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ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE 1987

Friday 13th March

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1987

Friday 27th March

FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's already half way through my year in office, it's amazing how time flies when you are enjoying yourself. The Annual Reunion Dinner has been held. It appears to have been very successful and everybody that attended appeared to enjoy themselves. The functions at the Club are continuing to be successful but we need still more support.

Our appeal for donations to the Association has been very successful and to date we have added nearly £3,000 to our funds. It's still not too late. Please get your donations, contributions, etc. off to Tony Slaney as set out in the last magazine.

One thing has become very clear and I believe important to the future of the Association. Our traditional appeal has been to sixth form leavers but we now need to establish methods of communications with 16-year old students in order to ensure that the attractions of the Association and Club are known to them.

We have to learn to market these attractions. Communications are vitally important and direct participation by Old Roans is a particularly interesting approach. Here you can help. If you can arrange for a student to take part in work experience in your organisation please let me know. Similarly, you could volunteer to spend some time discussing job interview techniques with students. Would you like talking to a group of students about either your job or your hobby if this is of particular interest. It has been suggested that we form a music society.

If any of the above items strike a chord with anybody out there let me know at once.

Finally may I wish all readers a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

John Cramp

NEWS OF OLD ROANS

We are always pleased that our postbag continues to bring news of our members. In particular we were glad to hear from "old girls" who wrote to our Archivist, HILARY HASLAM (nee CHUTER, 71-78), requesting their Personal Record Card. Unfortunately we did not have some of those requested, but Hilary still has quite a large number, so please contact her if you would like yours.

CHRISTINE ANN LOGAN (nee TRACEY, 59-66), now living in Gravesend, teaches English full-time at Northfleet School for Boys. At a recent G.C.S.E. course she was interested to watch a video which was filmed at the John Roan School - where else?

DOROTHY MAY ROBINSON (16-23) is living locally in Blackheath and still remembers her school days with great pride. She also mentions her sisters LOUISA VICTORIA (17-21) and VIOLET ELLEN (18-22). Her brother ALBERT (26-33) is still an active Old Roan living in Eltham.

ELIZABETH CHALMERS (nee RIDER, 47-53) writes from Amersham. She is married with two sons and is working for a local Estate Agent and the Hanover Housing Association as a Residential Property Manager. Her sister SALLY THOMAS (48-54) is married with three daughters and two sons. She now lives in Old Marston, Oxford and is Head of the nursery unit at a local school. Sally has been seconded for a year's research into allergies and behavioural problems! Elizabeth also sends news of two of her aunts, Mrs ADA HESTER (nee RIDER) who sadly died in 1982 at the age of 83 but always remained interested in Roan happenings, and Mrs FLORENCE SMITH (nee SUDBURY) who lives with her husband in Chelsfield. She is now 86 and unfortunately cannot get about much.

The Association's Secretary finally tracked STEPHEN BAKER (72-79) down in Milton Keynes. However, he now writes and tells us that he's back on 'home' ground and lives in Charlton.

ALBERT BERRY (45-50) writes from Perth, Western Australia, and reads the chronicle with interest. He especially enjoyed the article on Charlton Athletic which brought back memories of travelling to the ground by tram from New Cross. Albert lectures at a nearby Teacher's Training

College. His son, **NICHOLAS** (68-74), who also lives in Perth, remembers the School Scout Group - G21 - run by Derek Evans and Nigel Ballantyne (both staff) and in particular **CHRIS BUNTON**, **HARRY CHILDS**, **PAUL PROSSER**, **ULLY ARNOLD**, **ANDREW AITCHISON**, **NEAL HASLAM** (67-74) and **MIKE WALPOLE** (63-72). Nick is a computer manager with the local council using an ICL computer (a good old British product! he says).

D.E. PHIPPS-JONES (24-31) wrote an interesting letter. The latest Chronicle brought back many memories of local landmarks, he remembers witnessing a policeman guarding the covered body of a Blackheath murderer's victim and later the same day his class watched the police handcart conveying the body to the mortuary. He recalls a scout tour of Ireland in 1929 with the Antient and Stanley Mills, when the Antient's refusal to pay 1d. for cabbages in the market at Youghal nearly got the troop lynched! but when he insisted on not paying less than 2d. the scouts had the use of the town ferry for a day trip up the Blackwater River as a result. The scouts were not so popular in 1925 when, in Boulogne Fish market the Antient protested at the fishwives skinning live eels. He took a sharp knife and beheaded the whole lot!

PAT ATKINS (nee **SMITH** 56-63) very kindly forwarded her late father's (**FREDDY SMITH** 16-21) school reports and reference from his Headmaster, A.J. HOPE, for the archives. She now lives in Canterbury and is Secretary to the Manager of one of Canterbury's hotels. Pat and her family are very involved with an amateur theatre company in Whitstable and she says that if any Old Roan is in Canterbury she would be very pleased to see them. Also for those who are Kent cricket supporters she's not far from St. Lawrence's! Pat also wrote with some very sad news that **DIANA TEARLE** (nee **WELLS** 56-63) was killed in a tragic accident on a zebra crossing earlier in the summer. This news was passed on by **PATSY BUNCE** (56-63).

JEAN ADAMS (nee **MULLARD** 62-69) B.Sc. (Joint Hons. Phil/Psy) **GRAD.M.BPS.** is now living in Aldringham, Suffolk. Jean would be interested in obtaining any details of her school days, in particular, a copy of the 1962/63 School photograph or any other between 62 and 69. Perhaps another Old Roan may be able to oblige?

C.W. DANIEL (14-20) enjoys reading the newsletter and recalls being one of the School's cricket 1st XI in 1920. He lives in Witheridge, Devon and has been retired from Lloyds Bank for twenty-one years.

HERBERT FINCH (14-21) was 'lost' and we are pleased to say has now been 'found'. He has now moved to Sheffield and writes of his longstanding friendship with **FRED CUTBUSH** (14-21). Their common interest being music he states that contemporaries may remember Fred as a gifted young pianist. Herbert joined the staff of the Royal Observatory in 1921 and continued to serve as a member of staff until retiring in 1967.

