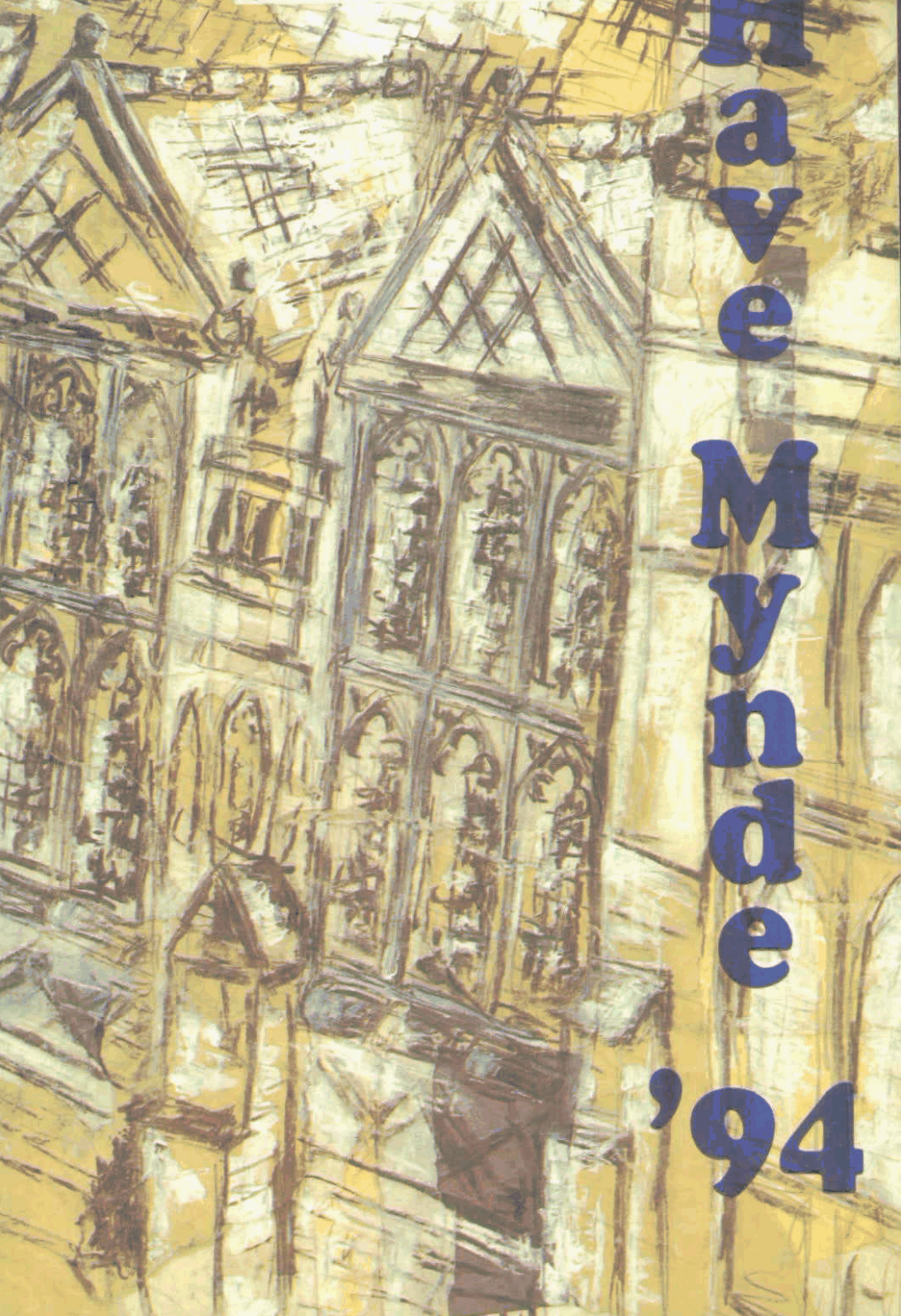


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# The Queen's School Chester



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# Foreword

Life at The Queen's School is often similar to the activities of the White Queen in "Alice Through the Looking Glass". She had to keep on running to stay in the same place.

In Education so many changes of syllabus, coursework and curriculum seem to rain down upon us that there never seems time for consolidation. Staff keep abreast of changes by attending courses, reviewing curriculum and adapting their own syllabi. In spite of this Staff always seem to find the time to participate in extra-curricular activities, residential holidays, courses, exchange visits and excursions connected with subjects. The pages of this magazine bring alive the variety of experiences and opportunities available to pupils of all ages.

