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HEADMASTER'S MESSAGE



This year we have seen our excellent examination results featured in the National Press, record enrolment into the school, an HMI Inspection which has resulted in "a report of rare quality", a major building programme funded by Gloucester United Charities and the LEA, and the completion of the Swimming Pool project. At the same time, we have fulfilled a rich and varied teaching programme with many sports and extra curricular activities running alongside the formal timetable.

In the course of events we welcomed old friends. Dr John Cook joined us as Guest of Honour on speech day and the Old Richians enjoyed another, well attended reunion dinner. Also, we established new friendships. Bishop John Gibbs gave the address at Founder's Day; Ivor Wakefield, President of the Chamber of Commerce, joined our Governing Body and 140 families of new Richians have taken our numbers for September 1993 to over 560 pupils on roll. We are well on the way to realizing our vision of Sir Thomas Rich's as one of the best schools in Britain.

Once again, we are indebted to all our pupils, parents, staff, governors and Old Richians, who have worked together this year in achieving so much for the school.

As always, we introduce change and face the future with confidence, whilst acknowledging the foundations built up over the centuries.

Garde ta foy.

Mr A Jarvis (Headmaster)

EDITORIAL

After the relatively successful 1992 edition of 'The Richian Magazine', I have tried hard to ensure that this year's publication is of a higher quality. This task has been slightly easier than anticipated, as experience counts for a lot in the technically advanced world of 'desk top publishing', particularly when you start to master new software packages. I have tried to retain from last year some of the more successful elements of the magazine and in the light of recommendations from various sources, attempted to improve this year's edition.

Once again, I have tried to produce a magazine that reflects the diverse range of activities and events which have taken place at Rich's this year. I hope the articles reflect the spirit, atmosphere and philosophy of Sir Thomas Rich's school. The year has been 'action-packed', with pupils, teachers, parents and Old Richians participating in many activities that have helped to enhance the academic curriculum and outstanding reputation of the school.

I must personally thank all those individuals who have contributed articles to the magazine, particularly Stanley Jones and Eric Smith for their work relating to the 'Old Richians Section'. At this juncture, I would like to request more features, news and articles relating to Old Richians, as many individuals commented on how last year's magazine was a useful and interesting source of information for many 'Old boys' of the school. I would also like to thank once more my wife, Anne, for her support in helping me produce this magazine.

The school is still moving through a period of rapid change and I feel that this is reflected in many of the articles. For those individuals who are interested in the school, you will realise from reading this publication, that it is thriving, not just by maintaining academic standards, but also ensuring a well balanced range of extra-curricular activities. I hope that you enjoy your copy of 'The Richian'. The aim of the magazine has been not only to produce an entertaining review of a typical school year at Rich's, but a valuable historical source of information, highlighting to future pupils, that Rich's in 1993 was an energetic, cultured and a multi-talented institution.

In conclusion, I would be very grateful to receive comments on this year's magazine and any recommendations on how future editions of 'The Richian' could improve. If you have a valid comment, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Mr P Lloyd (Editor)



STAFF DEPARTURES AND ARRIVALS



DEPARTURE OF MR J CAREW-JONES

At the end of the Summer term, Rich's bids farewell to Mr John Carew-Jones, Head of Physics. "CJ", as he is affectionately known by staff and pupils alike, came to Rich's in September, 1986, after many years of teaching at Llandovey College, in Dyfed. He has spent seven years at Rich's, with six of those years leading the Physics department. In the last year before his departure, he also undertook the more demanding role of 'Head of Science'.

"CJ" will be remembered for his pleasant manner, cheerful sense of humour and his elegant Welsh accent. Many have admired his immaculate dress sense (although I can assure you that, contrary to popular belief, he does sometimes wear the same tie more than once!), and the Science department has benefited from his excellent taste in wine, a tradition which I hope will no doubt continue!



John's love of physics and its applications is immediately apparent to those who know him well. He has never lost his desire to keep in touch with developments in the subject, nor his enthusiasm for communicating it to others. His approach to teaching has always been very experimentally based and one of his most significant achievements at Rich's has been the modernising and upgrading of the facilities in the Physics department. Thanks to his determination to secure additional funding, the apparatus owned by the department, particularly for 'A' level work, ensures that it is able to compete very favourably with other schools in the area.

Whilst I know that John will miss teaching at Rich's, I am sure he will not lament over such worries as "Key Stage 3", "Science 1" and "That.....Maths Department!". Those of us who have worked with him will not have envied the somewhat mutually exclusive tasks of holding together a traditionally very successful science department at the same time as co-ordinating the introduction of the "National Curriculum". The balance he has maintained between these demands, in very difficult circumstances, has been admirable. For the fact that Rich's has resisted the unwelcome pressure of national trends and continued to offer separate science throughout the school, has mainly been due to John and he must take credit for this achievement.

Upon leaving us at Rich's, John will take a well earned holiday touring the region he calls, "French France". Over a glass or two of his favourite French wine, he may reflect on his achievements and consequently be well satisfied. I would like to thank John for all he has contributed to the school and to the physics education of countless students. On behalf of all at Rich's, I wish him a very happy, long and prosperous retirement.

Mr G Capi

DEPARTURE OF MR G RUSSELL

Geoff Russell arrived at Sir Thomas Rich's School two years ago after taking early retirement from his previous post of Head of Technology at Sir William Romney's School, Tetbury. His years of experience and eminent common sense allowed him to make an immediate and significant contribution to the planning and teaching of Technology at a time of innovation and transformation within the subject.

Geoff also brought his unfailing good humour into the classroom. His 'unorthodox technique', (according to the HMI), seemed to bring the best out of the pupils, whether in Art or Technology. Even TVEI proved no problem for him!

As a part-time member of staff, he brought a proper sense of proportion to his teaching, making sure that it did not interfere with his more important pursuits. This produced what must be a unique achievement in education, by having an entire school timetable built around Tuesday golfing sessions.



We wish him well in his real retirement, with many more low scores to follow.

Mr R Lockey

ARRIVAL OF MARGUERITE GORBY

Marguerite Gorby joins the English department in September, 1993. Before being appointed to Sir Thomas Rich's school, Marguerite Gorby was working on an MA course and teaching in a comprehensive school in Dudley. She is fully qualified to teach Physical Education, so the school will also be gaining a hockey and tennis coach. She has had wide experience working with young people, having been a group leader and teacher of foreign students who were learning English in this country, as well as having spent two years in a secondary school in Dublin, where she taught students of all ages. She is moving to the area over the summer and is looking forward to joining the English team at Sir Thomas Rich's. We hope her stay will be both rewarding and pleasant.

Mrs P Barnes

ARRIVAL OF TIM FEARN

In September, 1993, we will welcome Mr Tim Fearn to the staff of Rich's. A graduate of the University of Durham, Mr Fearn will teach Physics throughout the school. He will also teach lower school Science and Electronics to Year 10. The Sixth Form will also benefit from Tim's experience, as he will be involved in the Sixth Form General Studies programme. We wish him an enjoyable and successful time with us.

Mr G Cappi



Left to right: M Gorby, B McCalla and T Fearn

ARRIVAL OF BEAULA McCALLA

We warmly welcome Beaula McCalla, who is joining the staff as from September, 1993, to teach Art and Technology throughout the school. She will be housed in a brand new workshop/art room, transformed out of the wreckage of the old Sixth Form common room and hopefully cleared of all its former debris. Although living in Bristol, Beaula already knows the area quite well, having taught in the Technology Department at Cleeve School, as part of her 'Articled Teacher Training'. This experience, together with her Art Degree from Cardiff, makes her ideally suited to her appointed post. We wish her every success and happiness in her time at the school.

Mr R Lockey



INTERVIEWS

THE BURSAR

In recent years dramatic changes have taken place at Rich's in terms of the management of finances within the school. Many schools have had to appoint skilled bursars to monitor, control and manage their schools' financial resources. Rich's has followed this trend and in the early spring of 1992, Bob Byrne-Burns became the new full-time Bursar at the school.

Many do not fully appreciate the impact Bob has on various aspects of school life, through his skilled manipulation of the school's funds. Bob was keen to stress that he sees his role within the school as being one of helping the staff as much as possible, whether it being obtaining the best prices for equipment or raising additional funds.

At present, Bob is accountable for all the finances in the school, with the exception of the staff pay-roll. The job of course entails keeping accurate records of income and expenditure, but this would be a gross understatement of his full duties. Often, he has to negotiate with various contractors and local businesses for various projects around the school, whether it be the decorating of classrooms to the ordering of computer software. An important aspect of his job entails monitoring and inspecting work carried out by external contractors. He frequently has to report to the governors of the school, in his capacity as 'Clerk to the Governors', outlining the 'health' of the school finances, or providing 'costings' for various proposed projects.

An important aspect of all schools these days, is about raising additional funds. Consequently, Bob has to promote the school and often the school hall is 'booked out' for various external functions, which can disrupt the school's daily routine, but helps to raise additional funds and so indirectly improve the education of Rich's pupils.

One can see that Bob's role is extensive and is not just about 'number crunching'. Bob is keen to promote the idea that his role and that of the rest of the support staff, must not be one of 'isolation' in relation to the rest of the school, but in fact an integral part of the school's daily routine. This is why Bob is keen to participate in various school activities. He feels that the Bursar should not be confined to the office, isolated and withdrawn from the daily activities of the school. He likes to help teachers and pupils as much as possible.

When asked about what the future holds for the school in terms of finances, Bob predicted that the next few years would be one of 'consolidation', whereby most schools like Rich's will gradually take more responsibility for their own finances and refine those financial duties they already perform. With certain jobs, he could see 'outside' agencies taking control of specialist areas that the school could not realistically or economically undertake. Thus, certain jobs related to the functioning of the school will be 'contracted out' on a 'Competitive Tendering' basis, as is already the case in some areas, such as the upkeep of the school playing fields.

Therefore, one can envisage the role of the Bursar becoming even more responsible as the years pass. One can see the diverse roles Bob has to perform, being an accountant, manager, diplomat, computer expert and salesman, to name but a few. Yet, his number one priority is to ensure that the school has a solid financial footing, from which all other activities, particularly the education of the pupils, can be firmly built upon. Bob's financial skill and judgment is proving to be a success, as improvements in equipment and the general condition of the school is very evident, helping to produce a more conducive environment to all who work at Rich's.

Mr P Lloyd

OXBRIDGE ENTRY

This is just a brief guide for younger Richians who may be aspiring to enter one of the colleges that comprise Oxford university. Basically, from our experience, there are two possible routes to successfully get into Oxbridge. The first is to take an entrance exam in early November, followed by an interview. The other method is to have an 'in-depth' interview. We both opted for the first method and luckily for us, we were successful.

In our preparation for the entrance exam, we both worked hard on past 'A' level papers, particularly the harder questions. We not only knew our respective subjects thoroughly, but we made sure that we possessed a deep insight of various topics. Even with all this preparation and additional coaching, the exams were still a great challenge to us both.

If you are not successful, you should not despair as there are plenty of universities that will only be too happy to accept you and they have excellent reputations.

After the exam, if you are selected to be interviewed, you are invited up to Oxford around mid-December. During the interview process you usually have to endure two or three interview sessions, but some unfortunate candidates have as many as six mini-interviews. Upon reflection and hindsight, these interviews should not be looked upon with dread or fear, because technically you already proved yourself by getting through the exam and reaching the interview stage.

The tutors will ask you questions relating to your academic studies, but more likely they will ask you to comment on your reaction to the exam paper that you sat in November. So make sure that you have gone over it! They are also trying to assess whether your type of person who will fit into the Oxford system and if you will really benefit from studying at one of the colleges.

Once the interviews are over, you have to wait nervously for their decision. In our case, we received a letter through the post just before Christmas. Generally, we were accepted as long as we obtained two grade 'E's in our 'A' level exams.

One final point to note to all younger Richians who hope to go through this process. If you find that you are rejected after the interview phase, try not to be disappointed, as the whole process is worthwhile and a good experience that you will remember for the rest of your life. Besides, it is rather nice to spend a few days in a beautiful city and meet interesting people. Good luck!

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FIVE YEARS AT RICH'S

With a little bit of contemplation, I decided that there was a number of distinctive memories of my five years at Rich's. I immediately recall the stress and anxiety of my first year and how I worked harder in my first year than in the following four years. This may have been due to the fact that I did not know the 'system' in those early days.

One aspect of the school that I will always remember, is its strong belief in traditional values, such as 'Founders Day', 'Speech Day' and annual events like the Christmas services. It is such events that really depict the true nature and spirit of Rich's, that makes it unique compared to other schools in the city. Yet, I must say that some of these events tend to lose their 'novelty value' by the time you reach the fifth year.

Since I started in 1988, the school has changed a great deal, even the swimming pool renovation has been evident in my mind, despite the slow progress.



Another noticeable feature that has changed in the school is the increase in numbers on roll, with three or four forms in each year group. As a consequence, 'physical' adjustments have had to take place in and around the school to accommodate the extra numbers. The long-term effects of the increase in numbers will not really be felt for a number of years, but the immediate impact that I have noticed is the lack of space in corridors as the school changes lessons 'on mass'.

Overall, the school is still the same at heart in my opinion, even after five years, although the new Headmaster has made some subtle changes, which in many ways is a good thing, as time stops for no man! The school does take some time to get use to after leaving junior school and lessons can be, shall I say, a little uneventful at times! Yet, in my unbiased opinion, it is still one of the best schools in the country and I am glad I came here. As they say, "School days are supposed to be the best days of your life" and for me personally, this quote certainly applies to my time at Sir Thomas Rich's.

B Hansford IIR

PAUL SMITH RETURNS



In 1988, Paul Smith left Rich's and started a career at GCHQ, Cheltenham, but with the melting of the 'cold war' and the boredom of office work, he left to pursue his real vocation in life - teaching. Thus, he enrolled on a four year BEd course, specializing in Physical Education, at St Pauls/St Marys, Cheltenham.

Paul had already returned to Rich's as part of his second year teaching practice, but he was mainly involved in 'observation work' and the practice only lasted for four weeks. Yet, this was not to be his last official visit to the hallowed buildings that he had once frequented as a young Richian.

As part of his third year teaching practice, Paul was released from college to undertake a vigorous eight week teaching practice, under the careful guidance of Joe Gallagher. Thus, I took the opportunity to interview Paul about how Rich's had changed in his eyes since 1988 and also to ask him what it was like to be a student teacher returning to his former school.

In his opinion, the school had changed in a number of ways and this was not just due to the passing of the years and the fading of memories. He felt that the school still had strong academic traditions, but the atmosphere was generally more relaxed and in many respects, more conducive to learning. Interestingly, he had observed that teaching styles in general had changed, with the more 'direct' approach less apparent, while a more 'pupil-centred' style being adopted. This could be possibly related to the demands of GCSE and the 'National Curriculum'?

An interesting change Paul had observed, was the fact that the teachers seemed more approachable

and tolerant. He still remembers some of the 'characters' who taught him and the various reputations that they tended to respect. The present staff appear more 'caring' and 'approachable' in comparison to his days at Rich's.

There were various innovations that he was pleased to see, such as the introduction of Soccer into the sports curriculum and he wished that it had been present in his day. Many Old Richians may argue with this latter point, especially the Rugby purists! Overall, Paul felt that in only five years of leaving Rich's, the opportunities for the pupils had increased dramatically, especially in terms of facilities. Girls had not been present during his day and he noted that in many respects they were a good development in a male dominated school, such as Rich's.

In many ways, the basic structure of the school had not really changed, with many of the traditional values and general ethos still been clearly maintained. Yet, he had noticed curriculum changes, due to the advent of GCSE's and the 'National Curriculum'. There were more obvious changes, such as a general improvement in the 'fabric' of the buildings and he was pleased that the swimming pool renovation was near completion, even though its fate had been a long running saga during his time at Rich's.

One major change that had noted, was the fact that the school was now more 'geared' towards marketing and promoting itself. This was evident in the publicity material available and the greater sensitivity by the management team to promote the school as much as possible to the general public. This he perceived as a natural

development since the evolution of the 'Local Management of schools' initiatives and other government policies to make schools more accountable to their local communities.

As regards returning to the school as a student teacher, he had felt a little nervous about working with teachers who he had faced in the classroom as a pupil. However, such anxieties soon disappeared, particularly, as in five years there had been a number of staff changes. One major factor that he had become aware of upon his return and since his involvement in teaching started, was the tremendous amount of time teachers devoted to activities outside the classroom. As a pupil, he was unaware of the time teachers were committed to preparing and organizing activities, often not just related to their subjects, but to extra-curricular activities. Such activities, as a pupil, he had tended to take for granted and cynically felt were the natural job requirements of all teachers. Since been on the 'other side', he had come to realise the enormous amount of 'goodwill' teachers give, in a concerted attempt to make the education of all pupils a more enjoyable experience.

Since making the decision to join the teaching profession, he has not had any regrets. His

teaching experiences have been good and he feels that it is a job that can give a lot of satisfaction, such as when a team performs well or high sporting standards are accomplished. Of course, he realizes that teaching has a 'down-side', particularly these days with so many changes taking place in schools, but these do not deter him. Besides, teaching PE beats being confined to a stuffy office, undertaking boring routine tasks, even in winter!

When he graduates, Paul would like to teach in a Gloucester school, or within the county at least. He has enjoyed his 're-visit', even though it is difficult to form good teaching relationships with the pupils in such a short space of time and finding himself having to adjust to teaching in his former school. Yet, overall, he feels that the memories he had as a pupil and the experience he has gained as a student teacher have been positive. Without doubt, this will not be the last time Paul visits Rich's, especially with his connections with the 'Old Richians Rugby Club' and he intends to keep in touch with the school. We wish him luck in his final year at college and for the rest of his teaching career.

Mr P Lloyd

RICH'S LABORATORY TECHNICIANS

In last year's edition of the magazine, an article was produced which focussed on the hard work of the cleaning staff at Rich's. Thus, in a similar vein, I thought it worthwhile to focus on another group of individuals, whose efforts over many years has been vital in supporting the work of the various Science departments. This group are collectively known as the 'Science Technicians' and

consist of Senior Technician, John Drake, and Laboratory Technicians, Val Calvert and Rosemary James.

John came to the school in 1964, when Tony Stocks was Headmaster. After his school days, he undertook his national service and then went to Cirencester College to work as a technician. Then



a job advert came up in the local paper for Rich's and the rest is now ancient history. Val Calvert originally worked as a Senior Technician at St Mary's College, Basingstoke and when she married came to Gloucester, where she applied for the Rich's job. Her experience and work in the science field has also extended to being an 'Analytical Chemist' at the 'Institute of Geological Sciences', London. Finally, to complete the picture, Rosemary James, who has been at Rich's almost thirteen years and came from Gloucester Royal Hospital in 1981 where she was an orthoptist.

I interviewed these individuals in the summer term and discovered that between them they have 'notched' up approximately sixty years of service. In that time, they have seen many changes at Rich's, some for the better, others for the worse. They have also seen staff come and go, as well as changes at the top, in the form of headmasters. John has been at the school for thirty years, while Val and Rose have successfully completed eighteen and twelve years of service respectively.

Upon interviewing them, they all agreed that the workload had increased dramatically over the years, particularly with the advent of the 'National Curriculum' and the increased demands for practical tests. Their job now involves a whole multitude of tasks, such as preparing visual aids, photocopying, checking supplies, maintaining standards in the laboratories, dealing with repairs to save money, and of course setting up science practicals for lessons; all this in addition to helping the various Science teachers at Rich's.

They have many fond memories at Rich's, such as the time some pupils built their own hovercraft, under the direction of John Bloxham, who used to be Head of Biology. John Drake remembers the 'Ticentenary' of 1966 and the school fetes. He also recalls the time the old bowls hut burnt down and how the famous 'Eddie Pritchard' instigated the building of a new one. Younger Richians will be interested to know that John, along with Alan Pilbeam, are the only two remaining staff members, who both worked at the old school site in the centre of town. Both came to the new site in 1964, with John actually working in the new building, helping to prepare and organise the science laboratories before the school officially opened.

John has a wealth of knowledge on Rich's recent history, dating back to 1964. For instance, the original grass that covered the bowls green actually came from the corner of the rugby playing fields. John remembers the day that a trick was played on Eddie Pritchard. Some boys apparently found a dead mole on the playing fields. They decided to place some soil on the bowls green and bury the mole in the hope that Eddie Pritchard would

discover it and be furious that his beloved bowls green had become infested with moles. John also told me that the 'Memorial garden' evolved when 'Dutch Elm disease' struck some Elm trees that flanked the side of what is now the tennis courts and playing fields. Initially, the area was deemed to be turned in some form of nature reserve, but it gradually evolved into what it is today.

Other bits of historical data that John delivered, included the fact that the large table found in the staff common room used to be the secretary's table at the old school in Barton street (now part of the Eastgate shopping area). I was told that the sundial found on the outside wall near the swimming pool, was made in memory of Geoff Sheard, an ex-head of Physics. The rock that the 'Bluecoat boy' stands on in the 'quad' came from 'Lidbrook Viaduct', that stood in the Forest of Dean.



Of course, 'time' stands for nobody and the three technicians have changed and adapted to new procedures, just like the staff. Val has noticed though, that the type of pupil who comes to Rich's has changed over the last decade. This she feels is a result of some drastic changes in society as a whole, with many young people not particularly well mannered, nor willing to take on responsibility or initiate activities for themselves.

Val finds this rather sad, especially when she reflects on some of the past pupils who came to Rich's. In her mind, the boys in the past seemed to want to get involved in school activities and were often responsible enough to undertake various scientific projects on their own. It was this initiative and willingness to instigate activities that she admired. Often, Val gains great pleasure from meeting former Old Richians, who have fond memories of their science days and who have successfully achieved career ambitions.

Without question, I found talking to the technicians insightful and interesting, particularly some of the tales and historical facts that they told me about. It also made me realize that a school cannot function effectively without the help and assistance of its support staff. The technicians at Rich's may often be perceived to be working in the background, but their role is essential for the work of the Science departments to function effectively, especially these days, when demands on time is so frantic.

Mr P Lloyd

RICH'S CARETAKER

Alan Quinn, Rich's resident Caretaker, came to the school around Christmas of 1988, after serving at 'Tredworth Junior School' for six years. The transformation from working in a junior school and then moving to Rich's was quite significant, not only in terms of scale, but also in relation to atmosphere. This was due to the differences in age of the pupils and the different objectives between the schools. Alan still recalls how at Tredworth the terms were very distinctive, with Christmas and the Harvest Festival really being celebrated to the full, whereas at Rich's course work is the main priority for staff and pupils. This of course leads to differences in the schools' ethos and Alan subsequently found at Rich's that his time was directed to different priorities compared to his old school.



Since that time, Alan's role within the school has changed quite dramatically, particularly with the advent of 'Compulsory Competitive Tendering' of cleaning services in schools back in 1991, with 'Initial Cleaning' taking over responsibility of the school.

