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SCHOOL NOTES

It is with mixed feelings that I write the introduction to what will almost certainly be the last 'Roan Magazine' in its present form. I am, I suppose, a traditionalist at heart and am, therefore, a little sad to see the passing of what has become in the last sixty or so years a part of the Roan tradition.

However, while on the one hand I deplore the economic circumstances which have made it impossible to carry on the tradition, on the other I look forward to the opportunities which a less formally produced publication will bring. Our future plans are not yet finalised, but it will certainly be a good thing if a change of format can give us once again the immediacy which the present magazine has been denied together with an outlet for literary and reporting talent which the more staid publication has precluded.

I hope that the death of this kind of magazine will be seen by everyone in and connected with the school as a challenge and an opportunity — not as the death of tradition, but as the birth of a new one.

Certainly I shall be relieved to be spared the task of racking my memory for the highlights of school life in a whole year!

We are very fortunate in this school in having a very small turnover of staff but there have been a few changes in the year. The first was in the school office. Mrs. Harris who had been School Secretary since Mr. Peters' death gained promotion in educational administration and was replaced by Mrs. Andron. Mrs. Harris helped, advised, (sometimes ruled!) us all with a devotion which went far beyond the dictates of the job and we wish her every success in her new post.

We lost from the teaching staff Messrs Brown, Trewin, Critchlow and Bellerby to all of whom we are indebted for their enthusiasm and comradeship and to whom we send our best wishes for the future.

They are replaced by Mr. Turner, Mr. Birch and Mr. Elmitt. It is a great relief to be able to say that we did not have to replace Mr. Knott despite

the I.R.A.'s attempt to kill him. The horror of his being shot by mistake remains with us all and no words of mine can adequately express our joy at having him fit and well amongst us once more.

In school the year was very successful. The Revue last Christmas (you see what I mean by lack of immediacy!) was its usual huge success revealing hitherto hidden talents in staff and boys alike.

We raised more money than ever for the old folk and were able to give them a party including some excerpts from the Revue which was enjoyable and rewarding for all concerned.

In sport we were champions of Kent at both Football and Cricket and as usual this side of school life gave an opportunity for a large number of boys to experience the enjoyment of taking part and often of success.

School parties took to land and sea, school plays came and went as did examinations — in fact it has been (the I.R.A. apart) a typical Roan year with the family atmosphere of the place prevailing supreme — and whatever changes may lie ahead let us see to it that that carries on. It is, perhaps our greatest asset — the greatest contribution we can give to the school of the future.

N. R. BALLANTYNE.

“CHANGE IS INEVITABLE”

— Disraeli.

The next few years will see great changes in this School. Next September (1976) will be the last occasion of selective intake and in the following year high academic ability will no longer be the main criterion for admission to the school. In 1977 we shall have a “comprehensive intake.”

Exactly how the School will be re-organised we do not at present know. The Governors and Staff are very anxious that it should take place in a way which will give us some new purpose-built accommodation and before this article is published a letter will have been sent to all parents of present pupils explaining what we hope will happen. If those hopes are not fulfilled then re-organisation will have to take place in some less satisfactory manner.

It is interesting to reflect that this is not by any means the first time that great changes have taken place in the Roan School. Indeed, it is only since 1944 that it has selected its pupils from a large area of South East London by their academic ability. Before then it selected its pupils mainly by the ability of their parents to pay for their education although there were some free “Governors’ Places” for able boys whose parents could not afford to pay. This state of affairs dated only from 1877.

John Roan endowed his school over 300 years ago for “so many town’s-born children of East Greenwich.” The only test for admission seems to

have been their need. Certainly in those days there was not a great deal of emphasis on the academic standards which we have come rightly to prize. In fact the standards were so low that in 1853 they were the subject of a public petition!

It was towards the end of the 19th century that the Governors decided, because the State was beginning to provide and finance elementary education, they would change the character of the School. The Endowed Schools Commission suggested the establishment of a new school for boys in which should be given “a superior education of the character usually given in the best middle class schools.” A new scheme was therefore published in 1873. No provision was made for a clothing allowance (in the old school boys had been provided with clothing as well as free education) and the majority of places became fee-paying ones. The ‘old’ Roan School was officially closed in 1874 and the ‘new’ Public School was opened in 1877 in Roan Street and a parallel school for girls was opened in Devonshire Drive.

The Headmaster of the time wrote:-

The East and West Roan’s Schools were for many years the schools of the town; to them all the poor and working classes of the community endeavoured to get their children admitted That the (new) schools are a vast success none will deny, but the real intention of the donor has unquestionably been set aside, and the class of children now participating in the advantages accruing from the increased value of the property is doubtless very different from that originally intended.”

Now, a hundred years later, we face another change. Any social barrier established in 1877 went in 1944; it is the academic barrier which is being removed now and the school will again cater mainly for children of the neighbourhood. Perhaps this will be nearer to the intention of the Founder than we have been for some time.

The boys at present in the School will be very little affected by what happens. The Staff will be greatly affected and local residents will have a new school to which their children may be sent.

But who talks of a ‘new’ school? Any institution which carries on in these buildings with a Staff, many of whom will have served the Roan School for years, must inherit a great deal from its past. It will be peopled by children who have grown up alongside senior pupils of the ‘old regime’: it will still have the interest of, and many contacts with, the Old Roan Association: it could not dissociate itself from such a rich heritage if it wanted.

I believe that changes have to come — this is characteristic of all life. The only things which do not change are dead. This does not mean that all change is good or that change should be accepted uncritically. But neither is change necessarily retrogressive — something to be resisted at all costs.

What matters, and matters tremendously, is that we understand what is really worthwhile in the School now, what it is that commands loyalty of so many of its members, what is the source of its high morale and good spirit. And these are things we must fight to preserve: and we must ensure that future organisation and accommodation is such that these may still flourish.

There will be plenty of people, Governors, Staff and boys who will be anxious to see that this happens.

Another impending change and one which certainly causes us some regret, is that this may well be the last issue of the School magazine in the form and format in which it has been published since the first issue in March 1912 — price 2d! The main reason for the alteration is that it now costs something like 40p a copy and we feel that to spend this amount of money on it is not a wise use of the limited resources at our disposal. From the beginning the Old Roan Association has been associated with the magazine and contributed their section to it. It is only because they have shared generously in the increasing expense of it over recent years that we have been able to keep it going until now.

Whatever replaces the magazine is likely to be issued more frequently and more speedily than the magazine was. It will have the advantage of reaching parents before the contents become well out-of-date. I hope it will continue to carry items from the Old Roan Association which are of interest to the School and also news of the Parents' Association.

A.J.T.

THE SCHOOL PLAYS 1975

In front of scenery brilliantly conceived by Mr. Huntley to double as the desert and the sea coast of Scotland we produced 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' and 'Ten Little Niggers.'

Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber originally wrote 'Joseph' for a school performance and all who saw Messrs White and Drew's production of their musical can bear testimony to the success of their venture, combining as it does eminently singable music with a story whose dramatic content rivets the audience's attention.

The enthusiasm of all concerned (and there were sixty juniors in choir and cast) overflowed into the audience and there can have been few who did not go home with the haunting tunes in their minds for weeks afterwards.

It was a performance to treasure and the team spirit which produced it is perhaps best symbolized by the lad in the choir who fainted during the presentation, fell off the table and on recovering

consciousness lying on the floor of the hall continued singing on his back lest regaining his position with the rest should mar our enjoyment. Our thanks go to all who are listed below - I feel sure that they can be proud to have given to a school rich in tradition the seeds of a new one.

Despite the record-shattering run of 'The Mousetrap' in the West End, it is arguable that 'Ten Little Niggers' is Agatha Christie's best stage play. And, despite an attempt to steal the limelight by a mouse which terrorised the front few rows on one night, it once again managed to thwart the efforts of most of the audience to deduce who 'dunnit' until the appropriate moment when all was revealed.

The play requires excellent timing and difficult characterisation and, at a time when the school is not blessed with a large number of seniors overflowing with natural talent, I should like to pay my tribute to the dedication and hard work from the whole cast which led to the audiences' being given an enjoyable and perplexing end to the evening.

Casts:-

'Joseph' — S. Amor, S. Baker, M. Belcher, G. Brace, A. Christy, S. Emblem, L. Fitzpatrick, M. Flaherty, M. Gill, P. Gunning-Stevenson, P. Noad, P. Savage, M. Smith, M. Teodovini, H. Thompson, D. Thomson, S. Wilkinson, R. Willis, S. Baldwin, N. Barrow, D. Blackburn, S. Crew, L. DeHoog, M. Duffy, N. Elliott, P. Golding, A. Griffin, A. Hayyard, T. Hardie, C. Hayson, J. Kennerley, B. Lambert, P. Lawler, I. Lay, C. Lerwick, P. Liddle, M. Lucas, P. Manners, S. Neville, A. O'Keefe, J. Reeves, I. Richards, J. Roberts, G. Rogan, D. Rowe, G. Seager, W. Smart, C. Steward, T. Tyrwhitt, S. Varrall, J. Watling, M. Watling, P. Webster, C. White, S. White, S. Wilkins, A. Willison, C. Woodbridge, A. Wright.

'Ten Little Niggers' — E. Waller, C. Lade, N. Smith, C. Bunton, I. Robinson, T. Hughes, V. O'Brien, A. Medhurst, T. Hayyard, J. Smith, A. Spicer, M. Butler, J. Peakin.

Staff Involved: — Mr. Drew, Mr. White, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Brooks, Mrs. Shomberg, Mr. Thorp, Mr. Ballantyne, Mr. James, Mr. Bonner, Mr. Bednarz, Mr. Burton, Mr. Huntley, and Mr. Dolan.

Others Involved: — K. Cheeseman, A. Wilkinson, S. Eton, C. Hinkin, D. Jeffkins, D. Jones, M. Rodwell, S. Ruston, G. Southard, I. Thomas, S. Thorp, R. Kay, M. Eoglen, and members of the Parents' Association.

SCHOOL BAND

Our numbers are sadly depleted this year and we are building for the future. Paul Winslow is the main stay of the saxophone section and has improved so much since he bought his own Selmer MK. VI that he is now lead alto in the London Schools' Concert Band. Michael Shaw on trombone is improving his range and reading, and Stuart White and Jeffrey Daniels have improved to Grade V on clarinet. Terry Chance and Paul Ridge on trumpets carry a great responsibility, but they are reading well and can reach top C reliably, so that in the past year they are the most improved players in the band.

The Junior and Learner Bands practise regularly and hope to move up into the Senior Band to fill the gaps caused when older boys leave. The Staff continue to play, help and encourage, and add a welcome and avuncular stability.

