for his 'A' levels. Having sat the Oxford entrance examinations Vaughan has been offered a place at St. Catherines College to read Chemistry.

## The Australian Mutual Provident Society

The Australian Mutual Provident Society through its representative Gair Carr (Old Richian), has recently become sponsor of the School's Under 13 Rugby team. A new set of jerseys has been provided by them which will be worn during the 1990/91 season.

Australian Mutual are a very long established company with a wealth of experience in life insurance, pensions and investments. Founded in Australia in 1849 they have been trading in the U.K. since 1908 and have recently mounted the successful takeover of Pearl Assurance.

An agreement has been made with Gair whereby business generated through his sponsorship will result in further funds being made available to the School for valuable sports/educational material.

If you would like confidential advice with no obligation, now or in the future, then Gair will be more than happy to spare twenty minutes of his time discussing your needs/problems. He can be contacted on Gloucester 612698 (between 9.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m.).

*John D. Holdaway*



**Gair Carr**



