

THE RICHIAN '91



Sir Thomas Rich's School Magazine, 1991

Editorial

'Richian '91' welcomes Mr A. Jarvis as Headmaster to Sir Thomas Rich's School in our "Interview With Mr Jarvis" by David Kavanagh. David dares to ask such questions as: 'If the students wanted it would you consider changing the School's main sport from rugby to football?' and would you like to see years one to five become mixed sex?' David has now left the School.

We also welcome seven new members of staff: Mrs J. Arnold, Mrs M. Haslett, Mrs J. Grocott, Mr M. Swann, Mrs V. Barker and Mrs J. Smith and Mrs L. Ryder who join our office staff. Mrs M. Haslett and Mrs V. Barker are being slightly awkward as they are also leaving this year.

Further farewells to myself of course and to Mr R. Matthews, and to three of our dinner ladies: Mrs J. Kemmett, Mrs R. Poole and Mrs Colbourne.

As this is my final editorial for the School magazine, I should like to say thank you to all staff and pupils, past and present, who have contributed to "The Richian" over the past six years. Many thanks to those pupils who popped along to help with this year's magazine. These were I. Roberts, S. Mitten, J. Allen, C. Atine, J. Peacey, and D. Willoughby, and a special thank you to Sharon Heywood for her constant help and support.

Finally, farewell and best wishes to Mr Jarvis and all my colleagues at Tommy's and to all staff and students. Of course, and a special farewell to my present form, 2R, who magically become 9R next term, I wish them lots of fun and every success next year and in the examinations to come.

Best wishes to all.

Pauline Smith

School Captain's Report

Another highly successful year.

School life has been diverse and full of energy. Whether you are a musician, writer, sportsman, intellectual, Dungeon Master, military buff, actor, artist, the list is endless, the School can provide you with your every requirement — or be it passion.

Yet, what have been the highlights of the year for me? Undoubtedly, reading the lesson during the two outstanding carol services and particularly in the Cathedral on Founder's Day.

The first ever Speakers Day was also a great triumph for both the organisers of the event and for the School. Hopefully, Speakers Day will become a regular feature on the School calendar for many years to come.

Now, however, with an exciting programme for the completion of the School swimming pool well under way, thanks to all those involved, one can safely say that the School is looking forward to a bright future.

N.E. Carter

Officers of the School 1990-91

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Parents Association's Report

This year has seen the appointment of Mr Tony Jarvis as the new Headmaster, and he has immediately fitted smoothly into the Committee. Also appointed during the year, Mrs Gavin, Mrs Haines, Mrs Pearce and Mr Mace. Retiring from the Committee were Mrs Wootton and Mrs Rowcraft. Our thanks go to all those retiring for the hard work that they have put in on behalf of the school.

In order to put the social events on to a more proper footing we created a new post, that of Social Secretary and Mr Ken Shaw was appointed into this job. He is doing a splendid job: during the year he has organised two barn dances, two quiz evenings, the London to Paris day held on Shrove Tuesday and also a talk by Jardinere. These events have been quite well supported and apart from being very enjoyable have also contributed to the funds. However, we must not be complacent, and the support of your parents for future events is needed.

During the 1989/90 school year the Association contributed nearly £5,000 for various projects and school activities with a further £2,500 being held in reserve for the school Swimming Pool Appeal Fund. This year also saw a record amount being raised through the Covenant Scheme and our thanks go to Don Lyne for organising this. Our thanks also go to the Blazer Committee who declared a dividend of £500 which was paid into the Association's funds.

This year has also seen the revival in earnest of the Swimming Pool Project and the Committee, along with other parents, have put in a considerable amount of time and hard manual work into the project — please support this project as it is of course for yours and the community's benefit.

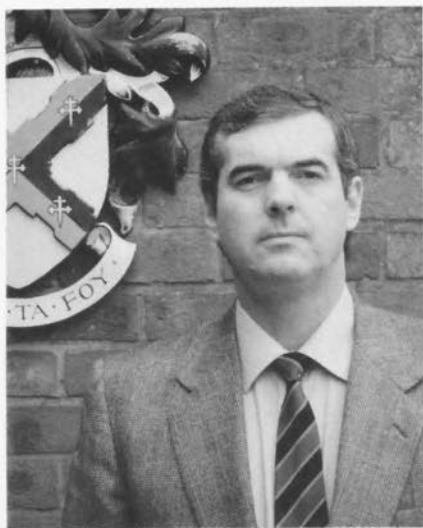
We were second again to the Crypt on the skittles evening and if there are any parents who wish to play in this event please contact me. It is about time that we got our name on the shield.

Repeating the annual plea — please make sure that your parents get all the letters and information that are channelled through you as they cannot of course support the events unless they know in good time what is happening in the school.

D. W. Finch

Secretary Parents Association

Interview With



Mr A Jarvis

Mr Jarvis was educated at the city of Oxford High School for boys, like Sir Thomas Rich's an 11-18 Grammar School. He was an Oxfordshire County champion athlete at schoolboy and senior levels, represented Oxon, Berks and Bucks AAA's and was a semi-finalist at the All England Schools Championships. He played rugby for school and Oxford Old Boys R.F.C.

He took his Bachelors and Masters degrees at the University of Sussex and taught in Secondary Schools in Sussex, holding senior pastoral and academic posts, including three years as a Housemaster in boarding education. Prior to going overseas he was Head of English at Oathall Community College, Haywards Heath and a P.G.C.E. tutor at the University of Sussex.

He was in Italy for six years as Deputy Principal — Headmaster of Secondary School at St. George's English School, an H.M.C. Independent foundation serving the British and international community in Rome. He was also "amministratore" — director of the St. George's trust.

What attracted you to Tommy's?

It is a famous Grammar School with an excellent reputation; it is the right type of school, the right size of school and the mixture of strong traditions and loyalties with a desire to embrace the best of the new ideas in education attracted me.

Are your family happy to move to Gloucestershire?

They are very adaptable and used to travel, my wife has spent most of her working life abroad. We have all enjoyed being back in England and exploring this beautiful area of the country.

What makes this school distinctive if anything?

The sum of all its members past, present and future. Schools are like people, they all share similarities, but have a unique combination of features. I think the key elements here are those which cover good discipline in a community which is caring and tolerant, the pursuit of high academic standards, the opportunity to participate at a high level in a variety of sports and leisure activities and the privilege of belonging to an institution which has played an important part in the life of the City of Gloucester for over three centuries.

What improvements are you considering?

Obviously I have my own ideas for improvements and I am gathering together with these a number of proposals from teachers, pupils, governors and parents in the development plan for the school. It is intended that there will be improvements in examination results and the curriculum we offer, improvements in the buildings, facilities and equipment throughout the school which we provide and "new" construction for the swimming pool, library area, Business Studies, Science, Information Technology and Music. At the same time we are reviewing everything — school rules for example, to build on the firm foundations which have been established here.

How can you persuade students that you value their ideas and opinions?

By listening and, where it is right to do so, taking action. The successful Speakers Day is a good example of this process.

What does the School motto mean to you?

Who now keeps the faith? It is my responsibility to see that we all do; I have to ensure, as my predecessors did before me, that the spirit of Sir Thomas Rich's bequest is followed and honoured.

Would you like to see Years 1-5 become mixed sex?

I strongly support our co-educational Sixth Form, for the rest I would be happy with all boys or co-ed. To change would require a lengthy process with a review of provision across the city and a County Council vote.

Do you think it would be a good idea for teachers to sit examinations each year like their students?

In effect we shall be! From 1992 Headmasters will be appraised every year by School Governors, which operated for me in my previous school, and the Head must set up a system for teacher review and appraisal as part of the staff professional development programme. Informally, of course, schools and their staff are judged by parents and the general public on a whole range of issues so we get a good idea of how well we are doing, more formally the local authority inspects us and is responsible for making sure that we function properly.

Apart from academic achievements what makes a successful school?

A school where everyone is committed, loyal and proud to belong. Where we genuinely care for our colleagues and work for each other as well as ourselves. Where there are opportunities for a wide range of activities and we can all develop a love of learning about the world which will endure for the rest of our lives, where pupils can live and work happily.

If the students wanted it would you consider changing the school's mainsport from rugby to football?

We are already considering the introduction of a new scheme whereby we would have Rugby in the Autumn term and Soccer in the Spring term; there are a few practical problems to iron out. I would not want us to give up rugby.

What advice would you give to a new pupil sitting at home on the Sunday before school starts in September?

You are bound to be a little nervous, but you are about to start one of the most exciting and fulfilling periods in your life so treasure this moment of expectation. You are also about to become a member of the best school in Gloucester and one as good as you would find anywhere.

How would you describe your schooldays — in one word?

Unforgettable!

by David Kavanagh

Farewell

Miss P. Smith has been at Sir Thomas Rich's for six years. In those years she has contributed dearly to the School. She has been a dedicated teacher and editor of the School magazine since she has been here. She has led many forms over the second and third year period successfully. Recently, she took on a great responsibility as Head of English.

Miss Smith ran a Creative Writing Group, prepared the readers for the annual Carol Services and assisted School productions. She helped in last year's School play 'Oliver' by organising the make up department.

She will be dearly missed as a member of staff, by both pupils and staff at the School. The United Arab Emirates has made a great gain.

T. Poole and D. Smith on behalf of her form (2R)



Miss P. Smith



Mrs J. Kemmett Mrs R. Poole with Mrs P. Goddard

Farewell to Mrs Poole and Mrs Coldbourne who both retire this year after seventeen years as School Cook and Dinner Supervisor.

Mrs Kemmet also leaves us after many years as School Cook at Tommy's.

We thank them for their cheerfulness and kindly supervision which will be valued and remembered by pupils past and present and we wish both Mrs Poole and Mrs Coldbourne a long and happy retirement.

Miss P. Smith



Mrs M. Haslett , Mr M. Swann and Mrs J. Grocott

Welcome

Welcome to Mrs J. Grocott, who came to Tommy's in September 1990, to teach part-time in the History and Economics and Business Studies departments. Mrs Grocott is a keen sportswoman and particularly enjoys tennis and hockey. Before starting a family Mrs Grocott and her husband travelled widely in Europe and also visited the Middle East, spending some time on a Kibbutz. They are hoping that Australia will be their next port of call.

Mrs M. Haslett, came to us from Stroud High School for Girls in September 1990, to teach part-time in the History department. Mrs Haslett studied at Lancaster University and the London Institute of Education. Sadly, we also say goodbye to Mrs Haslett, but wish her joy, for she leaves to prepare for the arrival of her new baby in August.

Welcome to Mrs J. Arnold, who

came to Tommy's in September 1990, to teach part-time in the Biology department. Mrs Arnold is especially interested in conservation and archaeology. She is married with two children and lives in Cheltenham.

Mr M. Swann, joined the School in September 1990 to teach Mathematics. He is a graduate of London and Lancaster Universities. Before coming into teaching Mr Swann travelled extensively as a navigating officer in the Merchant Navy. We warmly welcome Mr Swann and wish him every success in his new career.