As a result of this 'contracting out' of cleaning duties to external contractors, Alan's job changed significantly. From being in charge of a large core of cleaners, his role changed to one of monitoring the performance of the contractors and reporting back to the Headmaster. His job also focussed on maintenance within the school, security, staff support, supervision of contractors on site and controlling the heating/ventilations systems, to name but a few of his tasks. It is important to stress that such duties are essential if a school, such as Rich's is to operate smoothly and efficiently.

Another key role that Alan has to perform these days, is one of being a 'diplomat'. Rich's is often been used by external groups for various activities and functions. From time to time, these can encroach upon the daily routines of staff and pupils. Thus, Alan often has to 'juggle' between the various parties, trying to keep all who utilize the school facilities happy. As you can imagine, this can be quite taxing and stressful at times! Yet, such pressures are a sign of the times, where a school has not only to be totally committed to educating its clientele, but has also to guarantee its future financial stability by maximizing all resources.

As a consequence, this can make Alan's job almost a twenty-four hour affair. Many staff and pupils forget, that when they have left for home, the school continues to operate for the benefit of

external groups and someone has to cater for their needs. This is often the caretaker - Alan, who unlike many of us is not on a nine to five shift, but finds himself working evenings, early mornings and more often than not, opening up 'shop' for weekend activities.

These days, Alan is responsible to the Bursar, Bob Burns and with emphasis these days upon 'financial efficiency', he has to play an important role in ensuring that contractors carry out work to suitable standards. He also has to ensure that school facilities are acceptable in terms of health and safety standards. Often, maintenance jobs have to be 'costed' and work monitored to ensure that Rich's obtains the best deal. Thus, Alan and Bob have to work in close liaison with each other to ensure that the school is well maintained.

Since he has been at Rich's, Alan has already accumulated various memories, such as the very stressful school fete of last year. He can laugh about it now, but at the time it was not amusing having to run round like an idiot trying to transfer what was supposed to be an outdoor event into an indoor one within the space of hours and accommodate the 'Mandy Godding Dance Studio'.

What he likes about his job, is the fact that every day is different, even though there are certain standard routine jobs to be completed. Staff, pupils and others connected with the school ensure that Alan is made busy. Many people forget that he has often supported various school activities. For instance, he recalls the Year 7 caving activity, the Venture Scouts canoeing expedition and the annual residential trip to Stratford for Year 7. Such activities provide Alan with much pleasure, particularly when he observes pupils trying out new skills and succeeding.

Therefore, one can see the diverse range of activities that Alan fulfils under the title of 'Caretaker'. As with all of us, he has various 'pet hates', such as when pupils wake him up early on a Saturday morning wanting to get into school to obtain vital coursework notes for an essay which has to be handed in on the Monday morning. He also finds it a little irritating when pupils forget that he actually is sometimes "off-duty!" and come hammering on his front door. Of course, unlike most of us, Alan cannot escape or leave his place of work, for as he looks out of his window, he is reminded twenty-four hours a day about his job. So all Richians, young and old, spare a little thought for our resident caretaker, for if it was not for such 'support staff', life at Rich's would be a poorer and less efficient establishment. Therefore, on behalf of those connected with the school, many thanks Alan for all your hard work!

Mr P Lloyd



MUSIC & DRAMA



THEATRE TRIP TO 'AN INSPECTOR CALLS'

Departing from school at 3.40 pm, we headed in the general direction of London. The coach journey was slow, taking about three hours to get to the heart of the capital. Once we reached London, our next task was to find the entrance to the 'Olivier Theatre' at the National Theatre Complex. Chris Cooke was sent into the Lyttleton Theatre to find directions to get us to the Olivier. Chris managed to obtain the right instructions and Mr Middleton said that he should be awarded a 'level ten' for his efforts. We arrived at the Olivier in plenty of time and had the opportunity to walk around for a while. Most of us took a stroll along the embankment, while others went to find a quick snack before the performance.

We eventually took our seats in the theatre and had a quick look through the official programme that Mrs Spilsbury had purchased. Then the lights dimmed and the curtain did not rise? Instead some children, about primary school age, ran onto the stage and started playing around. With my deep knowledge of the play, the question of 'What was going on?', immediately sprang to my mind. Eventually, the children settled down at the edges of the stage and the curtain started to rise. On came Edna, the maid. Nothing odd about this, but in the centre of the bombed street was a house. The Birlings house! Inside the house you could hear the actors talking.

This stage setting was rather a surprise to all of us, as we had expected to see the dining room of the Birling's house, based on what we had studied, back at school with Mr Lloyd. What the actors were saying was very important at this early stage in the play, as much of what was spoken, would have implications to the plot in the latter parts of the play. The set seemed to be designed to give the impression that what was being said inside the room was very private and that the audience were outside of the house, eavesdropping on the conversations of the actors.

When someone said something important, they came out of the room and stood on the balcony facing the audience. Once the Inspector arrived, the front of the house opened up, to reveal the dining room. If you have studied Priestley's play, you will know that every member of the respected Birling family is linked to the tragic death of a young girl.

Gradually, we witnessed each member of the family being interrogated by the 'supposed' Inspector and we noted how this 'respectable' family was implicated in the death of the girl, Eva Smith. It was interesting to see how the director had manipulated the set and the positioning of the actors on stage to conjure up the image of a rich family, who through their corrupt and unchristian

actions, fall from grace. By the end of the play, any sort of respect or admiration that you initially had for this wealthy family, had disappeared completely. The production attempted to highlight the social divisions that existed in the era that the play was set and how the rich and wealthy can become morally and socially corrupt through their own behaviour and actions.

All during the production, the Inspector had a tremendous impact on the performance, highlighting the moral corruption of the family. He was superb in his ability to eat away at the consciences of the young Birlings, particularly Sheila, played by Phoebe Nicholls. Eric, who was played by Richard Pasco was shown the error of his ways by the Inspector and eventually denounced the heartless and unsympathetic behaviour of his parents towards the dead girl, accusing them of being hypocrites and only interested in ensuring the Birling name remained respectable within the local community.

The performance strongly conveyed the "double-standards" of the Birling family. It highlighted the hypocrisy of how individuals in power and position within a community, can preach moral and ethical codes of practice, yet, behave in totally the opposite way, expecting their subordinates to comply with original standards that they have set. I thought the play was excellent and my only criticism, was the Inspector, who tended to shout loudly at times and I felt, at the wrong time, in terms of theatrical impact. Yet, this was the only fault that I could really find with the play.

At one stage, Mrs Spilsbury drew our attention to an actor who was present, but not involved in the performance, Frank Middlemas, who played Dr Alex Ferrenby in ITV's series, 'Heartbeat'. So John Hinton got his autograph and I managed to obtain his opinion about the play.

"I thought it was excellent, although I was not sure what was going on at the start. I thoroughly enjoyed it and would recommend anyone to see it."

It was nice to know that we were not the only ones to enjoy the evening's entertainment. Unfortunately, our evening was soon over and we returned home. On the way back on the coach, there was talk of going on a few more English trips. Possibly to see Andrew Lloyd-Weber's, 'Cats', at Bristol, or his "New Starlight Express", in London. Well, we will have to wait and see, but such trips are well worth going on and I can recommend them to all pupils at Rich's, particularly if you are studying a particular text for your GCSE's.

Bjorn Ballard 10T

THEATRE TRIP TO 'HAMLET', STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

Members of the Sixth Form English group, along with some parents and teachers went to a performance of Shakespeare's 'Hamlet' at Stratford in April of this year. The play was directed by Adrian Noble and the cast was led by Kenneth Branagh, who played the lead role of Hamlet.

The party left school at 9.30 am to spend some time wandering round the town before the performance and to soak the atmosphere of Shakespeare's birth place. It was fortunate that the day was fine and everyone enjoyed the sights, such as 'Holy Trinity Church', Shakespeare's birthplace in Henley Street and New Place gardens.

The production, by common consent, was thought to be superb. Kenneth Branagh delivered Hamlet's lines with real intelligence and spoke them in a natural manner, so that those accompanying the adults in the group, who were not trained in Shakespearean language, found no problem in understanding what was being delivered. There were many other extremely strong performances, notably from David Bradley as Polonius, who was tall, upright, excruciatingly precise, well-meaning and dignified, even when Ophelia made her character strong at appropriate moments and pitiable in madness; she brought a welcome passion to a part so often played simperingly. Clifford Rose was the ghost of Hamlet's father and spoke his lines as if he was holding a conversation with his son, rather than, as so often happens, declaiming them in a 'theatrical manner'.



There were many interesting design details: excellent use was made of curtains; the costumes were Edwardian and were especially suited to the scenes in which the director chose to emphasise the bureaucratic nature of Claudius's court. The scene in which the players were at the front of the stage preparing to perform while the court audience were seen through a diaphanous scarlet curtain was a stunning 'coupe de theatre', as was the way in which gilded chairs appeared to be banked behind the audience within an audience.

The abiding memory will be the way in which the passage of four and a quarter hours seemed nothing. The audience were rapturous in their appreciation of the play. Here are some of the comments which were made by three in our group:

"Brilliant!", "Yeah, very good!" and "There was no need for an interval! A truly riveting performance. No traces of any 'acting' were evident. Convincing!"

Much of the effectiveness of this performance came from the accurate casting and superb, powerful performances. The characters in the play were undiluted by the actor's own

personalities. The element of humour was well exploited in this production which enabled this lengthy play to flow rather than become stagnant.

The set also contributed to my enjoyment of this production. The props lent themselves very effectively to both the court and the outside scenes and the use of modern items, such as briefcases, pistols, and twenty drawer filing cabinets with accompanying ladder added a great deal. The use of non-Elizabethan costumes and sets shows that the messages in Shakespeare's plays can be adapted to any age. Overall, a wonderful school theatre trip!

Mrs P F Barnes

MUSIC REPORT



With the successes of 'Follow the Star' and 'Carmina Burana', the two high spots of the year, there has been a surge of interest in school music. Questions like, "What's the next production?", "Can we also do a Gilbert and Sullivan next?" and "Are you putting on another big choral work next year?" have bombarded me. It is very pleasing to see the response and I am sure there will be plenty to accommodate the enthusiasm next year. Indeed, Mrs Barnes, alias "Madame" and myself, are already casting and planning a Christmas production of 'Orpheus in the Underworld', by Offenbach - a modern interpretation and comical 'dig' at Greek drama. I also intend to put on Haydn's wonderfully colourful 'The Creation', in the summer term of 1994.

Whilst highlighting 'Follow the Star' and 'Carmina Burana', it must not go without mentioning the annual events, such as the two carol services at St John's, Northgate and Holy Trinity, Longlevens. Both of these services were enjoyed by congregations, which were disappointingly low in numbers, compared to previous years. The school choir also made a

good account of themselves in the Founder's Day anthem, 'Blessed to the God and Father', with plucky soloist, James Cook.

One must give high praise to all the soloists and musical assembles, who performed in both junior and senior concerts, held in the spring and summer terms, respectively. It was observed by some that the standard of the summer concert was the highest reached in any concert at the school. Items, such as Jon Stabler's eloquent rendering of the First movement of Elgar's Cello concert and Alistair Priestley's imaginative performance of Debussy's 'Prelude, la plus que Lente', certainly merit much praise. Although sadly, we say goodbye to loyal Under Sixth musicians, who have sacrificed much of their time during their seven years at Rich's, it is equally with great expectation that I look forward to monitoring the musical development of many promising lower school musicians. Music at Rich's has once again flourished this year and I look forward to the forthcoming academic year, which promises to be just as busy and rewarding.

Mr J W Thompson

MUSIC - CARMINA BURANA

In the spring term, the school choir, ambitious as ever, took on Carl Orff's, 'Carmina Burana', a cantata, based on Latin poems discovered in a monastery in 1803 at Benediktbeuern. It was discovered that the monastery had been a repository for a huge collection of songs in Latin from the 12th and 13th centuries. In 1847, they were assembled and published under the name of 'Carmina Burana', (Carmina means songs, Burana - from the Beuern district). Almost a hundred years later, Carl Orff, a forty year old composer, who was fascinated by Greek and Latin lyrics, found himself to be near the monastery. He subsequently set to work to produce a musical interpretation from the poems. This assemblage of tunes (with highly suspect lyrics, which I will not attempt to give an example of!), conjures up an evocative and exciting choral Oratorio. What do all of these words mean anyway?

For many Friday afternoons, we worked hard trying to perfect that which needed a great deal of perfection, which really meant everything! This was to ensure that a good performance would be accomplished. With a little skill and a bit of luck, we were finally ready for the performance. With the aid of two pianos and a loud percussion section, we had more fun at the performance than any vegetarian at a health farm.

The audience were blown into the next valley by the volume of the fast tracks and whisked off to paradise by the slower, more melodious numbers. An ovation was rightly deserved from the audience and enthusiastically complied with by the choir.

Our thanks must of course go to Mr Thompson, who conducted and urged (and occasionally screamed!), us all the way through the rehearsals and performance. One must also mention, Mr and Mrs Morris, soloists, as well as those who played the pianos. Finally, one must not forget the percussionists, who supplied such a splendid backing all through the performance. We all worked very hard on this production and we like to think that we succeeded in providing a very entertaining evening.

I J Gardiner (9S)



MUSIC WORKSHOP AND CONCERT



In March of this year, the whole school was treated to a concert of a very different kind. The Regimental band of the Royal Glossters came to the school to provide a music workshop and concert. They did not just perform the expected parade tunes and usual military music, but instead the school was treated to some more unusual items. Their programme was indeed different from expected, with items such as the theme tune to the film, 'Ghostbusters' and a 'barbershop' style interpretation of 'Old mother Hubbard'.



The school was privileged not only to have a concert, but the bandmaster, Mr Bloomfield, produced a most enlightening and entertaining workshop to over twenty instrumentalists from the school. In addition to this experience, selected pupils played in the concert, whilst the others were chosen to perform some dance routines, or sing during some of the more unconventional numbers during the concert. Interestingly, it was Mrs Julia Grocott, who was voted by the band to be the best percussionist!

Without doubt, the workshop was an excellent experience for many of our pupils and Rich's thanks the Royal Glossters for producing such an enjoyable concert.

Mr J W Thompson

'RUS' - A RUSSIAN QUARTET

In early July, on a dull Monday afternoon, the whole of Year 7, some GCSE and 'A' level students, plus a few guests, had their afternoon brightened up by a very educational and entertaining demonstration of Russian music, performed by 'Rus', a Folk Quartet, who came from Sochi, on the edge of the Black Sea.



The Russian artists consisted of a mother and her daughter, who performed traditional Russian dances, as well as sing old folk songs. In addition, one of the men was a gifted player of a whole multitude of wind instruments, as well as being able to produce spectacular sounds just with the use of a piece of plastic. The other man making up the quartet, was brilliant to say the least, in his manipulation of different sized 'accordions' and he was also highly proficient in his playing of the balalaika.

The event was highly enjoyable, with many of the pupils joining in the dancing and playing some of the instruments. Through the use of an interpreter, explanations about

the songs, their origins and their themes were given to the audience. Also, there were demonstrations on how the instruments were played, as well as some background information on their origins.

It was an extremely entertaining afternoon, with the opportunity to experience live Russian folk music.

Mr J W Thompson



'FOLLOW THE STAR' - AUDIENCE REVIEW

In the autumn term, Mrs Barnes and Mr Thompson devoted many frantic hours in producing a Christmas production of 'Follow the Star'. This joint venture between the English and Music departments was to prove not only very entertaining, but also very successful.



The musical, 'Follow the Star', revolves around the story of the birth of Jesus Christ. Of course, the production underlines the religious and spiritual messages of the birth of Christ, but in a more modern and contemporary manner. Thus, the production included popular, 'up-beat' and 'boppy' musical items. These musical numbers were connected by some fine acting, relaying the Christmas story and often included some excellent comical sketches.

The story revolves around a trainee angel, 'Gabby' helping Mary and Joseph. He finds them and spends most of the time guiding them to safety and the evil clutches of King Herod. Eventually, the new born King, along with his parents, escape to safety and Herod's evil plan fails.



The tone of the evening was set right at the start, when Mr Middleton announced over the public address system, that audience participation was not only expected, but actively encouraged! This request was seized upon with great gusto by many people, with loud "booes" being heard when Herod, alias Matthew Smith appeared on stage and cheers when 'Gabby' appeared.

The mood of the show was assisted by 'Olly', the head angel and played by Russell Kennedy, who created a fun, 'light-hearted' and carefree atmosphere, which all culminated to create an amusing evening's entertainment. The contrast between 'Olly' and the trainee 'Gabby' was not only in terms of size, but in the apparent inability of the latter to perform his duties in an adequate manner. This added fun and amusement to the proceedings and by the end of the performance, 'Gabby' had not only mastered the skills of being an angel, but proved to be the hero of the day, undermining the nasty 'Herod'. Indeed, 'Gabby' had grown by the end of the performance, not only in size, but also in popularity amongst the audience, successfully passing his apprenticeship.



In contrast, Matthew Smith's King Herod was so nasty and evil, that rumours went round the hall that he needed the protection of 'Group 4 Security' after the performance. His vindictive, blood thirsty and malicious nature was apparent to all, resulting in loud insults from the audience.

Herod's guardian angel, 'Chicago', performed by the excellent Chris Wilkinson, successfully encouraged audience participation, with 'hisses and booes' reigning down on the stage whenever Herod was prowling. All through the performance, 'Chicago' tried in vain to mend Herod's ways and persuade him to be good.

Throughout the evening, the musical items were excellently performed by the orchestra, led by Adrian McBurnie. This was inevitably matched by the quality of singing and the performances of the cast on stage.

One must also mention some of the minor roles performed, but just as vital in terms of contribution as the central characters. These included the three angels, Angy, Jelly and Lofty, performed by Alex Martin, Rowena Hopkins and Alistair Priestley

respectively. Their dance routines and comedy sketches not only supported the central characters strongly, but added extra entertainment to the proceedings. The frivolous, funny and satirical nature of the three Kings, Thomas Hinton, Julian Walker and Gregory Browning, also added extra enjoyment to the proceedings, especially when they realized a new king had been born, with cries of "Eureka! A saviour is born!". The audience offered various suggestions of what the wise kings could take to the new king, such as a 'baby walker', but surprisingly, they decided to opt for items such as gold.

At the end of the evening, the cast and orchestra had successfully entertained the audience and many satisfied customers walked away from the school hall. Many still dwelling over the wit, humour and awful jokes that they had so willingly allowed themselves to be subjected to in the name of entertainment. Yet, seriously, the musical was very successful and was a refreshing change from more traditional school productions that one tends to encounter.

Mr P Lloyd & T Powell (8R)



'FOLLOW THE STAR' - CAST REPORT

I was very pleased when Mr Thompson asked me to join in with the school production of 'Follow the Star', as a member of the chorus. Rehearsals started long before the performance dates and we were soon humming the tunes as we dragged ourselves from lesson to lesson. I was amazed at how much there was to learn and the amount of effort required to produce a show. Not only did songs have to be practiced, but the scenery on the stage had to be built, the costumes hired or made and dance routines learned by some cast, as well as continual practice by the orchestra.

There were several Sunday rehearsals, in which the performance actually started to come together and take shape. Mr Thompson and "Madame" worked frantically to ensure the cast knew exactly what to do. We were taken through our lines and songs in a very patient, but methodical manner, until we were almost perfect.

Mr Cappi regularly made notes on the finer points of lighting the stage, helped by his rowdies, who were a real set of bright sparks! Meanwhile, Mr Middleton transformed the stage into a smooth-running set, working around Mr Lockey's magnificent scenery, which set up the tone and atmosphere of the whole production.

Backstage, often to be found in the gym, one could find Mrs Spilsbury taking 'Oxy' and 'Assy' through their dance routine, which turned out to be one of the highlights of the show,

especially when 'Oxy' relayed some of his many "Ox-tails". Mrs Stanley was in charge of the wardrobe and soon the whole cast was transformed from mere school pupils to serious thespian actors and actresses, ready to entertain the world.

All through this bedlam and chaos, Mrs Barnes united the cast and rumours went round that she was the only person who really knew where we were heading! On many occasions, she encouraged us, coaxed and co-ordinated proceedings through the weeks.

Leading up to the performances, during break-times, Mr Pack sold tickets that went like 'hot-cakes' to a demanding public, who wanted to see their stars in action. By the morning of the first production, we were polishing off the final touches and nerves were building amongst the cast.

There was nothing to match the first night and miraculously, everything seemed to fall into place perfectly. It was apparent that all of Mrs Barnes' sweat, blood and tears, had finally been rewarded. On that first night, the audience was great. They joined in with as much enthusiasm as the cast on stage. To top our two performances at the school, we went and performed in front of the pupils at Chamwell Special School.

Overall, it was a great experience. The problem now being for Mr Thompson and Mrs Barnes, how will they now 'Follow the Star?'

A Clifford (8R)





"AN INSPECTOR CALLS"

It was rather ironic that Year ten were studying J B Priestley's celebrated play, "An Inspector Calls" during the summer term of this year. The reason it was rather ironic was two-fold, in that the school underwent a major inspection for two weeks in the summer term and that the last major visit we had received from Her Majesty's inspectors was way back in 1932.

This time round, we were invaded by nine HMI's and four trainee inspectors, who were hoping to be appointed to the new 'OFSTED' inspection teams.

We received very little notice of their impending visit. In fact the school only received notice of the inspection five weeks before they arrived, instead of the usual six months. During this period leading up to their arrival, pages of questions had to be answered relating to all aspects of the school, as well as the collection of detailed statistical data, all for the benefit of the Inspectors. This of course resulted in lots of extra work for some staff, particularly at a time when many courses were reaching their 'peak' in terms of moderation and examination preparation.

In true Richian fashion, there was no sense of panic or anxiety and the period of inspection was treated as just another week by staff and pupils. This attitude was noticed by the inspectors, who commented

that in schools where they deliberately try to adjust daily routines to impress, the strain eventually becomes too much and 'cracks' start to appear by the first Wednesday. Of course, this never materialised at Rich's, where all staff were determined to 'keep faith' with their usual methods of sound teaching practice.

A friendly atmosphere existed throughout the week between staff, inspectors and pupils. So much so, that one of our pupils actually 'waited on' the team in the restaurant at the 'Crest Hotel', Gloucester, where they were staying each night. All this was appreciated by our visitors, who, incidentally, set up camp in the bowls pavilion.

About three weeks after the visit, six of the team returned to report to the Governors and the Senior Management Team. The Governors were extremely impressed with what they heard and the Chairperson, Miss Wilton, wrote to the Staff, congratulating them and the school as a whole. By the time you read this article, the official report will have been published.

We have been told incidentally, that Rich's will not be left for another sixty years before the next inspection, but it fact will be visited relatively shortly, as with all schools, in about four years' time. I suspect, once again, all members of the school will be prepared and welcome the next batch of inspectors!

Mr B McBurnie



CHARITY FASHION SHOW



In March of this year, a charity fashion show was held at the school and was another 'brain-child' of the hard working Ken Shaw, of the 'Parents' Association'. The evening was arranged in association with ASDA superstores and Severn Sound radio station. It was promoted as an opportunity for all those interested in fashion to view the new spring/summer collection produced by the 'George Range'. It also allowed Jo Hood of the Upper Sixth to display some designs of her own, as well as a range of leisure wear from Anita Owen collection. I am sure all Richians are familiar with these designer labels. The evening also included the modelling of clothes for sport, evening functions and nightwear. Many of the models wore jewellery that had been produced by one of the 'Young Enterprise' groups based at the school.

