

The Richian 2002



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Rich's students' exquisite art work ...*





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Official Magazine
of
Sir Thomas Rich's Grammar
School



Matt & Dave with their hardworking team of “Yellow Flashes”

“That the Master appoint a boy of sober character from time to time, to be Observer, and that if any boy be guilty of swearing, lying, or taking God’s name in vain, or of using any opprobrious language, the Observer shall note the same in his weekly observations that the offender may be smartly corrected for the same. If the Observer omit or refuse to note such offence he shall be severely punished.”



Editor's Forward

The third "Richian" edition with a "2" in the thousands date column and the third of my own humble offerings as editor. With what I considered to be two quite successful publications under my belt, I started putting this edition together with the previous 2001 edition barely hot off the press, sat back and waited for the articles and contributions to come flooding in. And I waited..... and waited and

The usual flurry of late Old Richians entries arrived by e-mail; there were by a few veiled complaints about certain facts being overlooked or misreported (*"Well done on the latest edition; I'd like to point out though one or two small errors"* etc etc); several pupils forcefully reminded me that it was Jones A of 9B not Jones A of 9S; a couple of members of staff stopped talking to me (!), and the bursar left in my pigeon-hole (*"... for reference next time ..."*) a quote from a different printing company quoting only half of the cost paid for that edition (mind you it was for a booklet of only half the number of pages- just like an accountant : never mind the quality, feel the width!).

Given such splendid endorsements and staring at a pile of no more than half a dozen articles and contributions for the 2002 edition from my reliable and regular contributors (thank you!) I did wonder about jacking it all in - but then I remembered ... the new school web site ... and as I trawled through copying and pasting article after article and picture after picture it dawned on me where most of my material for this edition was going. Hmmm ... I must have a word with that Crewe fellow!!

So eventually - and eventfully - here it is! The Richian 2002.

Are we seeing any improvement? Is there a trend - for better or for worse - establishing itself within the pages of the successive editions? Are the style and presentation becoming too predictable - stale even? What do the readers really think? Is the emphasis on 'more pictures less words' the right one? Should I be thinking of some radical shake-up in format for next year's magazine? Only you dear reader can advise in these matters. So please do! I gladly welcome ideas, suggestions and yes, even contributions, for next year's edition.

P Brown

A few heart-felt 'thank you's -

Firstly to my wife for helping out with all the copy typing and proof reading tasks and putting up with me working well into the wee small hours in order complete the final copy; secondly to my daughter for helping out with several DTP and photo-editing tasks; and thirdly to all those who did respond to my pleas for contributions, some right at the very last minute!

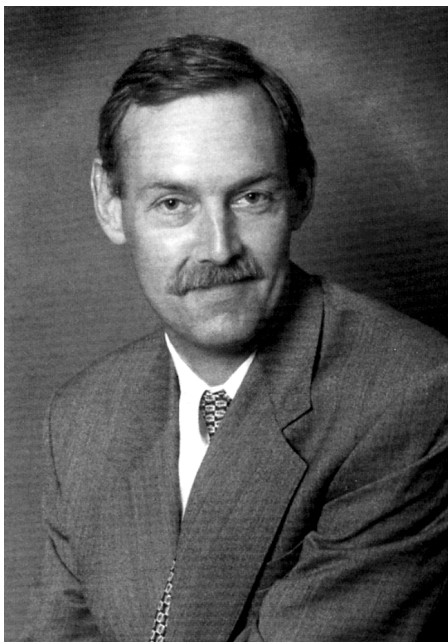
Headmaster's Report Academic Year 2001 to 2002

The academic year 2001-2002 saw further significant developments whilst managing to retain the essential ingredients of Rich's continued success.

There has been an extraordinary range of activity outside the classroom: some of this has been directly related to the curriculum, in the form of fieldwork and study visits; other activities have been extra-curricular, enabling pupils to benefit from experiences which have contributed towards their social, cultural and personal development without any examination or certification. Such a vibrant extra-curricular programme typifies school life here but it should not be taken for granted - we benefit from the enormous commitment and goodwill of our excellent staff. Pupils visited all corners of the UK as well as Rhineland, Norway, Spain, Paris and Kenya in addition to our Göttingen, Trier and Annecy exchanges.

Within school the House competitions together with clubs and societies continued to thrive. Sport remains a feature of school life as does drama (*Oklahoma!* was the main production in December, with *Robby Nudd* performed by the junior dramatists in July) and music (with Spring and Summer instrumental concerts and the May choral concert being the highlights).

Pupils achieved individual successes eg international representation at orienteering, table tennis and athletics; Luke Roberts won the British national yo-yo championships; Adam Langley won the British Informatics Olympiad; three Sixth Formers won Queens' Scout Awards - and team success, Rich's winning the City Cups at U16 soccer and U12, U13 and U14 cricket.



The year's efforts led up to excellent examination results. At GCSE the pass rate was 97% with 49% at grades A and A*; the average number of passes per pupil was 10, almost half of Year 11 each achieved five or more A/A* grades. Our second year of AS level examinations saw a pass rate of 99% with 65% at grades A and B; the average per candidate was five grade B passes. Surpassing even these standards the highlight of the year's results was at A-level where we featured in *The Independent* as 11th in the country - the pass rate was 99.3% with 63% at grades A and B; the average points score per student was 429 (33.8 on the previous UCAS points score system), significantly our best results ever. Well done to our students and teachers.

We endured an Ofsted inspection in October; the resultant Report was full of praise for Sir Thomas Rich's. Every area in which any school would hope to do well was highlighted by the inspectors as particularly strong - examination standards, quality of teaching, leadership, extra-curricular activities, committed staff, personal development of pupils and attitudes to learning were all singled out for praise.

Our second year as a Language College saw the establishment of Spanish in the curriculum and the provision of lunchtime and after-school lessons in Esperanto, Gujarati, Hindi, Italian, Latin, Norwegian and Mandarin Chinese. Visiting theatre groups, visiting speakers, an Austrian Day and three days of international events added an international dimension to our daily routines. The most obvious outward sign of our development was the completion in June of the new W J Veale Language Centre, officially opened by The Earl of Stockton. This was a marvellous finale to a year of significant achievement in so many areas.

Garde Ta Foy!

I L Kellie

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Keep track of Rich's News & Events on the School's Official Web Site. Following its foray onto geocities the school website has returned to its original home url of

<http://www.strs.org.uk>



W J Veale Language Centre

The major development of the year at STRS has to have been the Raising Up of "The Bunker" - as it quickly became known to pupils on account of its low-slung profile and because during and for quite a while after its construction large mounds of

mud and earth partially obscured it from clear view.

This prestigious development

was possible following the funding raised due to the school's grant of Language College status.

Early hiccups with the architectural



planning stages delayed the commencement of the building works but once underway in October 2001 rapid progress was maintained and the building was completed just about on schedule in spite of a hold up over the Christmas break.

The facility comprises 5 comfortable teaching rooms, a



dedicated computer based language laboratory, an office/ staff room, ample storage space and services.

Members of staff started moving in at the end of summer term and looked forward to the improved teaching environment - quite a step up from the cramped Elliot buildings they had hitherto been using!



On July 16th Lord Stockton officially opened the W J Veale Language Centre in the presence of local dignitaries and invited guests.

All were impressed with the new facility and the opportunities it potentially affords the teaching and learning of languages.

It did not escape the discerning guest however that it is the skill, dedication and vision of the teachers themselves, not necessarily the pretty facilities, that enthuse the students of foreign languages to attain so highly and strive for fluency. The multi-lingual greetings issued in 10 different languages to welcome Lord Stockton proved impressive evidence of this.



So there are exciting times ahead for all students of languages at Sir Thomas Rich's.



New members of Staff

September brought with it a new intake of teachers to the Rich's Staff.



Mrs C Castle

Mrs Christina Castle joined us from The High School Denmark Road to take over Food Technology to allow Mrs Arnold to concentrate on her Science teaching and her new role as Head of PSHE.

From Patchway in Bristol, Mrs Anne Briscoe returned to Gloucester to join the English Department. She trained at Cheltenham & Gloucester College and taught at Ribston Hall, so must find Gloucester agreeable!



Mrs A Briscoe

Newly Qualified Teacher Miss Debbie Brake brings her linguistic skills to the Languages Department, teaching Spanish and French. She studied at Salford and Bath universities.

Finally Mr Chris Carter arrived from Royal Grammar School Worcester to step into Mr Hanney's role as Assistant Headmaster (Lower School). Many will know that Mr Carter is himself an Old Richian, a previous School Captain no less with an illustrious Rugby playing record while at the school.



Miss D Brake



Mr C D A Carter

In January 2002 we welcomed Mr Steven Hancock from Tewkesbury School. Mr Hancock took over as Head of Design & Technology from Andrew Smith to whom we bade farewell at Christmas.

Andrew joined the staff of Sir Thomas Rich's in September 1994, becoming Head of Department a year later. He worked hard to develop Design & Technology - during his time the examination results have improved steadily and he successfully introduced the 'A' Level Design courses.

Outside the classroom Mr Smith never seemed to relax, typically helping pupils in the workshops, as well as working on hovercraft and kit-car projects in The Young Engineers Club. His construction of props for School plays and his organisation of ski trips were also much appreciated. We wish him well in his new appointment at St Egwin's in Evesham.



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Annual Awards and Speech Day

September saw the Annual Speech Day with Guest of Honour Ian Beer CBE rendering one of the most memorable and innovative speeches in recent years.

The former Head of Harrow spoke about the necessity to work hard to achieve one's goals yet warned that mere academic success is not in itself character forming.

He illustrated this beautifully by borrowing two members of the audience and requesting that they peel cabbages on stage! Both cabbages from the outside looked green and fresh - representing academic growth and success - yet one had a solid heart, the other not - showing the importance of personal qualities which cannot be assessed by examinations nor for which can you be awarded certificates.

He stressed that students should therefore seek out the life enriching experiences that build one's character and take full advantage of what Sir Thomas Rich's has to offer outside the class room as well as in it.



Headmaster, Mr Kellie, and Chair of Governors, Miss Wilton, with the Stage Party, including Guests of Honour Mr and Mrs Beer, Parmjit Dhanda MP and the Sheriff's consort, Mr Francis.



"Let us talk of cabbages and kings!"

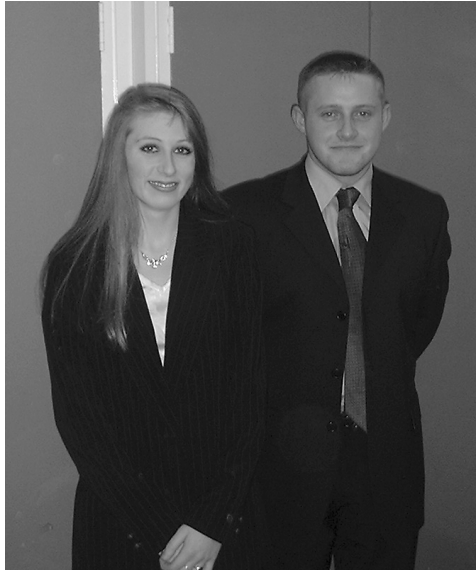
Ian Beer in jovial mood with his two 'assistants' and their cabbages



Several of the “retiring” Sixth Form Prize Winners!



Simon Poole raises up the
B C Legg Cup for Chess!



Stephanie Cole & Simon Clarke -
successful prize winners who joined
the Sixth Form from
Oxstalls Community School
(where they were once taught by
Mr Brown!)



Seven Richians head for Oxbridge!

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Oxbridge Entrants

The following secured places at Oxbridge:

Paul Grayson to read Biological Sciences at Christ Church College Oxford; **Dolin Bhagawati** to read Medicine at Christ Church College Oxford; **Stephen Smith** to read Computer Science at Churchill College Cambridge; **Simon Clarke** to read Chemistry at St Peters College Oxford; **Rosemary Stanley** to read Modern Languages at Balliol College Oxford; **Simon Poole** to read Mathematics at Churchill College Cambridge; **Muhammed Afzal Junglee** to read Computer Science at Keble College Oxford.

School Honours

The award of Honours is reserved for a small number of students who have made outstanding contributions to the life of the School. The following *richly* deserved theirs-

David Leung - School Captain, contributed to house drama and to house and school public speaking; **Adam Langley** - expert assistance with the curriculum computer network, stage manager and trained other pupils in stage management; **Craig Stevens** - Captain of Choir, major contributions to the school orchestra and to house and school drama; **Ian Hill** - help with the curriculum computer network and intranet, important contributions to the choir and to instrumental music; **Jonathan Ellison** - curriculum computer network administration, Chairman of Venture Scout Unit, important roles in house drama and to every school production since he joined Rich's.

Individual Achievements - A Selection

Adam Langley also took part in the British Informatics Olympiad, which involved taking a three-hour programming test in school. As a result of his success in this Adam was invited to the finals which were held over three days at Cambridge University. Adam did very well here and was selected as one of the top four invited to represent Great Britain at the international final which was held in South Korea in August.

Jonathan Maxted (7R) who won two gold, a silver and a bronze medal in a Drama Festival in Bristol.

Ciaran Conway (9T) on his selection for the County Under 14 cricket trials.

Andrew Downes (8T) who finished a very impressive second in the Gloucestershire Schools Under 16 golf championships. Against much older boys Andrew finished with a net score of 61 over the 18 holes.

