

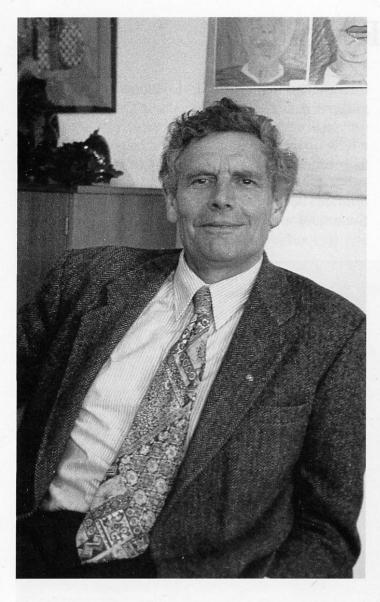
IMBERHORNE 1970–1991 A CELEBRATION



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Editors' Note

This book comprises a series of snapshots rather than a history of the school, and has been compiled mainly by a group of 4th Year (10th Year new style) students. They have interviewed many staff past and present and looked through the records. If we have failed to do justice to any aspect we apologise. As we have worked on the project we have become keenly aware that the thousands of people connected with Imberhorne in whatever capacity, all share in its story. We therefore dedicate this volume to those thousands.



People say that Imberhorne is a very special place. The buildings on the outside may not be remarkable; indeed at Imberhorne Lane they look much like the factories opposite, but once inside Imberhorne you can feel the spirit of the school with its welcoming liveliness, and no factory was ever like that. I remember in my first week stopping a pupil.

'Why are you late?', I asked.

'It's my rabbit', he answered, not at all abashed, but rather conveying a sense that we had been friends for life.

'What about your rabbit?'

'It fell off the kitchen table at breakfast and broke its leg. I had to set it in splints.'

That little exchange set the scene for the next seventeen years, a mixture of inventive technology, biology and health education, not to mention the creativity of Imberhorne English with the self-confidence of Imberhorne Drama. I cannot be the only person who is glad to have belonged here. It is a marvellous school.

This book and the events of 29th June celebrate our first twenty-one years. We also celebrate the people who have worked here. Some still going strong were already here when the new school was

founded. Many of us could name a long list of teachers and those who help them, also of governors and parents, who have given the school far more than they need have done, and sustained it through all weathers. Many things now are new - new exams like GCSE and CPVE, 'Records of Achievement', uniform, a cafeteria, a new Library, Music Centre and drama studio; new technology and a computer base - but behind all that's new are the old ideals which I think have made people warm to the school and stay here. The comprehensive school was set up from the beginning as a place where all children were welcome whatever their abilities, where weaker pupils could get a lot of help, where technical subjects and the arts were valued alongside the higher status academic subjects, where new sports and outdoor pursuits were encouraged to give pupils an interest for life, where private opinions were respected, where friendliness was more important than winning prizes, and where everyone could find out what was going on and have a say in what should happen next. That faith of 1970 survives.

Preparation for merging the two schools was painstaking and thorough. Chris Pike's vision came to life. Pupils from both schools mixed together and a new genuine comprehensive school was born. You can read about some of the memorable events in the pages that follow.

That unpunctual pupil could only use his crippled rabbit story once, but some conversations could be repeated at any time. A small boy sitting next to me at lunch in Lower School last week remarked 'I can't put vinegar on my chips. I've got an ulcer.'

'Look at my ulcer', said the girl opposite, pulling down her lower lip, revealing a moist pink membrane, seemingly healthy.

'Oh, that's really nice' snorted the girl next to her, 'Let's all show our ulcers'.

'My gran had ulcers for 60 years...'.

Children of eleven don't change much. But by sixteen it's different. Some will want to leave school as fast as they can and have no more truck with education. For others school has been a happy preparation for the life to follow. I hope that most of our ex-students, reading this, may have found the Imberhorne experience a good one. Certainly you have all done something to make it the school it is. And please stand up for the importance of education in all schools. The old rhyme says:

When land is gone and money spent Then learning is most excellent.

I sometimes fear the reverse, that when money's spent learning is the first to suffer. It ought to be excellent at all times.

The Quiet Revolution

Today the new Comprehensive School – IMBER-HORNE – opened for the first time. 1525 pupils returned from their summer holidays to experience a new kind of education. Gone are the days of the East Grinstead Grammar School and Secondary Modern School. The Grammar School building in Windmill Lane is now Imberhorne Lower School for 500 pupils aged 11–12. The Secondary Modern building at

Imberhorne Lane is the Imberhorne Middle School with 800 pupils aged 13–16. 225 students have moved into the 6th form at Imberhorne Lane, where a new upper school building has been established.

Teachers will have to travel the $1\frac{3}{4}$ mile journey between the 2 sites to teach their lessons. However, land has been bought at Imberhorne Lane and soon the school will be on one site.



Imberhorne Lower School building

New Facilities

Imberhorne has some excellent facilities – language laboratory, music room, 2 biological science laboratories, engineering room, staff room, 6th form private study rooms and large lecture room.

Old desks will be replaced with tables so that informal seating arrangements can be created in the classrooms.

It is the end of the house system. Instead, pupils are divided by years, and for each year there is a year tutor. For each part of the school, Lower, Middle and Upper there is a head and deputy head. Mr Pike aged 46 moves from Head of Grammar School, to Head of the New Secondary School. He believes strongly in the comprehensive system.

Worries

There are 83 teachers at the new school, and although there have been no problems recruiting staff, some are worried they cannot afford to buy houses in this area.

The new school emblem incorporates the well known feathers of the old Grammar School badge and 'IS' for Imberhorne School.

Mr Ken Scott moves, with Miss Brons as Deputy, from headmaster of the Secondary School to the

Head of Lower School. Mr Malcolm Cole is Head of Middle School with Mr Norman Humphreys as Deputy. Mrs Cuthill will be Head of Upper School, with Mr Allen as Deputy.

There is the promise of exciting times ahead, and it is thought that the pupils will soon forget their former schools, as they work towards a stimulating future.



Imberhorne Middle School building

The Quiet Revolutionary

As research for this book a few of us visited the original headmaster of the school, Mr J. C. Pike. He has retired now and lives in the country with his wife. When we visited them they welcomed us with open arms and tea and biscuits on the table, and told us everything we needed to know – and more!

Up until 1970 East Grinstead had two secondary schools; a Grammar School in Windmill Lane and a Secondary Modern in Imberhorne Lane. During the 60's the concept of comprehensive education became reality: schools would no longer select children according to their academic ability. Mr Pike, who was at that time the headmaster of the Gram-

mar School, strongly opposed the 11 Plus system and so supported the Comprehensive and suggested that this sort of school could be introduced to East Grinstead. He was the youngest head teacher in East Sussex and was thought by the others to be too revolutionary, so he had some difficulty in convincing them of his plans. It was eventually decided that this scheme should go ahead, and Mr Pike was appointed head teacher in 1967.

Joint projects were undertaken to introduce the idea to the pupils, parents and staff of both schools. Musicals and various sporting events were among the activities arranged.

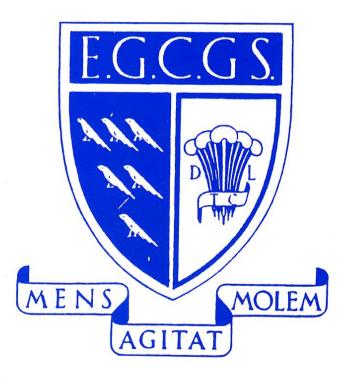


Mr Pike, Mr Scott, Mr Mallinson (1975)

The amalgamation went ahead with very little opposition, much less than Mr Pike had expected, and in 1970 Imberhorne Comprehensive School was opened to East Grinstead. Mr Pike brought in a number of new ideas for the school, including the uniform. The Grammar School pupils had worn grey, red and black and the Secondary Modern black. Mr Pike decided on navy; completely different from both. The school's logo was designed by the art teacher.

