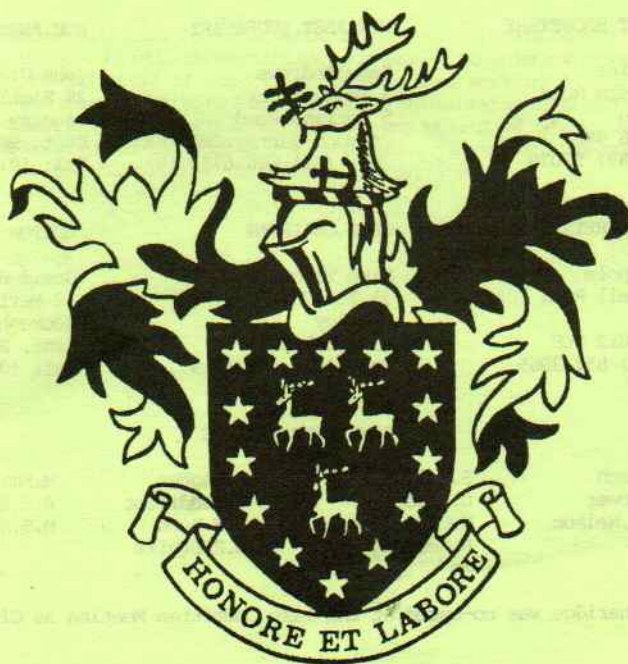




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Mike Titheridge was co-opted at the last Committee Meeting as Club Chairman

FROM THE EDITOR

In keeping with tradition we are providing members with a newsletter prior to Christmas. There was a positive response to the last edition of the "Chronicle" last summer and a number of interesting articles should appear in the issue due for publication next July. The various sections dealing with news of Old Roans together with independent contributions and a full article on activities at the John Roan School will be featured in the "Chronicle".

We are especially grateful in this issue of the Newsletter to Dave Andrews for his various contributions, Graham Johnson for news of the Dramatic Society and the cricket captains for their detailed reports. The Cricket Club is at a disadvantage when it comes to inclusions in the "Chronicle" which is prepared in May and June. It therefore seems fair to include a substantial report with each captain submitting worthwhile summaries.

We welcome contributions from all members for future issues of the "Chronicle" and "Newsletter". It will be particularly pleasing to have contributions from former pupils and staff of the Girls' School. I am working on one particular article on the summer camp with A.H.Hope to the Rhineland in 1930 and welcome any personal recollections. Once again we seek any potential advertisers for the next issue to allow us to produce a substantial publication. The proposed copy deadline for the "Chronicle" is Friday 18 May,1990.

David Horsburgh.
December 1989

MID-TERM THOUGHTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

My half term is coloured by a sense of loss. Three distinguished Old Roans have died: Dennis Brookland, Vice-captain of Roan and thirty years a highly respected teacher at Askes; "Red" Bishop, whose obituary in the Times showed him to have been one of John Roan's most celebrated scholars; and Frank Barnes.

I feel sorry for myself that Frank has died - I can't feel sorry for a man whose survival at birth had been reckoned in terms of weeks and who went on to live a long life full of achievement and benefit to others - I feel only admiration and respect. Very few Old Roans have contributed as much to the Association and Club. He will be sadly missed.

I was glad he could be present at the Reunion Dinner which I enjoyed thoroughly, as did all those present as far as I could judge. Having Gordon Brooks as the Guest of Honour was my contribution to an evening prepared by Mike and Monty and executed superbly by the caterers and bar staff. My thanks to them all.

I attended Founder's Day in St. Alfege's where Ray Trickey gave the address on an occasion very different from those most of you would have been used to. Attendance is not compulsory - you can stay at school for lessons instead - and the proceedings go with more of a swing in the music; but the main purpose of the service was fulfilled with due dignity. I also had a bit of an insider's view of the arrangements made by the Head and her staff to make transfer to the School from various local primaries as comfortable as possible. How glad I am to have lived in simpler if more inconsiderate times!

The Old Roan Dramatic Society did us all proud at Rochester with Teresa Wilkins and Trevor Talbot winning commendations for their acting. The society are preparing a play for next year and will perform a Music Hall on the side, probably at the Field.

As thriving, as you see from the reports, are the Sports Clubs; and I know the Ladies' Aerobics are in very good form.

The next main event for me will be the Dinner Dance - Reunion to Music - where I hope to see as many of you as can fill the Yorkshire Grey.