James Hodge (L6H) was given the Robert Nairac Award by the Gloucestershire Royal Society of St George for his bravery in rescuing his mother from their burning car;

David MacArthur (10R) who won 14 medals, including 5 golds, in the County Under 15 swimming championships.

Mark McBride (11S) upon his selection as referee's assistant for the Women's National Under 16s Cup Final which was held at Ashton Gate on 9th May.

Luke Roberts (U6B) on winning the title of British National Yo-Yo Champion. At the national finals, held at Whitstable in Kent, Luke had to perform a set list of 10 tricks, as a result of which he led his division - the top three in each of the three divisions then competed against each other, Luke was awarded top marks.

Alex Winter (8B) on his selection as captain of the Wales U13 cricket team.

Tom Burdett (11R) on his selection for the England U16 table tennis squad.

Robert Payne (7R) who was selected to represent Gloucestershire at swimming.

Year 7 Trip to Stratford-upon-Avon

A Report by Jack Vickery of Form 7B

The Year 7 trip to Stratford-upon-Avon takes place every year as a way of letting pupils get to know each other and their form tutors. Each year the new Year 7 forms stay in the nearby Youth Hostel and participate in a number of exciting team-building activities. The initiative works, too, and pupils come back with new friendships made. To my knowledge, every Year 7 went on the three-day and two-night trip, and thoroughly enjoyed it. Well done to the organisers of the event!

Over a period of four weeks each form went on the trip to Stratford-upon-Avon, leaving the school in the school minibuses on the Wednesday and returning on the Friday of that week.

While we were away, we participated in such activities as:

- Visiting the Butterfly Farm
- Swimming at the Leisure Centre
- Taking part in a Treasure Hunt
- Riding on the Open Top Bus
- Visiting Mary Arden's House
- Watching a Falconry Presentation
- Doing Brass Rubbings
- Visiting the Heritage Motor Museum



Visit to Butterfly Farm

This was one activity not to miss. However, I won't deny that at some points it was a little bit uncomfortable for those with a phobia of insect life [me!]

Swimming at the Leisure Centre

What can I say? In this activity you read what you get!

Taking part in the Treasure Hunt

This was a great teambuilding activity, great use of a morning! I can also say that there was a prize for the winners (those who finished the quickest and who got the most correct answers).

Arachno-phobia? Not Tom Chapple!!

**Michael, Alex & Craig look on -
not quite so sure!!**

Ride in the Open Top Bus

This went down well with us all, I think. Educational while still fun, having the wind in your hair.....

Visiting Mary Arden's House

After a very informative introduction, we set about exploring the house of Mary Arden's family and a nearby farmhouse.



Falconry Presentation

Very interesting for those with an interest in wildlife and birds in particular. Some of us even got to handle and fly the birds and watching them dismember the day old chicks (already dead I hasten to add!) engendered a certain amount of morbid fascination for some of my form!



**Close attention being paid to the
Falcon at its feeding time!**

A quiet moment for Mr Swann as his form concentrate on getting their rubbings 'just right'

Brass Rubbings

If you have artistic ability or the subject interests you, you will enjoy this experience.

Heritage Motor Museum

When I mention the visit to the Heritage Motor Museum, I am being a bit vague, this visit included having an introductory slide show and talk, looking around the museum and having a go in a 4x4 off-road vehicle on a mud-track course.



7T enjoying the Formula One Exhibition

I wonder if any of them are destined to become future F1 stars?

In all of these activities the emphasis is on fun, rather than education. However, some activities were more fun/educational than others were. The swimming activity, for instance, was purely based on fun; a lot of the Heritage Motor Museum was educational. The Open Top Bus ride was a cross between the two.

In addition, we were asked to keep a diary of the events that took place during the residential trip. We were asked to do this so that we would have a record of events, or a memento. Also there was a bit of a contest for the best-kept diary.

I was very impressed when I first saw the Youth Hostel, it has been kept well and the standard of cleanliness was high. Both the facilities and the food were excellent.



Diary of Events

WEDNESDAY: Leave school at 9:15 in school minibuses. Be at Stratford Youth Hostel for 11:00. Walk into Stratford. Lunch and free time on playing field. 1:00: Visit to the Butterfly Farm. Swimming at Leisure Centre. Walk back to Youth Hostel. Dinner at 6:00. Write diary. Free time until lights out at 9:30.

THURSDAY: Breakfast. Treasure hunt round Alveston. Lunch and free time on playing field. Open Top Bus ride. Visit to Mary Arden's house. Falconry display. Brass rubbings. Walk back to Youth Hostel. Dinner. Write diary. Free time until lights out.

FRIDAY: Breakfast. Clear rooms. Travel to Heritage Motor Museum in school minibuses. Leave for school mid-afternoon. Arrive by home time.

Conclusion

Personally, in my opinion, I think the trip achieved what it set out to do - to help me and my fellow pupils bond and get to know each other. I will reiterate it's good that the emphasis was off teaching and education for a change and on fun. It's nice to know that the school cares! The trip was well organised. The overall bottom line is that it was a totally enjoyable trip, an experience to remember!



Sixth Form "Girls" Team - One of the more colourful entrants!!

Miss Brake's Year 10 Team pondering over the Picture Quiz





The Winning Junior Team - "Venture 44"

Gavin Hardy, Chris Gallant, Sam Coe, Matthew Bick, Daniel Whisson

What is your name? What is your favourite colour? What is the average air-speed velocity of a sparrow? (European or African) Whose motto is "Nil Illigitimae Carborundum" and what does it mean? How many beans make five? Who wrote Tchaikovsky's piano concerto? How long is a piece of string? Can you answer any or all of these questions? Then perhaps you should be joining in the great STRS PA Quiz Night!

Two highly successful events were staged during the year with Messrs Philip Vaughan-Smith and Ken Shaw in their joint role as Question Masters entertaining the assembled 'quizters'. Here are a few of the questions posed - see how you get on with them!!

(Answers please on the back of a brown envelope to The Bursar who will award the winners a cash prize from the School Fund)

Who was the conductor in Walt Disney's "Fantasia"?

What element has the chemical symbol 'Au'?

Lauren Bacall's first screen role was in which film?

The owl and the pussycat ate what with a runcible spoon?

Who wanted their 'pound of flesh'?

How many eyelids has a snake?

Q u i z N i t e

Rodgers & Hammerstein

KLAHOMA!

5th, 6th & 7th
December
2001

Producer & Director
Mrs E R Stanley



Musical Direction
Mr J W Thompson



"Oh What a Beautiful Mornin'"

"People
Will Say
We're in
Love"

"I Cain't Say
No!"

"Kansas
City"

"The Surrey With The Fringe On Top"

Everyone involved in this production is to be congratulated on three fine performances. A strong lead was given by the principals and the chorus rose to the occasion.

The School production is a team event with sterling work being done by sound and lighting technicians, stage managers and make-up team as well as the cast and orchestra.

A notable feature of the year's production was the beautiful costumes produced by three very talented mums. We are always grateful to the parents who support our productions in so many ways.

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Lead Players



'Jud Fry'
Andrew Adams



'Laurey' & 'Curly'
**Lisa Bland &
Alastair Stanley**

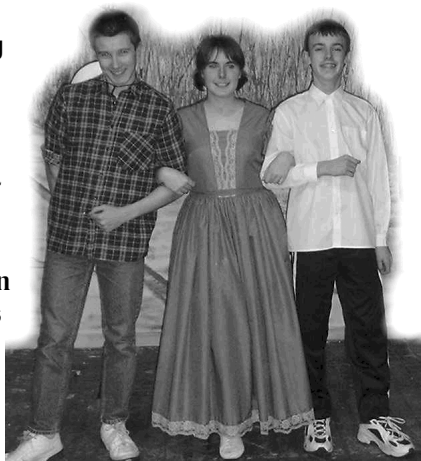


'Aunt Ella'
Claudine Douglas



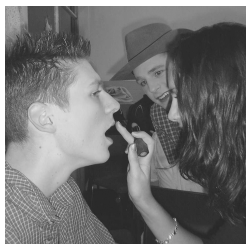
'Andrew Carnes'
Craig Stevens

**'Will Parker',
'Ado Annie' &
'Ali Hakim'**
**Ian Black,
Rachael Brown
& Peter Hards**





Some of the Folk
from the
Oklahoma Orchestra Pit



Make Up!



Cowgirls
&
Cowboys
Chorus lines



More Make Up!
Gotta look good for
Curly!



RUGBY

1st XV - P11, W5, L6, F-143, A-230

The 1st XV have had a difficult season this year, struggling to find any consistency in their performance. Unfortunately they have been unable to transfer their positive approach and commitment to a pattern of play from practice into the game situation and hence have often lacked direction.

They did, however, finish with their two best performances, a 22-5 loss to Crypt and a 10-0 defeat of Bournside in which they finally did themselves justice with both forwards and backs playing their full part in the game.

I would like to thank Alex Allen (Captain) and the rest of the squad for their work and attitude throughout this frustrating season. (IJG)

2nd XV - P12, W4, L8, F-178, A-237

Although the results suggest a disappointing season, this has been a very good 2nd XV with competition for all places and a high standard of rugby, particularly in defence. The side has played 1st XV's from Beaufort, Churchdown, Rendcomb, St. Katherines and mixed teams from Dean Close and Bournside where the extra pace has proved decisive. 2nd XV's from Marling, Kings and Wycliffe were easily defeated whilst the games against Chosen Hill and Crypt were finely balanced with the final score going against Rich's. Thank you to all who played and trained and well done! (MRS)

Colts XV - P12, W5, L7, F-248, A-419

The team displayed a lack of consistency this season, producing rugby that was at times scintillating, at times poor. This was not due to lack of commitment or effort in training but rather some indifferent decision-making on the field of play. However the squad remains upbeat and is looking forward to senior rugby next season. Special thanks to Oliver Howley for his leadership and example as Captain. (RS)

U14 XV - P15, W8, D1, L6, F-322, A-202

The squad has been a pleasure to coach: in training and matches they have been positive, committed and a credit to the School. Lee Warren and Kevin Ellis have always led from the front, numerous players have made progress and I feel



confident that the team has the potential to get better. My personal thanks to the squad for making this year a positive and enjoyable experience. (PDL)

U13 XXX

'A' Team:

P9, W4, L5, F-153, A-166

'B' Team:

P5, W1, L4, F-66, A-130

The U13 squad took a considerable amount of time developing the style and commitment their coaches, Mr Carter and Mr Brown, desired. It was well into the



second half of the season before the squad started playing together with genuine team spirit and effort that allowed individuals to really display their considerable skills.

The match against Marling was the obvious turning point as the 'A' team dominated a game in which the final 15-7 score was far closer than it should have been. The season culminated in two thumping victories against the "arch rivals" Crypt, the 'A' team cruising to a polished 48-5 win and the 'B' team playing some exquisite handling rugby in atrociously wet and muddy conditions to win 34-17.

Let us hope that by the time next year's rugby season comes round, this squad will be ready to take their game a stage further; as their later matches showed they have a great potential for playing an expansive, quick and exciting style of rugby. (PB)



Luke Harris, Luke Barns, Celyn Richards, Luke Murdock, Matt Patching show off their Merit Certificates for U13 Rugby

U12 'A' Team: P7, W5, D1, L1, F-111, A-44

The team can be very pleased with the progress made over the season. Every game has been against difficult opposition and they have risen to each challenge showing a good combination of speed, strength, understanding and, above all, determination. All members of the squad have worked hard both on and off the pitch and they have supported each other well.

After losing 10-0 to Bournside in their first match the team then drew with Bristol Grammar 5-5. Both of these results were very creditable against strong opposition. After these matches the team has gone from strength to strength showing a better balance to their game. This has led to victories over Marling, Crypt, Newent and Monmouth schools. They have very good potential if they can keep working with the enthusiasm and commitment that they have shown this year. (IJG)

U12 'B' Team: P4, W3, D1

The squad has gone from strength to strength this season. Dedicated in training, the

House Rugby

The Senior Rugby event was closely contested, most matches finishing as draws or narrow victories. Southgate emerged as best overall, with two wins and a draw, ahead of Westgate (one win and two draws) followed by Northgate and Eastgate.



Besides special events such as the Ladies Soccer Match, students and staff regularly contribute to a charities fund. The small amounts donated each Thursday morning augment the money raised by 'one-off' events and the students themselves decide at school council which charity should benefit each term. Special thanks to Mr Lloyd and Mrs Poole who organise and count up the weekly collections.

IN MEMORIAM

MR WILLIAM JOHN (PETER) VEALE MBE MA

Headmaster 1937-1957

The School's New Year was saddened by the news that former Headmaster Peter Veale died in hospital in Paignton Devon at 4am on Friday the 4th January a few days short of his 99th birthday.

Peter was born in Redruth, Cornwall and educated at Redruth Grammar School where he developed his lifelong passion for rugby. His first teaching post was in London, during this time he played rugby for Saracens. His teaching career then took him to Cambridge and Tunbridge Wells before he was appointed Second Master at Rich's in 1933. Three years later he became Headmaster, at a time when Rich's reputation and fortunes were suffering, pupil numbers were falling and accommodation in Barton Street was very poor.

In 1937 he was appointed Headmaster having been acting Head since the previous year. Under his inspired leadership he gradually transformed the school's ethos through firm leadership and high expectations, improving both its academic and sporting achievement as well as its popularity with local parents. Many of the traditions which give Tommies its distinct character date from his time as Headmaster and he was held in great affection by Old Boys who had him as their Headmaster. Despite retiring in 1957 he retained a great interest in Rich's and Richians, always sending greetings to the Annual Dinner and being able not only to remember the Old Boys who visited him but their friends and families as well.