Imberhorne's curriculum was broadened, with the Nuffield Science course and IDE (Interdisciplinary Enquiry), which later became Enquiry or Q. The Year Tutor system was also developed, as was mixed ability teaching. A new block was built on the Imberhorne Lane site to house the sixth and upper sixth years apart from the third to fifth years. There were no structural changes to the Windmill Lane site, where the first and second years were to be.





When the school was opened there were nine classes in the first year and each form was given the number '1' followed by each of the nine letters of 'Imberhorne' without the 'e'; 1I, 1M, 1B and so on.

The work involved in creating a new school from two old ones was very great. Though Mr Pike stressed the hard work and co-operation of the staff of both schools, he was clearly dedicated to his work at Imberhorne, working 80 hours a week. One of the memories that he has of his time there was of being questioned by the police one night after he was seen leaving the school building at midnight.

Mr Pike continued his work as headmaster and teacher of German and French until 1974, when he became County Inspector in East Sussex and later Headmaster of the International school in Vienna.

Imberhorne World Tour 1970-91

The American Exchange

The American Exchange Trip was started in 1978 by Mr Humphreys who, after talking with officials from the County Council thought it would offer great educational value. The County Council, in turn introduced him to a teacher from a school called Jamesville-Dewitt High, which is in New York State. After chatting they swapped information about the schools, including Yearbooks and brochures. Very soon the ball was rolling!

In the next year plans were made and the general opinion was for Imberhorne to exchange with students a couple of years older, as the teaching in Britain seemed to be slightly more advanced.

The first exchange took place in the Easter Term of 1979 when the pupils from Imberhorne went to America and the Americans returned the visit in the Summer Term. Only twenty pupils went in the first year but it was such a great success that twenty five went in the second year. Since then groups have been taken almost every year and each time exchanges have been successful, with partners still in touch with each other.

Jamesville-Dewitt High School is in Syracuse which means that the activities were never in the least bit limited. There were trips to Niagara to see one of the Wonders of the World – the Niagara Falls, and some groups were taken to the Canadian city of Toronto. Many more local activities take place including visits to watch the truly American game of football!

The most memorable part of the trip for students and teachers seems to be the four or five days spent in one of the most exciting cities in the World – New York. All the famous sights are visited. The Statue of Liberty, The Empire State Building, The World Trade Centre, 5th Avenue, Central Park, China Town, Little Italy and a ride on the Statten Island Ferry.

The time the Americans spend with the families here is extremely busy as well, with visits to London, including Covent Garden, Brighton, The Seven Sisters, Alton Towers and Canterbury. Other activities include climbing, canoeing and the usual treasure hunts. The students from across the Atlantic seem to share the feelings of the Imberhorne pupils and all have a lot of fun in and out of school time.

The American exchange is only part of a programme of educational visits which happen throughout the year. There have been trips to Europe, Russia and ski trips take place frequently. The Russian Trip is a great favourite of Mr Humphreys, who has had a hand in organising most of the holidays since they began, the trip includes a stay in Moscow, Leningrad, visits to the Kremlin and some were lucky enough to see the Moscow State Circus performing.

Every trip Imberhorne has ever organised has been a huge success and in the words of Mr Humphreys:

'Travel is the greatest educator there is, it puts everything into perspective. It's a wonderful thing to do with great opportunities!'



Russia

In 1966 Imberhorne Secondary and the East Grinstead Grammar school made up the first school party to visit Russia. The event was organised by Imberhorne and led by Mr N.C. Humphreys and Miss Marion Brons. Twenty-two pupils from Imberhorne Secondary and three girls from East Grinstead Grammar School took part in what was a very rare trip for its time.

The party travelled overland via Berlin, leaving London on June 26th. They spent five days in Moscow and then went by train to Leningrad for a four day stay, before returning home.

The Imberhorne pupils showed so much enthusiasm that visits to Russia have taken place ever since. This year (1991) for example, the school has already had visitors from the Soviet Union. A group of teenagers from many different Russian schools who all belong to a youth movement, spent a day looking around and making new friends throughout the school.

Imberhorne pupils are looking forward to going to Russia on July 20th. They will be spending time in pioneer camps along the way.

The Russian trip remained a great favourite with Mr Humphreys, who has had a hand in organisation

of most of Imberhorne's foreign trips, even before the amalgamation. High points for him have been visits to the Kremlin, Red Square, and seeing a Russian Circus perform.

India Trip

The Imberhorne trip to India was organised in 1984 by Mr Mallinson, he got in touch with the Head of Forest Boys School, Mr Newby, and through Mr Newby with Mr Agashe.

Mr Agashe ran an organisation called Yuprasa, which means 'Indian Community Organisation', which helps and encourages Indian people to help themselves. They would organise the construction of important buildings, such as wells, schools, dams, and community halls.

Mr Newby suggested that a group of Imberhorne students go to India and help Mr Agashe, and his organisation. Mr Mallinson wrote to Mr Agashe to arrange and finalise the details of the trip.

A group of sixth formers, Mr Mallinson, and Mrs Cuthbert flew out to Bombay, and then on to a nearby fishing village. Although they took some time to adjust to the diet, poverty, and climate, they soon got to work.



They started their work in a mud hut village called Wadapur, the project they were involved in was to help build a community hall. After working hard during the day, they were entertained by the Indians in each evening.

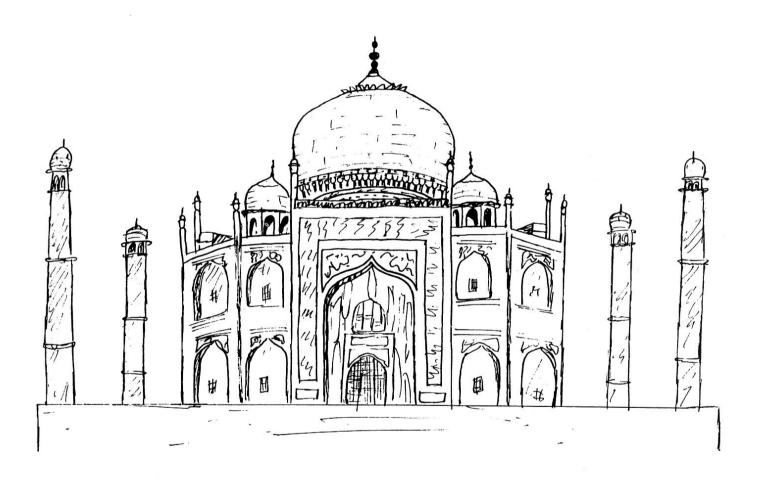
The next stop was the organisation's headquarters, where they were assigned their next task, helping to build a well in a village near Buldana.

The last task was to help build another community hall; and when they had finished this, they went back to Bombay to do some shopping, and to say their goodbyes.

The students found this trip very hard, and most of them were ill, but when they got back and had time to reflect on their trip, they became more aware of the differences between their life and the life led by the Indian people.

The Indians had no furniture, and they ate with their fingers, which made the students realise that you don't need possessions. It made them more aware of the essentials of living, and that the English take too much for granted. The Indians were very keen on their school uniform, and in general were very clean and tidy. Although there was little currency around, there were few shops in which to buy anything anyway.

All those involved found the trip good fun, despite the hard work.



It's a Knockout

Over the past 21 years, Imberhorne School has represented East Grinstead in various local and European 'It's a Knockout' competitions. 'It's a Knockout' competitions started in 1977 when Imberhorne School entered a team into the local competition in aid of 'Lepra'. Imberhorne competed against teams from local businesses and ended up as overall winners. After this competition, Imberhorne was asked to provide teachers and pick a team from East Grinstead Schools to represent East Grinstead in a European 'It's a Knockout' in Verbania, Italy.

