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CHARLEY'S AUNT PACKS 'EM IN



OVER 700 people saw the latest production from the St Edward's College Drama Society in March this year. The show was well received and producer Mr Wells was delighted with the size of the audience as well as with their response. 'It was a team effort', he said.

HELP!

ST EDWARD'S is welcoming nearly 150 youngsters from Hungary this summer. Your help is needed in finding accommodation for them.

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.

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OXFORD BLUE

FORMER Pupil Erica Othen, who attended St Edward's Sixth Form between 1983 and 1985, was selected to row in the Oxford University Women's Blue Boat against Cambridge University at Henley in March. This is believed to be a unique double as she rowed in the University Women's Lightweight Blue Boat against Cambridge in 1987.

CONGRATULATIONS!

CONGRATULATIONS to Christopher Green of Runnymede. Christopher has been offered a place in the Cathedral Choir commencing September 1990, after attending Trials in March 1990. Altogether, 16 boys from 9 different schools entered for the Trials.

CHOIR TOUR

A NUMBER of College pupils are taking part in the Metropolitan Cathedral Choir European Tour in July. The tour takes in concerts in Belgium, Holland and West Germany.

EMPLOYMENT

CAREERS Teacher Peter Mercer would be pleased to hear from any Edwardian reader who is an employer and interested in taking on school leavers at either 16 or 18 years of age. Mr Mercer can be contacted at the College.

Hastie & Patterson

THE latest firm to join the Friends of St Edward's discount/preferential service scheme is Hastie and Patterson, who do a great deal of electrical work for the College and were sponsors of Colours Day 1989.

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IF you know of a former pupil or parent or supporter of the College who might like to join the Friends of St Edward's and receive 'The Edwardian' three times a year should contact the Development Office at the school. The Development Office has a direct line on 051-259-5371.

Autumn Tour

OUR Autumn Tour for Adults this year features a short break to Holland and Belgium via the luxurious services of North Sea Ferries.

The trip leaves Liverpool at 1 p.m. on Monday October 29th for the port of Hull, where we join the late afternoon sailing to Rotterdam. The crossing, on board the 'Norsea' or 'Norsun', includes a five course dinner, accommodation in two-berth special cabins with private facilities, and breakfast in the ship's restaurant.

After disembarkation the next day, we spend the morning at the charming Dutch cheese town of Gouda. After an early afternoon leisurely drive across the border into Belgium, our late afternoon stop is the historic city of Ghent. The day is completed by early evening arrival at our three star hotel in Ostend for overnight accommoda-

tion in twin or double rooms, and breakfast. The evening is, of course, at leisure.

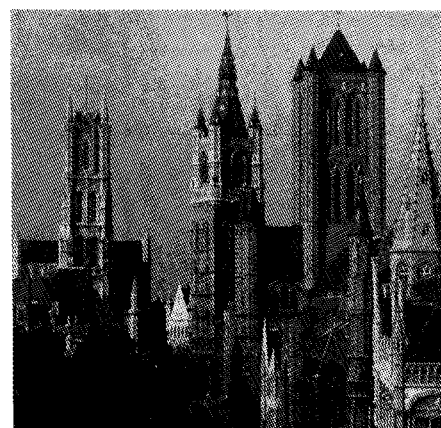
The next morning, after an opportunity to see the sights of Ostend, the coach takes the short journey to the beautiful canal city of Bruges, where the rest of the day is spent at leisure.

The return sailing that evening is from the nearby port of Zeebrugge to Hull, aboard north Sea Ferries 'Norstar' or 'Norland'. Once again, meals and accommodation are included as on the outward journey. The party is due back in Liverpool at 11.30 a.m. on Thursday November 1st.

Places are available on a first-come, first-served basis, but are limited to a maximum of forty people.

The cost of the trip is £128.

If you enjoy good company, good food and deserve an Autumn break, why not join us? Further information from the Development Office at the College.



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St Edward's in West Africa

● **Brother Grice recently returned from a visit to Africa. This is his report.**

SOME twenty one years ago, the Christian Brothers moved into Liberia. Among the pioneers of those early days were Brother Chincotta and Brother Doherty. I recently had the opportunity of visiting our establishments in West Africa and was met at Robertsfield, the airport for Monrovia, by Brother Doherty, who, last year, had spent part of his sabbatical at St Edward's. After an overnight stop at a missionary house near Monrovia, we made our way to Gbarnga (pr. Bonga) in Bong County. This is our largest house in Liberia, and there I renewed acquaintance with other Brothers from St Edwards, viz. Br. Chincotta, now Novice Master and Regional Superior, Br. D'arcy, Headmaster of St Martin's Secondary School, and Br. McNamara who later transferred to Makeni in Sierra Leone. In Gbarnga, we also have a training establishment for West African aspirants to the order, and some of the Brothers are involved with the local seminary which has seventy candidates for the priesthood. Mark Lunt is, at present, a volunteer from St Edwards who is working in Gbarnga, following in the footsteps of Andy Roberts, who was also at St Edward's.

After a few days in Gbarnga, I was taken, in a pick-up, on a mainly dirt road, (ie: dusty red laterite), to Yekepa in Nimba County. It was near here, in Grassfield, that Br. Rodgers spent two and a half years in the missionfield before returning to England. This part of Liberia is, at the moment, in a state of tension (we had met twelve military checkpoints on our way from Monrovia), and there was a curfew in operation from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Here in Yekepa, Br. Catterson, a former pupil of St Edwards, is in charge of Carroll High School, and,



Pupils of Holy Rosary Primary School.

among those assisting him is Br. Walsh, a former Headmaster of Runnymede. Carroll High School has also benefited from the efforts of a number of volunteers from Liverpool, including Andrew Derbyshire, and, latterly, Julia Kemp.

Returning to Monrovia, I then flew to Sierra Leone, where I was met by Br. Cowan, and, after an overnight stop at Lungi, the airport for Freetown, in another missionary house, we went on to Makeni. Here we found Br. Coffey just recovering from a bout of malaria. We even managed to pin down Br. Dee! In Makeni, the Brothers are helping to run St. Francis High School, which has over a thousand pupils, but with woefully inadequate resources. Another long journey by road brought us to Bo where there is a Pastoral Centre and where some of our West African Brothers are attending a Training College. About an hours run from there is Blama, where three of the West African Brothers are helping with the primary school of the Holy Rosary parish, one of the oldest parishes in Sierra Leone. The lay Headmaster is very proud of his school library, now the best in the area since receiving gifts from Runnymede and from our

other prep. schools in England.