BILL GOSLING (17-22) writes to say it was good to hear news of his contemporaries in the last Chronicle. He was sad to hear of the deaths of Freddy Smith and Bill Solkhon with both of whom he played many games of football and cricket. He wonders if anyone else remembers playing with the legendary George Thompson? Bill keeps in touch with **G.W. GILLAM** who captained the O.R.C.C. in the 1920's.

We are pleased to hear from **CLIFFORD LOFT** (26-31), twin brother of **JACK**, who has sadly had a stroke and finds it difficult to read or write, however, he still keeps interested in the Association. **JACK** has now moved to Canada.

ETTA STUNDL (nee **POTTER** 40-45) reads the Chronicle with interest and recalls many happy memories at the Girls' School.

IVY SUMNER (16-23) who has been a member of the Old Girls Association since 1923 recalls her school days with great affection. The sad news of Miss Hough's death brought back memories of her school mistresses, Miss Knight, Miss Walters and Miss Atkinson.

FRANK TWITCHETT (32-37) now lives in Leeds and tells us he enjoyed the last Chronicle. He kindly pointed out that the photograph of staff-1937 showed one of the masters was named as 'PAKER', this should have read 'PARKER', who took one of the fifth forms during Frank's time at school. **G.R. PARKER** was Vice Master to Potter, the Head. Frank regrets that distance prevents him from getting to functions more frequently.

KEITH SILCOX (60-68) who is now living in Wetherby writes news of his contemporaries. Keith, himself, returned to England in 1984 after he and his wife, Christine, had lived in Madrid

for 4½ years, where he was based with Cadbury Schweppes. While in Madrid he discovered that **KEVIN TODD** (60-67) had worked at the European Space Agency Satellite Tracking Station a couple of years earlier. Keith would be interested to know how Kevin's work progressed following his emigration to the U.S.A.?

Keith still maintains contact with **BRIAN GODDARD** (60-68) who now lives in Leicester with wife Chris and son Matthew. Brian is a Chartered Surveyor with British Telecom. **GEOFF FRY** (60-68) who was at Portsmouth Polytechnic with Keith and **MIKE REED**, another contemporary, is now a banker with the Indosuez Bank since graduating. Mike Reed has been working around Europe with companies in the petroleum engineering business. He is married to an Italian girl and lives in Taranto, Southern Italy. By pure chance, Keith bumped into Mike, on a London to Leeds train, recently whilst Mike was in this country on business. Keith is now working for Asda and would be pleased to hear from anyone who knows him now living in the Yorkshire area.

JOHN RICHARDS (36-42) sends best wishes to all Old Roans and says that the 1937 staff photograph in the last Chronicle brought back many memories of the "best days of his life". John now lives in Thurstlestone, South Devon.

DAVID PEACHEY (54-60) wishes to be remembered to any of his contemporaries and would like to hear any news of them. At the end of this year David would have completed two years as Chairman of the Lloyds Aviation Underwriters Association and has also been elected Chairman of a working committee of the International Union of Aviation Insurers.

DR. M.P. WEIR (70-77) tells us that whilst holidaying in Italy recently he umpired a cricket match between the MCC and the MCCO (Milan C.C. v Monte Carlo C.C.). We are not told the result but it would be interesting to know whether Malcolm was asked to explain the LBW law to the Italian equivalent of Fred Trueman.

P.J. BARNWELL (23-31) noticed that the circular sent out by the Automobile Association to publicise its Book of Tours, chose just the map which Old Roans would be most glad to see - the area around Keswick, marking Braithwaite, and the parking-place opposite the entrance to the school campsite. We still wait for "Hope Memorial Camp" to become a place-name, or for Braithwaite Howe to be renamed "Hope's Howe".

He sadly also informs us of two deaths, **R.J.B. WOOLLARD**, who left in 1931 to go to Durham University, taught from 1933 to 1976 at Ealing, New Cross, West Wickham, Orpington; removed to Taunton in 1977, died 1986. He saw war service with the R.E.M.E.

DENIS PECKHAM, son of the art master, lost his wife 11 July 1986, six weeks before their Golden Wedding. She was **MURIEL**, sister (I think) of **HOWARD BAKER**, both of them of the Roan schools. Their children are in Egypt and Australia.

S.L. PEIRCE (34-39) kindly sent us a photograph of Poyser's 5th form for use in the next Chronicle. He recalls that in his day it was customary for leavers to collect staff autographs during their last days at school. He has donated his collection to the Archives and his book includes the signatures of all staff of his vintage together with a rather elegant cartoon by **GEORGE WITTEN**.

On Friday, 13th June 1986, members of the Old Roan Club took part in a sponsored run around Kidbrooke, Blackheath, Greenwich and Lee Green to raise money to buy a special hearing aid for **EMMA MILLS**, daughter of Anne and Ray.

Nearly £2,000 was raised, double our target, and we would like to thank everyone who contributed towards and sponsored the event. Congratulations to all those who completed the course and 'acquired' sponsorship, including:

Linda Nelson
Don Boon
Terry Chance
Terry Tipler
Neal Haslam

Hilary Johnson
T. Reynolds
Alan Buhl
Shirley Nelson
Jeanette Lawler

D. Johnson
Steve Nelson
Phil Armstrong
Karen Amos
Matthew Nelson

LIFE MEMBER'S APPEAL AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

In the Summer 1986 'Chronicle' both the Treasurer and Secretary brought members' attention to the financial position of the Association. At the Annual General Meeting last March it was agreed to increase the annual subscription from £2.50 to £5.00 on 1st January 1987. As the annual rate is now the same as, or more than, many members paid to become Life Members a letter was enclosed with the 'Chronicle' appealing to all Life Members to make a single donation of £10 or more, or to make smaller regular annual donations by Banker's Order to help the general running expenses of the Association.