In 1978, the team set off on a 10-day adventure to Verbania in Italy for the competition and then on to Bourg de Peage in France and Mindelheim in Germany. Mr Winchester and Mrs Brown took the team of 8 Imberhorne and 2 Sackville pupils to Verbania and East Grinstead came out winners. For the competitors, the first year was very special, because there was a large crowd and parachutists and bands welcomed the team into the stadium. In order to compete in an 'It's a Knockout' competition you had to be quite fit and be willing and able to run, jump, carry objects and mess around in water.

The second European 'It's a Knockout' took place in East Grinstead in 1979. This competition was special for two reasons. Firstly, the competition was held at Imberhorne School and all the teachers helped to organise the competition and run all the games. Secondly, this competition was a giant one, with teams competing from America, Bourg de Peage in France, Mindelheim in Germany, Verbania in Italy and Spain. This time 7 Imberhorne pupils and 3 Sackville pupils made up the East Grinstead team, and East Grinstead won for the second year running.

The last European 'It's a Knockout' took place in Bourg de Peage in France. Once again, Mrs Brown and Mr Winchester organised the East Grinstead team which consisted of 9 Imberhorne and 1 Sackville pupil. Teams competed from France, Germany, Spain, England and Italy, but unfortunately the American team could not compete. The contest was fierce, but fairly fought, and this time the German team won, but that did not matter because the competition was about fun and enjoyment and everyone who competed enjoyed it immensely.



THE TEAM: 19 June 1980 Karl Friend, Karl Whiteman, Kevin Sheldrick, Robin Gregory, Christian Stone, Nicholas Blythe, Jo Graham, Jo Piper, Alison Brown, Sue Brown, Jane Browne, David Winchester.

Sport at Imberhorne



1979 Cup Finalists

Assembled Sporting Memories

21st Birthday – 21 Years of Assemblies – 21 Years of Sporting Memories

Alex Edwards – Young England Cricketer – Winner of the Lord Taverners' Young Cricketers' prize is still at school, but where are the Imberhorne Trotters of '74 – Jane Boys, Jo Filliston, Sue Baker and the outstanding all-conquering Badminton Team, Mark Skelton, Russell Edwards (also England Squash Team), Jennifer Brinkley, Stephen Brinkley?

Rugby – Jeremy Heath, Sussex Colts Cricket and County Senior Player, and the Keeper, Tony Vega, and John Holmes, Nicholas Mitchell (played in the Open) and Paul Saunder of '75 Aer Lingus fame?

Do you remember the Rugby and Hockey trips to Carlisle and the years Imberhorne won the Town Twinning 'It's a Knockout' against allcomers from the Continent. Ann Mitchell, Jackie Buss, Judith Ash etc.?

1975–76 saw another first class Hockey Team with County Honours to Sue Perry, Anna Thompson, Bridget Hackman.

1976 was the Year of the Swimmers, Gable, Jackson, Day, Stace.

County Hockey Champions, County Badminton Champions – Jennifer Brinkley, Sandra Wraight and Paul Scott – all singles and doubles champions, and '77 the great year: County Honours Alison Dawes, Netball – Michelle Boss. Gymnastics – Gary Styles. Rugby – Paul Dupoy. Imberhorne finalists in Reigate Grammar Schools prestigious 7's and County Champions. Ann Hatswell, Penny Boff, Kate Appleton, Linda Sandman, Anna, Mandy Irlam, Penny Barker, Nicky Whelton, Pat Rabey and Janet Smith County hockey champions.

1978 – Jane Edwards Champion of England at Badminton (she ran in the London Marathon this year, 1991) and Alan Purle the County Cross Country Champion and part of the County Championship Winning Team – Townsend, Sherar et al. The year Nick Mitchell played for England and...

1979 – The Suckling Brothers were British Champions in the Boxing ring and Trevor Ince was County Football Captain.

1980 – All England Hockey Finalists – Nicky Harvey, Judy Armstrong, Judy Keen, Sarah Appleton, Alison Creelman, Helen Wilks, Rosie Armstrong, Jenny Gray, Anty Abey.



1974 – Forty-eight hour Football Match Squad

Where are the Men of Iron pupils – County Finalists – the Imberhorne Senior Hockey Squad who played in the England finals at Crystal Palace? Sally Hillman who played for England Cricket (Ladies)? Lynda Clark County Netball? and Helena Schofield County Hockey?

1983 – England Judo star Virginia Ford and yet more County Honours for Hockey and Rugby.

Where is Rachel Gamble County England Cross Country Runner?

My Memory Fades – I have not been Head of Middle School for a number of years. I always felt the assemblies were of interest when I had sports results. I see the Olympian Paul Ankers writing in The Times and fixing Nick Faldo's wrist. We had many successes and failures and fun (remember the mixed Rugby) of which the staff and pupils were proud. We even had Dave Cowell (a member of Staff in the Commonwealth Games and the Sportsman of the Year). I would like to name everyone and apologise for omissions. Where are Hunter the Grunter and Parr the Stylist – still playing cricket?

Where are TEARLE AND HARRISON????

Imberhorne's Sporting Achievements

Imberhorne have had their fair share of success since the amalgamation of the schools. Imberhorne girls school badminton team won the Sussex Girls Badminton Tournament, Northern Area for the third year running. The school rugby team also reached the finals of the Sussex Cup. PE teacher Sue Mac-

donell head of girls PE was picked to play for the England 'B' squad, and also played for the South of England and Sussex squads. The Golden Oldies v Men of Iron annual rugby matches between the staff and the pupils created a great atmosphere that separated the men from the boys. As indicated by the result of the match in 1982 when the Men of Iron beat the Golden Oldies by 20 points to 7. Imberhorne had many outstanding footballers, Trevor Inch a goalkeeper of Sussex Schoolboys who signed up for Southampton and Scott Wright who also signed up for Southampton last year. In 1974 Imberhorne organised a 48 hour soccer match, where Imberhorne's A team beat Imberhorne B by 1880 to 1524. 120 pupils took part in playing four-a-side continuous relay, scoring an average of 64.8 goals per hour for the school. The mammoth match raised about £500, half of which bought a new school minibus and the rest for better PE equipment that is still in use today, including tents for the camp at Lulworth Cove. Imberhorne was really put on the map as a sporting goldmine when Paul Scott won the under 15 All England Badminton Championships. Another nugget from our sporting goldmine was Paul Ankers who was a remarkable athlete. At a Mid Sussex athletics meeting needing to win the 4×400 metres men's relay to win the whole competition, Paul ran the anchor leg and came from 50 metres behind to win by 30 metres and win the whole competition. He later went on to train at PE college. He was also put on the short list for the Los Angeles Olympics for the Great Britain judo team but unfortunately was ruled out through injury. He went on to join QPR football club as a physiobefore coming Nick Faldo's physiotherapist, therapist.

Imberhorne Musical Productions

During Imberhorne's years as a comprehensive, it has had a never-ending run of successful productions. David Sweet, who has had a hand in many of the shows, was only too happy to speak to us about them.

The first production was a joint Grammar School-Secondary Modern School project. This was 'Oliver', put on both to celebrate and help the two schools to become one.

Perhaps one of the most distinctive productions was Tony Weeks-Pearson's 'You Mariner'. This was based on the Moby Dick story and produced in 1972. It transformed the Hall and Dining area and gave a most spectacular view with sea-scapes and pictures of people in boats. The songs used were all written by people in the school and the text by Tony Weeks-Pearson. To get pupils in the right mood for the play, a lot of improvisation work was done on whaling and of the rights and wrongs of it.

One novelty that comes straight to mind for David Sweet is teaching pupils how to do the bottle dance. This involved doing a slow Greek-like dance whilst balancing glass bottles on tall hats. The bottles were wrapped in sellotape to prevent breakages to any bottles that didn't quite make it!