W. E.

CHARITIES REPORT

Last term the school raised £15.60 each for (i) the Waterways Restoration Fund of the Inland Waterways Association (ii) the National Trust and (iii) the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. The most profitable venture was 4B's sponsored spinning of nylon thread, which raised nearly £12 and put them at the top of the league. 2S did not contribute a single halfpenny! Form totals were as follows:-

5A	£2.64	5B	91½p	5E	£5.18
4B	£14.01	4J	£2.39½	4N	39½p
3E	£1.18	3L	£1.23½	3R	£2.58
2D	£3.88	2F	£4.31½	2S	—
1B	51½p	1H	£4.73	1T	£2.05

In addition, several boys spent a fine Sunday afternoon walking along the Thames from Hampton Court to Kew and back, raising funds for War on Want; others took part in a sponsored swim in aid of the Alexandra Day Fund.

This term we are supporting Age Concern (Lewisham), which provides assistance and facilities of various kinds to local older people, and the Anchor Housing Association (formerly known as

Help the Aged) which seeks to provide sheltered housing for old people in all parts of the country. The nearest to us at present is at Sidcup, but a new development in Greenwich is at the planning stage, and we plan to hold, next autumn, a special sponsored walk to help this particular project.

Already this term a number of boys have walked across London's bridges to raise funds for Rehab, and the second year organised a sponsored cricket match which raised £42.82 towards the Adventure Playground for physically handicapped children at the Barnardo's Homes at Barkingside.

It is good to know that although money is not easy to come by, there are still a large number of people who put the needs of those less fortunate than themselves well up on their list of priorities!

MRS. FOTHERINGHAM.

JUNIOR BRAITHWAITE 1975

A fortnight in the Lake District and no rain — to the many whose predominant Braithwaite memories consist of frozen hands and faces and the demoralising trickle of ice-cold water down the spine as the seemingly endless mine road is trudged down this must seem like pure fantasy — the dream world of the travel agents' brochure — no more.

True, we encountered impenetrable mist and gale-force winds on Blencathra (and even after ten visits to our northern base I cannot understand how the two can coexist in inseparable conjunction!) and we only just escaped from the summit of Helvellyn before clouds engulfed it, but there was no rain and, for the most part, we bathed in bright sunshine.

So it was that we were all able really to enjoy this most lovely corner of England and to drink in the views as we munched our sandwiches without feeling like polar explorers who had lost their compass bearings.

Not that we are ever in danger of that! Led by the intrepid Mr. Evans, veteran of countless skirmishes with the British terrain and climate and ably seconded by Mr. Trewin resplendent in a woolly helmet-liner looking for all the world like a Norman conqueror, how could we fail to reach our goal? And should they have slipped up, we had the goat-like agility of Mr. James and the cool, scientific approach of Dr. Taylor to fall back on — and if all else failed there was always me, clutching "Wainwright", the fell-walkers' Bible, as a last resort.

I was never needed! With a minimum of discomfort ("Please sir, why can't they make flat hills?") we surmounted every peak on our itinerary and returned safely to camp in the safe hands of John our invaluable driver and companion.

It was a fortnight enjoyed by all and if the masters failed to win the football trophy through a failure to stall the match until reinforcements arrived – so what? Even Revie can make mistakes!

N. R. BALLANTYNE.

SENIOR BRAITHWAITE 1975

This year's Senior Braithwaite camp was the fifth for me. Each camp has had its own special memories, and this year's was no exception. Of course a lot of things remain the same; the camp didn't look much different; the hills were still the same; many of the walks that we undertook were old favourites; but it is not these memories that remain. It's the odd and often bizarre event that provides us with our most enduring memories.

This year was no exception in providing events that I am sure I will remember for some time. Early on in the camp I remember a certain member of our sixth form, who is reasonably intelligent and who ought to remain anonymous, gazing with a very knowing eye at a map for a full ten minutes, and then asking "Where's the camp on this map!". I remember a certain member of staff walking into the kitchen shortly after breakfast one morning with an extremely large mattress. Since he was camping we all were a little shocked. We learnt that his tent had wall to wall mattressing! And who will forget R. Bednarz Esq. from this year's camp. The instigator of races up The How; the man who walks (runs!) twice as far and twice as fast as anyone else, and thinks all dogs are rabied. One day while coming off Catbells a dog which couldn't have been much bigger than his foot (which is quite small) chased him for a full quarter of a mile.

There are many other things that I remember but for each person that lived in that community for two weeks the events that remain as fond memories will be different.

Next year's camp will, I am sure, be similar to last year's. If you would like to come you should contact Mr. James. The dates for this year's camp are: – 17th – 31st July.

P. JAMES

SUMMER CRUISE 1975

This year's cruise was enjoyed by one and all. The original ports of call had to be rearranged because of disease and political unrest in Portugal. Most of the boys agreed that this was for the best and so we went to another port in Spain called 'Vigo' and to Gibraltar, Corunna, Malagar and Tangier.

The first two days at sea were very rough and a large percentage of the boys were seasick. After this everything was O.K. and all the boys began to enjoy themselves with the varied free entertainment which was provided by the ship's company. The younger boys (of which a large amount of the party was made up) were content to play deck-hockey and other games while the older boys amused themselves with the female population which outnumbered the boys 2 to 1!

There were several outstanding incidents which took place on and off the ship, chief among these was our winning the essay and poetry prizes. Another was the ship's quiz for which we entered a team of four boys. The team did themselves proud by finishing second out of eighty schools and beaten by only ½ a point. The team consisted of Mark Edwards, Martin Clark, Martin Dunford and the ever-awake captain Ron Dobson.

Our school party had to go into two dormitories and they had to share one of these with another school from Birmingham. They mixed well with our lads and their dormitory won the deck-hockey championship with a member of our school in their team. The towering Nicky Green!

All of the boys found plenty to do in the ports of call. The entertainment they found included pony and trap rides, having a sing-song on the coach trips buying souvenirs and presents, going swimming with Messrs Ellis and Smith and testing the local drinks.

I would like to thank Mr. Smith and Mr. Ellis on behalf of all the boys for giving us an enjoyable and very successful holiday.

MARTIN CLARK L6B.

CRICKET REPORT 1975 SEASON

This has been perhaps one of the most successful seasons that the school has known for some years, when a 1st X1, which was the product of a great deal of hard work on the part of Mr. Thorp came to fruition in a team which was a good blend of talent and enthusiasm.

The 1st X1, ably led by Dave Hutley, playing a fairly full fixture list, won the majority of their games in quite convincing style, although

in the early stages of the season there was little to suggest that this team would be championship material. Yet it was noticeable that Dave Huntley had matured as a batsman and Nasir Khan improved with bat and ball out of all recognition. Chris Winter put in some solid performances in the sphere of batting as well as bowling, and Dave Carter emerged as a good medium pace bowler. Occasionally the teams batting was strengthened by the presence of David Campbell who only made a limited number of appearances for the school due to the pressure of examination work. But without exception every member of the team made a major contribution to its success.

Competition cricket seemed to bring the best out of this team. For only the second year the school entered the competition for the Lemon Cup, which is the senior Kent schools championship. In the first round we met and defeated easily Vinters School. Then in the second round we had our toughest match of the championship, outside of the final, against Maidstone Grammar School which we won due to an excellent innings of 67 by D. Hutley. In the semi final we played Kings School Rochester, at their ground, where we defeated them by 47 runs. N. Khan 6 wickets for 24 runs. We then found ourselves in the final at Maidstone against the holders, and the team which had knocked us out of the competition the previous year, Gillingham Grammar School. Some indication of the temper of the 1st X1 was given in the week prior to the final when we reached the semi-final of the Midland Bank six-a-side competition where we were put out by the eventual winners. The result of the final of the Lemon Cup was in doubt right up to the last four or five overs. Roan batted first and made a reasonably good score with N. Khan 49. But on a fine batting wicket and fast outfield the result was very much in the balance. Then in a mammoth spell of bowling by Chris Winter and Nasir Khan of 47.5 overs between them they proceeded to bowl Gillingham out for 129. C. Winter 4 for 65; N. Khan 5 for 52. Thus Roan became Kent senior schools champions for 1975.

The rest of the school X1's had a mixed season, but the Under 12's were enthusiastic and showed promise. Neil Campbell played for the district and Kent Under 15 team. Both Dave Hutley and Nasir Khan represented Kent at Senior level.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who umpired, and to extend a special vote of thanks to Dave Hutley, who for the last two years has done an extremely efficient job as fixtures secretary.

The facilities for cricket at the school field are first class, and many thanks go to Mr. Lentle for some excellent wickets.

B.D. BURTON.

G.C.E. A-LEVEL RESULTS

Second Year Sixth

P.C. Appleby	Art, Design/Technology, Physics
U.W.E. Arnold	Biology, Chemistry, Pure Mathematics
S.G. Beatty	Economics
N.J. Bennett	Physics
P.M. Berry	Design/Technology
N.W.J. Brown	Chemistry
S.J. Cantwell	Chemistry, Physics
A.D. Dossett	Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics
S.E. Edley	Economics, Geography
N.J. Facer	Economics, History, Spanish
A.J. Fry	Economics
G.S. Goy	Economics
P.L. Green	Economics, Pure Mathematics
T.J. Griffiths	Economics
I.R. Hanstead	Economics, Pure Mathematics
P. Hazelden	Pure Mathematics, Physical Science
D.A. Hutley	Economics, French, Geography
A.J. Jones	Economics, Geography
R.J. Kay	Biology
C.W. Kitchin	Economics, History
M.J. Lamb	Chemistry, Physics
H.D. Langford	Economics, English Literature, Spanish
N.P. Mason	Physics
P.C. McGann	Economics, Geography
M.R. Mepsted	Biology, Chemistry, Physics
P.W. Nicholson	Economics, English Literature, Geography
R.S. Nickless	English Literature, Geography, History
G.J. O'Connor	Economics, History
A.S. Page	Economics, Spanish
R.G. Poole	Biology, Physics
J.B. Prosser	Economics, Geography, <i>Pure Mathematics</i>
K.A. Pullen	<i>Economics</i> , Geography, <i>Pure Mathematics</i>
G.A.H. Rainbird	French
S.J. Richards	Design/Technology, History
D. Shea	Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics
R.G. Simmons	French, Spanish
N.E. Steel	<i>Economics</i> , Geography, History
R.S. Tatra	Chemistry, Pure Mathematics, Physics
S.J. Taylor	Chemistry, Physics
A.P. Thomas	Economics
S.J. Vass	Biology, Chemistry, Physics
N.R. Walford	Economics, Geography, Pure Mathematics

