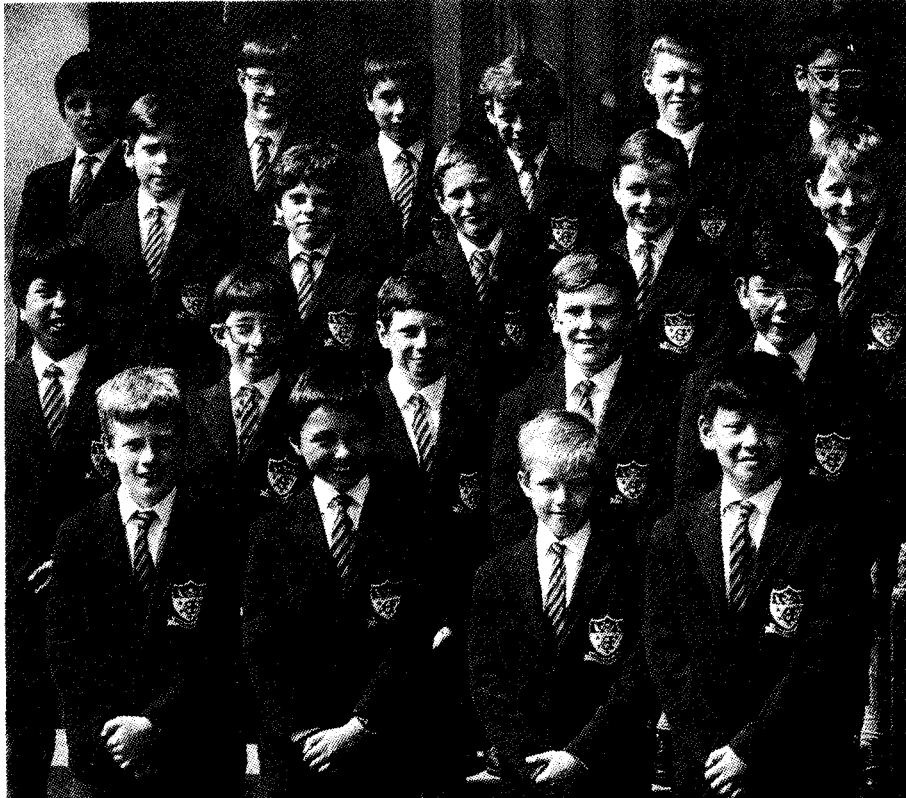


The Edwardian

The News Magazine of the
Friends of St Edward's College

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Spring 1990



Happy faces at Runnymede as pupils pose for their new Prospectus for the Nineties.

'Friends' Launch Night

**THURSDAY
JANUARY 18th!**

SURELY a must for the diary is Thursday January 18th when at 8 pm the new College Association, 'The Friends of St Edward's College' is launched.

Backed by the business community, FOSEC membership entitles the cardholder to a variety of discounts on goods and services.

Menai Travel, a major sponsor of the association, will be offering a discount of 5% on any ABTA holiday or travel. Menai will be present on the night to introduce themselves to members, and will be happy to answer enquiries, give information and take bookings.

Opening an account for a youngster at the school will pay immediate dividends, as Barclays Bank are offering a cash bonus of £2 per account, plus a free watch AND a free calculator! Plans are afoot to introduce a Barclays School Bank, linked to the West

Derby branch, to service these accounts.

Details of membership are explained in the FOSEC prospectus. The FOSEC prospectus, which has already been sent to some 2,000 former pupils, will be distributed shortly through the school. Your presence on the night — when there are free prize draws for both adults and children alike — is warmly requested. Your support of the Friends is greatly appreciated.

If you cannot get along on the night, just post the completed application form, and you will still enjoy the full benefits of membership.

Call in with the family for an hour, have a drink, see the stalls and displays, and join in the fun!

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CASHLINE 2000: Up and running!

CASHLINE 2000, the new College lottery, made its first prize-winner's draw on the first day of the Spring term. Cashline offers a prize every school day of the entire school year — and costs just £3 per month! If you have not received your membership application form yet, just ring the College Development Office on 259-5371. There is nearly £4,000 in prize money to be won in 1990.

Why are they smiling?

See P4!



OPEN EVENING

The Annual Open Evening in September was a great success, with hundreds of people taking the opportunity to see the facilities and meet the staff.

Letter from Fr Benedict P7

Seagulls go down

The Staff Football Team ended a 14 month unbeaten run when a team from St Mary's College, Wallasey inflicted a 3-2 defeat at Walton Sports Centre.

HELP!

St Edward's needs families to help Hungarian youngsters enjoy their first taste of Western life on a holiday language course.

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'The Edwardian'

If you know of anyone who would like to receive a copy of 'The Edwardian' please send the name and address to John Adamson at the College, or ring 051-259 5371.

People & Places

Mr Paul McCann, who was at St Edward's during the period 1970-1974, is anxious to renew acquaintance with contemporary fellow Edwardians, especially any living now in Hampshire. Mr McCann is now based in Southampton, and his address is available from the Development Office.

Mr Alastair Houghton, a pupil between 1973-80, thinks he will be remembered by staff and contemporaries for playing the drums too loud in a room behind the Hall, and for an infamous rendition of 'The St Edward's College Blues' at the 1978/79 Christmas Concert. Alastair and

his wife Carol now live in Aintree, and both are members of the Friends of St Edwards.

Brian Pearse, who attended the school from 1945-1950, currently residing in Hambledon, is Finance Director with Barclays Bank. Contemporary John Kinsella is now based in Birmingham, and Thoms Dobbin (1942-51) is still living in Liverpool.