Welcome and farewell to Mrs V. Barker who joined us at the beginning of the Summer term to teach part-time in the English department. We say thank you and wish her well.

We welcome Mrs J. Smith, who came to us in September, and Mrs L. Ryder who joined us recently, to assist part-time in the School offices.

Finally, the School extends a warm welcome to Mr Jarvis and new members of staff, and we wish them a long and happy stay at Sir Thomas Rich's.

P. Smith

Music and Drama

On the evening of Friday November 30th last year I was once again made aware of the skill and enjoyment school music can engender. The final performance of 'Oliver' was indeed a resounding hit — one had only to *feel* the atmosphere after the final curtain. This three night production was the result of some committed teamwork on the part of performers and backstage, ably directed by Mr Donald Moss and Mr Lindsey North (producer and stage manager respectively) and invaluable contributions from many staff and pupils. Our link with Denmark Road High School was reinforced by the welcome participation of girls in both cast and orchestra, not least by Katherine Tucker who led the School Orchestra.

Less than three weeks after 'Oliver' the music department was again on show in 'Christmas by Candlelight' and the two annual carol services. For the first time in the history of the popular, seasonal concert, 'Christmas by Candlelight' featured a Brass Quartet which performed arrangements of some well-known favourites to a very high standard in addition to a varied programme of carols by the Madrigal Group. Mr Moss with two readers provided some contrasting, spoken entertainment of a festive nature.

The carol services at St. John's and Holy Trinity, Longlevens displayed fine singing by the choir of traditional and less well-known carols such as 'The Shepherd's Farewell' by Berlioz and enjoyed by full congregations.

This term saw the annual Founder's Day at the Cathedral well supported as usual (including the Mayor and Sheriff of Gloucester) and provided a superb acoustic in which the choir, this year, produced a rousing 'Hallelujah' Chorus from Handel's 'Messiah'. It is easy to forget how privileged we are to perform music each year in this wonderful building.

May 24th at Holy Trinity Church, Longlevens was the venue for the School's Summer Concert in which pupils from all parts of the School were represented. The main work was Vivaldi's 'Gloria' and this provided a fitting commemoration of the Composer's death 250 years ago. The concert was also the final occasion for Upper Sixth musicians to perform and we were entertained by Giles Croft's performance of Bach's 'Capriccio' and Gore's 'Somebody' and a vocal quartet (G. Croft, G. Worth, M. Wells and K. Schofield) which gave a convincing excerpt from 'Chess'.

This year has been important, in addition, for instrumental music in the School. Following a welcome resurgence of interest in strings and woodwind lessons a regular orchestra has been formed and is beginning to establish itself. I have been pleased to have engaged teachers for percussion, guitar and piano to cover a demand in these areas.

The Brass Group continues to flourish and a String Quartet has recently been formed. I hope that other, such chamber groups can be established and, alongside the Choir and Madrigal Group, provide a comprehensive library of musical activities for pupils to enjoy and in which to develop their particular interest. I look forward to the coming year as a period of both consolidation of present strengths and exciting development of potential music-making.

J. W. Thomson
Head of Music Department

Oliver

Before I came to see 'Oliver' at Sir Thomas Rich's School in November 1990 I thought that it was an ambitious project for a school. Afterwards, I still thought it ambitious but was delighted that the staff and pupils had enough vision and enthusiasm to do it.

The opening number, "Food, Glorious Food", was sung with verve and marvellous diction by an enthusiastic chorus of boys.

Mr Bumble (Mark Anderson) was suitably portentous and Widow Corney (Emily Bolton) sang delightfully. The Sowerberrys (Jonathan Allen and Jane Dawson) played their scenes with great rapport, pace and humour. Oliver, was played with the right amount of shyness and bravado by John Vallender who sang very sweetly, perfectly complementing the Artful Dodger's brashness. Matthew Smith was marvellous as the Artful Dodger; he swaggered and swanked and carried the singing extremely well. "Consider Yourself" was a triumph of sound, colour and movement. Fagin (Ben Carter) was sinister yet lovable, just as he should be. Ben extracted all the humour and pathos from "I think I'd better think it out again." Kirsten Schofield skillfully acted the two sides of Nancy's character and her singing was terrific. Bill Sykes is a difficult part which John Macbeth made convincing. The confrontation between Sykes, Fagin and Nancy was very exciting and the last scene, although starting rather slowly, built up to a very dramatic finish leaving the audience shocked. The two policemen deserve a special mention for their hilarious exits and entrances and the chorus of boys was always excellent.

The fights and crowd scenes were extremely well choreographed and the sets were not only amazingly detailed and convincing but very well managed by the backstage team.

The orchestra, ably led by Katherine Tucker and conducted by James Thompson was wonderful; the music sparkled and flowed through it all.

Everyone concerned with the production should be congratulated and thanked for giving us such a joyous evening and asked "What Next?"

G. Carew-Jones



J. Vallendar as Oliver and M. Smith as the artful dodger

The Chess Report

It has been another very successful year for the School Chess Team with both the under-eighteen and under-fourteen teams performing well.

The first major tournament of the year was held at Marlwood School, Bristol. Here, the School team fought a hard battle and gained a coveted place in the Intermediate Section, thus reaffirming their position as one of the best School teams in the country. The School team also came top out of all the local teams participating.

The Junior teams also promise a rosy future. They have been very successful in the Friday Night League and must be congratulated for winning the Division Two title.

We are pleased to report that both the under-eighteen and under-fourteen teams regained their titles as champions of the Gloucestershire Secondary Schools Knockout Tournament.

Further congratulations go to the under-fourteen team who also played well in the Katherine Lady Berkeley School Tournament.

The School team once again entered the Times National Schools Knockout Tournament and for the second year in succession the team won the Gloucestershire, Avon and Herefordshire zone.

The team entered into battle with the Torquay Grammar School Chess Team. It was a very close match but eventually Torquay won by a slim margin.

This year an additional team, captained by Meurig Edwards, 2R, entered the North Gloucestershire Winter League, in Division Five. They fought hard and finished in fourth place.

The School 'A' Team carried-off the Division Three title and gained promotion to Division Two where they compete against some of the best all-male teams in Gloucestershire.

Individual honours are awarded to M. Edwards and D. McBurnie who were selected to play in the county under-fourteen team.

D. Freeman, A. McBurnie, A. Roderick, J. Pegler and captain A. Gettings were selected to play in the under-eighteen team.

A McBurnie and A. Gettings also carried-off the Gloucestershire Secondary Schools under-fifteen and under-eighteen titles.

All in all, this has been one of the most successful years for the School Chess Team. It is also my last year as Captain. J. Pegler has been appointed to head School Chess next year and I congratulate him and wish him every success.

A. Gettings
Sixth Form

Andrew Gettings

Andrew Gettings will be leaving Sir Thomas Rich's this year and this will prove a great loss to the School Chess Team, which Andrew has served faithfully for seven years.

Since coming to Tommy's, Andrew has played approximately 215 games, losing only fifteen.

Andrew has a string of successes to his name: he won the Gloucestershire Secondary Schools Championship at all three levels — under thirteen, fifteen and eighteen; he has also captained the Gloucestershire team at all three levels; he came second in the West of England under-fifteen Tournament and followed this with second place in the National Under-Sixteen Tournament, which earned him international status when he was selected for the England under-sixteen team.

We thank him for his service to the team and for all the encouragement he has given to young players and we wish him every success for the future.

A. McBurnie
Fourth Form



First Year Activities

All First Years spent three days in Stratford-upon-Avon soon after their arrival at Sir Thomas Rich's. This provided an opportunity for them to get to know each other and their form teachers. We stayed at the Youth Hostel which was an "invigorating" walk from the town centre. During the three days we played soccer and baseball by the river, went swimming in the leisure centre, visited a butterfly farm, went "behind the scenes" at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, tried brass rubbing, took a cruise upon the Avon, toured Stratford in an open-top bus and followed a treasure trail along the lanes surrounding the Hostel.

Following the introduction last year of activities specifically for First Years, we again have a weekly badminton club after school, soon to be joined by a table tennis club. The standard of play in badminton has improved considerably (thanks largely to expert coaching from Mr. Henderson), to such an extent that we are looking forward to friendly games against other clubs. Several trips to the dry ski slope and a basketball competition have been organised by Mr. Lloyd.

Week-end activities began with a treasure trail around the school, then we held an indoor cricket competition which was contested by six teams. Over 50 boys spent a Saturday morning "deep caving" at Clearwell Caves.

At the time of writing, forthcoming activities include a table tennis competition (with badminton and indoor bowls also provided), a day at Cheddar (caving, exploring and orienteering) and we plan repeats of canoeing, sailing and orienteering events which were successful last year.

We have been pleased with the response to the activities and it is good that we have another enthusiastic First Year, keen to take part and not frightened to have a go at events which they may not have tried before.

Mr **I.J. Kellie**

The Young Enterprise Scheme

The Young Enterprise Scheme enables any member of the Sixth Form to gain experience in running a small company.

In a successful company many important positions have to be filled. So, if you fancy yourself as a Managing Director, Accountant or Secretary here is a perfect opportunity.

Undoubtedly, as the company develops, you will encounter many problems and strained friendships, but the reward of a thriving business, makes it all worth while.

The main ingredients, which kept our company going this year, were teamwork and a positive determination to find a workable solution to each problem. Consequently, our company was successful and we became wiser too.

This year both companies were sponsored by 'Whitbread's The Brewers' and I should like to take this opportunity to thank them for their invaluable assistance and patience.

The Scheme is available to you to gain an insight into the business world. It is also there for you to enjoy yourself. I know we all did.

R. J. Milton
Sixth Form

Computer Club

Most lunchtimes the Computer Room is open for a variety of computing activities. Over sixty pupils have joined the club this academic year.

Computer games have proved to be a major attraction but more rewarding pursuits have included artistic design, word processing and the creation of data bases.

A few members have been working on program writing with some excellent results and we are looking for more pupils who wish to join in this activity.

Over the year, many people, both members and non-members have used the computers for coursework connected with their academic studies and such use is always encouraged.

Mr. M. R. Hale

The Venture Scouts

Canoeing on Norwegian lakes, pushing beds through Stonehouse, planting trees in Herefordshire, rafting down the Wye, midnight hiking in the Cotswolds, scaling the heights of Snowdonia or mountain biking in the Forest of Dean: these were only a few of the activities at which members of the School Venture Unit could have been observed over the past year! A complete list would occupy more space than is allowed here.

The Unit has fifteen full members and is always looking for fresh blood and innovative challenges to blend with our traditional activities. We have tried a few ideas in the past twelve months including a successful evening at Swindon's ice rink, carpet bowls and indoor hockey. Physical activities tend to dominate our programme — there is never a shortage of five-a-side football players but the aesthetic is not forgotten; School quiz evenings and a Chris Bonnington lecture have featured in our programme.

The Unit's 'Yellow Peril' and 'Blue Streak' have finished first and second in the Stonehouse bed race for the second time running and first and second in the Gloucester Cattle Market race over the last year — emulating previous success.