To honour his memory both 'Old' and 'New' Richians came together on 22nd February 2002 for a Memorial Service. Well over 150 past and present pupils, staff and friends of Sir Thomas Rich's filled St John's Church Northgate to give thanks for the life of William John (Peter) Veale. The service was led by the Rev Terry Harris (pupil 1946-52) and included readings by the current Headmaster Mr Ian Kellie and Mr Graham Baxter (pupil 1943-47). The School choir sang the anthem "God be in my head" and tributes to Mr Veale, an outstanding and inspirational Headmaster, were made by the President of the Old Richians' Association Dr John Lewis (pupil 1943-50) and Mr David Joseph (Master 1945-81).

The service was a fitting tribute to a great man and a great Headmaster and once again confirmed the respect and affection in which he was held.

**God be in my head,
And in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes,
And in my looking;
God be in my mouth,
And in my speaking;
God be in my heart,
And in my thinking;
God be at mine end,
And at my departing.**



*Anon French
'Book of Hours'
1490*

Mr William John (Peter) Veale MBE MA
Headmaster 1937-1957



Göttingen Exchange 2002

On the 16th of March 2002, a group of pupils from Sir Thomas Rich's and Denmark Road, left from Seabrook Road on their journey to Göttingen in central Germany.

The first leg of the journey was a 2½-hour bus ride to Heathrow airport where we were to take a plane to Germany. After a 2-hour flight we reached Frankfurt where we were to undertake the second leg of the journey to Göttingen, which took approximately 3 hours.

When we finally arrived in Göttingen it was the middle of the night and the last thing anyone felt like doing was speaking a foreign language, but we had to.

Our first day was spent acclimatising to our new surroundings; however, many of us met up later that day at the local swimming pool - a refreshing change to life in Gloucester!

Contrary to popular belief the exchange is not actually a holiday, on Monday it was straight back to school and back to regular lessons. This time lessons had an unusual twist; they were in German (even the English lessons!). For those of you thinking that this is easy, imagine trying to understand French spoken with a German accent, let alone Latin.

But it was not all hard work, school finishes at 1:00 and the rest of the day is all free time. Even easier most of the exchange time was taken up with visits to interesting historical sites and other such places of intrigue.

The most interesting of these was a whole day visit to Berlin. To get to Berlin we took the high speed train from Göttingen to Berlin. We started with a guided tour from a relative of one of the German teachers. The tour took us around places such as the Bundestag, or more commonly known as the Reichstagbäude, or in English the German Parliament Building. On top of this is an immense glass dome from where we probably saw the most of Berlin that day. The only thing that couldn't be seen from there was a very interesting hole. Yes, a hole. This hole was of great fascination to all the Germans as it is a memorial to the Nazi reign and the fire which happened there when Germany's

books and history were destroyed. One of the only other signs of Berlin's past was a small cobbled line down the middle of the city, which marks where the Berlin Wall used to stand.

Other visits during the exchange included the nearby town of Goslar, the highlight of which being 80 metres underneath the town; in the old silver and copper mines, which brought the town the majority of its wealth. Also an official reception with the mayor of Göttingen was arranged in



But all too soon the trip was over and everyone had to say a sad farewell to his or her exchange partners. The mood on the way back was one of disappointment at having to leave, but relief to be talking English full time again. Overall everyone had a good time and a lot of useful German was learnt - and practised with a genuine need to do so.

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The Spring Term was a busy one for many of our students. Highlights included three of our runners reaching the English Schools National Cross Country Championships held at Chelmsford, Essex, after progressing through at the local and regional rounds. Peter Kellie (U6R) finished 10th out of over three hundred runners in the Senior event, despite not having been able to train fully due to an injury during the weeks leading up to the event. In his first appearance in the Nationals at Intermediate level, Philip Hanson (10R) gained valuable experience for the coming years, while Kevin Ellis (9R), who reached the Junior finals, was unable to make the race but displays tremendous promise for the future.

In separate races against RGS Worcester, a combined Years 9 and 10 team beat their hosts, with Richard Hanson (10R) winning the race easily followed by Kevin Ellis (9R). Other note-worthy performances came from Timothy Dalton (10B), coming back from injury, and Joseph Taunton (9R).

Finally, in a dual Year 8 and Year 7 fixture against RGS Worcester, again in terrible conditions, our Year 7's were led to victory by a wonderful run by Richard De-Camps (7T), who incidentally beat many Year 8 runners in the process. Our Year 8's could not 'pack' well enough and subsequently lost narrowly, despite excellent runs from Luke Barns (8S) and Joshua Denley (8B).

Congratulations to the following boys who represented Gloucestershire Schools in an inter-counties event in Cardiff: Kevin Ellis (juniors), Philip Hanson (intermediates), Peter Kellie and Richard Parker (seniors). Kevin, Philip and Peter then ran for the County in the South West Cross Country Championships, Peter winning the Senior Boys race. Peter Kellie also represented Wales in an international event in Dublin.



Captain Mark McBride collects the U16 City Cup - then team celebrations start!



SOCCER

Congratulations to the U16 soccer team who won the Gloucester City Schools Cup. They defeated Severn Vale 3-1 in the semi-final and Beaufort 3-2 in the final on 24th April. Well done to captain Mark McBride, all the Year 11 squad members and to their coach Mr Tony Barton.

U12 - P3, W2, L1

Our U12 team also had a good season. In the Gloucester City Schools' Cup competition, the team reached the semi-finals by producing excellent wins against Churchdown and Brockworth before securing a place in the final by defeating Beaufort 3-0. In the final against Severn Vale they led 1-0 until ten minutes from the end but, despite valiant defence, went down by 2 goals to 1. In a friendly against RGS Worcester, they narrowly went down 1-0. However all the team must be given credit for their attitude and commitment. (PDL)



The U12 Soccer Side - Finalists in the City Cup

U13 - P6, W2, D1, L3

A mixed set of results for the U13 team, with some narrow defeats. However the team produced good wins against Oxstalls and Brockworth, which ensured a semi-final place in the Gloucester City Cup. Players worthy of mention include Luke Ashley (8T), Luke Barns (8S) and Luke Murdock (8S). (PDL)

U14 - P6, W3, L3

The Under 14 team had a rather mixed season, showing inconsistent form but still managing to progress through to the semi-final of the City Cup. The highlights from their matches were undoubtedly the last two games in which they travelled first to RGS Worcester and secured a fine 3-0 victory during a winter squall followed by the 8-0 demolition of Oxstalls two days later. Their other victory came against Brockworth, although they surprisingly played better against a very strong Bournside team despite losing. Further defeats against less formidable opponents in Marling and Churchdown merely confirmed the inconsistent nature of the team's form. *(R/JL)*

U15 - P4, L4

A very disappointing season. Games against Churchdown, Worcester and Brockworth could all have been won with a little greater effort and commitment. The boys lacked self-belief and gave up too easily when they fell behind. Gareth Mohamed was one of the few exceptions who battled tirelessly all season, never missing a practice or game, he also captained the team. *(JRN)*

2nd XI - P5, W1, D2, L2

A relatively young, inexperienced 2nd XI played open, attractive football and probably deserved to finish up with a better record. A good win was recorded at King's Worcester and there were drawn games with RGS Worcester and Pate's. Failure to convert our chances partly explained defeats at the hands of Bournside and Newent. Indeed this failure to turn opportunities into goals was an unfortunate feature of senior football this term. Most of the squad will be available next year and, having benefited from this season's experience, should have better fortune. (MAS)

1st XI - P8, W2, D3, L3

The 1st XI have experienced an indifferent season in respect of results, despite maintaining most of the possession and creating numerous opportunities in the vast majority of matches. Their inability throughout the season to 'finish' from good creative play has frustrated all who have witnessed some otherwise very good football. (AJB)



HOUSE DRAMA - Adjudicator's Report

All groups are to be congratulated on their efforts, they provided the audience with a superb morning's entertainment.

1st place Southgate: 'Rapunzel Uncut'

A very entertaining, well rehearsed performance, which received a good response from the audience. A very good team effort, the timing in this piece was superb!

Strong performances:

Colin Steward as Rapunzel, Jonathan Ellison as Narrator 2, David Leung as Prince, Luiza Patorski as The Witch



Joint 2nd place Westgate and Eastgate

Westgate: 'The Book of the Banshee'

This play had a more contemporary feel with a strong story line. Good direction.

Alexandra Cooper as Estelle, Kathryn Winter as Mum, Mark Illingworth as the Rabbit
Hector Molloy who took the parts of Chopper and Dad.

It was nice to see a large cast involving younger members of the school and encouraging to see some of the main parts taken by years 9 and 10. A good story line that held the attention of the audience.

Rob Litchfield as Tom Fool, Peter Hards as The Princess, Alex Phillips as Bullseye, Tom Constable as both the King and the Mayor

A good choice with lots of opportunities for a large cast. They maintained the interest of the audience with the different stories and overcame some minor difficulties with props.

Andrew Adams as Ernie

The winner of the best individual performance was Tom Constable. Thank you to all who participated for an excellent morning of drama, well done!

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North Glos League

It has been a difficult season for Rich's in Division 4 due to the loss of strong players from last year's Upper Sixth, resulting in the team finishing bottom of the division. Strong opposition from adult teams such as Cetera and British Energy meant losses with scores often being as close as 3-2. There has been good commitment from every player this season, including James Allison (captain), Luiza Patorski and Alex Allen of the Upper Sixth who have consistently played for the team throughout their time at Rich's. Also from Alex Timms, David Wells, Mr R Fowler, Mr M Swann, Robert and Keith Charsley.

Rich's 'A' have had an impressive season in the Junior League division 1 under the leadership of captain Luiza Patorski. The Junior League is designed for pupils to represent their school and compete on Friday evenings in a less formal atmosphere than the adult leagues. We hope that more players from the lower school will be joining D Wells, A Timms, C Aston and A Downes next season.

L Patorski (U18), D Wells (U14), C Aston (U13), M Lamb (U13), A Timms (U12) and K Turner (U12) all reached the Megafinals of the UK Chess Challenge held at Headlands school, Swindon in May putting them in the top 2,500 players in the country. A Timms and L Patorski both came top of their sections, becoming Supremo and Suprema.

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Music at Rich's



Once again the procession of musical events throughout the year gradually passed by with my usual anticipation and relief with each success.

The Autumn term's hectic preparation for 'Christmas by Candlelight' and the annual carol services at Holy Trinity and St John's Churches respectively was added to with a committed and lively team effort in the School's early December production of 'Oklahoma'. A largely senior school cast provided a splendid performance of the well-loved scenes and songs. A week later, the aforementioned Christmas celebrations were

festively and warmly being enjoyed by singers, speakers and listeners alike. Many sincere thanks to Mr Bob Fowler who, year after year, quietly assumes the role of organist for the two carol services, always plays superbly well and rarely receives due public acknowledgement of his efforts.

The increasingly popular House Music competition in February provided Mr Tony Hearn with a difficult job adjudicating some stylistically contrasting entries and skilful playing and singing. A narrow win for Westgate was refreshing after previous Eastgate domination!

Certain of the House Music pieces received a second airing at the Spring Concert - the springboard for many an aspiring junior instrumentalist as well as a useful platform for more 'mature' players, particularly those seeking opportunities for GCSE and A level performance. All the regular music groups gave of their best in a well-received concert.

It was fitting that the School choir played their part at the Memorial service at St John's, Northgate in February, for the well-loved and revered ex-headmaster, Mr Peter Veale, who had died just short of his 99th birthday. Their rendition of 'God be in my head' was felt to be very appropriate and a moving moment in the tribute to the great man.

The latter part of the Spring term saw the Choir preparing the finer details for a more major exposure in their May concert at Holy Trinity Church. The 'Magnificat', set by John Rutter - a tuneful work with some wonderful dramatic and eloquent passages, was appreciated by a large audience. We were treated as usual by the exquisite solo voice of Malvern-based soprano, Susan Black, and the string section of the orchestra filled the remainder of the evening's programme with the popular Pachelbel 'Kanon' and the Albinoni 'Adagio' for strings and organ.

Was there time during the long Summer term for any serious music-making in the mire of exams and more exams? Amazingly, yes - the traditional Summer concert in July as usual presented all the music groups once more in addition to a miscellany of soloists, duettists and chamber groups, this year including a classical guitar group led by Mr Colin Herbert, visiting teacher to the school. It was also the last opportunity to see and hear outgoing Upper Sixth musicians perform after many years loyal service. They are, of course, missed but it is always gratifying to see new 'blood' materialising in the lower school, ready to take their place in the on-going, fascinating cycle of school music.

Mr J W Thompson



Ian Black ('Will Parker'), Rachael Brown ('Ado Annie') & Peter Hards ('Ali Hakim') provided the comedy in the school's colourful production of Oklahoma!