The economic situation in Sierra Leone is even worse than in Liberia. While I was there, the price of a gallon of petrol, when it could be found, went up from 55 Leones to 110 Leones. The monthly salary of a primary school teacher was 2,000 Leones (equivalent to less than £10 sterling) — a bag of rice, (the staple diet) was 3,000 Leones!

During my stay in West Africa I received numerous requests for help

in the way of funds for scholarships and bursaries, books, both library and textbooks, and sports kit, especially for football, and equipment. Anything that the friends of St Edwards can provide for our missions in West Africa will be gratefully received and, I can assure you, will be put to good use.

I can be contacted at St. Clare's, St. Edward's College, and by telephone on 051-254 1102.

Br. H. A. Grice.



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Early Days

Mr Urban Peters (right) who attended school from 1918 to 1923 at the time when the Catholic Institute became St Edward's College, recalls those days of change some seventy years ago.



Hope Street/Maryland Street.

DESPITE the fact that it is about sixty-three years since I left St Edward's and time has left some of my memories rather hazy, I hope to give you an insight into life and education Christian Brothers-style in the first quarter of this century. It is all I can hope to do in condensing so many years into a short article. Pupils attending the college today might care to reflect on the changes which have happened since those days!

I started my schooling at St Oswald's at the age of five, attending what was then known as a Higher Grade school for which our parents paid 6d a week. It was separate from the main school or elementary school. The two old buildings still stand at the corner of Mill Lane and St Oswald Street.

However at the age of nine one had to leave so my mother decided I should attend the Catholic Institute where my brother was already ensconced. Those days you had to go down with your parents or parent to be interviewed by the Principal. My mother took me down to Maryland Street, off Hope Street to the Catholic Institute, a grim looking building on the outside and somewhat grimmer inside. Everywhere as I remember was gloomy, real Victorian.

We were finally ushered in front of the Principal, I think I must have expected to see some kindly gentle person, but no, there sitting glaring at me was a man whose face looked more suited to a boxing ring than the clerical garb he was wearing. I don't remember what was said during that interview except that he and Brother W. D. Ford were there to be obeyed, as were his staff — or else.

It wasn't a very big school, with a very small playground and dismal classrooms. For playing football we had to go to Wavertree Mystery where a few pitches were rented, yet the CI produced some of the finest young footballers among all the Colleges that used to compete for the Senior

and Junior Shields in those games.

The subjects taught there were I presume much the same as now as every avenue was pursued to further our education. There was always plenty of homework and an over-indulgence in punishment for any misdemeanour. I think it was after being on the receiving end of the punishment for a while that I started to think that the word Christian placed before the word Brother was a sort of misnomer.

The Brothers were all armed with a thick strap about 18" long and would be used in or out of the classroom with an almost sadistic enthusiasm. These straps would appear with the speed of a draw that even Clint Eastwood would envy.

However as I have said, my memory of that school is very hazy as before long we were told of the acquisition of St Edward's College in St Domingo Road. This was a tremendous improvement. Here was a larger school equipped with Chemistry Laboratories, Art Room, Woodwork Room, Gymnasium and even a tuck shop plus a huge playground. The one drawback in those days of religious intolerance was that the College was situated in the heart of Orange Lodge territory so on July 12th the general order went around for all the boys to put their caps in their pockets on the way home as we were often attacked by boys from Protestant schools. However the Christian Brothers supplied us, unwittingly, with a good weapon of retaliation. Whereas now the boys have cloth cap badges, we had enamel badges which were quite solid and could be used with a dexterity known only to schoolboys and were responsible for quite a few victories against big odds!

At St Edward's, we acquired a new Principal, Brother Leahy, who was affectionately known as 'Tubby'. He was more acceptable than his predecessor, who, I might add, was known as 'Bogey'. I wonder why. St Edward's was adjacent to a Catholic Church and a lot of boys including

myself used to sing there under the guidance of a Mr T. Bordonel-Brown who was choirmaster of St Clare's in Sefton Park.

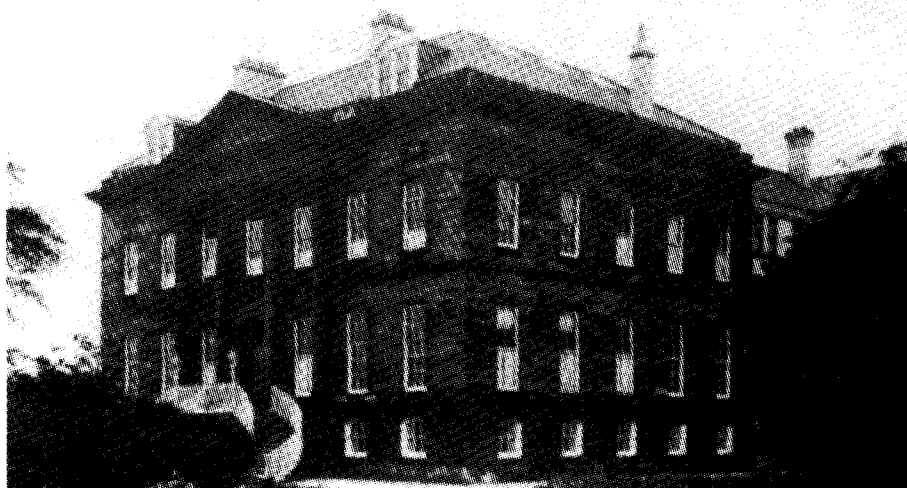
The official opening of the College was a grandiose affair with no less than Archbishop Whiteside officiating. I, for some reason or other, or perhaps that I bore the name of a long-departed Pope Urban, was chosen to be his train-bearer. In those days they did have yards of train. I had to do this without any rehearsal whatsoever. It was a great occasion for the school.

I could go on and on about individual Brothers and Masters and their ways, their treatment of the boys and the reactions we boys felt. The punishment inflicted would not be tolerated these days. There would be more parents and solicitors attending the school than pupils. Our parents' reaction was 'Oh well you must have deserved it'. It is only later in life that you appreciate the discipline you had to undergo in your younger days.

I left St Edward's in 1923 when I was 14 in December. Times were hard and a boy that age was expected to help as a breadwinner. It was May 1924 before I got a job. I went right into strict discipline once again by going to sea. But that is another story!