Over £1,500 has been received and 25 are now paying a regular donation by Banker's Order. Very many thanks to those who have helped by contributing. However many have not yet responded. For them another copy of the original letter is enclosed and if you are one of those who receives a letter you are asked to consider making even a small donation. It is over ten years since such an appeal was made to the Boys, and longer to the Girls. There is no question, however, of deleting anyone from the mailing list who cannot afford a donation, and those who have only just transferred to Life Membership are, of course, not expected to contribute.

Members are again reminded that annual subscriptions will be increased to £5 for 1987. Life Membership has been re-opened, but be very quick. The rate is thirty times annual subscriptions (less half of that paid since 1975). This means that Life Membership will cost £75 until the end of this year, but £150 next year.

We are very sad to learn that following our appeal to Life Members for donations some of our older members have decided to sever their membership with the Association as a result. The appeal was in no way meant to prompt such action and we hope those members may reconsider their decision and continue to enjoy their Association.

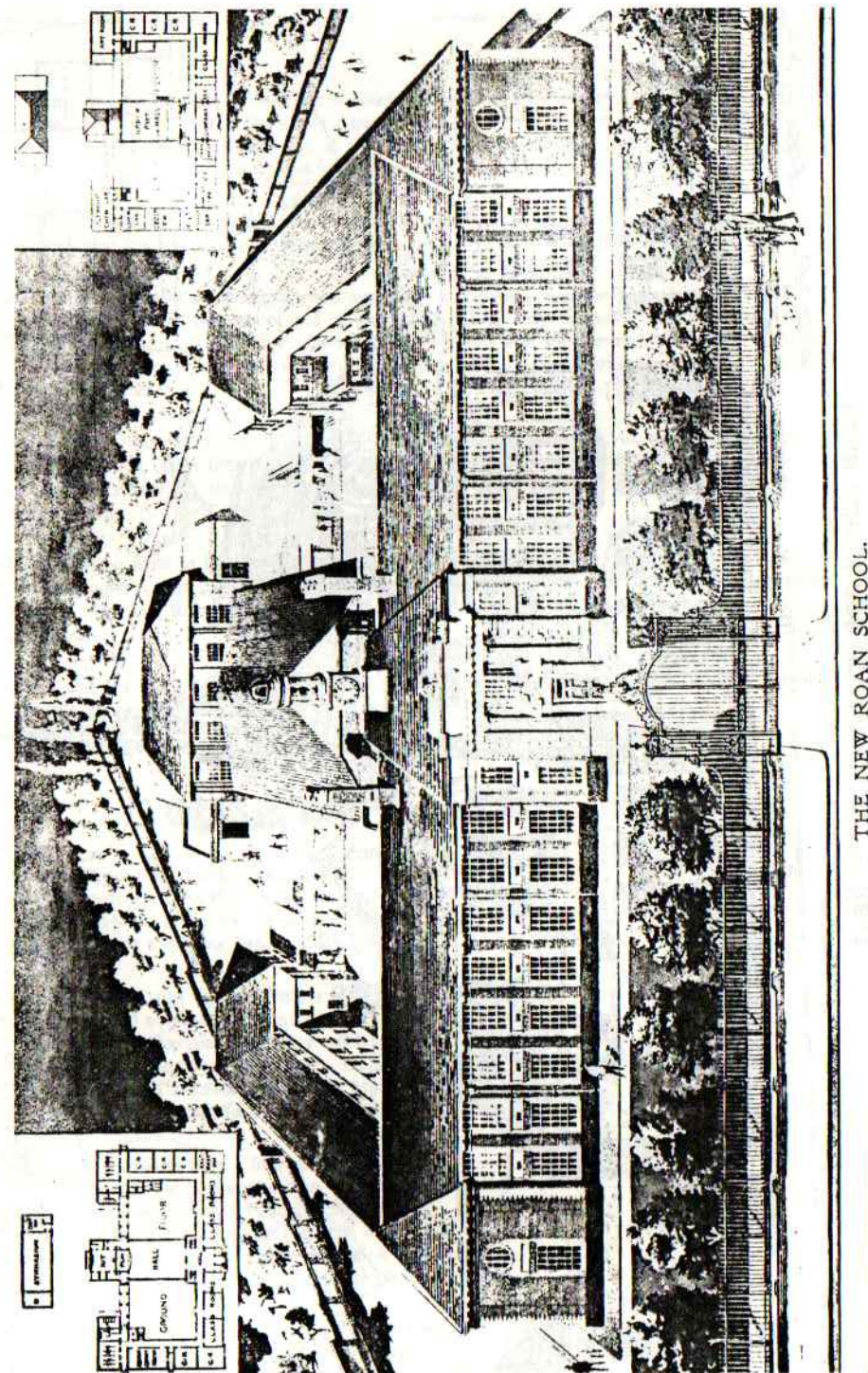
GORDON BROOKS - AN APPRECIATION

What can you say when someone like Gordon leaves the staff of a school which he has served for so long?