Rich's
Art
Gallery



Artist ~ Katie Winter



Artist ~ Adam Stokes





Artisit ~ Oli Bain

Artist ~ Alex Phillips



Artist ~ Ollie Bain



Artist ~ Jacob McCatty



Artist ~ Ben Nash

Artist ~ Aaron Bundock

A photograph of a modern stool by Aaron Bundock. The stool features a circular, blue upholstered seat. Below the seat is a thin, horizontal metal ring. The base of the stool is composed of two curved wooden slats that meet at the bottom. The stool is positioned on a light-colored wooden floor with a visible grain pattern. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

Artist ~ Chris Butler



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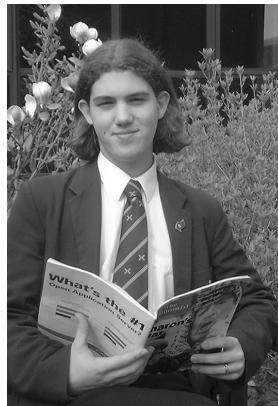
International Week July 2002
Chinese Calligraphy Class



Kenya Trip
July 2002

The Debating Society

We had planned to start the year with a debate about whether or not the United States has made a positive contribution to the globe; however, after September 11th this was cancelled. Instead we started the year with an emotive and sensitive discussion about the implications of September 11th - this event was the best attended I have seen in all my time in the debating society. The views discussed were much more intelligent than those propagated by that oaf in the White House. Attendance was also good at the next event, and the motion that religion had seriously damaged human society was narrowly defeated. There was also a junior debate about whether we should or should not have to wear school uniform. Surprisingly, the junior years seemed to emphatically



approve of their school uniforms. The last event of the Michaelmas term was an 'Any Questions' forum. The panel consisted of teachers and pupils who were asked serious and topical questions - interestingly, there were also some amusing questions, such as one from Richard Gavin: *"With the apparent correlation between the level of power in the school and facial hair, do you think that you need facial hair to get higher positions in the school?"* Mr Hearn responded by saying that in some ways he missed his beard.

(I think we need to be more precise here - there exists a real correlation between moustachioed personae and the positions of power in the school; those carrying a "full set" are definitely at the other end of the power scale – Ed, GDB)

The Spring term was a busy term for both David Leung and myself so only one event was staged, a debate on whether globalisation had benefited the majority of the world. This event was mainly attended by the junior years, since we were competing with the upper school indoor football finals. Despite this, it was an intelligent discussion of the issues, although the anti-capitalists were in the ascendancy during this debate, much to my dismay. During the spring term, there was also the annual 'House Public Speaking' competition. The junior years discussed whether or not STRS should be co-educational and whether or not we should keep the monarchy. Southgate seniors discussed the future of technology; Northgate discussed the benefits and costs of going to university; Westgate tried to ascertain whether or not we had achieved the goals of the French Revolution; and Eastgate won.

We were to finish the year off, as part of the STRS Golden Jubilee celebrations(!), by debating the motion *"This house believes the British monarchy should be abolished"* of which I would be naturally in favour. However, with the A2 exams and even more work than the Spring term, this was not possible.

I end by saying thank you to all the speakers and those that took part in the debates. Special thanks to David Leung who gave up a lot of his own time to help run the society. I would also like to pay tribute to Mr Slinger who has for many years been the keystone of the debating society, thank you for giving up so much of your own time to us, your efforts have been appreciated by many over the years. Good luck to Mr Lewis as the new Staff Co-ordinator.

Finally, *"Vive la liberté, vive l'égalité et vive la fraternité ou mort."*

Luke Sibieta

Top Scouting Honours for “Three of the Best”



On the evening of the 10 April, the Gloucestershire County Reception for the Queen's Scout Award was held at the new Gloucestershire University Park Campus in the presence of HWG Elwes JP HM Lord Lieutenant of Gloucestershire.

At the reception, Adam Griffiths, Matthew Key and Rachael Brown from the 44th Gloucester, the school's Venture Scout Unit, were among the 14 Venture Scouts from Gloucestershire who this year have earned their Queen's Scout Award and who were presented before the Lord Lieutenant.

The Queen's Scout Award is the highest and most prestigious award presented for personal achievement within the Scout Movement. Venture Scouts aged between 16 and 20 are eligible, and it is gained only by those showing the highest level of personal commitment. Holders have demonstrated extremely high standards of self-discipline and achievement in community service, activities and interests.

The following weekend Adam and Matthew attended the St George's Day Parade and Service at Windsor Castle and were presented to Her Majesty The Queen and HRH The Duke of Edinburgh.

Matthew wrote of his experience -

Armed with ten inches of paperwork, which explained what was going to happen today, I arrived in Windsor none the wiser. Probably because I hadn't bothered to read the paperwork.

I was soon enlightened as to the purpose of today - marching, marching, marching. To do this, each and every one of us (550 Scouts apparently) had to look quite impeccable. We were placed into rows and inspected by sinister looking little old ladies, who I knew, despite appearances, had an extremely shrewd eye. Some even had two.

There were many areas of the hall they could send you, if you were deemed not worthy. The ironing area to get rid of all those creases; the soapy area, to clean any resistant stains, the 'haven't got a clue pile', where whole new uniforms were issued. I was sent to the unclean shoe area, whereupon my shoes were swiftly polished and shined by Cub Scouts (7-11). Slave trade it was not, I was assured, because they were all getting a shoe shining badge for their efforts.

Onwards to the marching. Here we learnt the basics of how to stand at ease, alert, halt (extremely difficult), turn left, move off and eyes right. It all sounds quite drab, but once your group gets it sorted it's quite rewarding, in it's own little way.

Lunch sprung upon us, so we all fell out (technical term that one) and moved in to Windsor. I can recommend Windsor. The weather was glorious, the people friendly (but more importantly, good looking) and the castle most definitely the style all castles should be. For the day the town had been turned into Scout town, roads were closed and Scouts were everywhere - a nightmare situation for most, I know, but if you can't beat 'em, join 'em.

A fanfare from the Irish Guards (red coats, black fluffy hats - you know the sort) and all 550 Scouts attempted to move off in time, through a small gateway. Failed. Regrouped. Tried again.

Once the momentum was up and running there was no stopping us. People had lined the streets and were waving flags, taking photographs, cheering; truly a right Royal occasion. Through the Windsor Castle Portcullis and onto the expanse of grass that is the quadrangle.

A small man marched to the front of the quite sizeable gathering and promptly screamed 'PARADE ALERT', whereupon 550 heels smartly went 'click'. The Irish Guards would have been pleased.

It wasn't up to the Irish Guards though, for today we were being inspected by Her Majesty, the Royal Highness, Queen Elizabeth the Second. Tensions were running high as The Queen processed to our section, although there seemed no reason to be. THUD. Someone obviously couldn't take the pressure (or the heat) - they had fainted just a few metres away from the Queen. Paramedics rushed to the scene and escorted the dazed body away. Sound of deeper breaths being taken, shuffling of feet to widen the base, wriggling of toes. Surely it wouldn't happen to us?

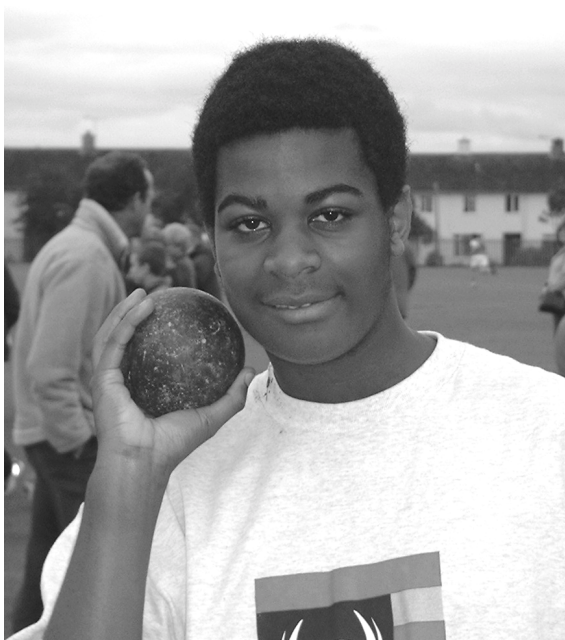
Finally, the Queen came our way. "Are you from Gloucester as well?" she asked, in the same voice she uses for the Christmas Message. Personally I just thought she put it on for show every year.

"Yes Mam" I responded (I'd been well trained in diplomacy). Slight pause. She walked on.

Well, at least she took the time to speak to everyone.

After a few more people got personal with the ground, it was time to move off back through Windsor. Drums beating, sun blazing, people cheering; and yes, we were finally marching in time! I could get used to this.....





James Boyle (below right) with the House Athletics Cup won by Southgate.

Good attendance at this year's Sports Evening witnessed excitement, competitive zeal and in several disciplines superb individual performances.

Shot putt record breaking Luke Richardson

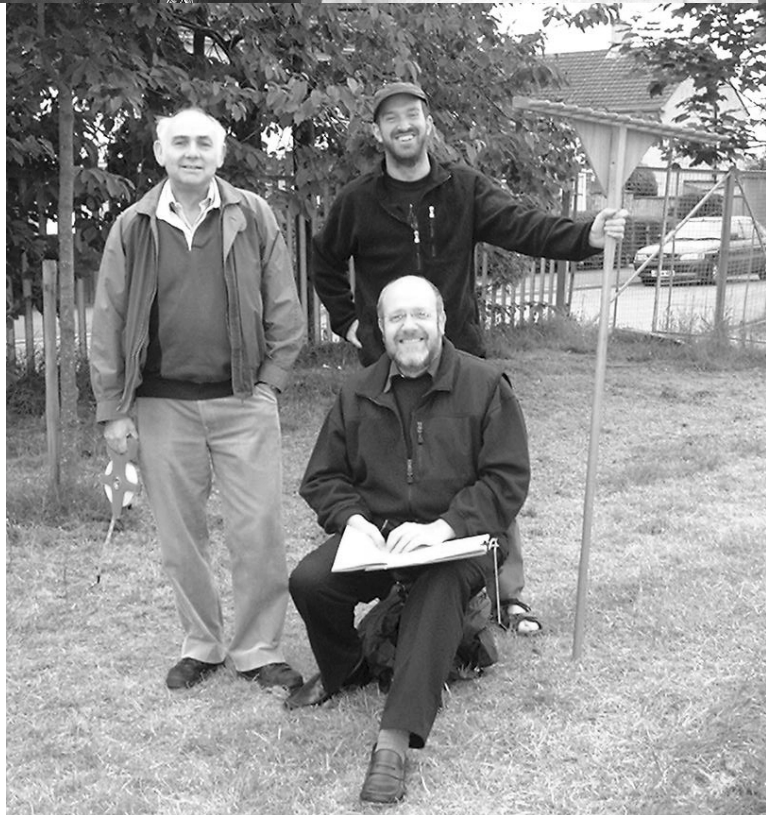
**Sprinter's Cup winner Joel Noel
Year 9 middle distance champion
Kevin Ellis**

**200m, 400m and Long Jump
champion Ben 'Shifty' Russell**

And don't forget the hard working staff who swopped their books and marking pens for measuring tapes, stopwatches, clipboards and even rakes!



To Accurately Observe and Measure - The Science Teacher
To Write Down the Results in a Fair Hand - The English Teacher
To Make All Things Good - The D&T Teacher
What a Team!!





1K Climbing Challenge

to raise funds for the
Sir Thomas Rich's School Minibus Appeal
(On behalf of the Parents' Association)

On 15th June I woke up feeling incredibly apprehensive about my 1K Climbing Challenge. I knew it would be tough but I knew I could do it. I planned to complete the challenge in less than 2 hrs 45 min and establish a 1K Warehouse Climbing record.

The Warehouse was buzzing - mainly with anticipation for the England v Denmark match, which took place at the same time as my climb! - with the presence of my Grandma, Grandfather, Uncle Rich, his girlfriend Vicky and of course my Mum and Dad all present to give me encouragement.

The Black Thunder crew from Severn Sound arrived as planned to start me off on the climb live on air at 1:45 and the photographer from The Gloucester Citizen Newspaper took action shots during the climb.

The hardest climbs were those between the top and bottom of the wall obviously but mainly between numbers 75 and 90.

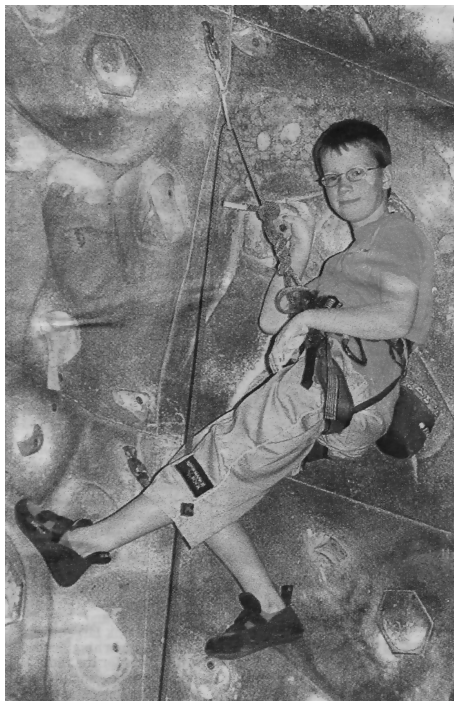
I managed the 100 climbs in 1 hr 47 min, an hour under what I had planned! My Uncle Rich was at the bottom of the wall

urging me on to keep going and not to stop even for the photographer - he was brilliant!

My sincere thanks to all those who sponsored me. I managed to raise an amazing £1000 for which the Parents Association are absolutely delighted.

Richard Young 77

**Well done Richard!
And many thanks!!**



Triple winners for Rich's Cricketers in City Schools Cup Competitions

Congratulations to our junior cricket teams!! They all won through to their respective age group finals and in three out of the four matches came out deserved victors. Only the U15 side suffered defeat - at the hands of a very strong Crypt team.

