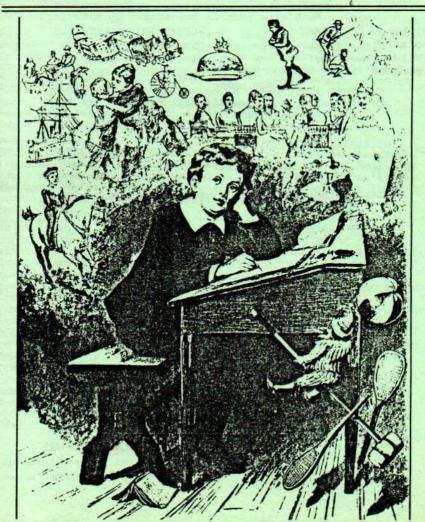


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# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday 25th March 1988

FRONT COVER PICTURE:
Dreaming of happy Christmases at home.
The holiday letter from school

#### FROM THE PRESIDENT

Midway through my term of office as President, in a year that has dramatically left its mark. For me, Greenwich Park has been a constant reminder of school days: an alternative playground that invited generations of Roan boys (and, no doubt, Roan girls too) to enjoy its beauty. It seems like only yesterday that I was frantically shovelling school dinners inside me in order to allow the maximum time possible for impromptu football matches in the Park. One October night of awesome violence altered something we had taken for granted. Trees that had survived generations of Roan pupils were suddenly no more; ripped from their sockets by 90 mph gusts that were as unexpected as they were destructive.

In some ways, our own Association, too, may be just as exposed. Like a 200-year old oak alongside General Wolfe's statue, there may be dangers outside our control, but most, I think are not. "Men at some times are masters of their fates; the fault - is not in our stars but in ourselves..." Let us guard against lethargy by reminding ourselves that the security of the Club and Association is not solely in the hands of a dedicated band of officers; we should all contribute, however small that contribution may be.

That dedicated band of Officers are worth their weight in gold. Having chaired several Association Committee meetings, I appreciate the tireless work they put in on our behalf. It isn't always easy to cajole people into action; it isn't alw ays easy to attend hastily-arranged meetings; but they usually overcome such difficulties with enthusiasm and cheerfulness.

As for myself, I am enjoying a year that has given me an opportunity to meet people both from the school and from within the Association. In particular, attending the Founders Day Service at St. Alfege's Church was both delightful and nostalgic; and more recently, the Reunion Dinner, where everyone present enjoyed a splendid maiden after-dinner speech from Terry Tipler, an interesting and amusing up-date on the school from the present Head, Ann Tonkin, and some marvellous reminiscences from our Guest of Honour, Nigel Ballantyne. After 25 years teaching at the School, Nigel is the one remaining link with an age that, for me, seemed to contain so many characters, most of whom probably taught many of those reading this article now. As the Head mentioned in her speech, the traditions of the Roan Schools never cease to unravel themselves: long may it continue. In keeping with tradition, this leaves me, finally, to wish all Old Roans, wherever they may be, a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Graham Johnson

#### **NEWS OF OLD ROANS**

EVELYN STEPHENSON (nee STANLEY, 67-72) was pleased to see a few names she recognised in the Chronicle and would be pleased to hear news of any of her contemporaries. Eve now lives in Bromley, Kent, and still keeps in touch with one classmate who lives just round the corner.

GEOFF RICKSON (54-61) has moved to Kentisbeare, Nr. Cullompton, Devon. He has moved to a new job as well, as headteacher of a large school, in Honiton. Geoff had previously spent fifteen years in Cambridgeshire as head of, firstly, a tiny village school and then of a very large village school. Geoff enjoys reading news of old friends through the magazine and keeping up-to-date with the cricket and football clubs, membership of which gave him much enjoyment in the days before he moved from S.E. London. Geoff would love to hear from any Old Roans in Devon (he keeps wearing the tie in the hope that sooner or later someone will recognise it!).

