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## Opening of the Bryson Hall



PICTURED above is Colonel J. Graeme Bryson OBE, TD, JP, FRSA, with Mr. Sweeney, Headteacher of the Junior School, H.H. Judge John Morgan, Chairman of Governors and Mr. Waszek, Headmaster on the occasion of the official opening of the Bryson Hall in the Junior School. The Hall serves not only as an assembly hall for the Junior School but is also used for music classes and P.E.

Colonel Bryson, who unveiled the commemorative plaque, is not only an old boy of the College (1922-1929) but was also a member of the Governing body and the first lay Chairman of Governors 1969-1974. Colonel Bryson was also responsible for St Edward's becoming the Choir School for the Metropolitan Cathedral.

The opening of the Hall was preceded by a Music Concert in the Ley Hall, attended by nearly 100 people.

## EDMUND RICE DECLARED

**'VENERABLE'**  
JOHN PAUL II, in a statement released April 2nd in Rome, has said that Edmund Rice, the founder of the Christian Brothers, is to be called 'Venerable'. This means that, in the judgement of the Church, he is a person who has lived life of outstanding virtue. This is the final stage in the ordinary process leading to canonisation.

Born in 1762, into a prosperous Irish farming family in Callan, Co. Kilkenny, Edmund Rice became a successful business man in the city of Waterford. But at the height of his success tragedy struck: his young wife, injured in an accident, died shortly after giving birth to a retarded daughter.

Edmund Rice, who had been noted for his devout life and willingness to help others, decided to sell his business and devote his life and his wealth to the education of poor children in Waterford. At the time there were neither schools nor

teachers for the impoverished and illiterate youth of the city. He went to live in a stable-loft over his classroom, sensing that the will of God for him was to be fulfilled in some kind of religious vocation. Others joined him and in 1802, the Congregation of Christian Brothers was founded.

At the time of his death in 1844, members of his order had already opened communities in England and others were being planned elsewhere outside of Ireland. The driving force of the congregation was to go wherever young working class migrants had the greatest need for education and protection. This mission has continued up until the present time. As well as working in some eight different schools in England and in three inner city projects, a third of the hundred or so members of the English Province of the Christian Brothers are also to be found in a number of countries in West Africa. On the day that their founder was declared 'Venerable', two new communities of the Congregation were opened in Ivory Coast. Members of the English Province are there helping provide education for some of the 70,000 refugees from neighbouring Liberia.

In paying tribute to Edmund Rice's followers, John Paul II described them as 'generations of generous servants of the Gospel, men consecrated to the Lord Jesus and to his saving word, men dedicated to the greatest mission possible, communicating the knowledge and love of Christ.'

Rev. Br. B.D. Sassi, Provincial.

## OBITUARY

IT was with deep sadness that the College heard of the sudden death of Mr. Arthur Kelly. Mr. Kelly who taught at St Edward's for 22 years retired last summer. The prayers and condolences of all the staff and pupils of St Edward's are offered to his family. A tribute to Mr. Kelly will appear in the next edition.

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# HEADMASTER'S REPORT

MR CHAIRMAN, Brother Provincial, Fr Dominic, Reverend Fathers, Reverend Brothers, Honoured guests, ladies and gentlemen, pupils of St Edward's:

OUR story begins just over 200 years ago. Edmund Rice was born in 1762 in Callan, in Southern Ireland, into a well-off family. When he was in his middle twenties, he met and fell in love with a girl named Mary Elliott. They married after a brief courtship and the young couple were full of plans for their future life together. Soon their many friends rejoiced with them at the prospect of a child to complete their happiness. But, tragedy struck that happy home: shortly after the birth of the infant, the young mother died and the child, also named Mary after her mother, who had been born prematurely, was rendered an invalid for the rest of her life. The year was 1789. Edmund was shattered. His step-sister came to attend to his home and to nurse the delicate child, but slowly, very slowly, Edmund began to take up once more the pieces of his shattered life and, as time passed, a deeper motivation became evident. The sorrow, tragedy and affliction brought Edmund closer to God.

Edmund, a rich and very successful business man now championed the cause of the poor and the downtrodden, and took practical steps to alleviate their hardships. In the summer of 1802 Edmund opened his first school. By 1825, the basic structure of the Congregation of Christian Brothers had taken shape. Under the leadership of Edmund Rice, a group of educated men had taken religious vows, were living in community and had secured recognition and approval by the church, as a body whose apostolic aim was 'to educate youth according to maxims of Christian law'.

In that same year, in this city, although one quarter of the child population was estimated to be Catholic, only one-fifteenth of the school-going population was Catholic and where Catholic schooling did exist, it was likely to be regular for a few years only and very seldom beyond the age of twelve or thirteen. By the end of 1837, two Christian Brothers had taken up residence in Chester Street and started to teach in Park Place.

You may well ask yourselves why, in giving my report on the past year, I should begin by describing events which were occurring whilst the British and French were fighting at Waterloo and Trafalgar, but in these turbulent times for education in England and during a period of great change within our Christian Brother schools, I feel reflection is crucial. All those years ago, Edmund Rice built a ship that set sail on a compass heading given to us by Jesus. As the passengers and crew of this ship, our responsibility is to ensure that the compass heading does not change. But how do we make such a judgement?

One of the disadvantages of being new is that in my first year I have to experience many things for the first time without knowing what it was like last year. However, I do have a number of individuals who can advise me about how things were done in the past. In addition we have a most comprehensive filing system. Faced with the prospect of speaking to you today, I sought out the large and very thick folder entitled Speech Day Reports. With one or two exceptions, I therefore had access to Headmaster's Reports given on Prize Day going back over the last forty years. Indeed, I was sorely tempted to throw the file up in the air and compose my speech on the basis of the report which came down on top of the pile. Reading many of these reports convinces me that St Edward's does indeed continue on the right compass heading and that it does so because of the tremendous effort, commitment and witness of all those passengers and crew over the lifetime of the College. It is extremely important that we regularly reflect on what we believe education and schooling is all about, indeed, much of the current turbulence in education in this country is to do with questioning what we are trying to achieve.

## PRIZE DAY Sunday 21 March '93

I cannot speak for all, but as a parent and as someone who has discussed this sort of question with many other parents, teachers and others involved in education, I believe that the essential nature of what we are trying to achieve is based on our Christian beliefs and values. In the words of St Paul — 'with deep roots and firm foundations may you be strong to grasp, with all God's people, what is the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ and to know it ... so may you attain the fullness of being'.

Thus I believe that the most important aims of school are to do with matters which transcend generations, they are to do with love, and kindness, and honesty, and decency, and care for one another. They are to do with taking responsibility for one's-self and responsibility for others, for standing up for what we believe to be right.

But how does a school community practice such things?

It is a school where should a child fall over and be hurt, others rush to help. A school where pupils are happy and feel comfortable. A school where pupils appreciate the value of honesty. A school where pupils can feel free to follow their own interests without feeling that they need to conform to negative peer group pressure. A school where pupils are stretched, where the academic rigor is tough and where pupils can have the opportunity to try different things, be that climbing a mountain or starting a new musical instrument.

But not a school where a pupil is considered a statistic and not a school where the question is what can my child do for this school, rather than, what it should be, how can our school assist the individual to attain the 'fullness of being'.

After all Edmund Rice did not begin his mission asking the question 'what could these poor boys do for him': it was a question of what could he do for them.

That is the question that we need to ask ourselves at St Edward's now and every year.

I reported earlier how it would have been possible for me to have provided you with a report compiled from extracts from Headmaster's reports over the last forty years. Reading through these reports it is remarkable how, over that period, so much, and yet so little, has changed.

The school is certainly somewhat larger. We now have 680 pupils in the Senior School and 260 pupils in our Junior School. In the coming September, these numbers are expected to rise to 700 and 280, partly as a result of coeducation and partly because the demand for places is so strong. In February 250 children sat the Entrance Examination for 11+ entry next year. The number of girls is rising rapidly: by September, there will be over 200 girls in the Senior School, rising to a projected 385 in 1997.

One prospective parent asked me: 'We know that St Edward's is good at educating boys — but what about girls?'

My response is simple. St Edward's is good at educating all young people, girl or boy. Two of my own daughters are pupils in our Junior School. They are there because my wife and I are convinced that they will receive the sort of education that we feel is right for them.

In these days of league tables, whether they be GCSE results, 'A' level results or ambulance response times, I think it appropriate to make my own position clear. I believe that a school should be judged by the manner its pupils go into the world, the lives they lead, and what they have done for the

society in which they live. This is in contrast to the tradition which judges a school solely on its examination results; Brother Foley described this narrow judgement as a 'dreadful tradition' — I agree with him. On the one hand, the publication of examination results is right and proper. Parents, teachers and governors need such information if they are to make good decisions. However, schools are about individuals, league tables are not. Academic league tables tell as much about an individual's performance as the league tables produced by the daily newspapers during the Olympic Games. My abiding memory of the last Olympic Games was not how many gold, silver and bronze medals were won by competitors from this country, rather it was the bronze medal won by Chris Akabussi in the 400m hurdles who clocked a personal best in the process, and his subsequent joy. For many years, the democratic countries of the world floundered in the wake of the might of East German athletes. Did any of us really believe that because that now non-existent nation, topped the league tables winning gold medals at the Olympics, that East Germany was a better place to live. The floods of refugees from East into West Germany before the fall of the Berlin Wall certainly didn't give the impression that the residents of that state thought so.

No, what is important in schools is the performance of individuals. But, the effect of league tables will be very damaging if schools begin to make decisions, and begin to operate only on the basis of their own performance in league tables. Then there is a grave danger that the important things to which I alluded earlier will be neglected, as schools strive to improve their position in the table. We have no intention of following this route. This could sound like a charter for poor results: it is not. Each September the results of each academic department are assessed. The purpose is to judge whether individuals have performed to their potential, not whether one department or another has gained a particular percentage of grades.

With reference to last year's results, in 1992, there were 85 pupils in Year 7. The average number of 'A' level passes per pupil was 3.3, which was identical to the 1991 figure and the 'A' level pass rate was 85 per cent, an increase from the 82 per cent of 1991. However, the important question is whether these grades enabled those 'A' level candidates to attend the universities of their choice. These figures meant that 85 per cent gained their first or second choice of degree course.

There were 90 boys in the Fifth Form who between them sat 806 GCSE papers; the average boy leaving the Fifth Form did so with an average of 8.2 subjects: this statistic is identical to the one obtained in 1991, though the GCSE pass rate rose from 82 per cent in 1991 to 87 per cent in 1992. At GCSE this meant that 93 per cent of boys gained five or more passes. The Government's league tables, which are based on this particular statistic, indicate that 93 per cent was the highest figure gained by any boys' school in Liverpool. I make comparison with boys' schools because this was, of course, one of our single sex years. However, given that our intake is selected on academic ability, this is no more than we should expect.