Many members of the sixth form helped, either on the technical side or as models showing off the clothes. There were a few members from the lower school, who also acted as models. The music was provided by 'Axis disco' and Severn Sound provided D J David Cloake as the compere for the evening.

The evening was successful, not only providing a little fun for many 'would-be' models from the sixth form, but also in raising money for the school swimming pool fund and Chamwell special school. Funds raised were also donated to the Severn Sound Money Mountain appeal, which in turn distributes money to many local charities.

All the members involved in the show worked tremendously hard, particularly back stage. The turnout on the evening could have been better, but the money raised was well appreciated. Jeff Banks of the 'Clothes Show' and a well known user of washing powder, would have been proud of the effort that went into the show. Rumours afterwards went round the school that Nick Cambridge may be trying to emulate Jerry Guscot, in not only aiming for sporting excellence, but also clawing out a future living on the 'cat-walk', but this gossip has to be confirmed.

Overall, the show succeeded in its aim of entertaining people and raising funds for some worthwhile charitable causes.

S Uka (U6S)

THE COCK HOUSE REPORT



This year Westgate were determined win the trophy, not just for the glory of winning but also for the many years of hard work that Frank Henderson had committed to the house.

The year started with 'House Art' and Westgate won the competition with the highest accumulated number of points ever, 208 pts. At the end of the autumn term, House Rugby was scheduled and I realised that Westgate is a house of of intellectuals.

I realistically predicted that other houses would take the honours. This assessment proved correct, with the Junior competition being won by Northgate. The Senior competition was shared jointly by Eastgate and Westgate.

The autumn term passed and points for all houses were accumulated towards the 'House Work Competition', via the half-termly 'Order Grades'.

By Christmas, after two competitions, Westgate was leading followed by Eastgate, then Northgate and probing up the table was Southgate.

In the spring term, the highlight of the house competition arrived with 'House Cross-Country'. This is the one major house event where every pupil can score points for their house. Westgate members responded tremendously. Their efforts were rewarded, with Westgate coming joint first with Eastgate in the Junior competition, while in the Senior competition, Westgate was triumphant!

The Chess competition had been started and due to the highly intellectual nature of the members of Westgate, plus the fact that the majority of team played for the school, I naturally predicted a clean sweep. This prediction was correct, with Westgate winning easily.

By the end of May, the 'House Work Competition' saw Northgate in the lead. Next came the House Tennis Competition and to their credit, fed up with taking the wooden spoon, Southgate finally came out of hibernation and came first in the Senior competition, with a convincing number of victories over other houses. The Junior competition was won by Northgate.

The next highlight in the house calendar was the re-introduction of 'House Public Speaking'. In front of the whole school, the respective teams did battle, with topics ranging from 'nothing' to the impending doom of Chosen Hill engulfing the school due to excessive use by runners. Southgate appealing to the more jovial nature of the audience, were the rightful winners.

Next came the Cricket, which reviewing the form, would be a rather predictable event. Northgate demolished all opposition, with Eastgate only really challenging the favourites.

It was very apparent that Northgate were making a very late challenge to Westgate. With Sports day and the points to be gained from the 'House Work Competition' only left, Northgate had 24.5 points, to Westgate's 30 points.

With twenty points still to be won, I highlighted the threat from Northgate in the next House meeting, pleading for extra effort on Sports Day! Westgate were leading the Sports day points total, due to some excellent performances in various field events, but sadly, Westgate slipped into third place by the end of the evening and worse still, Northgate won the event. The gap closed with Northgate on 28.5 points and Westgate on 32 points.

I scrambled to see the Headmaster to obtain closely guarded data concerning the results from the 'House Work Competition'. We had obtained 14 points winning the Junior and be placed second in the Senior competition. Westgate had won the Cock house trophy!

The final scores were;

1st	Westgate	45 points
2nd	Northgate	41.5 points
3rd	Eastgate	37 points
4th	Southgate	26.5 points

My thanks must go to everyone in Westgate, who during the course of the year, supplied so much support and effort in the competition.

Mr P Lloyd



YEAR 7 HEALTH MORNING



Last May, all of Year 7 participated in various activities designed to promote healthy living. The events of the morning were organized by nurses from the local health authority. Their aim was not only to inform the pupils about various health issues, but through a combination of practical activities and talks, to change attitudes and thus change lifestyles.

The morning was fun, but some serious messages were promoted. These messages are particularly relevant, when one considers the pressures of modern living and changes in lifestyle. It seems that the effects of various technological innovations are leading to serious, long-term health problems in Britain. It was interesting to note that heart attacks and smoking related diseases are two of the most common killers in this country today. Sadly, the problem appears not to be improving, with our health record one of the worst in Europe. Thus, the morning was an attempt to curb the serious decline in the nations health record, by capturing the attention of the youth of today.

The pupils were involved in a number of practical activities, that ranged from tests relating to their body fat composition, to the amount of sugar deposits found on their teeth. The nurses provided talks upon common health problems facing our society. These included the consequences of smoking, dietary causes leading to heart disease and the implications of not exercising on a regular basis.

In conjunction with these talks, the pupils had the opportunity to watch a video on teenage smoking, answer questionnaires, testing their general knowledge about health concerns and 'brush-up' on their dental hygiene techniques. There were also various displays highlighting key messages about how we could all lead a more healthy lifestyle. The pupils also had their heart rates monitored before and after intensive exercise to test their fitness levels. This was supplemented with information about the benefits of regular, controlled exercise.

Without doubt, the thrust of the morning's activities was focussed on the key notions of 'health awareness' and 'changing attitudes'. The question of contention, is now whether the pupils in year seven are prepared to put into practice what they learned during the morning. No doubt, the PE department will be able to identify any significant changes via the sports results!

Yet, it has been very noticeable in the last few years by the PE department, that the advent of the computer and video has obviously been of enormous benefit to society in many ways, but unfortunately, it has produced a more 'sedentary' type of pupil, that finds vigorous exercise rather difficult. Hopefully, the 'Health Morning' will help to reverse this sad trend. So thanks to the nurses in helping to make all young Richians a more healthy species.

Mr P Lloyd

A PROFILE OF YOUNG ENTERPRISE

Since the introduction of the 'Young Enterprise' scheme into the school in 1990, by Mr Hodgkinson, the school has witnessed the growth of many entrepreneurs. Although we have been in recessionary times over the past few years, there has still been an enthusiasm and determination from many of Sixth formers to throw caution to the wind and set out on the risky road to becoming millionaires.

Thus, pupils and staff alike, have endured heavy sales techniques, stock market flotations and unfortunately, liquidations. Dividends have been anxiously awaited, especially from those staff who will soon be on pensions and consequently, fixed incomes. The aim of the scheme has been to teach through first-hand experience the perils and rewards of the business world. At the end of the course, the pupils sit an examination, 'Guinness European Young Enterprise Exam', which is certificated by the Oxford Board. A record of achievement for each pupil is maintained, from the start of the business venture in early September, to the 'winding up' process in May.

The imagination, diversity and innovation of many of these entrepreneurs has been breath-taking. To beat the recession many companies in the nation have diversified, especially when their 'core' business activities have been underachieving. Our companies, to be found in the 'Richian Business Venture Park', i.e. Mr Hodgkinson's Elliot hut, opposite the staff room, were no exception. Therefore, we have seen companies move into the lucrative 'Garden Nome' sector, while others have ventured into the production of battery re-chargers, T-shirt design, Designer jewellery and ornate flower baskets, to name but a few.

Some of the companies have found the competition hard, while others could not keep up with demand, especially when orders came flooding in from that lucrative market, the Staff room! Yet, if individual companies have found the competition tough, the experience has still been worthwhile. Many of the entrepreneurs through their experiences of the scheme have been able to make firm career decisions. Without doubt, many have been enlightened to the realities of the workplace and the notion that you have to work to survive in this world.

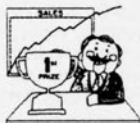
Young Enterprise combines theoretical study with first hand practical experience. All dimensions of business studies are incorporated into the running of the companies. These skills include marketing, cost accounting, raising venture capital, human resource management and economic awareness. There are many other skills the pupils learn as their companies are conceived and they venture into the brave new world of business.

The young entrepreneurs have been assisted by external consultants, who model themselves on the 'trouble-shooter', Sir Harvey Jones. Thus, many of the MD's from the 'Richian Business Venture Park', would drive down in their company cars for consultancy meetings at the MEB, Yorkshire Bank or Whitbread Brewery. At these meetings, they would monitor progress, obtain advice and set out new business strategies to improve productivity or sales turnover. These business links with the 'real-world' proved to be invaluable to many of the young entrepreneurs, especially when some of them came face to face with some harsh facts, such as when they realised that their profitability was non-existent, despite all their hard work!



Many of the students over the years, since 'Young Enterprise' was introduced, have not always been successful. Yet, success of the venture is not the number one objective, for valuable experience can be gained from failure and hopefully mistakes are not repeated. The scheme sets out to unite young innovation with the traditional skills of business enterprise. The pupils learn that success can be achieved not only from hard work, but from the manipulation of individual skills, such as the use of initiative, creativity and the collaboration of people into a team.

The scheme itself has diversified and in conjunction with the impetus raised by 1992 and the 'Single European Market' initiative, 'Young Enterprise' has become continental. Many of the students now follow the European Studies' programme, which is certificated by the AEB and injects a European dimension to their business studies. The course encourages them to look at market strategies in relation to the European market, as well as how European legislation can affect the production and selling of products across the EEC. Also, the students have to select a particular issue related to Europe and investigate how it can affect an area of business, whether it be product design or marketing strategies. Once again, the course is attempting to make the students aware that the business world has no frontiers and there are untold opportunities in Europe for the right product.



Overall, the 'Young Enterprise' scheme has been a great success and helps to bridge the gap between school and the reality of the business world. Success has been achieved, with many of the companies reaching the final stages of the regional rounds of the 'Young Enterprise Competition', which sets out to find the best company idea. In this competition, they have to promote and market their product in front of experienced businessmen. Thus, marketing and presentational skills are developed. If successful, they then move onto the national rounds and then to the world finals. This is not beyond the bounds of the right company, for Pates Grammar School were successful and reached the world finals. Who knows, we may have a new Richard Branson at Rich's waiting to take the world on?

Mr P Lloyd

THE STONE GIANTS

A blanket of black covers the land
Smothering everything in sight
The world is asleep
Except for the few pins of light.
Going up and down the road
Big things loom above everything else
No life to them. Curtains that look like eyelids,
Cover any sign of life in these giants.
An eyelid glows, there is still no chance it will
reveal
The mysteries it hides
Some eyes open
Revealing people who are as busy as can be.

A red disc appears over the horizon
Shattering the blanket of darkness
Swiftly light seeps in everywhere
Daylight reveals that the giants
are actually flats many stories high.
The road, winding ribbon
Is now buzzing with activity
Vehicles rush up and down

Now the sun rules the sky
There is no sign of darkness.
Everywhere is full of life and happy sunshine.
Once again, the giants are silent
As everyone is at work.

L Howie (7T)

LONDON

London is like a cluster of stars,
Lights in buildings, flashing on and off
Car headlights dazzling the skies

It is a huge stereo, with no soul
The people drink and party
As if there is no tomorrow.

But of course London has its bad side
With people taking drugs, violence and destruction
And look how many people have died!

London is a dark, black cloud.
Pollution is strong and deadly
But who will speak out aloud?

London is rich in cars and money
As they walk past the homeless
They laugh and smile!

J Bullock (7T)

"BEHIND THE HEADLINES"



I would first like to state, that contrary to the title of this article, it is not about the BBC 2 political satire programme and I am afraid editing restrictions prevent an article discussing Dave Goscomb's famous party a little while ago. However, there are a number of 'headlines' which have got some interesting backgrounds to them. Honestly!

In the six years that I have been at the school, I have witnessed great change, not only in personnel, the appearance of the school, but also some of the daily routines. Without doubt, the atmosphere of the school over the last few years has changed for the best, with staff and pupils working well with each other. One also detects changes in the aims and general philosophy of the school and this again seems to be a recent development.



About five years ago, the school was facing crisis, with the prospect of closure and the threat of being turned into a 'Sixth Form College'. The swimming pool was like a lagoon, pupil intake was shrinking and the dilemma of whether to opt out was being seriously considered. At this time, it also seemed as though the school still found itself stranded in time, for it still pursued a strict, traditional philosophy. Some people say it still does, but that is open to debate!

However, since these times, there has been a radical change in fortunes, with the future of the school appearing to be secure a more liberal and progressive policy being followed. The swimming pool is hopefully near completion and on the verge of re-opening. The idea of this would have been unheard of five years ago. The school seems to now be expanding, not only in terms of pupil intake, but also in physical size. Many of the classrooms and public areas have been redecorated and refurbished. This all combines to produce an optimistic and bright atmosphere to the school. It also helps to produce a more conducive working atmosphere for staff and pupils. Lessons now appear to be relaxed, assisted by the comfortable surroundings and friendly atmosphere.

I believe this redevelopment and change in attitudes has brought its rewards, as the school is expanding and plans for the future look set to make Rich's the best school in Gloucester. Some would say, that it has always been the best, but six years ago, things looked rather depressing. Yet, Richians can look forward to a prosperous and bright future for the school. The intake into the school seems set to be a regular four form entry, while areas of the school will be redeveloped further, with new 'Eliot buildings', possibly a cafeteria, the reorganisation of the technology areas and the building of a new Sixth Form block. Such plans look promising and exciting, especially for the younger pupils in the school.

Many of these plans have to be finalised and it is interesting to note, that many of the recent changes at Rich's have not just been instigated from one small select group. It is very apparent, that many in the school, who hold positions of responsibility and power, are now prepared to listen to ideas from parents, pupils and other interested parties. A classic example of this more 'democratic' atmosphere, was when many parents and pupils canvassed for the re-introduction of soccer back into the PE curriculum, with the aim of arranging fixtures for keen Richians.

The school continues to develop and evolve, although many traditions still remain, some of which I feel are a bit of a disadvantage. Yet, in all honesty, some of the traditions are good for a thriving school, but I have noticed some of them seem to have been lost for ever, such as the singing of the 'Lords Prayer', which many of the senior pupils will still remember.

I feel that those in charge of the daily running and management of the school must continue to listen to the pupils. However, things in the school at present are still not perfect, but without question progress has been made to make the life of all young Richians more enjoyable. The next few years will be vital to the school's future prosperity and health. In conclusion, I hope that the end results of all the hard work that has been undertaken in recent years will come into fruition. Let's hope that tomorrow's dreams become reality today!

M Dempsey (6T)



THE BRITISH TELECOM QUIZ



I would like to first tell you a little about the quiz. It is organized by British Telecom, in conjunction with Radio Gloucestershire. The quiz this year attracted around twenty-four entries from schools all around the county, who have to pass through three rounds, before they reach the final. Last year, the team representing the school, narrowly lost in the final to Katherine Lady Berkeley school, but we were determined to put the record straight and win the title for Rich's. Our team comprised John Hinton, Kevin Hatchard and myself.

In the first round, we were relatively confident that we would win and progress in the competition. Our opponents were Denmark Road and Churchdown. We calmly massacred them, with Denmark scoring 29 points, Churchdown 12 points and ourselves, a grand total of 46 points.

Thus, we moved into the semi-finals, which we naturally thought would be harder, but in fact it was a 'push-over' for the team. The rounds varied a great deal, with subjects ranging from general knowledge to music and sport. The scores in this round were, Rich's 41 points, Berkeley Vale 26 points and Brockworth 17 points.

We were now in the Grand final and faced our greatest challenge. The final would be recorded on radio for everyone to listen to in Gloucestershire. It was staged on home territory at Rich's and when we arrived, we saw the trophies and prizes on display. In our minds, we immediately thought that the night was to be a

triumphant one for Rich's. The opposition arrived and the team cast their evil eyes on them, indicating that they were ready for the challenge. Our opponents were Farmors School, from Fairford, near Cirencester and Katherine Lady Berkeley school.

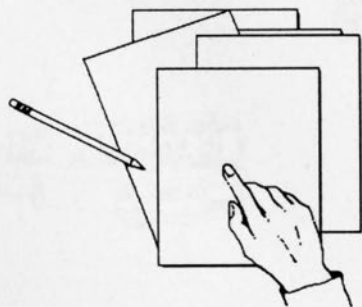
After the first round, it was 'six-all' and at the end of the second we were trailing by one point behind last year's winners, Katherine Lady Berkeley school. The team then mounted a late surge and left the opposition dying. The final result was victory for Rich's, with a total score of 39 points, followed by Katherine Lady Berkeley school, with 31 points and finally, Farmors on 23 points.

It was a proud night for Rich's, for we had won £500 for the school, which John Hinton went up to accept on behalf of the school. As well as this, we each received various prizes, such as a sweatshirt. As a team, it was decided, that the money would be best spent on new books for the library.

Finally, I would recommend anyone to have a trial for the team and represent the school. It was fun and worthwhile, particularly when you can win money that benefits the school. I must praise my fellow team-mates, particularly Kevin Hatchard, who was lightening when it came to answering the questions. I hope that I may be able to defend the trophy next year and help to produce another Rich's victory.

A Bhonsle 7R

A REVIEW OF THE 'RICHIAN MAGAZINE'



If one looks on the shelves in the library, near Mrs Barnes room you will discover past editions of the school magazines. All cover Richian news over many decades, recording past sporting glories, news of successful trips abroad, Oxbridge entries, drama productions and much more! In many ways, they are quite a comprehensive insight into the history of the school this century. Thus, one day when I was browsing through them, I thought it would be worthwhile to produce a brief review of them for this year's magazine.

The first type of school magazine to be produced at Rich's to my knowledge was called 'The Plutonian' of 1909, costing sixpence.

In the editions of the 1930's you can see that the magazine was partly funded by advertisements. These adverts of famous old Gloucester businesses are a true record of the social history of the city. It is interesting to note, that by the 1960's the style and type of adverts have changed quite markedly, with banks playing a prominent role in sponsoring the magazine. In the past few decades, the magazine has generally been self-financing and has also been aided by the generosity of the 'Old Richians Association', thus the need for advertising has not been required.

Generally, if you scan all the magazines since the first edition, the contents have not really changed that much. Most editions still contain the traditional articles, such as news of Old Richians, Rugby reports, the Headmaster's report and special features.

Yet, despite a certain set criteria for the contents of the magazines, there has been a great variation in the design of the magazine. This has mainly been due to the influence of different Editors and their editorial teams. The presentation of the magazines has varied greatly, with editions before the war being rather formal and set, with the contents not being really subsidized by pictures, line-drawings or any other real artistic input.

In contrast, the last two decades has seen the Richian branch out into a more creative and artistic magazine. The magazines of the 1980's were more colourful, imaginative and generally more anesthetically pleasing. Often, they followed a theme and have attempted by photographs to capture the atmosphere of daily life in a typical school year at Rich's. Such artistic input, I feel helps the presentation and 'feel' of the magazine, helping to supplement some of the articles which can be described as a little 'dry' at times.

In recent years, magazines have as usual displayed the diversity and range of activities that take place in a thriving school. For instance, the magazine of 1987 had features on the school play, 'She Stoops to Conquer', a short history of the school boat club and an article called, 'A Glimpse into the Past' by an Old Richian, Leslie Price. It is such articles that help future generations to trace the past history of their school and learn what their predecessors actually did all those years ago.

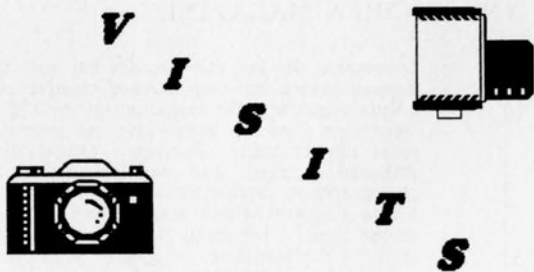
Last year, Mr Lloyd took over the magazine and it was the first edition to be totally 'desk top published'. It was reduced down to 'A5' size, mainly for costs and it received a mixed reception.

What of the future for the magazine? Well many believe that the pupils of the school should have greater control over the contents and design. The magazine should reflect more the interests of the pupils and relate to them more specifically. Many feel the magazine is produced as part of the school's publicity policy. This of course, tends to restrict and confine the magazine, setting parameters. Subsequently, the magazine can become a 'marketing exercise', where censorship and 'conservative' (with a small 'c') ideas are adhered to at all costs. Many believe the magazine should be more 'hard-hitting', with satirical features, more humour and the inclusion of more controversial articles. At the moment, it can be described as being rather 'safe' and one could state that this tends to nullify journalistic creativity.

If you have any comments to make about the Richian magazine, then I am sure that the Editor would be only too pleased to hear from you. After all, it's your magazine!

T Hodge (6B)





YEAR 7 TRIP TO STRATFORD

Last September, 7R set off on an exciting trip to Shakespeare's Stratford. We piled into the mini-buses and made our way merrily to Stratford, playing on mini-computers, listening to personal stereos, or simply just looking out of the windows. Eventually, we reached the Youth hostel, at a village called Alveston, about two miles out of the main town. It was a large white building, with rooms and dormitories of varying size, set in some attractive garden grounds. There was a common room, with different sorts of games and a sitting room with a TV and plenty of reading material.

Once we had unloaded, we trooped into Stratford, despite the miserable weather and attempted to play some games on what was known as the 'Recreation Ground'. This soon stopped, as we were soon swimming, due to the ground gradually becoming waterlogged. Luckily, we moved over to a type of adventure playground and this kept us occupied for some time. By this time, our lunch became a diet of 'soggy' sandwiches, eaten while huddled together under a stone shelter. After lunch, we went to the 'Memorial' and 'Swan' theatres. Many people from all over the world come to see famous actors perform the bard's plays. We went back-stage to receive a guided tour and had the opportunity to stand on the main stage, try costumes on and look at the way the scenery was made.

Our next port of call was the local leisure centre for a quick swim. After this, it was back to the Youth hostel, then dinner and finally a bit of free time to watch television and play some games.

The following day, after breakfast, the group left the hostel for a 'Treasure Trail'. We were organised into groups of three and given a question sheet. It was interesting going around the village, looking for clues and answering the questions. The trail finished in the park in Stratford and we then caught an 'open top bus'

for a ride around some of Stratford's tourist spots. The guide provided us with some tourist information and when we got to Mary Arden's house, in a village called Wilmcote, we had a chance to look around the 'Falconry Centre' that was based here.

Our 'action packed' visit to Stratford continued with a visit to the local brass rubbing centre, near the banks of the river Avon and just down from Holy Trinity Church, where Shakespeare is buried. We were glad to be at the centre, after our cold and windy bus ride. Here, we had a brass rubbing competition, with each member of the group selecting a brass, ranging from knights to animals and then completing a drawing. The lady in charge, then selected the best rubbing, with prizes being awarded to Simon Wilkinson, Dean Gardener and David Capper.