URSL ROBSON (nee ARNOLD 70-77) has recently moved to ELY, Cambridgeshire where she is working as a community staff nurse. In September she started a District Nurse course at Ipswich being seconded by the Cambridge Health Authority.

MIKE HANSFORD (54-58) joined the Association in 1986 having rather 'lost touch' prior to that time until he made acquaintance with an insurance colleague, fellow 'Old Roan' RON EDWORTHY (66-73). Mike would be delighted to hear from those who were at school at the same time, in particular a then Miss AVRIL ASHFIELD who was at the girls school. Mike's father S.A. HANSFORD (1929-33) would similarly be pleased to hear from his fellow pupils. He captained the school at football and cricket and held the record for throwing the cricket ball further than anyone else.

We had a very interesting letter from H.A. PORTER (Peter) (17-23), member of staff from 1927-29. He was delighted to find that quite a number of his contemporaries are members of the Association for example - N.J. Bruce, D.A. Bonner, Barnie Bryden, George Carter, C.W. Daniel, 'Dolly' (W.F.) Dines, Bill Gosling, Finch, 'Swot' Hewlitt, Mr. Lees. Frank Warmot (does he still remember hiding in the football basket during one of Poysers' lessons?). Mr. Porter recalls when Poyser had realised that Frank was in the skip Poyser sat on it and poor old Frank had a very long maths lesson. Mr. Porter also wonders if J.S. Stewart has any of that bright red hair left?

Mr. Porter very kindly sent a donation towards the Hope Memorial Trust appeal and recalls taking the Scouts to Braithwaite over 30 years ago. He remarks that 'the huts have lasted well - they were second-hand in 1919!'

Mr. Porter kindly sends a few items for the Association's archives, amongst them an article on scouting which was given to boys on entry, an extract from the Guardian recording Mr. Hope's death, a 1928 Stag List and an architects drawing of the proposed 'new school'.

After leaving the Roan School staff in 1929 Peter Porter moved north to Bolton School from which he retired as second master

in 1969. He was one of their School scouters, then Bolton School Association Secretary from 1969 to 1980. Mr. Porter has now retired (at 82) as Life Vice President, Bolton School Scouts, President Bolton West Scout Association and the Chief Scout gave him the Silver Wolf on retirement. Peter sends best wishes to all those who remember him.

LIONEL BERRY (staff 23-63) sends his regards to all who remember him. He tells us that he was invited to attend Doug Inman's inaugural lecture as Professor of High Temperature Electro Chemistry at Imperial College, London, in October. Lionel also sent information about the school's production of Captain Flint's Treasure and it is hoped to include this in the next Chronicle.

Sadly we received a letter from Mr. Goodwin telling us of the untimely death of his wife, MRS. GLENNIS GOODWIN (nee HEARD 49-54) in July this year. Glennis was an expert on local and Kentish history and lectured at Medway Adult Education Centre in Rochester. She was a keen archaeologist and worked on the Roman Villa at Burham for four years with the Kent Archaeological Society. A senior member of staff at Rewly House, Oxford described Glennis as a most promising Adult Education Tutor and expected her to go far. Glennis will be sadly missed.

JOHN CALNAN (23-27) wishes to be remembered to all who know him. He still remembers the Shell form: Bailey, Bellamy, Beccles, Calnan. John was the first L.CC. Scholarship boy and remembers vividly going to Braithwaite with Hope, the Headmaster, and for some reason a quote from the Headmaster "Squeeze your lemons" - the mind boggles! If anyone wishes to contact John his address is: 57 Horsey Road, Kirby-le-Soken, Essex, CO13 OEQ.