Mr Michael Kavanagh wrote to tell the editor that he attended the school from 1978-85, and asked him to inform Mr Robinson that he still has the scars to prove it!

Martin Forde (1972-83) qualified as a Dental Surgeon in 1988 and is now working at Arrowse Park Hospital as Senior House Officer in Oral/Maxillofacial surgery.

Also in the medical field is **Dr**

Bernard Norton, who was at St Edward's from 1974-81. Dr Norton currently lives in the Old Swan area of the city.

More news next time!

CELEBRITY DINNER

THE next Celebrity Dinner to be held at the College is on Thursday March 29th at 8 pm. Guest speaker is Peter Moloney and the vote of thanks will be proposed by Chairman of the Governors John Morgan. Tickets are available at a cost of £12 (Cheques payable to St Edward's College). The Dinner is of course for ladies and gentlemen. Excellent entertainment, good company, good food, good wine — bookings to John Adamson at the College or by ringing 051-259 5371.

St Edward's College 1989-90



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THEN AND NOW

Dear Julie McGlory,

I was recently able while in Colwyn Bay to call on my former schoolmaster in 1922 at St Edward's, Mr Jack McEnery. I found him in wonderful health and spirit.

The photograph shows us together, with Jack in his 95th year and me in my 80th. I think that he has weathered the years much better than myself! He is so very happy and 'with it' and we had many memories in common. He remembered my father well describing him as a wonderful old gentleman, which I had to agree with.

He was very proud of his five priest brothers and treasures a family photograph.

The 'finding of Jack McEnery' has proved of great interest in your letter's column. I wonder are there others of equal or greater longevity?

Yours sincerely,

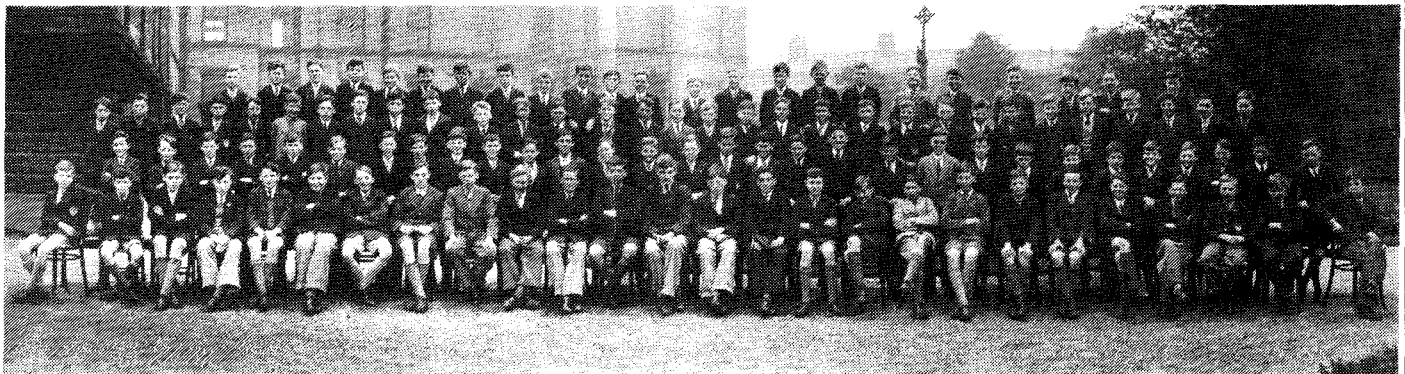
Colonel J. G. Bryson OBE, TD, JP, DL, FRSA



Mr Jack McEnery is pictured above with Colonel Bryson (Summer 1992).



Pictured here is Mr Jack McEnery with other members of the staff of St Edward's College, Domingo Road, from 1933.



Pictured above is Form III of St Edward's College 1933.

A Processional Cross for Cathedral Choristers

IT was as early as 1989, when Mr Philip Duffy, Choirmaster at the Metropolitan Cathedral first expressed the need for a processional cross for the Choir. It was intended to be carried by a chorister when there were no servers present to lead the Choir, and it would be used both in the Crypt and in the Cathedral for special services, and for evening prayer. It was to have no figure on it and had to be small enough and light enough for a chorister to carry and yet be seen clearly in the large space of the Cathedral. In 1990 at a Cathedral Choir Association Committee Meeting, discussions took place about the cross. At least two artists in the city had been asked for working drawings, but none had been found suitable. Mrs Mary Freeney, a member of the Art and Design Department at the College, and at that time a Choir Association Committee Member, decided to design a cross that could fit the requirements.

Initial drawings started in the Cathedral, developing from the architectural features, as well as from spontaneous ideas to create a joyful form that would be both youthful and meaningful. The final inspiration came one evening in the Crypt when the Choristers were singing the 'Song of Ascents' — Psalm 127.

From her designs, Robin McChie, a sculptor and calligrapher, who has already designed for the Cathedral, produced a relief maquette of the proposed cross. Mr John Hetherington from Sarsfields Stonemasons then carved the cross in wood. He was delighted to be involved in the project, and his skill and craftsmanship are evident in the graceful lines of the cross. When this stage was complete, the cross, which is 56 cm in height, with a span of 40 cm, was then gilded in aluminium leaf, a material chosen to embrace and reflect the many qualities of light and colour which

fill the Cathedral. Its total height is approximately 2 m and it is very light to carry. It has a vibrancy and a vitality which is uplifting, a suitable focal point, for the Choristers, whose Cross this is, and whose primary task is to sing for the greater glory of God.



Monsignor Peter Cookson, Cathedral Administrator, Blessing the Cross at Evening prayer, Feast of Christ The King.

