

## Christmas essay

Dear Twist,

ANOTHER 'Old Boy' kindly sent me a copy of Twist. He thought I might be interested as I am the P. J. North who wrote 'I Hate Christmas' in the old school magazine you featured. He added the comment: "I'm sure you've changed your views".

The answer to that is a resounding "NO!", mainly because I have never hated Christmas.

Tom Roberts who sent you 'The Cestrefeldian' is younger than me. In the early 1950s, teenagers had not been invented. We were just children, and had little choice. I had absolutely no choice over that essay. I can't remember now whether the two essays were given to the whole form or whether John Dyson and I were singled out to write for the magazine.

Either way, we were told "this is your subject". It was the most difficult essay I was ever set as it did not reflect my views!

May I congratulate you on a most interesting magazine. I wish there were a similar one in Bury, Lancashire! Any offers?

Peter North