REV. D.E. PHIPPS-JONES (24-31) (Jonah) enjoyed reading "And of the 30's" in the last Chronicle and wished that he was able to attend their reunion. It is many years since he met Bill Wedge and Lionel Berry and more since his last encounter with Peter Trafford, who, with Leo and their father, shared a Braithwaite Camp at Easter 1933 when he climbed Helvellyn by Razor Edge and disturbed a hen buzzard sitting on her 3 eggs. Jonah comments on the 'School News' and of the changing times. Numbers and coed would be most evidence of change he says "and a Breakfast Bar!!" "Computers and year tutors! - we had form masters who fulfilled the pastoral role." Jonah comments that PETER HENDERSON (29-37) seems unaware that the Blackheath murder was solved: unhappily not until after a second life had been taken.

A contemporary of Jonah's P.J. BARNWELL (23-31) brings back memories of G.F. FRANKLIN who was housemaster at Christ's Hospital to two of Jonah's brothers.

JOHN W. PERRY (21-28) recalls the first Annual Reunion Dinner that he attended in 1955 when the Chairman was Harry Townsend and the Guest of Honour Harold Daniell (who used to seek John's aid in maths homework when they sat next to each other). HAROLD DANIELL who, at the age of 17, used to take the Antient (then Headmaster) home on the back of his 980c.c. A.J.S. Harold later won the I.O.M. Senior T.T. race, twice, John believes. He was also pleased to read P.J. BARNWELL's

remarks in the last Chronicle. John's chief memory is of Barnwell coming into the sixth form at the age of 14 and having ink poured over his head by Pomeroy to keep him quiet while they got on with their work. John's son, Adrian, has been appointed Principle of a Tertiary College at Sheffield. Adrian is 2 years younger than his brother Simon.

# THE OLD ROAN CLUB

We have not included an Old Roan Club Report in previous issues of the Newsletter but do so now, to draw attention to present difficulties.

Based upon the Bar Trading Account for the first 9 months of 1987, the sales total for the year looks to be some £3,000 down on the 1986 total. Similarly the gross profit will be reduced by about £1,500 and, with ever increasing expenses, the net profit will be negligible.

One of the prime reasons for this state of affairs is a general lack of support from the majority of our members, despite the fact that considerable amounts of money have been spent in installing a music system and in the promotion of cabarets, discos and similar entertainments. Indeed, if it were not for the 'outside' support from members' friends at these functions the incurred losses would be even greater.

We wish to canvass a cross-section of opinions on this matter and ask for your help and co-operation by your completion of the enclosed questionnaire. May we thank you in advance and look forward to seeing more of you at the Club. Merry Christmas!

Frank Barnes

Opening Times for Christmas and new Year at the Old Roan Club:

Christmas Eve 8.00pm - 12.30am

Christmas Day CLOSED

Boxing Day 8.00pm - 11.00pm

Sunday Noon - 2.00pm

8.00pm - 10.30pm

New Year's Eve (Disco) 8.00pm - 1.00am

New Year's Day Noon - 2.00pm

Children's Christmas Party: January 10th 1988

### SCHOOL NEWS

We are still here! Having weathered the metaphorical storms of I.B.I.S. and T.A.A.N.'s and the very real storms of October, and despite the continuing buffets from G.C.S.E. and the Baker Act - we're surviving!

No sooner, it seemed had the <u>Inspectors Based In Schools</u> reported on us (A - with careful revision could do very well!) and left, and our teaching numbers had been cut under the <u>Teachers Above Authorised Numbers scheme</u> than the heavens did their best to annihilate us altogether.

In the end we came off fairly lightly minus one or two trees on the Westcombe Park site and one from the War Memorial Gardens in front of Maze Hill (which the sixth form intend to replace) - and some of the lead from the roof. We even managed to stagger in on the day after the storm, though most children wisely decided that so historic an occasion was best celebrated at home!

But I jump ahead. The summer term saw the last full innings for the 'O' Level and C.S.E. exams which led to the usual variety of individual triumph and disaster - and the first John Roan Arts Festival. This was a great success with a wonderful variety of music, drama, dance, art, exhibitions and a barbecue. The Westcombe Park building vibrated to the various sounds - above all to the babble of laughter and enjoyment for children and adults alike - it was a lovely end to the year and one which we hope to develop and extend next year.