After this it was back to base for dinner and rest in preparation for the next day's activities. It was back into Stratford and a visit to the 'Buttery Farm'. Inside it was very hot and humid, particularly after being out in the cold. It felt like being in a tropical jungle, with many weird and wonderful butterflies flying around. The colours were stunning and beautiful, with the exhibits varying in size. Part of the complex housed exotic and dangerous creatures, such as a giant bird eating spider called Goliath. There were were other poisonous spiders and scorpions, as well as moths, cockroaches and ants. From the farm we went to a place called the 'World of Shakespeare', which was a type of museum and exhibition devoted to William Shakespeare and his works, where we experienced a 'light-show'. This last visit ended the three day trip to Stratford, which although a little wet, had been enjoyable and fun for all of the form. We look forward to our next trip?

S Wilkinson/R Haworth (7R)

YEAR 7 HISTORY TRIP: A VISIT TO CHEDWORTH VILLA AND THE CORINIUM MUSEUM

Last May, all the first year went on their history trip, as part of their studies of the Roman Empire. We visited Chedworth Villa and then the Corinium Museum in Cirencester. The day was warm and we piled onto the coach, heading for Chedworth first of all. When we arrived at Chedworth, the first fact we learned, was that it was not actually a Roman Villa, but a 'British Romano Villa'. This told us that the villa was inhabited not by Romans, but Ancient Britons who had adopted the customs and lifestyle of their conquerors. The major impression that you initially obtain from Chedworth, is that it appears just to be a pile of stones, with a few wooden sheds, surrounded by fields and woods. Yet, when we were taken around the site by the guide, we were gradually able to visualize what the villa must have looked like in Roman times. We were shown a short film before our tour, which helped to illustrate what the villa looked like and the various types of sections that combined to form the villa.

We were told that much of the villa had remained due to the fact that for centuries, much of the foundations had been buried under tons of soil. It was only in the last century, when an estate gamekeeper came across some fragments of mosaic that the local landlord ordered a rather crude excavation of the site, which revealed the villa's foundations. The experts believe that many precious fragments were lost by the local labourers excavating the site, due to the fact that they basically just dug and threw the soil anywhere.

On our visit we could clearly see rooms with specific functions, such as the bath house, with its 'hypocaust system' still in tact. The dining room still has a large mosaic floor that can be clearly seen by all who visit. Most of us enjoyed the guide's talk on how the latrine would be a popular place to have a good talk about the pressing problems of the villa.

In one corner, you can see where the temple was originally located, which once housed the water

tank and supplied the villa with fresh spring water. The majority of the site was mainly made up of 'capped' stone walls, which mark where rooms and outbuildings once stood. As we moved from certain rooms, we noticed the Latin inscriptions which indicated what that particularly room was used for, such as the 'Apodyterium', (changing room) or the 'Tepidarium', (warm-room). When you see these rooms and understand that the Romans had sauna, steam-rooms and underfloor central heating, you realize that they were really advanced for their age. You also realize where we stole many ideas from to make our lives more comfortable today! What tickled me most, was the fact that some poor soul would have to collect wood all day just to heat up the spring water, so that some 'nob' could sweat off a few pounds of fat! Without doubt, the main attraction at Chedworth was the mosaic floors, with different designs and distinctive colours, which are still evident today.

After Chedworth, we piled onto the coach and headed to Cirencester and the Corinium museum. Out came the work-sheets when we arrived and we learned various aspects about daily Roman life, ranging from the type of plants they grew for cooking and medical brews, to how a typical Roman family would feast the evening away. We also learned that some of the most skilled craftsmen to produce mosaics came from the Cirencester region at the time of Roman occupation. It was none of your hi-tech, automated mass production in those days. Just lots of hard toil and sweat, combined with years of acquired skill. One of the best sites at the museum, was the soldier with chain mail, body armour and large shield.

Overall, it was a good day out and helped to support our classroom studies on the Romans. Generally, we all agreed that we would not mind being wealthy Roman citizens, while the teachers could be our slaves!

C Collier/A Thomas (7B)



YEAR 8 HISTORY TRIP: A VISIT TO THE COMMANDERY, WORCESTER

On a freezing cold December morning, we stood in front of a timbered building, dating back to Saxon times and the reign of William II, otherwise known as William Rufus. This building was over 875 years old and with its unique wattle and daub structure still stands proud today in urban Worcester, not far from the cathedral. Over the centuries its purposes and functions have been varied, from being a hospital to the home of the 'Wylde family', a prosperous Worcester family of the 17th Century. More importantly, it was the headquarters of Charles II, before the battle of Worcester in 1651.

Today it is a museum, dedicated to inform the general public about the battle of Worcester and the period in English history, known as the 'Civil War'. In the museum, one can learn about this period and the events leading up to the battle by various displays. These include pictures, videos, posters, artefacts and 'simulated scenes', involving 'dummies', dressed in period costume.

Our day was very hectic to say the least. Soon after arriving we walked through the centre of Worcester to the central library, near the railway station, where we viewed the 'Royal Armoury Exhibition' that was touring the country. The exhibition marked the 350th anniversary of the English Civil War and the main attraction was the 'ceremonial armour of King Charles I', which was said to be priceless. The armour was 'gold-plated' and it was usually found on exhibition in the 'Tower of London'. Thus, to view and examine this armour out in the provinces was a rare treat! The guide told us that it was currently insured for £13 million pounds and the whole exhibition had been insured for £30 million pounds.

Another attraction was the cabinet containing various weapons of the period. Our guide told us that the 'Dutch Wheel-lock Carbine' took approximately three minutes to load and fire by a skilled musketeer! For its time, this weapon was relatively dangerous to use and had to be handled by a trained and skilled soldier, particularly when you realise that gunpowder would be hanging in pouches around the soldier's body and a lighted fuse cord would be dangling around you as well! Thus, you can imagine having to load and fire one of these guns as fast as possible, with a full scale battle being fought around you at the same time - no mean feat!

Eventually, this type of musket was replaced by a 'flint-lock' type gun, which was easy and relatively safer to use. With technology, one notes that this type of gun only took about a minute to load and fire. The exhibition also allowed the

group to see a video which was a reconstruction of the Battle of Naseby. This was very interesting, as it not only displayed various battle scenes, that were very realistic, but also outlined the various strategies and key incidents of the battle by the use of diagrams. As you may know, this particular battle was considered to be the turning point of the Civil War.

On our return to the Commandery, we had an 'arms handling session', where we had a lecture on the different types of weapons used during the war. The group had the opportunity to try on uniforms and handle weapons, such as muskets, pikes and swords.

To finish the visit, we then had a tour around the museum itself, to look at the various displays. The highlight of the tour was the 'mock trial' of King Charles I by Branshaw, which at the time lasted three days. Our trial lasted eight minutes and at the end we had to vote on whether Charles should die or not!

The main hall of the commandery was also impressive and it was here that we were taught how to load and fire a cannon. There were more artefacts and objects from the civil war period and the building still retained its 15th century decorations.

Overall, the visit was informative and interesting.

T Meredith (8T)



Photo: Nick Swan 8S

"THE MARCH TO WORCESTER" - A ROYALIST SOLDIER'S REPORT

It remains to be discovered the level of intensity and the scale of destruction that this bloody civil war will continue to have on the people of England. The normal life of our citizens, the stability of our country and the murder of our monarch, Charles I, have totally undermined England. All because of the treachery of the Parliamentarian forces. Much English blood has been lost already in this bitter conflict and more lives no doubt, will be lost in the future months, as the war progresses all over the country.

This war has caused untold misery and heartache for many a Christian person. Friends and neighbours have taken arms up against each other, despite once being loyal subjects to the King. I have witnessed whole families disunited over this dispute. Relatives have turned against each other and death has been encountered by many divided families. I was disgusted at the murder of our beloved Charles I, at the hands of Cromwell's revolutionaries who preach anarchy and rebellion.

Hate, revenge, bitterness and evil are apparent in my family as well. Once we were a loving, caring and a united family. Then came the division between the King and Parliament, destroying our peace and unity. It has resulted in many pointless deaths, with men killing their own blood and kin.

I use to support many of Parliament's aims and hoped that the King would appease them a little.

Yet, when they started to preach treachery against the King, my stomach turned over and I could not stand aside no more. Thus, I sprang to the defence of our King against these traitors who call themselves loyal Englishmen!

At present, I am marching south towards Worcester with Charles II, ready to destroy Cromwell and restore the monarchy back in England. It has been very hard, with many men falling by the wayside, due to fatigue, lack of food and the constant demands put upon us by our leaders. Yet, we are determined to break Cromwell's grip on this country.

We expect to engage the enemy near Worcester, towards the river Severn. I hope the lord will show mercy on us and bring us victory! Rumours are spreading that the enemy is gathering up to fifteen thousand men. This concerns me, as due to the forced march, lack of supplies and the depleting morale of our men, we may only be able to rally approximately nine thousand men. Can we possibly win against all the odds?

Yet, we will fight against any odds for our King, country and personal pride. Our standards will be raised and I am sure when we are called to arms, every man will do his duty against Cromwell's tyrannical army of murders. God Save the King!

T Meredith (8T)

GOTTINGEN SCHULERAUSTAUSCH 1993 - A TEACHER'S VIEWPOINT

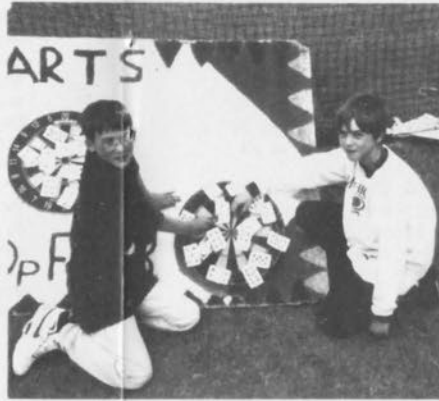
The Gottingen exchange in April, involved eleven Year 10 pupils, plus three Sixth Formers, together with over one hundred other students from around Gloucestershire. We travelled by coach to Ramsgate and then by ferry to Dunkerque. From here we boarded the coach and set off to Gottingen, via Antwerp and Dortmund, with the whole journey taking about eighteen hours. The mixture of dull, overcast, misty weather during the daylight hours, combined with the hours of darkness at night, seemed to make the journey very long and tiring.

Yet, our tiredness was quickly dispelled however, by the warmth of our reception, with a sea of smiling faces and a banner held by pupils of the Otto Hahn Gymnasium, our exchange school, declaring, "Welcome to Gottingen." We had arrived!

The first five days were mostly spent with our host families, since we had arrived at the end of the Easter holidays. This allowed the boys to settle in with their hosts and find out what was in their local area. On the third day, we all met to check that everyone had settled in with their hosts and to find out what was available in their local area. Everyone was fine and happy.

We then went on a visit to the Harz mountains, with our first stop involving a guided tour of Goslar, a medieval town. It has a large number of very well preserved timber-framed houses and was very impressive. We then went to St Andrewberg, the most notable feature being a steep, twisting 550 metres long, toboggan run. On returning to Gottingen, we went our separate ways to spend the weekend with our hosts, before our week at the school started.

SUMMER FAYRE 1993





Our friends from Germany with Mr D Slinger

The Otto Hahn Gymnasium has about seventy staff and eight hundred pupils, about twice the size of Rich's. It is a large, modern and well built building. During our week at school, we were able to attend a variety of different lessons, with the boys following their partners' timetable. It seemed to me that there are some interesting differences between teaching in Germany and England. The school day in Germany starts at 7.50 am and ends at 1.00 pm. During this time, there are six lessons, each of forty-five minutes, separated by either a five minute transit periods, or one of their two breaks. Education is more highly valued by society in general in Germany. Teachers are highly paid civil servants and have the same status as doctors and architects.

Assessment of pupils is by continual assessment with six tests per subject per year and no end of term exam. No other work is marked! Lessons seemed extremely test-book orientated and theoretically based, with written work in class being almost non-existent and only produced by individual pupils if they considered it necessary. The atmosphere in class was very relaxed. Those who wished to participate in lessons did so enthusiastically, while others chatted quietly amongst themselves and were ignored by teachers. This might seem strange, but the onus of schoolwork in Germany is firmly on the shoulders of pupils, with parents applying pressure on their children to produce the grades and surprisingly,

not the teachers! Homework seemed to be of a preparatory nature, mainly reading for the next lesson. There are no formal assemblies. Games are a voluntary activity, being performed after school and are not timetabled. Consequently, there are no school teams or fixtures. There are also very few clubs or other voluntary activities.

It was not all schoolwork during the week. There were also several visits made during the week. On one day we visited the new town hall to attend an official reception in which we were welcomed to Gottingen by the lady Mayoress, followed by the boys joining in on a rally through the town. We also visited the museum and post office and we had an enjoyable visit to Hannover.

The final weekend was spent with our host families again and this allowed us time to pack for our return journey back to England, as well as say farewell to the many friends that we had made. The hospitality and friendship shown to us during our visit was truly remarkable in its warmth and will be remembered fondly by us all.

I would finally like to thank David Slinger for making all the arrangements for the trip and Jean Dawes of Denmark Road School, who acted as my interpreter and emergency contact during the visit.

Mr S Morgan

AN INTERVIEW WITH A GERMAN STUDENT

This summer, we had our annual visit of a German exchange party. My German exchange partner was Stephen Sanders and I decided (Mr Lloyd 'press ganged' me into writing the article) to write an article for the Richian magazine, based on the impressions Stephen had of England from a German prospective.

Thus, I set about asking him some insightful and philosophical questions, which at the end of the day revealed some interesting perceptions of what us English and our society are considered to be like by our continental friends.

In comparing schools from each country, Stephen considered them to be totally different. He felt that the teachers in this country appeared to be more strict and authoritative than their counterparts in Germany. He observed that school in this country starts and ends much later, while German schools start at 7.50 am and end at 1.00 pm. In his school, lessons are about thirty-five minutes long, with about six periods in a day. Interestingly, his school back home in Germany operates a system whereby all pupils have to attend school on a Saturday for four periods every alternate week in the month.

One very interesting and appealing aspect of school life in Germany, is that there is a short break between each period. Thus, in theory, the German system seems to produce less contact time between a pupil and their teachers, yet, according to many educational experts in Europe, their educational system is supposed to be one of the best. This I find rather surprising, especially, as we in England seem to spend more time in our lessons than our German counterparts, yet, our education system is supposed to be failing many young people. Thus, the question that I ask any reader is, "Does quantity always equate with quality?" Maybe there are other factors that contribute to this discrepancy.

Other comparisons between Rich's and Stephen's school, are that they have no formal assemblies in the morning. They do not have to wear school

uniform and generally, the atmosphere around a German school is more relaxed and less intensive than at Rich's. In his school, they do not have 'detention', with the only major punishment being 'expulsion' for very serious offences.

We then talked about other aspects of our respective cultures and in many ways our interests were not that much different. Generally, Germany faced similar problems to England and there were only really a few cultural differences. For instance, a minor one being the great British passion for 'greasy' fish and chips. Also, in Germany, meal times are slightly different, with the main hot meal of the day being served at mid-day, instead of the evening. Despite this, the Germans seemed to like our food, despite our reputation on the continent for not having any culinary flare. Stephen particularly liked the concept of 'Sunday Roast' and he found our breakfasts larger than he usually eats back home in Germany, especially the mixed grill.



Stephen found that the 'standard of living' appears roughly the same in both countries, as reflected in the size of houses people live in and the cars that they drive. The main differences really just revolve around style and design, based on different cultural ideas. What I found interesting to hear from Stephen, was that he found the streets in England to be generally

cleaner, yet, I had always thought German society to be very conscious about their environment and appearance. He found clothes to be cheaper in this country, as well as confectionery.

On his visits to various tourist centres, Stephen found London to be interesting, especially the sites relating to the Royal Family. In general, Stephen had positive things to say about England and he had enjoyed his stay. It was apparent to me, that we are not that different than our German counterparts and that maybe the idea that Europe is becoming smaller in terms of cultural differences, is really happening, especially since the 'Single European Act' of 1992.

J Cornwall (10R)

6TH FORM LEADERSHIP COURSE "CAVING, CUSTARD AND DIDGERIDOOS!"



In late February of this year, a group of sixteen sixth formers, including myself, participated in a four day leadership course, held in the Brecon Beacons. During this time we took part in activities such as caving, abseiling, gorge walking and bivouacking, to name a few.

We now tell our friends, families and teachers, with great pleasure our achievements, as well as some fond memories of the trip. Often, the most memorable experiences occurred when we least expected them to and one of the most interesting lessons that emerged from the trip, was viewing people we thought we knew very well, in a different light. When you have to work with people in a hostile environment like the Brecon Beacons without any luxuries which you take for granted back home, people's characters can change quite considerably!

The course itself was composed of physically demanding and mental agility skills. Thus, we had the abseiling as mentioned before, but we also had to undertake 'self-evaluation' sessions, focussing in on our experiences, such as fear of heights.

As you can imagine, for those who were rugby players or members of the venture scouts, walking through freezing cold rivers or abseiling into a balance shaft, not knowing what lay below, was all in a day's work. Yet, when it came to asking for help or admitting they were just as scared as me, it was completely a different matter. Plenty of people managed to get through their lives without ever having to face up to their fears, but when you are hanging by your fingertips half way across a waterfall, too scared to go on, but too stubborn to go back, pride has to be overcome and help has to be accepted. We may have felt stupid or weak at the time, but it was better than giving up altogether and we all had the opportunity to give, as well as receive, a helping hand.

We may have been living in very basic accommodation near the top of a mountain, but we could not escape the joys of domesticity. Meals still had to be cooked and rooms still had to be tidied and everyone had to do their bit. Cookery has never been one of my strong points and I was not alone, but I soon found my forte lay in the production of custard, though some may consider this to be a little bizarre. Making custard in a kettle may be unusual, but it was considerably more sensible than someone else's attempts at frying potatoes without fat! When you are starving, you will generally eat anything!

Now, I would be lying if I said that I spent the entire time with a smile on my face and that nothing whatsoever went wrong. I felt like screaming on more than one occasion, such as when after spending most of the day crawling through tunnels, wading waist-deep in muddy water, then, after regaining contact with my fingers and the lower half of my body, having to wade through even more cold water, I had to wash my overalls in freezing water, before I could collapse with exhaustion and hypothermia. On top of all of this, our accommodation was even more colder than the river and the dinner was nowhere near completion. The expression, "I'm so glad I came", did not really spring to mind, but considering some of the potentially lethal situations we had been through, I was grateful that I had survived.

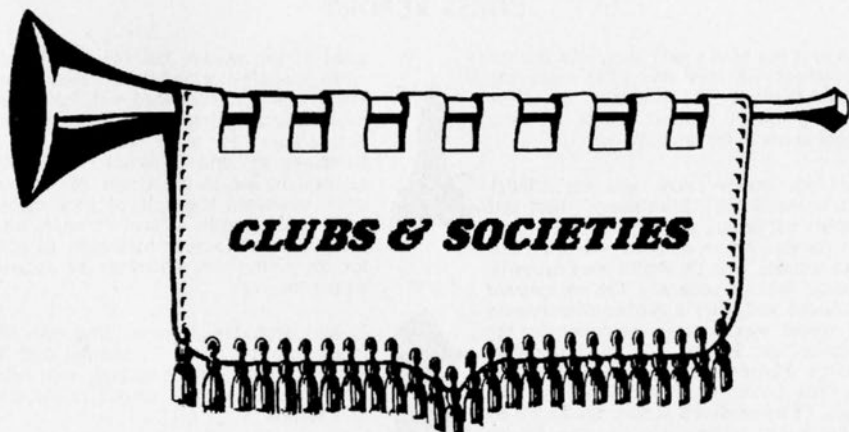


Throughout the time we spent in the Brecon Beacons, we all had experienced high and low points, but we had learned a great deal about our priorities in life and when pride has to be swallowed. Who cares whether you have got a spot on your nose when you are abseiling, or if your overalls are several sizes too large for you and have to be tied at the waist in order to stay on you. It does not really matter what you look like, when you are freezing cold, wet and hungry, like everyone else!

I have mentioned both the caving and the custard, but you are wondering what the relevance of the 'didgeridoos' could possibly be? Well, I am afraid that I will have to leave you to speculate, as although the incident in question means a great deal to all involved, I could not begin to explain why it is of such importance. The course will be remembered for quite some time! Wales is cold, wet and miserable at times, but we kept our spirits up most of the time despite wondering why on earth we stupidly agreed to go on this venture! Of course, we would thoroughly recommend the trip to any six formers next year as it is good character building. If any six formers do agree to take the plunge, we would advise them to take plenty of 'Mars bars'. Good luck.

R Hopkins (L6th)





VENTURE SCOUTS

During the summer holidays last year, a party from the 44th Gloucester Venture Scouts visited Norway and put their mountain bikes to proper use in an adventurous ride across the 'Jotenheim range'. The intrepid cyclists reached 4500ft, before making an exciting descent to sea level at Sognfjord and ended up at the 'Jostedal glacier'.

Despite bad weather, the keen mountaineers in the group managed to reach the top of 'Galdhoppiggen', the highest peak in Norway. Another highlight was the journey from Andalsnes, up Trollstigveien to Geiranger, through some of the most breathtaking scenery of northern Europe.

In the past year, the unit has seen the demolition of the old scout hut and for a period, the unit was without a home, but the new building is now almost complete. It has been a 'self-help' project and the new construction has been carried out by the members, parents and ex-members.

There has also been a surge of interest in 'venture scouting', that has resulted in a dozen new members joining. Recent activities have been largely based around cycles, with a number of challenging trips, including a journey along the Ridgeway track in the teeth of a bitter wind. There was also a wet and windy ride over the rolling hills of Dorset.

Therefore, the venture scouts based at the school are very active and look forward to the day that their new home is completed.

Mr F Henderson

CROSSFIRE

Crossfire exists primarily for the encouragement and teaching of Christians in the school as they go about their school life. As such, in our meetings we have covered relevant topics, such as, 'courage' and 'faith', with reference to various biblical characters. We have also studied 'Christian Basics' and the book of James, which describes Christian living. Throughout the year we have had several outside speakers to provide a different viewpoint on various subjects.

Yet, Crossfire is not just about Christian worship and study, but involves lots of social activities, ranging from 'ten-pin bowling' to joint meetings



with the girls from Denmark Road Christian Union. There have also been 'Inter-School Christian Union' meetings involving many Gloucester schools.

Everyone is always welcome at our weekly meetings, whether they are a Christian already, or if they want to know more about Christian matters. So if you are interested in joining, then just come along to one of the meetings.

Mr C Cappi

CHESSE REPORT

This year has been a very successful one for the school Chess team. The team has triumphed locally and nationally, as well as ensuring that it remains one of the best school teams in the country.

The first major event was the annual 'Marlwood School Tournament', held last October and lasting a whole weekend. After two rounds, the tournament was split into three sections, with the Rich's team narrowly missing the top section. The tournament continued and after a further four rounds, the school was in close contention for the 'Intermediate Section'. In the last round, Andrew Roderick, the Rich's captain, won his final game, which had lasted for two hours. This produced victory for Rich's by half a point. Andrew won the prize for the best Rich's performance, while Luke Fitch won the best board. This was a very creditable all-round team performance, in a competition, which attracts the best teams from over Britain and Ireland. It also includes some outstanding international players.