In the Senior School it is important that girls are aware of the opportunities which exist in higher education and in the world of work. We have been very fortunate in having Mrs. Entwisle to give sound careers advice and sensible guidance throughout the senior part of the school. She has held the post of Head of Careers since 1985 and has been responsible for starting hundreds of girls on worthwhile and satisfying careers. She retires this summer; we thank her for all the service she has given the school and hope she will return to delight us with her other area of expertise; namely flower arranging. Mrs. Firmstone, Head of Art left us in December. She inspired many girls with a love of the subject and was also a very experienced flower arranger.

We are fortunate at The Queen's School that Staff changes are few but last September we welcomed to the Staff, Mr. Fisher, Head of Information Technology, Miss Fry, French & German, Mrs. Jevons, Classics, Miss Viala, French Assistante, Sarah Breeze, Sandford House Classroom assistant and Mr. Lilley, Caretaker at Sandford House and Nedham House. Mrs. Blything joined us as Head of Art in January.

There have been changes in the visiting musicians; Mrs. Lees retired last summer, Mrs. Stringer and Mrs. Johnson retired during the year; Mr. Gough left to take up a post at the Royal Northern College of Music. We welcomed Mrs. Cooke to teach singing and were fortunate that teachers in post could take pupils from the staff who had left.

Change has been high on the agenda this year, and in addition to Staff changes we have had significant changes in buildings. Our new teaching block has enabled all the Modern Languages to group together and this in turn has enabled all subjects to occupy suites of rooms. We were delighted that the Lord Mayor, Mrs. Byatt opened our new building for us in October 1993.

The generosity of parents at the Autumn Market has enabled us to increase our equipment:- a music trolley at Nedham House, an electronic piano at Sandford House, computers, P.E. equipment and Home Economics items at the Senior School. Thank you to the organisers of the Autumn Market.

There has been a major change in the editorial leader for *Have Mynde*. Mrs. Maddocks has masterminded the editorial team for 5 years and has produced excellent and imaginative magazines during this time. We thank her for her unstinting efforts.

This year Mrs. Griffiths has taken over as editor and has benefited from Mrs. Maddocks' experience as well as obviously applying her own flair and innovative ideas. Congratulations to Mrs. Griffiths and the editorial team.

The key to success in the production of the magazine is team work and this is also apparent throughout the whole school. It is our strong team of pupils, parents, former pupils, staff, former staff and Governors that produces the rich climate in which all aspects of the School can flourish. Thank you to each and every one for their contribution to the life of the school.

D. M. Skilbeck

## The Staff May 1994

<b>English</b>	R P Ainsworth, BA Hons Dunelm, B Phil Newcastle, ACP, PGCE
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	Mrs M T Berry, MA Dublin, Cert Ed
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	Miss P Heaney, BA Hons Sheffield, PGCE
	Miss S Fry, BA Hons Dunelm, PGCE
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	Mrs M E Prince, BA Hons Sheffield, Dip Ed, Cert Ed

	Mrs P Maddocks, BA Hons London
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<b>Italian</b>	Mrs S J Bowden, BA Manchester, PGCE
<b>Spanish</b>	Mrs V Carpenter, BA Joint Hons Nottingham, PGCE
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<b>Brass</b>	A. M. Lewis

<b>Pianoforte</b>	Miss R. Jones G. Mus, ARNCM, LRAM, ARCM, FLCM
<b>Violin and Viola</b>	Mrs J. Holmes Mus. B (Hons.) Manchester, GRSM, ARMC, Dip. Ed.
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<b>Guitar</b>	P. D. Oliver LRAM
<b>Woodwind</b>	J. Fuest ARCM
	Mrs E. Dutch B.A. Bristol, ARCM
<b>Singing</b>	Mrs F. M. Cooke M.A. Cantab, LRAM Dip. Ed.
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Groundsman	Mr. C. Faulkner
Maintenance Officer	Mr. B. Lewis
Caretaker (Nedham House)	Mr. P. Lilley

# Those in Authority 1994



"Three Generations": Headmistress: Miss Skilbeck, Miss Farra, Miss Maclean



Deputy Headmistress: Mrs Sheedy, Miss Edwards, Miss Walters



**Head Girl: Elizabeth Evans**  
**Deputies: Paula Morris and Laura Jones**



**Have Mynde Editorial, (left to right): Helen Emery, Tessa Adnitt, Lynsay Taffe, Sarah Craig, Mrs Griffiths, Emma Brownley, Sally Bowden, Rachel Hobcroft**

# STAFF NEWS

## Mrs Entwisle

Traditionally, when staff join The Queen's School, the conducive working environment inevitably means that they remain here for many years. However, there are very few members of staff who can have had such a long and diverse involvement with the school as Mrs Entwisle.

