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a play by Laurie Lee

I belonged to a generation which saw, by chance, the end of a thousand years' life.

Students at Richmond School are preparing to bring to life Laurie Lee's evocative and poignant account of his childhood in a remote Cotswold village before the advent of cars and modern farm and household equipment.

This production was due to take place in December 2010 but because of the extremely cold and snowy weather conditions had to be postponed only two days before the first performance. Not to be put off, the students have stayed committed to rehearsals and are very much working towards the rescheduled dates on **16, 17 and 18 February**.

Director Ian Henderson, supported by a student led Production Team, has continued to work hard with the cast to create an outstanding ensemble piece. 'I am really excited to be putting on this production, and the students have coped fantastically with the enforced delay in production,' he said.



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We join Laurie and his siblings as they step into the dreamlike world of memory, recalling the defining experiences of their youth: outings to Weston-super-Mare; frozen white winters and blazing orange summers; the rough and tumble of the family kitchen; tyrannical teacher Old Crabby; the warring ancient rival Grannies Trill and Wallon. Live folk music from an ensemble of students and staff throughout the performance will set your feet tapping and stir the emotions from sadness to laughter.

The school hopes that 'Cider with Rosie' will offer something for everyone. Performances will take place on **Wednesday 16, Thursday 17 and Friday 18 February at 7.30pm in Richmond School Sixth Form Hall**, Darlington Road. Tickets are now on sale: £5 for adults, £3 concessions. Please ensure that you book tickets beforehand, as space is limited, and we cannot guarantee entry on the door. For further information and bookings please contact Emma Jobling in the Creative Arts Office on 01748 82 8109 ejobling@richmondschool.net.

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