Meanwhile, in the North Gloucestershire League, the Rich's teams were to be found competing in Divisions 3 and 5 respectively, of this adult chess league. In Division 3, the school picked up eight points out of ten in the first five matches, while the Division 5 team was always in close contention with two other teams for top position.

In the North Gloucestershire knockout competition, the school had to play 'Nuclear Electric' in the first round. The opposition was a Division one side, but the school held them to two and half points each, winning by virtue of taking the top two boards. The school sadly went out in the next round to Gloucester chess club, who possess two Division one sides and have strength in depth.

The team also competed in another knockout competition and this was 'The Times, British Schools Championship'. The school beat Kings, Bournside and Monks Park, Bristol, to win the local 'zone'. This now left only twenty-four surviving teams in the competition, nationwide and the school was drawn to play Arden school, Solihull. This team included two England Junior players. The team won by three and half boards to two and half, but due to an age handicap system, we went out of the competition. This was probably the low

point of the season, but the team to their credit put defeat behind them. Two teams of younger players competed well in the local junior league, gaining valuable experience.

The Under 14 team did well in the Birmingham and District 'Quickplay' tournament and in the Under 18 section, a much weakened team played good chess to come equal seventh. David Freeman, Adrian McBurnie and Duncan McBurnie all played for the county on a number of occasions during the year.

In the 'Secondary Schools Congress', Chris Poole won the Under 15 section, with Tim Poole coming equal second and Adrian McBurnie came equal second in the Under 18's section.

After a promising start to the season, the Division three team had become 'bogged down', losing a number of games by the narrowest of margins, 3-2. However, we knew that a good result in our last match would mean second place and promotion. On the same night, the Division five team played their last match, needing a draw for promotion, while a win would mean the divisional championship.

In the event, the Division three team lost 3-2, but they still were promoted, while the Division five team won, giving them the title. This now means that Rich's will have teams in Divisions two, four and five. This will be quite a challenge, but one which I am sure we will rise to next season. The cause is not helped though, by the fact that Andrew Roderick, who has played for the team for several years and has been captain this year, will be leaving the school. All the chess players in the school wish him all the best in the future.

Last, but by no means least, I would like to thank Mr Fowler, without whom, none of this could have taken place. He has given up many weekends and evenings to allow teams to compete. His lunch-time chess club is thriving, with about fifty pupils taking part regularly. As a consequence, the strength and commitment to chess in the school is strong and seems set to stay this way for a number of years.

A McBurnie 6R



DEBATING SOCIETY



This House believes that the Sir Thomas Rich's School Debating Society is as strong as ever! The year started with the Society President, Mr Slinger, chairing an "Any Questions" session. An able panel of guests, consisting of staff and senior pupils answered questions on a variety of topics, ranging from Europe to GCSE's.

In October, a Junior debate was held, with some Year 7 pupils, discussing whether the youth of today has too much freedom and is spoilt. The motion was defeated by five votes to twenty. The next month, Adrian McBurnie chaired a battle royal, in which Mark Dempsey and Martin Burdett took on Richard Hill-Tout and Tristan Meredith, proposing that the monarchy should be abolished. The motion gained eighteen votes, but there were forty-three against. On arriving home, I discovered that Windsor Castle was on fire!

Tim Herbert chaired a debate on the subject of refugees and their treatment by the British Government. Louis Delwiche and Tristan Meredith won the motion. On the last day of the Michaelmas term, the society witnessed a legendary debate, in front of a packed library audience. The arguments included the scientific, the super-natural, the psycho-analytical, the metaphysical and the pseudointellectual. Adrian McBurnie and John Jeffries proposed, "This House believes in Father Christmas". Louis Delwiche and Tristan Meredith won against all the odds by six votes.

In the new year, a "Call my Bluff" session was held. A staff team, including Mrs Barnes, Mr Moss and Mr Slinger competed against the sixth form. Was "pantothermal" able to withstand a wide range of temperatures? or a Chinese word for a silver box containing powdered Rhino horn? Was a "Haiku" an eight line Japanese love poem, an aquatic fish or a robber?

Tristan Meredith chaired in February a debate on whether the UN should take on the role of a world police force. In favour was Oliver Scarff and Mr Slinger, while Mr Hodgkinson and Louis Delwiche were against. The motion was voted down by twenty-six votes to eight.

In March, Luke Fitch chaired the game, 'Just a Minute'. The contestants had to speak without hesitation, repetition or deviation on topics including, Welsh Rugby, feminism and Test Cricket. Hilary Osborne scored 38 points, John Jeffries 37, Adrian McBurnie 36 and Rowena Hopkins, 18.

The month of May saw a 'farewell session' of 'Any Questions' involving members of the Upper Sixth. Questions ranged from whether they thought people who did not attend debates were intellectually inferior, to subjects relating to alcohol, politics and the panels' greatest achievements.

The highlight of the year came with the re-introduction of the 'House Public Speaking Competition'. It fell to Northgate to speak first, with the main theme of their speech being on the subject of, "Why is English Football in decline?" Next came Westgate on the subject of, "Solving the World's Problems!", but Adrian McBurnie, Westgate's main speaker changed the theme and produced a speech on the topic of "Talking about Nothing!" Then came Eastgate, who selected the very serious topic of 'Capital Punishment' throughout the ages. Oliver Scarff was the main speaker and informed the school of the cruel and barbaric methods of killing convicted criminals.

Finally, came Southgate, whereby Paul Kingsbury hailed to the audience and announced their selected topic which was based on "Soil Erosion". John Jeffries provided the audience with a great speech, informing the school that it was in great peril, due to the fact that excessive cross-country running by Rich's pupils was causing soil erosion, underpinning Chosen Hill, which could engulf the whole school with a giant landslide, if cross-country running was not dispensed with immediately. We were told that "Myriads of Smallwoodians and Lloydians" had over the years dispersed soil deposits away from the base of Chosen Hill. After extensive deliberation by the panel of Judges, that consisted of the Senior Management Team, the result was announced.

1st	Southgate	205 points
2nd	Westgate	178 points
3rd	Northgate	170 points
4th	Eastgate	168 points

Finally, I must thank Mr Slinger for all of his support and time in ensuring that the Debating Society is an entertaining and an integral part of Rich's school life. Hopefully, we will have another series of lively debates and full of controversial viewpoints.

A McBurnie 6R



YEAR 7 ACTIVITIES



this 'seed' of a suggestion, has grown many diverse activities, such as the table-tennis and Badminton clubs.



Also, a monthly programme of Year 7 activities has blossomed, with many of the events becoming well established annual events. In true Richian style, the programme of activities is not rigid and set, but in fact very flexible, with new events always being tackled to cater for Year 7's diverse interests.



This year, the participants from Year 7 were spoilt for choice, starting with the annual residential trip to Stratford in early September, to be followed by a series of very competitive indoor cricket mornings in November/December. The new year started with an expedition exploring the deep caverns in the Forest of Dean on a caving trip.



Then it was a hard, but action-packed mountain bike trip, again in the Forest of Dean, on one Saturday in February. The following three months saw the pupils tackling Hockey, Go-karting and a combined Sailing/Canoeing session.



New events this year, included the indoor hockey and mountain biking. The hockey resulted from an offer by two Year 7 boys' parents, who are qualified coaches. Our thanks to Messers Mobberley and Stokes for an enjoyable and instructive morning. The mountain biking was led by a local international cyclist, Gerry McGarr, who led the boys through trails, consisting of mud, water and other taxing obstacles. All the boys enjoyed this particular event and it looks set to be an annual event.



The activities offer the opportunity to experience 'outdoor pursuits', which pupils may otherwise not obtain the chance to experience. Every Year 7 boy went on at least one event, while some hardy types went on them all!



Mr I L Kellie



PHYSICAL EDUCATION



PHYSICAL EDUCATION REVIEW

To write a report which encompasses all that has been achieved this year would be both difficult and long-winded. As in previous years, there has been a great deal of activity, both within the school PE curriculum and the normal, extensive extra-curricular activities.

The introduction of the National Curriculum at Year 7 level has been quite successful and with the support of a good 'Inspection Report', the department feels that it is well on course, with only a few slight amendments to the curriculum having to be adopted. As a consequence, the department has been able to fulfil the statutory requirements of the National Curriculum, but at the same time still maintain and enhance the extensive extra-curricular activities that it offers to all pupils. The introduction of swimming next year should help to add variety and depth to the curriculum, as well as being a pleasurable activity for the pupils. The department will greatly appreciate this additional option and this facility will be greatly utilized, not only for swimming, but hopefully, other activities, such as 'Life-Saving' courses and even canoeing.

As expected, the National Curriculum has made little impact on the PE programme and the depth and breadth of activities that the department offers is generally very good, given the restricted facilities that we work within, compared to other schools. As a result, the various programmes of study continue to offer all the pupils challenging activities, catering for all levels of ability and enabling pupils to raise their standards of performance.

In both curricular and extra-curricular work, the PE department like to promote improvement,

enjoyment and competition through the work that the pupils undertake. In addition to these objectives, the department promotes the knowledge and understanding of various technical aspects of skills taught, so that standards are improved. In all areas of the PE programme, commitment by all pupils, whatever ability, is expected and highly valued by the staff. The staff feel that progress in sport can only be accomplished if the pupils foster the department values of effort, motivation and natural enthusiasm. With the re-opening of the school swimming pool, we will be able to add yet another dimension to our extensive programme of sporting activities.

The extra-curricular programme has displayed that the above philosophy of the PE department is soundly based. The staff have seen that the pupils that 'battle' week in, week out, for the school teams, often against much larger and more physical opposition, can triumph in the end! As a result, they deserve to be praised for their loyalty and commitment to the school. They also win much credit and respect from the various masters in charge of them, who incidentally, gain a great deal of satisfaction at observing the progress that many pupils make over the course of a season, whatever the sport maybe!

In conclusion, I hope that the philosophy that the PE department promotes and values continues for many years to come, with all pupils not only receiving a good sporting foundation at Rich's, but gaining a variety of experiences that will encourage them to pursue sport for the rest of their lives.

Mr I J Gallagher

RUGBY: 1st XV REPORT

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
11	7	-	4	275	116

From the start of the season there was an air of expectancy and confidence surrounding the senior squad. With many experienced players under the captaincy of Jon Freckleton (into his third season as a 1st XV player), coupled with the injection of size and power in the shape of Kevin Snow, returning from a year out with injury and Panji Grainger, returning to rugby after many years in the basketball wilderness, there was a much greater desire to succeed than in recent seasons.

With good attendances at training sessions, the squad rapidly became a unit and played the fifteen man game with power and speed. In the early matches, against Churchdown, Chosen Hill and Marling, the pack was dominant in every phase and this enabled the backs to attack at will to ensure comfortable victories, (37-14 and 23-8, respectively).

The outstanding features of all the matches was the domination of the line out by Panji Grainger and the aggressive rucking by Kevin Snow, Jason Pegler and indeed, all the forwards. The backs in their turn had many opportunities to come forward and the excellent level of possession, particularly in the early matches meant that the backs were very much in the game with Jon Freckleton, Mark Baker and Nick James in particular, linking well.

The disappointment of the season was headed by the loss of Stephen Hughes through a dislocated shoulder during the third match of the season, followed by defeat at the hands of Kings. Other defeats were recorded against Worcester (31-5) and Monmouth (28-0). In both games general play was good, but Monmouth and Worcester deserved their wins, yet the margin of the defeats was rather disappointing in both cases.

However, overall, the season was very much a success and all the squad members can be proud of their performances as they have set a good standard for all to follow in future years.

Colours

Already awarded:

J Freckleton (Captain)
M Etheridge
M Wilton
N James

New colours:

P Grainger
J Pegler
J Attwood
N Cambridge
K Snow
M Baker

Mr I J Gallagher

RUGBY: 1st XV CAPTAIN'S REPORT

After reading last year's report and learning that it was unlikely that Tim Jones would be reappearing for yet another season, I was very happy to become 1st XV Rugby captain.

Preparing for the first match against Churchdown, we were most confident, especially when we reflected upon results from previous years. Yet, we learned that three key players were missing, our heads went down, but not enough to sway the result, even though it was not exactly one of the best performances. (Result: 20-0)

So came Chosen Hill, the team who everyone was talking about. In control from the start, we put them under suitable pressure, until the arrival of groups of girls, headed by the girlfriend of full-back, Nick James. This subsequently resulted in a lapse of concentration near the end of the first half, which allowed an ex-pupil from Rich's, Andrew Giles, to run in two tries, which put them in the lead at half-time. This resulted in words of encouragement from Mr Gallagher.

It worked however, as in the second half, we took them apart, which resulted in a well deserved victory of 37-14.

We then played at home to St Edwards, who looked capable of playing a good standard of rugby, but unfortunately for them, we definitely could and produced a well deserved 33-0 victory, with Mark Baker and Nick James combining well to make frequent in-roads into their defence.

The next match was away to Marling and thinking of our previous encounters, this would be a stern test for the team. We got off to a great start, which was somewhat dampened by the exit of Steffan "Mad-dog" Hughes, with a dislocated shoulder for the third year in succession. We made things hard work for ourselves from this point, but eventually turned out to be winners, 23-8.

Against St Peters, we produced an excellent second half performance, after losing our main line-out jumper, Panji Grainger, whose height proved to be a disadvantage when he was unfairly dismissed for a tackle, which was judged to be too high. This game provided us with our highest winning margin, 47-5.

We then went to Newent, which was a very uneventful game and ended up with a winning score of 20-7. The less said about this game the better!

The autumn half-term break took its toll and we returned well under par in terms of commitment

and fitness. This was most evident in the match against Worcester and suffered our first defeat of the season, 31-5.

The following week we played Kings at home and in a game which we should have won, we failed to convert our pressure on the opposition into tries. Thus, it was of no surprise when we allowed the opposition to come back at us and run out winners at 13-5.

Then came Crypt, our arch rivals and after two morale sapping defeats still ringing in our minds, we were determined to produce a good performance. We played our best rugby of the season, against a team we all wanted to beat. This was accomplished and we won by 31-3.

From this point onwards, the season tailed off with two game being cancelled and two others being played in very poor weather conditions against two very good teams, Monmouth and Bournside, who both beat us by 28-0 and 21-7 points respectively.

Overall, it was a good season, with some excellent team and individual performances. At times, some of the defeats were a little unfortunate and mainly were our own faults. I would like to thank everyone in the team for their effort, humour and commitment, especially those members playing in their final year at Rich's. Of course, I must not forget Mr Gallagher, who was always prepared to provide advice to us in his own distinctive style!

J Freckleton 6B

RUGBY: 2nd XV REPORT

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
8	4	-	4	101	133

The 2nd XV opened the season with a 46-0 victory over Churchdown, but then lost their next two matches to Chosen Hill and Marling. With increased numbers turning out for training, the team began to improve their basic skills and won two of their next three matches. They then faced their hardest match against a very strong Monmouth side, losing 43-0, but showing great team spirit and commitment in defence.

Due to bad weather, the team had their next two matches cancelled, but made up for this lack of competition by winning their remaining match against Archway.

Throughout the season the team have worked well together and the development of a good team spirit will hopefully be continued into next year's fixtures.



Colours

Full:	Half:
L Tyreman	N Bamaby
D Vizard	A Tiffney
D Battin	P Greenwood
J Allen	M Dearlove
	J Hemms

Mr I M Hodgkinson/Mr M R Swann

RUGBY: COLTS XV REPORT

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
12	7	-	5	214	209

The Colts XV had a great deal to prove this season and to do this it was necessary for them to change their attitude. All of the squad worked hard on their strength and fitness.

The confidence in the autumn term was immediately apparent, with the team producing a 27-12 victory over Crypt school in the opening game. However, only one victory in the next five games was achieved and this indicated that things were still far from satisfactory, although progress was evident. Yet, the nature of these defeats suggested that the team had a promising future and under the captaincy of Martin Burdett, ably supported by Tom Harris and Richard Saunders, a strong team pattern started to emerge.

Although the team played a limited style of rugby, with outside-half, Ben Mitchell playing mainly to the forwards, the team began to dominate progressively more in matches. In attack, Simon Bennett and Brain Health combined well and with defence improving with each game, the team fully deserved the success that they eventually had, finishing the season with five wins out of six matches.

Colours

M Burdett
T Harris
R Saunders
A Blewitt

Mr I J Gallagher

RUGBY: UNDER 14 XV REPORT

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
12	9	1	2	376	161

The Under 14's started the season brimming with confidence. The first two matches appeared to confirm their confidence. An emphatic away win over Crypt and a courageous home draw against a large Marling side.

It was clear that the team's great strength was in the back division. With Badham and Stevens as half backs and Radcliffe at full back, there was fine footballing skills to be admired. While the rest of the three-quarters, in the form of Griffiths, Quainton, Wilkinson and in particular, Lia-Hung, genuine pace, flare and strong defensive qualities were much in evidence. Gareth Owen proved a fine "utility" back, who could slot in where needed. The real powerhouse of the side was Adams, whose ability to punch holes in the opposition defences was to be the key to many tries during the season. The forwards, however, seemed to depend far too much on the success of their backs. They began the season in a rather slow manner, lacking pace and physical presence.

At Whitecross, Tommy's were beaten by the simple tactic of being knocked down hard in midfield and then losing second and third phase ball.

After this event, lessons were learned. The pack was reshuffled and new players joined the squad to add to competition for places. The forwards developed more determination, mainly due the addition of some new faces to the team.

The one remaining defeat of the season at St Peters was a result of strong opposition, a narrow pitch and some major injury problems. After half term, the side went from strength to strength, with forwards developing a fine rucking game, with emphasis on releasing the backs quickly to make penetrating runs at the opposition. At times, the standard of play was breath taking and resulted in many instances of 'quality' rugby. Some pretty good sides, such as Archway, were heavily beaten by performances that displayed great maturity.

It was therefore, a highly enjoyable and rewarding season. It was a real pleasure to work with a squad that really relished their rugby.

Colours

J Adams
J Lia-Hung

Mr I M Hodgkinson

RUGBY: UNDER 13 XV REPORT

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
13	8	-	5	215	226

This was a relatively satisfactory season, although the team will have to work hard in the forthcoming years, if progress is to be made. With eight wins and five defeats the team must be given credit for their enthusiasm and commitment. This was very pleasing, when one considers that many playing were physically not as strong as many of their opponents. Also, the team consisted of many players who were natural soccer stars and were rather inexperienced when it came to Rich's number one sport!

The possible defeats that they experienced related to a number of factors. For instance, against Archway they were comprehensively beaten, mainly due to the greater physical maturity of the opposition. Another reason related to the team tending to rely on a number of key players, instead of operating as one unit.

Yet, at times there were some excellent performances, such as against Whitecross away and although they lost to St Peter's, the team was tremendous for actually coming very close to beating a side who had dominated the local school rugby scene at this age level.

One must mention Gary Pocock who displayed excellent development as the season progressed. He displayed tremendous commitment, aggression and power, often making surging runs against all opposition. Jimmy Cox was also influential at times, with his blistering pace and ability at avoiding tackles. All of the players contributed something to the team, with the only one poor performance, this being against Archway.

Thus, the season highlighted that the team had plenty of potential and talent. Yet, they must gain greater confidence in tackling opposition much larger than themselves. The forwards must work harder to gain good second phase ball for their backs, who have the potential to take the opposition to the cleaners if given the chance.

Therefore, the under 13's did produce a creditable season, but there is plenty of scope for improvement, which will come as they mature and physically become stronger. Yet, this will only materialise through lots of hard work, the right attitude and the team collectively eliminating weak areas. I wish them lots of luck next season, as it is bound to be a long and hard one!

Mr P D Lloyd



Pupils awarded rugby colours by
Ian Smith, Gloucester and Scotland (centre of photograph)

SOCCER: UNDER 15 REPORT

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
6	2	-	4	8	11

Although the school won only two of its six fixtures, the spirit in the team always remained high. Often against more skilful sides, the team displayed a desire to compete strongly and were never out of contention in many matches. Indeed, on many occasions, they could have won, had they taken their chances.

Ben Mitchell deserves a special mention for his captaincy and fine leadership, which was often by example. His efforts were influential in getting better performances out of many other members of the team. As they play together more, they will become more fluent and eradicate the technical errors that have tended to cost goals. I suspect also that some members of the side have enjoyed the game more than they thought, despite what they say when comparing soccer with Rich's more traditional game, rugby.

Colours

B Mitchell - for his outstanding leadership and example to his peers.

Mr B L North

SOCCER: UNDER 14 REPORT

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
7	7	-	-	27	7

The team set out this season to defend their County Championship title. In the initial stages, we were placed in the Gloucester City and Forest of Dean area. This section consisted of two groups of four teams. In our section we had Heywood School, (Cinderford), whom we beat 4-1 in our opening game of the season, plus teams from Brockworth and Saintbridge schools.

In our next match, away to against Brockworth, we produced a convincing 5-1 victory. Then we finished off winning the section with a 3-0 victory over our arch-rivals, Saintbridge. Now that we had won our section, it was time to face the winners of the other section, who happened to be Newent. Once more, we progressed into the next round, after beating Newent 4-2, which was a fair result, but we had beaten them earlier on in the season in a friendly match by 7 goals to 1.

By beating Newent, we had won the Gloucester City and Forest of Dean section and now progressed to the next stage. This resulted in the team playing the winner of the Cheltenham and Tewkesbury District area. The winner of this



section was Balcarras school, from Cheltenham. The match took place at Longlevens A F C and although Balcarras were not a particularly good team, we tended to struggle in the match, not really converting good scoring opportunities into goals. Yet, we eventually ran out comfortable winners, with the scoreline being 1-0.

The County Final now awaited the team and this resulted in us facing the winners of the Stroud and Cirencester District area winners. The final was to be a repeat of last season, as we were to face Marling from Stroud, the team we had convincingly defeated in the previous year's cup final. The venue was once again at Longlevens A F C and we quickly dominated the early part of the match, taking a 2-0 lead. Yet, despite having most of the play and creating lots of chances, we could not extend this lead. The scoreline remained the same by half-time, but we were all generally satisfied with our performances.

However, we had been led into a false sense of security. For despite scoring another goal, early on in the second half, Marling came back and snatched two quick goals. This now placed us under a great deal of pressure and the general composure of the team was lost. At times, we tended to panic and allowed Marling too much time and space, as well as allowing them to regain possession too easily. Yet, luckily for us, we tightened things up and regained our composure, to eventually run out as 3-2 winners. Thus, we were once again the County Cup Champions, for the second year in succession. Of course, the target for next year, will be to make it a hat-trick, but we will have to work extra hard and not allow our past record to make us complacent or over confident. On behalf of the team and the school, I would like to thank Longlevens A F C for their great support during the season.

T Radcliffe 9R



SOCCKER: UNDER 13 REPORT

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
6	4	1	1	40	13

At first sight the results show a reasonably successful season for the Under 13's. However, there will be some disappointments amongst the team in their failure to retain the league title that they won last year.