She first came to the school as a pupil from 1950 to 1954, returning in 1970 to teach Economics and then in 1984 embarked on her current role as Careers Adviser. This appointment led to the establishment of the Careers Room in its existing location, and since that time Mrs Entwisle, with her invaluable industrial training gained in Personnel Management, has been responsible for guiding numerous girls through the higher education maze. Over the years the entrance to the staff room has been besieged by sixth formers waving their UCCA (now UCAS) forms at Mrs Entwisle in the desperate race to complete on time, in spite of some last-minute changes of heart. Yet in her calm and efficient manner she has always provided girls with all the necessary information to enable them to arrive at their own decisions. It would be impossible to list the many initiatives she has instigated during her time in Careers.



Mrs Entwisle

These range from Careers Conventions to Work Insight, and the administration of University Open Days to the organisation of Lecture Series.

Perhaps I might be so bold as to suggest that the last major Careers evening she organised in April was one of the most interesting and entertaining of all. A panel of old girls who left school in 1981 returned to give an account of their careers to date, which proved to be both informative and extremely witty. Included amongst those who returned was her daughter, Kate, who is now a doctor. She joined Sandford House as a pupil and proceeded through to the Sixth Form.

Mrs Entwisle's contribution to the aesthetics of the building will surely be missed. We have tended to assume that the attractive floral arrangements, to which we have all become accustomed, have by some chance "happened", particularly when there has been a major school event. However, these are mostly attributed to Mrs Entwisle's talents in floral art and her generous contributions from her own lovely garden.

It is gratifying to know that Mrs Entwisle will be continuing her association with The Queen's School as a committed member of The Old Girls' Association. She will be missed by staff and pupils alike. We wish her well in the future and know that with her many and varied interests she will have a very active and full retirement.

J.F.

### Births

MR & MRS TONY LEWIS - are pleased to announce the arrival of their baby daughter Harriet on 27th May 1994.

STEVENTON - on 25th April 1994 to Paul and Pamela, a son Jonathon Paul.

## Gifts to The School 1993-94

UVI leavers 1993	- Garden statue
Mrs Clough, Katie & Anna	- Books on Technology
Miss Hargreaves & Mrs Fowler	- Notice Board for School Activities
Nicole Butler, Julia Copland	- Cup for UV Service Prize
Miss Hargreaves	- Dictionaries for French, German, Italian & Spanish
Mrs Affleck	- Colour Printer
Anina & Tania Short	- Tennis Cup
Katie Clough & Hannah Daniels	- Deputy Head Girls' Badges
Yuriko Kato	- Book on Japanese Gardens
Mayuko Ogawa	- "Japanese Girl's Day" Collage
Joanna Goodchild (on the occasion of her MBE award)	- Money for the School Library

Miss Phillips  
LVI

- £150 to the School Library
- Third Prize, Young Analyst Competition - £50 (Chemistry)
- Slide Projector for the Art Room

Mr & Mrs Walton, Rachel &  
Amy

### The Language Study Room

To the left of the medical room, and approached through a labyrinth of cloakroom lockers, is a room known to only a few girls at the school because it is reserved for private study for Sixth Form language students. At Miss Maclean's suggestion, this room was equipped with tape recorders in booths suitable for the listening exercises which were a growing feature of language study. The room has been well used for this purpose over a period of twenty years and has been known as the Language Laboratory.

During the last twelve months this room has undergone a further change to suit it to the needs of language students of the nineties. It has a video recorder to allow sixth formers to work individually from video tape as well as audio tape. It is also the home of an excellent satellite television system which enables us to watch programmes live from any European country or to record them for future use. Sixth form students are encouraged to believe that their linguistic skills can be improved by watching not only news and current affairs programmes but also the very programmes we hope they will avoid in English. If it is in French, German, Spanish or Italian, even a game show can be most beneficial! (Unsuitable channels are, however, blocked!) In case this is not enough to attract them, the newly painted room has been provided with carpet, curtains, bean-bags and comfortable chairs.

The luxury of all these changes, plus the welcome addition of a set of Babar posters in the L Block, is thanks to the generosity of a former member of staff of whom hundreds of old girls have memories. Madame Wozniak spent approximately thirty years in a part-time capacity in the French Department, teaching French conversation until she was 84. When she died in 1989 she left money which we have been able to use to the benefit of those studying languages at the school. After sharing her love of her language with so many young ladies in her lifetime, she would, we are sure, be happy to know that her memory survives in such a concrete and enjoyable form.

## Prize List 1992-93

*Certificates for Outstanding Work in G.C.S.E. (8 or more subjects with Grade A):-* Lesley Anders, Elizabeth Barnes, Katherine Blackburn, Laura Butler, Nicole Butler, Rachel Carter, Julia Copland, Fiona Crumplin, Alison Dawson, Laura Dodd, Rachael Downer, Kate Downey, Helen Emery, Angela Etheridge, Elizabeth Evans, Eliza-

beth Fenton, Emily Hancock, Rachel Hobcroft, Kathryn Jeffery, Katherine Job, Laura Jones, Mary Kinsey, Helen Maddock, Sarah McManus, Caroline Molyneux, Paula Morris, Alice Neal, Ruth Peacock, Victoria Pugh, Philippa Rae, Tania Short, Julia Skilton, Lynsay Taffe, Sally Thomas, Charlotte Wilcox, Louise Wong.