The life of the Unit is recorded periodically in our magazine, "Venture 44". Issues include articles of present members as well as fifty or so ex-members who still keep in contact with us, despite being spread all over the globe.

This Summer we head north yet again to spend some time in Scotland, which will include mountain biking, canoeing, hiking and fishing — an ideal break from a busy School year.

P. Kingsbury

The Richian Short Story Competition

Congratulations to this year's winners, L.R. Delwiche 5T, and R. S. Sood 3T.

The Splintered Idol

The age old fortress stubbornly remained largely intact as yet another punishing volley slammed into its iron grey walls. The final bastion of the dictator's once mighty empire, and an object of hate to so many, it was battered and beaten as foreign armies and inspired partisans sought to bring it to its knees. Yet it remained sneering down at the field of guns and mortars brought to bear upon it.

Deep within its bowels, its master sat, hunched over a small table in a dimly lit room, almost oblivious to the presence of the two generals and the three dark-suited civilians who looked on, sitting on the edge of their seat, cautiously awaiting his order. His red-rimmed eyes stared down at the map on the ebony table and on the porcelain pieces clustered around his citadel, forming an unbeatable ring of steel and fire.

He raised his head slowly, seeking some inspiration, for the first time in his life, from his minors. He saw only fear in their wide eyes, transfixed upon him as they awaited the salvation which he could never offer. So many times his brilliant ideas had worked flawlessly. So many times had he overcome all the odds: this time, there would be no miracle.

He viewed the ageing generals with their medals and their flamboyant uniforms which now seemed rather comical; and the civilians, the youngest of whom still earnestly believed that the solution was just around the corner. His spell over them all was absolute.

Then, a wild idea crept from the darkest recesses of his mind. A smile slowly became apparent on his cracked lips. He coughed.

"Gentlemen, he announced, "I have an idea."

Four faces lit up, while a fifth remained expressionless.

The dictator began to outline his plans, his nail-bitten finger darting quickly around the map, just as it had done so many times before, as a prelude to astounding victory. Four pairs of eyes followed his finger. The elder of the two generals stared fixedly as the dictator leaned back in his chair, sighed in satisfaction and closed his eyes.

"There you have it," he beamed, soaking-up the awe and wonder shown on four faces.

"Impossible!"

All eyes were fixed on the old general who had dared to speak in this way.

"Totally impossible," he continued. "We simply haven't got the manpower. This plan is fantasy. It's lunacy!"

As the others turned to stare the dissenter into a humble apology, the dictator took a second look at the map, his mind cleared by this rebuke. Five seconds told him all he needed to know. His mouth dropped open in disbelief and horror. His ashen face turned scarlet.

"No!" he wailed. "No No!"

With a violent movement, he knocked the table aside. It splintered on contact with the hard stone floor, and his porcelain foes were shattered. A split second later, another volley smashed into the citadel, shaking the room. The cries of the dying tore the silence that followed. But nothing could turn the attention away from the frightened, pathetic creature that was once a despot.

A tense silence, once more, enveloped the room. Then, slowly, the eyes were turned away from the dictator towards the general, who remained calm but resolute. He glared once at the dictator, before rising slowly to his feet. The dictator did not move. He was staring at the wreck on the floor, wishing he could piece it together as he cringed in his seat.

The general felt a great weight on his shoulder as he spoke:

"When our leader has finished his tantrum," he began, "perhaps it would be wise to negotiate a surrender to stop even more of this ludicrous killing."

"No. Wait," whispered the dictator.

The others remained still. Shaking beneath his hardened exterior, the general continued:

"Don't listen to him. He's finished." With that, the old soldier turned his back. Slowly, the others rose to their feet, and, stepping over the broken table, sheepishly followed their new master.

One of them turned and it was he alone that turned at the door to face the dictator. His fresh young eyes met the sunken eyes of the dictator, who stared back at him, freezing him within the room. A ray of light penetrated the despot's dark mind as he beckoned the young man to approach.

With a pained expression on his face the youngster, at length, turned once more, and stepped out into the cold reality of the future.

The dictator slowly shook his head, and slipped down into the darkest depths of insanity.

L.R. Delwiche

Chief

"John."

"What is it chief?"

"Can I see you in my office . . . right away?"

The man left the doorway leaving John confused. As far as John knew he hadn't done anything wrong but what else could it be? John rose from his chair and pondered what was just said. He tried to recall the tone of Chief Baker's voice. It definitely wasn't an angry tone, more sort of . . .

It came to him; something was wrong. Yes, that was it. Something had to be wrong. But what?

John did nothing but make himself more confused and cause himself to worry. He reached the door and opened it slowly, almost dreading going outside of his own office and into the office that belonged to his chief.

John stepped out into the hustle and bustle of the police precinct. He stood for a moment and looked over the crowd to see the words "CHIEF BAKER" printed onto the reinforced glass of the door which he was soon to go through.

He began to walk. He manoeuvred himself between the desks and round the officers sorting their day's catch to the cells. He finally reached Chief Baker's office and knocked twice.

"Yeah?"

John opened the door and poked his head through.

"You . . . er, wanted to see me Chief?"

"Yeah, yeah. Come in, John. Sit down."

John was a little surprised by the tone of Baker's voice. He was normally a harsh man with little feeling but John had always believed that behind that crude, harsh exterior there was a gentle, loving man struggling to get out. John had expelled this idea from his head many times but maybe, just maybe, he was right.

"I'd rather stand if you don't mind, Chief?"

"Well, actually, I think you should sit down; I've got some bad news."

John was alarmed.

"What? What is it? What's wrong?"

There was no reply and John knew that for him to get one he should comply with Chief Baker's wishes and take a seat.

Chief Baker gulped and John could see that he was worried.

"Tell me, Chief. What are you talking about?"

"Er, John. Can I offer you a drink; a scotch maybe?" Baker reached down and pulled open one of the drawers on his side of the desk.

"No!" John shouted. "I mean, no . . . no thank you."

"I'm sorry John," said Chief Baker apologetically.

"Sorry? Sorry about what?" The suspense was killing John. He needed to know. What was wrong?"

Chief Baker broke eye contact and instead stared at the desk. Whatever the news was he was regretting that it was down to him to tell John.

John felt a sudden realisation as to what might be wrong but it was a thought so horrible that John almost refused to dwell on it. It was a strong possibility though and since Baker was taking so long giving the information, John felt the necessity to ask.

"I Is . . ." As he began to speak he felt more sure that he was right and he hated himself for it.

"It's Kate, isn't it?"

Baker looked up and gulped again.

"Yes."

John knew it; he simply knew it.

"What is it? What's happened?"

"She . . . she's been shot, John."

John's eyes widened and his mouth opened. He was panicking.

"What? No! It can't be! Where is she? How is she?"

Baker was still slow to answer; he was almost afraid of what might happen.

John feared the worst as Baker began to speak.

"I'm sorry, John. There was nothing anyone could do; they saw . . ." It pained Baker to say the words, but how else could he tell this man his wife, his love, his life was dead.

"They saw her shot and her body fall."

"You . . . you mean . . .". The sides of his mouth began to pull down and John could not control what was happening; he had lost all control of his facial muscles. His forehead was dragged down causing a frown and his eyes to close up. He was now squinting and suddenly his vision became blurred as his eyes filled with tears and released them onto his stubbled cheeks. John's hands came to his face and his palms covered his features. The man sat there and sobbed.

Suddenly, his noise stopped and his attitude became forceful.

"I want to see her," John said.

"What?"

"I want to see her . . . now," he repeated more decisively.

Baker was silent for a moment and John again sensed that something was wrong.

"You . . . you can't see her, John."

"What did you say?" John became angry and filled with rage. "First you drag me into here and tell me that my wife is . . ." He couldn't bring himself to say the words either and he did not want to try. "And now you won't even let me see her . . . Why not?"

Yet again, Baker was slow to reply. It was as if the distance from his ear to his brain was equal to the distance across the English channel.

"You see, John. Kate was out walking her beat on the beach when a Code Nine was called in. I . . . I sent her in. There was some sort of showdown on the pier and . . . Kate was shot and her body fell into the sea. They're . . . er . . . dragging the area now."

John listened. What he heard was horrible. How could anyone do this? John recalled in his mind Chief Baker's brief account of what had happened. His mind held onto just one section: "I sent her in." He repeated this line in his head over and over "I sent her in. I sent her in. I sent her in." These few words filled his head. It seemed to him that Baker was shouting at him but the truth was that there was an eerie silence in the small office.

John became angry again but this time he was furious. He looked up and instead of staring blankly at the desk, he gave Baker a chilling cold look.

"What do you mean: 'You sent her in'?" He spoke calmly now but there was still an evil and vindictive air to his voice.

"Sorry?"

"You said, YOU, sent her in. What do you mean? What happened?"

Baker understood the question now and began to reply.

"Well . . . er . . . A Code Nine was called from a shop on the beach front. It didn't sound too bad and Kate was the nearest available officer . . ."

"So you just sent her in!" John interrupted.

Baker became a worried man. He could almost read John's mind. He knew what he was thinking.

"Look John, I honestly thought that it wasn't much. I thought it would be all right. I wouldn't have sent her in if I didn't think so, would I?" He spoke defensively.

John got up from his seat. His eyes were on fire. The words 'I sent her in', still rang in his head but now along with another word; an action, in fact, an action which John had not taken seriously and contemplated doing since his childhood. That action was . . . revenge.

Baker cowered in his seat. Never before had he been frightened of one of his officers but now things were different. The Chief seemed to be in the wrong and the sergeant was about to put things right.

Baker was scared, so scared that he began to panic and it showed on his face.

John moved around the desk without saying a word. Baker, however, put his mouth into overdrive and found himself begging for mercy.

"Now, now John. Let's not be hasty . . . It wasn't my fault. I thought it would be all right. I didn't realise. John! No! No! Stop! Help! Help me!"

John dodged Baker's blocks and slipped his hands around his neck. Baker gripped John's wrists frantically to tear this noose of flesh away from his throat; but he was just not strong enough.

John pushed his thumbs into his Chief's thyroid catillage. As John pushed his Adam's Apple further back into his neck, Baker found it harder and harder to swallow and soon he found it impossible to breathe. Baker's life was gradually being squeezed out of him. Suddenly, Baker stopped moving as his flame of life was blown out. He was dead.

R. Sood

The House

One night beneath the moonlit sky
A weird feat I did spy
In the house across the street,
I heard the ghostly clonk of feet.
I decided to investigate
And opened my front garden gate.

I ran through the pouring, beating rain
And then I heard the noise again.
It made me jump into a shiver,
And my eyes began to quiver.
Curiously, I entered the gloomy house
I heard the spooky scuttle of a mouse.
It was deserted and almost bare
Been through a lot of wear and tear.

Towards my left I heard a sound
And my head began to pound
With imaginations of despair.
Was there someone over there?
I tried to run from the sound
Then I tripped and hit the ground.
I felt a presence close to me
"Hello, young man. Care to take tea?"