Finally a tribute to David Horsburgh whose first magazine has brought golden opinions from all over, wherever J.R.'s men are building up the light, in fact. I couldn't have done better myself. (How's that for sneaking someone else's glory).

A happy Christmas and peaceful New Year to you all.

Alf Knott.
November 1989

OLD ROAN DRAMATIC SOCIETY. Report by Dave Andrews

The hope expected in the last "Chronicle" that our next production would be in November has, unfortunately, failed to materialise. Members of the Society have spent the last few months reading through plays to find something suitable and an advertisement has been taken for a professional producer with a view to performances next March.

The Society is still in need of new members, both treading the boards and backstage, and anyone interested should contact Graham Johnson (01-859 0621), or Teresa Wilkins (01-318 9036) or the President, Alf Knott.

ROCHESTER FESTIVAL - JULY 1989. Report by Graham Johnson

The Society entered the Duncan Rand One-Act Drama Festival in July at Rochester's "Medway Little Theatre". The warm reception and excellent organisation of this festival attracts a very high standard of entries, and we are delighted that our production, "Lunch Hour" by John Mortimer, was highly praised by the Adjudicator, Marian Baldwin. Although not reaching "Finals Night", we finished a very creditable fifth out of thirteen entries, and were a mere five points short of the winning production. Moreover, the whole cast - Teresa Wilkins, Trevor Talbot and Joan Stanbridge - performed superbly and Teresa and Trevor were rewarded with Certificates of Commendation.

This was our first visit to "Medway Little Theatre" for several years. We are determined to keep a more frequent reunion in future.

CLUB NEWS. Report by Dave Andrews (Club Secretary)

Dave Andrews will be organising leagues at the Club for Pool, Darts, Cribbage and Dominoes. These leagues will be open to all regular users of the Club and will be organised on the "step-ladder" basis. The tables will be drawn for starting positions on Sunday 7th January. Participants will be entitled to challenge people up to two places above them in the league and if they win the match they move above the person challenged. To prevent any stagnation, all players will be required to play 2 matches per calendar month and a register of matches will be held in the bar. Players failing to meet this requirement will be demoted 3 positions automatically. (This includes the player at the top of the league!)

All matches will be best of 3 legs. Darts will be 501 straight start, Cribbage 121 points and Dominoes will be the 5s & 3s game to a total of 61 points per game. If anyone does not know how to play these games I am prepared to offer an evening's tuition (for the price of a pint!). I am also prepared to arrange special evenings for variations of the basic games, e.g. nine ball sequential Pool, other Dominoes games, and also Chess, Whist, Bridge evenings or any other board games (including "Dungeons & Dragons".....!).

Anyone interested should contact me as soon as possible.

As can be seen from the various reports, the early optimism in the clubs' prospects for the season were fulfilled, though perhaps not quite as well as would have been wished. We were also able to provide umpires for most matches (thus relieving players from the "half-hour" stints) and for this I must thank Geoff Sawyer, Mike Callaghan, Peter Williams and Frank Barnes for their assistance. This leads me to the shock with which Frank's death was felt by the Club. His services to Old Roan cricket together with those of Bill Gosling were fondly remembered at the recent AGM.

At the AGM thanks were duly given to Gary Baxter for the excellent work he did in repainting the scoreboard and numbers. Keith Barron has again well shepherded the finances and the Club is in a good financial position. The record of playing members is getting a bit out of date, and for this reason, next season will see the production of a "Registration Slip". I would ask all captains to ensure these are completed.

Captains / Vice Captains for next season have been elected and are as follows:

Team	Captain	Vice Captain
Saturday 1st.XI	Graham Lawrance	Dan Calnan
Saturday 2nd.XI	Viv Lawrence	Peter Manners
Sunday 1st.XI	Len Sales	Mike Baxter
Sunday 2nd.XI	Les Dehoog	Martin Hooker
Sunday 3rd.XI	Simon Perry	(to be decided)

The Club is again hosting the AKCC umpire's lectures but as last year there is no Old Roan representation amongst the students. This is regretted as these lectures are a benefit in not only explaining the Laws, but also in outlining current interpretations thereof. It is hoped to arrange a scorer's course at the Club before next season and anybody interested in this (or other umpire's courses) should contact me.