*Certificates for 8 or more subjects at G.C.S.E.:-* Tessa Adnitt, Sally Bowden, Emma Brownley, Alison Burns, Victoria Burton, Anna-Marie Clarke, Heather Dawson, Iona Debenham, Emma Flaherty, Harriet Flanagan, Catherine Heywood, Abigail Holiday, Yvonne Machell, Hannah Morrey, Clair Norris, Dehra Orme, Abigail Rosenbloom, Camilla Smith, Sally Weigh, Lucy Williams, Sophie Wood.

*Prize for Public Speaking:- Pate Prize - Elizabeth Parker.*

*Prizes for Service to the School:- The Skinners & Feltmakers Company - Mary Dawson, Clare Evans, Juliet George, Maria Johnson, Jane Littler, Stephanie Rogers, Myfanwy Salih. The Guha Prize - Louise Cadman, Clare Dawson, Sarah Jones, Anina Short. Diana Beck Memorial Prize - Catherine Lawson, Jane Macnaughtan, Maria McNamara.*

*Fifth Form Prize for Service to the School:-* Abigail Holiday, Nicole Butler, Julia Copland.

*Prize for Service to the Neighbourhood:- Mr & Mrs Aston's Prize - Claire Caldwell, Sarah Jones.*

*Head Girl's Award:- Owen Jones Prize - Rosalind Blackwood.*

*Deputy Head Girls' Awards:- Dr & Mrs Judge's Prize - Katherine Clough. Rotary Club Prize - Hannah Daniels.*

*Queen Victoria's Jubilee Scholarship:- Helen Cartwright.*

*Prizes for Games and Gymnastics:- Margaret Meacock Memorial Prize - Susannah Filce.*

*Prizes for Outstanding Work at A Level (3 or more subjects at Grade A):-* Mona Ahmed, Juliet George, Claire Hassall, Katherine Higgins, Faye Jones, Suzanne Le Miere, Claire Lewis, Geraldine Patten, Elizabeth Pumfrey, Cain Rowlands, Josephine Russell, Victoria Stinson, Nicole Travers, Lucina Troy, Alison Turner, Tajana Weli, Menai West, Sarah Woods, Rebecca Wright.

## **Subject Prizes**

*Art:- Randolph Caldecott Society Prize - Jennifer Roscoe.*

*Biology:- Brown Memorial Prize - Camilla Crowe, Mary Dawson, Juliet George, Nicole Travers.*

*Chemistry:- W Davies Memorial Prize - Mary Dawson, Juliet George, Elizabeth Pumfrey, Cain Rowlands, Victoria Stinson.*

*Classical Studies:- Sandford Memorial Prize - Rebecca Wright.*

*Economics:- John Thompson Prize - Anna Trybocka.*

*English:- Sandford Memorial Prize - Rebecca Wright.*

*French:- Madam Wozniak's Prize - Mona Ahmed, Katherine Higgins.*

*Geography:- Doris Metzger Memorial Prize - Nicole Travers.*

*Greek:- Miss Whittam's Prize - Menai West.*

*History:- Owen Jones Prize - Sarbani Banerjee, Geraldine Patten, Nicole Travers, Kate Wood.*

*Latin:- Miss Whittam's Prize - Menai West.*

*Mathematics:- Miss Nedham's Prize - Juliet George, Faye Jones, Claire Lewis, Elizabeth Pumfrey, Cain Rowlands, Sarah Woods.*

*Modern Languages:- E. Noel Humphreys Memorial Prize - Verity Owen, Lucina Troy.*

*Physics:- Owen Jones Prize - Elizabeth Pumfrey.*

*Prize for Progress in English:- Horton Memorial Prize - Jennifer Roscoe.*

*For the Best Piece of Creative Work in 'Have Mynde':- Helen Parker's Prize - Jennifer Higgins.*

## **Games Cups**

### *House Cups*

*Senior Hockey - Westminster, Senior Lacrosse - Thompson,*

*Senior Tennis - Thompson, House Athletics - Hastings.*

### *Moore Cup*

*Clare Dawson*

*(awarded to the girl who has most frequently represented the School as a member of the first teams in Hockey, Lacrosse and Tennis)*