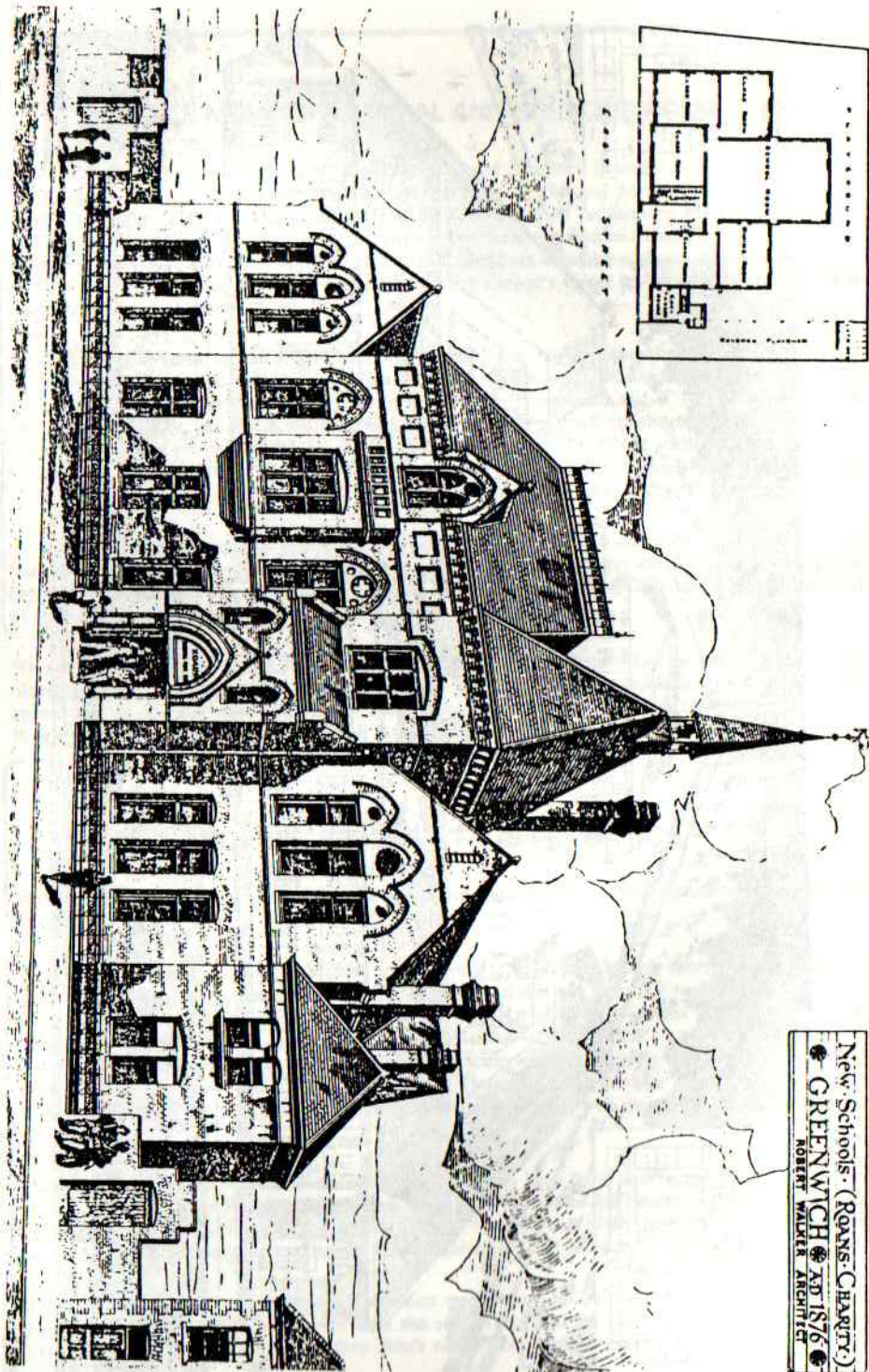
Everyone, staff and pupils, must have their own vivid memories of Gordon - perhaps his assemblies when he peeped out from beneath the cap of his old school - perhaps his Economics lessons as he unerringly led the sixth through the tangled web of monetarism and the like with an insight that would have been the envy of Chancellors of either hue - perhaps his histrionic prowess as he trod the boards, whether in song (will any of us forget his Pharoah in 'Joseph!') or as our genial host of the Music Hall - perhaps as 'Horatio' on the Broads, 'Pedro' in the corridors or as a Botham-type batsman for the staff XI - perhaps well you can fill in the gap for yourself.

There can be few who have been to Roan in his era who have been unaffected by Gordon in one way or another. Countless Old Roans owe their launch into the big world outside to him - not only in his one-time official capacity as Careers Master, but often through his encyclopaedic memory of ex-pupils and what openings they might be able to offer to a pupil just leaving school.

Primarily, of course, Gordon was an Economics teacher and he built up that department to being one of the most popular and successful in the sixth form making full use of his ability to draw from his students a 'best' that often they didn't realise they had in them.



THE NEW ROAN SCHOOL.



But this care for the individual went far beyond the confines of the classroom and there are few activities of the school - or the Old Roan Association - with which Gordon was unconnected. He was always ready to give of himself and of his time unstintingly and he always managed to see the good side of even the most unlikely characters.

At the difficult time of the amalgamation it was in large measure due to Gordon's friendliness and good humour that the staffs of the three schools so soon welded into a cohesive whole.

It was, I think, this ability to inspire and support which made him the logical successor to Alf Knott as Deputy Head of the school and in that position he led by example, both pupils and staff. Despite the enormous workload now expected of a Deputy, (and the inevitable sleepless nights of a new father) he always had the time and energy to listen to the problems of any of us who needed a sympathetic ear.

Perhaps the most remarkable and illuminating part of his farewell speech was when he told us that he had never woken up in the morning and felt that he didn't want to come in to school. It was this love of the school, its traditions and its future, that made him the influence that he was on the establishment.

It is in some ways hard to imagine Gordon, the archetypal schoolteacher, settling in to the pastoral calm of Walsingham, but you only have to remember his fund of stories, his fertile imagination and his love of people to be sure that he will succeed in his aim of carving out for himself a new creative career.

As a final attempt to capture some flavour of this very respected colleague and friend I can only offer (with apologies to T.S. Eliot!) the poem which we presented to him at the end of term.

POEM

Our Gordon Brooks' a friend of ours, we're sad to see him go
For he's the perfect gentleman who's helped this school to grow.
He's a deputy who does the lot - you never need despair
For when you need a helping hand - OUR GORDON'S ALWAYS THERE !

Our Gordon Brooks, our Gordon Brooks - there's no-one like our Gordon Brooks,
He's coped with all emergencies from G.B.H. to record books.
His boundless versatility makes us poor mortals stare,
For when you think you just can't cope - OUR GORDON'S ALWAYS THERE !
You can be in darkest Westcombe Park, or Maze Hill's farthest lair -
You're never really on your own - OUR GORDON'S ALWAYS THERE !

Our Gordon is a modest man - he's rarely heard to boast;
But all of us here know him as the man who laughs the most -
He's always had a ready wit, a fund of pithy tales,
He's always ready with a joke - to cheer he never fails.
He sits at meetings deep in thought - you think he's far away -
He's really drawing pictures of the Head - or p'raps of Ray !