1st.XI Saturday & Sunday. Report by Graham Lawrance & Mark Squire

For the first time in three years, the Saturday 1st.XI gave a good account of themselves in the league. After years of understrength teams, that at times lacked the required numbers, we at last did ourselves justice. One of the main reasons for this was the hard work that Viv Lawrence put into getting 2 sides out every Saturday. Once the problem of playing numbers had been resolved, Graham Lawrance was able to devote his attention to the field of play. This was reflected in some excellent results, highlighted by victories against Old Dunstonians (now of South Thames League) and at Old Elthamians, where Peter Burton led us to victory. When all seemed lost, requiring 111 runs with only 13 overs remaining, Peter finished the game off by scoring 43 runs from the last 13 balls he received, finishing with 109*. With a league average of over 50, this must surely prove to Peter that he is a first team bat of great quality (even if he doesn't believe it!). Beside's Peter, the backbone of the batting was provided once again by Graham Lawrance, who averaged 35 and scored 400 runs.

Bowling again was our weakness, with the best three bowlers (Squire, Lawrance and Stickings) all averaging around 20 runs per wicket. It was pleasing to see John Stickings take so many wickets (18) in his first full season in the team.

Our league position was 10th out of 18 teams, but only the top two sides won more games.

It must be fifteen years since the Sunday 1st.XI has been weaker than the league side. In spite of this there were many enjoyable games during the season. This was in no small part due to Graham Lawrance's excellent form with the bat. 111* versus Ashford followed by another 111* against East Woodhay and an excellent 86 versus Warlingham confirmed Graham as our most consistent batsman.

Possibly the highlight of the season was victory over Kent League new boys Chestfield. After bowling them out for only 165, John Bain (having taken 4 wickets) scored 57* to win the game. Other excellent games were at Broomhills, where the opposition scored 219 which we matched, and against Kent League side Ashford, where we scored 230-3 and Ashford ended 1 run short after looking likely winners for the final 20 overs.

Keith Barron and Mark Squire ended the season equal top wicket-takers with 40 each. Nicky Riley and John Hardy in their vastly differing ways must be commended for the wholesale enthusiasm they brought to 1st.XI cricket and thanks to Len Sales for skippering the Sunday side in these none too easy times.

	Playing Record			
	P	W	D	L
Saturday	17	6	2	9
Sunday	21	4	9	8
	38	10	11	17

Sunday 2nd.XI P17 W6 D7 L4 Report by Martin Hooker

Bearing in mind that the team was chosen from 40 members and that only 4 played more than 10 matches, to have won more than we lost was a good performance. Generally the batting did well with 50s from Les De Hoog (2), Graham Johnson, Gary Baxter and the skipper. But it was the batting of Mick Baxter with over 400 runs from what was only half a season that was the highlight of the year - a marvellous performance and a batting average of 51.2.

The bowling, on the other hand, was really rather poor and only 3 bowlers took more than a handful of wickets. It is to be hoped that some of the talent in the 3rd.XI will be available next season to strengthen our attack. The wickets were mainly shared by Tyson. Stanbridge (C) and Spot Hughes who topped the averages with 24 at an average of 16.8 runs.

The Club will be arranging nets in the new year, and it is hoped that the demand will be better than last year. All are welcome and should contact Viv Lawrence on (01) 691 6512 for details.

The season started promisingly with us winning four of the first seven games, by the end of the sixth week we were top of the league. This was to change dramatically however, and we were unable to win another game! It was not for the lack of trying: in one game against Old Elthamians, chasing 186, we were all out for 185. Against Old Wilsonians Peter Manners smashed 12 out of the 13 required in the last over - result we tied. Mike Baxter single handed, chased 260 against Old Dunstonians and we were always in with a shout until he got out tired and we collapsed to 210-8 - a draw!. Against Westerham, who were top of the League, we scored 224-7 and got them to 204-8 - another draw!! We ended the season 11th in the League of 16.

The team last summer lacked concentration, ambition, consistency and dedication - an Old Roan disease! If I am elected Captain again these are the areas I hope to encourage. Old Roan cricket is not short of able players, it is the will to win that is missing, as opposed to the attitude of not losing that is our problem.

I shall be asking batsmen to play themselves in quickly and attack bowling especially the "second string" bowlers. That is the only way to get maximum batting points or chase totals. I shall be asking the bowlers to attack batsmen early on and to be prepared to bowl defensively to batsmen who are set. They must, in fact, work out for themselves when a batsman is set and when to stop attacking and start defending. We have to start thinking like cricketers. If you do not understand ask someone like Graham Chambers, Brian Hamer or Peter Williams.