### *Irvin Cup for Hockey*

*Clare Morris*

*(awarded to the most improved player)*

### *Shambler Cup for Badminton*

*Penta Clark, Patricia Cropper*

## **Music Cups**

*Anna Markland Cup for Music*

*Gillian Church*

*1993*

*Ann Brotherhood Vocal Trophy*

*Anina Short*

*1993*

*James and Surfleet Cup for Music*

*Mariko Kato, Yuriko Kato*

*1993*

## **Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme**

*Gold Award: Sian Hockley, left 1992; Pauline Sinclair, left 1992.*

## **Successes of Former Pupils**

*First Class Degrees have been awarded to the following:*

*Emma Ford*

*Chemistry, University of Nottingham*

## **Young Enterprise Achievements (September 1991-June 1992)**

*Two Companies formed: "Apache" and "Hoi Polloi"*

*"Hoi Polloi" won an award of £250.00 from CEWTEC for the most innovative product.*

## **Advanced Level**

*Five subjects:-* Caroline Graves, Suzanne Le Miere, Claire Lewis, Sarah Woods.

*Four subjects:-* Jennifer Barber, Caroline Chadwick, Karen Chan, Fiona Claymore, Ismena Clout, Johanna Collins, Camilla Crowe, Emma Davies, Mary Dawson, Fiona Edge, Suzanne Edgerton, Katharine Edwards, Juliet George, Sarah Griffiths, Claire Hassall, Katherine Higgins, Claire Johnson, Faye Jones, Sarah Lamond, Sophia Latham, Anna McCallum, Lucy Neal, Verity Owen, Geraldine Patten, Helen Pinnington, Sarah Phythian-Adams, Elizabeth Pumfrey, Jennifer Roscoe, Josephine Russell, Louise Salter, Nicole Salter, Victoria Stinson, Nicole Travers, Lucina Troy, Anna Trybocka, Alison Turner, Helen Turner, Alexia Walker, Caroline Weigh, Amanda Wells, Menai West, Laurie Williams, Kate Wood, Jennifer Wright, Rebecca Wright.

*Three subjects:-* Mona Ahmed, Sarbani Banerjee, Claire Blain, Claire Bunney, Helen Cooper-Poole, Susannah Filce, Angana Nankani, Charlotte Oliver, Cain Rowlands, Fai Senior, Tajana Weli.

*Two subjects:-* Serena Jones.

## **Examinations of the Associated Board of The Royal Schools of Music**

Juliet George (Piano) - Grade VII with Distinction  
Harriet Sims (Violin) - Grade VIII - pass  
Mariko Kato (Piano) - Grade VIII - pass  
Michelle Moyes (Flute) - Grade VII with Distinction  
Anne Thorne (Oboe) - Grade VI with Merit  
Anne Thorne (Piano) - Grade VII with Distinction

*Grade V Theory:-* Helen Cartwright, Hannah Cornfield, Rachel Dixon, Lisa Meacock, Prudence Nickson, Helen Pantony, Sophie Quick.

## **The London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art Examinations**

*Bronze Medal LAM -Acting:-* Nadia Evans, Joanna Hoyles

*Acting:-*

Katherine Brotherhood - Grade VI with Distinction  
Olivia Searle - Grade VI - pass  
Ruth Taylor - Grade VI - pass  
Helen Wood - Grade VI with Distinction  
Clare Collins - Grade V with Honours  
Giselle Parker - Grade V with Honours

*The Speaking of Verse and Prose/Theory:-*

Felicity Powers - Grade VII with Distinction  
Anne Thorne - Grade VIII with Distinction

## 1993 Leavers Higher Education and Employment

Mona Ahmed	Birmingham University	English and History
Sarbani Banerjee	Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge	History
Jennifer Barber	Newcastle University	Politics
Claire Blain	Leeds University	French & German
Claire Bunney	Goldsmith's College, London	Education
Caroline Chadwick	Birmingham University	Ancient History & Archaeology
Karen Chan	Manchester University	Applied Microbiology
Fiona Claymore	St Andrews University	Biology
Ismena Clout	University College, London	Environmental Geoscience
Johanna Collins	Nottingham University	Chemical Engineering
Helen Cooper-Poole	South Bank	Geography & Environmental Policy
Camilla Crowe	Bristol University	Geography
Emma Davies	Chester College	Education
Mary Dawson	Trinity Hall, Cambridge for 1994	Natural Sciences
Fiona Edge	Hertfordshire	Social Sciences
Katharine Edwards	Kingston	Geography
Suzanne Egerton	Durham University	Geology
Susannah Filce	Edinburgh University	Biology
Juliet George	Newnham College, Cambridge	Natural Sciences
Caroline Graves	Harper Adams Agricultural College	Rural Enterprise & Land Management
Sarah Griffiths	Newcastle University	Law
Claire Hassall	Durham University	Economics
Katherine Higgins	Nottingham University	French Studies
Claire Johnson	Liverpool John Moores	Applied Physics
Faye Jones	St Hilda's College, Oxford	Mathematics
Serena Jones	Newton Secretarial College	Secretarial course
Sarah Lamond	Bristol University	History
Suzanne Le Miere	Imperial College, London	Biology with a year in Europe
Claire Lewis	Keble College, Oxford	Philosophy Politics & Economics
Anna McCallum	Sheffield University	Modern Languages
Angana Nankani	Liverpool University	Medicine
Lucy Neal	Sheffield University	Chemical Process Engineering
Geraldine Patten	Queen's College, Oxford	History
Sarah Phythian- Adams	Queen Mary & Westfield College, London	Economics
Helen Pinnington	Newcastle University	Law
Elizabeth Pumfrey	Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge	Natural Sciences
Jennifer Roscoe	School of Oriental & African Studies, London	Law
Cain Rowlands	Corpus Christi College, Cambridge	Natural Sciences
Josephine Russell	Lancaster University	Linguistics & French
Louise Salter	Newcastle University	Agricultural Economics
Nicole Salter	Northumbria at Newcastle	Psychology
Clare Samuels	Birmingham Central School of Speech & Drama	Diploma in Acting

