

December 2013 OLD RIPS REUNION

OLD RIPS HOCKEY



The Old Riponians' hockey match of 2013 was as much fun as ever. There was a good turnout of Old Rips girls, ranging from the generation of the 1992 North Yorkshire champions to last year's Sixth Form.

The match began in quite an eventful manner with one of the Old Rips ladies dislocating her shoulder after a nasty fall! Thankfully she managed to pop it back into place after walking off the pitch with a smile despite the great pain she must have been feeling!

It was a well-fought game from both sides with a particularly memorable strike from Emily Ramsden of the current RGS first XI and a great run from Carolyn Allen of the Old Rips.

Although the team may not have reached Miss Bottemley's 'magic number 6'; the Old Rips triumphed with a 5-2 victory!

Thanks go to all who attended- playing or spectating. The standard has been set for next year!

Hannah Hale *Old Riponian*



Many Thanks to all the school team players and the 'Old' Riponians

Carolyn Allen, Natasha McCreesh, Lucinda Nicol (nee Wormersley)
Sally Ord (nee Jackson), Hannah Hale, Natalie Clayton, Charlotte Clayton
Fi Mingay, Hannah Waddington, Charlotte Frank, Natasha Mortimer
Annabel Swiers, Ellie Skippings, Olivia Foster, Rachael Watkinson

OLD RIPS FOOTBALL



It was 2013's turn to experience the event which brings back the likes of ex-Head boys, university freshers and over-worked employees, all in the name of beating the current grammar school boys at a game of football.

A sideline of well wrapped-up spectators witnessed the highly populated Old Riponians' team; featuring over twenty keen young men, fall behind 3-0 as the young Rips – with only one sub – were quietly confident and shrewd with their attacks. However, sheer determination and unwillingness to be embarrassed caused a late surge from the Old Rips, starting with a goal from (Jack Newsome) followed by a missed-but-scored-on-the-rebound penalty from Peter Marsden.

In the dying moments, an equaliser from (David Bradley) took the game to a penalty shootout, which was rather less impressive than the pile on which followed for the winning team. Glenn May's confidence on the Rugby field was unfortunately not channelled into his penalty taking, but thankfully for the Old Rips, (Jonny Frank) and (Drew Johnstone) tucked away their penalties.

Charlie Savage was a force to be reckoned with in goal for the Old Rips and the young Rips were unable to convert any of their penalties, allowing the Old Rips win the shootout 2-0 and take the highly-coveted accolade of 'Old Riponians' Day Football Match Champions 2013'. There's always next year youngsters.

Toby Kinread *Old Riponian*



Old Riponian's Netball Match



In recent years the Old Riponian's Netball Match has become an important fixture in the diary. Our youngest Old Rips in the team were Fionnuala Morris and Amy Ellerker who are in their second year at University and the eldest was, well, me!

Super netballer, Joanna Stevenson (Marston) played Centre and with Suzanne Rickard (Gatford) and Tessa Rich in defence and Nicola Stubbs on the wing I was confident of yet another victory against the girls. How wrong could I be...?

Ripon Grammar School's netball teams have benefitted massively from having local netball club Ripon Rockets coaching many of the girls on a Saturday afternoon. The standard of school netball has risen exponentially and more and more girls are coming to practise simply because they enjoy this fast and skilful game. The girls we played against were a mix of year 10 and year 11 netballers and quite by chance were brilliant defenders, superb shooters, excellent centre court players. Can you get a sense of what's to come...? They hammered us! The final score was 34 – 17 so effectively they were twice as good as us, but then our average age was twice as much as theirs at least! *sighs deeply*

However, on the plus side, I win either way. If Old Rips had won the match I would be a victorious player. As the girls won the match, I am a victorious coach. Job done.

As ever the match was played in a good natured and friendly manner with only the Old Rips being overly competitive! Enormous thanks to the girls who gave up their afternoon – Sarah Reed, Philippa Reynolds, Emma Hope, Saffy Dean-Stone, Alannah Mansfield, Alex Halshaw and Emily Morrell and a special thank you to Ripon Rockets Coach Debbie Reed for umpiring on the day.

Next year I shall choose a B team of year 7s to play against...

Helen Mackenzie Oldest Riponian