CASHLINE WINNERS JANUARY

8th	£20	405	J. DUFFY
9th	£20	186	MRS H. RILEY
10th	£20	261	MRS E. REHM
11th	£20	66	P. JEANS
12th	£50	1000	J. BRANNAN
15th	£20	181	MR S. POPPLETON
16th	£20	209	MR J. PRAYLE
17th	£20	474	MRS P. NAYLOR
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19th	£50	799	MR PHILIPSON
22nd	£20	702	MR L. WARING
23rd	£20	714	MR J. N. WRIGHT
24th	£20	840	MR C. BLACKWELL
25th	£20	905	MR J. O'LEARY
26th	£50	177	MR D. POSTLETHWAITE
29th	£20	644	MR & MRS J. SHARP
30th	£20	682	MRS M. M. RAND
31st	£20	663	MRS E. KNOWLES



St Domingo House.

Runnymede Report

RICHARD Coakley, teacher at the junior school and a man hard to pin down, reports on the latest happenings at Runnymede. . .

Philip Gilbertson, J4, was awarded third

place in an Anti Litter Poster Campaign organised by Liverpool City Council. He was presented with his prize by the Chairman at the Town Hall.

The Liverpool City Cross Country Championships saw the St Edward's U10's team come third overall, with Colin Price coming 3rd in the race. In the Liverpool Catholic Champions of Champions finals, the same team excelled themselves in coming third. Colin Price finished 5th and Ian O'Brian 7th.

The Quiz Team, comprising Michael

Passey, James Britten, Simon Jones and Anthony Foy won the Liverpool Libraries' Cup.

Runnymede sent 20 boys to a chess congress at Birkenhead Prep School and had two major successes with Mark Galtrey coming second and Joseph Godfrey third in the U9 Division and James Britten 3rd in the U11 League.

The U9's Football team have continued their unbeaten run this season with a 5-0 defeat of St Anselm's and a 1-1 draw against St Teresa's.

The most successful Old Boys 1st XV in modern times. See Rugby Review, P12.



SUMMER DIARY 1990

Monday May 7th: Holiday for May Day.

Tuesday May 8th: 8.00 pm. Parents' Association AGM

Wednesday May 9th: 7.00 pm. Form 3 Parent/teacher meeting.

Thursday May 10th: 7.30 pm. Concert by School Orchestra and Choral Society.

Thursday May 17th: GCSE written examinations commence.

Friday May 18th: Last day of term, (Upper Sixth).

Saturday May 19th: 8.00 pm. SECPA Committee Dinner.

Tuesday May 22nd: 3.30 pm. Runnymede Infants/Parent teacher meeting.

Wednesday May 23rd: 3.30 pm. Infants/Parent teacher meeting.

Saturday May 26th: Mid-term holiday commences.

Monday June 4th: 8.55 am. Term resumes (A-level and GCSE examinations continue).

Saturday June 9th: 8.00 pm. Cabaret Evening.

Thursday June 14th: Holiday for Corpus Christi.

Sunday June 17th: 1.30 pm. Summer Gala.

Friday June 22nd: Colours Day presentations (school ends 2.00 pm).

Saturday June 23rd: 10.00 am. Runnymede First Communion Mass.

Saturday June 23rd: 7.30 pm. Mass and Social Evening for School Leavers and their parents.

Monday June 25th: End of Year examinations (Forms 1-4 & Lower 6th).

Friday June 29th: Holiday for Feast of St Peter & St Paul.

Tuesday July 10th: 7.30 pm. Concert by Chamber Choir and Chamber Orchestra.

Wednesday July 11th: 7.15 pm. Runnymede Open Day & Prize-giving.

Thursday July 12th: Runnymede, last day of term (school ends 3.20 pm).

Friday July 13th: Last day of term — Senior school (school ends 12 noon).

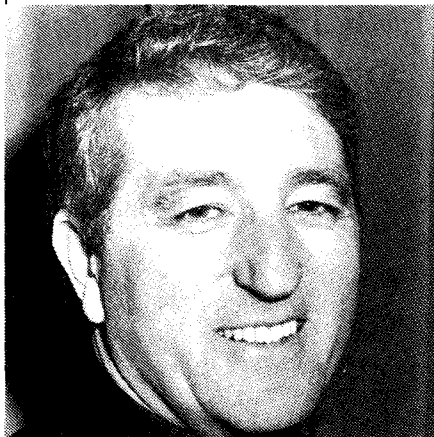
COMMENTARY

THE summer sunshine always brings out the best in the school grounds and the Parents' Association Summer Gala in 1989 was a huge success, with over 1,500 people enjoying a superb day out. This year's fair is on Sunday 17th June, and the Parents' Association are hoping for at least that number this year. A real scorcher of a day has been ordered. Further details will be sent out through the school nearer the time. Offers of help are welcome at any stage and can be made to Mike Riley on 521 2268.

The Music Society have two more concerts in their 1989-90 syllabus. If you have never been to one of these events, they are highly recommended.

If you would like further details of the events above, please contact the Development Office on 259-5371.

From the Headmaster



Buon Giorno!

GREETINGS to you from a rather sunny Italy, where I have the privilege of representing the English province of the Christian Brothers at the General Chapter of the Congregation here in Rome.

When you read this column, I hope to be back once again at my desk at St Edward's for the summer term and one of the most important parts of the school calendar, the cricket season! The work of the Chapter here has left little time for sightseeing in Rome which is a most beautiful city — but once the sun is shining I do look forward to hearing the thud of leather on willow. Indeed, much is written and read about the decline of cricket in British schools, but it says much about the health of the College that every fine lunchtime in summer, there are at least five teams out practising.

Before I left for Rome, I had the pleasure of meeting Mr Urban Peters, a former pupil of the Catholic Institute, who attended school between 1918 and 1923. Mr Peters, who would pass for a man some twenty years his junior, came to visit the College for the first time in sixty seven years. He has written a fascinating article published elsewhere in this edition of 'The Edwardian' about life in those early years of the century. Our pupils today would do well to read it.

Indeed, I have also been in contact with Mr T. Dobson, a contemporary of Mr Peters. Mr Dobson attended Prize day as a guest of the College. To both gentlemen, we extend our affection and best wishes.