After all that dreadful grief,
I made a huge sigh of relief.
Then, I realised this was a kind of cellar
"Follow me," said the fella.

I followed him up a crooked staircase
Which led us to an amazing place:
Crystal lamps everywhere.
A different place from down the stairs.

The man told me his sorry tale,
How he turned to wine and ale.
Now he lives just on one floor,
And through the others echoes roar.
When I'd finished my cup of tea
I went on home and let him be.
All night I heard the bumping feet,
As I drifted off to sleep.

M. Gough

The poem is based on 'The Listeners',
by Walter de la Mare.

The Den

It sits at the end of the garden,
In the middle of a smallish tree.
It was here we made our little den,
A few of my friends, and me.

We worked to make it waterproof,
And we bought a little mat.
We got a few bricks and a piece of wood
And made a bench where we all sat.

On sunny days, we'd run around
And play tag for a while.
On rainy days we'd sit inside,
Writing in our secret file.

But one day it wasn't there anymore.
We searched with growing dismay,
And then I had a nasty thought:
It was 'bonfire night', today.

We watched our H.Q. burn away
Which we loved so much before.
We watched as it turned to ashed and flames,
And then it was no more.

A little wooden structure,
Sits in the willow tree.
Here we made our second base,
A few of my friends, and me.

A. Jenkins

The Skoda

The motor car that I desire,
Would be a skoda full of fire.
From nought to sixty in one hour
Makes you feel full of power.
Racing milk floats down the lane,
Gives the skoda such a strain.
While cruising at an awesome pace
You suddenly realise you're in the same place.
All the people stop and stare
Because you're not going anywhere.
The Skoda car, dark, sleek and red,
With petrol that is ninety percent lead!
Environment friendly in the town,
Because it's always breaking down.
Skoda the car that's above all the rest.
Between Skoda and Lada there is no contest.

D. Roae

Fear

Running, running,
Through the trees.
Falling, scrambling,
On my knees.
Up I get
And glance behind,
Afraid to see
What I might find.
A ghostly figure,
On his charger.
His deathly form
Is getting larger.
I see a castle
Not too far.
The light is on
The gate's ajar.
I reach the gate,
Squeeze in the gap.
Hoping, praying
It's not a trap.
Clanking, creaking,
The drawbridge shut
It's getting closer
My exist's cut.
Jumping, leaping,
Up the stairs.
I catch my coat
Away it tears.
Breathless, sweating,
Feeling stunned.
The ghost appears.
The end has begun.

D. Rose

Contributions

Sport Profile: Michael Palmer

I started playing badminton at the age of ten, and I was spurred on by my sister to try the county under 12 trials. I was lucky enough to be selected and I played in two county matches that year including my first National Tournament at Under 12 level at Gloucester Leisure Centre.

Gradually, as a result of a lot of training, my game has improved. On a Tuesday and Wednesday I go to Cheltenham from 6.30 to 9.30. On Thursday I play in the county senior team and for four hours on a Saturday morning I train with the Under 16 county squad.

This training involves not only short practice but much physical exercise too. Also, about once a month, there is a "South West" training day either in Melksham or Bristol for all the county players in the South West of England.

I have played in National tournaments at Under 13 and Under 14 level and this year at Under 15 level. As a result I have travelled the country playing in leisure centres as far as Cornwall, Halifax and Bournemouth. The tournaments commence in September and continue through till April each year. I have had some success this year, winning the South West of England singles and doubles championships and obtaining semi- and quarter final places in national tournaments against boys a year older than myself, and also making my senior county debut in Horsham against Sussex.

My unofficial national ranking has reached number 7 in singles and number 6 in doubles, and have been lucky enough to have been sponsored by Slazenger for the past two years.

My ambition is to go on improving and to be chosen to represent England in an International match, and ultimately to take part in the Olympic Games.

M. Palmer
Fourth Form



M. A. Palmer

3R's Table-Tennis Club

At the beginning of March 1991 members of 3R formed a table-tennis club to be held on Friday afternoons after school. With the school providing the equipment and 3R providing the members everything was perfect. It is the first table-tennis club the school has had. It is held in the gym and supervised by Mr. S. Smallwood. The school has four tables of which two are very new. The club starts at 3.30 and finishes at 4.30. Every member brings 20p each time towards new bats and balls.

When we started the club we got permission from Mr. Kellie and he gave the go ahead. Then we found a teacher to supervise the club and a place to play and we were off.

Maybe you can start your own club.

T. Preece

School

School, how I love it, please give me more.
It's the only place I really adore.
I think we should have it every day.
No more holidays, who wants to play?
Give me more lessons, all the time,
With games in between, that'll just suit me fine.
But wait a minute my nose is so sore.
My goodness me, it's dragging on the floor.
Okay, I'll admit, all this has been lies.
Now for goodness sake, nose, shrink back to size.
School's not so bad, It's all right by me,
Though I do Look forward to twenty past three.

G. Nelmes
Second Year



Form 1S

Back row; left to right: A. Degge, G. Hughes, A. Pye, J. Bevan, J. Adams, T. Knappet, M. Gilmore, D. Batie

Middle row: R. Shann, M. Aplin, J. Ballard, M. Windridge, M. Mace, M. Griffiths, L. Berry, J. Hitchings, D. Storey

Sitting: I. Gardiner, S. Powick, T. Andrews, D. Tiffney, Mr. B. L. North, M. Havard, S. O'Reilly, D. Kettle, G. Owen



Form 1R

Back row; left to right: A. Pearce, W. Perrin, C. Haines, J. Lai-Hung, J. Gavin, S. Harris, M. Hawkins, T. Carpenter

Middle row: N. Leitch, L. Quanton, T. Radcliffe, A. Bradley, M. Ryland, G. Whittle, M. Davis, C. Lewis, S. Hemms

Sitting: J. Berry, R. Newport, P. Reid, J. Harley, Mr. S. Morgan, S. Parsons, N. Davis, R. Conde, B. Vagas



Form 1T

Back row; left to right: A. Smart, S. Finch, L. Sinclair, J. Smith, D. Frodin, R. Bayliss

Middle row: M. Stevens, C. Wilkinson, P. Clegg, C. Mace, M. Hanrahan, T. Hinton, A. Bennett, L. Hemming, p. Learmount

Sitting: C. Pritchard, A. Bourne, K. Stewart, Mr. P. D. Lloyd, R. Farnol, C. Poole, A. Mortimer



Form 2R

Back row; left to right; D. Smith, S. Brown, R. Sutton, G. Browning, K. Topping, J. Vallender

Middle row: N. Hanson, D. Williams, J. Walker, T. Hill-Tout, B. Heath, J. Cornwall, M. Smith, D. McBurnie, M. Meecham

Sitting: M. Edwards, S. Fenton, M. Hartland, K. McIntosh, Miss P. Smith, M. Burdett, T. Poole, D. Cole, S. Bennett



Form 2T

Back row; left to right: W. Mortimer, B. Gamble, M. White, B. Ballard, G. Nelmes, M. Gamston, M. Fowler, J. Sargeant, A. Jenkins

Middle row: J. Edwards, S. Goldup, C. Cooke, T. Harris, M. Edwards, R. Saunders, L. Skipp, C. Collins, B. Mitchell

Sitting: T. Herbert, D. Rose, J. Hinton, E. Powell, Mr. G. A. Cappi, N. Cresswell, M. Gough, L. Thomson, M. Bourne



Form 3R

Back row; left to right: I. Summerfield, M. Bibby, J. Jones, J. Branthwaite, R. Fee, A. Powell, M. Dearlove, P. Brown

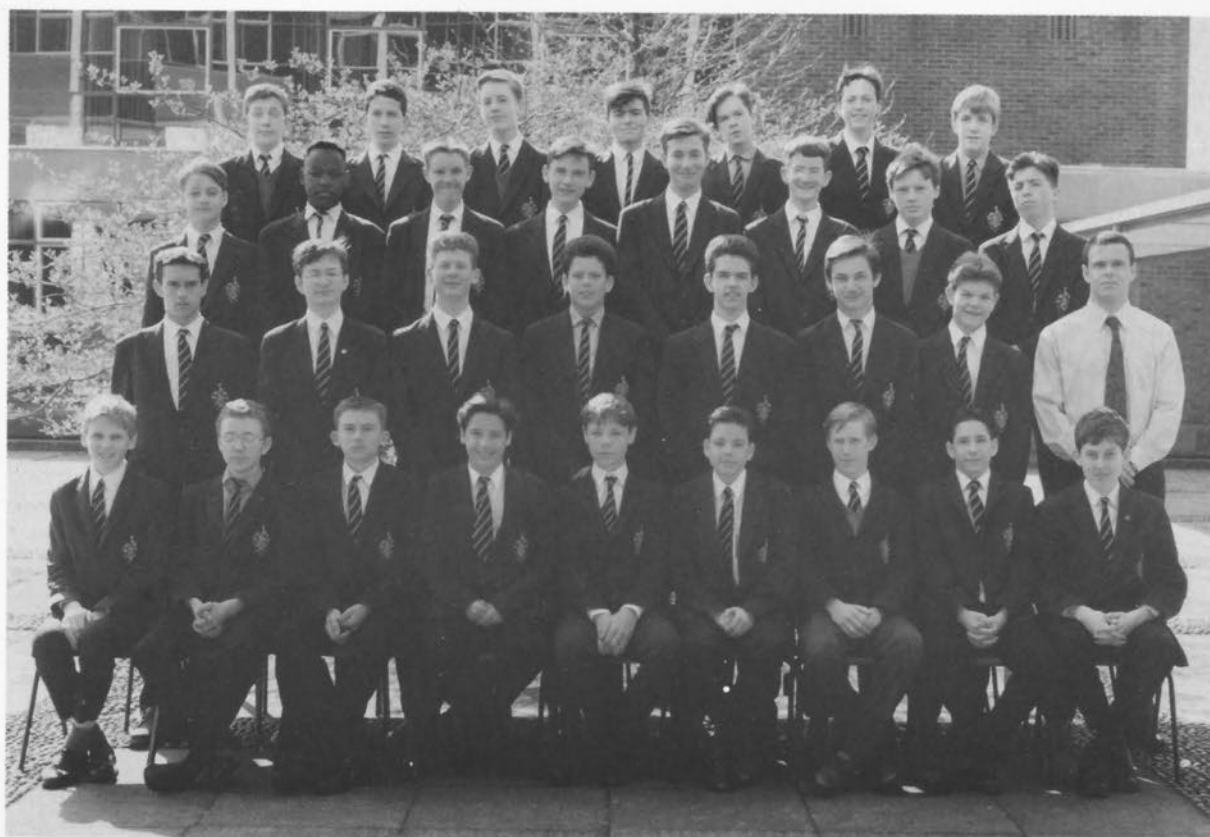
Middle row: S. Simpson, R. Murphy, L. Haines, L. Ford, B. Hansford, J. Turner, S. Poffley, R. Chandler