The critical game was the loss against a more determined Saintbridge side, but the warning signs were there in the first match against Newent, where defensive frailties were clearly in evidence.

However, if the team can learn from this experience and not attribute poor results to external factors, such as referees, size of pitches or weather conditions, then perhaps they may still transform themselves from a good attacking side into a better all-round team, capable of winning more trophies.

Mr R J Lockey

SOCCKER: UNDER 12 REPORT

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
6	2	2	2	10	11

The season was quite encouraging and this was mainly due to the excellent commitment that the team displayed in training, as well as in school matches. They produced two draws, one win and two defeats.

The defeat came against a Saintbridge side who deserved their win. They were physically more committed and technically better than Rich's. In fact, the match clearly demonstrated the areas that



the team must work upon if progress is to be made in coming seasons. For instance, many players will have to improve their ability to control the ball under pressure, as well as keep possession, instead of giving the ball away, which happened too often in many matches. Also, the team will have to improve their ability to pass the ball accurately to fellow players and be more committed in their quest to win the ball back from the opposition.

Yet, despite these criticisms, I feel that the team spirit was excellent and this combined with the natural enthusiasm of the players, will surely result in future progress. This of course will only come from lots of hard work in training, especially on the technical aspects of the game.

One must mention some prominent players, who helped to unite the team. Ben Mason was excellent in midfield, often linking up with Ryan Bevan, winning the ball and feeding Craig Westby. With regret, the team will lose Olly Jones next season, who was such a driving force up front and a player who created many chances.

In the heart of defence, Geoff Whittington was dominant, while Ben Stone worked quietly and effectively at right back. David Capper grew with confidence as the season progressed and on more than one occasion saved the team from some embarrassing situations.

Thus, a mixed season, with plenty of scope for improvement, but some encouraging signs. One thing is for sure, the team will be undertaking plenty of practice in the autumn term, with emphasis on individual ball skills to improve their technical ability.

Mr P D Lloyd



CRICKET: 1st XI REPORT

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
3	1	-	2

With only three fixtures being played, it is difficult to generate any rhythm, team spirit or cohesion, especially when it is cold and wet. This season, we had potentially the best team for several years, but I was rather disappointed that the games finished as they did, with two matches ending in close defeats, not even in draws.

In all the matches, a casual approach relating to all aspects of the game led to the poor results. The fielding was particularly poor and a rather

disappointing standard for such an able set of players.

The highlight of the season revolved once again around the ability of Jon Freckleton, who came to the rescue when our innings looked rather poor against Marling and Kings. The other positive aspect of the season related to Neil Bennett and Steve Poffley, whose bowling was controlled, consistent and aggressive in all matches.

Apart from these areas, the team did not fulfil their potential and one feels that it mainly revolved around attitude and commitment. Maybe exam anxiety had a part to play!

Mr I J Gallagher

CRICKET: UNDER 15 REPORT

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
6	4	1	1

I have been in charge of this team since the second year, Year 8. Without question, during the past three years, the team, through their own hard work and commitment, has improved, from a rather disorganised group of novice cricketers, to a team that is efficient, highly competitive and very able. When this team has taken the field, they have been highly motivated, keen and desperate to win. This has been very evident this season, in which they have produced a good record, particularly with excellent wins over Dean Close and Crypt. The match against Marling was particularly good, when they produced a very creditable draw.

This improvement has not just been related to their commitment to Rich's cricket, but to their involvement with external matches, with the majority of the team playing for British Rail. A personal thanks must be paid to Marc Fowler's father, who runs this team and has helped make my job so much easier. One must also thank the various parents of the team, who have displayed lots of support and encouragement, during the course of the last three seasons.

The highlight of the season has been the winning of the local Rotary City Cup, beating Brockworth in the final, at King's, by a clear forty-five runs and after only losing three wickets. This match was the culmination of three hard years, in which the team has had its 'highs and lows'. Yet, their greatest strength has been perseverance and commitment towards each other. They have always displayed a positive attitude on the field of

play, with their bowling and fielding being a particularly strong feature of their game.

This season some of the team members have definitely improved their technical expertise in the batting department. Of course, if the team is to progress from being a good team, to one that is almost unbeatable, all the members will have to ensure that they work hard upon their batting technique, with winter nets a priority.

One must mention Richard Saunders, who earns his 'full' colours and was a key member of the team's success. Yet, a successful team is not made up of one member and so one must mention other individuals, whose contributions were a significant factor this season. Tom Harris, ever reliable, was a calming and steady force in the team, ensuring on many occasions, that nerves did not strike the batting order. Simon Bennett will be remembered for his wonderful 65, Not Out, in the Rotary final, as well as his dynamic fielding and aggressive bowling. James Newman had a rather inconsistent year, in terms of batting, but he was a very reliable force in relation to his bowling. Behind the stumps, Ben Mitchell was dynamite, with some very solid performances, while Matthew Gough added an extra dimension to the team's bowling attack. All the team members displayed a willingness to win and in their own individual ways, contributed something, to produce fine team spirit. This has been an enjoyable season. Well done lads!

Colours

R Saunders (Captain)

Mr P Lloyd

CRICKET: UNDER 14 REPORT

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
8	4	3	1

This season saw the Under 14's develop from being a side with severe batting frailties and inconsistent bowlers into one with many positive strengths. Despite playing against virtually all of the top school teams in the county, they boasted a proud record.

In the process, they amassed a total of nearly one thousand runs and took nearly fifty wickets. All this was crowned by winning the Rotary Cup competition, with a comprehensive win over Saintbridge School, after fine victories away at Newent and King's.

Each one of the top five batsmen made a significant contribution in at least one of the

matches, with the captain Tom Radcliffe setting an outstanding example by scoring over three hundred runs, at an average of seventy-six. They have all displayed good technique and solid defence, mainly due to benefiting from playing on well prepared pitches.

The bowling attack is beginning to look well balanced and they are learning to avoid bowling too many poor deliveries, especially in limited overs situations. They are also being supported by improved fielding and tactical awareness in close matches. The team spirit has been excellent throughout the season and this has made it a pleasure to be associated with them.

The Under 14's, therefore can look back on a very satisfying season and if they continue to build on the skills they have acquired, they can anticipate more success in the future. The team has been an inspiration and fine example to the younger cricketers in the school.

Mr R Lockey



Under 14 cricket team - Gloucester city Rotary cup winners 1993

CRICKET: UNDER 13 REPORT

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
3	1	0	2

The season began with high hopes, with a large and enthusiastic squad of players, who displayed a willingness to listen and learn.

The first fixture lead us to increased confidence, with a ten wicket victory over Kings School. Sadly, it was a result that flattered to deceive and we went onto our only two other matches, against Marling and Crypt.

There were various factors which affected the rest of the season. Firstly, I must accept a large amount of responsibility for the failures in these last two matches. Due to other professional commitments, I was prevented from spending enough time coaching the team during the course of the season. This was sad, but I feel such a situation is unlikely to improve. I have spent less time with this team, than with any other I have been involved with during my professional career.

The second factor to affect the season, was the unpredictable weather, which tended to be inclement at the wrong times and subsequently prevented play. The third reason is related to the make-up of the squad itself. Several players are still physically small and find it difficult to reach and drive the ball. This problem will recede with time. The bowling also lacks consistent length and line. Until these are found, it will always be expensive, resulting in additional pressure upon the players. They are a team who will improve over the next few years and will win more games.

Finally, I wish to thank my colleagues and particularly Gareth Cippi, for offering support and assistance beyond the call of duty.

Mr B L North



CRICKET: UNDER 12 REPORT

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
3	1	1	1

In a season in which fixtures have been halved by poor weather conditions, there has been little chance to develop any continuity. The team has shown a willingness, coupled with reasonable ability. However, the shift to afternoon 'timed' matches caused problems in that concentration was difficult to maintain.

In the match against Crypt, the opposition batted first and were dismissed for just fifteen runs, with only twenty-three overs completed. The bowling was very tight and the fielding was excellent. In reply, Rich's were eighteen for the loss of three wickets.

Against Severn Vale, the school batted first this time and scored seventy runs for the loss of six wickets, off twenty overs, showing that the concentration needed to bat for long periods was not really present.

In reply, Severn Vale batted very well and won by six wickets, scoring seventy-five runs for the loss of four wickets.

Finally, in the match against Marling, the school's main weaknesses were highlighted, as a very good Marling side reached 143 for the loss of five wickets. They declared at tea and Rich's realizing their limitations and the fact that Marling had three county bowlers, decided from the onset, to play for a draw. Peter Rose was tremendous in this match, staying in for over two hours, while some of his team mates batted poorly, to be dismissed rather too easily. After the loss of three cheap wickets, Peter was joined by Ryan Bevan, who supported him in a most dogmatic and able way. These two batsmen, held their ground right to the end, with Rich's finally scoring 17 runs for the loss of three wickets and subsequently earning the school a well earned draw.

For next season, the team will have to apply themselves in a more dynamic way, improving upon their weak areas and becoming fully aware of their responsibilities to each other, so that they play as an efficient team.

Mr I J Gallagher



SPORTS EVENING 1993

The games opened with a resounding 'ping', emanating from Mr Lloyd's new, revolutionary starting device, which was a distinct improvement on last year's farce. The fans had gathered in their hundreds, many of whom had just got back from the Bilslet games in Oslo and were treated to some outstanding performances, with the 800 metres starting the proceedings. Westgate had a slim lead, due to the events that had taken place, prior to the evening, but the 'bookies' favourites to win the trophy was Northgate.

As the track events proceeded, various field events were in full flight around various locations near to the track. Javelins were thrown with aerodynamic precision, shots were putted with all the vigor and strength of sumo wrestlers, while jumps were executed with tremendous elasticity. The 'bungee jumping' training sessions, that some of the competitors had employed, allowed them to leap into commanding leads.



The events followed on rapidly, a testament to the speed of Rich's athletes and Mr Gallagher's Swiss watch. In addition, Mr T W Morgan, alias Alan Parry, guided the packed stadium with expert commentary,

supplying detailed statistics about form, records and the following wind conditions. It is possible that his anecdotes and knowledgeable comments were missed by some absorbed in the racing, but the highlight of his commentary was:

"I have personal experience of the 400 metres, they need to keep their legs moving in this one."

The excitement of the racing was so intense, that a break in the proceedings was announced, allowing the spectators to obtain some light refreshment, while the athletes could fill up on some 'Isotonic' fluids, ensuring that split seconds could be knocked off the records.

The racing resumed, with Rich's very own 'Dream Mile', minus 100 metres, involving competitors from Year 10 and 9. One could detect instantly, how many of these athletes had been involved in intense training for months prior to the race and how the many 'Fartlek' sessions were now paying dividends. One could not fail to notice that the first five runners home in this race came from Year 9, with no Year 10 athlete appearing for some

time. One questioned whether Year 10's universal training diet, which involved 'carbohydrate loading', with the consumption of large portions of school chips, had misfired, resulting in the subsequently disastrous performances.



Gradually, the evening drew towards its climax, firstly with the 'blue-ribbon' event, the 100 metres. James Cox and Jeremy Lai-Hung added convincing wins, to produce 'sprint doubles' that Linford Christie would have been proud to have performed. Finally, the relays started, with Eastgate pipping Northgate on the line and Mr Lockett having to rush to the dark room to develop the photo-finish, but unfortunately he had run out of 'Fixer'.

As the storm clouds gathered, the sports evening drew to a close. The results were produced by Mr Moss on his computer system, with James Ballard's record in the shot, being one of the highlights of the evening. Mr Jarvis presented the winner's trophy to Northgate and everyone wondered why Westgate had not won the event, particularly as Mr Lloyd had helped organise the evening.

The evening had been very successful, with multiple wins by Simon Wilkinson, David Nichols and Matthew Bower, to name but a few. The staff awarded prizes to various individuals, with Mr Hodgkinson winning the prize for the most fashionable shorts, Jimmy Cox for his incredible sprinting technique. Mr Morgan for his commentary, that has ensured him a contract with "Sky Sport" and finally, Mr Swann/Mr North, for their time-keeping and their ability to use the school's sun dial so quickly, despite the evening being so cloudy.

The PE department thanked all those who made the evening so successful, with the gate receipts apparently being contributed to refurbish Mr Gallagher's new 'en-suite' office, next to the swimming pool.

An enthralled spectator!





OLD RICHIAN'S' ASSOCIATION: PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1992 - 93

President:	Stanley Jones
Secretary:	David Billingham
Treasurer:	Andrew Bishop
Past President:	David Mayo
Chairman Junior Section & Membership Secretary:	David Hook

It is most gratifying to report that during the second year of my presidency in which membership has again increased, that the Association is flourishing. During the past twelve months I have received a host of welcome letters from both home and overseas demonstrating that a growing number of Old Richians are taking an interest in our activities. The main event of the year, of course, was the highly successful buffet evening held in the school hall and which has been chronicled elsewhere. It was pleasing to see such a large number of younger members at this function and this hopefully indicates a healthy future for the Association. Once again, we participated in the July School Fayre by setting up some attractive stalls and by erecting a meeting point for Old Richians to renew acquaintances. Andrew Bishop and Ian Poole have rendered excellent service representing us on the School Fayre Committee. The Junior Section has once more enjoyed an active year due to the enthusiasm of David Hook and his Committee.

It appears that the school swimming pool for the original construction of which Old Richians during the Tercentenary Celebrations in 1966 donated 'Sixteen thousand pounds' - and more - is at last due to re-open in September, refurbished to a very high standard. Our sincere thanks to all who have contributed so generously to the recent Swimming Pool Appeal and also to the Swimming Pool Committee. Clearly the pool will prove a tremendous asset to the school and should ensure that no pupil will leave Rich's without having the opportunity to learn to swim.

Not all Richians are aware, perhaps, that the school possesses an archives room, containing past registers, school magazines, memorabilia, pictures and photographs, and this impressive collection we are anxious to enlarge. If anyone has useful additions particularly of memorabilia, documents and school magazines that they would care to donate the school would be very glad to have them. Valuable photographs which you would like returned, the Association will be happy to copy. It is our hope that these records will provide a worthy source of information about the history of both the School and the Association.

We have decided to move into the technological age by producing a comprehensive computer list

of all Old Richians whether members of the Association or not. So far, we possess the details of seven to eight hundred former pupils. Naturally, we rely on Richians submitting not only their own up-to-date addresses, phone numbers and school years, but also those of their contemporaries and even members of their families! Therefore, please be good enough to send me any information you may have, so that we can update our records and make them as accurate as possible.

As you doubtless know, the demand for places at Rich's has become so great, that considerable amount of building and re-construction is scheduled to take place in order to accommodate the necessary additions on the site. As an Association, we felt that we would like to make a tangible contribution to this exciting enterprise. Thus, during the course of the April buffet evening, I as President, launched a special appeal to raise £1500 during the coming twelve months to help re-design, re-decorate and re-carpet the school foyer, which should then provide the impressive and welcoming entrance for such a great school. In the foyer, we expect to re-hang the Founder's portrait, display the official crest, erect a wall-case for the Old Richians' notices and provide a suitable area for exhibitions of high-quality school work. To date we have received nearly £400 towards this target, for we realised £140 as a result of the buffet evening raffle and I am happy to report, £250 has been left to the Association by one of our most loyal and dedicated members and Past President, the late Mr Alf Martin (1926 - 31), by which he intended to purchase a special display cabinet for the foyer, dedicated to his memory. I ask if you would please make as generous a gift as you feel able to this important venture.

I cannot let this opportunity pass without recording heartfelt thanks for the diligence and efficiency of an excellent band of committee members whose sterling work has contributed in no small measure to the recent success of the Association. Moreover, once again, we are indebted to Alan Pilbeam whose invaluable advice and constant support is greatly appreciated and of course, to the Headmaster, whose unceasing interest and encouragement has been largely instrumental in enabling us to forge closer links with the school more than ever before.

We hope to see you all at the next buffet event at the school on Saturday, 26th March, 1994. Please note the date in your diaries now and spread the word to your contemporaries. We promise you a marvellous evening.

Garde ta Foy!

Stanley Jones (President)

OLD RICHIAN'S ASSOCIATION: ANNUAL REUNION EVENING

On Saturday, 3rd April, 1993, the Association held another successful buffet in the school hall. The top table was graced by the attendance of the Mayor and Mayoress of Gloucester, Councillor and Mrs B Richards; the Chairman of the School Governors, Miss J Wilton; and the Chairman of the Parents' Association, Mr D Saunders. The school years from 1920, right up to the present day were represented by Old Richians, who were accompanied by their ladies. Former and present members of staff and a large contingent of the Sixth Form, also accepted invitations to attend. We were particularly delighted to see present, Mr J A Stocks, Headmaster (1961 - 73), and Mr W G Heap, Headmaster (1973 - 89) and Mr D Joseph (1946 - 81).

The school was open at 4.30 pm, in order to allow members to tour the buildings. As last year, a range of interesting documents and notable memorabilia were on view in the Library, including a fine collection of photographs taken by Miss Winifred Thompson, Art Mistress (1914 - 57). Also, exhibited for the first time, were photographs of the 181 Squadron Air Training Corps, formed on the Barton Street site in 1940 and led by O C F/Lt W J Veale, F/O G Beckingham, father of George Beckingham (1940 - 46), who was present at the buffet.

After the meal, the President read the apologies from M W J Veale, Paignton, (Headmaster 1932 - 57), Ralph Villiers (1940 - 47), Mexico City, A A Taylor (1942 - 48), Calgary; Professor Anthony Perks (1943 - 50), Vancouver; and Mark Bryant (1963 - 71), Sydney. The traditional toast, "Sir Thomas Rich's and all that it implies" was proposed by the Deputy Headmaster, Mr Alan Pilbeam, who in a very witty speech unearthed a host of amusing anecdotes about his long and loyal service to the school since 1961. In his response, the Headmaster, Mr Tony Jarvis, reviewed the recent excellent progress of the school and outlined the imaginative proposals for the expansion and refurbishing of the school buildings.

During the course of the evening the customary raffle was conducted, the first prize for which was a framed coloured print of Sir Thomas Rich's Bluecoat Hospital, when it existed on the present Guildhall site (1807 - 1889). Part of the proceeds of the raffle went to the Swimming Pool Appeal. However, as the President used the occasion to launch a special appeal to all Old Richians to aid the school in the re-decorating and refurbishing the Foyer during the coming twelve months, £140 from the raffle was set aside as the first donation to this important cause.

At the end of the function, the President thanked Mr Frank Henderson and the Venture Scouts for efficiently organising the bar, Dennis Collins, who for the first time splendidly acted as our Master of Ceremonies, and members of the Committee, especially Andrew Bishop, David Hook, David Mayo and Steve Grieve, without whose enthusiastic help and support, the event could not have taken place. We are also greatly indebted to Philip Day, who each year lends his professional skills to the design of the seating plan. The President also spoke warmly of the sixty years loyal service as a Committee Member that Jack Dean (1926 - 32) had given to the Association - a record in its long history. The special lady guests at the end of a most enjoyable evening were each presented with one of the lovely baskets of flowers that adorned the top table.

Several Richians have enquired about the names of those who attended the last two buffet events. The following is a comprehensive list:

A Cumming (1918 - 23)	S W Smith (1920 - 25)	R A Gabb (1923 - 27)
E D Gough (1923 - 30)	J W Dean (1926 - 32)	R A Green (1928 - 32)
G Baxter (1924 - 33)	K G Aldous (1931 - 36)	S G Brint (1929 - 37)
F O Watkins (1933 - 37)	W H J Arnold (1931 - 38)	W J Marshall (1931 - 38)
R H C Philby (1932 - 38)	W G Hook (1931 - 39)	A W Claridge (1933 - 39)
B Harding (1935 - 39)	N V Hedges (1934 - 40)	T B Wilcox (1937 - 40)
R E Lewis (1936 - 41)	J F Hutton (1935 - 42)	J Hewlett (1936 - 42)
D Eacott (1937 - 42)	K L Green (1937 - 42)	D McIntosh (1937 - 42)
D J Rice (1937 - 42)	G A Aldous (1936 - 43)	J A Aldous (1938 - 43)
D Allen (1938 - 43)	J A Bell (1940 - 43)	L Hall (1938 - 43)
E R Lewis (1938 - 43)	C A Smith (1939 - 44)	K F Tredgett (1938 - 43)
M B Page (1937 - 44)	W B Williams (1939 - 44)	E Aldous (1938 - 46)
G H Beckingham (1939 - 46)	J F Bradbury (1940 - 46)	G Chipperfield (1940 - 46)
D Walwyn-Jones (1939 - 46)	E T L Smith (1939 - 46)	J J Harding (1940 - 46)
J Bodenham (1941 - 46)	D G Collins (1941 - 46)	M L Pitt (1941 - 46)
B Rice (1941 - 46)	A F N Worth (1941 - 46)	B Wells (1940 - 47)
G E A King (1940 - 47)	M E Rowe (1940 - 47)	R F Villiers (1940 - 47)
J A Etheridge (1942 - 47)	J D Hunt (1941 - 47)	I S Norman (1942 - 47)
B Rose (1942 - 47)	W D Worrall (1942 - 47)	R L Bayliss (1942 - 48)
J E Crouch (1941 - 48)	S T Jones (1941 - 48)	J R Passey (1941 - 48)
F H Rigby (1941 - 48)	M R Stone (1941 - 48)	F K Hawker (1942 - 48)
G P Hodder (1943 - 48)	E D Morse (1942 - 48)	E Snow (1944 - 48)
R J Meacham (1940 - 49)	G W Cumming (1942 - 49)	P J Denning (1942 - 49)
N P Rigby (1942 - 49)	P E Day (1944 - 49)	G Fluck (1944 - 49)
P J Stubbs (1944 - 49)	J A Robinson (1943 - 50)	D T Shellswell (1942 - 50)
B J Lane (1943 - 50)	N W Dickenson (1945 - 50)	G F Hyett (1943 - 50)
J W Lewis (1943 - 50)	D E Mayo (1945 - 50)	B A Nash (1941 - 50)
D B Powell (1946 - 50)	J G Lancaster (1940 - 51)	J Chamberlin (1941 - 51)
M Stubbs (1943 - 49)	E Evans (1945 - 51)	B A Harris (1942 - 51)
J A Birchnell (1943 - 51)	J Robins (1943 - 51)	J Leach (1944 - 51)
D Gladwell (1946 - 51)	E A Roberts (1946 - 51)	J Bowles (1947 - 52)
J Harris (1942 - 52)	T R Harris (1946 - 52)	D H Norris (1946 - 52)
A Woodyatt (1948 - 52)	J Chamberlain (1943 - 53)	B R G Hearn (1947 - 53)
A Smith (1947 - 53)	W R Taylor (1947 - 53)	T E Scott (1947 - 54)
A P Beensen (1948 - 54)	D Dunford (1948 - 54)	A C Ellard (1948 - 54)
S F Martin (1948 - 54)	H Stocken (1948 - 55)	J Oakhill (1950 - 55)
R Short (1950 - 55)	T Adams (1950 - 56)	B Swan (1950 - 56)
R E Ford (1952 - 57)	J B Cook (1951 - 58)	P Ounsworth (1952 - 58)
D Dorn (1953 - 58)	C Hooper (1952 - 58)	J Dangerfield (1954 - 59)
W A Dixon (1953 - 61)	M Spiller (1955 - 62)	B Peachey (1955 - 63)
B A Smith (1955 - 63)	D Billingham (1958 - 65)	P Neiningner (1958 - 65)
D S Kelly (1962 - 68)	J Gibson (1965 - 69)	C Ashby (1963 - 70)
J Hook (1963 - 70)	C Williams (1962 - 70)	P Price (1964 - 72)
A K Bishop (1965 - 72)	C Moss (1966 - 72)	A Sysum (1966 - 72)
N Rankine (1967 - 72)	S Rankine (1971 - 72)	J Base (1965 - 73)
M Gabb (1965 - 73)	M Jones (1965 - 73)	J Poore (1965 - 73)

P Davis (1966 - 73)
 P Clucas (1966 - 73)
 D Cameron (1968 - 75)
 R Day (1970 - 77)
 P Wickenden (1971 - 78)
 D Q Hook (1973 - 80)
 M J Collins (1974 - 83)
 A Chaudhuri (1977 - 84)
 G Bircher (1978 - 85)
 D Williams (1977 - 84)
 N Carter (1984 - 91)

S Harding (1967 - 73)
 D Vale (1966 - 73)
 D Miller (1970 - 76)
 N Dowding (1973 - 77)
 B Dowding (1972 - 78)
 M Robinson (1973 - 80)
 N Bircher (1976 - 83)
 A Harrison (1977 - 84)
 S D Grieve (1978 - 85)
 I Poole (1982 - 87)
 R Bielby (1985 - 92)

S Simmons (1965 - 73)
 G Beamish (1968 - 75)
 J Williams (1969 - 76)
 L Pegler (1972 - 77)
 B Baldwin (1973 - 78)
 I Henderson (1976 - 81)
 J Pepperwell (1976 - 83)
 D Sargent (1977 - 84)
 C Mayo (1978 - 85)
 N Page-Jones (1981 - 88)

Mr Stanley Jones (President)

The Editor would like to thank Stanley Jones and Eric Smith for their tremendous help and assistance in the compilation of the following sections of the magazine.