U16 Badminton Report

THE first fixtures of the season saw internal league matches between St Edward's A and B teams. The A team won 6-3 and 7-2. The next figure saw our A team beaten 0-9 by a strong Walton Community Comprehensive team, but they came back strongly to beat Deyes High School B team 9-0. Unfortunately our B team were on the receiving end of an equally emphatic score at the hands of Deyes A team. Captain of the A team is Gareth Hughes (5M) and Dominic Smith (4S) captains the B team.

I. Hughes

House Rich, Cash Poor

SO many people use their available cash to repay their mortgage as soon as they possibly can. Often this is very wrong, they end up with no available capital and a house to support for the rest of their lives.

Many of my elderly clients now dearly wish they had taken correct advice and held on to that part of the mortgage that they get tax relief on, because the tax relief that you get on interest paid at say 12% means that you are actually only paying 9%, with basic rate tax relief at 25%.

Everyone should take maximum advantage of their £30,000 MIRAS relief. Instead of repaying that part of your mortgage, use your available cash to earn a higher overall return than the net rate, that you are currently paying on your mortgage. That way you will still have your capital.

One of the advantages of Endowment, PEP and Pension Mortgages is that tax relief is maximised, whilst on a repayment mortgage, because of the capital slowly being repaid, tax relief also reduces as time goes by.

A recent survey of how endowment mortgages compare to ordinary repayment mortgages, clearly shows that even the average endowment policy has been far cheaper than a repayment mortgage over both 10 and 15 year terms.

However to get best advice and to obtain the best policy consult your independent financial adviser.

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Basketball Report

FIVE school basketball teams have been involved in games this term. Of these teams only the Under 14 team has been involved in cup games. Early season games for the other teams are all friendlies with their cup games beginning after Christmas.

The next stage of basketball development begins with St Edward's College playing in the English Schools' Individual Cup. The early stages of this cup are played in regional leagues. We had games against schools from around the North West. Our Under 14 team played four games in their league winning one. The team played well in each game with Mark Quayle and James Sweetin displaying consistency throughout. However, the team suffered due to poor shooting in simple shooting positions. I think their experience in the English Schools Cup will prove beneficial in their Liverpool Cup games.

Regular practice is important, but this is often difficult for many of the players due to their involvement in other school practices. However, in the Under 13 age group there are a number of pupils who regularly train from 8.00 a.m. on Thursday and Friday mornings. Attendance at lunchtime practices has, at times, reached to number 30 pupils, all keen to develop and enjoy their game. At Under 19 age group, attendance is always good and a good standard of basketball has been reached. Very few Under 19 teams exist in Liverpool, so regular fixtures are a problem. Their enthusiasm, however, is undiminished, with Kevin Wall, John Church, Andrew O'Brien, Adam Grant, Jamie McMullen, Adam Harrison, Nicholas Astor and captain, Miles Brennan, all playing well.

At Under 16 age group, players are thin on the ground and are supplemented by the Under 15 team for their games. At Under 15 level, Spencer Williamson and David Tunna were selected for the City Team, and with John Vancheri, provide the nucleus for the team whose season really begins after Christmas, with cup competition.

Hopefully, the next report can chart the progress of our school teams to finals in the cup competitions. S. R. Morgan

News of

Former Pupils

Dr Joe Ratchford, a former pupil has been elected as the new President of Liverpool St Helens Rugby Football Club.

Jane Wong, who attended the College 1986-1988, is now working for Mountbatten Internship Programme in New York. The scheme which was set up to promote Anglo-American relations lasts for one year.

Martin Bates, a former pupil of St Edward's, was recently awarded PhD in Physics from Oxford University. Martin graduated from Liverpool University with 1st class honours degree in Physics.

Jeffrey Martin (St Edwards 1954-1961) is headteacher at Forefield Primary School, Crosby. Previous appointments were at St Luke's, Whiston, Holy Family, Cronton and St Matthew's Skelmersdale.

The following former pupils of St Edward's graduated this summer:

Graeme Cluskey with B.Sc. (Hons) II.i in Mathematics.

From the University of Oxford:

Catherine Green, with B.A. (Hons) II.i and is now studying at Central School of Speech and Drama (where Judy Dench, Peggy Ashcroft and Laurence Olivier (amongst others!) studied).

Jonathan Carr gained a II.i degree in the Final Honour School of Jurisprudence from Exeter College.

Dominic Moran with 1st Class Honours degree in Spanish and Portuguese from Trinity College.

Mark Flannery with B.A. (Hons) II.i in French and Spanish from St Anne's College.

From the University of Cambridge

Paul Brabin with 1st Class Honours Degree in Chemical Engineering. Paul is now studying for a Masters degree in Chemical Engineering.

From the University of Liverpool:

Andrew Walsh with 1st Class Honours Degree in Spanish and Portuguese.

John Clague with M.D.

John Armstrong with M.B.Ch.B.

Michael Byrne with M.B.Ch.B.

Alan Doyle with B.Sc.(Hons) in Pharmacology

Winston Ng with B.Sc.(Hons) in Maths.

Damian O'Keefe with B.Sc.

From the University of Manchester:

Gary Chandler with 1st Class Honours Degree in Spanish and Portuguese.

Damian Carville with B.A. in Spanish.

From the University of London King's College:

M. Gregory with II.ii in Biblical Studies.

From the University of Warwick:

Lee Shannon with B.Eng. II.i in Engineering Electronics.

From the University of St Andrews

Keith Grogan with II.ii in honours degree Astronomy and Astrophysics.

A Question of Sport

THREE brothers captained three school teams in the same year, who were they and what year was this?

(Answers will be in the next edition.)

Pictured is Dennis Reid, a member of Form One, with the Headmaster, Mr John Waszek and Mr Wells, a representative from Manweb.