D.R. Watchorn	Economics, English Literature, History
M. Wilkins	Economics, Physics
C.P.A. Winter	Economics, Pure Mathematics
D.A. Young	Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics

First Year Sixth

Pearce	History of Art
G. Sarsfield	<i>History of Art</i>

G.C.E. O-LEVEL RESULTS

Sixth Year

19 boys obtained additional subjects at G.C.E. 'O' level

Fifth Year

C.D. Alderton	(Mathematics), Spoken English, Physics
M.S. Allison	Chemistry, English Language, Spoken English, English, Mathematics, Geography, Additional Mathematics, Physics.
R.S. Askill	Chemistry, English Language, Spoken English, Mathematics, Additional Mathematics, Physics.
I.L. Barnes	Biology, Chemistry, English Language, (<i>Mathematics</i>), English Literature, French, Additional Mathematics, Physics, Spanish, Mathematics.
G.V. Bennett	Chemistry, (Mathematics), Spoken English, English Literature.
M.J. Bennett	English Language, Spoken English
A.R. Berry	<i>Art</i> , Design/Technology, English Language, Spoken English, Physics, Mathematics.
S. Boswell	Design/Technology, Spoken English, Mathematics, Physics.
D.S. Bruce	Biology, Chemistry, English Language, Spoken English, English Literature, French, <i>Latin</i> , Additional Mathematics, Physics, Greek, <i>Mathematics</i> .
L.J. Brockwell	Design/Technology, English Language, Spoken English, Mathematics, Physics.
D.A. Campbell	Chemistry, English Language, Spoken English, <i>English Literature</i> , French, Geography, <i>Additional Mathematics</i> , Physics, Spanish, <i>Mathematics</i> .
J.J. Cantwell	<i>English Language</i> , Spoken English, English Literature, French, (Mathematics)

K.J. Carpenter	English Language, English Literature, French, Mathematics, Physics.
M.W.E. Clark	Chemistry, Design/Technology, English Language, Spoken English, English Literature, Geography, Mathematics.
R. Clark	<i>Art</i> , Biology, Chemistry, English Language, Spoken English, English Literature, Mathematics.
N.R. Cooke	<i>Art</i> , Design/Technology, English Language, Spoken English, English Literature, English Language.
S.S.J. Cutler	Chemistry, <i>English Language</i> , Spoken English, English Literature, French, German, <i>Latin</i> , Additional Mathematics, <i>Physics</i> , Mathematics.
S. Dean	Design/Technology, English Language, Spoken English, Mathematics.
J.V. Debenham	Design/Technology, English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, Physics, Technical Drawing, (Computer Studies).
G. Dennis	<i>Art</i> , Spoken English, Mathematics.
K.J. Diplock	Chemistry, English Language, Spoken English, English Literature, <i>History</i> , Mathematics, Physics.
S.J. Ditchfield	Design/Technology, <i>English Language</i> , Spoken English, English Literature, Mathematics, Physics.
J. Dix	<i>Art</i> , Biology, Chemistry, <i>English Language</i> , Spoken English, Mathematics.
A.S. Dobson	Chemistry, Design/Technology, English Language, Spoken English Literature, Mathematics, Physics, (Computer Studies).
R.J. Dobson	Design/Technology, English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, Physics, Technical Drawing.
R.J. Duff	<i>English Language</i> , Spoken English, English Literature, French, Maths.
M.K. Dunford	English Language, Spoken English, English Literature, French, German, <i>History</i> , Additional Mathematics, Physics, Mathematics.
S.J. Earnshaw	English Language, Spoken English, Mathematics, Physics.
M.J. Edwards	<i>Art</i> , Design/Technology, English Language, Spoken English, Mathematics.
A.J. Finn	Chemistry, Design/Technology, <i>English Language</i> , Spoken English, English Literature, Mathematics, Physics.
A.P. Forward	English Language, Spoken English, English Literature.
M. Garratt	

N.G. Gaunt	Chemistry, English Language, Spoken English, English Literature, French, German, <i>Additional Mathematics, Physics, Technical Drawing, Mathematics.</i>
M.I. Gatter	Chemistry, <i>English Language</i> , English Literature, French, German, Addition Mathematics, Physics, Mathematics.
B.J. Gavin	Art, Chemistry, Design/Technology, <i>English Language</i> , Physics, Technical Drawing, Mathematics.
D.J. Goodes	<i>Chemistry, English Language</i> , Spoken English, English Literature, French, Geography, German, Addition Mathematics, Physics, <i>Mathematics.</i>
P.J. Greenslade	<i>Chemistry</i> , Design/Technology, <i>English Language</i> , Spoken English, English Literature, <i>Additional Mathematics, Physics</i> , Technical Drawing, <i>Mathematics.</i>
C. Hamilton	Chemistry, <i>English Language</i> , English Literature, French, <i>History</i> , Additional Mathematics, Physics, Spanish, Mathematics.
R.J. Harvey	Biology, English Language, Spoken English, <i>English Literature</i> , French, Geography, German, <i>History</i> , Additional Mathematics, Mathematics.
G.L. Hay	<i>Biology</i> , Chemistry, <i>English Language</i> , Spoken English, English Literature, <i>French, German, Additional Mathematics, Physics, Mathematics.</i>
M.D. G. Heselden	English Language, Spoken English, <i>English Literature</i> , French, <i>History</i> , Spanish, Mathematics.
K. Hutchings	Chemistry, English Language, Spoken English, <i>English Literature</i> , French, Geography, <i>Mathematics</i> , Physics, Spanish.
I.L.A. James	Biology, Chemistry, English Language, Spoken English, English Literature, French, Latin, Spanish, Mathematics.
A.M. Jewell	Biology, <i>Chemistry</i> , English Language, Spoken English, English Literature, French, <i>Additional Mathematics, Physics</i> , Technical Drawing, <i>Mathematics.</i>
D. Johnson	Art, Chemistry, English Language, Spoken English, Mathematics, Physics.
N.J. Kay	English Language, Spoken English,

M.W. Lay	Biology, Chemistry, English Language, Spoken English, English Literature, French, Geography, Mathematics, Physics.
M.W. Lewis	Biology, Chemistry, English Language, Spoken English, English Literature, French, Mathematics, Physics, Spanish.
P.J. McDonald	Chemistry, English Language, Spoken English, Mathematics.
T.K. McGahan	English Language, Spoken English, (Mathematics).
N.G. McKay	English Language, Spoken English.
A.L. Medhurst	<i>English Language</i> , Spoken English, <i>English Literature, French, Greek Literature, History, Latin, Spanish</i> , Mathematics.
L.J. Mehegan	<i>Biology, Chemistry, English Language</i> , Spoken English, <i>English Literature</i> , French, <i>Additional Mathematics, Physics</i> , Spanish, <i>Mathematics.</i>
P.C. Mundy	<i>English Language, Spoken English, Mathematics, Physics,</i>
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Colin Walker	2 ² Electrical/Electronic Engineering (Kingston Poly).
Robert Buxton	2 ² Physics (Imperial College)
John Dennis	(Aston, Birmingham)
Bernard Witchlow	B.Sc. Hons in Biochemistry, Class III (University of Kent).
Graham Glynn	B.Sc. Hons in Microbiology, Class II (ii) (University of Kent).
Paul Turner	B.A. Hons in Norwegian/Icelandic Class III (U. College).

GIFTS TO LIBRARY:

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A PLEA FOR HELP!

Little Joey Thompson is unlike other boys, he is unable to have fun or to go on holidays without taking a Kidney Machine, because he has a kidney disease. This means he must spend an hour on the Kidney Machine three times a week.

To help him enjoy life much more he needs his own Kidney Machine. Joey's parents can't afford to buy him one but with your help they can. If you save the rings from ring-pull cans these can be traded for a Kidney Machine.

Please give your contributions to Graham Southard of 5B.
Thank you.

SEASIDE STORY

Children laughing, yelling, screaming, dogs barking; and music drifting on the air, its only companion the distant hissing and roaring of waves pounding on pier and pebbles. The air is cool, grey with the damp stench of salt water. A grey sea against a white sky, with a projectile of black pier piercing the greyness. Dull-coloured clothes wrapped around pallid bodies wander slowly around the white and grey of people's faces and the white and grey of the sea and air matching perfectly.

A middle-aged couple drown their boredom in chilled sleep in deckchairs on the promenade. They look permanent — as though they've been there since deckchairs were invented, and will remain until the wood and canvas rot under them.

On the pastel-coloured sand and pebbles, happy-faced children run around cheerfully, warding off the coldness of the air with their energetic activities while others sit in heaps of sand, with misery and boredom on their faces and goose pimples on their arms. Mothers and fathers sit in deck chairs, idly snoozing inside their thick jumpers and woolly coats — completely detached from their happy, skinny children and their nice holiday at the seaside.

The cold, dark sea is desolate — completely removed from the minds of the holiday folk. A thin mist hides any point of reference on the endless, barren sea. A few timid children poke tentative toes into the icy greyness, quickly removing them with second thoughts about a nice paddle.

On the beach a group of children ambitiously build a sand castle, a large mound of damp grittiness with small pebbles pressed into its surface. There are four children — all of them skinny, goose-pimpled, but deliriously happy. One of the children particularly stands out from the others, with his

sparkling eyes and beaming white smile — a perfect model of happiness, the only true joyful face in this grey, dismal and depressing pit. But there is one more thing that makes this boy peculiar — a long, thin scar running down his left cheek.

Another year at the seaside. Children laughing, yelling, screaming, dogs barking; and music drifting on the air, its only companion the distant hissing and roaring of waves pounding on pier and pebbles. The air is cool, grey with the damp stench of salt water. A grey sea against a white sky, with a projectile of black pier piercing the greyness. Dull-coloured clothes wrapped around pallid bodies wander slowly around, the white and grey of people's faces and the white and grey of the sea and air matching perfectly.