All the sides relished the superb playing surfaces and true pitches and the standard of cricket for the most part was extremely high. The U14s made up for some indifferent bowling with secure and powerful batting; the U13s enjoyed a close game which swung first one way then the other; the U12s contained their opponent's batting well and then powered their way to an easy victory with a masterful display of batsmanship by Andrew Green and Will Alder.

Special thanks again to the Rotary for sponsoring this competition and to King's school for allowing the finals to be played on their splendid Archdeacon ground.



The U12 City Cup Winners

Peter Moore, Sam Tompkins, Alex Guilford, Will Alder, Alastair Cupper Henry, Woody Morris, Joe Conway, Callum Broadly, Tom Chapple, Andy Green

Cricket Season 2002

1st XI Cricket - P4, W1, D1, L2

In a shortened season in which two matches were lost to exams the school showed a commitment and tenacity to their game. However their batting and bowling lacked the consistency necessary to put the opposition under real pressure. (IJG)

- v - Marling

Batting first the school scored 126 for 9 in their 30 overs. P Green 25. Marling easily overhauled this modest total.

- v - Newington College Development XI

Once again the School hosted Newington College from Sydney, Australia. A team of 14-16 year old development players toured South England and were with us for two days. Unfortunately the cricket was washed out after the luncheon interval with the school on 85 for 2. Despite this disappointment the players and their hosts had an enjoyable two days and I am sure firm friendships were made. Many thanks to those who went to the trouble of hosting the boys and to Paulette Maxted for organising the lunch and tea. Newington plan to return to England in two years' time and despite the washout we will be high on their list of intended games.

- v - King's

On a good batting wicket the school bowled poorly to help Kings to 178 for 8 in their 35 overs. R Bhaiyat 4 for 23. Rich's batting could not match the scoring rate.

- v - Rendcomb

Batting first on a pudding of a pitch the school worked hard to reach 101 for 9 declared. M Taylor 25, T Dodwell 21. In reply Rendcomb struggled against some good bowling but managed to survive on 80 for 9 for a draw. T Moseling 5 for 25.

- v - Crypt

In a 30 over match the school batted first reaching 167 for 4. T Moseling 86no. J Davies 32. In a close finish Crypt were bowled out for 164 losing by 3 runs. T Moseling 3 for 30.

U15 XI - P7, W2, L5

This has been a disappointing season during which tidy bowling has been let down by undisciplined batting. In the absence of a batsman willing to provide backbone to an innings, the U15s have struggled to post scores large enough to set opponents a challenging total. The discovery of Max Gibbons' left-arm in-swingers explains much of the late-season revival, returning 5 for 5 against Churchdown. He took 9 wickets over the season. Other notable performances with the ball came from Richard Kimber and Tom Roberts each with 7 wickets. Batting achievements were few and far between: no batsman reached 50 in the course of the season. Apart from the occasional lower order cameo, little was offered by way of a proper innings, except by Michael Joyce. The side were rapidly dismissed from the County Cup by St Benedict's but advanced by way of their two victories against St Peter's and Churchdown to the City Cup Final where they were well beaten by a strong Crypt XI. (PVS)

U14 XI - P8, W5, D1, L2

Despite the weather causing havoc with the fixtures, this has been an enjoyable season. The team has been a pleasure to be with, with excellent team spirit and very competent performances on the pitch. The highlight has been the team's success in reaching the

Rotary City Cup with some good wins en route to the final. The team, under the excellent captaincy of Ciaran Conway, has displayed some fine cricket, with all the players contributing positively to ensure solid team performances. With excellent habits instilled into the team from two years coaching with Mr Brown, the U14s have the potential to get even better! The team must be congratulated for their excellent win against Beaufort in the final of the Gloucester City Rotary Cup. (PDL)



U14s catching practice in the gym

U13 XI - P8, W5, D1, L2

There is little doubt that the U13s have talent and potential in abundance. In a season that has been decimated by poor weather and cry-offs from opposing schools, there have been some moments of quality cricket, particularly in the field. However until the squad members learn to work together and play to their strengths as a team, they will not realise their full potential. The team managed to reach the final of the District Cup, where they put in a good display to lift the trophy. Team captain Alex Winter and Vice-Captain Andrew Downes have worked hard throughout the season and deserve thanks for their efforts on and off the pitch. (RS)

U12 XI

The U12 cricket team suffered extensively from the vagaries of the weather and some ill-timed cancellations by opposition schools. They ended their season though on a high by winning the U12 City Schools Cup - thanks again to the Rotary for sponsoring this competition and King's school for allowing the finals to be played on their splendid Archdeacon ground.

In contrast to much of the preceding month's shower dodging, it was a beautiful summer evening graced by a superb batting performance from Rich's batsmen Andy Green (30) and Will Alder (23no) who steered the side home comfortably to win with still 5 overs to spare against city rivals Crypt. They obviously enjoyed the properly prepared pitches and smooth short-cut outfield as they stroked the ball imperiously around. Will Alder especially made batting look easy - and it was not due to any poor bowling either!

Fielding was also a joy as for the first time our fielders could go down with confidence that the ball would not deviate suddenly and fly up past their faces. Both sides contributed to some excellent cricket - it was just that on the day our top order bats took early control and really relished the true playing surface.

This success was in stark contrast to the team's first game of the season way back in May when they contributed heavily to their own demise - 56 bowling extras given away in a total of 83 was just too much to make up if the opposition do not return the favour - and Newent didn't!

Watching the way our young players rose to the occasion and so blatantly relished the first class playing facilities at Archdeacon Meadow made me wonder just how much more progress ones such as they could make given the right conditions and resources. How many fail to fulfil their true cricketing potential because of the poor quality of resources and severely curtailed school cricket season we 'enjoy' at Rich's? (PJB)

Lord Stockton opens the W J Veale Language Centre

On the hot sultry evening of 16th July many-a dignitary and important person gathered in their finery at Sir Thomas Rich's to hear MEP Lord Stockton proclaim the W J Veale Language Centre officially open. The centre has been named in memory of one of the school's previous and well respected headmasters Mr Veale who served in the post from 1936 to 1957 and who sadly died earlier this year.

The centre was commissioned in September 2000 when STRS was awarded Language College status by the government and represents a £600,000-plus investment with funding coming from the government, local business partners and the LEA. The state of the art building is equipped with five classrooms, an office and computerised language laboratory.



**Lord Stockton with Headmaster
Mr Kellie**



Mrs Jackie Hewett who was appointed the Language Co-ordinator in September 2000 has been instrumental in raising the profile of languages teaching not

just at Tommies but also at the local primary and junior schools. Students at Rich's regularly visit nearby junior schools to take part in language classes and presentations in French, German and Spanish and the school has hosted several important

"language days" for its junior and secondary neighbours.

With the opening of the W J Veale Language Centre, Sir Thomas Rich's can now offer its superb new resource to local schools and as a centre for community evening classes in the teaching of modern foreign languages.

The vision and hard work put in by Jackie Hewett should not be under-estimated and she deserves highest commendation for promoting the importance of teaching and learning languages and establishing the Language College as a vital and permanent part of the local education scene.

Lord Stockton joins his welcoming party on stage - he received short speeches of welcome and thanks in each of the 10 languages currently accessible through the STRS Language College.





“Le Café Rich”

One of the benefits of the work of the Language College has been the links established with local junior schools. Students from Rich's have often visited and taken part in various role play exercises. In July a group of year 8 students set up a café at Longlevens and waited upon the pupils there. Here we see them preparing their phrases from cue cards.

Bonjour Mademoiselles!!

Qu'est-ce que vous désirez?

Maître-d'hôtel, James, welcomes his guests to Le Café Rich and introduces himself and waiter Jon.

Putting the language into context and real life situations provides invaluable learning experiences for all concerned.



L'addition Monsieur!!

(N'oubliez pas le pourboire!)

Waiter Ray hands over the bill to his customers - cheekily reminding them not to forget his tip!!

The benefits to local secondary schools will be enormous as future year 7 pupils arrive with basic speaking and comprehension skills already established in one or more languages.

Et pour le dessert nous avons une très bonne meringue- glacée

Matt and Jon describe the gastronomic wonders of their extensive à la carte menu.

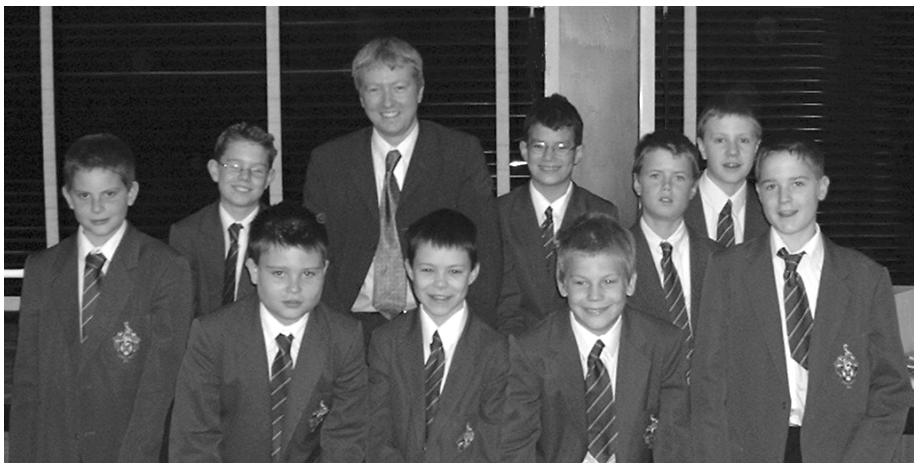
Besides all the educational benefits, individual real life skills are put into practice. And it's great fun, too!



Staff Departures

As another full and frantic year drew to a close there came with it another batch of final “farewells” for some of our hard-working teachers.

Matthew Parris



Matthew leaves us after 5 years at Rich's to take up a post as Head of Science at Rushey Mead school in Leicester. Besides his teaching role in the Biology labs he has done much as Head of Year 7 to integrate and establish new pupils arriving from Junior school as valuable members of the whole school community.

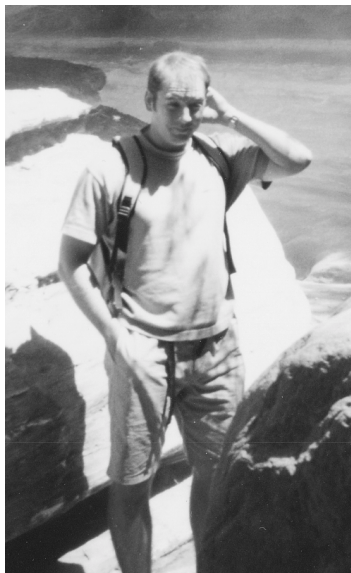
Ian Maxfield

The Geography department would like to take the opportunity to thank Ian Maxfield for the contribution he made to the department since joining Sir Thomas Rich's as a Newly Qualified Teacher in September 2000.

Ian played an active role in school life, in particular with school trips. In his two years at Tommies he led Globetrotters trips to Explore@Bristol and the Tamworth Snowdome. He also assisted with Duke of Edinburgh as well as numerous Geography department trips including the recent expedition to Kenya.

He also played a role in sporting activities within the school. These included taking groups skiing at Gloucester ski slope and coaching cricket, rugby, football and basketball.

We would like to give our best wishes to Mr Maxfield in his new position as a teacher at a school in Qatar in the Middle East and in his forthcoming postgraduate course at Bristol University in 2003-4.



David J Slinger

This summer we said farewell to David Slinger, Head of German. David has served the school for 24 years. During this time he will have seen many changes: the recruitment of the first permanent female member of staff into the department and indeed the school in the person of Sarah White, the growth and development of the Languages department culminating in its designation as a Language College, the arrival and departure of successive Ministers of Education each with a mission to introduce change and prevent



stability and continuity in the classroom. David, however, with his fund of experience, common sense and sense of perspective and humour provided this stability and exuded an air of calm and reassurance amongst all the bustle.

David's enthusiasm for German led to his involvement in the Göttingen Exchange. He has worked unstintingly to develop relationships with our partner school, the Otto-Hahn Gymnasium and is regarded by the school as a friend and indeed colleague. We know that the school will miss him sorely.

He was well aware of the tremendous benefits which pupils derive from an exchange in terms of linguistic competence, self-confidence, personal growth and it was this combined with his love for Germany which motivated him to devote so much time and energy to ensure the success of the exchange. More recently he has been involved in a Sixth Form Exchange with Trier where his party pieces - renditions of old Beatles songs - identified yet more talents.

David has always enjoyed music and is a keen trombone player who found pleasure and satisfaction playing in the school orchestra and performing at concerts and musicals. Drama was another of his talents to which his performances as Chris Tarrant and his direction of the German version of "The Weakest Link" at the European Evening testify.

Involvement in the School's Rugby and Cricket teams, organisation of language events for the Modern Language Association, accompanying groups of year 8 pupils to Normandy, chairing the Debating society and latterly Public Speaking, it is difficult to do justice to David's contribution to the school. Alongside all these activities ran his interest in current affairs and many pupils will have enjoyed both formally in lessons and informally many a discussion with him and gained much respect for his knowledge, insight and wisdom.

David has maintained many interests outside the school, being active in brass bands, jazz ensembles and in local politics. I am sure that retirement will enable him to further pursue these interests without the encumbrance of lesson preparation and delivery. Should he have time to reflect on his career and achievements, I am sure it will be with a sense of pleasure and satisfaction.