The deputy, the deputy - there's no-one like this deputy
For he's no mere economist - he's infinite variety;

We have seen him teaching Latin - for French he has a flair
Whatever's needing to be done - OUR GORDON'S ALWAYS THERE !

He's quite a noted thespian (that means he sometimes acts !)
He's written plays and verse and prose - there's nothing that he lacks;
And whether it's a Speech Day or a pantomime or singing
Or assembly with the fourth years when the fire alarm's been ringing,
Or a farewell to a colleague - he just doesn't turn a hair
When no-one else will volunteer - OUR GORDON'S ALWAYS THERE !

And when a former pupil comes whom no-one can recall
Or an I.L.E.A. directive is the bafflement of all -
There may be some talk of 'cohorts' or of 'Fish' or 'I.S.S.'
Ah that's why he's a deputy - OUR GORDON KNOWS THEM BEST !
And when some kid has been a pain - and we are going grey,
We always look to Gordon and he's never far away -
He's but rarely in his office - or conveniently off site
He will always do his damndest to try and put it right.

Our Gordon Brooks, our Gordon Brooks - there's no-one like our Gordon Brooks,
Lads used to call him Pedro for his Spanish or his hairy looks.
The miscreants all warmed to him - they knew that he was fair
But most of all they trusted him - FOR HE WAS ALWAYS THERE.
As I look back on the colleagues who have helped me muddle through
(I might mention dear old Alfie - I might mention Derek too)
They were really only prologues to the man who stands alone
For his warmth, his heart, his humour, the epitome of Roan.

Nigel Ballantyne

OLD ROAN TRIVIAL CHALLENGE

During the summer, Club Secretary, Dave "Dap" Andrews, organised a competition based on the "Trivial Pursuit" game under the title of "Old Roan Trivial Challenge". The competition was open to teams of three, who battled it out answering 7 rounds of 6 questions each on various trivia subjects through a qualifying round and then the final. Invitations were sent to the School and it was pleasing to receive entries from the Staff and the Sixth Form, amongst the 12 teams that took part.

Most of the questions had been gleaned from various publications but there were a number of questions, written by the questionmaster, with a "Roan" connection - What is the name of the brewery shown on the "Grey Coat Boy" pub sign? Those who visit the Club will, of course, know that a photograph of this sign is attached above the new bar, which clearly shows that the answer is "Barclays".

The whole competition was a resounding success, despite the numerous "teething troubles" and will hopefully become an annual event. In so saying, I can advise that plans are well underway for the 1987 competition and this will be taking place in the early New Year. Competition for places is sure to be keen (in fact it is rumoured that the School is holding its own competition to find their teams!) and entries should, therefore, be handed to Dave Andrews as soon as possible.

SCHOOL NEWS

G.C.S.E., C.P.V.E., I.S.S., I.B.I.S. - this seems to be the year for new initials at John Roan!

The much-heralded G.C.S.E. (General Certificate of Secondary Education) has arrived to replace 'O' Levels and C.S.E.'s for our present Fourth Years. It provides us with some exciting new courses with much more emphasis on course work assessment rather than the old once-for-all end of course examination and it gives the opportunity in many subjects for more varied and imaginative work. However, the rush with which it was introduced has given us all many headaches (and many hours of extra work in preparation)? Let us hope, at least, that it will do away with some of the heartache for pupils, staff and parents as the need to make the fateful decision between G.C.E. and C.S.E. is removed.

C.P.V.E. (The Certificate of Pre-Vocational Education) has given a welcome boost and new sense of purpose to some of the Sixth Form work as it gives a real alternative at that level to the traditional 'A' Levels and "repeats" with its combination of job-orientated education and the chance to combine it with some of the more traditional exams.

I.S.S. (Improving Secondary Schools) is an I.L.E.A. initiative to restructure some of our work combining more easily identifiable short-term aims with closer parental links and we are one of the schools chosen to pilot some of its aspects.

Finally I.B.I.S. - not the bird worshipped by the ancient Egyptians but "Inspectors Based in School" which means that for six weeks we have a group of a dozen inspectors living with us and advising us on the best ways forward.

All these underline the changing nature of secondary education nowadays. But these are not the only changes you would notice if you were to come back and visit us! For a start you would probably come at the wrong time as we have a new school day with four periods in the morning and only two in the afternoon - it's a long time till lunch but blissfully swift thereafter and the loss of the afternoon break means that we can finish at 3.25 which is appreciated by all!

Then you would find that the room numbers that you remember have all been changed to comply with new Health & Safety regulations running from one for the Maze Hill hall to a hundred and something in the Westcombe Park Building. The old Geography room at Maze Hill (the Woodwork Shop if you were there before the early 60's) is now a staff marking room; we have a second computing room, an Office Practice room; the Library has been enlarged

But despite the changes both superficial and educational the life of the school has remained essentially the same. The Sixth Form are, as usual, in the midst of their Christmas Charity Appeal - this year to provide equipment for the Griffen Manor School for Autistic Children and the annual ritual of gentle "persuasion" is once more under way - in a few week's time some hardy (?foolhardy) members of staff will be offering themselves to be soaked in the cause, beards will be shaved off, cakes raffled and last year's total will be approached (or even surpassed).

Late into the evening, and at many weekends, the Hall rings to the dulcet tones of Frank, Frankie and Hilary as they once again draw from a vast cast performances they didn't dream they could produce in the Christmas production (this year "The Snow Queen").

Parties of pupils and staff venture forth to the hills, the moors and across the sea in search of adventure, culture - or just a good time.

Lessons are taught, homework is set (and often done!), the odd miscreant detained. Life continues - a rose by any other name

More of what we do gets known now, with Val Pollock as the school's Publicity Officer. We at last have a successor to the old magazine in the 'John Roan Newsletter' and representatives of the local press are more often to be seen on the premises.

Our fame is even spreading abroad. A group of Danish teachers came to video a "typical English school" to show their pupils in Copenhagen how we do it here. The first thing they insisted on was that a lesson started in total silence with the class leaping to attention at the entry of the teacher - which, of course, happens all the time, every day! (they only had to film it three times to get in as "typical" as they wanted it!).