Concentration: Keep your eye on the ball, the bowler, the captain and the rest of the team
Ambition: When you take the field remember that the aim is to win either with flair or by sheer determination
Consistency: More practice
Dedication: Even more practice

Those people who deserve particular mention for their sterling work are:

Batting:	Martin Pendergast	Av. 32.3	Was top
	Graham Chambers	30.1	Stroke playing opener
	Terry Chance	23.7	And got married - congratulations!
	Martin Hooker	22.2	Solid middle order

Bowling:	Laurence Hughes	14 wickets @ 22.2 per wicket
	Martin Pendergast	19 wickets @ 22.9 per wicket
	Brian Hamer	18 wickets @ 23.0 per wicket
	Mudasser Rahim	13 wickets @ 23.9 per wicket

The regular squad consists of Terry Chance, Graham Chambers, Viv Lawrence, Martin Hooker, Pete Manners, Les De Hoog, Sammy Morgan, Aggro Hamer, "Mud" Rahim, Spot Hughes, Andy Peto and Pud Pendergast. Fraser Lochtie, Ian Daniels, Adrian Jackson and David Sharp made several appearances. Dan Calnan played once getting 6-45 and Mickey Baxter got 68 in his one appearance. Andy Peto's score of 50 batting at No.8 against Eaglesfield showed promise. Many thanks to our regular umpire Peter Williams, the "substitute" Frank Barnes, the scorer Maria Luisa, our tea lady Joyce and Spot for regularly compiling the averages.

I am sure that everybody will join me in passing our sincere condolences to Del Baxter and the boys Mike and Gary on the sad and sudden passing of Iris who for so many years supported the Cricket Club. She will always be remembered by those of us who knew her.

A most enjoyable and relatively successful season for the 3rd.XI this year that led to flattering comparisons with the "Callaghan Era". Thanks to an excellent team spirit there were no difficulties turning out sides as in previous seasons. John Sticking's energetic work and a hard core of regular players was of immense assistance. Despite the fact that the side was inexperienced there were no thrashings with every game except one being enjoyed to the hilt with several close and exciting finishes.

Although Tony Sproul, Fraser Lochtie, Sam Morgan, Raj Prabhakar and Richard Thomas all contributed useful knocks, the batting was brittle with only two fifties recorded. Hopefully next season this will improve with a little more experience and application.

The bowling and fielding, in the main, were excellent. Messrs.Stickings, Prabhakar, Morgan and Kebell all performing tidily and claiming many victims. Outstanding efforts included 9-22 by John Stickings against Old Wansteadians and 5-26 by the top wicket taker (37) Raj Prabhakar against Ex-Blues. We even had an official for several contests - very many thanks Mike.

Any Old Roan, young or old, interested in an enjoyable but not too serious game of cricket, please let us know. A word of warning, however, Steve Nelson is threatening to turn out next year.

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OLD ROAN FOOTBALL SEASON 1989 - 90. The First Three Months:

1st. XI - Report by Ray Mills

With arguably one of the most skilful teams in the 1st.Division Old Roan has failed to achieve the results expected at the start of the season. Through the loss of certain key players (injury or "transfers") the squad only consists of 12 - 14 players of sufficient quality.

The surprising inconsistency of results has been caused as much by Old Roan's lack of determination or "sheer guts" during certain physical games as by the quality of the opposition. Consistency is the key objective for the team as the season progresses - something which only few players - Sam Morgan, Ian Daniels, Kevin - have achieved.

2nd.XI - Report by Gary Watson

The varied fortunes of the second team at the start of the season reflected the variety of players appearing from week to week. Mainly losses and the odd draw. A 9-1 cup drubbing in which only four of the previous week's winning side appeared called for action!

Two new forward signings, two third team inserts, a centre half moved to centre midfield and inspiring team talks have arrived at a settled side and seen seven points from the last possible nine. If we carry on like this we could win the league, in spite of the first team taking my star sweeper. The record shows I can take the blows (5-2 win at REMA) and win it my way.

3rd.XI - Report by Nick Riley

Not the most auspicious start to my management career with not a win in sight after six games. The main problem has been the inability to convert the numerous chances created and the constant chopping and changing of the team - a perennial problem in the lower teams.

On the plus side has been the re-emergence of Keith Bradbrook and David Hutley, the unstinting hard work of Ainsley Stokes who has often had to plough a lone furrow up front, and the "drag-back" by Smudger Smith in the 2-2 draw with Belvedere.

