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EDITORIAL

Once more into the breach, dear friends — another year gone, another Dinner eaten and enjoyed, more memories stored for the future. How time flies! It is only twelve months since I sat pondering my first Editorial, and now it is time for another.

The School survives! Yet another political move has been thwarted; this time by the Lib-Con pact which overturned the Labour concept of a Comprehensive School structure, and although my crystal ball is not known for its accuracy, I foresee that these 'spoiling tactics', however contrived, will continue to look for the best interests of the preservation of our School.

Your Association continues to flourish, and you will see, in the report on the Annual Dinner, that we are starting to scale new heights. The AGM continues to attract a minority, only 14 this year, (I finally made it, albeit late), and we really do need other participants to join the assembly. I urge all who live in the area to really TRY to attend. We are hoping to have your support for several ventures in the near future, as always aimed at rekindling old friendships, and keeping us in touch with the School and its changing face. One of the healthiest things to happen in the past year has been the influx of a fair (and **growing**) number of Old Boys who are under 21. To see them in the same assembly as our friend Phil Rowe (1918-1926), united by the bond of both being Old Boys, well it did my heart a power of good, I can tell you.

Editors are supposed to comment and inform, and I do my best, but let me end by thanking my fellow Committee for their support, and all those who were so kind as to comment upon my first efforts last year. These comments, especially those that were critically so, were helpful and very encouraging. Perhaps I could use this opportunity to bring to your attention your Treasurer, Ron Howarth, who has been such a stalwart of the Association for some thirty years, and the Secretary, on whom so much devolves, Stuart Pattison. Your Association owes much to these men. Next year, I'll mention some more of the backroom boys who keep this Association going. Come and join us at the AGM in October (date TBA: phone 928-5180 in August), and see them in action.

A very good year 1987-88 to you all, and I look forward to seeing you all at the AGM and the next Dinner.

TONY BLYTH (1953-57)