Fiddler On The Roof

David Sweet remembers that the most successful plays were the ones that involved the most people. It took many people to prepare 'Fiddler On The Roof' in only nine weeks – all the time that was available and unusually short at that. He produced the show with Paul Harvey as Musical Director and Mike Hazelgrove as Designer. It was one of several shows staged at the Adeline Genee Theatre. Experience gained by Imberhorne students working backstage in a professional theatre helped several boys to train as stage technicians and work in the West End. One old boy, Geoff Wheel, became Production Manager at Covent Garden.

This play actually turned out to be quite special. It had a theme tune for a violinist that frequently occurred and at this time Katy Bateman attended Imberhorne. She was an excellent violinist, who had not played for a long time, due to a shoulder injury, but was persuaded to play this tune. Whilst doing this she became so caught up in the music that she ended up playing the whole thing right the way through, and so this actually helped her to come back to playing the violin.



Fiddler On The Roof

The Talman/Harvey Productions

Perhaps the best known show to generations of Imberhorners is 'Arf 'n' Arf'. It was first produced in 1981 at the Adeline Genee and repeated under the direction of Lauren Attalah at the Hawth in 1989. Written and produced by Pete Talman, with music by Paul Harvey, it told the story of chimney sweeps in Victorian times. Among the many memorable tunes from the show was the heart-breaking song 'Where's the Sunshine?'; few who heard it could fail to be moved by it. The partnership between Talman

and Harvey was amazing; Pete's scripts were entertaining and 'up to the minute'. He wrote many for Lower School and a controversial one for the Sixth Form called 'Shoot' which was about terrorism. The 'blockbusters' involved the whole school, however, and this enabled Paul Harvey's wonderful music to be sung by a range of voices and played by expert musicians.

St Mary's Church in Windmill Lane was transformed into the ark for performances of 'Noye's Fludde', a production which involved large numbers of students and staff as actors and animals and musicians.



The Drama Studio

Imberhorne was mounting studio productions from the beginning and included Brian Grindall's hugely entertaining presentation of Stoppard's 'Inspector Hound' in the Sixth Form Centre (now the Library). Rex Dumbrell directed 'A Month in the Country' and 'Broken Circle' in Middle School Hall, the last productions there apart from the annual staff pantomime, if that can be called drama! But with the construction of the Drama Studio there was now a properly equipped studio theatre. In one year Rex Dumbrell produced seven shows there. These ranged

from classical to the very modern: including a beautiful production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', 'Fanshen' and 'The Sea'. One of the most distinguished productions was 'Lark Rise to Candleford' which was a promenade performance where the audience mingled with the actors. On the set were a band, a bar and a working forge.

'Inspector Hound' by Tom Stoppard was one of Imberhorne's earlier plays. This was actually performed in the library which had been converted into a theatre. It involved a small cast working in a small place, but with Brian Grindall's hard work the play turned out to be most successful.



A Midsummer Night's Dream

Titania: O how I love thee, How I dote on thee!

Paul Withington, Marie Simmons, Jenny Ball, Lisa Hone, Pippa Casely, Sarah Wood.

The staging of Imberhorne's productions have all been interesting and challenging. Mike Hazelgrove created many superb sets.

Toad of Toad Hall

Toad of Toad Hall' was a lower school based production. It was performed at the 'Adeline Genee' theatre and was the only play with a cast taken entirely from lower school (although there were a few upper school musicians supporting them). The set was, again, designed by Mike Hazelgrove, the idea being to make the set look like underground burrows. David Sweet describes it as 'He went totally crazy with hessian and chicken wire!' and apparently built trees to break the rectangular stage and give a more realistic look. The set therefore looked really effective and actually made the audience feel as if they were burrowing down into the earth.

Bird Brain

But perhaps the most memorable and certainly most challenging production was one called 'Bird Brain'. It was about a young man who had the power of flight. For this, the people involved actually managed to make a boy 'fly' around the stage. This was done by a one inch steel cable, out of sight, from which a brave boy, by the name of Alan Burgess, hung from a harness. This was on a pulley system so the boy could move (fly) around the stage! The music was composed by Paul Harvey, which helped the production to become even more memorable.

Deciding on which play to do and who to use for it

is really a matter of who is prepared to help. There are really two separate sets of people involved. The first is a small group of, perhaps, two or three people who come up with the idea of putting on a play. They will then take their idea to the school 'management' (i.e. head, deputies etc.) and they will have to decide whether the school has the time or whether it is simply too busy.

Over the last 21 years, with remarkably little disruption to normal routine, a large number of students and staff have joined together to present some outstanding productions. Imberhorne should be proud of its achievement.



Imberhorne and Industry

Workwise

Over the past 21 years, Imberhorne has gained a great deal of recognition for its ability to give help to pupils who have found the academic pressures of school too much, and for the very strong links which the school has held and maintained with local industry. Three projects which have been particularly successful are Science Craft, Workwise and Project Link Up.

Science Craft, the first of the projects, was specifically designed to link science and craft together. The pupils who opted for Science Craft had two options worth (8 lessons per week) of lessons in which they investigated practically a craft based topic, e.g. the internal combustion engine, and then covered the sciences linked with the topic – hence the name science craft. The Science Craft course ran very successfully for three years before it was replaced by the second project – Workwise.

What made Workwise unique was that it was a course which occupied the whole week for the students involved. The pupils studied Maths, English, Science and Craft as well as some mainstream subjects. The course also contained lots of visits for

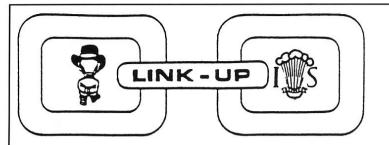
pupils, and visitors often came to the school to give lectures. After the project was firmly established, pupils were introduced to a community service programme, and various special release days were organised where the pupils spent the day at Crawley College. The Workwise course ran for ten years, and after an attempt to re-introduce it for 1 year, it finally closed down.

Imberhorne has gained significant recognition for its ability to participate in joint activities with local industry. Project Link Up was a joint venture between Imberhorne and Hellerman Deutsch Limited, to provide work experience for pupils in a company environment. The aim of the project was to give the pupils a foretaste of full time employment. Before the practical side of the project got underway, Mr David Burt, Assistant Managing Director of Hellerman Deutsch, Mr Jack Mallinson, Headmaster, and various staff from Imberhorne, and employees of Hellerman Deutsch, met to set various projects for the pupils. Each pupil who intended to take part in the project had to complete an application form and be interviewed by a qualified member of Hellerman Deutsch.

After the interviews had finished, pupils were



Workwise participants from left to right: Wendy Wickham, Diane Lavender, Tracey Webb, Marianne Mitchell, James Hawkins, Jason Pooley, Clive Kinton, Jimie Campbell, Stephen Hardy and Mrs Janice Bell.



A joint working venture between Hellermann Deutsch & Imberhorne Comprehensive School

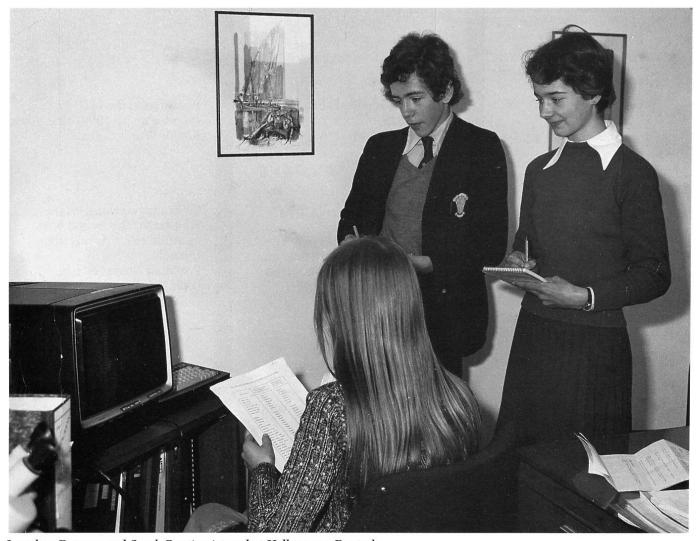
D. J. Burt, Assistant Managing Director, Hellermann Deutsch, Imberhorne Way, East Grinstead.