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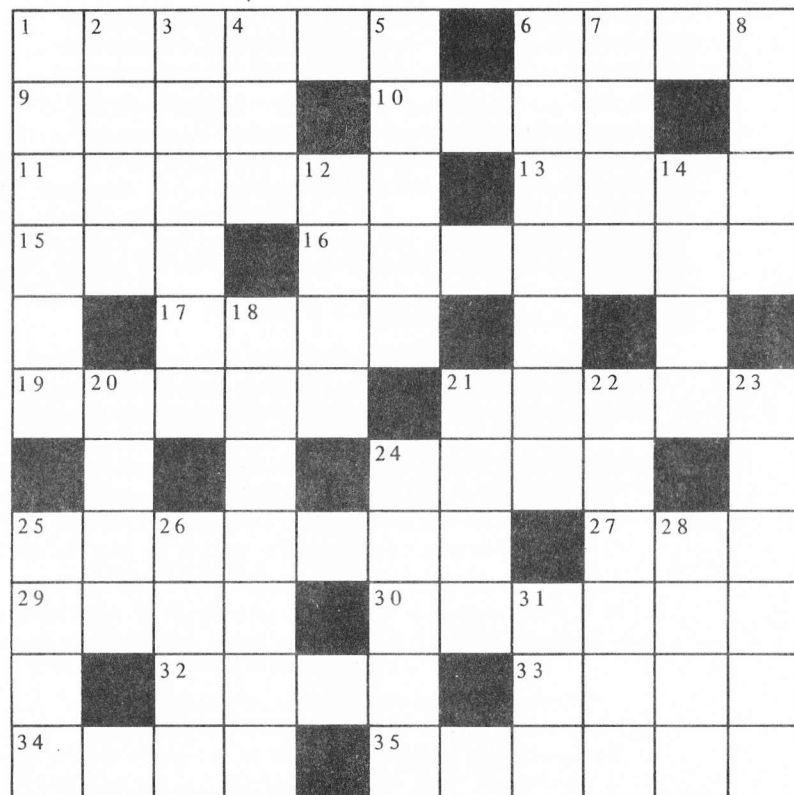
J. PEAKIN L6T.

THE POLITICIAN

He struts around like a peacock, his head held high.
He is a member of the British Isles, his kind will never die.
He is a man of a once proud nation
Now reduced to desolation
The British Lion roars on — in his mind.
He has the influence of a blind
 Blacking out the real view
 Exposing little to a few —
Why can't he live in the future and not in the past?
Because, as we all know, the past has passed.
Eventually he will die, and do some good at last —
By becoming fertilizer for the British grass!

K. O'BOYLE 4R

A CROSSWORD FOR CHRISTMAS



ACROSS

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- 06- PILE 4
- 09- SURROUNDED BY 4
- 10- HARVEST 4
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- 15- CONCLUDE 3
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- 35- COUNTRY 6

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BY M.STIFF 4R.

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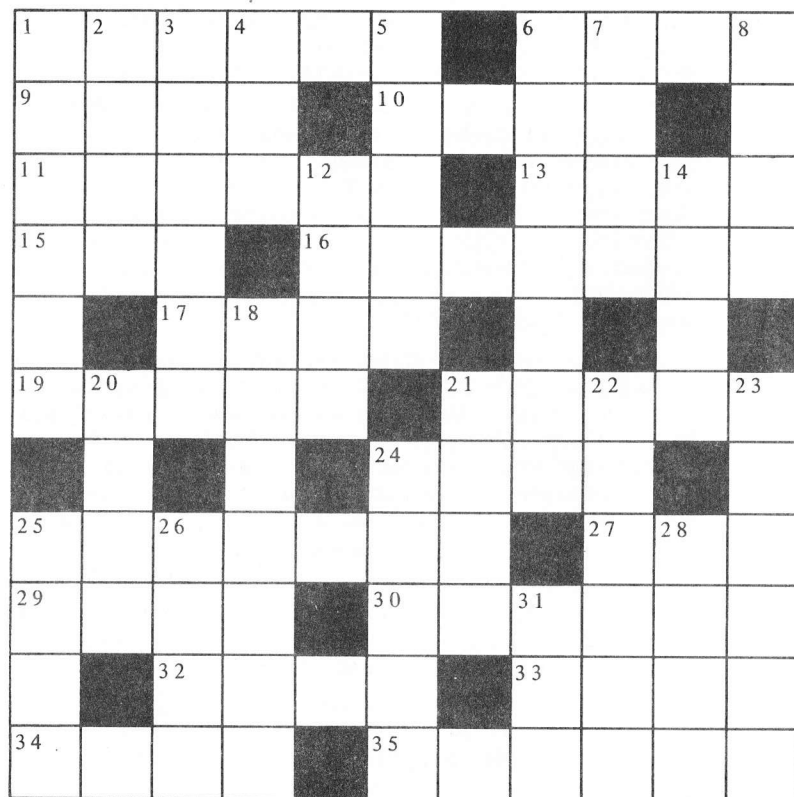
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M. WETHERALL 4R

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- 03- TREE 6
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- 06- NATURAL HOME 7

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M. WETHERALL 4R

As a beauty I am not a star,
There are others more lovely by far,
But my face I don't mind it,
For I am behind it,
It's the people in front get the jar.

PAMPISFORD ROAD

Immobilised clouds in a Surrey sky,
And boredly buzzed each Surrey fly,
And outside International Stores,
Red Minis discharge skirted bores
From Wallington and Shirley.

A sweaty day in Pampisford Road,
(though there it's perspiration).
The pampas grass on every lawn,
Is merely planted to adorn
The Georgian houses (ten years old)
Which came out of a plastic mould
And stand in strict formation.

A figure walks in Pampisford Road,
A Brighton-bound hitch-hiker.
The Brighton traffic rambles by
As Mrs. Fysby swats a fly,
That dared to land, intrepid beast,
Upon her sacred mantelpiece
Which gleams like real Formica.

An evening glow on Pampisford Road,
Neat children flee from schools
Where they are taught, in tidy sets,
The thing no Surrey child forgets;
That though the Empire may be gone
In Surrey yet it lingers on,
Still there Britannia rules.

A pallid dawn in Pampisford Road.
Alarm-clocks shriek in hordes.
The breakfast rush is in full swing,
From bathrooms would-be tenors sing,
And toasters pop in countless scores,
And husbands dash through carriage doors
To sit on faceless boards.

A day gone by in Pampisford Road,
A day gone by in Surrey,
Just like the day that came and went
In Berkshire, Hertfordshire and Kent,
Where, outside International Stores,
Red Minis discharge skirted bores
In one suburban hurry.

A. MEDHURST L6T

Why do we kill?
Why do we kill our enemies,
are they not human, are not all men brothers?
A man runs, not seeing the piece of lead that will
cut short his life.
He is hit,
His skin is broken,
His mind spins and his face,
His face shows pain,
 anguish,
 fear.
Fear of what? His enemies? No that is in the past.
Fear of death, the unknown, the eternal blackness
 given him by another man.
All that will remember him, a stone saying
Here lies the body of him who died and was
killed there where,
 when,
 who,
 how can we take life
when we value it above all things?

M. OWENS 4R

NOTHING MAN

I am a pawn in society,
I turn the machine,
I am a cog.

I work endless hours,
I'm bored all the week,
I am nothing.

I throw darts at boards,
I drink no end of beer,
I am a social disease.

I stop working endless hours,
I stop drinking beer,
I am missed by nobody.

A. PEACH 4R

THE SNAKE

As he silently slithers along in the
grass,

Unbeknown to his prey down by
the marsh,

His camouflaged body of dark
green grey,

Gently rustles the leaves as he goes
on his way,

Forward from within appears his
long, forked tongue,

With a threat of venom about
to be sprung,

And then like lightning the unexpectant
prey is gone,

Down in to the deep depths of the
slender form,

And with a satisfactory hiss
he turns and retreats full of bliss.

A. HARLOW 3B

THE TORTOISE

Blinking in the sunlight, a piece of green
stuff he spies.

So out he comes dragging each scaly leg
after him

Forever encased in an armour-plated home.
Every step is an effort on the soft springy
turf.

Each taking him one pace nearer to his goal.
The fresh green lettuce laid out on the lawn.
Now he has reached it and opens his mouth
Inside his horny jaws you see,
A tiny pink triangle inside a dark cave
pulling in fuel to feed the fire.

N. GRANT 3B

THE SPOTTED HUNTER

Slinking through the undergrowth,
He spies his prey.

Now upon the branch he creeps,
And then, the crouch.

There he sits for endless time
Just waiting,

Until,
His prey comes near to graze

And then
The leopard leaps.

I. RESS 3B

THE FISH IN A POND

The fish are swimming there,
Wide eyes watching.

Flipping their fan-like fins
To dash from reed to reed,
Hiding from the shadows.

One sees his dinner,
Small but filling.

He's ready, waiting behind
A reed — and then,
The fish, he swallows whole.

D. DUREY 3B



Photographs of the Memorial seat taken by D. Oakley



Below, Braithwaite Camp – A few survivors!





D.A. BAXTER, O.R.A. President 1975 – 76

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Once in every year a small boy walks through the main gates enters the Roan School to be taught the three 'R's. Through his school years he discovers true friendship towards his fellow pupils and towards those who teach. He has his disappointments during those years, but through patience of those who teach, he learns obedience and whatever academic standing he obtains he finally leaves those same gates - a man ready to face the outside world. A small proportion of school leavers retain their loyalty and affection for those earlier years and thus join the association to return some token of thanks by way of working with old boys from the school and thus retaining the vital links with the School. It may be said by some that those who have taken this course may be narrow minded in their outlook, and to that extent may be correct, but it is an honest outlook to life and indeed it is well worth maintaining a tradition that is truly English and why not; why should all that the O'R's in 1914-18 and 1939-45 fought for, be lost, because of economic and political changes, when just a little show of strength will retain and further establish our beliefs, in a traditional way of life.

I am proud to think that I was one of the small boys, as was J. Lovell, G. Carter, F.E.M. Smith, D. Humphreys, F.P. Barnes, H. Townsend, K.S. Binnie P & J Williams Bros, and R. Harmer to receive the great honour to be elected your President. I indeed feel this is not necessary a personal honour, but one to all my fellow O'R's in the Sports Club with whom I have been closely connected over the last 25 years. I am pleased to report that the affairs of the O.R's are in the hands of a keen representative committee, who try to act fair and just for the benefit of all Old Roans. During the year to date I have had the pleasure of attending the O.R's "Evening of One-Act Plays" which was originally produced for "The Greenwich Drama Festival 75" but unfortunately due to an electricians strike was cancelled just prior to opening night, and thankfully the Headmaster came to the rescue and kindly allowed the 3 play groups concerned to use the stage and facilities at the School. Jolly good evening it turned out to be. The entry of 'Pygmalion' was delightful and the script was suited to the talents of the cast. Following their success, the O.R. Dramatic Society are playing the full play in

November at the School, and whilst I personally regret that I cannot assist in providing the timing of the magazine to act as advertising medium, I wish them a successful evening. I know my wife Iris and I enjoyed the first run, and we shall certainly give them our full support at the next show.

Turning to the summer months, and what a glorious one it was, Iris and I accepted, most gratefully on your behalf an invitation from the school to attend Sports Day. A somewhat pruned sporting occasion to what happened say in the late 40's and early 50's, but then the pace of every day life may have been slower. However, as we both soon discovered, most of the preliminaries had been disposed of during earlier periods of school term, we were in for a most delightful afternoon. The final events proved of great interest and proved that schoolboys do not change in size, speed or character.

