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### EDITORIAL

By some counts, four years is not a long time. Though a four-year term as Headmaster of Altrincham Grammar School may rank among the shorter tenures of the post, the outgoing Headmaster, Bryan Purvis, has seen the School through some major and crucial changes in the period 1993-1997. The most far-reaching development was the move to Grant-maintained status.

We salute Bryan on his very considerable achievements at the School, and wish him well as he goes to further challenges at William Hulme's.

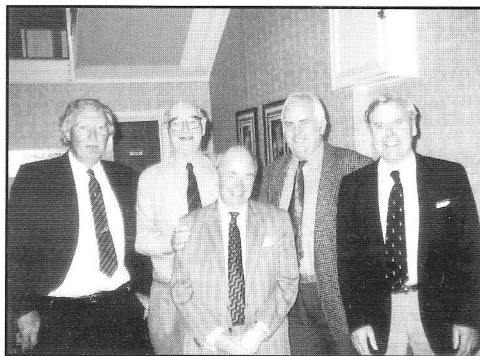
We welcome David J. Wheeldon, from King Edward VIth Fiveways School in Birmingham as his successor, and look forward to continuing to foster good relations between the Association and the School under his Headship.

### 1945-1965 SCHOOL REUNION

The reunion of Old Boys from the 1945- 1965 era took place on Saturday 13th July, beginning in the School Hall. Although a cricket match had been planned between sixth formers and an Old Boys team, this proved impossible to arrange due to the existing fixture programme. Nevertheless, we set up a photographic display (thanks to George Thornton) for the usual nostalgia trip, and some fifty or so Old Boys duly turned up. The afternoon passed very pleasantly, as groups of Old Boys toured the School, commenting on how little areas of the original building had changed, whereas in others there had been considerable deterioration!

In the evening, we adjourned to the Bowdon Hotel for dinner, which was peppered with the odd spicy tale related spontaneously by various speakers. It seemed that all visitors enjoyed the day. Many who had not met for many years were clearly

delighted with the re-kindling of long-interrupted friendships. Those present included the Head Master, Messrs. J. Armour, H. Ashwood, J. Baillie, M.R. Blease, M. Blinston, D.E. Boden, D. Bradbury, D. Brennen, H. Cauthery, B. Clark, D. Clark, H. Crabtree, M. Dean, W.R. Deem, J. Ellis, D. Ford, P.E. Garratt, G.M. Gittins, K.R. Glancy, D.N. Grounds, R.G. Head, D. Hilldrup, I. Horn, R. Howarth, J. Irvine, R.G. Jacobs, A.K. Jervis, G. Jones, H. Kerridge, K.R. Lea, K.C. Leigh, R. Longshaw, G. Lowe, R.B. Morton, M.E. Powell, J.I. Proudfoot, P.H. Richards, B.S. Rofe, G.K. Sams, A.L. Sherratt, G.D. Smith, K.H. Spilsbury, T.G. Spragg, P.S. Spratt, A.E. Sweet, D. Thomason, G.L. Thornton, K.A.M. Veitch, A. Walker, K. Webb, D. Whipp, B. Whitlow, K. Wild and myself.



*Some of the Old Boys who attended the School Reunion:  
(left to right) Mike Gittins, Bill Baillie, Harry Crabtree,  
Derek Hilldrup and Roland Longshaw*

My thanks go to all those who attended for their support.

*-Arthur Birch  
(Organiser)*