J. H. Mallinson, B.A., Headmaster, Imberhorne Comprehensive School, Imberhorne Lane, East Grinstead.

selected. Each pupil who participated in Project Link Up had to compile a report and make a formal presentation to some of Hellerman Deutsch's senior managers and Imberhorne's Headmaster. The continuation and development of Project Link Up was carried out by Mr David Winchester, Fourth Year Tutor. Project Link Up was such a success that it

appeared frequently in local newspapers, and was also the subject of a report compiled by the Industry/ Education Unit and the Department of Industry.

After 21 years, Imberhorne School continues to enjoy links with local industry – all pupils take part in a work experience programme – and is still very active in the community service.



Jonathan Denness and Sarah Pontin pictured at Hellermann Deutsch

21 Years of Educational Change

EDUCATION

'School Milk' ends

to 16

Raising of the school leaving age

IMBERHORNE

WIDER VIEW

1969

Preparation for Imberhorne School

1970

East Grinstead Grammar School and Imberhorne Secondary amalgamate to form Imberhorne School First Lulworth Camp

1971

1972

School lessons disrupted by rota power cuts

1973

Extra petrol coupons issued to commuters

1974

Imberhorne transferred from
East to West Sussex
Chris Pike leaves at Easter, Ken
Scott Acting Head for a time and
Jack Mallinson appointed Head
Ugandian Asia attend
Imberhorne

1975

First full Comprehensive year Complete year 5 with excellent results

1976

Mr Potter Chief Education Officer visits East Grinstead for Education Debate Man walks on the Moon

Mr Edward Heath elected Prime Minister

Decimalisation

Britain joins the EEC Oil price up by 400% after Yom Kippur War

Mr Wilson becomes Prime Minister for the second time Idi Amin ejects Asians from Uganda President Nixon resigns Local government reorganised

UK Referendum vote to stay in EEC

Mr Callaghan becomes Prime Minister Driest summer since records began

Mr Callaghan makes speech on the Great Education Debate 1991

Imberhorne 21 years old

1990

LMS begins at Imberhorne

1989

Memorial Garden opens

1988

School suffers three fires TVEI (extension) begins at Imberhorne First Yearbook

1987

School damaged by 'Hurricane' CPVE begins at Imberhorne

1986

1985

New buildings, Bullen Hall

1984

1983

1982

1981

1980

School reaches maximum roll of 1700

1979

First exchange with USA

1978

1977

First Lower School ski trip

Mr Major becomes Prime Minister

Severe storms bring widespread damage to South Britain

Chernobyl nuclear accident

Live Aid raises \$70 million

The Falklands conflict

Prince of Wales and Lady Diana Spencer marry

Mrs Thatcher becomes Prime Minister

Queen Elizabeth's Silver Jubilee

Lowest Birthrate this century

National Curriculum English and Technology begin

Education Reform Act

First GCSE Examination

Science

National Curriculum Maths and

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Imberhorne in the Community

Community Service covers a wide range of voluntary activities, from gardening for an elderly lady to assisting in a childrens' home.

The present co-ordinator, Marilyn Emmett, took over from Peter Louis in 1976.

Since joining Imberhorne, Marilyn has introduced community service to several groupings of pupils in the school, these include: a 5th year 'Sci-craft' group (later known as 'Workwise') who added Community Service to their timetable, Community Service 'Tasters' for the 4th year social studies students and a version for the 6th form as well.

Riding for the disabled

1977 became a major year of community developments, when pupils also became directly involved with 'Riding for the Disabled'. This is still carried out at several locations including; South Godstone, Blindley Heath, Whitegate Stables, and Burstow Park. Imberhorne pupils have worked conscientiously for fourteen years with Mrs Gilly Bishop.

Toy Library

In 1978 a toy library was set up, assisted by willing volunteers from Imberhorne. Pupils were encouraged to spend one of their two P.E. lessons, carrying out Community Service.

Community Service

It was from 1979 to 1988 that many Imberhorne

pupils became actively involved in editing local newspapers for the 'Grenestede Talking News'. The tapes were recorded by dedicated pupils, then delivered each week to the visually impaired, eagerly awaiting their arrival.

In 1991 pupils continue to do Community Service as part of their Personal and Social Education, undertaking much the same sorts of tasks as they originally did.

Charities

Imberhorne School always has and always will have pride in the number of charities that are generously supported by both staff and pupils alike. The range of activities is wide: from sponsored Staff v Pupil football games, to buying a puppy for training as a guide dog (appropriately named Imber!) Pupils have also supported the famine relief programme in Ethiopia by exchanging their lunch for a bowl of rice, and more recently through light-hearted Comic Relief days, where anything and everything was done. In the first year of Comic Relief (1988) the school as a whole raised eight hundred and fifty pounds, all on the one day! But this year (1991) the school raised two thousand eight hundred pounds, and that amount is still climbing as sponsorship money continues to roll in.





Senior Citizens Party

Community Service

It was in 1979 that many volunteers gave up their summer holidays in order to assist with playschemes arranged for able bodied and disabled children in nearby villages. Mrs Emmett, who participated as a youngster, found it most enjoyable and by looking back she realises that it was also very successful. The playscheme helped the children to develop their creative skills, a valuable base for further progress. But unfortunately the playscheme finished in 1986.

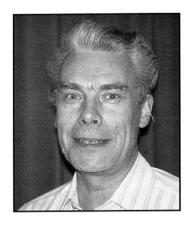
In the same year pupils began helping with the Flamingos in Crawley, and later on with the Tadpoles in East Grinstead. Both clubs run swimming activities for the disabled.

This photograph shows a typical Christmas party

organised for the senior citizens by the CPVE group. CPVE pupils also organised regular Christmas parties for local childrens homes, Elderly Citizens Clubs, the Blind Club, and the Day Centre for the Elderly.

Community Service at Imberhorne might be summarised in these comments from the present Coordinator, Mrs Marylin Emmett; 'People come into the school from the community to Personal and Social Education lessons: Mothers with young children, Senior Citizens and blind people with their dogs; they help us to understand the needs of the community to which we belong, and to which, hopefully, we as a school can continue to provide a service for many years to come.'

The Survivors



Dave Mitchell 'Mitch' (who thinks 21 is still a bit young)

'Congratulations Imberhorne from a bit of the woodwork.'



Naomi Booth

'This is my 25th year. I started at the Grammar School. Things have changed enormously, some for the better and some not. Over the years the staff have been a great bunch and when I do eventually leave it will be the people I will miss the most. Congratulations on "coming of age".'



Andy Clifford

'I have enjoyed remaining in one school where the pupils are so responsive and the atmosphere so pleasant – "the Imberhorne Ethos". Highlights for me have been the excellent school productions (for instance "You, Mariner", "Noyes Fludde", and many others), camping trips to Hindleap Warren and Lulworth Cove, and the school cruise on the "Uganda".'



Iane Cuthbert

'I joined the Grammar School in 1957 when there were no buildings in the quads, no glass in the corridors, segregated staffrooms and Imberhorne did not exist! The changes I've seen have been mainly of size and have also reflected social changes in the outside world. We now have more pupils, more staff, more subjects, more meetings, and more change! I have, however, thoroughly enjoyed teaching in both schools where I feel intrinsic values have changed little. Good luck, Imberhorne, you've really come of age!'

David Lewis 'Imberhorne remains a happy and pleasant school.'