The summer term inevitably focuses our attention on examinations, both internal and external. It has always seemed to me rather unfortunate that the examination season coincides with some of the warmest weather of the year, making concentration more difficult and making life very difficult for our pupils who suffer from hay fever. We have, however, to make the best of the situation.

To all our pupils, I offer my best wishes and express my sincere hopes that the hard work they have put in during the academic year will be reflected favourably when results are made public in August. Good luck!



Does this photograph of the staff in 1957 bring back any memories? Please write to the Editor at the Development Office!

No 'Where are they now?' feature this time, but a thought-provoking staff photograph from thirty three years ago.

Music Report

MR JOHN MOSELEY, DIRECTOR OF THE SCHOOL OF MUSIC, REPORTS ON THE YEAR'S MUSIC SOCIETY CONCERT PROGRAMME

EACH of our 1989-90 concerts was carefully planned round a particular theme, often concentrating on a country — Russia, Germany or Italy, or on a style — the baroque, or in contrasting one composer or style with another — Mozart and Rossini, Handel and Stubbs, Praetorius with Bartok and Birtwistle. A different concept was tried out last May in an evening based on The Sea. This included a staged version of Britten's vaudeville 'The Golden Vanity' in which the whole of Form One participated.

Among the many fine soloists I would single out Stephen Wallace, Damian Fleming and the brace quintet, including the Chairman of Governors, Headmaster and Headboy, whose contributions so delighted the audience in the Toy Symphony.

From the individual concerts, I was particularly

SPEAKING UP

A report on Public Speaking in the College by Mr David Stewart of the English Department.

This year's English-speaking Union competition in Liverpool was dominated by the performance of the St Edward's teams. In the heats, our first team of Andrew Smith, Damian Fleming and Paul Jennings were very clear leaders, while our two other teams scored marks only two or three behind the heat winners, despite the fact that illness caused some last minute changes.

Two St Edward's teams were among the four in the final, held in the impressive and intimidating Council Chamber of Liverpool Town Hall, in the presence of the Chairman of the Council.

Julian Loftus, James Lloyd and Graham Jones excelled their previous good performance to beat the team which had pipped them in the heats, Bluecoat School,

into third place; and our first team were placed first.

As Andrew Smith also took the award for outstanding chairman, while James Lloyd took the speaker's award, St Edward's collected nine of the ten prizes available.

SPEAKING OUT

The Northern Final occurred at a bad time for us; our first team could not compete because of long-standing arrangements, and the Merseyside reserve team, who of course were the members of our second team, were heavily committed to the school play. Nevertheless, among the five teams at Chester, they put up a good performance, but were beaten by outstanding teams from Yale College and Ellesmere College. Our congratulations to all who took part.



used to be able to perform the Birtwistle pieces, although he is a very significant composer, his music is difficult and rarely given in schools. I was more delighted by the Handel and Stubbins concert which we gave at the Metropolitan Cathedral. It included the first performance of Michael Stubbins' Four Orchestral Pieces.

At the time, Michael was a member of our Sixth Form and this work exhibited a mastery of form and orchestration. It was followed by Handel's 'St John Passion' which we performed without any outside or instrumental help. Every member of the choir and orchestra, including the soloists and continuo players was up to the task, nearly two hundred of them.

To perform such a diversity of music takes great ability, and this, I think, is one of our strengths. Even mentioned above is the work of various pop groups or the services sung by the Choral Society or

Chamber Choir. Taken altogether, we have a broad perspective of music to offer the school and the public.

Two particularly attractive concerts are coming up this term:

Highlights of 'Music from Scandinavia' include the leader of the school orchestra, Philip McCall, in Suenden's beautiful 'Romance' and the Choral Society in 3 traditional Courting Songs where the girls and boys engage in the age-old battle of the sexes.

The final concert of the year will include some very relaxing music, suitable to what we hope will be a lovely summer evening.

Tickets for both events are £2.00 (£1.00 for children, students, senior citizens and the unwaged) including wine, and can be obtained from the school and at the door.



Master Brother Sassi tunes up during the Toy Symphony.

NEWS OF FORMER PUPILS

CONGRATULATIONS go to Simon Halvin, Michael Gregory, David Moran, Kevin O'Donovan, Mark White, Michael Hill, Simon Pile, Edward Devlin, Stephen Mann, Russell Brown, Richard Tristram and Jason Homan on their success at Degree level, with particular note of Robert Wynn's outstanding feat in gaining a Double First in Medicine and Surgery from Girton College Cambridge.

Whilst the last few months have brought success to many of our College families, tragedy too has struck. Your prayers are asked for Joanne Redden, Hugh Ross, Robin d'Arcy-Gray and Philip Lloyd who died in tragic circumstances, and for the Eyo family, the O'Brien family, the Faulkner family and the McGonigle family who all lost loved ones in the course of the year.

You are also asked to remember Fr Liam Craig-McFeeley, known as Dom Michael of Buckfast Abbey, who died suddenly in March, and Nick Hastie, whose sons and grandsons studied at St Edward's, who passed on in October 1989. The sad loss of Frank Navein is referred to elsewhere in this issue.

Please pray for all those families in the College Community who have been bereaved recently that they may find strength in our support.

A number of letters have been received with news of former pupils of the College. Michael Gower (1966-72) is anxious to contact former classmates, especially Francis Devlin. Michael is now based in Crawley and can be contacted on 0293 885560.

Stephen Wright (1972-79) is working in General Practice in Anfield, as is Peter Redmond (1969-76).

Dr John Bligh (1959-63) was elected Chairman of the Faculty Board of the R.C.G.P. in 1989.

Michael Doyle, who attended St Edward's from 1950-56, is the current Mayor of St Helens.

We were delighted to hear that Mark Fraser (1974-85), a student at the Liverpool School of Medicine, was awarded the London Chalice by the Dons of the Medical School. The Chalice is awarded for outstanding service and contribution to the life of the school.

Simon Robinson (1975-86) is finishing an honours degree in Civil Engineering and is currently based in South Wales, working for the firm of structural engineers responsible for the world famous Pompidou Centre in Paris.

Brother Dunstan (Desmond) O'Keeffe (1973-82) is at Downside Abbey in Bath, following a degree in Natural Sciences from St John's College, Cambridge. Gerard McCabe (1959-66) was ordained priest on the first day of 1990.

Dominic Moran, brother of Peter who is still at the school, is presently studying languages at Oxford. He has recently won the Kolkhorst Exhibition Award in Spanish which entitles him to unlimited travel around the world. He is going to Brazil and Mexico next year.