Gordon Brooks is, of course, missed as will be Mary Clarke when she joins the exodus to Norfolk at Christmas, but Gordon's successor, Trevor Bell, has quickly settled in and the staff continue to be the reasonable, genial, lovable bunch that you all remember!

Perhaps to be serious for a moment - there has been, and continues to be a great deal of change, but essentially the John Roan School continues to represent much of the best of the three schools that went to make it up and despite the inhuman sound of the initials that started this report you will still receive a very warm welcome if you come back to visit us.

Nigel Ballantyne

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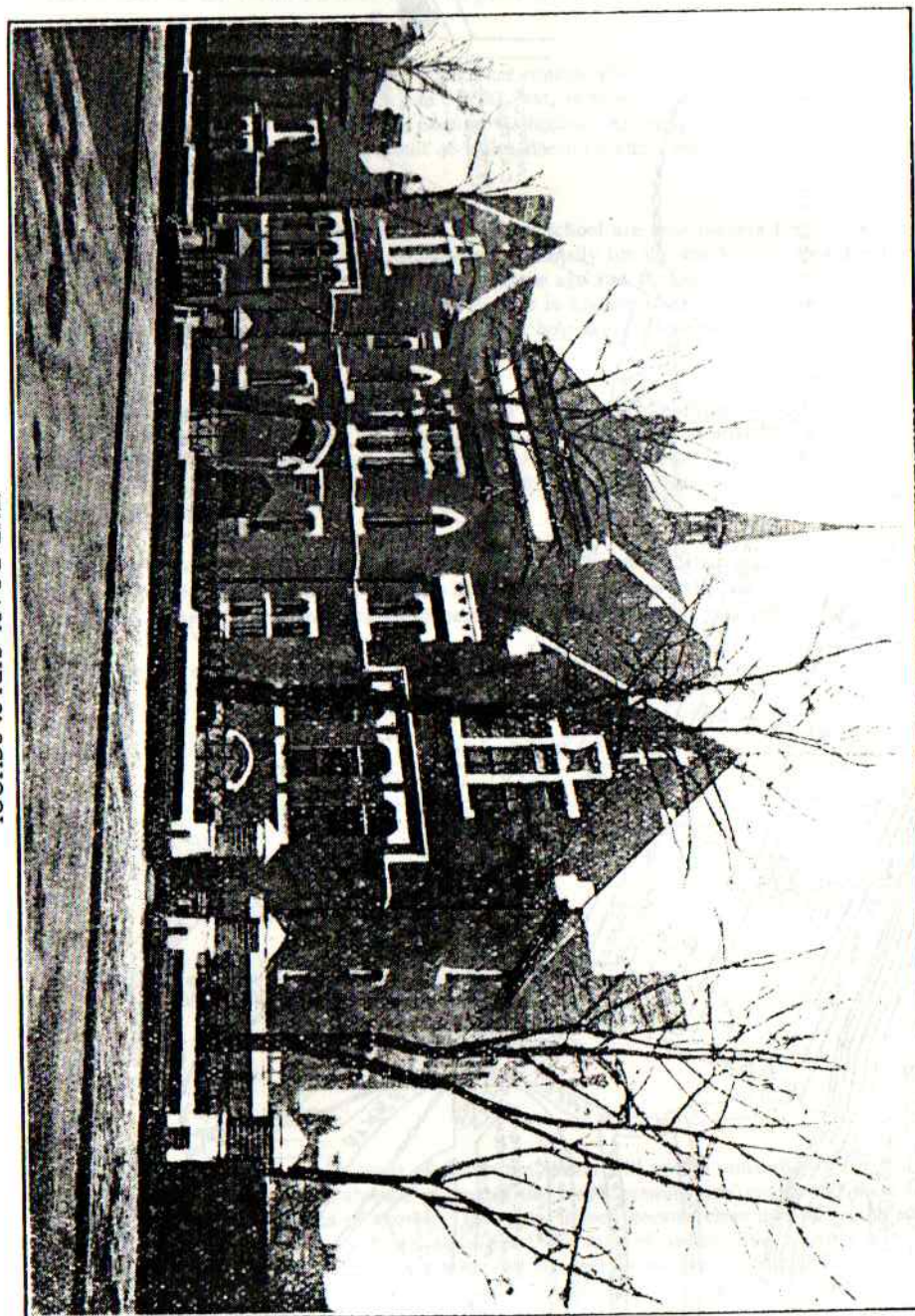
At the time of writing, some third of the way through the season, the 1st XI are still seeking their first victory. They have nevertheless achieved five 'score draws' but with the introduction of three points for a win this season the position is precarious, to say the least. Many of our erstwhile 1st XI stalwarts have, for one reason or another, been totally unavailable while others have been spasmodic in their appearances. This has done nothing for team tactics or team spirit and has led to many young players having to be thrown in at the deep end.

It has, therefore, been impossible for them to gain experience in a settled side and unfortunately some of them do not see Saturdays as regular football playing days. Their ability has never been in doubt but they must show a little more dedication! Danny Cratchley has come through the traumas of ever-changing teams with a willingness to train regularly and play wherever selected with a refreshing honesty that must stand him in good stead in the future.

The 2nd XI haven't caught the 1st's complaint for drawn games so either play to their ability and win handsomely, or do the other thing and get beaten, often by inferior opposition. I've heard the phrase 'total football' on more than one occasion but would personally prefer them to hang on to one point when things do not go quite right for the team. Recent weeks have seen the introduction of more young players so here's hoping that they can serve the Club well. We will watch their progress with interest.

John Stanford seems to have pulled the 3rd XI together with an experienced defence, including Bob Grimwood and latterly Jim Hardy, a midfield 'revolving' around Mark Squire - frequently

THE ROAN GIRLS' SCHOOL,
Built in 1878.