For it may well have been 'Trogger' Trew sprinting the 100 yds, Reg Reid running the mile, Ken Budd putting the shot and Dave Cutting jumping the high jump! The highlights of the afternoon was the tug-o-war, which was monitored by the Headmaster, Messrs. Elliott, & Co accompanied by enthusiastic shouts of encouragement by scores of Smith Minors and Brown majors. A delightful tea was prepared by the parents, and indeed the event lasting only 3 hours was full of interest and well worth attending. I also had a most enjoyable day, in July when challenged by that most versatile of Groundsmen Reg Lentle, to raise a Presidents XI in what in recent years has become a must. Cricket is a fortunate game that can be played by most and enjoyed at the occasion it may be set for. This was no exception, the weather was good the company was good and the cricket was entertaining. To complete what was a most enjoyable afternoon a festive spread was prepared by my wife and Ann Hooker, to whom both I and the cricketers of the day, will always be indebted for making the occasion a very happy and pleasant one. Also due thanks to Reg for being a most delightful host.

I was also delighted to lead an Old Boys six team in the new Schools six a side tournament. Gillette Cricket at Lords not quite, but what an ovation was heard from 250 boys when the first ball was bowled by Naze Kahn to opening the bowling against the masters. The spirit of the afternoon grew from this moment, and indeed a new relation had developed with the Boys, Masters and Old Boys all taking part in the same activity. I was so impressed with this occasion that I immediately recommended to the O.R. cricket committee that the Old Boys should offer the school a shield to be presented to the winners, I am pleased to report the Headmaster has been pleased to accept this offer on behalf of the School.

I would like to offer my appreciation to those committee members who have put their time and energies in looking after the affairs of the

association over recent years. Ron Harmer who slid into retirement after 6 years of keen hard work as your secretary, and was duly honoured as your President last year. Geoff Thames who had taken over from Ron, decided he through pressures of business life, would resign after 5 years of good honest duty to the Association. Left without a secretary— not for long Ron offered once again his services.

The association owes him sincere thanks and it is my privilege on behalf of the association to say — RON THANK YOU.

Other members of the Association do tremendous work to maintain the well being of the associated clubs. To mention but a few, Frank Barnes, Club Chairman, ex-president, chief electrician and negotiator with architects, surveyors; you have a problem Frank will find time to solve it, indeed an amazing character. That retired champion of the cricket club Freddy Smith, still doing the onerous task of treasurer for the cricket club at the age of 70 and at the other end Geoff Sawyer Football Club Chairman, growing in stature by the problems of modern day pressures confronting the players but now striking a balance between success and failure and proving that a little encouragement can go a long way to raise a side and, a must for a recommendation, that amiable character Ian Clatworthy, who has maintained the depth in the Football Club in recent years, enabling the Club to field 4, 5 and 6 XI's.

I no doubt could relate many other hard working O.R's but I am sure they will accept that to mention all names would not be practical, but that my thanks to you all is meant most sincerely.

I did not expect on my becoming President that I would be confronted with any major issues. However, round the corner, the future lies, and on my first committee meeting the association was confronted with the school stating that due to cut back in their own Finances they would not be able to support the issue of the magazine after the next issue.

However, at this point let me assure all O.R's near and far that it is not the intention of either myself of the committee to let the matter rest. Together with one most energetic magazine correspondent Dave Bryden and Frank Barnes I met a school committee on this subject - The result of this meeting and further discussions with your committee has resolved a policy, that the magazine will continue in its present format to be issued if financially viable twice a year.

This is obviously going to create more work and it is intended to set up an editorial committee, to study and plan this operation. Any ideas would be welcome from members, and I would be most happy to receive any letters from you on the subject.

By the time you have read this report, the Old Boys reunion dinner will have been held, this year at the School Pavilion, the

headquarters of the Association. For various reasons and circumstances it was felt the best place to hold the reunion this year, to use our own facilities, and without causing inconvenience to the school in general. I have in particular as organiser of previous dinners been very grateful for the Headmaster's help and permission in allowing the use of the School Hall and indeed for the help given by Mr. Hill, the school caretaker. I intend to report further on this function in our own next issue. May I take this opportunity as your social secretary to inform you of the next function, that being the Dinner & Dance to be held at the Forest Hill Banqueting Suite Sat 27th March 1976. Further information may be obtained from myself during January '76, when the cost of the evening will be more certain. It is a very pleasant evening so why not come along.

Since our next issue may well be outside my term of office, I would like to offer my appreciation to all members who have made this year possible for me, and in particular the school staff with whom I have been closely acquainted with over recent years and to our Groundsman and his lady. It has been very pleasant to see them join our social activities and in an off duty capacity - To you all I wish you a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous and peaceful New Year.

As you can see there has been, and still is a lot of hard work to be done, and I have no fear or doubt that I have the officers around me who are capable of performing their tasks and winning through.

I would like to think that 1976/77 will show a way, but I can only see further problems ahead but as I said earlier we must have the determination to finish our task; we are all John Roans men - he placed us on the road we must go and I trust his memory will never be allowed to fade.

THE ICOUGH MEMORIAL TRUST FUND

As we have previously announced, we have been able to invest £1000 to create this trust. On June 6th the committee was able to meet the trustees, and had the final pleasure of delivering the Trust Deed into the safe keeping of the Headmaster, who accepted it on their behalf. We feel quite sure that they will make profitable use of the resulting income.

We were also able to have the memorial seat on view in its established position on the School Field, thanks to the work of Reg Lentle, the groundsman. It has been generally agreed that the seat with its surrounding shrubs, forms a very attractive memorial to Harry Icough, pleasantly close to the Club Room to the creation of which he gave so much help.

Mrs. Icough was unfortunately not well enough to be present, but we were able to send her some excellent coloured prints of the seat (two of them are reproduced elsewhere in this magazine) presented to us by D. Oakley — a nice thought. They have given her great pleasure, and she says she will always treasure them.

We hope that the results of our efforts, which have been a labour of love, will long serve to keep green the memory of one of our greatest friends.

LIONEL BERRY.

33, Milton Crescent,
Down Park,
Tavistock,
Devon.
20.10.75

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Berry,

I should like to thank everyone very sincerely for making it possible for the wonderful memorial to Harry.

I cannot thank everyone individually but wonder if the Magazine could spare a line for me to say thank you in that way through the O.B.A.

If it is possible would you be so kind to do this for me, my daughters and I would be so grateful.

I trust Mrs. Berry and yourself are well. I hope you have enjoyed our lovely summer this year, as I have here in Devon.

My kind regards and all good wishes to you and all Roan friends.

Yours very sincerely,

A.H. ICOUGH.

P.S. I thought you might like to know that I sent one of the Photos, to my daughter in South Africa.

OLD ROAN CRICKET CLUB

(Hon. Secretary: R.A. Stanbridge, 13 Marne Avenue, Welling, Kent.)

FIRST XI

In what will be remembered as a glorious summer it is perhaps astonishing to learn that in no fewer than five matches not a ball was bowled because of rain . . . two occurring on once particularly hateful week-end in May. However, the great majority of the 46 games completed were played in ideal conditions and the results show a healthy balance in our favour.

RESULTS – 1975

		Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
Saturday –					
League	...	13	6	4	3
Friendly	...	8	3	5	0
Sunday	...	21	11	5	5
Mid-week (including Kent Tour)		4	1	1	2
TOTAL	...	46	21	15	10

The North Kent League is now three years old and our final positions have been 4th, 3rd, 4th. The competition was won this year by Blackheath Wanderers whom we played in our second game after beating O. Wilsonians, and for two sides well endowed with batting ability it was a remarkable game. It would be kinder if I spared you the details of our innings; we made 91, and but for a sensibly struck 26 by Fritz Henning at No. 7, it would have been considerably less. I venture to suggest that B.W. were quietly confident; 91 is in the nature of an "hors d'oeuvre" for their opening pair – but not this time. Maybank was tormented by Terry Barry for twenty minutes and dismissed without scoring. Spencer stayed to reach double figures before he too was caught in the leg-trap: 20 for 2. There followed a war of attrition, a wicket falling every ten runs or so, the eighth at 85. Terry bowled unchanged for 24 overs (taking five wickets) until, in the 48th over of the innings, the winning boundary was struck – it was a fighting reply, but it brought no reward. We took a measure of revenge six weeks later when in a Sunday fixture the pattern was reversed; B.W. mustered only 96 (Hamer 5 – 42; Barry 4 – 20) in 53 overs and we won handsomely by 9 wickets.

Returning to league games . . . rain prevented play v. CUACO and the following week we dismissed Bromley Town for 80 and won. In the

customary Bank Holiday encounter with O. Colfeians they took the honours by bowling and fielding well enough to prevent us getting 160 to win. The only league fixture during June was at Orpington – commonly known as "Barry's benefit". So it proved; set to get 103, we won by 8 wickets (T.R.B. 3 for 23 and 51 not out). Six games had produced three wins and one defeat. We were handily placed – but won only one (v. Tonbridge) of the next five. Against O. Shooters-hillians we were bowled out for 133, either side of an interruption for rain. At 74 for 7 it appeared that our modest total would prove sufficient . . . but it was now raining steadily, and we had taken our last wicket. It was, nevertheless, a trifle gloomy when victory was finally conceded at 8-40! A draw with Catford was the setting for a little bit of history – fifty runs, a gem of an innings, in his 1st XI debut by Nasim Khan, a schoolboy of whom you will hear more. An unflattering draw again v. O. Elthamians, and (predictably) yet another with Wilmington. As we came into the home straight we were languishing in mid-table. A convincing win over Thames Polytechnic produced the best all-round performance of the season – 60 runs and 7 for 52 by Terry – and was followed by an exciting and successful run chase v. Belvedere. Fifties from Chris Rodwell and Nasim provided the major part of the 180 needed at four runs an over. And finally anti-climax with a thoroughly poor performance (and defeat) against O. Dunstonians. A win here could have given us second place; yet again consistency has not been our strong point, and we did not quite, as a team, do ourselves justice.

The Kent tour in August followed the established pattern but the five days' cricket was sadly decimated. Rain at tea ruined the first game, and on Tuesday we were humbled by Broadstairs; then, to add insult to injury, we learned of the cancellation of the following day's fixture at Folkestone. A thunderstorm in the early hours on Thursday prevented play at Dover, and Sibton Park provided us with our only victory.