Paul Johnson, now in his second year at St Hugh's College, Oxford, has been awarded a Nuffield Scholarship for the excellence of his work in Physics.

Fr J. E. Brady, a former pupil of the Catholic Institute (1918-22) who lived in Rock Ferry at the time, celebrated his Diamond Jubilee in December 1989.

Tim Fetherston (1959-70) is now in the Midlands where he has been Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon in Coventry and South Warwickshire since 1984.

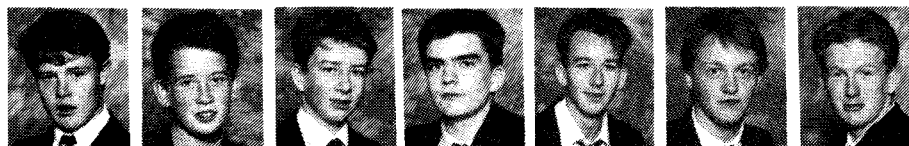
● Former pupils are most welcome to write in with news of themselves and their current whereabouts. Please write to the Development Office at the College. The next copy deadline is mid-June.

SMILE...

More selections (by popular request!) from the school photographer's portfolio. Firstly, some for whom a smile was no problem . . .



. . . and some for whom it all seemed just too early in the day.



LADIES LUNCHEON

MRS MARION GARVEY, who is a member of the Parents' Association Committee, is again organising the annual highly successful Ladies' Luncheon.

The date for the diary is 30th November and it represents an excellent opportunity for the lady members of the College Community to get together. Particularly welcome this year are bookings from mothers of pupils at the Senior School. The Guest Speaker is the first woman to be voted 'Solicitor of the Year' — Christine Aitkin,

and the event is to be sponsored for the first time. 'Posers' of West Derby Village are doing the honours.

Last year's event was well supported and raised a staggering £875. The consensus of opinion was that it was a superb day out — and worth every penny of the ticket cost of £10.

Marion and her team are keeping the event at the same price for 1990. Preliminary bookings can be made via the Development Office.

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FRANK NAVEIN R.I.P.

FRANK NAVEIN was born and brought up in Liverpool. He attended All Saints School in Anfield and at the age of eleven transferred to St Edward's College, which, at that time, was situated in St Domingo Road. When the College moved to Sandfield Park, so did Frank.

In 1939, Frank went to St Mary's College, Strawberry Hill, Twickenham, to train as a teacher. After qualifying for his Teacher's Certificate, he spent nearly forty years of his life at work in schools in Liverpool; first at St Francis de Sales in Walton and then at Cardinal Godfrey High School to which he was recruited by its first Headmaster, Brother J. Q. Moran. And there Frank served until his retirement as Deputy Head to Br M. Carey.

Frank will be best remembered for his attachment to the C.I. Edwardian Association and for his work at their headquarters in Bishop's Court, Sandfield Park. He was one of the Founder Members of the Association and for thirty years was active on the Dinner Committee which organised the Old Boys' Annual Dinner. Another annual fixture in the calendar was the Mass for Deceased Old Boys and Staff of St Edward's and of the Catholic Institute, celebrated on the Sunday nearest to Remembrance Day. Frank served in every capacity in the Old Boys' Association; loyal member, then Secretary, then Treasurer and finally as President.

Justice of the Peace

When he retired from teaching, Frank was asked to serve on the Trust Fund Committee of St Edwards, and active he was in the duty. One of his out-of-school services to his fellow citizens was to serve as a Justice of the Peace, often in the Juvenile Court.

There was a period in his teaching life when his health gave cause for concern, and his friends were worried that he would not be long with them. Frank showed them his courage and cheerfulness were part of the man and not cosmetic, by the patient forbearance with which he bore the necessary medical treatment. Ever cheerful, he might find it hard to force a smile, but the twinkle in his eyes told us that there was plenty of life in him yet and he'd prove it to us.

So, we were saddened at the news of his sudden death on 29th July, 1989. He was out in Brunei, North Borneo, visiting his son John, an officer in the Royal Army Medical Corps, and, like his father, an Old Boy of the College. The Memorial Requiem Mass in St Austin's, Grassendale, took place in a church packed with his friends. It not only gave them opportunity to pray for the repose of his soul, but also to share the grief of his widow Anne, of John, of daughter Anne and of the two grandchildren. St Edward's, Community, Staff, Old Boys and College salute a man of loyalty, of worth and of sterling faith.

E. F. MCGUINNESS

DUKE OF EDINBURGH EXPEDITION

December 1989

IT was with a feeling of intense trepidation that six boys from the Lower 6th finally agreed to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh expedition to Bolton in December. It was undoubtedly the previous year's expedition to Hawkeshead which had taken place in November, which had caused four so-called stalwart figures to cry off with some excuse or reason as to why they were unable to take part. In fairness to the absentees, the previous year's trip had been 'distressing' to say the least. The temperature was sub-zero and, for the first time, the inexperienced had had to cope without the help and advice of teachers.

We arrived in Bolton, having undergone some worrying moments in a petrol station — not far from St Edward's College, at approx 7.15. The boys, wearing every item of clothing they could pack into their rucksacks, switched on their torches and began what had been ominously labelled the 'midnight navigation'. (Yes, I know what you're thinking, midnight navigation at 7.15, but with winds cold enough to freeze the proverbials off a brass monkey, and with absolutely no idea of direction except six torches, 1 map and 1 compass, it

may as well have been midnight!)

Mr Hitchen, of Wigan descent, led the group, and, within one and a half hours, the pre-arranged 'camp-site', had been reached. Tents were hastily pitched, of which one group of three quickly entered and shared out their cold, but tasty savouries, which they had brought with them, whilst the other three attempted to make Irish stew from a tin. Despite their tempting comments on how tasty it was, it could not prise the other three from the comforts of their sleeping bags. However, when a liquor concoction was prepared, the temptation became too great, and one of the sleeping bags was opened as the thought of something spirited was too hard to resist. (Note: when creating such a mixture, please omit the chocolate liqueur!)

Warm clothing

Morning came, the night canvas having been a success, thanks mainly to the fact that the boys had learnt from the previous year and had bought or borrowed warm clothing, and, more importantly, winter sleeping bags.

After breakfasting on beans and tinned sausages, somebody finally agreed with one

member of the group who seemed hell-bent on getting the tents down. The tents came down, the teachers arrived from their night in the van, which by pure coincidence just happened to be parked within 100m of the local pub!