Sitting: I. Goodchild, J. Wood, D. Bevis, S. Townsend, Mr. S. W. Pack, R. Whitley, N. Bennett, T. Preece, J. Mahoney



Form 3T

Back row; left to right: L. Saysell, M. Beard, D. Bhagawati, P. Greenwood, T. Page, S. Taylor, M. Ostle
 Middle row: S. Dewick, D. Battin, J. Mercer, A. Cheshire, O. Davies, J. Patterson, R. Sood, D. Godding, R. Williams
 Sitting: S. King, P. Shaw, J. Brown, C. Earby, Mr. R. Hale, D. Hughes, M. Clarke, J. Kendall, N. Goodwin



Form 4R

Back row; left to right: L. Tyreman, P. Ellicott, E. Clarke, M. Clutterbuck, S. Barratt, S. Taylor-Pockett, D. Fellowes-Freeman
 Upper row: C. Ashby, F. Atine, M. Parsons, R. Tuck, M. Bunnage, M. Butler, B. Robinson, S. Davis
 Lower row: J. Hemms, A. McBurnie, J. Stabler, P. Smith, J. Marsh, M. Stafford, C. Banon, Mr. S. D. Smallwood
 Sitting: D. Stokes, B. Kearly, S. Lynch, D. Vizard, P. Gamston, S. Burgess, R. Bradley, B. King, M. Rattenbury



Form 4T

Back row, left to right: S. Christie, J. Meecham, P. Goscomb, M. Palmer, R. Stevens, J. Wyatt, M. Bolton, P. Dawson

Upper row: M. Hibberd, R. Wilcox, J. Newman, A. Clifford, S. Cambridge, J. Callen, M. Cornwall, A. Koller

Lower row: A. Tiffney, R. Goddard, K. Snow, J. Biggs, N. Morris, R. Hill-Tout, C. Skidmore, N. Barnaby

Sitting: D. Savory, M. Dempsey, S. Brown, S. Veazey, Mr. A. F. Preece, J. Manton, C. Richardson, P. Crichard, I. Taylor



Form 5R

Back row, left to right: M. Baker, A. Roderick, S. Walton, T. Tomlinson, M. Wilton, R. Powell, P. Kingsbury, A. Knight, D. Marr

Middle row: S. Finch, B. Simpson, M. Bilous, A. Chamberlain, P. Grainger, N. Cambridge, M. Cheshire, A. Stokes, B. Carter, D. Gabb

Sitting: S. Lazar, C. Leving, C. Willetts, R. Buckley, Mr. R. N. Hanney, S. Blowers, L. Fitch, M. Devereux, R. Kennedy



Form 5T

Back row; left to right: M. Blyth, J. Jefferies, R. Lewis, D. Goscomb, M. James, N. James, A. Burgess, S. Tyreman, L. Delwiche, S. Hughes

Middle row: Mr. J. Gallagher, C. Ramsay, D. Gamble, A. Harman, C. Anderson, A. Rimmer, J. Parish, S. Amphlet, B. Davies, A. Priestley.

Sitting: J. Atwood, P. McIntosh, G. John, M. A. Leighton, R. Hales, M. Etheridge, J. Freckleton



Lower Sixth (R)

Back row, left to right: M. Beard, S. Dobbins, C. Atine, R. Tampen, S. Dorman, E. Bolton

Middle row: A. Prouse, R. Bielby, R. Easen, A. Cooke, E. Hitchings, R. Parsloe, N. Pellant, C. Peters

Sitting: R. Cannock, P. Skelton, J. Jewell, Mr. R. L. Fowler, S. Williams, J. Gipson, C. Yip



Lower Sixth (S)

Back row, left to right: N. Gardiner, G. Neiningner, P. Magrath, J. Vass, N. Proud

Middle row: M. Hurcombe, R. Milton, J. McBeth, R. Gorman, S. Varney, R. Frodin, W. Wall

Sitting: C. Jones, F. Reffell, N. Tovar, E. Wright, K. Webster, V. Paterson, C. Devine



Lower Sixth (T)

Back row; left to right: M. Anderson, A. Stafford, I. Roberts, K. Harding, D. Willoughby, J. Merrett

Middle row: N. Pellant, R. Easen, J. Allen, S. Heywood, F. Stevens, N. Haines, S. Mitten

Back row: D. Clarke, C. Powell, Mr. D. F. Moss, P. Davies, R. Elliott



Upper Sixth (R)

Back row; left to right: L. Byford, G. Bennett, S. Meredith, D. Hiatt, M. Weaver

Middle row: K. Howie, R. Harvey, P. Snell, J. Carter, M. Chandler

Sitting: Z. McLeod, R. Dodgin, Mr. D. Slinger, T. Brown, T. Jones



Upper Sixth (S)

Back row; Left to right: B. Latham, A. Gettings, M. Price, P. Leason

Middle row: G. Morris, M. Spices, N. Jones, A. Winson, N. Carter

Sitting: R. Davies, P. Bedi, G. Croft, Mr. J. Carew-Jones, A. Turner, C. Parker, S. Ward



Upper Sixth (T)

Back row; left to right: S. Baddeley, A. Parry, G. Worth, C. Main

Middle Row: H. Brown, P. Bowers, J. Tanner, M. Ellicott, D. Kavanagh

Sitting: K. Watson, H. Ware, M. Weygang, Mr. I. R. Bowie, J. Dawson, J. Brockwell, H. Richards



Staff

Back Row; left to right: Mrs. J. Brown, Mr. A. Quinn, Mr. S. Pack, Mr. D. Moss, Mr. R. Hanney, Mr. J. Drake, Mrs. J. Smith

Upper Row: Mrs. R. James, Mrs. M. Haslett, Mr. S. Morgan, Mr. R. Hales, Mr. I. Bowie, Mr. G. Cappi, Mr. Thompson, Mrs. B. Irvine, Mrs. V. Calvert

Lower row: Mr. D. Slinger, Mr. L. North, Mr. G. Barrington, Mr. P. Lloyd, Mr. M. Swann, Mr. R. Fowler, Mr. S. Smallwood, Mr. R. Lockey

Sitting: Mrs. S. White, Mrs. P. Joshua, Mr. J. Carew-Jones, Mr. F. Henderson, Mr. A. Pilbeam, Mr. A. Jarvis, Mr. I. Kellie, Mr. R. McBurnie, Mr. T. Morgan, Miss P. Smith, Mrs. J. Grocott

Crime

The year is 1965. I am a private detective. I am Sam; Sam Brown. It's strange; instead of getting dolls say they've got problems I get guys. By the way I don't think I said, I am a woman.

One day I was sitting in my office and in came this guy. He said: "Sam Brown. I need help."

"I said: 'What do you want?'"

He said: I have a friend. I think she's in trouble. I want to know what it is. Will you help me?"

I said: "Yes." He showed me a picture of her.

I went out onto the streets and went into the bar where she usually hangs out. I lit a cigarette and asked the barman for a gin and tonic. I sat down at the bar. Guess what? She walked up to the bar and sat down straight next to me.

She said: "I'll have a G. and T. Den."

I said: "My name's Brown, Sam Brown. What's yours?"

She said: "My name's Margaret Thatcher."

We got chatting about the usual things girls chat about. After a while I asked her what line of work she was in. She was in retail. I asked her what form of retail but she wouldn't say. I said: "I'm in politics." It was a lie.

We got chatting again. I gleaned some more. Finally, I said: I need to change jobs swiftly. I wouldn't mind getting into some of this er . . . retail."

She said: "Meet me here in three hours."

I went back in three hours as arranged. She was there. She took me for a drive. We went way out into the country. She took me out to this smart shack. She called it the love shack. There was some singing going on. This is what they were singing: "Love shack. Oh baby. Love shack. Love Shack. Oh baby, love shack."

She took me to a fella who was standing in a corner. Margaret said: "She wants to be in the retail," and winked.

He said: "If you take this," then reeled off some address in the posh part of town. "Get this done girl and you'll be into retail in a big way."

I said: "What's in it?"

They wouldn't say.

I took it to the address as said. I received the money. I went to the bar that night. Margaret came over to me. She said: "If you take this parcel you'll get yourself a few dollars more. You're experienced now. It's at the same address."

The same thing happened. The next day the guy came back into the office. He said: "What's been happening?"

I told him: "I got into the middle of the country. Then I take this parcel to the posh side of town. I get paid. Then I do it again and I get paid some more."

He said: "What's in the parcel?"

I said: "I don't know." He frowned.

I went back to the bar that night. Margaret was there. I sat down and had a drink. I said: "What's in the parcel?"

She said: "You shouldn't know."

I said "I'll do one more job."

She got me the night's parcel. "You'll get more this time, now you're more experienced. Same place. Same time."

I took the parcel. Went back to the office and opened it. Inside was this white powder. I took one sniff and nearly went high. It was crack .

The guy said: "Is that what she gave you?"

I said: "Yes."

He said: "I'll write you a cheque."

I said: "I'll phone the cops."

Margaret went down for twenty years.

D. Smith
Second Year.

Whatif?

(Thoughts of a pupil on his first day at Tommy's)

The bus is late.

It should be here, it's nearly eight.

Ah, here it is at last.

The bus stops with a mighty blast.

Now I'm alone, just sitting here,

Some whatifs crawl inside my ear:

Whatif the fourth years take my lunch?

Whatif I'm struck down with one big punch?

Whatif the fifth form start to smoke?

Whatif it makes me cough and choke?

Whatif no one likes me here?

Whatif they always shout and jeer?

Whatif I'm a colossal berk?

Whatif I can't do the work?

Whatif there is too much tension?

Whatif I get a detention?

Whatif?

S. Hemms
First Year.

1R Form Article

We, as a form, have had an enjoyable and fruitful first year at Tommy's, and we are looking forward to the next!

We have participated in many fun activities. These include the following: an exciting and educational 3-day trip to Stratford to get to know each other and make friends; a pair of breath-taking caving trips, in which we were underground for a few hours, at about 200 feet below the surface; and a wild and wonderful boating course; and many more.

As a form we have been successful at fund-raising for the pool, and raised one of the most encouraging totals. We have one outstanding fundraiser in our midst; S. Hemms, who single-handedly raised £80 in a School readathon in aid of the Cancer Research Trust.

On a sporting note, we took four of the top ten places in the house cross-country (first year), with T. Berry taking first for Westgate and R. Newport in second for Southgate. The class has participated in many sporting events, for example: about half the class are in the A and B first year rugby teams! We consider ourselves quite a sporting class.

Many of the class are in school clubs, with two of the most popular being basketball and the Natural Society.

All in all the year has been a good one, with many 'ups' and a few 'downs', and we are very grateful to our form teacher, Mr. S. Morgan, who has guided us through our first year. Our form reps are C. Lewis and J. Lai-hang and this article was written by N. Leech, M. Ryland, R. Cordie, C. Lewis, T. Carpenter and A. Bradley, whom the form elected to do this, but the form also contributed in the planning and ideas stage.

Rugby



2nd XV



Rugby 1990-91

1st XV	P	W	D	L	F	A
11	4	1	6	110	191	

Captain: N. Carter.