IST XI AVERAGES

BATTING	INNS.	NO.	RUNS	AVE	BOWLING	OVERS	RUNS	WCKTS	AVE
G. Lawrance	29	9	790	39.5	G. Lawrance	188	494	32	15.4
J. Broadfoot	30	6	734	30.6	G. Briscoe	45	171	9	19.0
J. Bain	27	4	703	30.6	M. Squire	137	516	26	19.8
P. Ellis	26	0	739	28.4	K. Barron	190	707	28	25.2
K. Calnan	19	5	348	24.9	P. Ellis	216	706	27	26.1
M. Squire	24	3	516	24.6	A. Tamir	48	135	5	27.0
R. Dale	21	0	471	22.4	B. Hamer	125	407	15	27.1
C. Chambers	11	0	245	22.3	L. Sales	139	598	21	28.5

Following last year's top spot the lack of availability of players on Saturdays resulted in the side finishing second from bottom in the North Kent League. This contrasted with a Sunday side that was selected from a squad of thirteen players who, apart from holidays and dirty weekends, were consistently available.

The most improved batsmen were John Bain who came from nowhere (and some say should return there) and Peter Ellis who generally came from an all-night party. This did not seem to deter him from opening the batting and scoring over 700 runs at an average of 28. John Bain was undoubtedly the batting find of the season (I won't mention his bowling); his pleas to be put up the order finally paid off when the skipper's wife could no longer stand his incessant telephone calls late into the night, and so on June 1st he batted at number three against RACS and scored 81; he never looked back.

Joe Broadfoot soon began to find his feet after a shaky start, and was still going strong at the end, finishing the season with three consecutive fifties and a forty.

Graham Lawrance topped the batting and the bowling averages scoring nearly 800 runs at an average of 40 and taking 32 wickets at an average of 15. He has been for a number of years, and still is, the club's most consistently successful allrounder. The batting of Mark Squire, Roger Dale, Clive Chambers and Lennie Sales with Simon Perry's eager 'keeping added both flair and consistency to a side which continued its use of Keith Barron's flat off-spin bowling and Graham Briscoe's promising orthodox left-arm spin and which, above all, enjoyed itself.

It's a very long time indeed that the Club have been able to provide both umpire and scorer in every match and it is to Dave Andrews, Geoff Sawyer and Fritz Henning for their umpiring, and to Daniel Perry for his scoring, that the Club gives its grateful thanks.

Lastly, we must also thank Ray Keelling for preparing much improved wickets, saving the writer the expense of a crash helmet.

Keith Calnan

SATURDAY 2ND XI

	P	W	D	L	CANCELLED/ ABANDONED
League	11	2	6	3	5
Friendly	2	0	1	1	3
Total	13	2	7	4	7

Final Position in League 16/17

As so often happens the first fixture of the season was cancelled due to inclement weather. The following week we travelled to Old Wilsonians where we could only manage a meagre 59 runs and although bowling and fielding well we could not prevent the inevitable and we lost by 7 wickets. Not a particularly good start to the season, however, better things were to come.

Our game against Colfes at the field provided probably the best finish of the season. With 9 wickets down we wanted 3 runs to win off the last ball, your author was facing but was unfortunately not up to the task and the ball clipped the bails and the game was lost.

On a number of occasions we found ourselves chasing 200+ runs and in order to win, a good start was imperative. We managed this only twice; Peter Williams and Mike McGuinness put on 90 against South Bank Poly and Peter Williams and Keith Barron put on 119 against top of the league, Westerham; on both occasions we failed to keep the momentum going and draws resulted. This emphasised the loss suffered when Peter was unavailable for 8 weeks through injury.

The highlight of the season came against Sennocke, when we scored our first victory for nearly two seasons. This victory was further sweetened by our second win a week later against Private Banks. On both occasions the opposition were bowled out for less than 100 runs. Unfortunately we could not emulate this feat again. The season ended on a light but soggy note against Belvedere in the pouring rain. Perhaps Peter Williams summed up the day best by going out to umpire with an umbrella!

In total 38 players were used only 5 of whom played in 10 or more matches. Of those who were available on a regular basis, John Stickings in his first full season, showed promise with the ball and with a yard or so's more pace could prove to be a useful opening bowler.

Howard Nicholson, another newcomer, did well as opening bowler and also did well with the bat when called upon to do so. Lawrence "W.G. Spot" Hughes had an indifferent sort of season but did admirably as Vice Captain. Gary Barwell and Les de Hoog kept one another on their toes, vying for the keeping position. My thanks to them for fielding equally well when not asked to don the gloves. Les also showed that he could do well with the bat - his best score coming against Hildenborough, when he notched up 33. Vic Tuley deserved a medal for turning out week after week, often without batting or bowling; many thanks to him.

This brings me to the two Martins, Pendergast and Hooker. 'Pud' not only continued to bowl his baffling leg breaks (best figures 5 for 80) but also managed to score consistently with the bat leaving him top of both batting and bowling averages. The 'Hook' had one of his better seasons with bat, scoring a total of 181 runs. Sorry, Ann, but it looks as if he'll be playing for at least another season.

After the problems encountered last season, all my hopes for this season were fulfilled. We managed to put out sides on all but two occasions, a marked improvement on last year, team spirit was good but could still be improved if players were available more regularly.

It only remains me to thank all those who did teas, or umpired, especially Alan Weir, who stood against Belvedere. I hope your cold gets better.

Finally, for the statisticians amongst you, the following may be of interest:

Of the 11 League matches played, the toss was won on eight occasions, each time the opposition were put in, this led to us being defeated only once. Of the 3 matches where the toss was lost we were put in twice and went on to lose on both occasions; the opposition chose to bat in the other match, the result being a draw. I leave you to draw your own conclusions.

Keith Barron

SUNDAY SECOND XI 1986

1986, as far as results went, was an average year.

P 18 W 4 D 8 L 6 OFF 4

are fairly typical figures for this team in the 80's, so far. Considering how poor a summer it was, we had to cancel relatively few games, although most, if not all, were affected by the slow, damp pitches that the weather caused.