These very good results are achieved through a partnership between individual pupils, their parents and their teachers. I record my deep gratitude to the teaching staff for their strong sense of duty, their generosity and their professionalism in assisting these young people to fulfil their potential.

In addition to the academic life of the school, the extra curricular programme is crucial if we are to fulfil the over-riding objectives that I set out earlier. Indeed, although I have forgotten many of the lessons I attended whilst a schoolboy, I shall never forget my first appearance for a school rugby team on a wet and very, very cold November afternoon. I

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**MAKENI**, Sierra Leone, was certainly in the news over the Christmas break when Br Coffey hosted a gathering of Christian Brothers from all over Africa and beyond. The occasion was a meeting of the Pan-African Conference of Christian Brothers who are involved in missionary work in various countries of the continent. It was held in St Francis Secondary School, of which Br. Coffey is the Headmaster, and Br. Dee a 'lively' member of staff (both well remembered at St Edward's). Also present were Br. Sassi, Provincial; Br. Gillespie, former Provincial; Brs. Crease and Grice, 'Old Boys' of S.E.C. in the twenties, as well as Br. Emmanuel Buckai-Tongai, a more recent former pupil. Altogether some twenty countries and nationalities were represented, including Gambia and Zambia, Kenya and South Africa, England and Ireland, U.S.A. and Australia, Papua New Guinea and Ivory Coast.

At the conclusion of the conference a ceremony took place which was a landmark for the Brothers in Africa, namely the final procession of one of the West African Brothers. The vows of Br. Charles Belmoh were received by Br. Frank Chappell representing the Superior-General in Rome.

After their stay in Makeni most of the delegates were able to visit the missions in Blama and Bo. In Blama they saw, in addition to the usual schoolwork, such agricultural activities as pig-rearing and poultry farming, as well as the Tailoring Institute set up with the help of sewing machines and other equipment donated by parents and friends of the Brothers' schools in England. In Bo they visited the Mary Rice foundation for mentally handicapped children,

# News from Makeni, and Bo and Blama!

initiated by Br. Jenkins, as well as seeing the work done by the African student Brothers for one of the Cheshire Homes.

All those involved in our African Missions

wish to express their sincere thanks to those at home for their help and encouragement.

Br. H. A. GRICE



## HEADMASTER'S REPORT

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was full-back for the Under 12 B's and we lost by 30 points; I still wonder why I had spent the morning so looking forward to the match. After that experience, I became a front-row forward — probably because it's warmer on cold days! Other extra-curricular memories abound, including sitting and drinking a flask of hot coffee with Brother Gillespie on the top of Snowdon during a day's hill walking — it was freezing cold then too!

It would be impossible for me to convey to you a truly accurate picture of the value or the extent of extra-curricular activity within St Edward's College. In an average week there will be over 100 out-of-lesson sport practices; rugby, swimming, cross-country, basketball, badminton, hockey, netball and life saving, and, in the summer, cricket and athletics. Each of these practices will normally involve some 15 pupils; in a normal week, 25 St Edward's teams will compete against other schools. Members of staff running teams will devote many hours each week and every week, to these sporting activities which are over and above all their normal duties.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme continues to be significant extra-curricular activity, providing opportunities for the individual to develop through service to the community, physical activity and personal skills.

These opportunities are echoed in music, in a normal week there will be 18 rehearsals, involving on average 30 pupils, rehearsing before school, at lunch-times, and after school. There are six concerts each year. These take considerable time, effort and organisation. The end result is important but, be quite sure, for those pupils concerned, the process is probably more important. All those important characteristics — working together, helping one another, taking responsibility — these are all developed whilst bringing us a marvellous concert.

Another 10 rehearsals in drama and poetry and some 15 weekly activities in the Design Centre. The list continues, computing, cercle francais, amateur radio, bridge, photography, philately, electronics, chess, public speaking, debating, wildlife club and so on.

Some parents ask me whether their son or daughter

is doing too much sport or too much music. My response is two-fold, I have always believed that if you want something done, you ask a busy person to do it. On the whole, I find that pupils who are heavily involved in extra-curricular activity are well organised, because they have to be well organised, and I very rarely find a pupil whose academic work suffers. On the other hand, I point out that school is about far more than lessons, it is preparation for life, and I know from my own experience, and I know from the experience of many others, that often it is involvement in these sorts of activities which far better prepares our pupils for life. Sadly, not all our pupils seem to make the most of these opportunities. There are those who will say they don't like sport, or don't like music, or don't like drama. Given the enormous range of opportunities available, I cannot believe that we do not offer something for everyone and to those pupils who are not so involved, and to their parents, I urge you to do something about it.

There are those who would have us believe that the Catholic nature of a school can be judged by the syllabus that is followed in Religious Education. The spiritual and religious life of the school is a matter more important than this because it permeates everything that we do. Our day begins with Eucharistic Service in the Chapel, there is a school Mass every Monday lunchtime. In a week's time, six staff and six Year 7 pupils will be commissioned as Eucharistic Ministers, having prepared for the Ministry in school. There are a number of groups which bear witness to our Christianity by serving the community. Every Sunday evening a group of Sixth formers form a club for the mentally handicapped in the Sixth Form Centre. All Sixth Formers take part in an Apostolic Activity during the normal school week. The St Vincent de Paul Society, Amnesty International and Prayer Groups continue. There are retreats for different year groups at times within the school year. As a community we strive to ensure that all our dealings, be they between pupils, staff, parents, are on the basis that we are a Christian community. Sometimes, we don't succeed, but we keep trying.

Twice this academic year we have held Fast Days where pupils have had a very simple lunch and in so doing contributed nearly £500 to CAFOD. The list continues, with classes and

groups of pupils thinking up ingenious ways of bearing witness to their beliefs and, usually wanting to raise funds for those less fortunate than themselves in the process. There is a crucial point to be made here. It is not appropriate to donate 50p to CAFOD at lunchtime and thump a classmate in the playground ten minutes later.

Ladies and gentlemen, this year's report has been somewhat different than in previous years. I must, however, finish on a more conventional note, by highlighting the contribution made by three individuals in particular.

Mr Arthur Kelly retired last summer having spent 22 years at the College. Many, many pupils and parents benefited from his kindness and professionalism.

Mr Geoff Park taught Spanish at St Edward's for five years and was highly regarded by pupils and colleagues. He has left us to become a full-time Minister in a Christian Fellowship in the south of the city: we are delighted that he continues on his own Pilgrims Progress.

Finally, I wish to pay tribute to Mr Tony Edwards, who was Acting Headmaster last year and now continues as Deputy Headmaster. To be an Acting Headmaster is the most unenviable of positions, constrained by the past and the future. I was not here during Mr Edwards' tenure but that so many of you are here today, and that the College prospered so well last year, is a fine reflection on that year. I thank him on your behalf for his dedication and integrity.

Mr Chairman, shortly after the death of his wife, Edmund Rice subscribed to a new edition of the Douai Bible. On the flyleaf of this Bible, with his name and the date of acquisition, he added a series of references and I wish to end with one of the two from the New Testament. It is from St Luke's Gospel, Chapter 6, Verse 35:

'But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them anything without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because He is kind to the ungrateful and wicked.'

I pray that we will have the guidance and courage to fulfil our Mission to those in our care, to build on the fine legacy that we have inherited, and to continue to sail this ship on the compass heading given to us by Our Lord Jesus.

# CLASS REUNION

Dear Ms. McGlory,

I attended St Edward's from 1968 to 1975. Therefore, come September 1993 it will be 25 years since I started at the College. Those of us from my year who attended the Former Pupils' Dinner in October 1992 agreed that we should try and boost the attendance of our contemporaries in the senior school for the dinner in October 1993.

That being the case, perhaps you could include a small note in 'The Edwardian', drawing the attention to the previous paragraph. I know that some of our contemporaries read 'The Edwardian' but do not attend the dinners and I'm sure some of them will still be in contact with others. I include a list of those of us who attended the senior school from 1968 to either 1973 or 1975.

Thank you. Yours faithfully,

GARRY KNIGHT

## I Alpha

Peter Armstrong  
Paul A. Baker  
James E. Barber  
Paul G. Bartley  
Stephen J. Bellamy  
Stephen Bimson  
Michael A. Bowe  
Paul Braithwaite  
Nigel J. Burrows  
Bernard Caldwell  
Andrew J. Carmichael  
Stephen L. Carney  
John J. Chambers  
Paul A. Chedotal  
Thomas J. D. Clarke  
Brian T. Collier  
Stephen J. Conway  
Paul Corbishley  
Alan Corker  
John B. Cowley  
Alexander Cribby  
Stephen J. Culley  
Raymond Disley  
Gerard Doherty  
Colin Dooley  
Martin G. Dooley  
Anthony Dunn  
Michael W. Ellis  
Martin Farrell  
Stephen Flattery

## I A

Paul J. Forester  
Daniel Gibney  
Philip A. Gleaves  
Gerard K. Glynn  
David J. Gordon  
Peter G. Gray  
John E. Green  
Paul R. Griffiths  
Michael S. Handley  
Philip J. Heywood  
Stephen W. Hope  
Philip Hyland  
Bernard J. Hynes  
Stephen J. Ireland  
Philip Jackson  
James M. Keary  
John V. Keenan  
Colm Kelleher  
Stephen Kelly  
Desmond Kiely  
Denis J. Knight  
Garry T. Knight  
Stephen Lafferty  
Christopher Ley  
Brian Littlemore  
Colin V. Lyness  
Kevin McCarten  
Niall G. McGuire  
Mark McLean  
Kevin McMahan  
Peter May  
Anthony G. Miles  
Paul Moore  
David M. Morton

## I Beta

Paul Mulcahey  
Paul C. Murphy  
Michael Naylor  
Kevin O'Leary  
Joseph O'Neil  
Francis Orford  
Anthony J. Paes  
Arthur V. Pellegrini  
John E. Phelan  
Paul J. Philips  
Michael F. Proe  
Peter C. Quinn  
Michael D. Reid  
Brendan Reilly  
John D. Riley  
Michael Riley  
David M. Roberts  
Barry Rossiter  
Richard F. Rudd  
Lawrence Scullin  
Nicholas Shelton  
John P. Sheron  
Peter Shorthouse  
Paul M. Skelland  
Martin J. Sloan  
John A. Sullivan  
Michael Sullivan  
Andrew Tarpey  
Andrew H. Taylor  
Peter E. Vaughan  
Michael Walker  
Timothy Wilson  
Ronald Wilson  
James Winstanley

# Trust Fund Annual Dinner and Ball

THE Trust Fund Committee are delighted to announce the result of our 1992 Dinner and Ball held last November at the Crest Hotel, Liverpool.

The number attending was up by almost a third from 181 to 237. This we feel was an excellent turnout in view of prevailing financial difficulties at this time. In financial terms the result was extremely encouraging, showing a net return of £4,530.