The day was spent finding points on the landscape which the group hoped would lead them to the pre-arranged landmarks, such as a quarry house ruin or a cairn (a pile of stones).

All went well until Mr Hitchen decided it was time for a rest and feigned a broken leg. EMERGENCY PROCEDURE. This was to benefit the group as it taught them what to do if an accident really did happen.

Without knowing it, the lessons which had not been forced home during the day, had been taken in by every member of the group, and this knowledge helped the boys to make sure that Mr Hitchen was safe, warm and that help was on the way.

We arrived back at SEC at approx 6.15 on Saturday December 2nd.

Thanks to Messrs Hitchen and Trehearne, and also to the participants: Christopher Bowie, William Jefferson, Graham Jones, Simon O'Hanlon, Dominic O'Rourke and Anthony Waddington.

Christopher Bowie,
Lower Sixth

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LETTERS

Dear Sir,

I am writing in response to your article in Issue 1 of 'The Edwardian' (Spring 1990) entitled 'Where are they now?'

I took a cursory glance at the photograph and was highly amused to see my husband Bryan McVey, sitting on the front row, second from the right. He attended the College from 1971-1978. Also, I noticed his friends Barry Cunningham, who was Head Boy, Frank Potter, Peter Nickson and Paul McGowan.

I first met Bryan and his friends at the Sixth Form Leavers Dance in June 1978. I can't remember them looking like that though!

Bryan and I were married in 1985 and now have two children. We live in Childwall and Bryan is a practising veterinary surgeon. He qualified from Liverpool University in 1983 and is shortly to open his own veterinary practice in Orrell Park (Liverpool 9).

I hope this information has been of some use to you. It certainly brought memories flooding back for me!

Yours sincerely

CATHERINE McVEY
3, Churston Road,
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Dear Mr Adamson,

I'm sorry I've taken so long to write to you. The photograph in College News includes my son, Fergus Pryce — I originally came into possession of the College News some months ago.



X marks the spot — for Fergus Pryce!

The photograph relates to 1974 I think. The person on Fergus' right is John Chambers who I believe is a civil engineer and working and living in the South. Fergus lives and works on Merseyside and is married. He is very keen on keeping alive his association with St Edward's, possibly more so than his two brothers, Damian, who left circa '72 and Gregory '76.

I am involved with St Edward's now only that I covenant a small sum annually. I wish your venture every success and will no doubt join F.O.S.E.C.!

Please keep me informed.

Yours sincerely

HUGH PRYCE
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Liverpool L19 3QU

Dear Brother Sassi,

Thank you for your letter of November 6th, 1989 and I note the contents with interest. I am surprised that after all these years I finally hear from my old alma mater and may even hear of the activities of my old school friends.

I was a pupil in Runnymede from 1957 until about 1960 and then into the Senior School until 1967. I achieved six G.C.E. 'O' Levels and left after the first year of the Sixth form to do 'A' levels on my own and I obtained two 'A' Level passes. Further Education was in the form of a four year course at Bristol to qualify as a chartered valuation surveyor. After several successful jobs in the UK, I emigrated to Vancouver in 1977 and have remained here ever since.

I now have my own firm selling, valuing, leasing and managing commercial property with sales fees generated amounting to over \$5,000,000 last year. If any of your 'Edwardian' readers has a school photograph of that era, I would very much appreciate it, and if any of my old school pals are ever out here or plan a trip I would be delighted to see them. Two of my old fellow classmates were John Hennigan and Julian Deus.

I travel to the UK from time to time to visit friends and relatives, and would enjoy visiting old school friends when I am next over.

I enclose my membership subscription for the Friends of St Edward's.

Yours truly,

STEPHEN E. FITZPATRICK
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Trust Fund Chairman Brian McDonald with Headmaster Brother Dominic Sassi and guests Mr and Mrs Ruddock of the West Derby Wastelands Trust.

LETTERS



Dear Editor,

One of the most important decisions which we as parents have to make is the form of education they will provide for their children. Having made that decision, they then have to worry and hope that the educational system will not change during the period of the child's school career.

Ten years ago, the parents of St Edward's were faced with the possibility of the school changing in nature from a grammar school into a neighbourhood comprehensive. The decision of the Brothers to stay as a grammar school was greatly influenced by the parents' promise to set up a Trust Fund. The Trust Fund would be used to offer bursaries at the school should the Assisted Places Scheme be withdrawn.

Unfortunately the threat to the school is appearing again with the possibility of a change in government in the next two years. Such a chance would bring about the withdrawal of the Assisted Places Scheme which would completely change the social mix of the school, which has been the bedrock of the success of St Edward's through the years. The only way to ensure the continuing character and tradition of St Edward's College has been the establishment of a successful bursary scheme. This has always been the objective of the Trust Fund which has to date raised one third of its target of £1,000,000.

The Trustees and Committee of the Trust Fund believe that parents, former pupils and friends of the College should be made aware of the urgency of reaching our target as soon as possible.

They can help in two ways: through a covenant form (for which the minimum subscription is only £1 per month), or by offering their services to the committee to help in efforts to raise money. Support with either or both of these options would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

JAMES A. JOHNSON
Chairman of Trustees
Trust Fund Office,
St Edward's College,
Liverpool L12 1LF

Dear Mr Adamson,

My father, George Balfour, is a former pupil of your school.

I am sorry to tell you that my father died on 10th May 1989, at the age of 91. I am sure that he must have been one of the oldest surviving Edwardians as he was a pupil at the Catholic Institute in the years preceding World War 1. He left the College to start training as an accountant at an office in town, but before long was called up and he served with the South Irish Horse in Palestine. In the 1920's he started work with the British Enka company in Aintree, later to become Courtaulds, and continued working there for more than forty years.

I would ask all members of the association and of the college community to remember him in their prayers.

Yours sincerely,

Henry Balfour
28 The Crescent,
Maghull,
Liverpool L31 7BL

Dear Br Sassi,

Thank you for your letter regarding the 'Friends of St Edward's College' Society. I am sorry that I did not reply earlier — I was out of the country at the time looking for a job in France and then Italy. However, I have been back a few months and should have replied sooner.

I enjoyed very much my years at St Edwards, in particular the Sixth Form, and am always interested in any news relating to the College. Leaving St Edwards, I thought there might be some truth in the saying that school days are the best days of your life, but I have enjoyed just as much, my years at University.