Dennis, who came to St Edward's from St Philomena's Primary School, was awarded a personal computer by Manweb for winning a competition for energy efficiency.

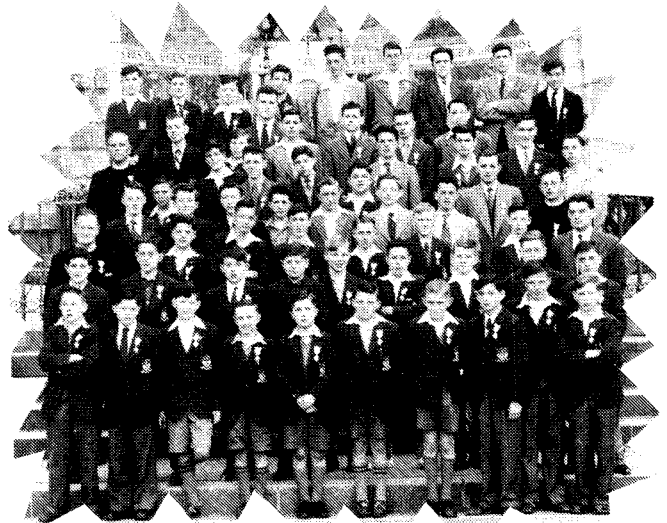


WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

The photographs in the last edition of 'The Edwardian' brought a massive response:

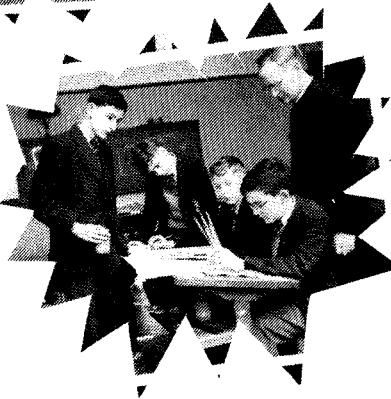


In Picture 1 (left) almost all athletes were identified. The photograph was taken around 1954 and on the back row the centre three left to right are Peter Comerford, Peter Snape and Brian Marshall. The seated athlete in the centre is Tony Linford with Phil McKenna on his right.



Picture 3 (above) was taken in Lourdes towards the end of April 1954, during the Easter holidays. The College was taking part in not only one of its first trips abroad, but also the first of the National Youth pilgrimages to Lourdes. The cost of the trip was £26. Pictured are Brothers O'Brien, Coffey, Mulowney, Mr Morris and Mr Fraser. Of pupils the top right is Dermot Rorke, next but one to him is Brian Wren, next to him is Bernard Lowe. Also in the photograph are Tony Griffiths, John Butchard and Michael Doyle.

In Picture 2 (right) Brother Coffey was recognised overlooking George Buckels (seated and without glasses) and to his right stands John Holden.



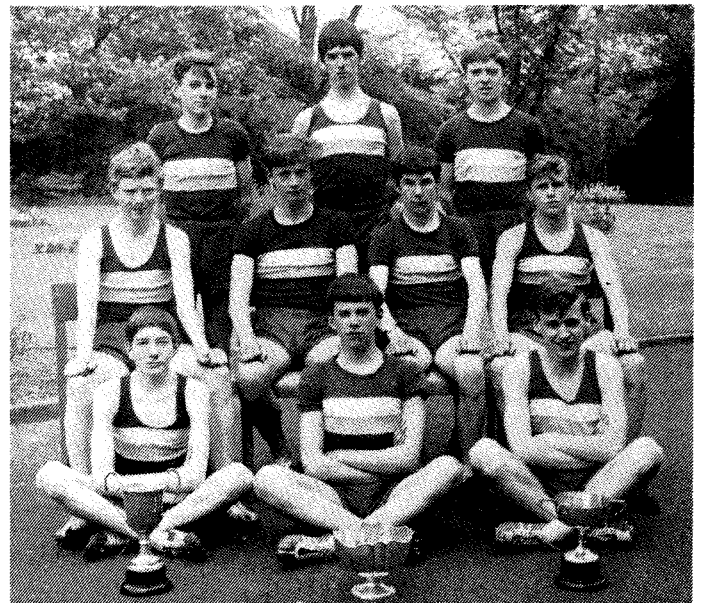
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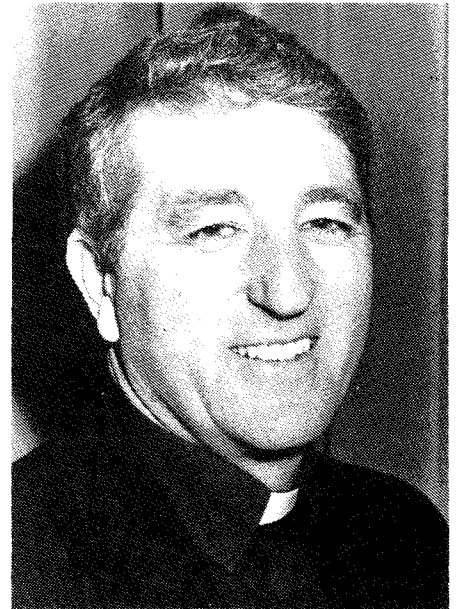
WHO ARE THEY?

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Write to Julie McGlory, St Edward's College, Sandfield Park, Liverpool L12 1LF.



FROM THE HEADMASTER



WHEN I wrote my New Year Message for 'College News' at this time in 1988, I was very much aware of the enormous potential of this publication. I had been equally aware for some time of the need to establish a means of keeping all those who have supported our work here at St Edward's in touch with developments as they occur.

'College News' was at that time in its infancy as a news magazine. I am delighted to see its growth, not only in terms of size but also in depth of coverage, and above all in its readership.