In August we shall again be planning the event for this year. The hotel and the band have already been booked. We would like to think that the number attending will this time reach 300. We will be looking for support in the raising of prizes, sponsorship and advertising. If anyone is able to offer assistance please contact the writer through Julie McGlory at the College, or on 722 8485.

We would like to take this further opportunity of thanking all who attended last year and trust we can rely on your continued support next November Saturday 13th. Don't forget the date, put a note in your diary now.

Brian McDonald  
Chairman

## St Edward's College Drama Society

announce their summer  
1993 production

# "The Caucasian Chalk Circle"

BY  
BERTOLT BRECHT

on  
June 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th  
in Ley Hall at 7.30pm

Tickets £1.50  
Concessions £1

## LADIES' DAY LUNCHEON

AS many of you will know each year there is held at the Goodison Supporters' Club a St Edward's Ladies Luncheon. Last year the guest speaker was Supt. Cathy Stanley. Each year it has been an overwhelming success thanks to the support of many mums of present and former pupils, and many friends of the College. At this point a special thanks should be given to Mrs. Marion Garvey. Mrs. Garvey for the past few years has worked unceasingly to make the Luncheon the success it is — and I am sure that I speak not only on behalf of St Edward's but on behalf of the many ladies who have enjoyed the Ladies Day when I say 'Thank You'.

This year's Ladies Luncheon will take place on Friday 19th November at the Goodison Supporters' Club.

Whilst the event is designed for your enjoyment, it is also useful in providing funds for school projects; last year's event raised money towards a new playground in Runnymede. To this end, the support and attendance of companies, or individuals, who may be interested in providing support and in particular raffle prizes are sought.

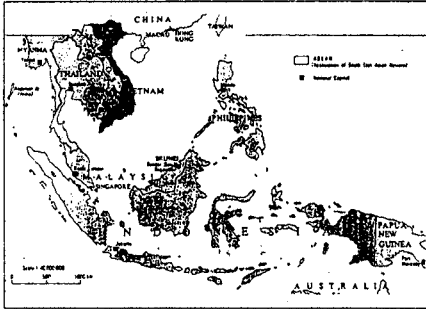
As mentioned the event is an enjoyable one and the invitation is extended to all ladies, whether you have children in the school or not. Please support the event and enable us to make it a great success.

If you would like to be put on the mailing list for tickets or would like to donate a raffle prize please contact Julie McGlory at the College.

# PROJECT TRUST

ANNE BURROWS

## A YEAR OVERSEAS IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA



## CAN YOU HELP?

### About myself ...

My name is Anne Burrows, I am 18 years old, and presently studying for A-Levels in Biology, Chemistry, Theatre Studies and General studies at St. Edward's college Liverpool

I moved from Broughton Hall in September 1991, when I was awarded an assisted place, and have become an active member of the school, presently holding the position of deputy head girl. This involves a number of responsibilities which I fulfil, while including myself in a number of extra-curricular activities, including the school orchestra, chamber orchestra and chamber choir, and drama society.

Outside school my activities continue, I play the flute in the Liverpool Youth Orchestra, and have been included in a number of the productions of the Liverpool Playhouse and Everyman youth theatres. I am also fairly active in my parish community, helping to organise and lead the music at weekly Masses, as well as passing on my musical knowledge by teaching the flute, and increasing it by learning the guitar.

I have always wanted to take a 'year out' before going on to university, in order to fulfil my ambition to travel, however I felt in order to fully gain from this educational process, it was essential to exceed the aims of a tourist, to look beneath the surface of other cultures, and learn from their wisdom.

Project allows me to do this while doing something useful. I feel very privileged to have received such a high standard of education, and know it is one thing I will be able to pass on, hopefully allowing somebody else to gain from the advantages education has given me. It will be a constructive outlet for my idealism and a chance to develop qualities of self-reliance and responsibility.

Project Trust is an educational trust that places volunteers each year in posts where they have the opportunity to do useful work for a year between school and higher education. Since 1968 it has sent over 2000

volunteers to 39 different countries around the world. Project Trust aims to give young people a better understanding of the world outside Europe through living and working overseas.

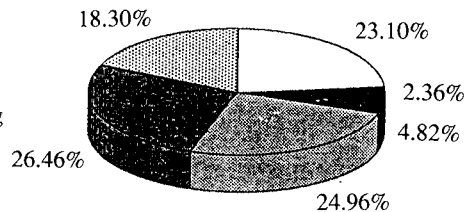
There are four main types of project. These include teaching English language and conversation, working in children's homes and hospitals, and outdoor projects such as jackarooing in Australia.

I have been accepted for a teaching project in either Sri Lanka, Indonesia or Thailand. In each of these countries, English is taught as though a dead language, the children repeating set phrases parrot fashion. I will be set the task of bringing the language alive by using my skills in music and drama. Undoubtedly all aspects of my education will be called upon.

Care is taken not to take the jobs from local teachers, however so as to be on a par with local employees, I shall be surviving on a local wage and living conditions will be basic, as most of the projects are in poor and deprived areas.

### But ... the cost!

Having been accepted by the Project Trust, all volunteers are then faced with the task of raising £2750 for Project Trust towards the cost of their year overseas, the total of which is £3250. Project raises the rest.



Operating expenses : £750.75	(23.10%)
Accountancy, professional fees and bank interest: £76.70	(2.36%)
Telephone, telex, post and stationery costs : £156.65	(4.82%)
Selection and training : £811.20	(24.96%)
Volunteer travel and insurance : £859.95	(26.46%)
Volunteer maintenance and supervision overseas : £594.75	(18.3%)

Project Trust is a non-profit making, charitable organisation which receives no government aid. The above includes the cost of overseas representative, headquarters staff salaries, air tickets, volunteer insurance, and free correspondence and contact between the volunteer, a field and a desk officer at HQ.

### Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka, previously named Ceylon, is a beautifully country that over recent years has been haunted by civil war. Project Trust withdrew in 1985, and although the troubles continue, they feel it is now safe enough to

return. Most teaching projects are based around the capital Colombo, in schools for orphaned and abandoned children. Throughout the Country, education is uncertain, the last expression of discontent having been a large student uprising which has put the education system in jeopardy.

### Thailand

Thailand is a fascinating country with a distinct culture, and unique language. The teaching projects here vary immensely, from work in a well established independent school in the striking city of Chaing Mai, in the Northern region of Thailand, to teaching English at a rural agricultural centre in Eastern Thailand as an attempt to stop the migration of rural women to squalid urban areas, where they are often forced into dangerous and exploitive occupations such as prostitution.

### Indonesia

Indonesia is a large, beautiful and varied country. The projects here are as language assistants at a number of colleges of further education. Most are on the islands of Java or Sumatra. Volunteers on these projects, live with host families. This provides a rare opportunity to see Indonesia through Indonesian eyes.

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# The Junior School Runnymede

## CHOIR SUCCESSES

THIS has been an eventful term for the Junior School Choir. Girls appeared in the choir for the first time and took part in the official opening of the Bryson Hall on Friday 12th February.

At the beginning of March the school entered the Liverpool Music Festival for the first time. The choir sang beautifully coming second overall gaining a distinction.

Another public performance followed soon after when our children joined with the Cathedral Choir in a concert entitled 'Songs of Innocence and Experience.'

The term ended on a high note when the choir took part in the Liverpool and District Catholic Schools Association Choral Festival gaining first place and winning the 'Lol Lovelady' Trophy for Choral singing. Winning this festival means that the choir will now sing in the Philharmonic Hall in November. Well done to all our girls and boys and a special word of thanks to Mr. Paul Booth for all the hard work that has gone into training the choir.

## INTERNATIONAL TRIP

GOOD LUCK to Fergus Griffies who is going to an International Football Tournament in Almere Haven, Holland in May with the Liverpool Under 11 squad.

## CROSS COUNTRY DELIGHT

THE L.D.C.S.A. Cross Country Championships took place on a beautiful Saturday morning in March. The boys performed excellently to gain third place in the section with Michael Bate (Y6) again producing a superb performance to come first overall.

Even greater things were to follow when the girls stormed home first overall in their section to take the shield. Joanne Jackson Y4 came in third overall in her first competitive race.

## LIVERPOOL CAPTAIN

MICHAEL BATE was asked to captain the L.D.C.S.A. team to run in an inter-district race against Wirral, Bootle and Knowsley schools which the Liverpool Team narrowly won by 2 points.

The rugby, football and swimming continues to flourish and we look forward to next term and rounders, athletics and cricket matches.

## A YEAR IN ASIA

HEAD BOY, Mark Lomax, who has been offered a place at Trinity College Cambridge to read medicine, has decided to postpone his studying for a year and travel. Mark plans to go out to Nepal at the end of August to work as part of the GAP project. Whilst out there Mark hopes to travel to Hong Kong, America and Australia.

# OXBRIDGE ROUND



WITH the offers of places from the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, St. Edward's College once again proved itself to be one of the centres of academic excellence in the North West. This year 13 pupils were offered places at Oxford and Cambridge. Of the thirteen, six were given unconditional offers.

The successful students are:

- John Malone** to read Mathematics at Pembroke College, Oxford
- Andrew Stubbs** to read Mathematics at St. Hugh's College, Oxford
- Jude Watts** to read Biochemistry at St. Hugh's College, Oxford
- Mark Tierney** to read Law and French at St. Catherine's College, Oxford
- Caroline McCurtin** to read Law and French at Wadham College, Oxford
- John Richard Wang** to read Engineering Science at St John's College, Oxford
- Janne Heron** to read Law at St Hugh's College, Oxford
- Mathew Carberry** to read French and Spanish at St. Anne's College, Oxford
- Katherine Humphreys** to read Mathematics at Trinity Hall, Cambridge
- Bernard Kelly** to read Natural Science at Downing College, Cambridge
- Stuart Ince** to read Natural Science at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge
- Mark Lomax** to read Medicine at Trinity College, Cambridge
- Simon Ellis** to read Natural Science at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge.

Pictured above are the students with Headmaster, Mr. John Waszek, who said of the success 'St. Edward's is first and foremost a Christian Community. That these young people have done so well within this environment is a tribute to their efforts, to the support of their families and the professionalism of their teachers. They are to be congratulated.'

## News of Former Pupils

**Lawrence Cusco** who left St Edward's in 1985, graduated from UMIST with a degree in Chemical Engineering in 1988, has recently completed his PhD in Chemical Engineering at Imperial College London. Lawrence is now researching a replacement for CFC's at Imperial.

**Joanne Suffield**, a former pupil of St Edward's, graduated recently with B.A. (Hons) II.i in Hospitality Management from the University of Central Lancashire.

Congratulations to former pupils **Simon Pile** and **Dr Siobhan McQuillan** who recently married.

**Richard Ghorbal**, a former pupil, recently graduated with a B.Sc.(Hons)II.ii in Geography from Leeds University. he is now doing conservation work for BTCV in Croxteth. Richard's sister, Kathy, also a former pupil, is now working as a nurse in

Broadgreen.