4th.XI - Report by Nigel Gaunt P6 W4 D1 L1 F15 A14 Pts.9

The 4th.XI have once again started the season in winning form despite having used 21 players so far compared to only 15 in the whole of the last season. The "rearguard" have fortunately been ever present, though most have played in differing roles from stand-in centre forward ("Motionless Murphy") to "Cool Clay" patrolling the midfield. As injuries increase and the side's average age increases to 27 we have come to rely on more of a team effort.

Consequently this year's Player of the Year award may well become the Saying of the Year award with those of note to date from: "Ref! he stamped on my leg" ("Hard Man Barwell") and "Let's play the ball to feet" (N."Hands-Off" Jackson).

5th.XI - Report by Matthew Nelson

An encouraging start to the season with six wins from the opening eight league matches. We are therefore pleased to report a strong league position and a number of consistent performances. The question of promotion may involve not only achieving one of the top two places but also the position of the 4ths in the Division above. Worthy of note are Daniel Simmonds, Nigel Boyce, Chris Slattery and Tom Greaves. The return of Graham Ellis has added experiences and class to the midfield. We are hopeful that this early success will continue.

6th.XI - Report by Richard Thomas

The start to the season has been difficult with over twenty players used resulting in little consistency. Results so far have included two wins, two draws and four defeats. Players in form include Keith Barron and our goalkeeper, Adrian Jackson. Hopefully, once the team settles down, we will improve our results and we welcome any new recruits to the squad.

Veterans XI

We are now eleven matches into our season of thirty-eight fixtures and a tour to Norfolk. The squad has been substantially strengthened by the availability of Bob Grimwood and Rod Pepper who with John Stanford up front create many openings and take pressure off the rest of the team. To date we have won seven and lost four games scoring thirty one goals in the process.

The casualties so far have included Fred Spink to an ankle difficulty, Roy Hunt to foreign parts and Graham Briscoe who temporarily at least has been "lost in France - and in love..!" However the squad is large and it is not unusual for regular players to stand down at intervals. The standard of the opposition is often high and fortunately this is often the case with the facilities. Highlights include the 5-1 defeat of Charter Diamond, the appearance of Ray Hutchins in the 4-2 result over Red Barrel and Paul Davis's marking of Colin Powell in the 3-1 win at Metrogas.

OLD ROAN TRIVIA QUIZ - Compiled by D.Andrews

A few questions to test your knowledge of things Roan. All answers can be found in articles in the "Old Roan Chronicle" or "Old Roan Newsletter". (Unless otherwise stated, cricket questions refer to post-war records)

1. When was the first Old Roan Chronicle published?
2. Who wrote "The Final Chapter" of the history of the Girls' School ?
3. In a report of an Old Roan Cricket Tour, who were described as "Particularly strong competitors after 8.00" ?
4. Who is the only Old Roan Cricketer to have scored over 20,000 runs ?
5. Whose display of previously hidden talent on the violin was revealed in 1988 ?
6. What are the "Roan Oaks" ?
7. When was the War Memorial Room opened ?
8. When the "House System" was in use in the Girls' School, what were the names of the houses ?
9. Who wrote "Carmen Roanum" ?
10. Who was the Headmistress of the Girls' School during the war years (1939-45) ?
11. During the evacuation, G21 was split in two. Who were the scoutmasters ?
12. Which member of the School staff has played football for England ?
13. What building was featured on the cover of the 1986 Newsletter ?
14. What first occurred, in Old Roan Cricket, on May Bank Holiday, 1984 ?
15. When was the Maze Hill building opened ?
16. Besides Drake, Nelson, Rodney & Wolfe, what were the names of the "Houses" in the Boys' School ?
17. During 1939, why was one member excluded from the "Aristotelian Society" ?
18. Which Old Roan has recently appeared in a TV quiz show ?
19. What effect did the Napoleonic Wars have on the Roan School ?
20. In the summer of 1916, a party of Old Roan Scouts trekked from Worcester to Oxford. They were accompanied by scouts from which other educational establishment ?

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

"OLD ROAN PANTOMINE" - DECEMBER 24,1989
 ("The Three Little Pigs meet the Green Monster")

NEW YEAR'S EVE DISCO - DECEMBER 31,1989

CHILDRENS' PARTY - JANUARY 15,1990

"POP QUIZ" - FEBRUARY 3,1990

CRICKET SUPPER - FEBRUARY 23,1990

ANNUAL DINNER DANCE - MARCH 24,1990

A.G.M. - MARCH 30,1990

NORFOLK WEEKEND - APRIL 7-8,1990

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CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR 1989

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SUNDAY 24 1200 - 1430
 2000 - 2400

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