I am due to begin my final year of a French/Italian course at Leeds University this coming October. I have taken a year away from my studies to try and get some work abroad. I came home after my first attempt with the promise of a job in Pescara, starting in January. However, there have been repeated delays and I have decided to take up the offer of a friend who has said I can stay with her for a while. Hopefully, it will be no more than a week before I can move on from Taranto, where she is working, to Pescara.

I have found my first job, in the last year, working as a waiter at 'La Grande Bouffe' restaurant in Castle Street, and am considering applying for hotel work in Rome, during the World Cup, when the Americans should be in town.

I have many fond memories of St Edward's, including the time when Brother Dee treated my parents to a lengthy appraisal of my cricketing skills during an end of year parent/teacher meeting! I also enjoyed, in my first few years, the excellent facilities at the Chess Club and the Ratings System. It was much more pleasurable than the dull atmosphere at the University Chess Club, where my observation that the membership was all masculine got the reply, 'Yes, there was a girl here once, but nobody spoke to her and she went away.'

And of course, the Chapel, with its daily 10 minute Mass was always available, for my conscience to tug me away, occasionally, from the snooker table.

I hope that the school is still thriving in all aspects of its activities, and that you are still in good health.

Yours sincerely

STEVEN WILKINSON
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Dear Sirs,

Many thanks for the Autumn '89 issue of 'College News' which re-kindled some fond memories of the school which had long since been locked away. I was very interested to see my old rugby and 'A' level Spanish pal Steve Clayton listed as a member of staff. The last time we met was in the UAU Challenge Round of 1986 at Manchester University and my gloating was short lived as we went out to the Welsh Medics in the quarter-finals.

Since completing my Geography course at Manchester, where I graduated in 1987, I spent six months in the USA, playing soccer, and working in the World Bank in Washington. This was followed by eight months travelling the Pacific, New Zealand and parts of Asia. On my return to the U.K., I joined my current company, Stemcor, where I am employed as a steel trader, and shortly to be sent to a six month posting at our Bombay office.

I would be very pleased to keep in touch with former pupils of the 1977 intake, and would very much appreciate news of their whereabouts, especially members of the rugby sides, and Forms 1-3 Mersey and 4-5 Sefton, of which I was a member.

I enclose my F.O.S.E.C. membership application.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN SHORT
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Dear Edwardians,

It is now some time since the occasion of the Annual Trust Fund Dinner and Dance held at the St George's Hotel, Liverpool. It was, in fact, way back in November and despite clashing with Bonfire Night, it proved to be once again a fine evening of wining, dining and dancing. The hotel provided a splendid menu and the dancing was to the Dave John Sound. During the course of the evening we held a raffle with twelve prizes, the major winner taking home a colour television.

On this occasion in addition to our usual generous sponsors we were able to gather much advertising in the dinner menu.

It was our pleasure to welcome as our guests Mr and Mr J. Ruddock of the West Derby Wastelands Trust, who as you may know fully support a pupil throughout his education at the College.

My thanks are due to all who gave us their support in attending the function, with special gratitude to Mr and Mrs P. Doran for the Wine Reception, Mr and Mrs T. Granby for the table decorations; Mr and Mrs J. Granby for the donation of poultry and Buckels' Nursery for the donation of flowers.

The evening realised a surplus of the order of £2,000, a gratifying result and a major boost to the Trust Fund.

We will of course be holding a similar event this year. The date for your diary is November 17th and we ask for your continued support.

With every good wish,

BRIAN J. McDONALD,
Chairman
Trust Fund Office,
St Edward's College,
Liverpool L12 1LF

RUGBY REVIEW

1st XV 1989/90

THE 1st XV won nearly half of the games played but this was a considerable disappointment after a good start to the season. Early victories against Caldý, Carmel and Lytham gave hopes for a very successful year. It was not to be. Suffering from the loss of McGerty in the line out, Griffiths at hooker, Dunne at centre and Birchall at the wing, and the mauling abilities of John Roberts, the team struggled in the latter part of the season.

There were certainly memorable times — the French tour and above all, the victory at Peregeux under floodlights in the big stadium; the classy back play to decisively defeat our local rivals from St Mary's, Crosby; the wins over Pocklington, Stockport G.S. and Fettes, Edinburgh at the Hull tournament. However, the big packs of Kirkham and Hull could not be controlled, and the 5m scrum became a way of life, and death, on our own line.

The back row of Wiseman, Hull and Hanson served us well, supported by Vasey, out of position, in the second row. The return of McIntyre added a great deal of stability to the front row. John Leahy and Matthew Morgan grew in maturity. Slavin dummied his way to full-back where his talents are best demonstrated. Jason Smith's shoulders kept him on the touchline for much of the time and Symon added a little humour where necessary. I look forward to next September and another chance to beat Cowley etc.

Just a footnote: Congratulations to the team on their discipline on and off the field. The good name of St Edward's was augmented wherever you went.

J. G. Campbell

U-14 — 1989/90

THE Third Year team enjoyed an excellent season, building on their previous success in Year Two. Prior to Christmas, the only sides to hold St Edward's U14s to less than 50 points were Cowley and St Mary's. This was all the more remarkable when considering the fact that Messrs Hughes and Young were unable to field an unchanged team once during this period. Several players on the fringes of the squad therefore played their part in the team's successes. Highlights of the first term included winning the Lancashire Sevens at Orrell, beating the strong touring Loughborough G.S. Team who had beaten S.E.C. in the corresponding U14s game a year earlier, and Simon Shellen enjoying his most impressive run of the season — straight into the goalpost at St Mary's!

The matches after Christmas were a different matter altogether with the unbeaten U14s coming up against much stronger opposition in Merchant Taylor's (previously unbeaten), St Ambrose, (unbeaten since they started playing rugby in the First Year), a strong Wirral G.S. side and a well organised King's, Macclesfield team.

The major factor which turned a potentially record-breaking unbeaten season into a merely excellent one was injury. Daniel Kenyon broke his arm at Wirral G.S. and Adam Grant was also injured; the



1st XV on tour, 1990.

situation worsened when Anthony Hawkins broke his arm and James Hunter and Francis Davies damaged ankles (not playing rugby) — all key players.