**Julia Kemp**, a former pupil, who recently gained an M.A. in Social Science from the University of East Anglia, has now been recruited by the Liverpool School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine to work with a team in the villages of Portharcourt in Nigeria on a research project. Julia will work with the women of the village and her work will serve as a thesis for a PhD in Liverpool.

**Denise Mahoney**, a former pupil, is now working with the BBC group which produces Panorama. Her name has appeared on several of the credits under the heading Research.

**Dr. Andrea Whitfield (Mrs. Luke Smith)** is now an MRCPG and practices in Lytham St Anne's, near Blackpool.

**Susan Goodfield**, a former pupil, is now working in the archives section of the Liverpool Maritime Museum.

# PER ARDUA AD ASTRA

IT seems highly appropriate that 'Per Ardua Ad Astra' comes to mind when thinking of Larry Old, and for several reasons. The first and most obvious reason is his service with the RAF of which he was proud, and concerning which he regaled his colleagues with reminiscences serious and humorous. Secondly, it is appropriate to his attitude to his teaching. As Head of the Geography Department, Larry operated from what is at present 2 Hope classroom and considerably expanded the pupils' interest and enthusiasm for his subject, managing to skilfully conceal the 'ardua' by his devotion and expertise. Thirdly, I think of the personal hardships which he bore so uncomplainingly. There were times when he could move only with considerable difficulty, in pain, leaning heavily on his walking stick, yet always maintaining his air of cheerfulness, not complaining and making light of his disability. In latter years, before his death, he was severely disabled. In fact, it was because of his disability that he almost immediately — but

affectionately — acquired the nick-name 'Chester', after a character in an American western T.V. series who walked with a limp. It was typical of Larry that he saw the appropriate humour in the name.

## HOLIDAY TOURS ABROAD

Larry's dedication was shown not solely by his masterly teaching, which led to commendable success in public exams. For many years, he organised and accompanied holiday tours abroad for his students. Accounts of these have appeared in the College magazines and it is clear that all who took part benefited in many ways, not the least being the result of Larry's benevolent yet disciplined control and his gentlemanly, Christian example in conduct and bearing, proclaiming his own high standards of social deportment.

It is a sad fact that, when a colleague leaves, we tend to let life go on without often giving a thought to how much the College owes to those who went before us; yet without the 'Larry Old years' St.



Mr. Larry Old.

Edward's would be a poorer place, not only as far as the Department he led is concerned. 'Each man's death diminishes me.' Larry's life and death — enrich us all.

Mr. Brian Young writing on the death last term of Mr. Larry Old.

## Past Presidents ...

**COLONEL SIR JOHN JOSEPH SHUTE will be remembered by older past pupils as the President of the Catholic Institute Edwardian Association during the years 1914-1929. Like many past Presidents of the C.I., he was a fascinating individual and some of the younger past pupils may be interested in the following short article about his life.**

John Shute was born in Liverpool and educated at the Catholic Institute. His father was a cotton broker and he adopted the same vocation, joining the local firm of Reynolds & Gibson. At an early age he was made a partner and very soon became one of the most well known figures in cotton circles in the city. In 1920 he became chairman of the combined Egyptian Mills Company, he was also a trustee of the Empire Cotton Growers Association.

However, it was for his war service that he gained most notoriety. Before the First World War started, John Shute joined the 5th Territorial Battalion of the Kings Own Regiment in Liverpool. He obtained a commission in the Battalion which years later became the 5th Kings Regiment and when the 1914-1918 War broke out he went as a Major and succeeded to command. During the four years of conflict he was mentioned in dispatches five times and was awarded the D.S.O. and the C.M.G.

A recent book by Michael Joseph called 'Somme' makes a number of mentions of John Shute, in particular there is an account of a Sergeant in the Infantry who tells how Shute came to inspect the forward position that was under fire, he describes 'a six footer in an immaculate uniform with polished knee boots, scrambling over the top of the trench, regardless of the danger.' He called John Shute the finest defensive officer he had ever met and a thorough gentleman. It is clear that John Shute was a popular officer when com-

manding his soldiers and in fact before his last promotion, whilst still a Brigadier General in charge of the Rifle Brigade, prior to his men going into action in September 1917 he argued the case with his Senior Officers and arranged a weekend's leave for his soldiers behind the trenches, in a rest area, knowing full well what a terrible task was to befall them.

## MUSIC HALL SONG

Whilst John Shute may have been well admired by men in the Army, other members of the armed forces did not take the same view. During the War a young Naval Lieutenant called Alan Herbert wrote a rather uncomplimentary music hall song about him which was regularly sung all over the Western Front, it became the land-locked sailors' song, sun to the tune of 'Wrap me up in my tarpaulin jacket'. The words are too raunchy to print!

After the War John went back to business at the Cotton Exchange with the peacetime rank of full Colonel and turned his skills to civic duty. He was Chairman of a host of local organisations including the Liverpool Air Training Squadron, the Liverpool Aeronautics Club and the British Legion. From 1933 to 1945 he was Conservative Member of Parliament for the Liverpool Exchange Division and he achieved a big following, not amongst the business community but from the local people in his constituency. In 1945 John lost his seat due to the abolition of the business vote and also the changing attitudes of the local people. During an aggressive campaign some leaflets were distributed implying that Shute had supported Hitler; the author was never identified and Shute, always the gentleman, refused to apportion blame or take legal action. The new Member of Parliament for John's old constituency was another well-known Liverpool character, Mrs Bessy Braddock.

As well as being a businessman and a politician, John Shute was first and foremost a man who loved his native city of Liverpool and never forgot the training he had received at the Catholic Institute.

## MANY TRIBUTES

A prominent figure in the Catholic community, he was involved with the Liverpool Child Welfare Association, the Council of Social Services and Treasurer of the Metropolitan Cathedral Fund. After his death, at the age of 73, there were many tributes paid to him by local dignitaries. At his requiem in the Pro. Cathedral, the Archbishop of Liverpool, Dr. Downey, said that his death was a great loss to the Catholic Community, particularly since the inception of the project of building a Metropolitan Cathedral, a project which was always very dear to his heart. He went on to say 'with his foresight and sound advice he succeeded in doubling the value of the capital investments in the Cathedral Building Fund within a comparatively few years. He was always a sound economist and his annual financial statements were masterpieces of clarity ... He will long be remembered for his work in Parliament and especially for the cause of education. He was a loyal and devoted son of the Church.'

John Shute had many varied interests and accomplishments during his life time. The stories of his involvement with the Catholic Institute Edwardian Association are well known and after his term as President of the C.I., he continued to be involved, playing a leading role in the setting up of the club at Bishops Court. An example of the adage 'if you want something done ask a busy man,' John Shute (whose name appears on the board above the bar at Bishops Court) died in 1948.

The correspondent, Mark Seddon (S.E.C. 1966-1978), is a History graduate. This article is based on the writings of John Bird from a forthcoming book to be called 'Stroganoff and Scouse'. Mark Seddon has published a history of the St Edward's Old Boys Rugby Club entitled 'The Blue and the Gold', a limited number of copies of which are still available.

# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Dear Julie,

In response to your 'Where are they now?' Page in the Spring edition of 'The Edwardian', this is our all conquering cross-country team of 1966/7, that year we won the Cumella Cup, Sarepter and Waterloo Cups, which are the three trophies.

As for the team members, I can remember most of them: from left to right:

*Back Row:* ? Lake?; Tommy Arslanian and Mike Lee. Tommy does some running but not too seriously. I have not seen or heard of Mike Lee!

*Middle Row:* John Malley — now a successful businessman working in Manchester, living in Warrington; Denis Quayle — living and working in South Africa; Mike Dooling — myself; Colin Howlett — last I heard living and working in Reading as a Russian interpreter. Probably the most talented athlete of us all!

*Front Row:* Roger Harrison — now Deputy Head of St Michael's, Ditton, living in Penketh. The most successful of us all, Roger won National Road Relay and Cross Country titles with Liverpool Harriers — he is still running but is at the moment recovering from injury. We still work together at Liverpool Harriers. Middle — I'm not sure. To the right is Ray Peating who now works at ICI Widnes, and lives in Aigburth. He is retired from running.

I am PSE/Careers co-ordinator at St Thomas Beck School, Huyton. Thanks to the support of Brother Bradley, Mr. D. Dukes and Peter Snape I am still running at veterans level and



have been in Liverpool Harriers for over 30 years. I am very involved locally and nationally at club and school level in the organisation. I am the North West Co-ordinator of ESAA T/F Cup and supporter of St. Edward's in Nat. Cup Finals, as well as a member of English Schools AA National

Executive.

From the staff photograph I remember most of the staff.

*Back Row:* I can pick out Rod Murray (3rd left), Bernie Voels (th left), a young Austin Gibbons (7th left), Peter Snape (9th left) and Jack Loftus (2nd from right).

*Middle Row:* Mr. Lyons (Music) next to Brother Chincotta, next to Dave Dukes (very helpful to us with our running), Mr Brown and Mr Robinson.

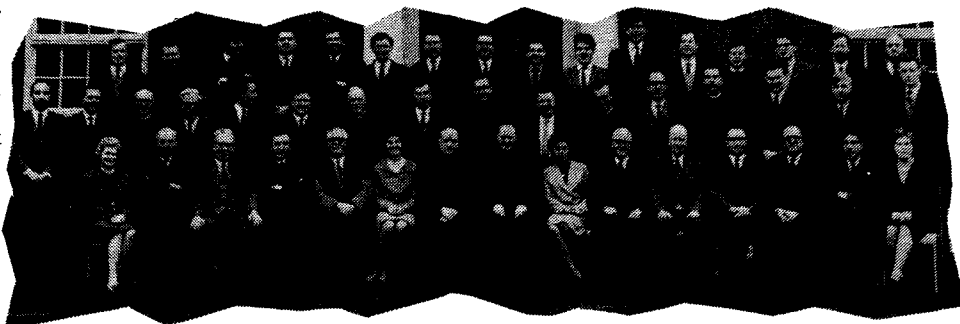
*Front Row:* Mr Old (Geography), Brother Beattie? Next to Brother Coffey: Mr. Allen (History) and Mr Thomas (English).

These are the teachers who had an influence on me at school, I would like to thank them for all they did.