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OLD RICHIAN'S ASSOCIATION OBITUARIES

We record with regret the death during the past year of the following three Old Richians. **Cyril G Day** passed away on the 1st April, at the age of 77, at his home in Dursley. **Stanley C Holdbrook** died at Beaconsfield in his 91st year. He was a retired bank manager and in his spare time was a keen photographer, being a 'Fellow of the Royal Photographic Society'. **Simon A Trigg** died tragically in July, 1992, at the age of 25. He lived in Stroud and worked as a free-lance telecommunications engineer.

It is with very great regret that I have to report the death of one of the most loyal Old Richians, **Jack Smart**, (1924 - 35). In the Sixth Form, he studied Maths, Science, and German. He was Secretary of the School Cycling Club, for which Freddy Freeman, Physics Master, was President. Jack's father and uncle, were also Richians during the period 1890 - 1900. He graduated in Chemistry at Birmingham University in 1938 and started on a research programme for a PhD, but unfortunately, the war intervened. Jack was commissioned in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps in January 1940 and spent most of his service on ammunition duties in various parts of England and in Egypt. On demobilisation in 1946, he worked at British Industrial Plastics, Oldbury, Birmingham, but two years later he became a Research Biochemist at the United British Hospitals. In 1958, Jack obtained a position as Senior Chemistry Master at a Bristol Grammar School, where he remained until retirement in 1979. He had a great many interests - old clocks - he possessed thirty of them. He became a member of the Scout Fellowship; Scouts formed a guard of honour at his funeral. In his time, he travelled a great deal, particularly in France and Italy, for he spoke both languages quite well. Proud of his old school, during the threatened educational reorganisation in the city during the 1980's, Jack gave Rich's his steadfast

support. To his wife, Betty, his two children, five grandchildren and great grandson, we extend our deepest sympathy. Betty writes, "Richians may like to know that Jack was wearing his STR's tie when he died."

BRIAN CAMM (1946 - 52) died at Bishopsteignton, Devon, on the 20th June, 1993. He was Captain of Rich's Second Rugby XV and also played for First XV from time to time on the Elmbridge field. He left school as a farm worker and then went to the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, where he was awarded a BSc in Economics and Agricultural Economics, but he never learned Welsh! From 1957 to 1964, Brian studied at King's College, the University of Cambridge, where he read for both an MSc and an MA in Farm Management Economics and where he was for five years a Research Officer on the university staff. He left to start his own business in Farm Management Consultancy, but in 1971, he retired again into academia to teach at Seale Hayne College, Newton Abbot, where he was appointed Head of Department of Business and Management Studies. After the department was expanded into Land Use and Rural Resource Management, it merged with the Polytechnic of the South West in 1989 and became the University of Plymouth in 1992. Brian was responsible for Post Graduate MSc as well as BSc Degree courses. His department included twenty-eight full and part-time academic staff and four hundred students.

Brian was a dedicated worker who strove to be near perfect in everything he did. He loved to sail, walk the dog and tend his huge garden for which he planned large scale projects. His twenty years' treasurership of the Bishopsteignton Scout Troop, was recently acknowledged, when he received a long service award. Brian was a devoted husband and father and grandfather of four. It was sad that having found the past few years educational change so distressing, that he was much looking forward to retiring this July and was about to embark on a life of well-earned relaxation.

ALEX PHELPS (1940 - 47) It is with great regret, that we record the death of Alex, at his home in Malvern in the autumn of 1991. While at school, Alex was an Observer and Captain of Southgate House. He was also Captain of the First XV Rugby Team and was a member of a rowing crew. After studying Physics at Bristol University, he went to Dowty Seals, where he worked for the rest of his life, including a spell when he was in Canada. He became Technical Director and was renowned at Dowty's as 'Chief Problem Solver'. Alex was a most popular colleague who retained his wonderful dry sense of humour to the end.



Above: Roden A J Gabb (1923 - 27), who sadly died on 29th May, 1993

RODEN A J GABB (1923 - 27) We are deeply saddened to hear that Rowe died suddenly on Saturday, 29th May, 1993. Born in Blaisdon, in the Forest of Dean, where his father was a blacksmith, he attended Hempsted School, when the family moved to Gloucester, before he entered Rich's. He was a devoted enthusiast for sports he loved. In the 1920's, Sir Thomas Rich's was a soccer school and it was only after leaving that he took up Rugby, although he actually saw his first game of rugby at Kingsholm in 1921. He was hooked on the game from that moment and right up to last season, he took up his regular place in front of the grandstand to watch the Cherry and Whites. After his own rugby playing career was curtailed because of an injury, he turned to rugby refereeing in 1936 and for twenty seven years, he was a well-known and greatly respected in this role, during which he had the honour of serving at county level. He also played cricket for Hempsted and Gloucester City before taking up umpiring in the local leagues. Rowe was a member of the Gloucester Sports' Council and for the seven years was the diligent secretary of the Gloucester Cricket Federation. He had a special interest in the Olympics for the Disabled. On leaving Rich's, Rowe worked for Haine and Corry, the Gloucester builders. During the war he served in the RAF at home and in Northern Europe. He returned to 'civvy street' to take up a post at the Western Trading Company and later at Factory and Farm Supplies. Dedicated to his school, for many years he was a Committee Member of the Old Richians' Rugby Club and served on the Association Committee for nearly three decades. He was a most highly respected past President of the Old Richians' Association. We shall all miss the warm greeting and friendly smile of this worthy English gentleman. To his daughter, Jan Brown, the School Secretary and his family, we extend our deepest sympathy.

THOMAS WILCOX (1937 - 40) We are sad to learn of the death of Tom Wilcox on the 6th April, 1993, at Cheltenham General Hospital. On leaving Rich's, Tom trained as an aero engineer, but at the age of eighteen, he joined the Fleet Air Arm, serving during the war in various parts of the country. He met his wife, Marion, in 1945, in Scotland and a year later, when he returned to 'civvy street', they married. Tom joined the Civil Service in Maidenhead with the Ministry of Defence. He travelled extensively, serving in North Africa with the RAF. Later, he was posted to Rosyth with the Royal Navy. On coming back to Gloucester in the late seventies, Tom worked in Management services at 'TMR RAF, Quedgeley' and he was there until he retired. He had a great sense of humour and was a loyal and devoted family man. He enjoyed gardening, Rugby Football and listening to music. Tom's family history and his Gloucester heritage were most important to him, but above all he was proud to be an 'Old Richian'.

NEWS OF OLD RICHIANs

On a happier note, we are glad to report news of the following,

ARNOLD W H J (1931 - 38) is a Senior Partner of Arnold & Co Accountants. His office in Eastgate Street overlooks part of the former Barton Street premises. He served in the RAF from 1940 - 45. His eldest son is a Chartered Accountant and his younger son a Chartered Surveyor.

ASHBY Colin J (1962 - 70) Read chemistry at Birmingham University, followed by a PGCE at Oxford, where he had the distinction of being the first Old Richian to gain a Rugby Blue. He taught firstly at Epsom College from 1974 - 1980, where he played for Richmond Rugby club, after which he was appointed Housemaster at Blomsgrove School. Since 1992, Colin has been headmaster of Trinity School, Teignmouth, an independent, co-educational, day and boarding school, with a joint Roman Catholic and Anglican Foundation. Colin's interests are sport, chess, travel and wine.

AUBREY Steven (1960 - 68) has worked for some years for Shell UK and is now head of their Property Division. He is also a director of two of Shell's UK subsidiaries. He lives in South West London and keeps up the musical interest he acquired at Rich's by singing with the Philharmonia Chorus.

BALDWIN Rob (1973 - 78) lives in Longlevens, is married and as sales executive for Drinkmaster Co, sells hot

beverages to all types of industries and commerce. He is still competing for Gloucester Athletic Club, having been a former cross-country Captain at Rich's. He held various school records for 800 metres upwards.

BASE Jeremy (1965 - 73) deals in motor claims for the 'Ecclesiastical Insurance Group', Beaufort House, Brunswick Road. His brother, Peter, also an Old Richian, lives in Gloucester and is married with two children. Peter is a Contracts Manager with Tewkesbury Borough Council.

BEARD David (1983 - 90) has just obtained a First in Music from Durham University.

BECKINGHAM George (1939 - 46) One time trumpet player, teacher and conductor, George entered music publishing in London and was also editor of a journal on amateur music making. He then changed direction and joined HM Land Registry in Gloucester, from where he has just retired. George's father will be remembered by many as conductor of 181 Squadron ATC (STR's) brass band during WW2.

BRADBURY John (1940 - 46) Semi-retired after a career in production engineering covering the manufacture of motor cycles, ie. engines, to hydraulic units, armaments, turbines, machine tools, compressors (Design Council Award), to advanced manufacturing systems. Hopes to celebrate Ruby Wedding Anniversary in 1993. He has three children and

four grandchildren. Now manages to play golf regularly and plays off a reasonable handicap, which once was in single figures! At times he undertakes some consultancy work.

BRAZINGTON David A - has moved from his position as Rector of the combined parishes of St Mary de Crypt and St John the Baptist in Gloucester, (with its associations with our Founder) to the nearby parishes of St Mary de Lode and St Nicholas.

BRYANT M (1963 - 71) writes from 'down under' to say that he is a partner in the Sydney based international firm of 'Arthur Anderson', where he specialises in court work related to the quantification of damages. Married with one sort of each child (sic), he is still a keen footballer, playing for an 'over 35' team, for which he is feeling increasingly over-qualified.

BYRNE John (1983 - 90) has recently graduated with a First in Maths from Royal Holloway, North London.

BYRNE Chris (1983 - 90) has obtained a First in Maths from University College, London.

BURLEY Desmond (1938 - 44) trained as a teacher at St Paul's College, Cheltenham and then served in the Royal Navy for ten years. He then taught for twenty-seven years in Ipswich, where he now lives in retirement.

CAMERON Donald B (1968 - 75) is married with two children aged eight and four. He teaches modern languages at Sherbourne school, Dorset.

CHAMBERLIN John (1943 - 53) Redmarley, on leaving school took his OHD in Building at the North Gloucestershire Technical College. Entering the Building Industry as a surveyor, he later became Area Manager to the Crouch Group for twenty-three years. More recently, he has been Managing Director of Wyvern Homes, Malvern, erecting houses in four counties. John was one of four brothers who attended Rich's. Rev David Chamberlin (1938 - 46) is vicar of All Hallows, Easton, Bristol. Otto Chamberlin (1939 - 47) lives in Eye, Suffolk and James (1941 - 51) is at Royton, Lancashire.

CHIPPERFIELD George (1940 - 46) After leaving Rich's joined the Civil Service for a year. Moved to Manchester, took up accountancy, met and married his wife, Honor and had a son. He then went to Dursley after ten years 'up north' and a decade later moved to Slough. Works still for a very successful Ascot firm, but after forty three years in accountancy, hopes to retire soon and move back to Gloucester.

CLARIDGE Aldwyn W (1933 - 39) has been retired for ten years after a career of 43 years in the Civil Service, thirty five of them in the department of Social Services. He finished his service as Manager of the Bristol Central Office. Aldwyn still lives in Tuffley. His son,

CLARIDGE Gerald H (1958 - 65) was one of the very first students at Warwick University, where he gained a 'First' in English Literature and American Studies. After a year at the University of Illinois, Gerald returned to Warwick for four

years as a lecturer. Since 1974, he has held a post in the University of Kent, Canterbury. He has enjoyed teaching spells at the Universities of Massachusetts and Indiana. Gerald has an American wife and three sons.

CLUCAS Peter (1966 - 73) was awarded a BSc in General Architectural Studies at the University of Bath and is now a member of the Royal Institute of British Architects. From 1979 to 1986 he practised in architecture in Bristol and after a short spell in London is now back in Bristol. He is married with two children. He writes: "Thank heavens the school has survived physically and also as a Grammar School". His brother, Ivor, lives at Sitingbourne, Kent.

COOK Stephen P (1963 - 67) is an International Marketing Manager for a large electronics company, 'Telkor', based in South Africa. Stephen lives in Olivedale, Randburg, South Africa. The company he works for is heavily into telecommunications equipment and this is exported worldwide. He is happily married with two children, 15 and 11. In his spare time he has played top amateur soccer, before turning to coaching, but recently he tends to relax, by horseriding with the family. He is glad to report, that his son is at a school similar to Rich's, with strong traditions and high academic standards.

CURTIS Tim (1971-78) is now working as a solicitor in London, specialising in entertainment law. He tells us that one of his clients is Andrew Lloyd Webber.

CUTTING Tim (1986-89) has this summer just passed his 'A' levels, obtaining three grade 'A's in History, English and French. He studied for his 'A' levels at the Henry Box Comprehensive, Witney and he now has a place at Pembroke College, Cambridge. Many Richians will remember, that Tim was the son of Ian, who was head of French at Rich's for many years and in 1989 left Rich's to take up the post of departmental head at the above school.

DAVIDSON Colin P (1967 - 1974) is a computer programmer project leader, for the technical division of 'Telerate Canada' and lives in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. After leaving school, he went to Durham University and obtained a BSc (Hons) degree in Maths. He has many sporting interests, including skiing, which he coaches and instructs, as well as windsurfing and water skiing.

DAY Robert (1970 - 77) gained a degree in Geography at Durham University after leaving school, then after a short spell working in the Marine Section for Shell Oils, trained to be a teacher at Worcester College of Education. Since then he has obtained another degree in Art and Design at Birmingham University. For some time Rob has been teaching Geography, Art Design and Technology at Old Swinford Hospital, Stourbridge. His wife, Julie, is a District Nurse and they have two children. Rob has also the honour of being a Queen's Scout and serves as an officer in the Army Cadet Corps. His Father,

DAY Phillip (1944 - 49) apart from National Service has worked all his life in the Planning Department of Gloucestershire County Council. One of his most pleasant and estimable tasks is to act as official 'scribe' designing

letters in reply to official invitations form royalty and other eminent personages of rank and distinction. We are indebted to Philip, of course, for producing the marvellous seating plans for our Buffet Evenings.

DAVIES Chirs (1972 - 80) is now Head of Parliamentary Affairs at the British Airports Authority, involving work on various projects and liaison with Government Departments and MPs. He lives in South East London and was married last October in Wells Cathedral to Caroline, whom he met as a result of their shared interest as members of the local choral society.

DEMPSEY David (1983- 1990) has just graduated from Warwick University with a 2:2 in Maths. David has elected to enter the teaching profession and has recently undertaken some teaching practice at Rich's, under the direction of Bob Fowler (Head of Maths). We wish him every success in his chosen career.

DRAPER, brothers Gerald (1944 - 50) and **Derek** (1946 - 52) Gerald retired from Barclays Bank after forty-one and half years. He lives at Upleadon and is looking forward to indulging in his hobbies of watching steam engines and playing cricket, if he can get the decorating and gardening completed in time. Meanwhile, Derek is still practising as an accountant in Cinderford and plays cricket and five-a-side football for Highnam Court.

EASEN Nick (1983 - 90) has graduated recently, achieving a 2:1 in Biology, from Bristol University.

ELLIS Richard G last year obtained a 'First' in his BEng (Hons) Mechanical Engineering, from the University of Hertfordshire.

ETHERIDGE John (1942 - 47) joined Boots the chemists on leaving school. After National Service in the RAMC, he returned to Boots, before going to train as a pharmacist at the Old Bristol School of Pharmacy. Subsequently, he worked as manager in various pharmacies throughout Gloucestershire, serving as a prominent member of the local branch of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society and of the local Family Practitioner Committee.

EVANS George (1983 - 90) has recently graduated from Kingston Polytechnic with a 2:1 in Geology.

FUGLER Paul (1965 - 73) lives in Gloucester and works as a self-employed piano teacher and freelance musicologist. He is undertaking some piano teaching at Rich's and is involved in research relating to editions of early music for performing, recording and broadcasting. His main interest is early Tudor Church music. He has been involved in many recordings of this style of music for broadcasting, such as for the 'Taverner Choir' and recently he helped with the recording for a 'Lady Mass' on BBC Radio 3. He is currently planning to branch out into the music typesetting business, with the aid of computers. Over the years he has gained various qualifications, starting with a BA from Reading in 1976, then his MA from Exeter in 1978 and more recently, his PhD, again from Exeter, in 1990.

GABB Malcolm (Sid) (1966 - 73) is married with one child aged ten and two stepchildren of sixteen and eighteen. He is a self-employed accountant.

GARDINER Martyn (1968 - 75) lives in Portsmouth and in 1978 graduated from Leicester University with a First Class Honours degree in Physics. He was a University Prize winner in 1977. From 1978, he went onto study for his PhD, living at a University Hall of Residence Sub-Warden and in 1984 was awarded his PhD and his PGCE in the same year. Between 1984 - 86, he was Assistant Master at St Edwards School, Oxford. Then between 1986 - 1992 he was Senior Lecturer of the Department of Applied Physics and Physical Electronics, at the University of Portsmouth. He tells us that he is managing to run a classic car and maintain his house, but his many interests, such as steam engines keep him very busy.

GORMAN P (1968 - 75) currently lives in Longlevens and is a 'Licensed Insolvency Practitioner' at a Senior Manager level, 'Cork Gully', Gloucester. His partner is Nigel Halls, also an Old Richian. Phil tells us that he was the first manager to bring a successful 'Wrongful Trading' action, under the 1986 'Insolvency Act' in the UK. He is married with two children and is Treasurer of Longlevens RFC. He is proud to tell us that he is still playing rugby after seventeen years and has been the captain of the second XV for the past three seasons. Phil also plays for Churchdown Cricket Club.

GOUGH Simon (1983 - 90) has recently graduated from Leicester University, obtaining a 2:2 in Economics.

GRANT Paul (1967 - 72) graduated in 1975 at Durham University in Geology and Geophysics. He then followed a one year teaching certificate at Canterbury with seven years teaching Maths and Computer Studies to physically handicapped children in Kent. He is married to Trudie, a nurse, in 1978 and in 1981 his son, Ben, was born. Paul is now living in West Wickham and is working for British Telecom in central London, managing a computer support unit.

GRIFFIN Louis (1988 - 90), who many Richians remembered played the innocent plaintiff opposite Nick Easen in the school's 1989 production of 'Trial by Jury' by Gilbert and Sullivan, has just obtained a 2:2 in Geography from Oxford.

GREEN R A (1927 - 32) spent his life in the grocery trade. He has been a Sub Postmaster at Newton Abbot and Exeter. He has now retired and lives at Teignmouth. His brother, K L Green (1937 - 42) still lives in Gloucester.

HARRIS Kim (1965 - 73) lives in Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire and since leaving Rich's nineteen years ago, has spent most of his time working in London, in the computer industry. He is currently Managing Director of Tynlabs (UK) Ltd, Cambridge, which he formed in 1985 with his wife, Jo and another colleague. The company soon merged with an American company. He married Jo in Oxford in 1985 and they have a two year old son, Tom. During the last six years Kim has been involved on a voluntary basis with Hewlett Parkard computer users group in the UK and Europe.

HARRIS Terrance R (1946 - 52) is still 'ministering among the Methodists' of South Devon. He is particularly pleased about the impressive growth of his congregation, for whom planning permission for a new church has just been granted. They have the largest Boys Brigade unit in the South West. In his spare time he is writing a book on the relatively esoteric theme of 'Methodist Philately'. He recently presented the school with a copy of the first issue of 'The Plutonians', which belonged to his father, Charles Reginald Harris, (Reggie), who was a member of the school when it existed in Barton Street. He recalls that some of the staff who taught his father, were still present when he passed his '11-Plus' and arrived at Rich's. He remembers Miss Thompson, (Art Teacher) and Mr West (History). Currently, he is very busy in Plymouth, supported by his wife Julia. They have a daughter, Rachel, who like her mother, has become a teacher and a son, James, who is studying 'Fine Art' at Newcastle University. The family left Gloucester in 1980, when Terrance was appointed as a Methodist Minister in the Exeter Circuit.

HARRISON Adrian (1977 - 84) worked on an arable farm in the Cotswolds for eighteen months, took his HND in Agriculture at Harper Adams Agricultural College and then gained his BSc in Agricultural Biochemistry and Nutrition at Newcastle University. He is now in his final year of his doctrine in Biochemistry, the title of his studies being, "Endocrine of Environmental Regulation of Skeletal Muscle Growth", at Hughes Hall, Cambridge University.

HEDGES A G (1965 - 1970) is working as a maintenance fitter for ICI fibres and lives in Gloucester. He is a JP (Gloucester Bench) and is married with three children.

HILL Karen (1988 - 90) who was Rich's first 'Observatrix' has just graduated from Brunel University, with a First in Maths and Management Studies.

HILL Roger A (1964 - 69) joined the police in 1972 and is currently working as a Crime Prevention Officer for Cheltenham, Tewkesbury and the Cotswolds. He married in 1979 and now has one daughter aged 11 and who attends Ribston Hall. Roger lives in Brockworth, where he enjoys gardening and when he has time he goes walking.