A rather inexperienced 1st XV have found this season to be very difficult. A good strong pack have generally done well only to find the younger backs were in trouble behind them.

One weakness this year has been the midfield defense and many teams have exploited this. However, as the season progressed, team spirit and commitment have helped to bring the side together and so finish off with two good victories.

Throughout the season the team spirit has been excellent and the side has shown a good attitude in the face of adversity.

Coulour: N. Carter (for three years service to 1st XV rugby and for his role as captain), A. Gettings, A. Cook, T. Jones.

1st XXX Colours: of the 1st XV M. Price, A. Turner, S. Meredith, R. Parsloe, C. Yip, J. Pegler, M. Barker, J. Turner, N. James.

2nd XV	P	W	D	L	F	A
	8	4	4	—	53	81

Captain: J. Freckleton.

The return of a number of Upper Sixth Formers to the rugby fold after some years of absence added some strength and experience to what was likely to be a very young side. A good team spirit quickly formed, and was boosted by a good attitude to training early in the season.

In all of their matches, the 2nd XV gave a good, full-blooded account of themselves, playing with a fire and determination which took a number of confident opponents very much by surprise. An enjoyable season if not overwhelmingly successful.

1st XXX Colours — of the 2nd XV — c. Atine, J. Attwood, P. Bowers, J. Freckleton, C. Main, S. Varney, M. Cherrette, G. Morris, S. Tyreman, A. Giles, and N. Cambridge.

I.J. Gallagher

UNDER 14 RUGBY

P	L	D	F	A	W
8	7	—	74	158	1

Captain: R. Sood

The playing record is not impressive, but it conceals a remarkable team spirit which has maintained motivation and commitment throughout the season, in spite of the numerous defeats. The will to play is there, as is the skill and technique. What has been lacking all season is the physical presence, especially in the back division, to break through in midfield and to decisively knock down large and running opponents.

The team has not been helped in this respect by injuries to and frequent representative calls on some of the physically stronger players. A mild benefit of this, however, has been that others have had to raise their game to compensate. As they grow, this side will have an increasingly bright future.

Colours to: R. Sood, D. Baltin, and P. Shaw.

I.M. Hodgkinson

UNDER 13 RUGBY

The under 13's season can be described as a tale of two halves. The season started with some very encouraging results, with the team unbeaten in their first six matches. However, the second half of the season was very disappointing, with five straight defeats.

The team should be praised for their commitment and enthusiasm, especially in training. One must mention Heath and Saunders, who were outstanding for the forwards, while Mitchell and Bennett proved very sound for the backs. To improve next season, the whole team will have to work upon their tackling. While the forwards will have to strengthen their rucking skills at 'loose-play' situations. If these areas are developed then the team may produce a better record next season.

Under 13's Record:

Played 11 Won 3 Drawn 3 Lost 5

Points:

For 96 pts

Against 110 pts

P. Lloyd

Cross-Country Report 1990-91

SENIOR

The year's cross-country season began, for the senior team, with the annual fixture against the Army Apprentices. Having pipped them to the post by one point last year, they seemed all the more determined this year, and overpowered a physically smaller Rich's team. Sadly, this seemed to set the standard for most of the senior matches; the exception being a fixture against Monmouth, where a full turn-out of enthusiastic members led the team to a well-deserved victory on a particularly gruelling course. However, the large number of defeats didn't manage to dampen spirits, and the team showed a great deal of commitment throughout the season, and performed well, considering that most of the opposing teams came from much larger schools where training takes place more than once a week.

Giles Croft captained the team this year, although Steven Mitten still proved to be the School's finest runner. Another team regular was Matthew Cryer who ran as a "guest" from the Crypt school. Our thanks go to him for his efforts.

There were several "new boys" in the team this year, notably John and David Merrett, Richard Harvey and Michael Weaver — their consistency was much appreciated. Some of last year's regular runners decided to go into early retirement, but Stuart Baddeley, Robert Bielby, Simon Goodwin, Darren Clarke, Brian Simpson and Tim Tomlinson all stuck with it, giving valued support and exhibiting some fine running.

The team's hard work finally came to its fruition in the National Spring Relays held at Worcester, where a squad of six managed an outstanding fourth place out of a field of twenty. This was the best result ever achieved in these races against such stiff opposition.

On behalf of the senior team, I would like to thank Mr Lloyd for his continuous support and encouragement, not forgetting his minibus driving, which always added variety to those away matches?

JUNIOR

Both Junior and Inter-teams fared well in the North Gloucestershire League, coming third in their respective age groups. These were the best results in four years. High levels of commitment and leadership were shown by J. Manton, M. Ostle and J. Learmount.

In the first year, A. Degge, L. Hemming, K. Stewart and R. Newport all look like good prospects for the future.

HOUSE CROSS-COUNTRY

This year, the senior race was cut down to five runners per house. Steven Mitten came in first for Westgate although Eastgate won the senior race. In the fourth year, J. Manton led his house to victory and these two races combined meant that Westgate won the overall senior competition.

The winner in the third year was M. Ostle of Westgate; in the second year, M. Edwards of Northgate and the first years were led home by J. Berry of Westgate.

Westgate were the overall winners of this year's Junior Competition.

REPRESENTATION AND COLOURS

Seniors: B. Simpson, R. Bielby, S. Goodwin.

Junior Colours: J. Manton, M. Ostle.

South-West England Representation: S. Mitten (U'20)

Glos. County Representation: T. Tomlinson (U'16), G. Owen (U'12), K. Stewart (U'12), A. Degge (U'12).

Glos. City Representation: G. Croft (U'20), J. Manton (U'15), S. Simpson (U'14), M. Ostle (U'14), M. Edwards (U'13), B. Gamble (U'13).

Giles Croft (Capt.)

1991 Ski Report

Saalbach, Austria.

After five years of suffering cross-Europe coach journeys in our quest for skiing excellence we finally opted for the luxury of air travel. (We were also lucky enough to have booked with one of the few travel companies that did not go into liquidation last Easter). Our travelling time therefore was cut to a manageable eleven hours, leaving us much fresher when we tackled the slopes on the first day.

Unfortunately, our chosen resort had decided on an early end to the winter season, the snow having long departed, leaving conditions suitable only for the mountain walkers, and yodellers. This meant we had to be transported each day to nearby Zell am Zee where the higher slopes were still open, just.

On the first two days there were too many people trying to ski on too few runs, resulting in long, frustrating queues up and down the mountain. By Tuesday, however, the Austrians and Germans had gone back to work, leaving the mountains empty apart from a handful of British parties. So although the white patches shrunk noticeably each day there was still enough for us to have an energetic time.

Thankfully the week went very smoothly, with good accommodation, enough to eat and some decent evening entertainment. Mr Lockey and Mr Gallagher were also grateful for a quiet and incident free time, apart, that is, from the mysterious case of the crumbling doorframe.

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R.J. Lockey

Under 15 Cricket Report (1991 Season)

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Abandoned
7	2	1	3	1
v Kings: lost by 9 wkts v St Peter's: Won by 7 wkts v Chosen Hill: drawn v Crypt: won by 6 wkts v Marling: lost by 31 runs v Saintbridge: abandoned v Beaufort: lost by 8 wkts				

The Under-15 team may not have enjoyed the level of success on the field as some of the other age groups, but they always played with enjoyment and enthusiasm. Technical shortcomings against strong opposition brought the three defeats, whilst good spirit and application enabled them to win two games and hold out for the draw against Chosen Hill.

The undoubted highlight of the season was the victory over Crypt, achieved whilst giving valuable experience to one or two younger pupils!

Colours: awarded to: A McBurnie (Capt); J. Callen.

Under 12 Cricket 1991

Played 6 — Won 3 — Drawn none — Lost 3.

This was quite a successful start to the squad's cricketing career. Many of the players lacked cricket experience but showed a willingness and enthusiasm which helped them progress.

The captain, Tom Radcliffe showed up well with both bat and ball and gave the rest of the team invaluable encouragement and support.

The whole squad now needs to work hard to continue their development and so progress in future years.

I. J. Gallagher

Under 13 Cricket

Played 7 Won 6 Lost 1

Under the excellent captaincy of Richard Saunders, the team had a super season. They were well disciplined, organised and possessed a very positive attitude in their matches. The team was particularly strong, as regards their fielding and bowling.

Matthew Gough was very consistent with his bowling, taking 12 wickets for 44 runs over the 7 matches. He was supported by Richard Saunders, whose average was 8 wickets for 62 runs; and James Newman who took 5 for 61 runs.

Top batsman was Richard Saunders, who scored a total of 165 runs over the 7 matches, and was never dismissed. Other key batsmen included Simon Bennett whose batting average was 22 runs and James Newman with an average of 39 runs.

Despite these fine individual performers, it should be noted, that the key to the Under 13's success was due to excellent commitment, lots of enthusiasm and splendid team spirit.

One hopes that this success will continue next season, especially if the middle and lower order batsmen develop their technique.

Statistics for the seven matches:

Runs scored — 491 runs.

Runs conceded — 383 runs.

Wickets taken — 49.

Wickets fallen — 19.

Old Richian's Association 1990-1991

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

President's Report

My second year in office commenced with the A.G.M. in September 1990, which had a disappointingly low attendance of only 15 in all. However thanks to the efforts of the Junior Section Committee enthusiastically led by our Membership Secretary David Hook, a number of discos have successfully punctuated the year since my previous report. The Pétanque tournament evening in July, although blessed with lovely sunshine, fell very short of the attendance hoped for. On a brighter note though the Christmas Quiz was a success once again, with good support coming from the School Sixth Form — future members of the Association we hope. On Founder's Day 9th May 1991 I had the privilege of unveiling the commemorative plaque purchased by the Association and now prominently displayed on the front elevation of the old School House in Barton Street to record its special place in the School's history.

David Hook and I continue to represent the Association on the Swimming Pool Appeal Committee. Under the enthusiastic guidance of the Headmaster Mr Jarvis, considerable progress has now been made towards making a complete refurbishment of the pool a virtual certainty. The Governors have approved a staged approach to the works required, and with the very generous help in time and effort given by Mr Graham Middleton, some initial work has already been undertaken and a tender obtained for the next phase involving rebuilding and improving insulation of the walls. A new roof will then be necessary to complete the purely structural work. Of course even with the benefit of good Old Richian contacts a substantial cost will be involved. Thus I urge members to be generous in support of the appeal and associated fund-raising events.

In conclusion may I repeat my hope for an ever-increasing membership of the Association to ensure the continuation of friendship and support for the School in future years. I understand that the Headmaster has plans for a scheme to encourage membership linked to schooldays and I'm sure I speak for all present members of the Association when I offer my thanks to him in advance for any help he may be able to give us in that way.

Garde ta foy.

David Mayo
President

Junior Section

Chairman: David Hook
Deputy Chairman: Duncan Sargent
Committee: Gary Bircher, Stephen Grieve, Jason Stone,
David Williams
School Representatives: N.E.A. Carter (School Captain),
M.D. Wells, G. Worth, C. Atine,
J.M. Allen.