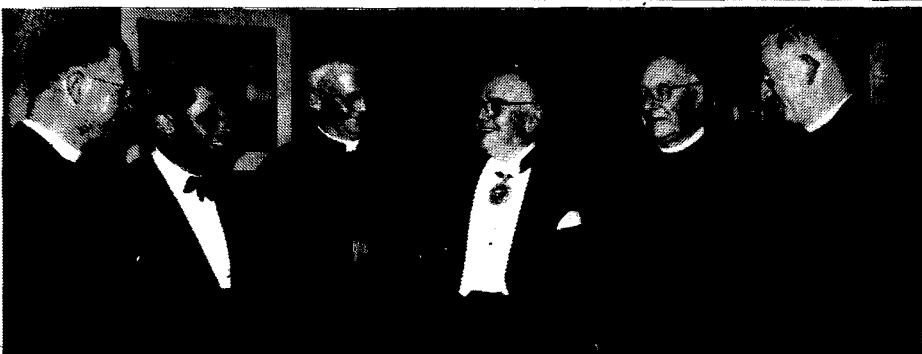
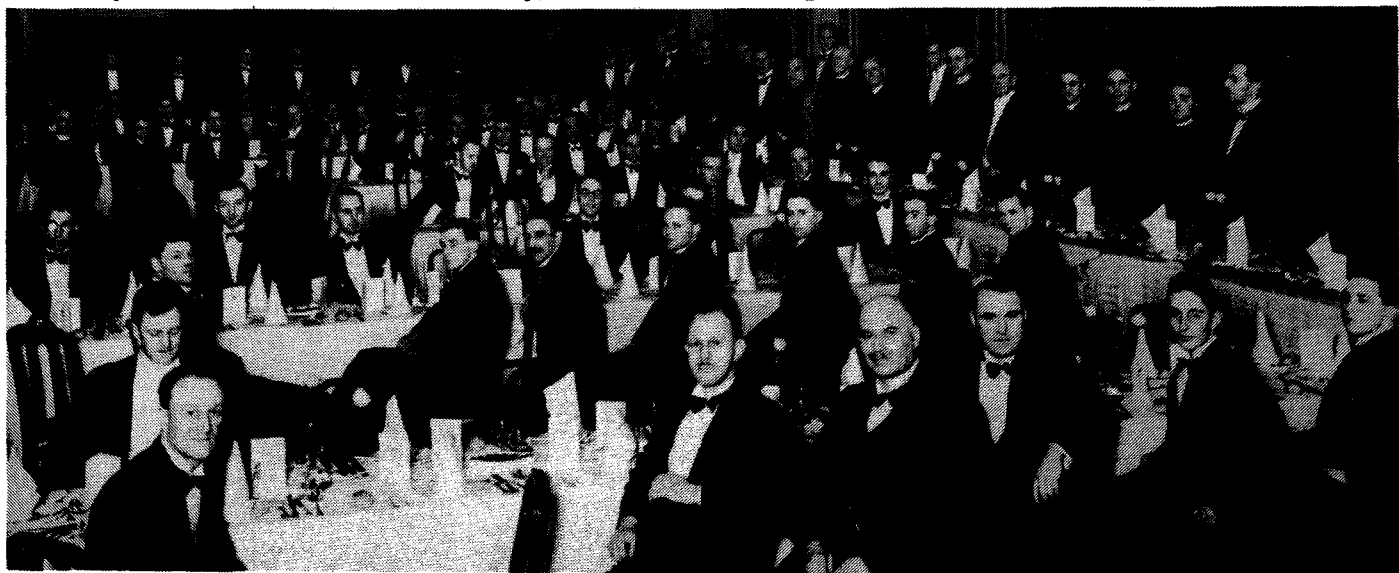
Thanks for the memory. Keep up the good work.

Yours sincerely,  
MIKE DOOLING

(a pupil of St Edward's 1960-1968).



**THIS edition's photographs are from past Old Boys, Dinners — but when were they? and where are they now? Write to Julie McGlory, St Edward's College, Sandfield Park, Liverpool L12 1LF.**



## A Question of Sport

THE answer to last editions: 'Three brothers captained three school teams, who were they and what year was this?' the brothers were Stephen, Michael and Dermot Maher and the year was 1971.



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Miss McGlory,

While I was on home leave someone sent me anonymously a St Edward's College magazine. In it was a request for 'archive material'.

The photos enclosed have been knocking around in the bottom of my boxes in the various parts of the Lord's vineyard where I have been practically all the time since I left St Edward's in 1955. You probably already have them, but one never knows. I did not get all the signatures on the cricket one and by now I find it impossible to identify the rest of the team, although I have a vague recollection of Tony Edwards being our opening strike bowler.

Wishing you success in your research,

Yours sincerely,

LIAM J. LUDDEN

(White Father)

Catholic Church

P.O. Box 33,

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Tabora

TANZANIA

Dear Headmaster,

I am sending you on some information about a former pupil, Fr Kevin Carroll SMA, who died in Nigeria on January 12th. His brother, Paddy, asked me to enquire of Bro. Coffey who was in the school in those days.

Best wishes to you all,

FR. PETER McCAWILLE SMA

Editor of SMA Magazine

FR. KEVIN CARROLL SMA attended St Edward's College from 1931 to 1936, when he left to become a church student in SMA Novitiate in Kilcolgan, Co. Galway. His first missionary appointment was to Accra in Ghana. From there Fr. Carroll moved on to Nigeria initially to Ondo Diocese and then to Lagos Archdiocese where he became Inspector of Schools and later Inspector of Religion. In 1969 he was transferred to Northern Nigeria, continuing his evangelisation work. In 1992 Fr. Carroll celebrated his Golden Jubilee and marked the event by writing a book 'Architecture of Nigeria'.



6A Mods 1954-1955 featuring: J. E. Robinson, E. G. A. Dillon, D. Lamb, G. A. Quirk, B. McDermott, G. Brooks, J. Le Roi, R. McDonnell, A. B. McHugh, P. F. Alger, P. Kenna, P. C. Fallon.



2nd XI cricket team from 1955 featuring: F. Johnston, C. M. Azurdia, P. Armstrong, T. Wolfenden, M. Gibson, P. Geoghan and B. Davidson.

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## New Governors

THIS year we welcome four new governors to St Edward's: Mr. Brian Pearse, Mr. Anthony Brown, Mr. Michael Byrne and Dr. Moya Duffy. Mr. Pearse, Mr. Brown and Mr. Byrne are old boys of St Edward's and Dr. Duffy has a son in the College.

## St Edward's Old Boys RUFC

THE Old Boys Rugby Team ended the season in much better form than they began it. At the beginning of the year, the first team was knocked out of the Lancashire Trophy competition and they also lost a couple of League games. After Christmas, the first team found its previous form and the Club will now end the season 4th in the North West 1 League. This means that promotion at the end of next season must be regarded as a distinct possibility. It was, perhaps, inevitable after being promoted three times in recent years, the Club would have spent a couple of years consolidating its position but recent results suggest that next year we will be making an assault on the League Championship.

The formal fitness and rugby training has now finished for a short break but pre-season

training for next year will start Tuesday 20th July at 6.30 p.m. on the school playing field. In recent years we have been very successful in attracting sixth formers who want to continue their rugby playing career after school and if you would like to join in please come along to any of our training sessions held regularly on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

In addition to the Rugby Club, there is also a thriving Golf Society connected to the Past Pupils Association and so if golf is more your sport you are very welcome to enter one of the regular golf days.

If you are interested either in the rugby, the golf or our training sessions, please contact the Association c/o Bishops Court, on 228 1414 and leave your name and address.

M. Seddon

## Choir Schools' Champions



PICTURED are boys from the Cathedral Choir who last term took part in a 5-a-side football competition against some of the most prestigious choir schools in the country. The competition was held at Meadowbank Stadium, in Edinburgh and the boys were joint winners with Ripon Cathedral.

## Under 12 Rugby Report

AN enjoyable season despite some adverse results. The team were comprehensively beaten only in three matches including the two opening fixtures away at Cowley and Lancaster G.S. A baptism of fire! Close defeats by Liverpool College (20-24), St Joseph's (5-12) and King's Macclesfield (7-10) should certainly be turned around next year. Most importantly the team were enthusiastic about the game and looked forward eagerly to both training and playing matches. With smaller numbers of boys it is getting more difficult to field teams and we have lost a couple of fixtures from the calendar which were against weaker schools. However rugby will survive at St Edward's due to the dedication of the staff and the boys.

Particular thanks must go to Mr McMullen who this season has passed on to the boys much of his experience and abundant skill. Also thanks to Mr Edwards who has always been available to deliver a few quiet words of wisdom.

The team was capably led by Stuart Carter and credit must go to the pack generally, who all worked hard and will evolve into a fearsome unit. In the backs the Widnesian trio of Cheveau, Dean and Stanley provided craft and experience, and Craig Griffies showed immense promise in the centre. All the squad deserve praise for their willingness to learn and the hard but sportsman-

like fashion in which they played. It is vital that the squad build up their fitness levels before next September to make space for their technical skills to shine.

Cowley (A)	L	7-29 (Penalty Try)
Lancaster (A)	L	0-30
St Joseph's (H)	L	15-12 (Sanchez)
St Anselm's (H)	W	32-0 (Garvey 4, Griffies, Cheveau)
Caldy G (H)	L	0-12
Liverpool C (A)	L	20-24 (Dean, Cheveau, Garvey 2)
Kirkham (A)	W	22-7 (Goodwin, Garvey, Wallace, Stanley)
De La Salle (A)	W	40-5 (Garvey 4, Griffies 2, Harris, Goodwin)
St Ambrose (H)	D	5-5 (Garvey)
Merchants (A)	L	5-34 (Garvey)
Liverpool C (H)	W	17-12 (Stanley, Wallace, Garvey)
King's Macclesfield (H)	L	7-10 (K-Scott)
Arnold (A)	W	14-10 (Garvey, Harris)
St Mary's and Hutton were cancelled.		

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
13	5	1	7	154	200	11

The following represented the school: Forwards: Garvey, Cheng, Haslam, Simpson, Harris, Blundell, Goodwin, Carter (Capt), Wallace, K-Scott. Backs: Cheveau, Dean, Griffies, Stanley, Sanchez, Robinson, Heaven, Cassidy, Kelly. Other Squad Members: Williams, Morgan, Olley, Law, McGrath, Shacklock, Quinn, McManus.

J. Clough

AT the end of 30 years of swimming in the school, it might be appropriate when making this report to look back a little, and make some comparisons.

We started swimming here before we had our own pool, when a few staff and interested pupils, walked across Queens Drive, down Moscow Drive to Newsham Park public swimming baths. Soon after, our own pool was built and we started a fixture list. In those early days, less than half the first year, on entry into the school, could swim. Now it is rare for anyone to enter the senior school unable to do so. We started with one member of staff, now we have three and diving was always part of a gala. And although we entered the Liverpool School Swimming Championships for over 20 years without success, in winning these championships this

# SWIMMING REPORT

year it is now the sixth successive year that we have done so.

## FURTHER PROGRESS

So, progress there has been over the 30 years of life of the swimming club, and commitment and involvement by many boys and staff alike. This year we have progressed still further by introducing girls' fixtures, all be it on a limited scale, and it is encouraging to see more girls of all ages, swimming for their own personal benefit and enjoyment.

As regards this season, the fixture list has

involved 16 matches and we won the first 15 on the run, until losing to Sandbach School, Crewe, in our last gala. However in the Liverpool School Swimming Championships, not only did we win these once again, but in doing so, broke 4 new records and now hold 11 of the 16 records of these championships.