Fai Senior	Sheffield University	Medicine
Victoria Stinson	Sheffield University	Medicine
Nicole Travers	Newcastle University	History
Lucina Troy	Queen's College, Oxford	Modern Languages
Anna Trybicka	London School of Economics	Economics with International Relations
Alison Turner	Leeds University	Law
Helen Turner	King's College, London	Environmental Health
Alexia Walker	Bristol University	History
Caroline Weigh	Sheffield Hallam	Hotel and Tourism Management
Tajana Weli	Manchester University	Medicine
Amanda Wells	Buckingham/Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester	International Agriculture & Equine Business Management
Menai West	Exeter College, Oxford	Literae Humaniores
Katie Wood	Bristol University	History
Sarah Woods	University College, London	Medicine
Jennifer Wright	Bristol, West of England	Sociology
Rebecca Wright	Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford	English

### 1992 Leavers who deferred or re-applied

Tracey Andrews	Birmingham University	Geography
Caroline Bate	Leeds University	Food Science
Samantha Ford	Leeds University	Industrial Economics
Penelope Wickson	Birmingham University	History
Rebecca Wilson	Exeter University	Geography

### Degree Results 1993

Michelle Arden	Managerial & Administrative Studies 2:1, Aston
Helen Barnes	Geography 2:1, Leeds
Kate Bastin	History 2:2, Lancaster
Camilla Bond	French Studies 2:1, Lancaster
Rebecca Clark	Speech Science 2:1, Sheffield
Sarah Cundy	History 2:1, Cambridge
Gemma Dodd	Economics 2:2, St Andrews
Helen England	Civil Engineering MEng(Merit), Southampton
Emma Ford	Chemistry 1, Nottingham
Anna Harcourt	Physical Education, Sports Science & Recreational Management 2:1, Loughborough
Rachel Higgins	Sports Science 2:1, Liverpool, John Moores
Claire Ibbett	Mathematics 2:2, Durham
Melanie James	Education (Music) 2:2, Warwick
Amy Lillicrap	Psychology 2:1, Loughborough
Pippa Rowland	Commerce 2:1, Birmingham
Kathryn Spall	Geography 2:1, Birmingham
Caroline Surfleet	Music 2:1, Manchester
Catherine Williams	History 2:2, Bangor
Rebecca Wilson	East Mediterranean History 2:1, Birmingham
Clare Wormald	Biology 2:2, York

Most of these degree results were notified to us by the universities and we appreciate that the list is incomplete. We are always pleased to hear directly from 'old girls' when they have degree results.

Miss D.M. Skilbeck

# SPORT

## Tennis 1993



### Tennis Squads

#### Senior

Amy Walton (Captain)  
Sophie Quick  
Thea Fineren  
Sarah Jones  
Clare Dawson  
Jo Adnitt  
Jenny Shaw  
Helen Cartwright  
Philippa Rae  
Hannah Morrey  
Lesley Anders  
Helen Emery  
Nicole Butler  
Catherine Heywood  
Alison Dawson  
Abbey Holiday  
Julia Copland  
Tania Short

Jackie Kelly  
Anna Heywood  
Loren Knight  
Frances Hopkins

#### U15

Clare Morris  
Alice Danczak  
Lynsey Fletcher  
Jill Moore  
Joanne Archibald  
Kate Brotherhood  
Tricia Cropper  
Helen Budworth  
Tamsin Cornfield  
Helen Mounsey  
Vicky Keogh  
Rachel Charlton