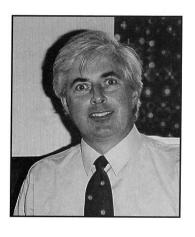


Norman Humphreys 'Happy, friendly, successful, and never dull. Happy Birthday, Imberhorne.'



David Sweet

'To think they've suffered my sense of humour for 21 years... It's a remarkable school for better reasons than that. It is tolerant, generous and friendly: insincerity and stuffiness don't stand a chance here. I feel proud of our students and what they have achieved. It must be a good place to grow up. Now I am teaching some of their children... maybe I'd better find some new jokes?'



Marilyn Emmett

'While I have been part-time here, I have had the opportunity to teach on a supply basis at other schools in the area and I have never met a school with such a happy, friendly atmosphere or such a creative and imaginative approach to learning as Imberhorne. The coming together of the Grammar School and the Secondary Modern convinced me that the 11+ selection system was artificial and unfair. I consider myself very fortunate to have remained part of the Imberhorne community for the past 21 years.'



Description of Uniform

1970

Girls must wear a black skirt, white shirt with a navy blazer bearing the school motif. In winter the girls are permitted to wear black stockings or tights. They must also have black shoes.

1970

Boys must wear black trousers, white shirt with a navy blazer bearing the school motif. They should also be equipped with a pair of black shoes. Blue school tie with school motif.

'Disturbing!' – student.

'Very impressive.' – *staff*.

'I like a school uniform. The sweatshirt's not terribly smart but if its comfortable – you can't beat it.'

- staff.

'The present uniform is much better than five years ago. Nowadays everyone actually looks as though they are in uniform.'

- staff.



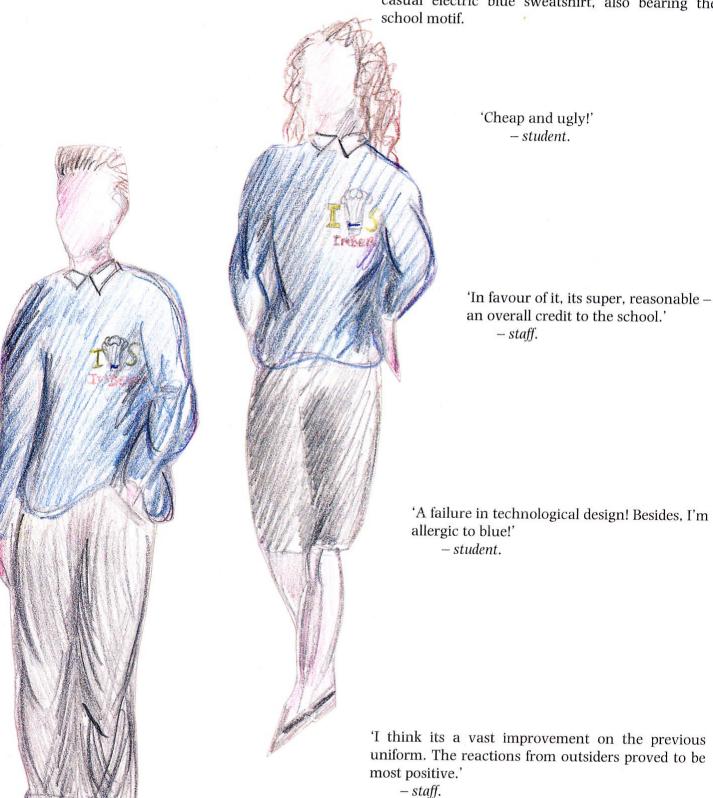
Description of Uniform

1991

Again, with modernisation, the casual blue sweater is worn with the motif. Black trousers, white shirt, and black shoes, and no tie.

1991

The uniform is much the same as the 1970 version: black skirt, white shirt, tights, black shoes. Although the 1991 uniform has been modernised with a casual electric blue sweatshirt, also bearing the school motif.



The Bookshop

The Imberhorne bookshop is the best in the country. It was opened in 1977 and was funded by the P.T.A. Within three years it had doubled in size from twelve square metres to twenty-four. The bookshop has been run by Mr Townson since it was first established, but he has had some outside voluntary help. This has included parents of current students, although now it is Mrs Ghattas — a parent and teacher — who holds the fort.

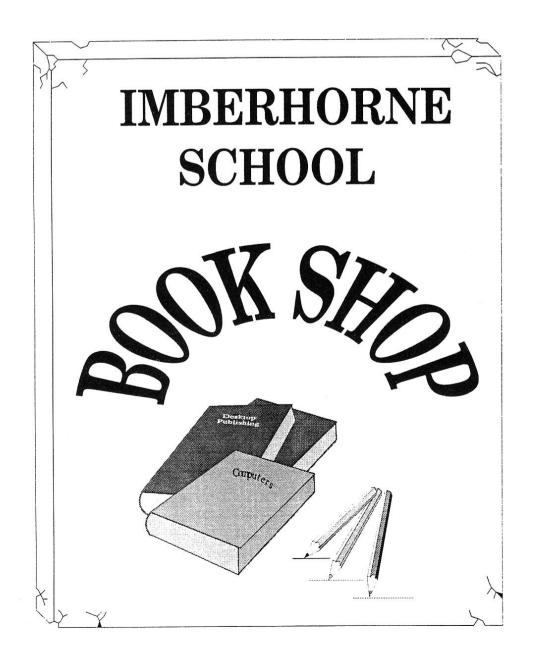
The Times newspaper and the Courier have both written about the bookshop, and the Courier is currently carrying out a survey on it to try to find out more about adolescent reading interests.

The shop does not try to make a profit, but surplus is ploughed back into the shop to increase stock levels. It is open every day before school and

on Tuesday and Thursday lunch times. During school events and consultation evenings the shop is open for more business, as parents are happy to buy.

There have been requests for the shop to sell more merchandise, as it is generally cheaper than local shops, but there is no room. A large selection of books are stocked including, revision aids, dictionaries, A-level English studies and books containing information on craft and hobbies. Although the library will lend out many books which the bookshop sells, there is no apparent competition.

The bookshop now has in stock 5000 books compared to a mere 500 at the beginning. It is now a major feature of the school, and visitors seem to be genuinely impressed.





The bookshop is currently selling the book, 'Return to the Lost World' written by Mr Nye who teaches at Imberhorne. The bookshop originally held fifty books in stock, but after a month of advertising only sixteen remain. This book 'blends fact with

fantasy, signs with speculation. The exciting sequel recaptures the "tongue-in-cheek" spirit of Conan Doyles' "The Lost World" and poses some intriguing questions of it's own.' This is only one of the many popular books available in Imberhorne's bookshop.

Return to the Lost World

'I have always liked daft adventure stories, so I thought it might be fun to write one. At the end of Conan Doyle's "The Lost World" two of the main characters discuss returning to the prehistoric plateau in Brazil, but the sequel never got written. Since I am interested both in prehistory and in South America this looked like an ideal opportunity, especially as a lot of the work had already been done for me.

The book doesn't have a lot to say (although there are one or two ideas knocking about for the unwary) but is really only intended to amuse. If it has any point, it is that the world is extraordinarily rich and interesting, so why not celebrate it rather than letting it be reduced to a drab and empty sameness?

I suppose that makes it a kind of escapism from the immediate future.'

Nick Nye 1991

BAYS

(British Association of Young Scientists)

BAYS is an association which has been running in the school for 11 years. Mr Hemblade introduced BAYS to the school. It provides 7–9 lectures a year, offering a broad outlook on points of scientific interest to all pupils.

It is run mainly by a committee of sixth form students with some assistance from their adult adviser, Mr Hemblade.