Individually, I have noted the ability of Davies and Hesketh in the 2nd year, Ambrose and Passey in the 3rd year, and these along with Lee and Logan in the 4th year, help the more established swimmers of the senior years, to form a very strong squad.

## Monies Collected for Charitable Causes

SINCE September 1992 the Senior School has collected almost £2,000 for various charitable causes. The breakdown is as follows:

£250	CAFOD
£250	James Bulger Appeal
£1300	Good Shepherd Collection (this figure includes £775 raised by the Junior School)
£60	Mother Theresa's Sisters of Charity

The money given to CAFOD was raised primarily through the 'CAFOD Lunch'; staff and students paid 60p for a CAFOD lunch of soup and bread on Family Fast Day.

The donations to the James Bulger Appeal and the Good Shepherd Collection were a result of collections throughout the school.

It is good that there is still a percentage of our young people who consider those less fortunate in our material society.

*'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'*

P. G. DUFFY

## Lottery Prize Winners

PRIZE WINNER	NUMBER	PRIZE
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### NOVEMBER 1992

P. Melia	50	£150
P. Ashley	52	£100
A. Learmont	105	£50

### DECEMBER 1992

G. Town	19	£150
U. Peters	125	£100
Mr. & Mrs. Haimes	228	£50

### JANUARY 1993

J. Hughes	198	£150
L. O'Toole	173	£100
M. O'Leary	103	£50

## New Choristers for the Metropolitan Cathedral

VOICE trials for Choristers for the Metropolitan Cathedral Choir have just been completed. 19 boys from 12 schools entered for the Trials and eight boys have been awarded places in the Choir. They are as follows (home district and current school are listed):

**Ryan Crimmins** (West Derby), Runnymede

**James Gallagher** (Childwall), Runnymede

**James Higham** (Fazakerley), Blessed Sacrament Primary School, Walton

**Benjamin Leslie** (Roby), Runnymede

**Luke Martin** (Rainhill), Runnymede

**James O'Neill** (Mossley Hill), Bishop Eton Primary School, Liverpool

**Daniel Rathbone** (Widnes), Runnymede

**Graeme Smith** (Crosby), Ursuline R.C. Primary School, Blundellsands

The boys will commence next September (1993). Besides joining the choir their education will continue at the Cathedral Choir School, St Edward's College, (where five of the candidates are already pupils). At the Choir School, besides their normal education, the new choristers will also be given a sound musical education. As well as the musical tuition they receive in choir practice, every chorister also learns at least one musical instrument, and has individual singing lessons too.

At the moment there are 21 choristers, and a further eight currently in training as 'probationers'. They come from a wide area, including Bootle, Crosby, Eccleston, Leigh, Roby, Waterloo and Widnes. The boys have choir practice each morning before school begins, and they sing at five services each week.

PHILIP DUFFY  
Master of Music

## Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral Choir Association GRAND DRAW WINNERS

1. 00775 Mrs Buckley	2. 07840 Mrs V. Hogg
3. 05011 S. Morris	4. 01041 I. R. MacDonald
5. 07503 L. Aldcroft	6. 02877 Sandra
7. 01841 Mrs M. Gargan	

# NETBALL

## Under 12's

THE U-12's have attended netball practices in large numbers this season. Despite a very shaky start in which the first five matches were lost, their enthusiasm and willingness to learn did not falter; they continued to practice hard and been to show signs of improvement. They began to win games and beat teams to whom they had lost earlier in the season. For instance, the first and second match of the season were against Helsby and St Mary's, and these were lost 15-0 and 11-3 respectively. However when the return matches were played later in the season, the team's improvement was illustrated by a 6-4 win

over Helsby and a 14-5 defeat of St Mary's.

At the Liverpool Schools Tournament, the girls won their section to reach the semi finals. Unfortunately they were then defeated during extra time by Broughton Hall.

My thanks to Miss Greig for all her help this year, and well done to all players for a good season.

## Under 13's

The U-13's have continued their interest and enthusiasm for netball from last season. Once again, they have trained with a keenness and dedication which is very pleasing.

All players have continued to improve their skills and we have had enough players to field A, B, C and D teams against schools with far more girls to select from.

The A team have had an extremely successful season having won 12 of the 14

matches played. The most notable of these many victories was over Merchant Taylor's who have not been beaten for two years. The season culminated in the Liverpool Schools Tournament in which they came top of their section after winning all 6 of their games. They then beat two strong sides in the semi-final and final to win the tournament.

The B team have shown great improvement from last year. They have had more fixtures and have played some very good netball to win 7 of their 10 games. These games have included victories over some strong opposition such as Merchant Taylor's, Helsby and St Mary's.

My thanks to Miss Fitzgerald for her assistance throughout the year, and congratulations to all players involved for a successful season.

L. Hutchinson

# HOCKEY

## Under 12's Hockey

THE members of the U12 hockey team have shown an excellent attitude to hockey this season; they have been enthusiastic and committed, and worked very hard.

As with last year's U12's, fixtures have been hard to come by as many schools do not play hockey until second year. However, the commitment shown to training has resulted in everyone showing improvement. The girls achieved very good results, including a 13-0 victory over St Mary's, Crosby and an excellent 2-1 win at the expense of Merchant Taylors. Six games were played in total, each of these resulting in victory.

With the exception of team players, it is disappointing that the 1st year girls have been so poorly represented at training; it would have been nice to see a few more of them making an attempt to either gain a team place and/or just improve their skills.

My thanks to Mrs Fox for all her help this season, and to all the 1st year girls who have played this year.

## Under 13's Hockey

ONCE again, the U13's have had a successful hockey season. Their enthusiasm and determination has been excellent throughout the year. The girls have trained in great numbers and even the ones who didn't play in every game have continued to train and work hard. As a result of this enthusiasm, all players have shown great improvement and there has



U12 and U13 teams at St Mary's after 6-0 and 17-0 victories respectively.

been tremendous competition for team places.

The girls' dedication and commitment to training has paid off as is illustrated by their record for the season: played 12, won 11, drawn 0, lost 1, goals scored 53, goals conceded 4.

More notable victories included a 2-1 win over West Kirby Grammar School, the only team to have beaten us all season, and a 1-0

defeat of Merchant Taylors.

On 4 occasions, schools were also able to field B-teams to play against us. On each of these occasions St. Edward's was successful; the games were won 5-0, 9-0, 7-1 and 2-1.

Once again, my thanks and congratulations to all who have participated this season.

L. Hutchinson

# CHEMISTRY NEWS

LAST term a number of Sixth Formers from the College took part in the annual 'School's Analyst' Competition held at Liverpool University Chemistry Department. Congratulations go to Alex Prayle who won second prize in the individual section of the competition.

The competition involved about 70 Sixth Form students from all over Merseyside. The students working individually and in teams carried out experiments to analyse samples of wine. There was an opportunity this year to use the Chemistry Departments Gas-Liquid Chromatography apparatus. The standard of accuracy required in the competition is extremely high at least A level standard.

Although our team as a whole did not win, they were highly commended for their performance in the competition.

D. Bamber

# Chess success

CONGRATULATIONS to Stephen Farrington, From 3D, who recently won the U15 Individual Championship of the Liverpool Schools Chess League.

Stephen who plays for St Edward's U15 Chess Team, met and defeated some of the top players from Liverpool Schools in his series of matches, which took place at St Francis Xaviers College during the past months.

# Cross Country Report

THE Cross Country Club has not enjoyed a vintage season. Teams have often been below strength, with an unprecedented number of our runners affected by illness or injury. The weather on Saturdays this season has been consistently the worst of the week — we have often admired the sheer character our runners have shown in simply completing the course in wintry conditions often encountered.

The Under 12 girls' team has continued to flourish. As the first girls' team from St. Edward's to take part in this sport, they have made a creditable start in finishing 11th in the Merseyside League in which 20 schools took part. In the League Championships (held on a pleasant sunny morning!) the team finished 7th, with Lucy Blackhurst a fine 8th. She has enjoyed good support during the season from Nicola O'Donoghue, Kelly Giblin, Eve Leather, Nina Farquharson and Lindsay Carroll.

## ARCTIC CONDITIONS

There have been two further fixtures in the Merseyside Boys' League, the first in Arctic conditions at Wavertree and the final fixture



on a bitterly cold but mercifully dry morning at Wirral G.S. Our best placed team in the League were the Under 13's, who ran well in all four fixtures to finish 2nd overall.

Remarkably, their B team finished 5th overall, an indication of their tremendous strength in depth. The Under 12's finished 6th overall. The Under



14's and Under 16's each finished 4th overall — a little disappointing as both were capable of better. The Seniors were never able to field a full-strength team and had to settle for 9th position.

In other fixtures, the Under 13's and Under 14's won most of their 'friendly fixtures'. Michael Dudley was the most successful runner for the Under 12's, while Francis Brooks improved a lot in the second half of the season. Neil Renton and James Riley provided good support. Simon Fraser had an excellent season for the Under 13's, finishing in the first ten in all four League races, being chosen for Merseyside in the Inter-Counties fixture in January and running the fastest lap of the day in the Birkenhead Park Relays.

Peter Walsh and Kevin Renton also achieved top ten positions in the League fixtures, and excellent support came from Matthew Gilmore, Michael Ellis and, in the

latter part of the season, Colin Price. For the B team Jamie Tedford, Andy Williams and Chris Ventre were very reliable and Ian O'Brien, Chris Stockton and James Warburton were each A team counters in one or two races.

## OUTSTANDING SEASON

For the Under 14's, Neil Blackhurst has enjoyed an outstanding season — he also finished in the top ten in all four League fixtures and was selected to represent Merseyside in the English Schools Championships. Ben Leather and Stephen Parkinson have also enjoyed a very good season, both achieving top ten positions in League fixtures. Stephen Cranny, Lee and Stephen Farrington and Lee Rowlands showed outstanding commitment by their attitude to training. Peter Silcock ran very well for the Under 16's before Christmas — it is a pity that illness badly affected his form in the second term. Robert Pope, Bryan Renton and James Fogarty are other successful fourth year runners.

James O'Shaughnessy has been our best fifth-year runner and the only one to feature as an A team counter in League fixtures. The Seniors have not enjoyed the best of fortunes this season, but there have been some good performances from Neil Murphy, Miles Brennan and Kevin Beckett. An encouraging feature has been the emergence of Billy Edwards, new to the cross country team this season, who has distinguished himself by a number of fine performances, while Alex Prayle, also Form 6, has provided good support.

Finally, a big thank you to a number of parents for their enthusiastic support at fixtures in all weathers and for their assistance with transport on occasions.

J. F. X. Miles



# Under 13 Rugby Report

THE U-13's have not had a good season with a playing record:

P	W	D	L	FOR	AGAINST
17	5	0	12	245	389

However, as the season progressed their standard of rugby improved to such an extent that next season they have a platform of basic skills on which to build.