By the time "The Richian" is published fund-raising efforts, and in particular a covenant appeal to Old Richians in aid of the Swimming Pool Fund will be well under way. This wave of enthusiasm has not yet broken upon the Association however, and so the increased activity predicted last year has yet to materialise.

Meanwhile the Junior Section has continued to raise money for the School and the Richian Trust by means of discos and the sale of Richiana. Social events have included quarterly meals, jet skiing at South Cerney and the Annual Christmas Quiz superbly compared by Mr North. The Section's thanks go to him, the Bowls Club for hosting the event and the Staff team for supporting the evening for the first time and winning! My thanks for their hard work also to Nick Carter and Guy Worth who will be leaving the committee and Matthew Wells who fortunately will be staying on.

This year we were able to welcome Justine Thompson as the first, hopefully, of many lady members; so much for our critics who regard the Association as a bastion of male chauvinism!

I find somewhat ironical that after attempting to abolish the grammar schools in Gloucestershire for so many years the County Council should now find itself under threat of abolition. It unfortunately still behaves in a less than friendly way towards Rich's witness as examples its actions over the United Schools Charities, admissions and funding. "Opting out" — a course currently favoured by parents of five of the seven remaining County grammar schools is perhaps an option which Rich's may again have to consider.

Finally I would like to close by thanking the new Headmaster, Mr Tony Jarvis, for all his help and encouragement of the Junior Section over the past year, so continuing the traditions of his predecessors.

David Hook
Chairman

Annual Reunion Dinner

The 1990 Annual Dinner was held at the Royal George Hotel Birdlip on Saturday 1st December. A change of venue from the Crest Hotel Barnwood became necessary in view of the relatively high minimum attendance figure to be guaranteed (and paid for!) before they would accept a booking. We are grateful to our Secretary for his successful efforts to reschedule the event and despite the lateness of arrangements the assembled company of members, their wives and guests totalled about fifty.

The traditional toast to "Sir Thomas Rich's and all that it implies" was proposed jointly by Mr Avi Chaudhuri and Mr Tim Williams. The response was made by the Headmaster, Mr Tony Jarvis, who was attending for the first time. Unfortunately Mrs Jarvis could not be present due to illness in the family.

In his report the President thanked the ladies for adding their own special charm to the proceedings. In welcoming the members present he said it was a particular pleasure to him that his two sons and some of their contemporaries at school and other friends had travelled considerable distances to support the event. He mentioned by name six somewhat older but still active Old Richians and indicated that their combined ages now amounted to about 490 years.

In conclusion he expressed thanks to all officers of the Association and presented David Billingham with an inscribed School Crest plaque in recognition of his 25 years as Honorary Secretary. A display of School year photographs borrowed for the occasion helped to jog a memory or two to round off a convivial evening.

David Mayo
President

News of Old Richians

As editor of these notes I am much indebted to David Hook, Stanley Jones, David Mayo, Alan Pilbeam and W.J. (Peter) Veale for providing so copiously the majority of the details which follow.

Eric Smith

WEDDINGS; We offer congratulations and best wishes to:

BIRCHER Gary (1978-85) and Judith — June 1991

CHITTY John (1978-83) and Jill — April 1991

DAYMOND Andrew (1973-80) and Sally — January 1991

HOSSLE Torsten (1978-85) and Cheryl — September 1990

SULLIVAN Peter (1974-82) and Jennie — January 1991

SARGENT Duncan (1977-84) and Elaine — October 1990

We record with regret the death of Arthur J. Davies (1928-34) on 23rd October 1989.

ARTUS Ronald E. (1934-50) After obtaining a First at Magdalen College, Oxford, Ron entered the world of finance. He recently retired as an executive director of the Prudential Corporation, where he managed investments in excess of £45 billion. In retirement he retains some part-time directorships, including the Pru. and G.E.C. and is involved with the Task Force examining possible changes in Lloyds of London and its international commitments. We congratulate him on his being awarded the C.B.E. in the New Year's Honours.

BAXTER Maurice (mid 40's) Now aged 56, he lives in Cape Town, having emigrated in 1960. Since arriving in South Africa he has built up a successful business manufacturing and distributing auto parts throughout the south of the continent.

BAYLIS Roy (1941-48) After serving in the R.A.F. Roy studied chemistry at Bristol and then went on to take Ph.D. Joining Dulux paints at I.C.I. Slough, he was later engaged in setting up paint factories in Malasia and in travelling worldwide in a consultancy role. He is now enjoying retirement in Iver.

BELL John (1940-43) is a local Methodist Preacher and a magistrate. He cites his main recreation as walking. Occasionally he gives talks on his rambles, a recent one of which included a visit to Box Farm, Awre, bought by the trustees of the charity of Sir Thomas Rich in 1668 for fifteen hundred pounds.

BIRCHNELL John R. After reading medicine at Edinburgh he now works for the Medical Research Council.

BISWAS G. (1983-85) Another doctor, this time practising in Canterbury.

BRIDGE Gary H. Having been awarded his D. Phil. at Oxford, Gary is now lecturing at Bristol University in Urban Geography.

BROCKWELL C. P. (1980-87) After graduating in Mechanical Engineering at Bristol, Chris is now taking a "year off" travelling in Europe. In September he expects to start a 2 year Law course at the City of London Poly. He plays the guitar, dances, runs half-marathons and indulges in squash (presumably not all at the same time).

BROWN R.A.S. (1978-85). A graduate of Coventry Polytechnic, he is now working as a Town Planner with Derby City Council — he must have his work cut out!

CHAMBERLAINE David. One of four brothers who were at Rich's. Apparently his preaching did not meet with the approval of the South African government, so he returned firstly to the Wakefield diocese and is now in charge of a parish in Bristol.

COLLINS Dennis (1941-46) is much enjoying his part-time role as Clerk to the Gloucester Harbour Trustees, a body responsible for replanning the navigational aids on the Severn south of Sharpness, now that proposals for the new Severn Bridge are coming to fruition.

COOK John (1951-58) Formerly Head of Christ's College, Brecon, John is now Head of Epsom College, Surrey, a school noted not only for its high academic standards, but also for its opportunities in sport, drama and music. John Has recently been in Kuala Lumpur, interviewing for the Malaysian Government 100 prospective scholarship students for British schools.

COOK Peter. Brother of John, is teaching in Bridgwater.

- COOKSON Alan, has recently retired from dentistry to a retreat "somewhere in the Cotswolds". Brother PHILIP is still practising law.
- CUMMING Albert (1918-24) who lives with his son, Gordon, was formerly an Hon. Treasurer of the Old Richians. After leaving school he joined Sandoe and Sons until joining the R.A.F. in 1940. On demob' he returned to the legal profession until his retirement in 1967. A keen sportsman, Albert played his last game of rugby, in fact, for the Old Richians after the war against the school XV in which Gordon was scrum half. He remembers particularly being penalised for passing the ball off the ground by the over enthusiastic referee whom he believes was a certain W.J.V.
- CUMMING Gordon (1943-50). Son of Albert (above). Now retired as Head of Blackdale Junior School, he lives at Little Melton, near Norwich. Enjoys caravanning. He has two daughters, Hilary and Isobel, who is about to be married. In his day, Gordon was a long serving and talented member of the Rugby XV, gifted with speed and a quick eye for an opening
- DAVIES G. (1978-84) is a Corporal in the R.A.F. stationed in Scotland.
- DORE Robert (1940-47) on leaving school gained a B.Com. degree at Birmingham. In the late fifties he went to Wycliffe Hall, Oxford to study for the ministry. After service in the dioceses of Gloucester, Hereford, and Bath and Wells, Bob was installed as the present Rector of Dunster, Carhampton and Withycombe with Rodhuish in 1984. He was Prebendary of Hereford Cathedral from 1975-82.
- EACOTT Derrick 1937-42). Retired from the Treasury on the London Borough of Harringay and living in Brookmans Park, Herts. He is using his financial talents in the service of his 14th century church, helping to raise £100,000 to save the fabric of the building from the ravages of time. He enjoys gardening, wine making and caravanning.
- EAST Michael, is teaching at hereford Cathedral School.
- EARWATER Alfred. Left Rich's in 1909 and joined Sissons (Engineers). After service in France during the First World War he returned to the G.P.O. Engineering Dept. installing the then new-fangled automatic telephone exchanges countrywide. Now lives in Boston (Lincs). At the grand age of 93 he could be the oldest Old Richian. Any other claimants to this honour?
- FEE Dylan (1982-89) at St. Catherine's Oxford. Currently sponsored by Shell to research for his dissertation into the social impact of forestry development in Uruguay.
- FRECKLETON Robert (1982-89) Exhibitioner at Christ Church, Oxford, reading Zoology.
- FUGLER Paul. After a delay of over two years caused by a serious car accident, Paul has now completed his Ph.D. thesis on the "Pre-compositional Mathematical Planning in Mass Settings by Tudor composers Nicholas Ludford and Robert Fayrfax". He assures us the subject is very interesting, despite the heavy sounding title. On a more down to earth level he teaches piano in Gloucester and does research and editing work on a freelance basis. He is also the senior Steward at St. John's, Northgate.
- GARDNER Simon (1978-85) Will be taking a post in a practice in Cheltenham on completing his degree in Architecture at Brighton Polytechnic.
- GLADWELL David (1946-51), Clapham, London, a freelance television and film editor and director and script writer. Recently for Channel 4 he has edited a film on Mexican wrestling and the drama series "Centrepont".
- GRIEVE Stephen D. (1978-84) Married to Debbie in September 1988. Has now moved to the Bristol office of Eagle Star.
- GRIFFITH R.J. (1979-86) After reading Geography at St. Catherine's, Oxford, he is now working for a Ph.D. at Salford University into some aspects of water resources.
- GRIMMOND R.A. (1978-84) Spending a year in America before returning to complete his degree course in Environmental Science at Plymouth Polytechnic.
- HAINES Christopher (1979-86) Having graduated from Liverpool Polytechnic, Chris is now working as a building surveyor with Cheltenham Housing Association. Meanwhile, brother JEREMY (1981-88) as part of his studies in medicine at Liverpool University, will be spending this summer working at the Princess Margaret Children's Hospital in Perth, Western Australia.
- HARRIS Basil (1943-50) Has retired from teaching Geography at Saintbridge School where he was also Acting Deputy Head. His brother, John, (1945-52), after a spell in Canada is now a financial director with the Jardinerie garden centre group.
- HARRIS R. Accountant with Cook Gilly Insolvency Practitioners, based in Reading.
- HARRIS Terry (1946-52) has moved from Exeter and is now Minister of a Methodist church in Plympton, Plymouth. A thriving church in the naval city, full of energetic young families, Terry finds the work very rewarding. Still a keen philatelist. His daughter, Rachel, is at Durham University, his son James is at Plymouth college of Art.
- HAWKINS Kenneth (1941-46) Has retired from teaching in a comprehensive school in Nottingham. He is still a Methodist Local Preacher.
- HAYTER M.A. (1978-85) Married to Rebecca last autumn. Now living in Loughborough and working for Leicestershire County Libraries as 'Librarian — Computer Applications'.
- HATHFIELD R.J. (1978-85) Married to Debbie in July 1990. Lives in Teddington and works for British Aerospace in Kingston upon Thames.
- HOLMES Peter (1943-50) has now retired from lecturing in Business Studies at Bristol Polytechnic. At school Peter was a powerful second row forward of the First XV.
- HOOK Gordon (1956-65) was re-elected to Lewes (Sussex) District Council as a Liberal Democrat candidate after securing over 75% of the vote. This September Gordon will take up a new post at Brighton and Hove Sixth Form College as College business manager.
- HOSSLE Torsten (1978-85) Has passed out as a pilot in the R.A.F. He was one of the aircrew serving in the Gulf earlier this year.
- HUTTON John (1935-42) has retired from Shell Oil and lives at Rosett, Clwyd. School Captain from 1940-42, he went to University College, Exeter to join other O.R.s J.E. Jacques, J.H. Manning, E.W. Greenway, P.C. Corbett and R.A.J. Hughes who more or less made up the College Football XI — not to mention Badminton.
- JEFFRIES Peter, is Rector of Ampney St. Peter and an Honorary Canon of Gloucester Cathedral.