WELCOME

'The Edwardian', as it is now known, is distributed to an increasingly long list of former pupils who are now members of 'The Friends of St Edward's College'. It is with great pleasure that I welcome them to readership.

I have received a great many replies to my invitation letter from former pupils of St Edward's of many different vintages. I was especially delighted to hear from Gordon Pratt, a founder member of the

Parents' Association who attended school himself from 1929-1934.

As usual, this term is a very busy one for all concerned with the daily life of the school. February brings the half-yearly examinations which are so important in monitoring the progress of our pupils, and March leads us to Prize Day and our celebration of achievements in 1988-89. Peter Moloney — writer, wit and raconteur — is our guest at the Celebrity Dinner on March 29th, which this year celebrates the success of our Industry and Education Initiative. We hope to have many of the supporters of the scheme present at the Colledge that evening.

LOTTERY

The Parents' Association, who do such valuable work for the Colledge, are going through a very busy period, with a brand new lottery on top of all the social activities and support services for which they are responsible. They are very deserving of your support.

It is worth drawing to your attention the range of sports facilities which the Parents' Association can offer. Swimming, badminton and cricket are catered for, and new members/players are most welcome. The new cricket season may seem a long way off, but if you would enjoy the opportunity to play against the staff, the 1st and 2nd XI teams, and other Club sides, Bob Fairclough would be glad to hear from you.

May I wish you all a happy and peaceful New Year.

Rev Brother B. D. Sassi

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It's a girl's life...

HEAD GIRL Claire Jones, who did not want her photograph (above) published, gives an account of the reality of life in the St Edward's mixed Sixth Form. This account is not featured in the school prospectus!

'Some time ago, I sat down at my desk to write a letter to a friend who had asked me why I persuaded my family that I should leave the cosy circle of friends from my all-girls school and boldly go where not that many women have been before, to St Edward's.

EPISTLE

I composed an elegant epistle extolling at length the virtues of the top quality teaching and tuition for which St Edward's is renowned (especially in the sciences, they say), the brilliant facilities, the prowess of the sports staff, the amazing music department, the dramatic (?) drama society, etc, etc . . .

That, however, was some time ago. Today I sit at the same desk, my nose broken, an eye which has gone through most of the colours that are in the visible spectrum and some that are not, a left hand tastefully coloured with a purple and blue V-shaped contusion, and I am contemplating the sentiments expressed in that original letter.

It isn't the first time I have done this. The last time was when I mopped up blood — mine — from around the swimming pool after my nose simultaneously arrested the progress of a football and the Head Boy, who was completing a diving header at the time.

INACCURATE

It would be inaccurate, I fear, to portray life at St Edward's as being devoid of what is known by Mr Gibbons as 'Female Privilege'. Indeed, such privilege is accorded by staff and students alike with equal generosity and magnanimity. I recall somewhat dimly sitting in the Jung Wah Chinese Restaurant at 3 am one Saturday morning with Mr Wells and Tim Grace, watching them eat crispy fried duck pancakes for which I had been allowed to pay! I still haven't worked out how they did it.

Seriously though, once the first few weeks are over (I can't remember mine — only the sight of the new girls moving everywhere in groups of at least six awakens distant memories), for better or for worse, for richer or in my case poorer, you're 'one of the boys' once you've stopped being a girly swot.

No, despite recent unplanned facial redevelopment courtesy of a hockey ball, I wouldn't change a thing. To let you be 'one of the boys' is simply the highest compliment they can offer you.'

Feature: Sixth Form 1990's Style

SIXTH FORM Tutor Brother Kevin Rodgers explains how St Edward's is facing up to the challenge of providing a modern, forward-looking Sixth Form Education based on the traditional values which have served St Edward's so well over the years.

THE last few years have seen a great many changes in the world of education, and there can be little doubt that a great many more are still to come.

GCSE has stolen the greater part of the limelight in the media, and the introduction of the National Curriculum will undoubtedly be the focus of attention in the early years of the new decade.

It would be untrue, however, to suggest that the 16-18 age group had been largely left untouched by the innovations taking place. Educa-

tion at this level has felt the effect not only of GCSE and related changes, but also of those taking place in Higher Education, where there has been a great broadening of choice at British universities and polytechnics. The demands of industry have been reflected in new courses at tertiary level, and we too have to reflect these needs in our curriculum.

There has been for some time a feeling in educational circles that the degree of specialisation required of our students at the age of sixteen



is too great. A new examination, the 'A/S Level', has been introduced nationally to combat this problem. 'A/S Levels' cover to Advanced Level standards a restricted syllabus in a given subject, thereby enabling the student to study more than the traditional four 'A' Levels.

At St Edward's we welcome this development, with one reservation. Ours is an academic school in nature, and we have a great many pupils for whom the traditional four 'A' Level route is still the best. There are also many whose career plans would benefit from retaining as many options as possible.

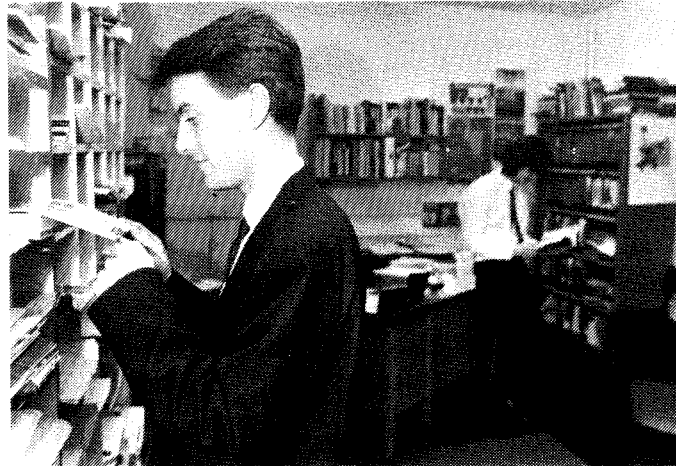
We have therefore introduced 'A/S' Levels in certain subjects, alongside the traditional 'A' Level syllabus. In doing so, we have considerably widened the choice available to our students.