Batting – Averages and Best Performances (Qualification: 200 runs)

	Innings	Not Out	Highest Score	Runs	Fifties	Average
J. Broadfoot	41	8	119*	1078	6	32.6
T. Barry	31	1	78	840	3	27.0
C. Rodwell	41	2	116*	1027	6	26.3
K. Calnan	38	11	69*	678	3	25.1
G. Townsend	19	1	63	436	2	24.2
N. Khan	11	0	64	245	2	22.2
H. Henning	22	4	66*	333	2	18.5
P. Williams	23	5	53	306	1	17.0
B. Hamer	24	7	39	222	—	13.0

Bowling – Averages and Best Performances (Qualification: 20 wickets)

	<i>Overs</i>	<i>Maidens</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Wickets</i>	<i>Five or more in innings</i>	<i>Average</i>
T. Barry	576	131	1464	116	13	12.6
C. Wyton	112	27	310	21	—	14.7
F. Spink	456	105	1359	66	3	20.5
B. Hamer	489	106	1743	67	3	21.9
C. Rodwell	193	55	518	22	1	23.5

Individually there is much to commend. Pride of place – on grounds of the biggest advance – must go to Chris Rodwell, first to 1000 runs (more than doubling his '74 aggregate) and scorer of a maiden century in his third innings of the summer. He followed this with five fifties and took a lease on opening the innings, vacated by John Huntley who was plagued by injury. Chris was also a more than useful occasional bowler who, the day after scoring his hundred, took 5 for 18.

Joe Broadfoot likewise scored a hundred, five fifties and reached 1000 runs the day after Chris. He has now made a thousand runs in a season on seven occasions – equalling the achievement of John Williams. His century was his eighth for the club. John has ten and Ken Farrer eleven.

Other worthy performances were those of Terry Barry (840) and Dan Calnan (678) – each with three fifties – and Graham Townsend, returning from Philadelphia in mid-season, showed much of his old ability in topping 400 runs. The two centurions each found a willing and able partner to produce the best stands of the summer: Joe (119 not) with Terry (78) put on 165 for the 3rd wicket, and Chris (116 not) and Dan (64 not) scored 154 together for the 4th. And Fred Spink would never forgive me were I not to mention a stand of 51 for the last wicket with John Huntley – the first time your tame statistician can recall this happening; and Fred was undefeated, need I add.

I cannot leave my discourse on batting without a reference to Fritz Henning. He was, it has already been mentioned, top scorer in the cliff-hanger with Blackheath Wanderers. The following day he again outscored everyone in making his first fifty for the 1st XI. It may have been somewhat overdue, but it proved invaluable and won the game. Later in the season we played Parkside on a Sunday. We did not distinguish ourselves during the morning session and came in having scored 75 - 4 in 36 overs. Fritz enjoyed his traditional liquid lunch and some 50 minutes after the resumption went out to do battle with the score at 137 - 6. Half an hour later we were able to declare at 225 without further loss. Fritz had scored 66 out of 88 with Joe at the other end – an admiring spectator most of the time. Certainly the best demolition job of the summer, and easily the fastest fifty.

The bowling was shared by Terry, Fred and Brian Hamer, with Chris Wyton something of a fast bonus on Saturdays. Terry has had his share of disappointments – concerning the sought-after targets of 100 wickets and 1000 runs. In 1968 he took 96 wickets, and two years later 98. In '71 it was 91 wickets and 932 runs, and the following year 998 runs! 1973 produced exactly 100 wickets, and this year he made no mistake with 116, claiming five or more in an innings on no fewer than 13 occasions. A match-winning bowler, a fearless close catcher and, at his best, an effortless batsman, his appetite for the game is prodigious.

Fred Spink continues to improve and has doubtless learned much during a summer when wickets generally gave him considerably less help than usual. His "four" ball occurred much less often and there were occasions when he bowled effectively with seven fielders on the off-side. Whilst performing well in harness with Terry he almost unfailingly produced – with true sense of the occasion – a good analysis when Terry was absent, and I quote: 6 – 60 (O. Dartfordians), 5 – 30 (Gravesend) and 4 wickets against Chislehurst, Southern Railway and Wilmington. A reliable fieldsman away from the bat with a safe pair of hands – his batting has already received an honourable mention.

Brian Hamer bowled nearly 500 overs for 67 wickets – figures very similar to '74. An intense and indefatigable competitor, I suspect that he is never really satisfied with less than Test-class support in the field but it did seem unfortunately true that more chances went begging off his bowling. Fielding – in all its aspects – was not our strongest point. Everyone can contribute to improving the situation, not least the skippers who after all should aim at all times to deploy their forces so as to get the best possible results from each.

Chris Wyton played only a dozen games, but was invariably hostile and our only bowler of any pace. In Sunday games, given the new ball, Dan Calnan bowled his medium outswingers to an expectant array of slips, but earned only a most unflattering analysis until, in late July, his 5 for 30 won a match for us. He will, I feel sure, take many more wickets in future seasons – and probably bowl less well in so doing.

I believe it may be of interest to give – in conclusion – some aggregate figures for run-scoring and wicket-taking over the period of my association with the club i.e. from 1949 – 1975:

Batting – (Qualification: 5000 runs)

	<i>Innings</i>	<i>Not Out</i>	<i>Highest Score</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>100-50</i>	<i>Average</i>
K. Farrer	.... 273	53	156*	9304	11-68	42.2
J. Broadfoot	.... 358	59	139*	11060	8-78	36.9
J. Williams	.... 570	122	148*	15429	10-95	34.4
T. Barry	.... 383	59	119	8520	4-38	26.2
G. Townsend	.... 240	19	129*	5645	3-32	25.5
G. Chambers	.... 603	111	123	11358	3-52	23.0
J. Huntley	.... 578	68	115*	11368	6-53	22.2
P. Williams	.... 1002	135	123	19110	3-79	22.0
C. Trew	.... 382	51	109	6865	2-28	20.7
A. Dawe	.... 443	56	112	6845	3-21	17.6
B. Endersbee	.... 367	51	85*	5420	18	17.1

Bowling – (Qualification: 300 wickets)

	<i>Overs</i>	<i>Maidens</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Wickets</i>	<i>Five/innings</i>	<i>Average</i>
L. Groves	.... 3604	875	8592	775	57	11.0
J. Williams	.... 8646	2042	21702	1807	153	12.0
T. Barry	.... 4159	884	11832	821	59	14.4
R. Parker	.... 2822	721	7323	455	24	16.0
G. Chambers	.. 3915	955	11541	675	30	17.0
J. Huntley	.... 2170	418	6802	368	7	18.4
K. Calnan	.... 2368	512	7082	341	8	20.7
B. Hamer	.... 2208	469	6650	312	15	21.3

I speak for all members of the Cricket Club when I say we are grateful to Dr. Taylor the headmaster and Mr. Lentle the groundsman for our continued enjoyment of cricket at the Field.

Saturday 2nd X1

If one considers the glorious Summer enjoyed by us during 1976 one might assume that lots of runs were scored from hard pressed sweating bowlers. But in the event this was not so and the wickets in general were far from memorable – battingwise. Excluding the match played on the tiny ground at Brasted only five teams' innings out of 38 exceeded 180 runs and five games were won where the winning side scored less than 100!

The averages of course reflect the relative dominance of the bowlers and only four batsmen scored more than 250 runs for the season and only four had an average of over 20.

Results for the season were as follows:-

<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Tied</i>
20	10	7	2	1

Whilst those for the league were:-

<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Win Draw</i>	<i>Lose Draw</i>	<i>Tied</i>	<i>Points</i>
13	6	4	1	1	1	60

We finished fourth in the league compared with ninth last year and from a results point of view the season was quite satisfactory. Indeed any season where we beat Old Colfs in the league and then annalate them in the annual Bank Holiday return (Old Roan 190-8 Old Colfs 61!) must be one to remember.

Of the batting far and away the best performance came from Viv Lawrence who added a new dimension to his previous batting – that of consistency. Week after week it seemed he opened the innings and set about the bowlers as if every match was a carnival and bowlers merely there to deliver the ball in such a way that Viv could clump it to all parts of the ground. His success was hugely enjoyed by us all. Bryan Endersbee and Geoff Sawyer added support and the Lawrence – Sawyer unbroken partnership of 97 (where Geoff outscored Viv) which enabled us to beat Tonbridge by 10 wickets was one of the highlights of the season.

The bowling figures indicate just how much we relied on Graham Johnson who bowled so well throughout the season and easily topped the averages. Support came from Dave Bryden and Rod Stanbridge whilst Fred Fuhr had his best season to date. I feel sure that he can improve in the future and perhaps in a year or so 'Windwill' will be leading the averages. Martin Pendergast promised more than he achieved but nevertheless his type of leg break and googly bowling can get vital wickets and he too will, I am sure, improve. His batting too is more than useful.

Finally a word of thanks to Mike Baxter who acted for most of the season as substitute wicket-keeper, unpaid subscription collector and general helper in the absence of my vice-captain Roger Dale.

Sunday 2nd X1

It was a most enjoyable season. The weather was perfect, and to feel the sun continuously on one's back made the game even more pleasant play. Moreover with the players more readily available to play both Saturday & Sunday, the 2nd X1, in particular developed a good working unit. In so far as Sunday cricket was concerned many games went the full length of time, however no fewer than 5 games out of 7 during the season were lost in the last over of play. However all credit to the players in general, team spirit remained high throughout the season.

The bowling rested with those four musketeers; Graham Johnson, Andrian Jackaman, Martin (Pud) Pendergast and Ron Stanbridge, they all performed well and had the distinction of being able to contain sides at will. One disappointment rested in our batting, whilst scoring on the average similar scores as the opposition, only one player can said to have blazed his way from match to match. What a pleasing sight it was to see Viv Lawrence, he put in all together, — Viv was indeed a much improved player, beyond any previous recognition. Geoff Sawyers late entry to Sunday cricket was welcome, a steady player who can contribute much to the game, whilst his own batting is steady and aggressive.

The loss of Dave Hutley to the 1st XI halfway through the season created a gap in the middle order, however he is to be congratulated, and it was a promotion well deserved. David can be remembered for his stubbornness in his batting when he first showed his potential as a school boy of 12 years, when he prevented a victory for the Old Boys in the annual school game. Now of course many years later he has built on his defence with some well timed aggressive strokes. In addition a fielder of superb ability, a modest outlook on the game, and indeed a real refreshing individual to make his mark in this day and age.

With the combined disappointing form of some of the more senior members of the side it was indeed refreshing to see the younger players begin to make their way. Martin Pendergast produced some good performances with both bat and ball, as did young Mike Baxter, who ably took over the job of wicket keeping, when Simon Perry became unavailable early in the season, and Mike showed in the 41 n.o. against Bexleyheath and his superb 53 n.o. against GAFLAC that once he has steadied himself, he is a player full of exciting strokes and a joy to watch.