It was apparent at the beginning of September that the squad was much smaller now that co-education is established at St. Edward's. A nucleus of only 24 players was available from which to select a squad of 17 to play on Saturdays. It is to the great credit of that nucleus that there was always keen competition for places even amongst the replacements.

In our first match we lost 12-22 at Manchester G.S. mainly through poor defence on our own line. At home to King Edward VII Lytham we lost 12-27 by giving away two tries in the final ten minutes. We were well beaten by both Birkenhead School and Cowley and so had an awful start to the season in losing our first four matches. In truth, all the above matches were over by half time since we were losing by at least 0-17 in each case. The second half rallies were mystifying yet encouraging to see. It was simply a case of starting a match with a positive attitude. Sure enough, at St Bede's we ran away with the game 54-10 with a good all round performance.

The team was now becoming settled with Dwyer and McGillicuddy the regular props supporting McQuade as our lively hooker. This front row was the basics of a solid pack and each performed a vital role in open play — McQuade and Dwyer with darting runs and McGillicuddy tackling and working for the ball in mauls. Wright and Blackwell were our two locks with the latter scoring many a try as surprise No. 8 when we were within striking distance of the

tryline. Hesketh at No. 8 was lively and tackled well and we were well served by our flankers Evans, Burns, P. Davis, Kelly and Buckley.

A narrow loss to Lancaster G.S. was followed by a midweek fixture against St. Joseph's Stoke, when we went into a 10-0 lead only to lose 17-41. In both these matches we were without our captain Simon Worsley. Throughout the season Simon had been developing his skills of motivation and leadership and at stand-off he was proving to be the pivot of the team. Injuries in general were beginning to take their toll on the team and with such a small squad they were having a bad effect. At scrum half Martin McGeogh was very lively and extremely competent for he never shirked his responsibilities. Our three quarters were beginning to exert pressure on their opposite numbers and force mistakes.

The best examples of this came in our 15-5 win over Liverpool College and a 7-5 victory at St. Anselm's. There was a hint of a good sequence of wins beginning but it was marred by a 10-22 defeat at Caldby G.S. when we twice came from behind to level the scores at 10-10 and then, when pressing for the winning score in the opponents 22 we let in a breakaway try from long range. Bailey and Kumar in the centre were handling and tackling more effectively and on the wings K. Davies, Wallace and Wong were working hard for the team. At full-back Hargreaves and Melia were growing in confidence and safe under pressure.

Our most memorable match was played in persistent rain at Kirkham G.S. As usual we found ourselves 0-20 down in no time but having good spirits we dug in, tied up their speedy cen-

tre with sharper pressure and pulled back two converted tries before half time. Unfortunately we then lost Tim Dwyer for the rest of the season with a fractured clavicle and such a loss weakened the team considerably. With great spirit, especially in the forwards led by Blackwell scoring two tries we came home winners 24-20. This performance must rank as one of the best victories by a St. Edward's U-13 team in my experience.

The long Christmas break coupled with cancelled matches in December set us back quite a way and we returned in January to be heavily beaten by local rivals De La Salle, St. Helens — the low point of the season. A spirited 19-12 victory at St. Ambrose was our last victory of the season but in our remaining four matches we played some of our best rugby. A narrow 0-8 defeat by Wirral G.S. was followed by a 12-26 defeat at Merchant Taylor's in a game remembered for Simon Worsley's sole try and some excellent catching and quality ball provided from the lines out. At King School Macclesfield we had a 5-0 lead, were pressing for another score to 'kill' the game and let in two tries to lose 5-10. We outplayed the opposition both in possession and territory for the first 42 minutes out of 50. Surely a lesson must be learned — pressure must be converted into points. Our final game at Arnold School Blackpool was another defeat 17-31 when we reverted to our old ways of conceding three tries before we got out of first gear.

As well as all the above mentioned, the squad received good efforts from Billinge and Saddler (until he had an injured leg). All in all, despite not having a winning season the team played decent rugby, improving all the time and representing the school with honour. Next year more emphasis must be put on winning games — by being better prepared throughout the week and by being more determined right from the kick-off.

A. J. Pennington

# The L.S.H. Connection

IF this was the rather intriguing title of a film perhaps the subtitle would be the 'Pinedale Mafia'. Yet, this is a real drama happening within our midst, at Sandfield Park.

Over the past twenty years schoolboy rugby has become ever more well organised and competitive. It is impossible any longer, as West Park G.S. often did, to rely on innate flair and a game of tick and pass most lunchtimes. This might seem harsh to the memory of the finest rugby brain I've ever met, Mike Murphy. Yet I can't remember once seeing a West Park 1st XV have a session on a scrummage machine! Ruck and maul practice was unheard of. Rugby in the past four and five years has been accelerated change with leagues, World Cups, radical law changes, ever more demanding fitness levels.

At St. Edward's, in particular, change has been considerable. No longer is there any sixth form games. Third, fourth and fifth year games are organised in modular fashion. It is possible only in the first and second years for games periods to provide a significant role all season in the conditioning and preparation of teams. Thus, just as competition has increased so has timetabled time for rugby decreased.

## VALUE OF RUGBY

Rugby is now almost exclusively the preserve of the independent school sector. Cowley has voted against opt out — Ray French is adamant this will mark the demise of their fine traditions. Wirral G.S. is an exception to the rule. However the question is can we compete with other independent schools like King's Macclesfield? Arnold School Blackpool or K.E.S. Lytham? and beyond, the boarding schools Stonyhurst,

Sedbergh, Mount St. Mary's, Ampleforth?

At the moment we can compete in the context of our fixture list. Overall we win two out of three matches played. At 7's we are quite capable of beating the most illustrious names in the North. How long will this last with the change in structure of games timetabling and the switch to co-education? We are fortunate that the senior management, headed by Mr. Waszek sees the value and relevance of rugby football and its traditions at St. Edward's. The pioneering work of Mr. Morgan with A-level P.E. has certainly benefited the seniors. Mr. Morgan, himself, as Head of P.E. is always supportive of our efforts on the rugby field.

How then do these arguments lead us to the leafy glades of Rainford, and Moss Lane in St. Helens? Two or three lunchtimes a week is not adequate preparation for success on a Saturday. An intensive conditioning and practice session once or twice a week lasting at least an hour is essential. The places where this is happening is now in the rugby clubs. It continues also in the boarding schools.

Detailed, intensive coaching is increasingly being provided at youth level at Waterloo, Orrell, Wirral, Birkenhead Park and Liverpool St. Helens. They have seen the demise of many grammar schools. They know that in an era of leagues they must breed and nurture their own rugby players. Only a handful of schools now play serious rugby union in Merseyside and South Lancashire.

It is vital to develop links with the clubs. They can help us. We can help them. The L.S.H. connection is a symbiotic relationship. It is also, of course, contentious and controversial.

Some would say what of our loyalty to the Old

Boys? Though they are tremendously supportive, they do not have a youth section.

Some would say our pupils do not have enough time to fit in a training night and another game on Sunday most weekends. It is true the academic future of our pupils must be the top priority. However, what better leisure activity of the physical variety than time spent with rugby at a rugby club? Is it not better than 'Eastenders' or 'The Bill'? Is it not better than the street corner? Is it not better than the Nintendo? Is it not better than the distraction of girlfriends? Should we not educate our children in the careful organisation of leisure time? Is not a tired body, a relaxed mind?

I have seen for myself, working closely with Paul Carter, Chairman of Youth Rugby at Liverpool St. Helens, the value to our pupils of involvement in a well organised, level headed, junior rugby section. Speak to those who know — David Tunna, Simon Worsley, Anthony Evans, Alex Short et al.

St. Edward's can build on and preserve its traditions, not only through the hard work and dedication of its pupils and staff in school but on the expertise, facilities and opportunities provided by local clubs such as Liverpool St. Helens.

[Last month Liverpool St. Helens Under 15's won the Lancashire Cup final beating Waterloo 22-7 at Preston Grasshoppers. The side has not been beaten for over 12 months, including a win over Bath. There are seven St. Edward's pupils in the side. Four of that seven are also members of the Merseyside Under 15's squad which during the Easter holidays toured South Wales.]

J.G. Campbell

# Under 14 Rugby Report

THE Under 14's fully deserve all their success this season with an excellent playing record:

**P W D L For Against**  
**16 16 0 0 537 102**

The squad, unbeaten last year, committed themselves wholeheartedly, to aiming not simply to do as well as before, but improve their team record, developing their positional skills and decision making ability.

With 22 regular squad members training three times a week their fitness levels improved and a good atmosphere and unity of purpose was created. They never let their vision slip. They knew they had to be decisive early on in the season and they beat Manchester Grammar School 74-0 in the first game, perhaps the most complete performance of the year was the 72-0 demolition of King Edward's, Lytham. Each time this side came up against strong opposition they raised their game eg. against Lancaster Grammar School — Sweetin and Cloherty were superb around the fringes, extinguishing any threat. Morris was the master opportunist and with Quayle, the director of operations, we won 17-10 in a thrilling second half performance.

The forwards during the season worked on rucking in every single practice to offer speedy and controlled service to the strong running Mba, pacy Granby and determined I. Jones.

John Paul Favour's infectious enthusiasm and cool decision making in varying line out options was a feature, Yusef Bictash's reliable hooking and tidying up at the line out was excellent, especially at St Bede's. Fitzsimon was a key member of the pack, who worked hard for his team mates with quick line out work, but especially with strong driving play demonstrating low body angles and control to present the second phase. Ambrose and Santangeli were good in support and Cashman's reliable service to Quayle was a feature. Stephenson in attack was a potent weapon, scoring many important tries.

Jennings, Feely and Sissons were solid replacements together with Humphreys, Mellon, S. Jones, Hewitt and Passey, all these boys were crucial



The Under 14 rugby team with their captain Mark Quayle and coaches Mr Ian Hughes and Mr Richard Young. Mark is not only captain of this undefeated side, but he has recently been awarded a place at the F.A. school.

squad members and vital to this season's success. On the touchline, were a loyal band of parents who offered great encouragement to their sons, home and away, and were there to see the comfortable 31-7 win against Arnold in the final game of the season.

I would also like to acknowledge the work of Mr Hughes, who has offered great support and helped the squad in practice and on match days this season.

In the Sevens, the defeat by Stonyhurst in the quarter final at Rydal hurt badly, even without the talents of Morris, Quayle and Ambrose. However, this was just the incentive to take to the Wirral Sevens, which were won for the first time. In their tournament, they scored 137 points for and 12 against. They defeated Stonyhurst 14-0 in the quarter final, King's Macclesfield 19-0 in the semis and Poynton 26-7 in the final. This rounded off nicely a season of endeavour by this squad, who were at no time wanting to by one-option rugby players and whose success has been fully deserved.

Well done to all members of the squad!