Pupils therefore entering Form Six in the 1990's will have more freedom of choice than at any time in the history of the school. They do not have to make those choices alone.

In consultation with parents, each pupil is helped to select the courses which are best for him or her as an individual, taking into account individual aspirations as well as academic strengths and weaknesses. I am very fortunate in having Peter Mercer, Head of our Careers Service, to assist me in this task, and to continue to provide guidance throughout the duration of the course.

It is my belief that the disciplined environment which we provide at St Edward's, with the encouragement of self-appraisal and the taking of responsibility in the school community, helps our students mature into young men and women equipped and ready in every way to take an active and healthy role in society at large.

Bro Kevin Rodgers



The Society of St Vincent De Paul

THE College branch of the society resumed active service in September 1988 with a group of six dedicated members, and in September of 1989 numbers has grown sufficiently to enable an expansion of activities in the community.

With the encouragement of the Headmaster, members of the society visit Basil Grange every Monday, to greet the residents with a cheery smile and the time for a chat. Every Wednesday, the group visits Sandfield Park school, where they organise activities for the handicapped children there.

Money is collected weekly and has been used to support an annual camp for underprivileged children in the UK, and projects set up by a similar group in India.

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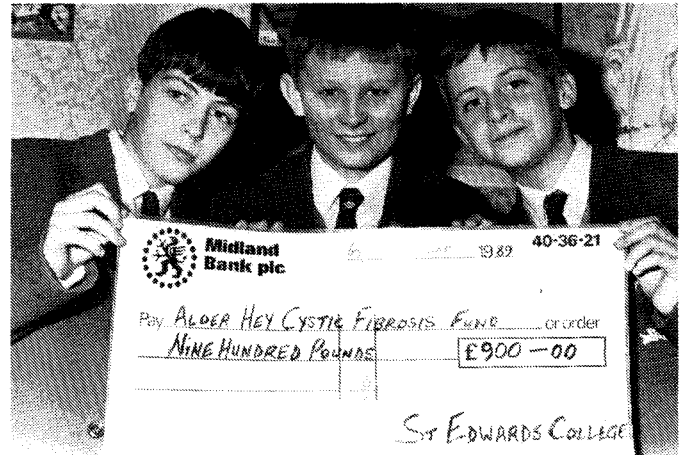
THE school photographer visited us recently. All he said was 'Smile!' For some, this was more difficult than for others!



Bathing Beauties



A holiday snap from the 1989 trip to La Rochelle — and the St Edward's Bathing Beauty Contest.



PICTURED here are first year pupils Graham Ion, Peter Birrell and John Atkinson with a cheque for £900 for the Cystic Fibrosis appeal at Alder Hey hospital. The money was raised by Form One from sponsored activities, and was presented to Dr David Heaf just before Christmas.

Spring Term Diary 1990

Weds	Jan 17th	7.00 pm	Upper 6th Parent/Teacher Meeting
Thurs	Jan 18th	8.00 pm	FOSEC Launch Night
Thurs	Jan 25th	7.00 pm	Form 5 Parent Teacher Evening
Sat	Jan 20th	8.00 pm	Race Night
Sat	Feb 3rd	9.00 am	Entrance Examination
Sat	Feb 10th	8.00 pm	St Valentine's Dance
Tues	Feb 13th	3.30 pm	J1/J2 Parent/Teacher Meeting
Weds	Feb 14th	3.30 pm	J1/J2 parent/Teacher Meeting
Sat	Feb 17th		Mid Term Holiday commences
Mon	Feb 26th	9.00 am	Term resumes
Tues	Mar 6th	7.00 pm	Lower 6th Parent/Teacher Meeting
Wed	Mar 7th	7.30 pm	Chamber Orchestra/Choir Concert
Sat	Mar 10th	9.30 am	Entrance Examination — Runnymede
Thurs	Mar 15th	7.00 pm	Form 4 Parent/Teacher Meeting
Sat	Mar 17th	8.00 pm	St Patrick's Dance
Sun	Mar 25th	3.00 pm	Prize Day (Philharmonic Hall)
Tues	Mar 27th	7.30 pm	Concert by Second Orchestra and Preparatory School Choir
Weds	Mar 28th	7.00 pm	Form 2 Parent/Teacher Meeting
Thurs	Mar 29th	8.00 pm	Celebrity Dinner
Fri	Mar 30th	7.15 pm	Runnymede Open Evening
Sat	Apr 7th		Easter Holiday commences
Mon	Apr 23rd	8.50 am	Summer Term begins

Commentary

THE Spring Term is as ever a busy one, with a number of Parent/Teacher meetings taking place during January, February and March. At St Edward's we set great store by the process of consultation between parents and staff, and these evenings provide the main forum for this process.

The Parents' Association too have a busy programme with a Race Night on January 20th. If you have never been to such an event, do come along... they are great fun. February brings the traditional St Valentine's Dance, followed in March by the annual St Patrick's Night celebration.

The College Music Society features a programme of music from Italy in the Ley Hall on Wednesday March 7th, played by the Chamber Orchestra and sung by the Chamber Choir. The Prize Day programme includes Beatles' favourites, three Liverpool Shanties arranged by Director of Music John Moseley, and the Homage March 'Sigurd Jorsalfar' op. 56, by Grieg. Just a couple of days later, they round off the term's programme with an evening of Baroque music by the Preparatory School Choir and the second Orchestra.