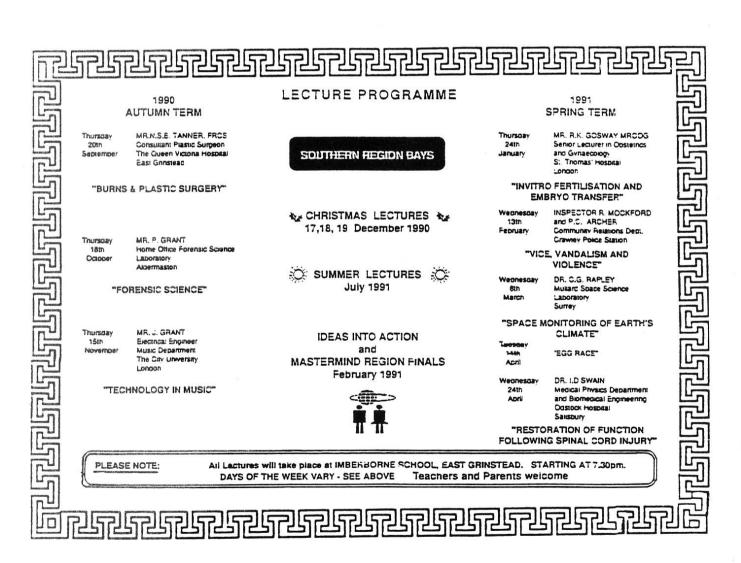
Three years ago, membership was at its highest, 100 pupils were members of BAYS and there were high attendances at lectures. At the present time there are about 60 members.

Lectures last for approximately one and a half

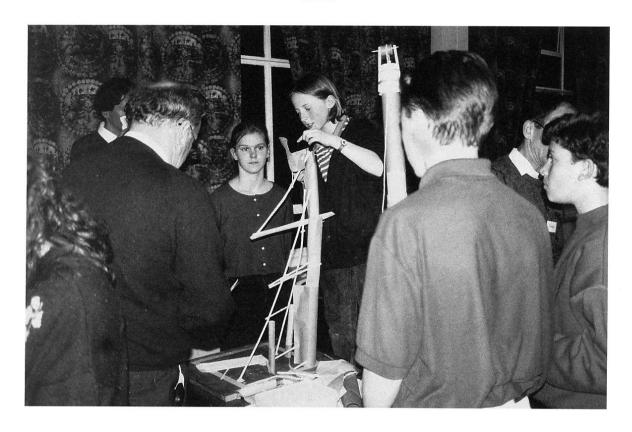
hours, the most popular lectures are on various medical topics, as they are very informative. There was a very good visual lecture about soap bubbles, but gory lectures are the most popular!

Other events run are Mastermind and The Great Egg Race. Mastermind has been running for 3 years, it is staged once a year, it has been hard in the past to get competitors, as people are on show to a large audience.

Each year members in the sixth form are given the chance to attend 'Christmas lectures' at Southampton.



The Great Egg Race



The Great Egg Race is a fun event which has been running for ten years in the school. After early difficulties attracting competitors, BAYS are having to turn people away. In this event you are presented with a problem, and in one and a half hours you have to find the best solution to it, using certain materials and tools. Prizes are awarded in four categories: Lower, Middle, Upper School and the

staff. There is also a trophy for the overall winners. Additional prizes are given for teamwork and fancy dress, with consolation prizes awarded to remaining participants.

In 1991 there were 44 teams of 5 people – the hall was full to overflowing. Unless a larger venue can be found it looks as though the Egg Race has now reached its maximum size.



Skiing with Mr McDonnell

John McDonnell has probably introduced more young people to skiing than any other teacher in the country!

In 1975 when Mr Mac went to Lower School he established skiing for year 2 pupils.

Little did Mr Mac realise that this beginning was to lead to annual trips of enormous popularity.

Thirteen pupils journeyed to Pertisau, Austria in 1976... in 1991 96 pupils enjoyed themselves at Hinterglemm, Austria.

In 1983 Mr Mac found the perfect ski area Hinterglemm in Austria. Mitterlengau Hotel became Lower School's home in the Alps. 1992 will be our tenth visit to Hinterglemm. Over 800 Imberhorne pupils have experienced the excellent skiing and friendly atmosphere to be found there.

1976	13 pupils	Pertisau, Austria
1978	30 pupils	Tarvisio, Italy
1979	34 pupils	Piancavello, Italy
1980	45 pupils	Forni di Sopra, Italy
1981	46 pupils	Panarotta, Italy
1982	81 pupils	Leysin, Switzerland



Hinterglemm 1991

A Legend

John's organisation has become a legend. Every detail is cared for to create a magic week that pupils never forget.

A team of staff take specific responsibilities, and the element of team work is very strong. Eve Lloyd-Eley, Mervyn Rolls, Janice Bell, Sue McDonnell, Bob Mainstone, Terry Goddard, Georgina Rolls, David Mitchell, Judy Blowe, Josie Hughes, Jill Tait, Linda Rodda and Tina Heppell have all been involved with the Lower School visits.

The 1992 trip may be Mr Mac's last, but hopefully he will pass on the reins to another teacher to continue the fine tradition of skiing that has been established.

Mr Mac hopes one day a huge ski reunion can be arranged at Hinterglemm, where former pupils and teachers can relive their memories.

Proposal for Marriage

Finally, can you guess where Mr Mac proposed to Mrs Mac (to be)? On a chair lift half way up a mountain... where else!

Canoe Club

The recent surge in interest in canoeing at Imberhorne began in 1986, when Mr Evans joined. During that year several members of staff took up the sport, and canoeing was featured in the 3rd year activity week for the first time.

Over the next year the staff involved began a training course that would enable them to teach the pupils that had shown an interest.

Canoe Club began in 1988 at Weir Wood reservoir, with an average turnout of 10–12 pupils. At the beginning all of the equipment was hired, but the club has gradually been able to buy various pieces of equipment itself; spray decks, cagoules, wet suits, safety lines – things that make canoeing much more comfortable and enjoyable. Unfortunately, the great





cost of canoes themselves make it impossible for the club to purchase the number necessary and these are still hired, along with paddles and buoyancy aids.

The Canoe Club has organised a great number of weekends away for its members, including trips to France and Wales, and the chance to have a go at surfing and white water canoeing. One trip has been to the National Water Sports Centre at Holme Pierrepoint on the River Trent, where the members

had the chance to canoe on the competition white water course.

The success of the club has been reflected by the members that have continued canoeing. Seven of the students that began canoeing as 3rd years on the activity week which started Imberhorne's craze, are now training to be instructors.

The 4th season of the Canoe Club began Easter 1991, with 48 members on roll.

Climbing in Skye

In July 1977 15 pupils and staff participated in a trip to the Isle of Skye, led by Mike Hazelgrove. They spent the two weeks hiking, climbing and sleeping under canvas! Throughout the trip a log was kept of their activities:

SUNDAY - THE SABBATH

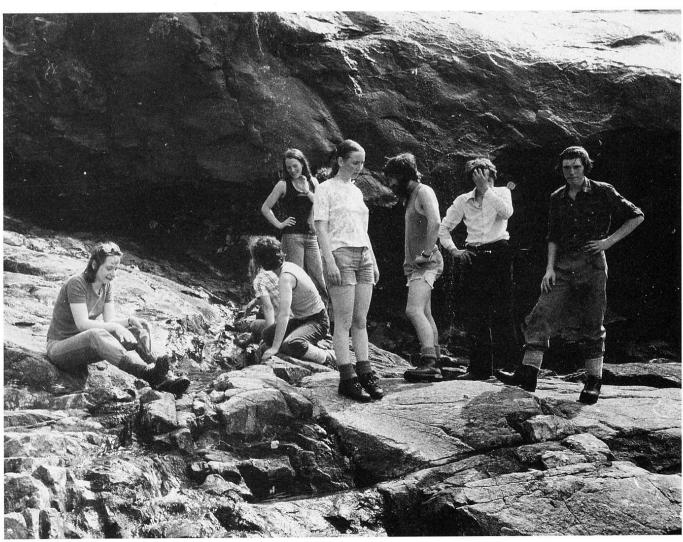
We rose early at 10.30 and ate everything else there was. We mended the cooker. No one challenged Mick's logic that because we were one day out in our schedule we had no food for the second day. Fortunately Andy found his sandwiches. We mended the cooker. Breakfast over, we had lunch. We dressed up in the *proper* clothes in which to get soaked to the skin, and headed for the Quiraing (after mending the cooker). Juliet was leader, but because she did not want to get the map open in the rain led us by an original route up to the Table. Lyn tested the dampness of the grass by sitting down (Yes, it was). Mick complained about condensation. Dick complained about his back. Nick didn't complain at all. David was accused of botanising at all the steeper bits. Mick led everyone round in circles on the top, the lighter members of the party having

allowed the wind to take them up. Meanwhile, Dick was collecting peace offerings for Mrs Cuthbert, and with Nick helped Juliet not to fall over, just in case she did. Vicky spent some time trying to design winsdcreen wipers for her spectacles, and Brigitte decided Scottish grass was slipperier than German grass. Back to camp.