We faced King's, Macclesfield with a depleted team with the influential captain, Ben Rudge, playing in the unfamiliar position of full-back. The 0-14 reverse turned out to be the final game of the fifteen-a-side season as the game at Arnold School was called off due to injuries.

The 'Sevens' teams were successful also, winning the Orrell Sevens with an aggregate score of 98-0 in 3 games; the 'A' team were narrowly beaten by Merchant Taylor's, 12-14 in the semi-final at Rydal School, Colwyn Bay, and then lost the final of the Invitation Sevens at Wirral G.S. to London Oratory School after beating Merchant Taylor's and Arnold School in the quarters and semis.

I. L. Hughes, R. A. Young

U-13 — 1989-90

THE U-13's had a reasonable season with a record: Played 19, Won 10, Drawn 1, Lost 8, For 307, Against 222. The team scored a total of 62 tries with captain, Mark Dahill being top scorer with 13 followed by Lee Grace and David Lambert with 8 and 7 respectively. This record could have been improved had we been victorious in four matches which we lost by fewer than 8 points and which were within our grasp.

We started the season with a comfortable win against Grange Park but then failed to score in our next three matches, being heavily defeated at KES Lytham and Birkenhead. There then followed some good wins when the team was able to field a settled side and the pack tended to dominate the opposition with Power and McLoughlin alongside the solid and dependable Preston at prop. Moran and Forshaw were a speedy second row with Riley and Lambert mobile flankers. Booth at number eight added enthusiasm

and stability to the scrum. There were occasions when we came up against much bigger players but we never shirked tackles. Improved fitness and improved ball-winning technique in the loose are necessary to go with the possession secured at set scrums and lines out.

Towards Christmas, we had a narrow defeat at home to Kirkham when 'flu had taken its toll, but Kelly, Mulroy and the improving Town stepped in to fill the gaps with competence. At half-back Scott and Dahill were beginning to develop understanding, and in Grace, we had a centre capable of running straight, at speed, to launch penetrating runs at the opponent's defence. Stafford was our tackling centre who put pressure on the opposition whenever he had the ball.

Our two wingers, Ives and Brady, only scored two tries each throughout the season, but each scored one vital try which took great determination and effort. In Sunderland, we had a full-back who scored four times when joining the line.

The second team started with a very good win against Merchant Taylor's followed by a narrow 8-6 defeat at home to St Ambrose. Two good wins against Marple Hall and Arnold were counter-balanced with defeats at Wirral and King's School, Macclesfield. The squad was fortunate in having some very good reserves who trained regularly and played well when required. Outstanding among these were Geraghty, Seed, Campbell, Gregory, Stretton and Roberts, who formed the nucleus of the 'B' team. Altogether, thirty players were used in the nineteen matches and the squad lost Byrne and Cottey with long-term injuries. It has been a fair season as far as results are concerned, but this is more than compensated by the enjoyment, satisfaction and development gained by all those who represented the College with distinction.

A. Pennington, J. Clough

St Edward's O.B. R.F.C.

ST EDWARD'S COLLEGE Old Boys Rugby Club are preparing to celebrate their 40th anniversary season next year by enjoying their most successful season ever this year. They have won every league game played so far and for the first time ever made it through to the quarter finals of the Lancashire Cup. The team captain, Ian Parker, (who is remembered at school as being a European Catholic Schools 200 metre silver medallist) points to the constant hard work of his pack as the reason for their success. The team coach, Nick Melville, highlights the team's total commitment and superior technique.

In recent years many of the current 1st XV have returned to the Old

Boys after an adulterous flirtation with another club. Danny O'Brien has returned from Orrell and Lancashire, Colin Nelson from Liverpool St Helens and West Park, Mike Johnson from the former club and Ian Buckle from the latter. They, like many others, have discovered that the secret of being an Edwardian is the membership of the St Edward's family — and as with all families, once you are a member there is no escape!

If you avoided the rugby field as a student you will find that watching the game as an adult is an exciting experience while the prospect of catching up with old and new friends after the match is equally

U-12 — 1989-90

ON the whole, the U12s have made a very satisfactory start to their school rugby careers. The talent, enthusiasm and flair that was evident in the very first Games session has, in many instances been developed, and some of the squad have proved themselves outstanding athletes; others who have too much talent seem to rely too heavily upon it.

Results have, on the whole, been very good, but could, without a doubt, have been much better. Raw talent and athleticism is not enough when confronted by a well organised side, even one of inferior stature, as demonstrated by the 24-8 defeat by King's School, Macclesfield. On the other hand, the determination to win and sheer competitive grit are something very much in evidence whenever the team turns out, and was never more in evidence than at Liverpool College, where the boys had to battle against all the odds to hold the home side to a narrow 12-8 with more than 1 disallowed try sealing our fate.

In the pack, Tunna, Atkinson, Leong, Lawler, Oke, Grace and Charters were all very effective indeed with Campbell, Grace, Wrigley and Jervis competing strongly for the other prop's positions. John Vancheri arrived late at St Edward's, just before Christmas, and it is to his credit that he secured himself a regular place in a settled side.

In the backs, Stanley, Williamson, Evans and Egerton were outstanding for their running and tackling, and Kirwin, Ross, Ackerly and Farquharson were fighting all year to supercede each other for the outside centre and scrum-half positions. Jonathan Smith was very sound at full-back and all will make fine players.

In the 'B' team, several players excelled: John Lee, John Tattersall, Stephen Coyle, Neil Tobin and Dominic Carter, all played 1st team rugby at some stage, and others like Mark Ramsdale, Neil Wood, Matthew Tedford and Andrew Ball are very capable and must continue to train and improve: remember, 5 of the existing A team were 'B' team players at the start of the year, one even started in the C team.

To conclude; the team is littered with talent but must realise that honest endeavour and graft must supplement talent if the team's full potential is to be realised. This endeavour begins with attitude to training and this is perhaps, where some of the games were lost this year. If the team takes a more mature approach next year, they will become a force to be reckoned with.

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rewarding. In the Bar at Bishop's Court, or on the touchline, any Old Edwardian will find lads from his own school generation ready to welcome him. This is true whatever your vintage — some members left the College only a few years ago, whilst others remember the move to Sandfield Park in 1938. Other memories reach even further back.

It is hoped that future editions of 'The Edwardian' will include a full Old Boys 1st XV fixture card. All home games are played on Saturday afternoons at the College. All you need to do is turn up ready to cheer, with the price of a drink in your pocket. The family will do the rest!

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