Unfortunately, before the season started, the team lost its experienced Vice-Captain, **Graham Johnson**, to illness. It is hard to judge how much his all-round ability and advice was missed, but his contribution to the games that he rejoined us for, towards the end of the season, showed his worth. His bowling figures included the season's best analysis of 6 for 35.

Peter Williams, too, became unavailable through injury; and although **Les DeHoog** had an excellent season behind the timbers, Peter's batting was sorely missed. The team, in fact, did not establish an opening partnership throughout the season and we relied heavily on the scoring ability of **Mike Baxter**. With 562 runs at an average of 46.8, Mike takes all the batting honours, his name appearing in seven of the ten - Best Partnerships for each wicket. **Derek Dreher**, who is often unfortunately abroad due to his job, was the only person who regularly looked like keeping Mike company.

Our bowling attack also did not settle on a regular opening partnership throughout the entire season but this, due to the slowness of the wickets, was not such a problem; and the majority of wickets were taken by 'change' bowlers, who performed above expectations.

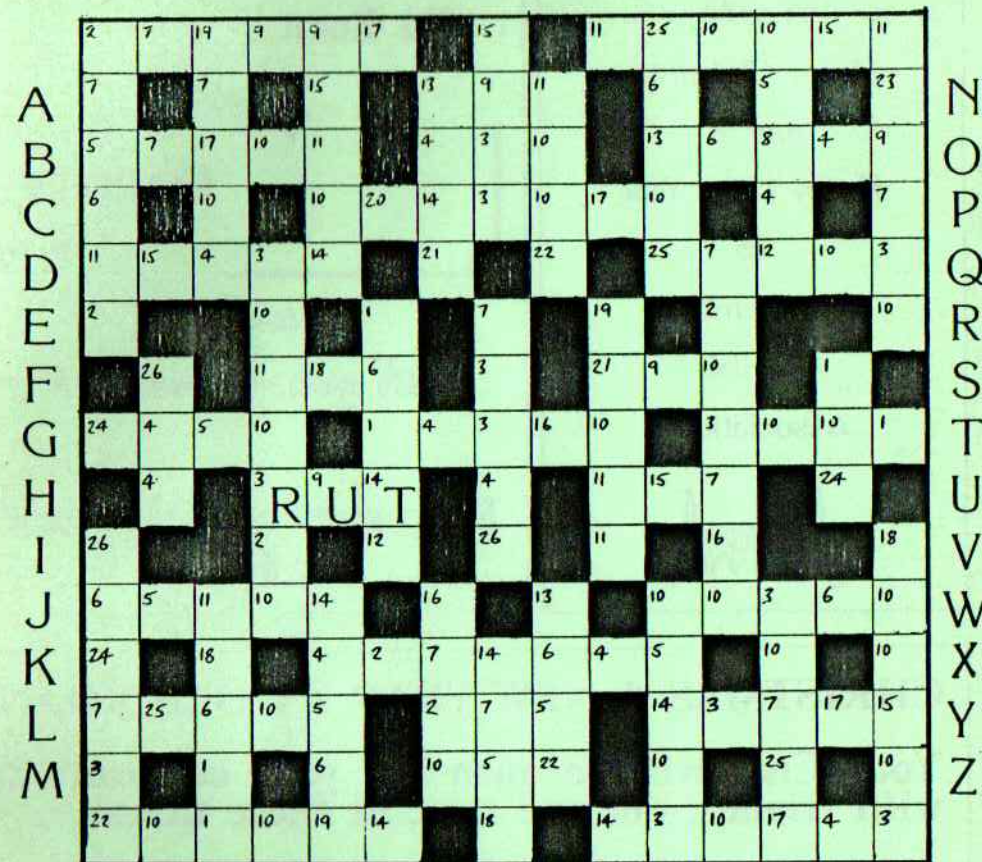
There is not space to mention more individual performances or everyone who has helped with advice, teas (thanks Mum) and organising - thank you all; except one particular outstanding performance which must be noted: **Matthew Hooker's** all round ability is always invaluable to the team but particularly outstanding - 14 catches in 16 matches; this surely must be a record for an outfielder at any level of cricket.

'Spot' Hughes

SUNDAY 2ND XI

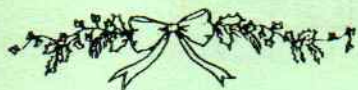
BATTING	IN	NO	RUNS	HS	AV	BOWLING	OVERS	RUNS	WKTS	AVE
M. Baxter	17	5	562	113*	46.8	G. Johnson	25.3	87	12	7.2
D. Dreher	5	0	137	50	27.4	I. Daniels	49.2	134	11	12.2
N. Stanbridge	7	5	41	23*	20.5	L. Hughes	103.4	447	26	17.2
M. Hooker (Jun)	16	2	258	69	18.4	J. Patey	40.2	121	6	20.2
M. Hooker	18	1	283	37	16.7	R. Stanbridge	127.2	420	20	21.0
L. Hughes	16	6	166	35	16.6	M. Hooker (Jun)	157	550	25	22.0
B. Enderbee	10	0	131	34	13.1	N. Stanbridge	93	312	11	28.4
P. Williams	5	1	41	18*	10.3					

COMPETITION.



1	2	3	R	4	5	6	7	8	9	U	10	11	12	13
14	T	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	

The trick of this puzzle is to discover which letter of the alphabet each number represents. Begin by repeating the three starter letters wherever the numbers representing them appear in the grid. Then you will be in a position to start guessing at likely words. Completed puzzles should be sent to Neal Haslam, 34 Heversham Road, Bexleyheath, Kent, DA7 5BG by 10th January 1987. The first correct entry drawn at the January committee meeting will win £10 and the second will win £5. Remember to include YOUR name, address and years at school. GOOD LUCK.



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and a
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to
all members
of the
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Christmas Day	CLOSED
Boxing Day	Noon - 3.00pm
Saturday	8.00pm - 11.00pm
Sunday	Noon - 3.00pm
	8.00pm - 10.30pm
New Year's Eve (Disco)	8.00pm - 1.00am
New Year's Day	Noon - 3.00pm
Children's Christmas Party	
January 11th 1987	