#### U14

Katherine Totty  
Nicola Riley  
Anna MacLaine  
Catherine Gosmore  
Deborah Morris  
Sarah Halbert  
Sally Chadwick  
Francesca Southerden  
Samantha Oxford  
Sarah Dent  
Alice Dawson  
Joanne Cornock  
Jane Roberts  
Alexandra Crook  
Kate Williams  
Gillian Church

#### U13

Victoria Ball  
Joanna Bowden  
Hannah Bowen-Jones  
Philippa Copland  
Sian Edwards  
Jennifer Harper  
Harriet Mucklow  
Georgina Davie  
Ciara Leeming  
Sian Morris  
Cara Williams  
Claire Bunton  
Anna Catchpole  
Anna Gibbons  
Victoria Hewitt  
Chloë Fordham  
Sara Scott

As always, enthusiasm for tennis was huge this term, but unfortunately, due mostly to the British weather and the interruption of summer exams, practice time was limited and therefore it was not the most successful of seasons for The Queen's School. Our Intermediate team reached the finals of the Cheshire Doubles Competition and the Junior team reached the semi-finals. We were winners of the Chester and District Intermediate Tournament and runners-up in the Senior.

There were a lot of fixtures, both friendlies and the Midland Bank Tennis Tournament and our Removes and Lower Fourths show great promise. Mrs Moore and Miss Huck deserve a huge thank you for all their help and support. I enjoyed my term as Tennis Captain, particularly working with the younger girls. Good luck to my successor and for the 1994 season.

Amy Walton

### Inter House Tennis

<b>Junior</b>	Westminster
<b>Senior</b>	Thompson

### Tennis Colours

<b>Junior</b>	Clare Morris, Alice Danczak, Jill Moore, Lynsey Fletcher, Jo Archibald, Kate Brotherhood
<b>Senior</b>	Sarah Jones, Clare Dawson

### School Tournament Results

	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Runner-Up</b>
<b>Senior Singles</b>	Sarah Jones	Clare Dawson
<b>Senior Doubles</b>	Frances Hopkins Joanna Adnitt	Amy Walton Anna Haywood
<b>Junior Team Singles</b>	Clare Morris	Catherine Gosmore
<b>Junior Doubles</b>	Clare Morris Alice Danczak	Jo Archibald Kate Brotherhood
<b>Junior non-team Singles</b>	Vicki Keogh	Jane Williams
<b>Lower Four Singles</b>	Philippa Copland	Sian Morris
<b>Lower Four Doubles</b>	Victoria Ball Chloë Fordham	Jennifer Harper Cheryl Wells
<b>Remove Singles</b>	Clare Roche	Susan Waring

### The Moore Cup

This is awarded to the Sportswoman of the year who has represented the school in the first teams for hockey, lacrosse and tennis on the highest number of occasions. In 1993 this was awarded to Clare Dawson.

# Rounders

Our rounders teams enjoyed a busy summer as usual playing fixtures against:- Packwood Hough, Abbey Gate, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Tarporley, West Kirby, Birkenhead, Cransley, Huyton and Moreton Hall. We were semi finalists in the U15.

Junior Inter-House Rounders: Hastings

Senior Inter-House Rounders: Hastings

# Athletics

Summer term 1993 was especially short and we had a lot to pack into eleven weeks.

At the Chester & District minors' meeting four Removes qualified for the Cheshire Championships held in Warrington. They were:- Angela Willis, Emily Pearce, Susan Waring and Rebecca Willsdon. Seven senior girls also gained representative honours:- Anna MacLaine - hurdles; Emma Barrow - 800m; Alice Danczak - 200m; Emily Hancock - 1500m; Yvonne Machell - hurdles; Clare Dawson - 400m; Susannah Filce - high jump. Susannah again continued her representative honours, representing Wales in the full Senior International team.

The Chester & District Athletics meeting was held as usual at the Queensway Stadium, Wrexham. There were some notable performances:- 1st places to Harriet Mucklow LIV hurdles; Anna MacLaine UIV hurdles and long jump; Alice Danczak LV/UV 200m; Emily Hancock LV/UV 1500m.

minors: 3rd  
LIV: 6th  
UIV: 3rd  
LV/UV: 4th  
Overall: 3rd

Athletics colours were awarded to Emma Barrow, Alice Danczak, Clare Morris, Frances Terrell.

Athlete of the Year Trophy: Alice Danczak  
House Athletics Trophy: Hastings.