Mrs J Hewett

Railway Society

For one glorious week in September 2001 the Great Western Railway returned to Gloucestershire. Gleaming *Castle* and *Hall* Class express steam locomotives hauled chocolate and cream liveried carriages on a regular service around the main lines of the county. Needless to say, the Railway Society were out in force for this notable event with a large group making the early-evening trip to Bristol Temple Meads and back on the Thursday. The experience cannot have been very different from some of the trips detailed in the *Richian* of fifty years ago.

Unfortunately, the experience of long-distance travel on our present-day privatised and fragmented railway system can be anything but glorious. Near-farcical performances from some of the more inept train operating companies taxed the ingenuity of the Society and its leaders. The nadir was reached in February when, for the first time, a trip had to be aborted before leaving Gloucester due to the inability of Virgin Trains to maintain even the first connection of the morning. We were bound for the legendary Settle and Carlisle Line across the High Pennines, but we realised immediately that the excursion was doomed to failure. Whilst our more experienced travellers were keen to try for a repeat, this cancellation dealt a severe blow to our ability to recruit new members, and the railway industry lost some potentially lucrative customers by its abject failings on that dismal morning.



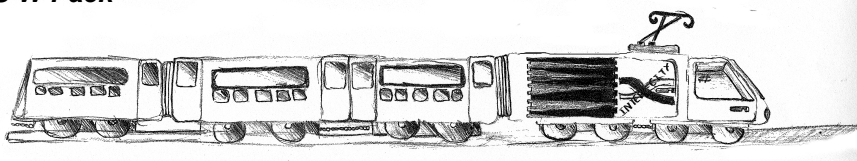
Smiles all round as members of the Railway Society learn how a steam locomotive is driven during their visit to the North Norfolk Railway

But it would be quite wrong to conclude that these difficulties spoilt all the fun. The rest of our trips reached their planned destinations and were enjoyed by everyone. This temporary setback just made us even better prepared and yet more determined. A month later, full refunds having been extracted from Virgin Trains, we successfully made the journey over the Settle and Carlisle Line. The route's wild and windswept ambience was emphasised by a raging blizzard above Blea Moor. Even the customary heavy delay to our return Virgin train at Newcastle mattered little as we settled down to a marathon Monopoly championship. This lasted throughout the homeward run, with some members of 8B showing considerably more business acumen than Richard Branson's increasingly tarnished operations can currently manage.

The year's activities had begun encouragingly enough. Of all the counties of England, only Norfolk and Suffolk had hitherto been spared a Society visit during my leadership. To rectify this we ventured to Sheningham, headquarters of the North Norfolk steam railway. Here we received a very friendly welcome from the local East Anglians, who were somewhat incredulous that we were making a day trip from the distant West Country. Our members were invited onto the footplate of one of the very few remaining Great Eastern locomotives at Holt, whilst the leaders enjoyed the line's beautiful coastal scenery from their seats in the well-stocked buffet car. After some fun on the beach we returned to Norwich where Anglia Railways entertained us with two train breakdowns and a line blockage. A quick sprint across London just spared them the embarrassment of booking us a fleet of taxis from Swindon, and we arrived home by rail and on time.

For the first time in many years we were unable to offer a summer tour to Scotland, but the summer term did see a very enjoyable day trip to Paignton and Dartmouth on the South Devon Coast. Our trains ran to time and the weather was fine, enabling us to visit the crazy golf course on Paignton's seafront. For the autumn we are currently planning a residential trip to Mid Wales, and we will try to return to the West Highlands next summer. And once again we must thank the staff at the Heart of Wales Travel Centre in Llandrindod Wells, without whose help, information and expertise we would not have ventured very far this year.

Mr S W Pack



Cock House Trophy



This year saw the closest fought house competition for several years with all houses in contention right up until the end of May. The final positions married up with the traditional naming of the compass points (NSEW) -

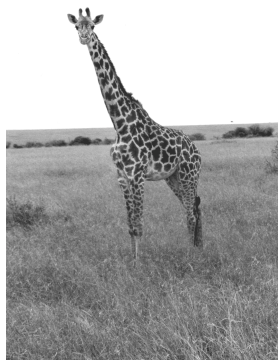
Northgate	60pts
Southgate	56½pts
Eastgate	53pts
Westgate	50½pts

Geography department visit to Kenya

The 22nd July saw the departure for the long awaited trip to Kenya by 23 members of year 10 and 11 accompanied by Mr Pack, Mr Maxfield and Mr Gowler. After our journey to Heathrow and then an 8-hour flight to Kenya we were taking our first steps in Nairobi airport. It felt like Africa straight away, a big difference from Heathrow.

Once we cleared customs we met our drivers for the week, Julius, Nicholas and Mario. Then we were off driving through rush hour Nairobi! The drivers certainly earn their money negotiating roads where everybody seemed to do what they want. The boys commented on the big differences between the well off and the poor, with estates of lovely homes next to poor shantytown settlements. One of the most shocking sights was a young boy aged about 11 or 12. He was dressed in rags and shouting at our minibus while inhaling glue from a bottle. It gave a real perspective on life for the poor of Nairobi.

Our first stop was at a viewpoint overlooking the African Rift Valley, we could see for miles across the savannah. This stop also included the first of several curio shops where the boys had their first taste of haggling with the locals!



We continued down into the rift valley and arrived at our lodge "Kigio Conservation Ranch". It was stunning; the building was made from local materials of wood and

thatch. The lads had three dorm rooms and were well impressed saying it was nothing like they were expecting.

During the afternoon and the next day we explored the land around the ranch. Patrick our Samburu guide took us on walks around the ranch, explaining the use of local plants and making fire by rubbing sticks together. On our walks we saw many of the animals on the ranch - zebra, impala, ostrich and jackal. Giraffe are soon to be introduced in August and filmed by the BBC with Joanna Lumley narrating. We also visited a farmstead on the ranch and saw how the area is used for grazing animals.



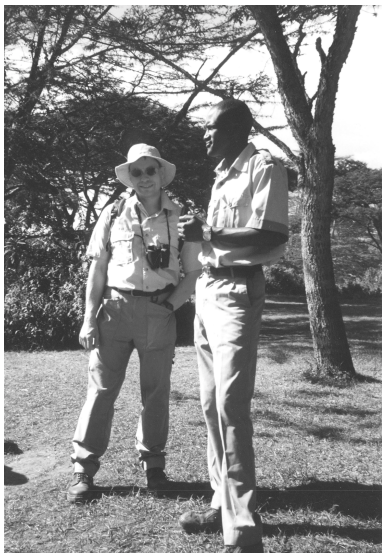
Next day we were off to Lake Nakuru National Park. An outstanding day was had by all looking at all the wildlife of the park including giraffe, zebra, impala, gazelle, buffalo and the highlights a rhino mother and calf and the millions of flamingo on the lake. Our picnic lunch was taken at a waterfall where we had to watch out for baboons trying to steal our lunch! Finally we finished the day by taking a look at Menegai volcanic crater.

The following day we were off out again to visit Hells Gate National Park. We saw more animals in the morning before having lunch and taking a walk along the stunning rock formations in the gorge. After a quick look at a geothermal power station nearby we visited Elsemere, the former home of George and Joy Adamson and of course Else the lioness. We had afternoon tea and a stunning selection of cakes on the lawn overlooking Lake Naivasha; a much needed sugar fix for everyone!

We said our goodbyes to the staff at Kigio the following day and headed south into the Masai Mara. The roads were unbelievable and after four hours of being jolted around we arrived at our campsite in the Mara. Then followed two and a half days of safari trips into the Masai Mara. We saw countless animals, zebra, wildebeest, gazelle, impala, buffalo, elephant, giraffe, hippos, crocodiles, warthogs, vultures, hyena, cheetah and lions to name a few! We also visited a Masai village where the lads were treated to dances and were invited into a home of a Masai and crossed the Mara river into Tanzania.

It was all over too soon, and we were travelling home. Everybody enjoyed the trip and many lads were keen to visit again in the future.

Mr D A Gowler



Venture Scout Summer Expedition 2002 to Norway

The 44th this year returned to the land of fjords, peaks and pines. Armed with a rudimentary grasp of Norsk (enough to ask “Snakke Du Engelsk?” and “En øl takk”) and a minibus crammed with enough equipment to meet most eventualities, the unit initially took up residence in the forests of Nord Odal at a place called Gjeddevasskoia - ‘the settlement of the pike’.

There we were set to work on and around some old foresters’ huts - repairing things, making wooden bridges, painting floors and stoves, clearing water courses, deepening a water collecting pool, shifting boulders, installing our own Norwegian variant of a shadoof, planning and marking out a nature trail, felling trees, clearing undergrowth, cutting and stacking winter wood, the list goes on!

Interspersed with all this purposeful activity we found time to swim in the local lakes, threaten the resident fish with a fishing pole, take on the local football team in an exciting contest, eat large quantities of Geitost, Sunda and tomato mackerel as well as visit Oslo, the capital city, for Fram and the Thong of Norway, and Elverum, for its famous Jagt - og Fiskedager and knife festival.

A week of our hard labours left Ernst Davies, our 82 year old “works convenor” much impressed - he even loaned out the leaders to a neighbouring farmer to put up a “.. few (hundred) metres .. “ of fencing!

Thus shattered but feeling proud of our collective efforts we journeyed to the mountains and some spectacular scenery for the remaining week or so of our visit. Impressive blue glaciers, high mountain views, icy morning plunges, the Pilgrim’s Way through Vinstradalen, the Gaupne squeeze-box festival and a girl called Tonje - all made up a kaleidoscope of experiences and memories for each individual in the party. And finally it was all over - too quickly as such trips always are!



In Memoriam

W J 'Peter' Veale

It was with great sadness that the Association learned of the death of Peter Veale, who was the school's highly respected Headmaster from 1937 to 1957. We extend our sympathies to his widow Gweneth.

Many tributes and reflections have been sent in; a selection of which we would like to share with you here.

"A large congregation gathered at Christ Church Paignton on January 14th 2002 for the funeral of our late headmaster Mr W J Veale, Peter to his adult friends but Ted to us schoolboys. Amongst the congregation was a good representation of Old Richians. Most of the Gloucester contingent had been chauffeured in the school minibus by the headmaster to whom we owe thanks. Others arrived from all parts of the west country and from further afield. The service was conducted by the Revd Roger Adams, a friend of Peter and Gwyneth and Vicar of Christ Church where they had worshipped together since arriving in Paignton in 1957.

Tributes to Peter were paid by Old Richians of different generations, the Revd Terry Harris (1946-52), Past President and David Hook (1972-80) current Chairman. These tributes naturally referred to Peter's distinguished career at Rich's but also to the happiness of his long retirement in Torbay. The service finished with a moving solo performance of 'God be in my Head'."

Andrew Meads (1953-59) e-mailed the Association to recall that when a pupil in the Lower School he was going through a difficult time as his father was in hospital for long periods of time undergoing surgery on bilateral detachments of the retina (sadly they failed and he spent the remainder of his life blinded). He recalls... "this affected the family in a number of ways, including financially. My schoolwork was also affected. Mr Veale somehow got wind of all of this and called me to his study to which I headed in fear and trepidation as one was generally only called for one of two things - and I knew it was not to congratulate me on my exemplary work! I need not have worried; he explained that he knew the family circumstances and gave me words of encouragement that I recall even today. Moreover he explained that the school would pay out of funds for me to join a school trip to Penzance.

I was always and will ever remain grateful for this and still remember with great sadness his departure from the school to take retirement in Paignton where he said he would be running donkey rides on the beach!

A thoroughly nice man and an excellent example to we 'young chaps'."

Paul Ounsworth (1952-58) recalls... "During my time at Tommies I lived in Heathville Rd. T'Head or Ted as he was known to us boys lived in Oxstalls Lane and would generally ride his old bone shaker bike up Wootton Pitch and down London Rd. Beware any boys walking to school on his route whose socks were round their ankles

or caps on askew. Go back up the road 100yds and dress yourself properly, if I catch you again you will be in detention."

Bryan James (1943-48) wrote to us... "I have only recently discovered the Friends Reunited web site, and therefore the Old Richians site. The first thing I read was the of the death of Mr Veale. Having lost all contact with the school for many years I was astounded to learn that he had lived to such a ripe old age. A not-to-be forgotten man for any ex-pupil who was at the school while he was TED [T'ED], as he was affectionately known. He had a voice that could halt a boy in his tracks at 100 yards but retained a wry sense of humour. For a while I was school 'bell-boy' and regularly forgot my duties. Break often lasted 25 minutes or more if I got absorbed on the fives court. He used to find this very amusing and did not appear to mind at all.

The last time I saw him was when the new school was opening and, although I was then in my 30's, and married, he still recognised me and, naturally, I was still addressed as 'James' - much to wife's irritation as I recall! I did not mind a bit, a measure of the respect and regard I had for him."

Alan Dixon recounts... "In common with most Old Richians, I respected Peter Veale and considered him the best Headmaster I have ever come across. 'Strict but fair' best sums him up, and wasn't he an inspiration to any aspiring young rugby player!

I remember one wet and windy Saturday morning at Elmbridge Road when our referee failed to arrive. No game? No chance. Ted Veale, who was there as a spectator, took off his jacket, borrowed a whistle from somewhere and ref'd in shirtsleeves, braces and welly boots. I was well impressed!"