The Launch Night of FOSEC is on Thursday January 18th at 8 pm. The benefits of membership are documented elsewhere, as is the visit of Peter Moloney as Celebrity Guest at our Dinner on Thursday March 29th.

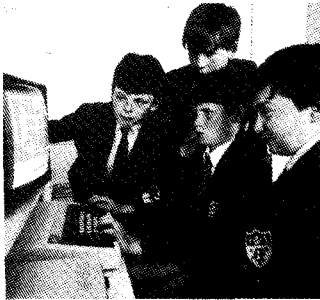
Tickets for all the above events, and further details, can be obtained from John Adamson at the College on 259-5371.

Runnymede News

MR Richard Coakley reports . . .

The autumn term has been a busy one on all fronts, and it is a pleasure to report a number of successes on the sports field.

Three pupils from Runnymede caught the eye of the Liverpool City Cross Country Team selectors, and have been chosen to represent the city, Carl English at U11 level and both Colin Price and Ian O'Brien at



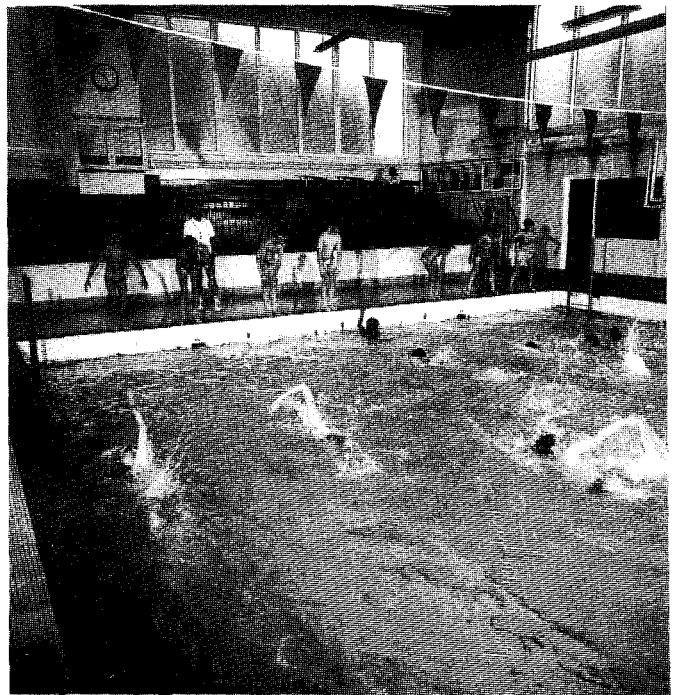
U10. All three are highly promising youngsters.

In November all the Runnymede swimming teams were in action against old rivals Merchant Taylors, from Crosby. The enjoyable event resulted in a win for St Edward's.

Football continues at U10 and U11 levels, and a new U9 side has been in training this year. The first match at this level was drawn 0-0, and there were promising performances from Mark Kelly and James Riley.

Rugby also plays a part in the autumn programme, and both the A and B teams were recently in action against St Anselm's College. Unfortunately on that day, there was a total news black-out and the score will never be known . . . but further games are planned for 1990!

Meanwhile, back in Runnymede, three new computer monitors have arrived, which means there are now four computers set up around the school.



LAST term's issue prompted a good response with Mark Seddon, a former Head Boy and now a leading figure in city politics, spotting Peter O'Toole, Mike and Mark McAllister, Dermot Maher and Edward Murphy in the Cross Country photograph which he dates at around 1976-77.

Where are they now?

New member of staff Mr Gerry Gordon, who moved to St Edward's from St Anselm's in the summer, gave us news of another old boy

featured. Terence Martin left the College in 1976 to complete a degree course at Bradford University in Manufacturing Systems Engineering. Terence now lives in the village of Eversley in Hampshire where he holds a leading position with the Apple Computer firm. He is still a

single man, and his parents continue to live locally, in Woolton. The good wishes of all at St Edward's go to him, and to them, for the future.

This term's selection of photographs may bring back some memories for you. If you can tell us any stories for our next issue, please write to the Edwardian, c/o The Development Office, St Edward's College, Sandfield Park, Liverpool L12 1LF.



A letter from Fr Benedict

Dear Brother Sassi,

I am writing to offer my sincere gratitude to you, the Staff, the Governors and indeed the boys who were present all the evening last Wednesday, for your generous hospitality and for opening the school for us in order to see round. It was a happy and interesting open evening which I thoroughly enjoyed and I was greatly impressed by the buildings, the facilities in such a wide range available to the boys and most of all by the kindness, respect and real helpfulness of everyone I met.

I have been in Liverpool only ten years and I have never before had an opportunity of paying a visit. As a Parish Priest, I have come to realise that the final product, the young man who has passed through your hands, is a person of deep faith, with an open and pleasing personality and someone who is prepared to accept responsibility and leadership in the community where these qualities seem to be so rare. The independent schools are so often detracted, mainly for political-ideological reasons, but your school shows the real qualities for which they stand and long may that continue.

I would love to have an opportunity of offering a Mass in your lovely chapel and if you are ever short of a priest for a group Mass, please do remember that I may be able to help.

Yours most sincerely,

Fr Benedict

Fr Benedict Webb, OSB.



The 1st XV in action against Villeneuve-sur-Lot on their recent French tour.

Former pupil and member of staff Mr Mark Lunt went out to Liberia to work with the Christian Brothers. This is his first report:

THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS, GBARNGA: THE CATHOLIC MISSION, P.O. BOX 97, MONROVIA, LIBERIA

My Cell,
Gbarnga.