R. A. Young

Played 16 matches Won 16 Drawn 0 Lost 0  
Points for 537 Against 102

## VICTORIES:

Manchester G.S. ....	74-0
King Edward's, Lytham .....	72-0
Birkenhead .....	40-19
Cowley .....	17-0
St Bede's, Manchester .....	38-12
Lancaster G.S. ....	17-10
Rydal .....	31-7
St Anselm's .....	42-0
Caldy Grange G.S. ....	62-0
De La Salle, St Helens .....	72-14
Kirkham G.S. ....	29-12
Liverpool College .....	54-5
St Ambrose, Altrincham .....	19-0
Wirral G.S. ....	10-0
King's, Macclesfield .....	25-16
Arnold, Blackpool .....	31-7

the time spent in hospital and with still no real signs of improvement being made, changes were inevitable and with the introduction, in the backs of Sunderland's pace and strength, Grace's move to the wing and Wrigley and Short being given fixed places, things started to happen. The back row soon began to dominate with Cloherty, Short, Vancheri and player of the season Tunna, all showing real quality both in the tackle and in getting to the breakdown. With Cloherty also playing in the second row when not called upon for back row duty, the second row pairing of Cloherty and Wrigley added grit and strength. At the front of the line, also, Wrigley was to prove invaluable. In the front row Campbell and Charters were just beginning to show signs of getting going and after Christmas both were to improve immensely with Campbell by far the most improved player in the team. Lee was, throughout the year, an example to us all. If he could learn to throw-in at the line, he could gain representative honours.

In the backs things also improved. Stanley at stand-off provided grit in defence and often looped to provide the extra man. Stand-off is a tremendously difficult position to learn and takes time. Both Carter and Stanley must realise this and not be afraid of making mistakes in trying things, they will learn and the backs will benefit.

The centres, Williamson and Sunderland were the real play-makers in the side with masses of talent, strength and speed. In defence, they bottled everything up and after Christmas not one try was

scored via that channel. In attack, they could be devastating, particularly using flatter, wider pass and bringing Evans into the line. No team could boast the back-line we had, yet we destroyed very few. This was in the main to simple drilling. The angles of running and the speed of realignment were often poor. We relied too heavily on the man to man confrontation and not enough on the creation of space. When given the ball in space, Evans, Akpogheneta and Grace are the best around and would have scored a hatful every game.

So far, the pit falls dominated the season. There were freak losses and that 5-5 draw against Manchester G.S. in the semi final of the Daily Mail Cup (Manchester G.S. won on the away team rule). After Christmas, however, it was a new team. With the lazy element removed from the pack and the backs looking more aggressive, we started to play some fine rugby. The forwards particularly impressed, winning lots of first, but most importantly, lots of second phase ball as well. Around the fringes we were hard and let no trickles become floods. Defence was superb and it was only by a confluence of circumstances beyond our control (decisions, luck and at Arnold down-right cheating) that we lost any of these games at all. At the end of the season we not only looked like a good team, one that had not encountered such problems as laziness, inflated egos and bad luck earlier in the season could have and should have gone undefeated.

S. C. Clayton

# Under 15 Rugby Report

**P W L D Abandoned**  
**18 10 5 2 1**

THE season began with high hopes and some promising performances. The first game against Manchester G.S. showed that whilst the backs could score from anywhere, they were vulnerable in defence and that the forwards, whilst aggressive, were too disjointed to dominate. Technique and discipline are paramount at this level and both were lacking. Evidencing this were 'freak' losses against Cowley, Birkenhead (although a fine performance from a very weakened side) and Lancaster.

Attitude to training was generally first-rate, but some individuals either tried not to turn up or if they did, would perform with a modicum of effort. The plague spread and by the end of October the team's morale and spirit were very low indeed, despite the continued efforts on the pitch of the likes of Tunna, Farquharson, Lee and Williamson, who on the field itself never did anything without total commitment.

After a month without seeing each other due to

# 1st XV Rugby Report

**WITH the results indicated below, the comments provided give an overview of the season and the personnel involved.**

Solid pre-season preparation produced an explosive start that lasted until the defeat away at Lancaster in mid-October. Only against a talented and well organised Lytham team had we been matched decisively. The defeat at Lancaster highlighted the importance of captain, Paul Brown, at full-back, and Karl Lee on the flank. Both were absent that day with injury. We had, what became all too common after Christmas, an attack of the 'headless chicken' syndrome. When things were not going our way, we failed to adapt. We failed to adapt to our opponents' plays. We failed to retain our composure and correct option choice. We blamed each other. We even blamed the referee! Rugby is a game of passion played with cool heads.

The two point defeat at Rydal was a travesty. One player, not to be named here, knocked on with an open line! Even Rydal could not believe they had won. A satisfying away win at St. Anselm's stopped the rot.

Mid-season cancellations through waterlogged pitches, examinations before Christmas and examinations after Christmas, the three week Christmas break meant two months without a game. Our fitness and cohesion never really again reached the levels of early October.

In January the worst display of the season at Wirral also saw the first sending off for two seasons at this level. Thankfully I was in bed with a bad back at the time otherwise ... well!

Against King's Macclesfield we played 80% of the rugby but ultimately our continuity skills let us down. Two of their three tries came from breakdowns in our attack.

Then the ultimate disappointment: after being in front all the game against Arnold School we conceded decisive points in the last couple of minutes. The champagne to mark the end of the season, so kindly provided by loyal supporters the McDonald family, could not wash away a sour taste in the mouth. It was the only home game we lost.

September had promised so much. In the final analysis, though winning about 2 of every 3 matches, we did not do our selves justice.

Danny Kenyon, a glory to see in full flight, deserves full congratulations as our top try scorer with 15 tries. Our thanks also to top points scorer (77 points) Peter Lavery. Though it should be stressed that the tries were spread through the team, 57 being scored in total, an average of 3.56 per game e.g. Kevin Wall and Dominic Williams scored two tries each.

Hunt, Kenyon, Scargill, Wall and Williams played in every match. Thank you!

The senior players, captain Paul Brown and vice-captain Nicholas Astor with the greatest responsibility, could not be faulted in their loyalty, commitment and work rate. Thank you!

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A fond farewell to all Upper Sixth who have given so much to the College over many years. Let us long remember Tim Mac, Shunty, Nick, Brown, Lavo, Mike Scargill, Wongy, Karl and Dominic! Let us remember Terrasown and the River Dordogne! Let us never forget Nick Astor's interception try against Merchant Taylor's!

## SEC 1st XV RUGBY RESULTS 1992-1993

1992							
CUP	Sept 12	A	v	Manchester G.S.	Won	32-12	
	Sept 19	H	v	Rishworth	Won	70-0	
	Sept 23	A	v	K.E.S. Lytham	Lost	1912	
	Sept 26	A	v	Birkenhead	Won	26-3	
CUP	Oct 3	H	v	Cowley	Won	8-5	
	Oct 8	H	v	Merchant Taylor's	Won	24-24	
	Oct 10	H	v	St Bede's	Won	36-0	
	Oct 17	A	v	Lancaster G.S.	Lost	18-8	
CUP	Oct 31	A	v	Rydal	Lost	20-18	
	Nov 4	A	v	R.G.S. Newcastle	Lost	22-10	
	Nov 7	A	v	St Anselm's	Won	22-5	
	Nov 14	H	v	Caldy G.S.	Won	43-14	
1993							
	Jan 16	H	v	St Ambrose's	Won	26-3	
	Jan 23	A	v	Wirral G.S.	Lost	35-7	
	Feb 6	A	v	King's Macclesfield	Lost	27-3	
	Feb 13	H	v	Arnold	Lost	21-18	

Played	Won	Lost	Drew	For	Against
16	9	7	—	363	231

Average Score (Won) 23-14

J. G. Campbell

# 2nd XV Rugby Report

GENERALLY a satisfactory season in terms of results but all players must be commended on the attitude and spirit shown in most games. Players must also be commended for their appearance as full kit was worn in each game throughout the season.

The games themselves particularly Manchester G.S., Birkenhead School and Wirral G.S. were played in an excellent spirit with ferocious tackling. Many of the scores do not do justice to the defensive qualities particularly from captain Austin Cooper, Danny Riley and Paul Worrall.

The commitment shown by the 5th form pupils indicates that we should have a successful 2nd XV next season.

T. Critchley

## Where are they now?



# 7's Successes

ANOTHER spring saw 7's trophies again appearing at the College.

The Senior 7 won the Birkenhead School Tournament defeating Lancaster G.S. in the final, 35 points to 0. With Paul Brown absent with injury the line out skills of Wall and Astor, the elusive creativity of Rudge, the pace of Kenyon, the tackling of Lee and Scargill and the gutsy efforts of Power, were all needed. Earlier in the tournament wins had been recorded against King's School, Macclesfield, Stockport G.S. and Birkenhead.

The Under 14's, who were unbeaten at XV a side, continued their run at the Wirral G.S. tournament. Hard won victories against Stonyhurst College in the quarter finals and King's School Macclesfield in the semi finals meant a final with dark horses from Cheshire, Poynton School. Drama erupted after two minutes when captain Mark Quayle, a key playmaker and cover tackler, had to leave the field with severe cramp. Poynton drew level at 7 points all before those traditional St. Edward's virtues, spirit and determination, took us through to a well deserved win with memorable tries by Cloherty and Worsley. Mba's tackling was a vital feature in all games. Well done all the squad! ... and congratulations to Mr. Young who put in so much time with team preparation.

The Under 15s only had one 7's tournament but I know they enjoyed their visit to North Yorkshire on a pleasant, sunny Sunday in March, with the breeze from the south just a hint too strong, on occasion. Ten St. Edward's boys went to what amounts to the North of England 7's competition and gave a display of pace, skill, aggression and mettle that few who saw it will ever forget. They won all their group games, unbeaten in easily the hardest group — only Hymers College, Hull showed serious intent of stopping the march to the final.

Against the home side, Ampleforth College, with hundreds of supporters on the touchline and with the whole school roaring hostility, the Sandfield Park pupils stunned onlookers with a devastating display of power, skill, organisation and pace. After one minute there was no score and both teams looked strong. After three minutes St. Edward's were ahead 21-0 and the crowd silenced. What followed was the most comprehensive display of 7's that eventually brought the crowd to its feet. St. Edward's is again a name to watch! Final score: Ampleforth 0, St Edward's 42.

The tackling of Oke Apogheneta and Spencer Williams was decisive in breaking the moral of their opponents. David Tunna, Jamie McCann, Michael Sunderland, Anthony Evans, and John Vancheri were the other members of this very talented side. Thank you, also, to Mr. Clayton whose expertise in 7's was invaluable to the squad. It was a memorable occasion, reminiscent of that day by the Aire at Woodhouse Grove.

P	W	L	D	F	A
6	6	0	0	213	42

Footnote: A special word of thanks to Mr. Nelson, of St. Edward's Old Boys, who on many Saturdays and Sundays supported the Seniors, as far away as Lytham and Macclesfield. It is a pleasure to be on the touchline with such a cheerful raconteur. Thank you very much.

J. G. Campbell