On a similar theme we started the new school year by taking an active part in the Book Week activities in Greenwich. Not only did most of the junior pupils visit the various exhibitions but groups of pupils took part in face painting and graffiti art and a very hardy bunch, mainly of fourth years, spent the week braving the elements (it was inevitably one of the wettest weeks of the term) under the benevolent eye of Frank Hornblower creating and researching a dramatic presentation, live and very much in the open on the waterfront. About the only casualty was one of my first years who had to leave the bookboat in a hurry because she was seasick!

Staff have come and gone (and in some cases come back again). We said farewell at the end of last term to Phil Lawson, Ray Trickey and John Jordan - but the last two are back with us now as part-timers, a shining advertisement for early retirement!

Several of the staff have excelled outside the classroom (it's taken for granted that we do in it!) - Jim Upton conquered the London Marathon, Danny Coffey continued to run incredible distances, Lorraine Hoey played football for England and the staff pop group goes from strength to strength.

On the academic front the new G.C.S.E. courses are now in full swing and we are looking to follow our success with the C.P.V.E. (certificate of PreVocational Education) which has given a new life to the sixth form, by introducing the T.V.E.I. (Technical and Vocational Education Initiative) into

the curriculum to broaden the offer to our fourth and fifth year students.

I was doing an assembly the other day about the Herringhams the family dynasty that held the headmastership of the Roan School from 1702-1785 (incidently, does the Guinness Book of Records know that we once appointed a headmaster who was only 16?) I wonder what they would make of the school now!

Or, indeed their successor, Joseph Smith who was appointed because he could write a good hand and knew the rules of arithmetic! They wouldn't recognise the buildings, or much of the curriculum, but I guess they would easily recognise the children who are much the same cross-section of diligent and lazy, well-behaved and rebellious as they've always been (always excepting, I'm sure, your year!!).

Nigel Ballantyne



2nd year pupils at John Roan, Stuart Usher and John Cooksey have both been chosen to take part in the new BBC TV Children's Programme 'Survival Challenge'.

The boys were selected on the basis of their ability to answer some searching questions and on their practical aptitude.

"We had to know about where to find water if we were miles from a tap and to be able to pack a rucksack properly," says Stuart.

"There's quite a lot of reading to do before the programme," adds John. "We'll need to be able to answer questions on all sorts of things from basic First Aid to finding your way about without a compass."

The programmes have been recorded and will be broadcast early in 1988. Don't forget to watch them.

#### JUST LIKE TALKING TO GRANDAD ....

Recently the Headteacher, Ann Tonkin, invited our oldest Old Roan - 96 year old Reg Wright - to visit the John Roan School and spend a day with the pupils.

He was last at school about 79 years ago and pointed out that they didn't have GIRLS in class with them. "They were in a separate section!"

In 1904 it was of course the Roan School in Eastney Street; three or four classes and only about 60 boys in all, sitting up straight on long wooden benches with no back rests for each lesson.

A first year asked if they had to wear a uniform - "No, you wore what you could. Money was a lot tighter then and our parents had to pay the equivalent of about £100 per term to send us to Roan". Did he get sweets? "Oh! We probably ate more than you do! My favourite was really long liquorice bootlaces, also sherbet bags, powdered lemonade with humbugs and gob-stoppers."

Reg's most hated lesson was Latin, his favourite Geography. The fifth formers took him to the computer room to see geography 1987-style - a few keys were pressed and the British Isles appeared on the screen. Amazing!

Questions didn't stop being asked and pupils followed Reg around all day. Ann Tonkin tells us that it was most enjoyable, and 'A Day with Mr. Wright' is an essay topic in the English syllabus for the pupils who met Reg. She has promised us a few scripts and we will publish a first-hand account of the day in a future edition of the Chronicle.