September 1989

Dear Everybody,

Greetings from sunny Gbarnga. I have been here three weeks now, so I am well used to the place. The weather so far has been very unusual — it is the rainy season, so we have blazing sun mixed with torrential rain.

The rain causes terrible problems with the roads, as most of them are dirt tracks. I spent the last weekend at the other Brothers' Community at Yekepa (quite a St Edward's reunion — Andy Roberts travelled up with me, and we met Julia Kemp and Brother Jim Kattison) and our journey home was quite an epic.

We were travelling by taxi, so it was bound to be a bit different. First of all, this van with nine seats arrived, and 14 people got in (eight is the norm for a saloon car, with one passenger sharing the driver's seat!)

The journey of 60 miles took three hours, mainly because the dirt road was a mass of mud. There was even the local version of a toll bridge, where the bridge had been swept away and some locals obliged (for a 'sma' fee) with some planks. There were four road blocks in the course of the sixty mile trip, and passports and papers were checked. Apparently only Brother Tom Dee has the art of dealing with such obstacles — he just crashes straight through!

At 4 o'clock the taxi stopped and the driver (a Moslem) took out his prayer mat, and the journey had to wait once again. The sad thing is that I've got to go through this every time I want a hot shower! We have cold running water here, but not suitable for drinking. They did try last year, but two cases of typhoid persuaded them otherwise.

I haven't started on a full timetable yet, but I've taken a few lessons. I can't get over how old the kids are — I only teach the top three classes, and they all look over twenty!

The atmosphere in the school is very relaxed and friendly, with the Headmaster being affectionately known as 'Pappy' by students and staff alike. Perhaps this is an idea to be copied at St Edward's!

I will write again when I have done some more teaching. My regards and best wishes to all my friends in Liverpool.

God bless,
MARK LUNT

Language School set to boom

THE St Edward's College Language School, which provides holiday courses for overseas students of English, is set to break all records in 1990.

Established in 1988, the school saw an increase in turnover of 300% in 1989, and provisional bookings for 1990 indicate a doubling of the 1989 total. Development Officer John Adamson, who has overseen the project from its inception, is predictably delighted.

'The success of the school is based on the marvellous welcome which our visitors receive from their host families, together with top-class tuition from members of staff.'

There are two groups booked in for the Easter period (April 5th-17th), with a further four groups scheduled for the summer.

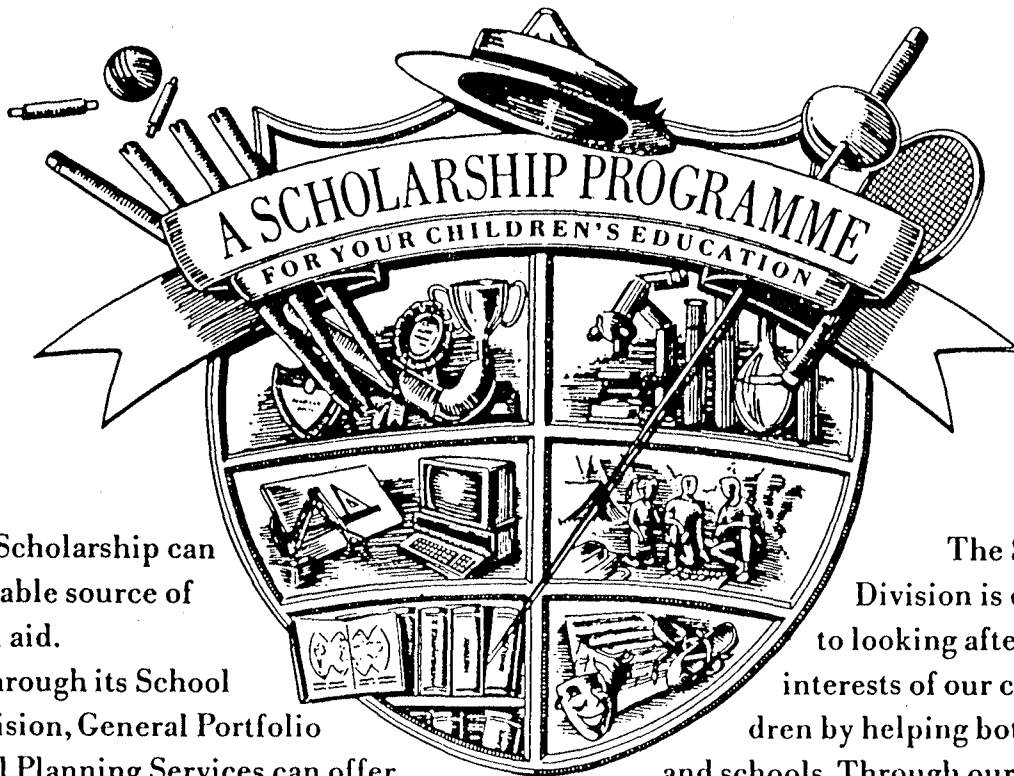
The students, aged from 13/14 through to 18/19, are all from Hungary, and all are learning English. They are in need of homes in which they will be made welcome — and shown the English way of life. Nothing special is needed for them, and they will be out each day, six days a week, on the course.

If you feel that you might be able to help these young people, many of whom are beginning to enjoy for the first time the freedom to travel to the West, please contact John Adamson at the College as soon as possible. A fee is paid to cover your expenses (£75-£95 per student, depending on length of stay), and a family may have up to four students. Let us as a community extend the hand of friendship to Eastern Europe, and give our guests a real Liverpool welcome.

St Edward's Parents' Association at leisure . . .

Scenes from the Autumn programme of social events . . .





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