An Old Boy now residing in the States contacted us... "My name is Ken Hawken. I had the privilege of attending Tommy's from 1948 to 1953. I heard with sorrow the death of Mr Veale. I wish I could have attended his funeral, but I live in Oregon, USA having emigrated in 1968. I remember Mr Veale with great fondness. He was strict but very fair. I can see him still - striding down the corridor with his gown flowing behind him.

My education at Tommy's was the best. I attended college at Exeter University and my first year was a breeze having learnt most of the maths (good old Mr Sinkinson), chemistry and physics at school. I wish the US schools were half as good."

And from just over the border into Maple Leaf Land... "I have just read in The Citizen online of the death of Mr Veale, and although I am not an Old Richian, I have fond memories of Mr Veale as the Squadron Leader of Squadron No 181 Air Training Corps, of which I was a member from 1941 to 1946. Sqn Ldr Veale was most dedicated and enthusiastic and an inspiration to us cadets, and I particularly remember him as being instrumental (no pun intended) in forming the squadron brass band and working with the bandmaster, Mr. Beckinsell, in bringing it to competition status in a very short time - how proudly he marched at the head of it!"

Our thanks to all those who submitted tributes - unfortunately space permits only these few to be reproduced. Further recollections visit the Old Richians website.

Memorial Service for Mr W J Veale, former Headmaster, held at St John's Church, Northgate Street, Gloucester on Friday 22nd February 2002

This service at St John's Church where the school's founder was baptised in 1601, was attended by Mr Veale's widow Gweneth, two of his nieces, Beryl and Sylvia Lewis and over 150 past and present pupils as well as former members of staff and friends of the school including the present Chairman of Governors. Many people had travelled from various parts of the country to attend besides those living in and around Gloucester.

Retired Methodist Minister the past President of the Old Richians Association, the Rev. Terry Harris who was at the school from 1946 to 1952, conducted the service. Members of the present school choir led the singing and the lessons were read by the Headmaster, Mr Ian Kellie and Mr Graham Baxter, a pupil at the school from 1943 to 1947.

The Address under the heading "We remember our Headmaster" was given jointly by Dr John Lewis, President of the Old Richians Association who was a pupil from 1943 to 1950 and Mr David Joseph a Master at the school from 1945 to 1981. The service included the School Prayer, the singing of the Tommy Psalm and the hymns "Immortal, invisible, God only wise" and "For all the Saints who from their labours rest". Before the Blessing the service was concluded with the choir singing the anthem "God be in my head and in my understanding" which had been expressly requested by Mrs Veale as it was regularly used in school during Mr Veale's headmastership. The service was without doubt a sincere thanksgiving for Mr Veale's life, especially his time as Headmaster of Rich's and afterwards in retirement when his remarkable memory for individual pupils enabled him to remain closely associated with the school in many ways.

The reunionlike atmosphere throughout was one of which Mr Veale would have approved wholeheartedly. There were warm greetings between old friends as they came into the Church and in many cases their reminiscences continued over the light refreshments which were provided afterwards in the Northgate Hall in St John's Lane.

David Mayo



John Rowden (1936-41), Elizabeth Fisher (God daughter of Mr Veale), David Joseph (Master 1945-81), Helen Williams (widow of Idris Williams), Daphne Rowden.

Richians Annual Reunion held on Saturday 6th April 2002

An assembled company of about 90 attended this year's very successful and enjoyable reunion evening. The President Dr John Lewis and Mrs Lewis were accompanied on the top table by the Headmaster Mr Ian Kellie and Mrs Kellie and guest speakers Mr J Alan Robinson and Mr Brian McBurnie and Mrs McBurnie. In his opening remarks of welcome, the President said it was very pleasing to see a somewhat larger number present than last year. He expressed thanks on behalf of the Association to the immediate past President Mr Tony Stocks for his term of office.

Dr Lewis then referred to the death in January of Mr W J Veale a very much revered former Headmaster who was almost 99 years of age. The President confirmed that as a permanent memorial, the school's new special language facilities would be known as the W J Veale Language Centre. The President then drew members attention to the Associations' Web Site which was already receiving 1000 hits per week.

Referring to the arrangements for the evening, Dr Lewis thanked Philip Brown who together with his wife and daughter had once again set up and operated the bar. He also made special mention of David Hook, Andrew Bishop and Martin Bulled who had organised the event and made a plea for any members willing to assist them in running the Association generally to offer their services.

After proposing the Loyal Toast the President introduced the first guest speaker, Alan Robinson, who was a school contemporary of his in the 1940's.

Alan illustrated how schooldays at Rich's had established his two main interests of flying and rugby. He recalled his membership of the school's ATC 181 Squadron and the arrival of a telegram, read out in morning assembly confirming his pass for Cranwell, which led to a successful career in the RAF. After retiring with the rank of Wing Commander he then spent several years as Chief Test Pilot for British Aerospace followed by a further period training other pilots. Alan recalled his very first flight, which had been in an Airspeed Oxford in the company of fellow ATC member "Ponkey" Holmes, and explained that besides flying, his other lifelong interest had been rugby.

He said this developed in the days when working parties cleared allotments on what is now the Civil Service sports ground adjacent to Denmark Road to form the school's first pitch.

After recounting just one tricky incident from many experiences during his flying career Alan concluded by proposing the toast "Sir Thomas Rich's School and all that its name implies".

The President then introduced the other guest speaker, current Deputy Headmaster Mr Brian McBurnie.

Brian first recalled joining the staff as a student teacher in the late 1960's, when he met John Holdaway, Head of the maths department, who was very welcoming and helpful to him. He then referred to numerous incidents involving other members of

staff, John Cooper and Eric Smith. He also spoke of the war service of the late Tom Sweeting on HMS Exeter at the battle of the River Plate and the involvement of former Headmaster Tony Stocks at the battle of Monte Casino in Italy.

Brian then illustrated how two other well known staff members had considerable influence on the school, though not solely in the classroom. Graham Middleton, besides covering the wide ranging subject of physics, R E and English developed rowing to a high standard whilst also enjoying his private “hobbies” of his Middleton Panels Motor Parts business and his highly acclaimed greyhound of the same name. Eddie Pritchard also had diverse interests. Besides teaching woodwork and technical drawing, he was a founder member of the English School RFU and also became President of the English Bowling Association. Besides being a driving force behind the school’s tercentenary fund, Eddie’s enthusiasm for sport led to the establishment of the school’s bowling green and pavilion facilities.

Brian referred to the various changes in school life since he first arrived and concluded by proposing a toast to the Old Richians Association.

In the final speech of the evening, the Headmaster, Ian Kellie, gave a brief account of the school’s many achievements in another eventful and successful year. He referred to Bob Hanney’s retirement and subsequent return on a part time basis and noted that Chris Carter, a former pupil and School Captain had rejoined Rich’s as a member of staff.

Ian expressed thanks to David Hook for his efforts in relation to the Church services following Mr Veale’s death.

He then referred to favourable remarks made by an HM Inspector following a recent visit and said it was also pleasing to note that a new initiative of introducing language teaching in local primary schools had been enthusiastically received by the young pupils concerned.

In closing, the Headmaster said Rich’s had recently received a special Achievement Award. He coupled this with more high standards in examination results and the wide range of extra curricular activities offered, as testimony to the commitment and loyalty of the senior management team and staff in all aspects of school life.

The President then invited the Rev Terry Harris to say Grace before the meal was served.

David Mayo

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

The dates for the next two Annual Dinners have been arranged so put them in your diary now and support this important annual event

12th April 2003 and 3rd April 2004



Old Richians Newsdesk

Latest Information on Past Pupils

All information contained in the following entries has been written in good faith and based purely on the details supplied to the Editor from various sources

BARROW David (1995-2002) Is taking a gap year before hoping to go to Sheffield Hallam University to study Product Design. In the gap year he will be teaching and playing with orphans in a primary centre in Yamikani House Orphanage in Blartyre, Malawi, Africa. David had to raise £3550 to go on this project and fundraising included a sponsored jump out of a plane. On a musical note (!) he has just passed Grade 8 Drum Kit with a merit. E-mail: thedrumfish@hotmail.com

BISHOP Nigel (Reverend) (1971-1976) Currently serving as a minister of two churches in Coulsdon Surrey, Nigel was ordained at the Methodist Conference held in Coventry in June 2002. E-mail: nigelbishop.tiehab@virgin.net

BROWN Michael (1991-1998) Former School Captain Michael has spent the last academic year at the University of Bern, Switzerland where in addition to furthering his studies in Law and German he's been "*playing rugby, travelling around or skiing whenever possible.*" 2002/03 sees a return to Cardiff University for his final year.

CLIFFORD David (1992-1999) Obtained a first in Geography this summer from that famous finishing school for Richian Geographers - St Catherine's College Oxford.

CROFT Giles (1984-1991) Having recently passed a further set of exams Giles took a break from tending to the sick of Leeds with a sponsored bike ride round 4,000 miles of Europe (cycling has always been a recreation as well as a means of transport for Giles). The ride has taken Giles through France over the Alps into Switzerland including one of the highest roads in Europe, the Furka Pass (2436m/8039ft), through Austria, Hungary, Romania and at the time of writing (21st August) he was in Bulgaria en route for Istanbul. Giles started off on the 4th of July and is hoping to raise £4,000 for the Mines Advisory Group who do such an incredible job trying to remove mines which kill and maim so many innocent people, often children, in countries all round the world (<http://www.mag.org.uk>). If you'd like to contribute to the total Giles raises it is, as he says "*..easy, even when I'm not in the country!*" 1. Write a cheque payable to 'MAG Charity Cycle' and post it to 'MAG Charity Cycle', c/o 5 Far Moss, Leeds, LS17 7NU, or 2. Fill in a paying in slip at any branch of Lloyd's TSB with the following details: Account name: 'MAG Charity Cycle' Account No: 01126176 Sort code: 30-00-05. E-mail: drfrot@hotmail.com

DRINKWATER Paul (1973-1979) Lives at Huntley near Gloucester and works at the Land Registry. This employment is now part time to allow Paul more time for his second job as an independent Ecoflow distributor. For those who haven't heard of

Ecoflow, they use magnets to assist blood circulation in humans and animals and performance in vehicles and heating systems.

FLETCHER Les (1932-1938) Was with 7th Armoured Division (Desert Rats) 1940-1946 seeing action in North Africa, Italy (Salerno Invasion), Normandy, Belgium, Holland, Germany. First British troops into Berlin. Civil Service 1947-1980 (retired with rank of Principal) Freelance comedy writer for radio and television in this country and Europe. He had a stroke in May 1978 and cardiac arrest but is now driving again (automatic only) but as he cannot type anymore had to give up comedy writing. 81 next birthday. Was at school with Bill Hook, D C Curtis, D H Rawcliffe, ? Hathaway, S Brint, ? Clark, H T Richards, A A Smith (Deceased) R Overthrow, Doug Hale.

FRODIN David (1990-1997) Has recently finished his Cadetship in the Royal Fleet Auxiliary and as such has been promoted to the rank of Third Officer (X) a lofty height which he describes as *"somewhere slightly above the ship's cat"*. As a fully qualified Merchant Navy Officer he is entitled to 'drive' any ship anywhere in the world, providing it is more than 500 tonnes! For the meantime he expects to remain with the Royal Fleet Auxiliary serving at sea for periods of four months and then on leave for 2-3 months. David expects to be deployed in the Autumn *"hopefully to the Med for OPERATION ARGONAUT. I hear Antibes is particularly good at that time of year"* he comments, looking forward to the possibility of *"some good runs ashore there"*.

GODWIN William (1993-2000) After a gap year mainly spent working in Bolivia with the Christian Charity Latin Link Will returned to the UK and has completed his first year at Aberystwyth. Having got a taste for Latin America Will returned this summer to do work with a church and school on the Caribbean coast of Nicaragua. Once his project was finished Will had the opportunity to travel within Nicaragua as well as in neighbouring Guatemala climbing a volcano and exploring Mayan ruins before making his way (several days journey) up to Mexico City and a flight home. E-mail: willdgodwin@hotmail.com

GRIMSLEY Guy (1991-1998) Obtained a first in Geography this summer from St Catherine's College Oxford. After a year out Guy plans to apply for a place on a Masters course in International Relations.

HUNT Brian (1964-1971) Still teaching at Orwell Prep School in Suffolk where he has been since 1983. In January of 2001 Brian was promoted to Deputy Headmaster. Still sees David Ralph and in contact with Granley Lycett. E-mail: Brian@huntgreatxscape.net

JAMES Bryan (1943-1948) Found the Old Richians Associations web-site via Friends Reunited and contacted the Chairman in January with his memories of Peter Veale. When pressed Bryan also produced some information for the magazine. He was articled to Gordon Payne of Gordon Payne and Partners [Architects, Surveyors & Town Planning Consultants in Gloucester] and stayed for a couple of years after training before leaving for a job in the Surveyors Department of Wantage Rural District Council,

Berkshire. Two years National Service followed, serving in the Royal Engineers, which included an 18-month posting to Cyprus. He returned to Wantage - working on housing, main drainage and surface water schemes. In 1969 Bryan was appointed Engineer and Surveyor to another local authority, this time in Kent, but resigned after 4 years to set up his own practice as Building Surveyor [Qualification - FRICS] from which he retired in 1996. Married to Diana, who for 21 years had a bookshop in the town where Bryan had his office. They are now both enjoying retirement in the house in which they have lived for 32 years. Hobbies include astronomy, bird watching, gardening, reading and trying to write short stories. They both do some voluntary work locally - Day Centre, Hospice Shop, etc. Bryan also wrote enquiring if the Chairman was related to Bill Hook (his father) *"I knew Bill quite well. We played for the same cricket club [Nondescripts] and, for a while, the same rugby club [Students Union]. My father was also a friend of Bill's, he was RH [Ron] James and was on the Gloucester RFC committee while Bill was still playing in the first class game. I have no way of knowing if Bill is still with us, if he is, and he is your father, please pass on my regards. I also noted, while perusing the site, that an old classmate of mine, John Lewis, is the new President. He may well not remember me but if he does, my regards to him too, and congratulations....that's about it. I hope to live long enough to see Gloucester RFC win something more and Gloucestershire CCC win the championship - though I might be 170 by then!"* E-mail: bryanjames@beeb.net

LAWRENCE Nigel (1975-1980) An Officer in the Gloucestershire Constabulary. He was responsible for organising a rugby match held at Longlevens RFC between the Police and Fire Service to mark the September 11th terrorist attack in the USA. The match was one of a number of events organised by the Emergency Services in Gloucestershire to raise money for the families of American Fire and Police Officers. Fire-fighters in Gloucestershire have already handed over £69,000 raised locally.