Of course, you don't have to wait 79 years to visit the School. If you would like to have a look round please telephone the School Secretary a day or two in advance; you will be made most welcome.



## OH DEAR!

A selection of the most notable howlers made by children in school exams:

- \* The pelvis protects the gentiles.
- \* Q. What is an animal with a backbone called?
  - A. A vibrator.
- \* Q. Give an example where the expansion of a solid causes problems and say how it is overcome?
- A. Your fingernails grow and need cutting.
- \* Q. Name the Peace Treaty which settled the war in 1919?
  - A. EEC
- \* Q. What does the sickle on the Russian flag stand for?
  - A. Chopping people's heads off.
- \* Magellan circumcised the world in his 40-foot clipper.
- \* An Arab is a man with a turbine on his head.
- \* Sir Francis Drake played with his bowels while the Armada sailed up the Channel.
- \* Margarine is better for you (than butter) because it spreads easily.

And finally....

\* Exams do put enormous stains on you.

### CRICKET

SECRETARY: Keith Barron

25 Lifler Road, S.E.18.

1ST XI

	P	W	D	L	T	C	A	
SATURDAY	21	5	2	8	1	3	2	
SUNDAY	22	4	3	6	3	5	1	
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Was it my imagination or did this summer's rain only fall at weekends? Over 25% of the games were affected by adverse weather conditions and that excluded those games that were played in the rain to a result.

The season's best performances were mainly with the bat, centuries recorded by Peter Ellis V. Metrogas and in a guest appearance v West Wickham by Nazir Khan who spent the rest of the season with Brittanic House.

Our batting was strengthened by the return of Graham Townsend who, although he batted with his normal composure, found that

his lay-off had affected his previous gargantuan ability for run-making. With his continuing enthusiasm his presence was a tremendous boost to the side and his undoubted class as an all-round cricketer will ensure sackfuls of runs next season.

Andy Wren, late of Sidcup Cricket Club, saw the error of his ways and started scoring valuable runs and taking wickets for us from early August. His bowling, with Graham Lawrence, brought back penetration to the attack and his batting, aggressive but orthodox, showed true class.

As Andy started playing for us, we lost Glynn Chivers to a round-the-world trip. He played for us as a guest until late July and he too provided some beautiful batting. Mark Squire continues to improve as a batsman. Age will make Mark into a genuine class bat and an indifferent off-spinner.

Roger Dale had another consistent season opening the batting with a number of different partners and will continue to get us off to good starts.

John Bain's batting fell back a little this season, partly because he allowed himself less cricket and more..... I shall not mention his bowling (I didn't mention it last year either).

Graham Lawrence continues to be the club's most successful all-rounder, although Andy Wren is in the wings. As long as Graham's knees and back hold up he deserves to continue his success.

The Association's President, Graham Johnson, provided both the spin attack and good solid middle-order batting when the chance presented itself. His off-breaks were often the most reliable bowling we had, giving a good impersonation of Embury at his meanest.

Lastly, may I thank Geoff Sawyer, Dave Andrews and Alan Weir for providing such excellent and impartial umpiring throughout the entire season and may I also thank Ray Keeling for providing such splendid cricketing wickets when the weather permitted.

Keith Calnan

# SATURDAY 2ND XI

Someone once said it's not the winning, it's the taking part, so we did, take part that is.

Our strongest side of the season appeared in the very first match, and I must admit I was brimming with confidence. This mood, however, was short-lived as our seemingly strong batting line-up just held on for a draw.

That Saturday in early May was the last we saw of Peter Williams (injured finger), Terry Chance (flogging videos) and Viv Lawrence to the first team and later to 'Pizzaland'. We

were never going to be able to fill the gap these three experienced, nay veteran campaigners, left.