- JONES Stanley (1941-48) retired as Head of the B.Ed Primary Training Course at West London Institute in 1985, but still tutors Open University students in North West Surrey and Basingstoke. He is governor of three schools in Frimley, a member of the local community association and is involved in church work. Having taught Sandie Shaw, winner of the 1967 European Song Contest, he is about to read her newly published book hoping that she acknowledges the debt she owes him for her education?
- KENT Tony (A.J.) (1937-44) School Captain 1943/44. He has retired from Mars Confectionery, Slough. Leaving London University in 1947, he worked in the plastics industry in Colchester. He recalls that at that time he dined three times a week with, and travelled on the same bus as a young Oxford chemistry graduate who sent him her sample mixes of plastic for laboratory testing. Her name was then Margaret Hilda Roberts!
- LANCASTER Garth (1943-50) is a General Practitioner caring for the sick and ailing in Corby. He lives near Market Harborough.
- LOACH Richard S. (1978-85) has now qualified a doctor and is working at a hospital "somewhere in the South".
- LONG Derek. After lecturing in chemistry at Swansea, he has moved to Bradford University. Brother Kenneth is still working on the technical side of the B.B.C.
- LYNE Ian R. (1978-85) Completed one year of chemistry at Balliol College, Oxford and then changed course to graduate in Philosophy and Theology. Now studying Continental Philosophy at Warwick. He then hopes to study social law at Bristol. The Groves of Academe seem to suit him well!
- MARSHALL Walter (1931-38) lives at Wanstead, London, spends his spare time gardening, wood-turning and making articles for local charities. On leaving school and before joining the Metropolitan Police, in which he rose to the rank of Inspector, he recalls that he was the first laboratory assistant to the school earning the princely sum of seventeen shillings (85p) a week.
- MARTIN Raymond W. (1944-49) has left the Redmarley group of parishes and has been installed as Priest in Charge at Falfeld with Oldbury on Severn and Rockhampton.
- MAYO Peter D. (1973-80) is living in South Croydon and works as a management consultant for Price Waterhouse in central London. Engaged to Miss Sally Fletcher, they plan to be married in September in Southend. Meanwhile brother CHRIS continues to work with a firm of consulting actuaries in Reigate, Surrey. He still keeps up the running.
- METHVEN Andrew (1980-87) completes his Natural Science degree at Trinity College, Cambridge in June. He goes to Sandhurst in September before being commissioned into the Life Guards. Twin brother JAMES is an Exhibitioner at Brasenose College, Oxford, reading English and Classics.
- MILLINGTON Leslie (1942-46). After spending several years with Cable and Wireless in Bermuda and the Bahamas. Leslie is now with Rolls Royce in Derby, working on the company's telephone exchange network. He is hoping to move house to Belper this summer.
- MORSE Eric (1942-46) has retired from the Bristol Aircraft Company. He still enjoys watching some rugby. At school he played in the First XV with Gordon Cumming, Dennis Powell, Peter Holmes, David Voyce and G.P. Hodder.
- MOSELEY Christopher R. Having been quite badly injured on an Army assault course, Chris is now working in London in the medical field of transplants. Precise duties unknown.
- NICHOLAS Philip (1940-47) has retired from his post as Medical Officer of Health for the Wirral, and is living in the picturesque village of Orlingbury, Northants. He is working occasionally for the Citizens Advice Bureau and from time to time lectures on health topics. Philip's sister, Mary, (ex Denmark Road) lives in Cambridge.
- NORMAN Ivor (1942-46) has retired as an auditor for FINA petrol. He lives in Gloucester.
- O'LEARY J.F. (1978-85) Having left the Royal Navy in 1990 he is now working for Alan Dick Communications in Charlton Kings as an antenna engineer. A member of the Cheltenham Canoe Club, he is also a keen mountaineer.
- PAGE-JONES Nigel (1983-88) is taking a "year off" from Liverpool University teaching English in the small town (pop 2262) of St Jean de Dieu in the wilds of southern Quebec. A hard life in the Canadian backwoods means that learning to ski in the near arctic conditions is a necessity rather than a recreation.
- PASSEY John (1941-48) Another Methodist Local Preacher, he lectures at Dowty's with John Bell on the company "retirement course". After teacher training at Westminster College, he obtained a B.D. degree of London University. Before retiring he taught at Saintbridge School and lectured at Gloscat. He is now kept busy as a Director of the Teachers' Building Society.
- PERKS A. (Tony) has been promoted to new professorial Chair at Vancouver University. Precise details unknown.
- POWELL Dennis. After graduating at Bristol he entered the paper manufacturing in that city.
- RAWCLIFFE Derek. Another O.R. clergyman. He went to Melanesia as a schoolteacher/clergyman and became Archdeacon and the Bishop. Returning to the U.K. he is now Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway.
- REID R. Ian (1965-72) Married with three children, Ian lives locally at Hucclecote. He is a Civil Engineer with the City Planning and Technical Services Department. His elder son Philip is also now a Richian.
- SALTER Wayne (1973-81) is still working for the German Space Operations Centre near Munich (part of the European Space Programme). He plans to marry his French Fiancée Sybille later this year at Xertigny near Epinal (Vosges).
- SANDHU Sukhdev. (1982-89) reading English at Brasenose College, Oxford. He and Guy VASSALL-ADAMS (reading Geography at St. Catherine's) are joint editors of ISIS, the Oxford University magazine.
- SCOTT T.E. (1947-54) After training in mechanical engineering at British Rail in Swindon, he moved to Derby where he was engaged in suspension work with railway vehicles. Now retired, he is keen on rambling in the Derbyshire Dales.
- SMITH Arthur, is now a General Practitioner in Tasmania.

SMITH Harold (1940-45) lives in Swanage and is custodian of Sherborne Newcastle, a "new castle" built by Sir Walter Raleigh in 1594 as a luxurious residence. Harold has care of Georgian furniture, valuable portraits and the park landscape by Capability Brown. For a while Harold was valet and 'general factotem' to the Bishop of Bath and Wells, Dr. George Cary, now the new Archbishop of Canterbury.

SMITH Ian R. (1974-81) has been elected Captain of Gloucester Rugby Club for 1991/92. He also played flanker this year for the Scotland "B" Team.

STEPHENS Kevin (1967-72) was re-elected in May as a Labour Councillor for Matson on the City Council. Kevin has been leader of the Council and has now been selected by Gloucester Labour Party to contest the seat at the next Parliamentary Election.

STONE Jason (1979-86) is currently spending a year "down under" in Scarborough Beach, Western Australia. Starting in Melbourne Jason travelled to Tasmania and Adelaide before driving 3,000 km across the Nullarbor Desert to Perth. It will come as no surprise to learn that he plays rugby for Cotteslowe R.F.C. in Perth.

STONE Michael (1940-48) is an executive in the ball clay industry at Newton Abbott. His firm Watts, Blake Bearne & Co. exports quantities of this product to countries of the E.E.C.

STREET N.H. (1978-85) Before completing his degree in Architecture at Birmingham Polytechnic, Noel has used this year to see the world. Recently he was in the Far East.

SULLIVAN David A. (1972-80) Brother of Peter, mentioned earlier. David is working as a Civil Engineer with the Property Services Agency in Bristol. Married with a baby daughter.

TAYLOR C. (1978-85) Working for NatWest Bank in Swindon. Still supports Derby, even in their current position!

TOWNLEY Lawrence (1982-88) Scholarship at Trinity Hall, Cambridge, reading mathematics. He will be teaching maths and science at a secondary school in Kenya during the long vacation.

VASSAL-ADAMS Guy, collaborating with Sukhder Sandhu — see note above.

WAITE Noel (1950-57) Taught firstly at King's School, Wimbledon, and later at Merchant Taylors', Liverpool. Brother **GERALD** is an officer in the Merchant Navy.

WATTS Michael (1943-50) is now Rector of Sulhamsted Abbots and Bannister with Upton Nervlet in the tranquil Berkshire countryside. Until 1981 he was in Oxford, being successively Chaplain of New College, Chaplain and Precentor of Christ Church and Curate of St. Mary Magdalen. He has been a Priest Vicar of Westminster Abbey since 1982.

WILLIAMS Peter (1940-46) has recently retired as Head of Highweek Primary School, Newton Abbot. His involvement as Secretary of the Lions Club keeps him busy. At school Peter was a prominent member of the First XI, being described in the contemporary 'Richian' as "a decided opportunist with excellent ball control".

WILLIAMS Tom (T.N) (1938-45) School Captain 1944-45. Tom who recently visited England has now retired and is remaining in Australia. After leaving Wadham College, Oxford, he worked for Kodak, Hemel Hempstead, but then moved to Melbourne in order to supervise colour processing at Kodak's factory 'down under'.

WILLIAMS Vaughan C. (1983-88) has won the Henry Bloom Noble Scholarship in the Isle of Man for the best "A" level results on the island (5 grade "A"s.) He is now reading chemistry at St. Catherine's College, Oxford.

University and College Entrants 1990

O. Alim	Cardiff University (Engineering).
D. Beard	Exeter University (Music).
C. D. Byrne	University College, London (Mathematics).
J. D. Byrne	Royal Holloway College, London (Mathematics).
A. C. Cook	Manchester Polytechnic (Media Studies).
D.A. Dempsey	Warwick University (Mathematics).
N. J. Easen	Bristol University (Biology).
N. P. Edwards	Portsmouth Polytechnic (History).
R. A. Eva	Sheffield Polytechnic (Construction).
G. A. Evans	Kingston Polytechnic (Geology).
M. Foster	Leeds University (Modern Languages).
M. J. Goode	Froebel Institute (Sports Studies).
L. Griffin	Brasenose College, Oxford (Geography).
M. J. James	Leicester University (Geology).
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