Stewed steak led to instant whip. Juliet volunteered to make the latter, but as someone claimed to have broken a tooth on her version of this in the past, Jan was cook. After supper kites again. Nick practised his cow-catcher shot, and Jan attacked everybody. Adrian designed a kite which, as he explained at great length *ought* to have flown, and Andy, doubtless trained by Air Force defence cuts, attempted to fly a Li-Lo.

A simple bedtime drink was prepared, Juliet at last getting at the cooker and preparing chocolate. Not to be outdone, she attempted simultaneously to set a springloaded Mars bar, and gave drinks all round to the company from the mug in her other hand. Those less prepared to get wet again retaliated suitably... a Mars a day helps you Work, Rest and Spray. Dick washed up again, and bravely left his rubber gloves off.

(Extract from 1977 log)



From left to right they are: Brigitte Shick, Juliet Abbott, Sue Price, Jan Turner, Linda Hazelgrove, Mike Hazelgrove, John Mcallion and Adrian Hart.

Sailing Trips

The sailing trips started in 1977. Mr Oxford took his fifth year Maths class for a fun trip, when they had finished their O Level exams. The school has continued to go back for fourteen years.

Sixteen pupils and some older pupils who go as junior instructors set off every year in the Summer Term to Chichester Harbour where they will spend their next five days.

Although the cost of the trips has gone up from £13.00 to £59.00 the centre's facilities have greatly improved, they now provide the boats, lifejackets, and a safety boat. Sailors slept and lived on an old North Thames barge, but now they sleep in a log cabin.

Apart from sailing, the pupils used to take part in canoeing (before the County regulations stated that you had to have a senior instructor to be allowed to canoe), windsurfing and other sports during the weeks' activities.

On the last day of the trip the pupils take part in some Seamanship races organised by their senior instructor. These races may involve sailing up to a certain point, taking all of their sails off and hoisting their little sail, then sailing to another point where they take their final sail off and have to paddle to the next point, where they take the rudder off. Altogether a fun-filled and exciting novelty race to round off an exciting trip.



Hindleap Warren Camps

The Hindleap Warren camps have provided fun and excitement for hundreds of Imberhorne students since they began.

Mr Catchpole was the first person to organise a camp at Hindleap Warren in the early seventies, and every year after that, the camps just kept growing until they reached one hundred and seventy pupils, spread over five weekends in 1975.

The camps were held at the weekends during the summer term, and in 1975 cost £2.00. This price included all of the activities the pupils took part in, but they had to provide their own food and tents.

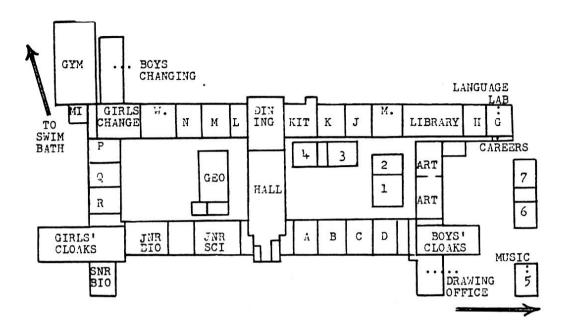
The activities provided by the staff at Hindleap

Warren included, archery, climbing, and orienteering, but most of the time the pupils spent enjoying the camping in the forest. When the Hindleap Warren site started to branch out and had their residential courses, they were more reluctant to allow the school to use their staff, so the school had to provide activities organised by themselves.

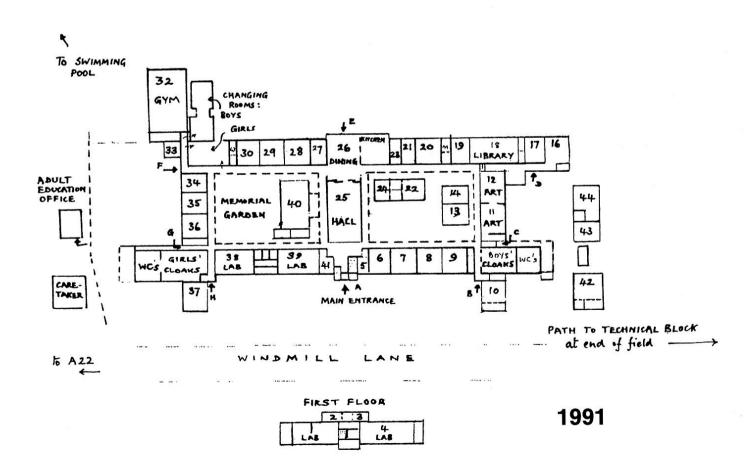
The camps provided fun for all concerned, and the teachers used to go home knowing that a large number of pupils had gained useful experience from it.

Unfortunately the camps came to an end because of the development at Hindleap Warren, making independent camps more difficult to organise.

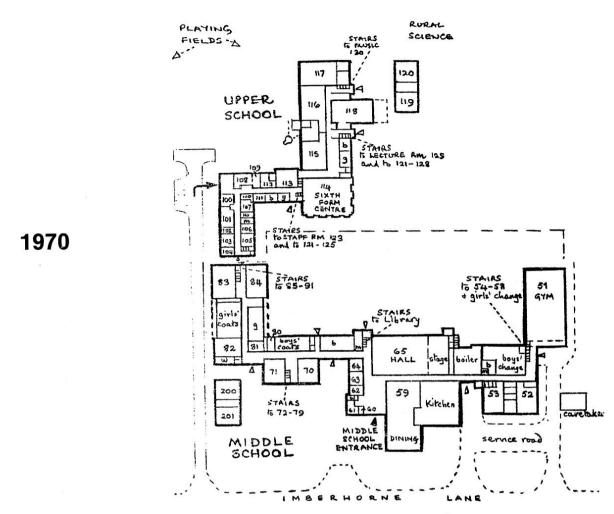
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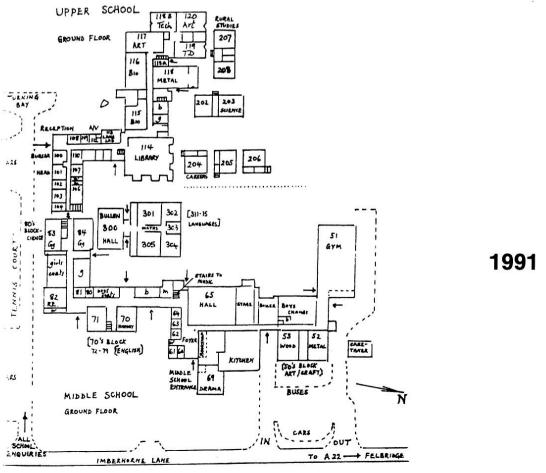


GROUND FLOOR PLAN 1970



MIDDLE AND UPPER SCHOOL - IMBERHORNE LANE







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