No less than thirty one other hopefuls tried to soften the blow of their absence, unfortunately most failed either due to inexperience or insufficient match-practice but I can't fault any of them for lack of effort. Even our odds-on favourites for runs didn't always oblige. Gary Baxter, Martin Hooker and Martin Pendergast all had some fine spells with the bat, but our middle-order never seemed to get it right on the same Saturday.

Ian Daniels, your friend and mine, was to be seen at his brilliant best (his words), but was often out to loose shots. He bowled consistently but did not take as many wickets as he would have liked. Howard (The Hat) Nicholson, Ian's opening partner with the ball, also wasn't able to point and yell the opposition's batsman back to the pavillion quite so often as normal, but he had some success as did Martin Pendergast and Gary Baxter (4-10 v. Sydenham).

Spot Hughes, Raj and even John Stickings, who has, by the way, had a successful operation to remove a Sony Walkman from his scalp, also tried hard without much luck.

Peter Burton, making his Old Roan comeback at the age of 24, displayed some fine hard-hitting. His enthusiasm was a bonus and he will be a major asset to the club if he continues in this vein. Andrew Daniels listened to his skipper attentively and thus kept wicket very cleanly. His father, Colin, made his Old Roan debut at an age when most players have gone into retirement, and Andy's girlfriend, Jo, performed excellently in the kitchen.

The youngsters, especially Danny Perry, Chris Stanbridge and John Costell, who fielded brilliantly for his age, showed some promise.

Finally, what about Dave Armstrong! Yes, what about Dave Armstrong?

On reflection our position of third from bottom of the table was slightly false, as we often had our opponents in trouble but didn't manage to finish them off. We did, in fact, start the season reasonably well but our opponents seemed to improve during the summer while our form, particularly with the ball, deteriorated. Our batting lacked application from the openers down, but the ability is there once some of our players' confidence grows.

In conclusion, it might not be a bad idea if Tim Fish takes over the cricket 2nd XI and I try my hand with the football two's, especially if he continues to pick Oz.

Leslie de Hoog.

#### SUNDAY 2ND XI

PLAYED WON DREW LOST CANCELLED 18 6 7 4 6

As the sun shone brightly one hot April afternoon I thought what a good season this is going to be, but by 6pm the rain had started falling and that is how the season continued! During the wettest season in my memory, there were, however, some quite outstanding performances.

At the beginning of the season Richard Thomas informed me that Paul Witchells would like to turn out on the odd Sunday afternoon. After two notable performances in the 3rd XI of which Del (Dad) Baxter informed me, he was promptly snapped up by the seconds and by the end of the season Paul had scored his match 50 N.O. against R.A.C.S. along with the best bowling performance of the season of 7 for 19 against Witan.

Keith Barron batted consistently throughout the season and produced two fine performances, the better, in my opinion, of 76 N.O. against Ashford (although I'm sure he was probably more proud of his 105 N.O. against Barelhill), and Les De Hoog managed to score his maiden 50 against Old Brocklians.

It is also worth mentioning two of the young Old Roans: Nick Stanbridge, whose best bowling performance of 5 for 29 during a midweek match against West Wickham hopefully means that we have a budding quick bowler in our midst, and Daniel Perry, whose introduction into the seconds may have been a year or so too soon, but during several short spells with the ball managed to average one wicket every three overs.

I was fortunate that Ian Daniels was able to play for most of the season, not only bowling in his usual tidy fashion but becoming a very useful No. 7 batsman. Proof of this was seen against Crofton Albion when he achieved the bowling figures of 6 for 34, scoring 45 N.O. and, to top it all, took three fine catches, resulting in the rest of the team questioning whether they should pay subs that day. Martin Hooker's steady batting and Spot Hughes' bowling (very much improved this season) enhanced overall team performance enabling us all to experience a most enjoyable season.

I was very pleased to see the return of three faces to the club, namely Phil Lancelotte, Mick McGuinness and Nick (Geoff Boycott) Riley (who, on several occasions with Keith Barron, gave a much needed opening partnership to the team). I would just like to ask Mick McGuinness and Phil Lancelotte to try again next year when, perhaps, the weather may be kinder to you.