HODDER Gerald (1942 - 48) After National Service with the Household Cavalry, Gerald joined the Gloucestershire Constabulary and reached the rank of Subdivisional Commander. He retired in 1983 and is now general manager of a safety consultancy firm in Bristol. During his police service he played for the British Police XV, as well as for the County Constabulary.

HOOK W G (1931 - 39) Bill Hook was School Captain in 1938 - 39 and was also Captain of both the First Association Football XI and the First Cricket XI. He has the distinction of holding more school offices than any other Old Richian in the school's history. During the war he served in the RAF, both at home and in West Africa. For many years Bill played full back for Gloucester Rugby Football Club and in 1951, he became the first member of the Association to get an England 'cap' for Rugger. The many offices that Bill held while he was at Sir Thomas Rich's school were School Captain (1938 - 40), Association Football Captain (1937 - 40), Cricket Captain

(1938 - 39), Captain of Athletics (1939) and Captain of Boats (1938).

HOOK Gordon (1956 - 65) has become a TV star! In April he appeared in two Liberal Democrat Party Political broadcasts with Paddy Ashdown. For many years he served on the Lewes District Council and is now a Sussex County Councillor. As Head of Physical Education at Brighton and Hove Sixth Form College, he took a year off to obtain his MA in Politics at Sussex University, but returned to the College where for some time he has been Co-ordinator of External Links.

HOOK John (1963 - 1970) moved to London as soon as he left school and is still there! After gaining a degree at Goldsmith's College, London University, and teaching for a few years, he went into the Interior Design World and now works for 'Ramm, Son and Crocker' - one of the UK's leading fabric and wallpaper companies. He recently became a school governor in the People's Republic of Islington - great fun!

HOOK David (1973 - 80) is, of course, Chairman of the Old Richians' Association - Junior Section and our hardworking Membership Secretary.

HUNT Brian (1964 - 70) is a Housemaster in a Suffolk Prep School where he teaches History. The Badminton Cup, which he and David Ralph donated to Rich's after leaving school still stands in the trophies cupboard. Brian still "struggles" around the court, but his fellow donator has long "retired" to take up volleyball. He still recalls with nostalgia the three times he travelled to Switzerland with Tony Stocks.

HUNT John (1941 - 47) trained as a schoolmaster at St Paul's, Cheltenham and then held various teaching posts in the Gloucester area, mainly in schools for pupils with special needs. Now living in retirement at Redmarley, he still maintains his interest in sport.

HYETT Grahame (1943 - 50) since leaving Gloucester in 1976 to work for British Leyland Unipart Division, he has moved again to live in North Cornwall and is engaged by a company which produces training courses for Management Development. His daughter and husband, along with their two sons, still live in Longlevens. Grahame, a keen rugby player while at Rich's, is pleased that some of Eddie Pritchard's rugby coaching has rubbed off onto his son, David, who regularly plays for Cheltenham first XV. Grahame's late father, Jim Hyett, was also a very loyal Old Richian.

JAMESON Ian (1983 - 90) must be congratulated on graduating with a First in Maths, from Manchester University.

JEWELL Rev Alan (1971 - 79) has been Team Vicar in the parish of Sutton, St.Helens, in the Liverpool Diocese from 1991. He is married to Rose and they have three children, Christopher (5), Matthew (2) and Elizabeth (10).

JODRELL Duncan (1970 - 77) is currently working at the Institute of Cancer Research in Sutton, Surrey. After leaving Rich's, Duncan went to the University of Southampton to

study medicine and then went to the University of London to gain an MSc in Biochemistry, followed by a return to Southampton in 1990 to gain his doctorate in medicine. In 1985, he gained membership to the Royal College of Physicians. Duncan has worked in many hospitals since 1982 and has also undertaken extensive research in various areas of medicine, with the publication of many papers. His work and studies have also taken him to the USA and he has on many occasions undertaken major presentations of his research work. He currently lives in London - Wimbledon Chase.

JONES Gary I (1976 - 81) is still working locally for British Telecom and tells us he is now Gloucestershire Branch Secretary of the National Communications Union.

JONES Martin (1966 - 73) is a Physical Education teacher at Challney High school for boys, Luton. He attended Bedford College as a mature student, where he gained a BA (Hons) Degree in Sports Studies and then went on a PGCE course.

KEARSEY William (1963 - 70) is a 'Geotechnical Engineer' and is currently involved with 'Landfill design and environmental engineering. He is married with two boys, aged 7 and 9. Since leaving Rich's he has lived in Edmonton and Calgary, Canada for two years, where he obtained a Masters Degree at the University of Alberta. Before this, he had obtained a BEng (Hons) at Sheffield in 1973. His sporting interests still include swimming and cycling, with some skiing when finances permit.

KELLY David (1962 - 68) is a Telecommunications Engineer for the National Grid at Taunton, Somerset.

KING Gordon (1940 - 47) While at Rich's he was a member of a rowing crew that included J D Hunt, A Phelps and J C Annis, with M R Stone, being the cox. He was also awarded the Goddard Trophy for shooting. On entering the RAF, Gordon shot for the rifle team and later for England, at Bisley. Once a member of the STR's 181 Squadron ATC Brass Band, he later took up the French Horn. He also sings in the Gloucester Choral Society. After doing his business training with Heinz - 57 - Varieties, Gordon went into perfumery and became a Marketing Manager for a French Perfumery Company.

LEGG Barry (MP)(1960 - 68) Our hearty congratulations to Barry, who in the General Election of April, 1992, was elected as the new Conservative Member of Parliament for Milton Keynes, (South West). The first Richian to serve in the House of Commons since our Founder became a Member of Parliament for Reading. At school Barry was an excellent chess player and a keen cricketer. On leaving Rich's, he went to Manchester University, where he gained a BA (Hons) Degree in History. He qualified as a Member of the Institute of Taxation. He first worked for Courtaulds and then Coopers and Lybrand as an accountant and before going into Parliament, he became a company director of Hilldown Holdings, a food company. From 1978 to 1990, Barry was a member of the Westminster City Council, during which time, in 1983, he contested the Bishop Auckland constituency. As economics is his special interest, he sits on the House of Commons Treasury and Civil Service Select Committee. He is co-founder of 'Conservative Way Forward' and is a member of



Above: Barry Legg, MP

the 'Bow Group' and its industry standing committee. He is also a Governor of Archbishop Tenison's Grammar School. Barry is an accountant and an Associate of the Institute of Taxation. He is married to Margaret and they have two daughters and one son. He still remains a loyal member of the Gloucestershire County Cricket Club. He is as frequent broadcaster on both radio and television.

MADDOX Keith I (1963 1968) works as a 'Senior Approved Social Worker' for the Cheltenham and Tewkesbury Mental Health Team. He has been married for fourteen years, lives in Hardwicke, Gloucester, and leads an active life, with interests in walking, fishing, watching rugby and keeping 'Koi Carp'. Since leaving school he has obtained a 'Certificate in Social Work' and a 'Diploma in Applied Social Studies', Bristol Polytechnic. Keith adds, that he is enjoying his job a great deal.

MANN A A (1967 - 74) lives in Longlevens, Gloucester and is married. He is currently involved in the maintenance and development of computer systems for Eagle Star, Cheltenham. His interests include amateur radio, gardening and photography.

MARTIN John W (1966 - 71) is working in the Windermere area as a Senior Bailiff for the NRA (North-West). He is married with two children, aged six and ten. Since leaving school, he spent fifteen years in the private forestry sector and joined 'North West Water' as a bailiff in 1984, in Cheshire. John is currently studying for

his 'Diploma in fisheries Management' and has already obtained 'The Certificate of the Institute of Fisheries Management'. He still vividly remembers the fishing trips he went on when he was at Rich's and his job combines work with pleasure, plus beautiful scenery.

MASCIE-TAYLOR Christopher (1960 - 67) Nick's 'potted biography' appeared in last year's Richian. To his impressive list of qualifications, including a DSc which he, like Tony Perks (See below), has received from St Andrews University, Nick now adds an 'ad hominem' Readership, in 'Biological Anthropology', from the University of Cambridge. He also tells us that he visited Douglas Bignell, Canada, last April, though further details are not available.

METHVEN Andrew B (1982 - 87) After graduating in Natural Sciences from Trinity College, Cambridge, Andrew entered the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst and has now been granted a commission in the Life Guards.

MORRIS Ken (1943 - 49) Managing Director of 'Kingsdale Morris Business Equipment Ltd', Gloucester, a former chairman of the School Governors and a City Magistrate, Ken is still enjoying watching Rugby. In April, he went off to see the Hong Kong Sevens and thence to Bali for a holiday. He has just celebrated fifty years with the Scouting movement.

MOSS Charles (1966 - 71) "Against all expectations", he writes, "I achieved a place at University, followed by a career in Local Government". In 1988, private sector practice beckoned and he has since worked to establish a Building Surveying Practice, which is now thriving.

NASH Brian (1945 - 50) lives in Abingdon and spends his spare time singing in the Oxford Welsh Male Voice Choir, who perform charity concerts once a month.

NASH Grahame (1943 - 50) Abingdon, spends his spare time singing in the Oxford Welsh Male Voice Choir, who perform charity concerts once a month.

NEININGER Paul (1958 - 65) is the Senior Partner in a General Medical Practice in Bury, Lancashire. He has four children, all girls and thankfully, the eldest is off to Cambridge this year!

PEACHEY Byran (1955 - 63) lives in Clare, Suffolk. After completing his apprenticeships, he gained a National Diploma in Agricultural Engineering at Writtle Agricultural College, Chemsford. He became General Manager of 'Briggs and Stratton', a US Corporation, which sells engines and supplies spare parts for grass cutting machinery, used on domestic lawns and around airfields. Since 1968, he has been captain of all six sides of the Saffron Walden Rugby Club and he still plays! He and his wife, Anne, have a daughter, Caroline, who is mad on horses and they have also a son, Tom.

PERKS Anthony M (1943 - 50) Tony's "potted Biography" also appeared in last year's magazine. To the Higher Degrees already awarded by the Universities of British Columbia and Florida, he has now added an award from nearer

home - a Doctorate of Science from St Andrews. Other Old Richians to receive this honour, include David Hathaway, Ph.D (1932 - 38) and Christopher (Nick) Mascie-Taylor (1960 - 67) - see above.

POORE John (1966 - 73) deals in software support at Amerada Hess, London, an oil company exploring in the North Sea. He has one son of eight years. John is still in contact with Martin Jones, Malcolm Gabb, Michael Vickers and Jerry Base.

PRICE brothers John S (1968 - 76) and **Richard H** (1970 - 76) John read Russian and Arabic at Emmanuel college, Cambridge and then entered the Foreign Service. After a while he decided to do a PGCE with a view to becoming a schoolmaster. He is now teaching Modern Languages at Winchester College. Brother Richard followed a different path. He read architecture at University College, Cardiff, worked for Cardiff City Council for a while and then set up his own property consultancy practice, specialising in developing and refurbishing semi-detached properties. He now has what he describes as a 'Rackman - type' portfolio, with some 112 tenants on the books. Married to Alyson, he tells us he is a 'fanatical' squash player, plays the piano and has obtained his private pilot's licence. (The link between all these activities is presumably rather tenuous!)

PRICE Paul (1966 - 71) much appreciates the solid start and discipline that Rich's gave him and which undoubtedly contributed in a large measure to his progress. Although, perhaps, one of the few remaining Richians in his year to have been born and to be still resident in Gloucester, he has worked as a Civil Engineer both locally and throughout the South-West. Paul started with Local Government in 1972 as a trainee at Gloucester City Council, but migrated to the private sector in 1987. He is currently the region's Construction Engineer for Texaco.

PURSER brothers Patrick (1939 - 45) and **JAMES** (1937 - 43) Patrick served in the Royal Navy for twenty years and then in 1968 went to Bristol to train as a schoolmaster. Until retirement in 1991, he taught geography at the "Indefatigable" boys boarding school on the Isle of Anglesey. Edler brother James trained at medical school and practices as a GP near Swindon. We learn that his house is aptly named 'Bedsyde Manor'.

RANKINE Nigel (1967 - 72) graduated in 1977 with a BSc Econ (Hons) Degree from the University of Wales. After an early career working as an economist, primarily with Barclays Bank, he now works as a consultant in the foreign exchange department, with Morgan Stanley, the American Investment Bank. He is now married with four children. His brother,

RANKINE Simon (1971 - 72) Regrets that a family move cut short his time at "Tommies", for his education in Gloucester certainly "sealed a commitment to the enjoyment of life". He now lives in West London.

RICE Douglas J (1937 - 42) is a Corporate Member of the Institute of Road Transport Engineers and is Managing Director of the family Company - the fifth generation -

Joseph Rice & Sons Ltd, Transport Contractors, Hempstead. Joseph Rice II was a member of the Blue Coat School in Eastgate Street. While at Rich's, Douglas joined the Army Cadet Force and then the 181 Squadron Air Training Corps. He was also a member of 'Ye Olde Fire-Brigade STR's.', which shared 'fire watching duty' each night from 10 pm till 6 am early in the war, in case of German Air Raids. On leaving school, he joined the RAF, but after a year was transferred to the Army for 'Glider pilot Training'. His Brother,

RICE Brian (1941 - 46) after leaving Rich's gained a BSc Degree and a Diploma in Social Services and since 1969 has been a magistrate. While at school, he also was an Air Cadet. In 1949 he enlisted in the 'Intelligence Corps' and later joined the Gloucestershire Regiment TA. In 1971, Brian became the Deputy Director of Social Services for Gloucestershire County Council and was appointed Director of Social Services for Leicestershire in 1980, from which he has now retired.

ROBINSON Mark (1973 - 80) married with two children, is still living in Longlevens. He is working for Lloyds Bank in Stonehouse and has competed as a runner for the bank - being a former cross country captain of the school.

SAMMEL Richard (1963 - 71) lives in Winscombe, Avon and is married with two children. He is a Senior Manager in the Housing Service, with Bristol City Council. Since leaving school, he has competed for Wales in Athletics and Cross-Country between 1971 - 1981. He tells us that he still runs, but not so well these days.

SARGENT Duncan (1977 - 84) works for Eagle Star in Cheltenham as a qualified Accounting Technician. He married Elaine in 1990 and has continued with his sporting interests, namely cricket, golf and local athletics. Duncan is one of the most loyal and faithful members of the Old Richians' Junior Section.

SARGENT Justin (1983 - 90) has just graduated with a 2:1 in Geography, from Southampton University.

SERGEANT Peter (1964 - 71) is in charge of General Studies at Loughborough Grammar School and writes that his brothers are 'distributed' as follows, (further details are unfortunately lacking): David is in Sleaford, James is at Islington, Michael and Timothy are still in Gloucester. Peter tells us that Loughborough GS is celebrating its 'Quincentenary' in 1995 and we are assured that it is pure coincidence that two Old Richians have been commissioned to write works for the occasion. Brother Michael is working on a Community Play and Paul Fugler has been engaged to edit a pre-Reformation mass. Returning to Peter, he and a colleague have developed what he feels could be a healthy 'modest sideline', writing and recording in the style of Flanders and Swann.

SIMMONS Stephen (1966 - 73) is still employed by Gloucester City Council as Highways and Sewers Contract Manager. His two brothers are also Old Richians:

SIMMONS IAN (1967 - 75) is currently in Vietnam working for the Foreign Office and brother Mark Simmons

(1974 - 81) of Bolton, Lancashire, is due to be married in June.

SMITH Bryan (1955 - 63) is a Planning Director for McGuinness Finch Solicitors, London. He is an Honorary Associate of the Department of Town and Country Planning, University of the West of England, Bristol and a visiting Professor at the "Institute für Orts - Regional - und Landesplanung", (the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich, Switzerland).

SMITH Ian (1976 - 81) Our warmest congratulations to Ian who has been elected captain of Gloucester Rugby Football Club for the third time in succession. A great honour indeed, especially as it is the players who select the captain and the support in this case was unanimous. Ian is, of course, a seasoned Scottish International, for his family have links North of the Border. Ian and his father, Dick, who played in the very first Rugby Union Cup Final at Twickenham in 1972, are the only father and son in the history of the Gloucester Rugby Club, who have both played for the Barbarians. For one match, Ian was appointed captain of the Barbarians. He has the unquestionable reputation of being a strong running flanker, with a fine pair of hands. For the 1988 Australian Season, Ian was in Wollongong, the club for which Jerry Guscott has played. This year, he is touring with the Scottish International Team in the Far East - Fiji, Tonga and Western Samoa - as Vice Captain and has actually skipped some of the matches. By profession, he is a Civil Engineer.

SMITH Stuart (1965 - 73) After leaving Rich's he spent six years in higher education, but his first permanent job was not in the subjects that he had been studying, (Geography and Botany). This first job was involved in computing and Statistics at the University Hospital, Cardiff. During the seven years he was there, he met his wife Ann and they now have a son, Peter, born in March of this year. Four years ago, they moved back to Churchdown, with Stuart now working for UCCA, Cheltenham, where he is a Statistics Officer.

SNOW Ernie (1944 - 48) Twigworth, is still farming, but age is catching up with him, for he has just given up rising early in the morning for milking. He has just become the proud possessor of a splendid Triumph TR6, 1978, two-seater.

SOUTHCOTT Peter J (1962 - 69) writes to tell us that he has not lived in Gloucester for twenty-two years, but keeps in touch with affairs through his parents who live in Barnwood. He also keeps in touch with one or two Old Richians, through his brother, who was an ex-player/member of the Old Richians Rugby Club. Peter now lives in Okehampton, Devon and is looking forward to a 'Sixties reunion' of Old Richians. He is a Deputy Head of his local primary school, which is one of the largest in Devon, with 420 pupils and he has also a special responsibility in the school for Science, which he studied when at Worcester College of Higher Education. Since leaving college, he has taught in Walsall, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne and two middle schools in Northumberland.

STAITE Nicholas K (1963 - 1971) left school and went to St Edmund Hall, Oxford. In 1974 - 75, Nicholas studied law and became an articled clerk in London. Between 1975-78 he was a staff solicitor in London and Oxfordshire and in 1985/86 worked in the Humberside County Prosecuting Solicitors Department. By 1986 he worked for the Crown Prosecution Service and recently has been 'Branch Crown Prosecutor', for South Humberside. He is married to Catherine and has four children.

STUBBS Terrence (1940 - 47) National Service in the Royal Army Service Corps. Then served with the West Mercia Police and retired at the level of Inspector. He now lives in Ludlow, Shropshire. His brother: Michael Stubbs (1943-48) also did his National Service, but in the RAF. He lives in Stoke Gifford, Bristol and sells ambulances and funeral hearses. The other brother, Peter Stubbs (1945 - 49) runs his own business, "Tandycroft Stores", Cheltenham Road - East, Gloucester. It is a general grocery store and petrol station. Peter once served in the Military Police.

TAPP Glen (1983 - 90) graduated this summer from B N C, Oxford, obtaining a 2:1 in English

TAYLOR Anthony A (Tom) (1942 - 48) On leaving school, Tom emigrated to Canada and worked in the oilfields of the North West Territories, before studying dentistry at the University of Alberta. An eventful and varied career in dentistry followed, until ill-health forced him to retire in 1989. He remembers particularly visits to dental schools in Beijing and other parts of China and how these institutions differed enormously from what we take for granted in the west.

TSOI Andrew (1983 - 90) has just graduated from Loughborough University, with a degree in Physics/Electronics.

TRIGG brothers Adam (1980 - 87) **Tristan (Sean)** and **Simon**. Sadly, a note on Simon appeared earlier in the obituary section. Adam studied Quantity Surveying at Bristol Polytechnic and now works for Buro Happold Consulting Engineers in Bristol, while Tristan works for the Bank of England in Gloucester.

VILLIERS Ralph (1940 - 47) Mexico, has recently paid a visit to New Zealand and Australia, where he visited his brother, Alan, (1940 - 47). He was delighted with the Old Richians' tie which Ralph presented to him. Alan keeps himself busy as a gliding instructor and as the treasurer of two clubs. Ralph writes, "I have talked to so many people about the 1992 Buffet Evening, how well it was organised, how much I enjoyed being present and being able to meet so many of my old school friends again. I hope that I can persuade my brother Alan to attend soon. Whilst in Melbourne, I spoke on the phone to T N Williams, (1937 - 44), who has retired there after many years with 'Kodak'."

VINER Alan (1962 - 70) Read music and German at Reading University and entered teaching, but ill-health caused his departure from state education in 1989. He is now teaching music privately to a large clientele in Shrewsbury. Happily, coronary by-pass surgery in 1991 has given him a new lease of life and he is currently working on a number of choral and organ works.

WAIT Peter (1937 - 43) Now retired from the post of Head of Art and Design in a large comprehensive school in Bromley, Kent. He has had several of his own exhibitions and has now branched out into the literary and musical world with short stories and poetry and collaborating with the writing of operatic libretti.

WILLIAMS Christopher (1962 - 70) is Deputy Headteacher at Orleans Park School, Twickenham and is married with three children. After university, he taught in Northampton and Chester, before moving to London. He is still acting and is a member of the Richmond Shakespeare Society. He writes, "Two years ago, I performed in the same role (Hugo/Frederick in 'Ring around the Moon'), that I first played twenty years before with Charlie Broome and John Tavener, with the 'Occasional Players'. I not only survived Tav's Art lessons, I also survived his driving".

WILLIAMS Julian (1969 - 76) gained his BSc in Environmental Studies at Aberystwyth University in 1981 and then was commissioned as an Air Traffic Control Officer in the Royal Navy. "After crashing too many aircraft", he writes, "I joined the Royal Hong Kong Police Force, where I worked with ex-Richian, Darryl Jones. Thence, I went to Hong Kong Airport, as part of the management team. I am currently a Freelance Management Consultant - doing much work into the 'Disaster Planning' with local authorities".

WOODYATT Alan (1948 - 52) intended joining the Royal Navy on leaving Tommy's with four other colleagues, but unfortunately was involved in a bus accident. From 1954 to 1960 he was employed in commercial photography and reprographics. From 1961 until his retirement on medical grounds in 1991, Alan pursued an interesting career at GCHQ, Cheltenham. He ended his career as Head of Reprographic services, with a section of forty staff. Now, in his spare time, he works voluntarily at the Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham, on their computer. He is secretary to the South Cerney Sailing Club for the Disabled and is a licensed radio amateur, call - sign G8 TOD.

WRIGHT Steven (1983 - 90) has graduated this summer from Southampton University, obtaining a 2:1 in Economics.

WYNN Douglas (1931 - 37) Gloucester, retired eleven years ago after forty-five years in the Electricity Supply Industry. During recent years much of his time has been spent abroad visiting his three sons,

WYNN David (1959 - 65) RAF Squadron Leader, now stationed in London after serving in Cyprus and Belize. Lately, he was Parade Commander at Biggin Hill, Kent, the former famous RAF wartime fighter station, when it was finally closed. David is still active in Rugby, taking RAF Under 21 teams on many overseas tours.

WYNN Keith (1963 - 69) is now living at Kingsteignton, Devon, as Youth and Community Officer for Newton Abbot. He has recently taken youth clubs on exchange visits to Germany, France and Denmark.





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