Other players of note, were Naze Kahn, Don Boon and Graham Briscoe. Naze will be a very good cricketer indeed; would like to see Don play more often, and Graham could begin to show his talent now, he looked good the few times he played. No season is complete without the help, by those, such as our groundsman Reg Lentle whose help and advice is always readily available, and we therefore as a club, owe him, a sincere "thanks". In addition a vote of thanks, and our affection, is conveyed to those ladies whose help to make our home games enjoyable by offering their loyalty during the season. In this respect, sincere thanks to Iris, Ann and Joan whose voluntary assistance makes a skippers job so much more pleasant. And thirdly and certainly not the least important to those players, who through circumstances are unable to play who came along, and said "Do you mind if I umpire" To Mike Vamplew and Roger Dale — Bless you.

<i>RESULTS</i>	<i>PLAYED</i>	<i>WIN</i>	<i>LOST</i>	<i>DREW</i>
	18	6	7	5
<i>BATTING</i>	<i>INNINGS</i>	<i>NOT OUT</i>	<i>RUNS</i>	<i>AVERAGE</i>
Viv Lawrence	12	—	345	28.75
Martin Pendergast	14	3	277	25.18
David Hutley	7	3	212	53.00
Del Baxter	12	2	177	17.70
Mike Baxter	11	4	176	25.14
Steve Ryder	7	—	163	23.28
Geoff Sawyer	6	—	144	24.00
Brian Endersbee	8	—	122	15.25

<i>BOWLING</i>	<i>OVERS</i>	<i>MAIDENS</i>	<i>RUNS</i>	<i>WICKETS</i>	<i>AVERAGE</i>
Graham Johnson	167.2	41	465	22	21.13
Andrian Jackaman	123.3	33	332	17	19.53
Martin Pendergast	161.4	24	582	40	14.55
Rod Stanbridge	152.0	33	470	23	20.43

Saturday and Sunday 3rd XI

Although not a complete report, the Saturday and Sunday third XI under enthusiastic captaincy of Maurice Potter and Mike Callaghan experienced a most successful season.

On Saturdays familiar names such as Alan Weir, Mike West, and Ian Clatworthy together with a vastly improved Nigel Potter played competent matches against such class oppositions, and in luxuriant surrounding of Midland Bank, National Westminster Bank and Rank Advertising. On 9 August Ian Clatworthy was struck on the head while fielding at short leg. 3 hours later, his broken nose set, his clothes bloodstained he returned by ambulance from hospital to walk out to the wicket as No. 6 bat. Sad to relate he was bowled for only a single — by the batsman who had laid him low. Well done Ian.

On Sundays, with a very strong fixture card the regular players such as the Weaver brothers, Roger Larkin and John Hardy had Dave Carter a school-boy medium-swinging to boost their attack. With Mike Callaghan turning his arm much more than usual a fine season culminated in the annual match against Eye in Suffolk, where a strengthened team found their visit in vain when because of the weather not a ball was bowled.

OLD ROAN DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Due to various difficulties, the Dramatic Society did not present its annual production at the Boys School in November of last year. However, we are pleased to report that 1975 has been an extremely active year for us. Early in January we started rehearsals for an entry in two local Drama Festivals, one at the Greenwich Borough Hall in March, and the other at Lewisham Music Drama & Dance Festival at the Lewisham Concert Hall in April. We decided to present for these competitions an excerpt (Act Two) from Bernard Shaw's "PYGMALION".

To enlarge first on the Lewisham Festival, it was indeed very exciting to perform on this Professional Concert Stage, and we were awarded an Honours Certificate, gaining second place in our class. We re-call the Greenwich Drama Festival with less pleasure for two days before the first night of the Festival, and just two days after we had attended the Borough Hall for a "Technical Rehearsal", we were informed that the Festival had been cancelled, due to a sudden industrial dispute by Borough Technicians. It was so disappointing to have, through arduous rehearsing, brought ourselves to a peak of performance and then to be told that we were no longer able to present our efforts. Such an anti-climax! Still, thanks to the Lewisham Festival, we still had something to aim for, and the past work had not been in vain.

In fact the cancellation resulted in two unexpected and highly enjoyable bonuses. The first of these was that we arranged an evening at the Boys School at the end of April where, along with two other groups who were to have entered at Greenwich, we presented our intended entries. It was a non-competitive affair, just a means of saving a disappointment, and with a gathering of about sixty people in the audience, it resulted in a friendly and enjoyable event. One small detail which arose from this evening is that we learned the advantages of serving refreshments from a trolley in the Hall during intervals and this is an idea which we will now continue at our annual productions. We repeat our sincere thanks to the Headmaster for allowing us to use the School on this occasion.

The second bonus was that we were, to our great surprise, contacted by the President of the Medway Little Theatre in Rochester, who had heard of the disappointment of the Greenwich Festival and invited us to take part in the Medway Drama Festival at the Little Theatre in July. We were extremely grateful for this offer and proceeded again with our excerpt from "PYGMALION".

As a result we were awarded a Certificate of Commendation. We found this last Drama Festival the most enjoyable, everybody at the Medway Little Theatre made us feel most welcome, it was such a professional theatre and with a "Festival Supper" to round off the

whole affair, it was indeed an event to remember.

At the time of writing, with the experience of our activities earlier in the year behind us, we are now rehearsing for this year's production at the Boys School on Friday and Saturday 21st and 22nd November. It may not surprise you to hear that we are to perform the whole of "PYGMALION", which we see as an ever popular classic of Bernard Shaw's and for which reason we sincerely hope, at the time of writing, to secure good audiences, for our two nights in November.

By the time this article is being read, it is likely that our annual production will have been presented and our very full year of Dramatic activity shall be over. We thank you for your support if you came to see "PYGMALION" at the school. There is indeed a strong feeling of loyalty and keenness within the Dramatic Society at present, and it is likely that in future years we will be entering at least one Drama Festival in addition to putting on our November production. Your continued support would be greatly appreciated. If you are interested in joining the O.R.D.S., either as an actor or actress or to perform backstage functions, or if you wish to make any enquiries regarding the Drama Society, please do not hesitate to contact the Secretary, Mr. Trevor Talbot, on 856-0352, who will be glad to add your name to the mailing list and inform you in good time of the Society's activities.

LONG LIVE THE O.R.D.S.

JOHN ROAN SCHOOL LODGE No. 5085

(Secretary: W. Bro. G. P. Marsh, 33 Rennets Wood Road, SE9 2NF)

The annual Installation Meeting is to be held this year on Tuesday, 28th October when our Master, Ronald Leonard Harmer (1934-39) installs his successor Derek Arthur Baxter (1943-48) who in turn appoints his officers for the ensuing year. At the same meeting, an Old Roan, R.W. Bro. Sir Austin Strutt, K.C.V.O., C.B., (1914-21) will be talking to the members on the future role of the Masonic Charities.

Lodge Meetings are held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, W.C.2, always on a Tuesday and the dates to be noted are 29th. November, 1975 and 24th February and 27th April, 1976. Old Roans seeking information regarding the Lodge should contact the Secretary as above; new members are always welcome. The Ladies Festival for 1976 has been arranged for Saturday, 2nd October at the Bull Hotel, Chislehurst, Kent - further details from W. Bro. H.C.S. Abbott (1934-39) 1 Vale Close, Farnborough, Kent.

There is a very active, well attended Lodge of Instruction which meets on Tuesday evenings from September to May, at the Roan

School Sports Pavilion, Kidbrooke Park Road, S.E.3 under the keen enthusiastic guidance of our Preceptors. Particulars from the Secretary, W. Bro. V.T.J. Penfold, (1927-33) 11, Studland Road, Hanwell, W.7.

JOHN ROAN SCHOOL CHAPTER No. 5085

The September convocation was devoted to installing of the principals and to the investiture of the officers for 1975-1976. Future convocations are arranged for Tuesdays 25th May, 22nd June and 27th September 1976. Old Roan Masons who may be contemplating joining the John Roan Chapter (it is not essential to be a member of the School Lodge) Should write to A.J. Jarrett, 90 Chislehurst Road, Orpington, Kent BR6 ODN.

BIRTHS

SMITH — on 10th January 1975, to Ian Smith, a third child Andrew.

BRYDEN — on 3rd April 1975, to Dave & Barbara BRYDEN a son Matthew Alexander.

JACOBS — on 14th June 1975, to David & Linda JACOBS a son Steven Paul.

THOMAS — on 7th February 1975, to Barry & Kathy THOMAS a son Daniel James.

BOURNE — on 4th October 1975, to Don & Maureen BOURNE a son Dominic St. John a brother for Fiona and Adam.

MINTER — on 13th August 1975, to David & Glen MINTER a daughter Helen.

BOON — on 10th April 1975, to Don & Barbara BOON a daughter Michelle Claire.

GRIMWOOD — on 26th January 1974, to Bob & June GRIMWOOD a daughter Louise Donna.

WEDDING

WILLIAMS—MARTIN — on 22nd November 1975, at St. Mildred's Lee, Ian Williams ('64-'71) to Heather Martin.

LEE—ROUTLEY — on 14th September 1974 in Bristol, Dave Lee ('63-'70) to Sandie Routley.

SHAW—ROBINS — on 7th September 1974 at St. Lukes Charlton Ray Shaw ('65-'72) to Lynn Robins.

DEATHS

We regret to record the passing of the following:—

S. GORDON GRAHAM—who was at school from 1913-21 died on 12th August 1975.

A.N. GOLDER('20-'23)—a keen Old Roan and one time tennis club Secretary who played county standard badminton; died from post operative pneumonia in November 1974 and is survived by a widow Elsie.

S.C. HAMMOND('23-'26)—a life member died September 1974 from a heart attack. He was president of the Old Roan Association in 1963-64.

D.A. DAVIES('11-'15)—'Dan' Davies died November 1974 in Timaru New Zealand. A life member and regular correspondent of many Old Roans.

F.C. BRYAN('08-'11)—A life member who joined the Association during the first world war, died on 2nd November 1974, and leaves a widow, Vera, in Farnborough, Kent..

A.J. PENABUNA('05-'08)—One of the most senior Old Roans died in Loughborough on 25th October 1974. Until his retirement he was Chief Engineer and Surveyor for New Ideal Homesteads. He had become a life member of the Association in 1919 and was an active 82 when he died.

ADAMS Sir Ernest('98-'01)—Sir Ernest Adams C.B.E. was one of three brothers who attended the Old Roan School in the late 19th Century. He retired to Somerset in 1949 after a lifetime in the Civil Service where he rose to Comptroller General of the Export Credits Guarantee Department.