I have only listed a handful of players who performed this season but I would like to thank everyone who turned out for the seconds and I hope to see you all next year.

BATTING AVERAGES No of N.O. Runs Highest Averages Innings Score	aye
Keith Barron 11 2 425 105* 47.	2
Martin Hooker 10 5 199 63* 39.	8
Mike Baxter 15 2 415 75 31.	9
Nick Riley 6 1 109 64 21.	8
Paul Witchells 8 1 130 50* 18.	6
Brian Endersbee 7 1 99 62* 16.	5
Ian Daniels 9 1 128 45* 16.	0
Les de Hoog 10 1 107 52 11.	8
BOWLING Overs Maidens Runs Wkt Averag	е
Paul Witchells 81 22 186 18 10.33	
Ian Daniels 141.1 30 347 27 14.7	
Spot Hughes 78.2 11 278 17 15.47	
Keith Barron 115 24 356 23 16.35	
Nick Stanbridge 54 7 187 7 26.71	

#### SUNDAY 3RD X

PLAYED	WON	DREW	LOST	
9	1	2	6	

The 3rd XI was able to field sides in all but 2 of its small fixture list. The side suffered mainly because no captain was elected to select the team, so I can only thank those senior members of the Club, Brian Endersbee, Rod Stanbridge and Del Baxter, who took it in turns to sacrifice their regular places in the seconds to bring together a Sunday 3rd XI.

For the club to survive it will be necessary over the next few seasons to encourage as many people as possible to play in the Sunday 3rds. So, if you have any school friends or work colleagues who fancy some weekend cricket then bring them along and introduce them to the club.

Mike Baxter

There will be a full report from the Football Club in the next issue of the Chronicle.

# EXTRACT FROM THE ROAN SCHOOL FOR BOYS 'SCOUTING' MAY 1916

Written by ARTHUR H. HOPE, HEADMASTER

SCOUTING - There is no form of activity for boys which I am more anxious to see firmly instituted in this school than Scouting. In many ways a school has opportunities of conducting Scouting on systematic lines which local troops cannot enjoy, and no movement has done so much to make just that permanent appeal to a boy's higher nature, which all schools desire and which most schools unaided find it somewhat difficult to secure. Scouting justified itself so thoroughly in my late school that, after four year's experience of School Scouting, I feel that the Roan Boys would be unfairly treated did we not offer them the same advantages which my old boys enjoy. Briefly the object of Scouting is three-fold:

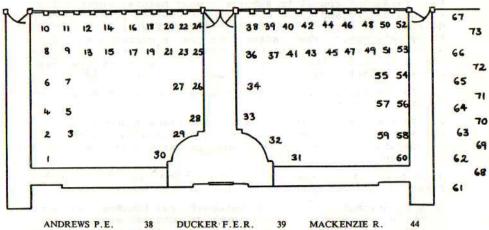
- 1. To develop a boy's body by regular open-air exercise, games and camping.
- 2. To train him to think and act for himself and to systematise his leisure by inciting him to attain a certain standardised degree of proficiency in various fields of useful knowledge.
- 3. To train him to feel and act for others, to set his duty first and his own pleasure second, both as boy and man.

Only by belonging to a great international brotherhood, which numbers in this country alone some 250,000 members, can our Roan Boys readily attain these objects. It is easier to work for an ideal along with others than as an isolated unit. Comradeship gives confidence, and definite membership of a great association makes for loyalty and persistency of effort.

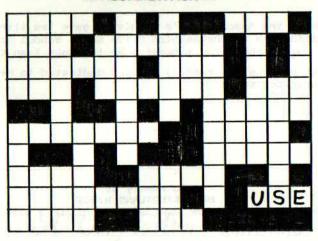


#### TREES

As the hurricane winds in October made trees a topic of conversation some of you may be interested to know the names dedicated to the trees in the War Memorial Gardens at Maze Hill.