METHVEN Dr James C (1980-1987) Dean of Oriel College Oxford since 1995, he has continued his directorial success this year with a production of Joe Orton's 'Entertaining Mr Sloane' at the Old Fire Station Theatre in Oxford. Previous productions James has directed include the world premiere of the 'lost' Orton play 'Fred & Madge' to impressive reviews including 'Director James Methven creates near ideal conditions, giving the unbiddable Orton his head' from the Oxford Times. E-mail: james.methven@oriel.ox.ac.uk

NICHOLAS Philip (1939-1947) Life continues to be interesting and busy in Northamptonshire though Sue and Philip may make a move to North Wales shortly to meet family needs. His sister Mary in Cambridge also enjoys the "memories" in the annual Old Richians magazine. Best wishes to Old Richians.

PAGE-JONES Richard (1983-1988) Lives in Liverpool where he has recently started work for Angel Solutions the Company which produced the Old Richians Association web-site. More importantly Richard became a father in July when wife Claire gave birth to Ellie weighing in at 7lb 6ozs. E-mail: richard.clairepj@blueyonder.co.uk

POOLE Ian R (1982-1987) Our Social Secretary became a father in December 2000 when his wife Liz gave birth to Thomas James weighing in at 10lb 3½oz.

PRICE Dawn (1995-1997) After leaving Tommies Dawn went on to gain a 2.1 Hons in Geography from Swansea University. She has just completed her first teaching post at Archway School, Stroud and is going on to start her second position at Katharine Lady Berkeley's School in Wotton-under-Edge. E mail: dawnprice79@hotmail.com

ROWE Michael (1940-46) Left Rich's and joined the Queens Royal Hussars with whom he served until 1952 when he left to join the Hertfordshire Constabulary. In 1948 Mark married Mary Little and at the time of writing, they have five children and ten grandchildren. Mike moved to the West Midlands Police serving in both uniform and CID and ending his career in 1982 as Divisional Superintendent at Dudley. In 1980 Mike obtained a BA from the Open University in Sociology and on leaving the Police spent the next 11 years at Birmingham University Estate Management Department. A member of the Institute of Management he is currently chairman of Dudley Victim Support and Magistrates Court Witness Service as well as a working member of the Severn Valley Railway and Secretary of the local Rail User Group.

RULE Peter (1953-1959) The Association recently heard from Peter who now lives in Kenilworth Warwickshire, having left Gloucester following his marriage to Diana (nee Maidment) in 1967. On leaving school Peter joined the Old Richians Rugby Club playing with amongst others Keith Ray, Tink Smith, Frank Jordan, Martin Tyler and Dickie Owen and serving as Club treasurer as well as being a member of the main Association committee. Peter writes that he still has occasional contact with Dickie Brice, Mick Sparey and Bernard Price-Smith. E-mail: Peter.Rule@btinternet.com

RUSSELL Craig (1995-2002) Will be taking a gap year after 'A' levels that will enable him to take a course in Information Technology and build up some funds by working at Hobbycraft. Craig plans to apply for science based degree, possibly physiology/psychology or zoology. In his spare time hobbies include rock climbing, badminton and keeping fit at the gym as well as being an avid film buff. E-mail: craig.russell01@hotmail.com

SARKAR Indranil (1983-1985) After studying A levels at Rich's, moved to India and studied for Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical) at the Delhi College of Engineering. In 1989 joined Maruti Ltd, an Indian car manufacturer before studying for a MBA at the Indian Institute of Management at Ahmedabad. In 1994 Indranil moved south to Bombay joining Citibank and over the next 5 years worked with them and ABN Amro Bank. In 2000 came a major move to USA to study for a Masters of International Affairs at Columbia University in New York. From 2001 Indranil has been working with Booz Allen & Hamilton, a Management Consulting Firm in New York. E mail: indranil27@hotmail.com

SAUNDERS Abbie (1995-1997) Writes *"I'm just coming to end of my first year at Cornell and after trying out three different labs have finally settled with the lab run by John Lis. I work on gene transcription and am studying the components that are on*

genes at different times during gene activation. The lab works mostly with Drosophila and on the Drosophila heat shock genes. I had great fun back-packing round Australia last summer. It's such an amazing country. Hope all is well at Tommies"

TRINDER Keith (1976-1981) Works for British Waterways (BW), until recently as Senior Project Manager, Business Development. Now working in a joint venture team between BW and Morrison Construction on delivery of backlog engineering assets. Married to Sarah in 2001, they have spent much of their time renovating their recently purchased period Edwardian house. Keith is still active in cycling, although not at the same level he did as a schoolboy. However, was a member of the 2-man team to win the BW Mountain Bike Competition in 2002! Also enjoys hill walking, badminton, DIY and most of all cooking. E-mail: kstrinder@hotmail.com

WILLIAMS W B Bernard (1938-1943) Of Matson, Gloucester died in March 2001 at the age of 75. Married to Shelagh, he had two children and three grandchildren. Bernard became a well known sportsman locally (rugby and cricket) after representing Rich's at both sports. Known as "Big Taff" by his contemporaries, as distinct from his younger brother Tom "Little Taff" who died in Australia approximately 3 years ago after service in executive capacity with Kodak.

WOOD Richard (1991-1998) Wrote to the Association in February with details of his plans for the coming year and beyond. On the 19th of July this year he graduated from the University of Wales Aberystwyth with a BSc in Geography and then the following day got married to Naomi Herrick, from Aberystwyth, before moving to Carmarthen where she is still studying. In 2000/1 Richard took a gap year raising money for and going on a church leadership course with a 'Youth Culture' church in Watford called "Soul Survivor". The 5 months he spent there included a lot of teaching, social action projects and opportunities to try taking the role of a church leader. In two years or so Richard hopes to be going through the selection process for ordination into the Church in Wales, part of the Anglican Communion, and is currently trying to learn the native language! If accepted for the ministry, and many Old Richians are successfully following this calling, a return to England for 2 or 3 years of theological training is the most likely course of events before "returning to Wales for the foreseeable future".

WRIGHT Nigel (1961-1969) Currently Head of Science at Chepstow Comprehensive School and principal examiner for Biology Edexcel AS/A2 level. Married to Ceryl (Ribston Hall 1961-69) and celebrating their 30th Wedding Anniversary this year. Two sons Owain who is completing a PhD and is married to Aurora from Sardinia and Daniel who is about to start a PhD after completion of his Masters degree. E-mail: nigcherwright@lineone.net



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Old Richians Association Membership Statistics

As of 30th June 2002 the Old Richians Association had a total membership of 393 full members.

There are five categories of full members as follows:

Category	30th June 2001	30th June 2002
£10 Bankers Order	264	280
£5 Student Bankers Order	83	76
£10 Annual Subscription	10	7
Permanent	17	16
Honorary Staff	12	14
TOTALS	386	393

Following the 21% increase in membership the previous year, the year 2001-2002 saw only modest growth. The total number of 2001 Upper Sixth leavers joining the Association was disappointing and this coupled with the large number of student members becoming full £10 members resulted in a drop in the total number of student members.

The number of students becoming full £10 members more than matched any loss of membership due to deaths and non payment of subscriptions which was encouraging.

The initial response from the 2002 Upper Sixth leavers has been very good although a lower percentage than normal have placed their membership onto Bankers Order, hopefully a reflection on the fact that most joined before they had bank accounts and in the coming year they will set up a standing order to go through on the 1st July 2003.

The Association could do a great deal more, not least to help the School if we had a larger membership. Details of how to join can be obtained from the School, members of the committee or from the Association web-site from which membership forms can be downloaded.

Committee Members 2001-2002

PRESIDENT	John Lewis
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT	Michael Sykes
CHAIRMAN	David Q Hook
HON TREASURER	Andrew K Bishop
HON SECRETARY	David G Billingham
HON SOCIAL SECRETARY	Martin Bulled
HON AUDITOR	Dennis Collins
HEADMASTER	Ian Kellie
SCHOOL CAPTAINS	David Leung & Matthew Key
COMMITTEE	William Godwin, David Mayo, Ian Poole





'School Captains at Ease'

David Leung & Matthew Key relax in the New Quad Garden with their successors Tom Moseling & Katie Winter



**City Schools
Trophy Winners
Captains receive
their sides'
trophies at the
final Awards
Assembly in July**

**Alex Winter
(U13)**

**Ciaran Conway
(U14)**

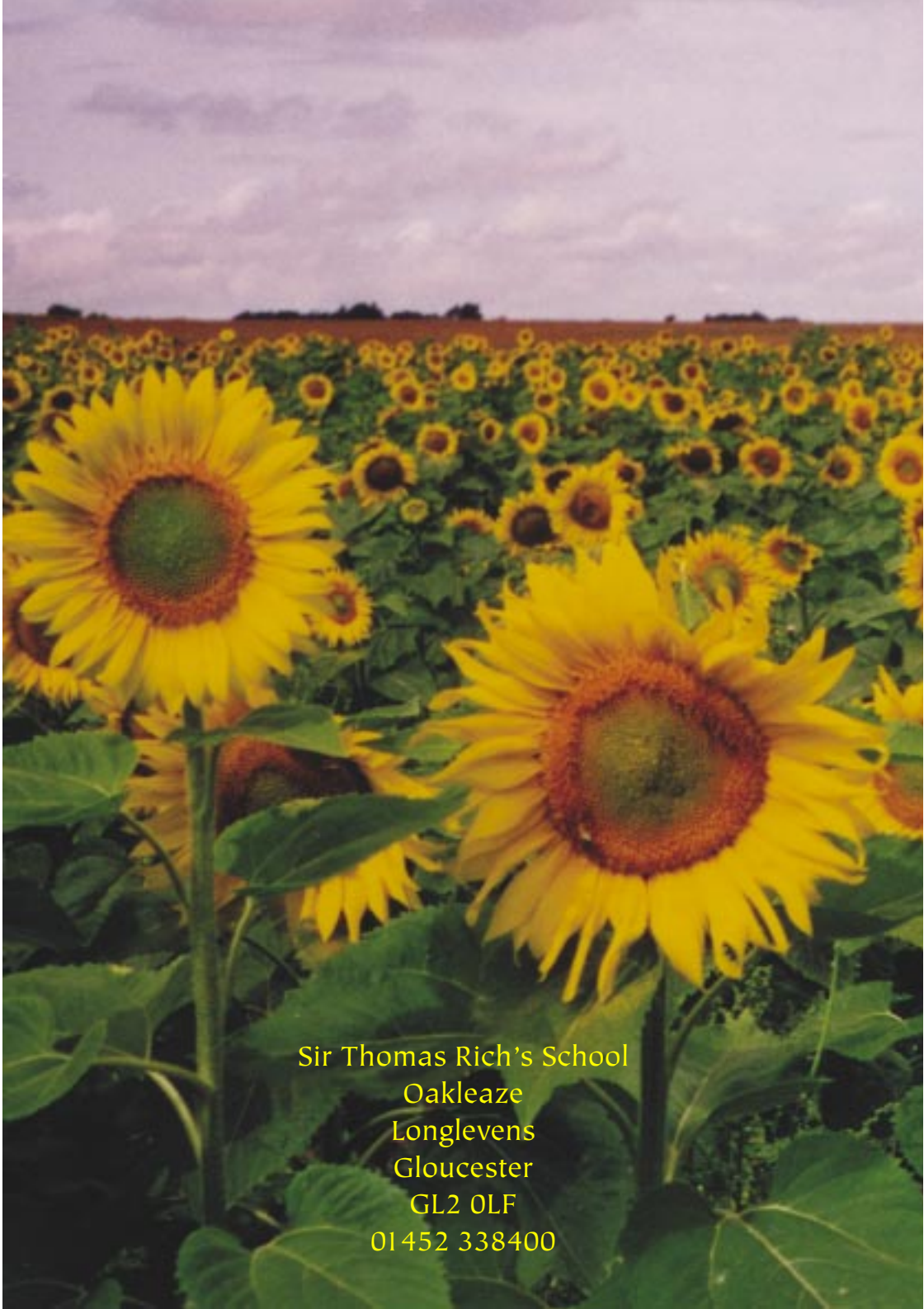
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(U12)**

Rich's Art Gallery

See centre pages for more examples of Rich's students' exquisite art work ...

Artist ~ Tim Hole





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