OLD ROAN BRAITHWAITE CAMP 1975

From a tentative advertisement in the November 1969 Magazine the Old Roan Braithwaite Camp has become an established annual event. Slowly over the six camps the numbers attending have increased and this year for the first week we reached a maximum of eighteen people. In general we formed two groups of nine, the walks being led by Mark Boddy and Chris Rodwell. During the fortnight many fells were climbed, most, being straightforward, are not worthy of mention here. Some, however, were a little unusual and thus are included.

Halfway through the first week Roy Hunt took (unintentionally?) a wrong turning in Keswick which led the rest of his party onto the ascent of Crowndale Crags, hitherto uncharted, except in the Good

Beer Guide, which appeared so popular that it was revisited several times during the rest of that week. Having descended from the Craggs at about ten past three, the Honister Pass was the next objective. This proved unsuccessful as one car broke down and TRB overheated.

It had been suggested by Chris Rodwell's group that a cheese and wine party should be held on the summit of Scafell Pike. Interest appeared to wane and so it was left to the other group to make the attempt. In fact this was carried out on Skiddaw, not only with wine and cheese, but also with wooden chairs from the camp. Unfortunately the top was covered in cloud and only a few surprised fell-walkers saw the proceedings. Those who did not come on the climb preferred the easier going of the Grogdale Round in Keswick traversing the Jennings Ridge en route.

Fortunately the catering did not prove very much of a problem, one group ate before going to the pub in the evening while the others sampled the cooking of Tandy and Karen after returning.

Over the weekend about half the party returned to London while four others arrived. Unfortunately this marked a change in the weather. On the Monday the rain started and stayed with us for much of the rest of the holiday. In the afternoons there were longer gaps between showers so most of our walks consisted of arriving at a pub at lunch-time, waiting for a break in the rain and slipping up a nearby low fell.

By chance it had been discovered that there is a fell in Scotland on the border of Dumfries and Roxburgh called Roan Fell. On a rainy day we decided that we were not climbing in the Lake District and would go to Roan Fell even if we didn't actually climb it. In fact it turned out that to the East of where we parked the car it was raining hard but to the West and towards the Fell we were lucky and were only caught in light showers. The Fell itself is not good walking ground and a quote from A. Wainwright is most apt:—"Obstacles to progress in form of dense bracken and rough heather so that you must be able to bend your legs in all directions, not excluding the ridiculous, and without warning." Nearer the top are peat hags which mean that much more climbing than the Fell's height of 1862 feet suggests, is necessary. Our party of four are probably the first and will probably be the last Old Roans to climb our namesake.

Despite the deterioration of the weather the Camp was enjoyed by all those who attended and wishes to return were expressed. If you are interested in attending next year's Camp which will be held from 28th August to 11th September please contact myself, Tony Slaney, 1 Bushmoor Crescent, London, SE18 3EG (Telephone 854 3753) or Alan Palmer, 42 Elliscombe Road, Charlton, SE7 7PY. Both of us can also be contacted at the Old Roan Club on most Thursday, Friday and Sunday evenings.

Incidentally if you are an Old Roan who has not paid the current year's subscription and visit the Camp — Beware! I obtained two subscriptions during the fortnight. One was from a member attending the Camp and one from Graham Coulson (54-59) who happened to be passing on his way to his home in Cornwall from a holiday in Scotland.

OF JOHN ROAN'S MEN

"..... Wherever men should be
Our Greenwich Men are lighting new beacons in the night."

By now you will have read the President's message that this is the last Roan Magazine in its present format. Many people in their letters have continued to proclaim that for them the magazine is their sole contact with former school fellows; through the magazine they read of how formerly daunting school masters have become merely colleagues in the delightful business of learning. Our older members read with great sadness, the deaths of contemporaries, and our younger members enjoy their sporting prowess recorded for all to see. It was Bill SOLKHON a former Old Boys football Captain who writes that he still does some teaching but has to inform us of the death of his friend A.N. GOLDER, thus encapsulating the 3 facts narrated above. Bill has now retired to East Sussex.

When the magazine goes on its own we intend to subsidise it to some extent with advertising. Nigel POTTER ('69-'74) is a media Planning Buyer with "Foote Cone & Belding" a west end advertising agency; we're hoping he, or John BRUCE ('54-'61) an associate with "Masius" in the west end can assist in suggesting that a few selective clients buy space in the 'Old Roan Chronicle.' Nigel Potter in fact had a most successful cricket season and now is showing the basketball skills he learnt in the United States by playing for Westhorpe Braves. His uncle, Graham TOWNSEND ('68-'73) seems to have re-acclimatised to English life after a year across the Atlantic with his wife, and has returned to his former employer Fenchurch Group. He admits to missing beer, football and cricket while over the sea.

Across, over and under the sea a few weeks ago was former school captain Ron CLATWORTHY ('51-'58) who as an army reservist was called up to take an active part in 'Operation Inside Right' a full scale war alert. "I wonder if we won."

One thing we do like to publish and will continue to do is our list of births and marriages. Recently engaged are Mike BAXTER

('72-'74) to Karen GIBBS, Paul KENNEDY ('63-'70) to Gwen KNAPP and DARRYL TIPLER ('63-'70) to Sharon MACKENZIE. Mike is team secretary for 3 of our 6 football teams, a job than can demand more magic than pulling the rabbit out the hat, particularly when 6 players "cry off" on Friday. Paul KENNEDY now getting fitter than for some years, has taken over as captain of our sixth team: this is a much harder job than any other, as only rarely do the same 11 players play together more than once a season. Darryl has persuaded Paul to let him play outfield this year so it is another unfortunate goal-keeper past whom Phil SNAITH has already placed two own goals. His sole own goal last season was given the 'goal of the year' award.

The first eleven captain Bryan MARSH ('63-'70) has recently become engaged to a former captain of the Roan Girls School, Jean LEARMOUTH. They are to be married next spring in St. Lukes Charlton.

Former vice-master Lionel BERRY sends this extract from Jean's Old Roan Girls Association Newsheet: "Miss E.R. McIntosh died in December 1973. During the war she was lent to Colfe's and the Roan Boys School and it is imagined she enjoyed the change. Certainly the boys would appreciate her lively wit and repartee".

Ready with all sorts of wit and repartee must be Steve RIDER ('59-'66). He is one of the four sports presenters on London's Commercial News Station LBC 261; Steve's career has spanned both local Journalism, the national press and charity press officer. Now however he can reach over 1,000,000 people at one moment and most transistor radios around Old Roan football games seem to be tuned in to Steve's Saturday afternoon "Sports Scene". We've been pleased to see him fit in the odd cricket and football match between visits to the European cup final in Paris, Portugal and Czechoslovakia. His contemporary colleague, Tony RICKSON ('57-'62) is now a sports journalist with the Cambridge Evening News where he, Frances and daughter Jessica have recently moved to a new house.

Terry BARRY ('57-'63) who was at school with Tony and playing for the 4th X1 when Tony was in the first X1 is now (at last) completing his studies; he is at University College London taking a master of Philosophy course after collecting his first degree two years ago. Terry regretted along with the regular contingent of Jim BIRD ('54-'59) Monty SMITH ('56-'63) Mick ROBERTS ('56-'63) and Willie EASTERLING ('56-'63) that the annual return of our French and German football opposition did not materialise. Willie's foreign trips proliferate however; through his money broking organisation Charles Fulton, he frequently visits Bruxelles and Paris. He assures us however that the next part of our tripartite tour tournament between Old Roan London, Langenfeld West Germany and Saarbourg France is Saturday April 3rd 1976 over here in London.

A goal scorer in previous Soccer tournaments is Roy HUNT ('62-'70); he has recently begun a 3 year course to obtain a B.Sc. in Zoology at

Aberystwyth College of the University of Wales. Roy has had 4 successful seasons with the Old Roan first X1 and his ability is sure to be missed. Nigel BALLANTYNE the Editor of the School Section of the magazine and head of the Roan School English Department is a graduate from the University of Wales. Are there many more?

Don BOURNE, the football club secretary, is again this year organising the children's Christmas Party at the School Pavillion; this is very apt as Maureen and he have recently had another addition to their family. Don intends the party to be on Sunday 4 January 1976 and all little boys (under 12's) are asked to come as Pirates; all little girls can come as anything as long as its fancy dress! Don's former neighbour, who many Old Roan's will remember narrates this story of Adam Bourne, Don's young son: Hearing a noise in the house while Maureen was in confinement, not knowing it was Don returning home, in quired who it was. When no reply was forth coming, Adam called out loudly "Who is down there? This is my daddy speaking!". Collapse of one football club secretary. Tony Cheeswright the neighbour has now travelled to Australia and dared print that story in the Melbourne Herald. Colin BENTLEY who left for Australia 18 months ago may have read it.

A traveller to less sunny climes has been Terry THURLEY now settling down as a trainee accountant with Russell Limebeer in the city. He has cause to visit Ireland frequently, a place Del DREHER was pleased to leave just a few years ago. Although Terry is no longer so consistently available for Old Roan football, we have been pleased to welcome back Keith HEDGES ('62-'68) whose tricky skills have been sadly missed. Keith has quickly found himself in Geoff SAWYER'S revamped first X1 along with Don BOON ('56-'61) Tim LEASK ('67-'72) and Chris RODWELL ('66-'72). Keith Hedges works for Sun Life Assurance as does the former skipper of the first X1 and son of the previous Secretary, Keith THOMAS.

Paul WATTS, ('56-'63) last reported in Spain (vide P38 of issue 150) has returned to the UK and is now working in Local Government for the same Borough as Fritz HENNING ('56-'63). Fritz is to be congratulated on passing the final exams of the RTP1 and is now a fully qualified Town Planner.

The Old Boy's dinner is just too late to be included in this edition, but a full report will appear in the first Edition of our own OLD ROAN CHRONICLE in MAY 1976.

As mentioned earlier in the magazine we are introducing advertising in our 'Old Roan Chronicle' — with a circulation of about 2,000 copies. Many old boys hold distinguished positions in many fields of business and it is hoped that they and many others would find it advantageous to take 'space' in this 'chronicle'. The rates are very competitive £25.00 for a full page £15.00 half page. With this to subsidise our magazine we should be sure of producing twice a year.

'BEATING THE BOUND'S

This years President has decided to traditionally lead a party of Old Roans in beating the bounds of John Roan's estates in Greenwich during the early part of 1976.

George Witten has kindly agreed to lead, with his chin, the assembled party: keeping to tradition, the school captain has kindly accepted the Old Roan Association's invitation to attend and this event will take place Wednesday 24th March: Contact the President for further details.

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