ANDREWS P.E.	38	DUCKER F.E.R.	39	MACKENZIE R.	44
ATTENBOROUGH N.	36	DUNCAN C.S.	40	McHUGH S.	20
BANKS R.J.	55	EAST W.R.	68	MILLER A.W.	37
BEARDSLEY B.	4	EMERTON P.J.	10	MOORCOCK D.E.	
BENTON G.E.	5	ERWIN J.F.	7	NOCK D.H.	42
BERRY H.	31	FEEHALLY J.T.	73	PARKER L.G.	25
BROOKS R.E.	24	FIELD P.H.	45	PHILLIPS A.B.	
CABLES J.P.M.	2	FISHER L.R.	62	PRENTICE M.A.	72
	30		6	RAMSAY K.A.	9
	26		13	RICKWOOD G.	60
CHALKLIN E.A.	3	GARDINER T.W.	57	SHORTMAN D.	18
CHAPMAN M.A.	46	GILES G.V.W.	23	SMITH F.J.	33
CHAPMAN R.B.	-		63	SMITH R.A.	32
CHAPMAN R.J.	22		1	SMITH R.B.	34
CHARLESWORTH A.		HILLS D.H.	64	STEELE S.J.	
CHARLESWORTH A.		HOOD W.F.	50	STOREY P.R.	
COCKERELL L.H.	8	HOUNSELL J.T.	27	STRUTT C.W.	11
	25			TOWNSEND E.J.	
CONGDEN N.C.E.	70	HOUSTON T.G.S.	49	TREW B.F.	53
COTTON E.R.	21	HUMPHREYS E.T.	35	TURNER H.E.	61
COURTNEY I.H.	15	JACKSON L.G.	66	WALKER R.E.	17
COVENY W.R.	19	JENNINGS H.R.	51	WARD H.J.	41
CURRY J.H.	16	KEEBLE E.J.	14	WIESSNER C.F.H.	52
DAVIS G.R.	59	LANE J.J.	29	WOOLETT C.A.	43
DISS K.E.	67	LOWE W.I.	47	WRIGHT C.G.	65



Can you fit all the listed words into the grid? There's only one way to do it. We've given you one word as a starter.

3		4	5	6	7
AFT	FIE	AFAR	AWARD	ABROAD	ANENOME
AGA	MEN	BUTT	MORAL	ERASER	BIVALVE
ANY	NOR	COVE	SLOOP	FIENDS	CARBINE
EAR	ORE	DEAL	TREND	ORANGE	
EBB	SEA	HARE	UNLIT	SAILED	8
ERA	TOE	SEEM			DEDUCTED
EYE	_USE	SHOP			RIGADOON
		TAPE			

Complete puzzles should be sent to Neal Haslam, 34 Heversham Road, Bexleyheath, Kent DA7 5BG to arrive by 15th January 1988.

The first THREE correct entries drawn from the 'hat' will each win £5.

Remember to include YOUR name, address and years at school, together with any items you may have for "News of Old Roans" for the next Chronicle.

#### FROM THE ARCHIVES

In November the Association's Archivist gave two items of memorabilia from the Devonshire Drive Girls school to Mrs. Ann Tonkin, Headteacher, for retention at the John Roan School.

The first was the oak reading lecturn dedicated to Mary Higgs. The inscription reads:-

In memory of
MARY KINGSLAND HIGGS
Headmistress of the Roan School for Girls Greenwich
1919 - 1944

The second was an oak cross found in the library which is inscribed:

In loving memory of Nellie Prior Died 1st March 1951

Does anyone remember Nellie Prior? Unfortunately we have been unable to find out any information about her. Was she staff or pupil? The Archivist would be interested to hear from anyone who can throw any light on the subject.

Hilary Haslam

A Very Merry Christmas

and a

Happy New Year