# Hockey 1993-94

Hockey Captain: Sarah Jones

## Senior Squad

Louise Cadman  
Ros Blackwood  
Clare Dawson  
Sarah Jones  
Tessa Adnitt  
Catherine Heywood  
Laura Dodd  
Alison Dawson  
Clare Morris  
Jill Moore  
Prue Nickson  
Becky McKay  
Lynsey Fletcher  
Vicki Keogh  
Alice Danczak

## U15 Squad

Caroline Faria  
Katherine Totty  
Sarah Halbert  
Kate Williams - Captain  
Katie Gregory  
Sophie Dixon  
Nicola Riley  
Anna Maclaine  
Clare Young  
Catherine Gosmore  
Sarah Dent  
Emma Barrow  
Jane Mooney

## Under 14 Squad

Sara Scott - Captain  
Kate Ireland  
Hannah Bowen-Jones  
Philippa Copland  
Harriet Mucklow  
Anna Gibbons  
Sian Morris  
Vicky Hewitt  
Chloë Fordham  
Vicky Ball  
Jo Bowden  
Ciara Leeming  
Ros Turner

## U13 Squad

Jane Ashton  
Angela Warren  
Jane Bellamy  
Carolyn Ainsworth  
Julia Mounsey  
Melinda Totty - Captain  
Helen Roberts  
Emily Pearce  
Angela Willis  
Gemma Swindells  
Clare Roche  
Fay Robinson  
Susan Waring  
Rachel Cooper  
Laura Antlett  
Sarah Rogers  
Pippa Bruce  
Ceri Clements  
Lucy Harries  
Rowena Ridgway



Hockey 1st XI 1993-94

Once again, The Queen's School have enjoyed a successful hockey season, with particular success being achieved in the tournaments played. This reflects the great strength in depth of all the teams; in each year group there is fierce competition for team places, reflected in the fact that over 70 girls have represented hockey teams this year. Queen's have also been well represented in county teams. Both Clare Morris and Prue Nickson were selected for the U16 squad. Tessa Adnitt was chosen to represent the Chester U18 2nd XI and went on to be made Vice-Captain of the most successful of 3 Cheshire teams touring Holland over Easter. Sarah Jones was selected to be Captain of the Cheshire U18 1st XI. She went on to be made Vice-Captain of the North of England U18 squad and to be chosen for final trials for the England U18 hockey team.

All the teams have improved considerably over the last season, due in part to the valuable experience all players have gained playing on astroturf, and also the growing number of players who have joined local hockey clubs. The U12s have made a very promising start to their Queen's School hockey careers, showing plenty of grit and determination as well as not inconsiderable skill. They have formed a strong squad who have already acquitted themselves well in their first few matches.

The U13 team are fast and skilful, and on their day are unbeat-

able. Their success throughout the season has been underlined by their recent achievement in qualifying for the Northern finals of the prestigious National Mini Hockey Tournament where they finished in fourth position.

The U14 team have combined together well as a team under the very able leadership of Sara Scott. They have asserted their superiority over other local teams by convincingly winning their Chester and District Outdoor Tournament.

The U15 team have developed into a very balanced side and have achieved considerable success. Despite Queen's lack of indoor facilities they were runners-up in the Chester and District Indoor Tournament. Their squad is composed and keen and will have a considerable impact on the 1st XI next season.

The 1st XI has this season achieved a more balanced side with equal numbers of players from each year. Under the skilful marshalling of stunning rookie goalkeeper Louise Cadman, the defence has become a composed unit, whilst the forwards have been consistently successful despite a constantly changing formation. Their success is again evident in the tournaments played. Queen's convincingly won the Chester & District Indoor Tournament and came 3rd in the Cheshire Indoor competition. In the finals of the Cheshire U19 outdoor tournament Queen's played some excellent hockey to finish runners-up, only losing to Sir John Deanes on a breakaway goal when Queen's were pushing for the winner. They have gained ground in persuading Miss Huck to stop at the fish and chip shop, and I wish next year's squad the best of luck in achieving the long-promised stop at the Little Chef.

The house matches were played amidst the traditional blend of colour and skill – players will be heartbroken at being deprived of Clare's red pinafore in next year's matches. Reverting to the old round robin formation, the senior house matches were won by Westminster and the junior house matches were won by Hastings.

Senior colours are already held by Sarah Jones and this year are awarded to Louise Cadman, Tessa Adnitt and Alison Dawson. Junior colours go to Sophie Dixon, Katherine Totty, Nicola Riley, Anna MacLaine, Clare Young and Catherine Gosmore.

Players have also had the opportunity to see the game from the other side as Mrs Totty has introduced girls from the Lower Vth upwards to a preliminary umpiring course. Thanks go to Mrs Totty for this and also to her and Miss Huck for their commitment and determination (!) in helping all hockey squads achieve their undoubted success. Further thanks are extended to Mr Totty and Mr Ashton for lending their umpiring expertise to umpire several matches, and of course to Mrs Faulkner for being our number one supporter. All that remains is for me to say thanks to everybody for making it such a good season and the best of luck next year both to the hockey teams and especially to my successor.

# Lacrosse 1993-94

## Lacrosse Squads

### Senior

C. Dawson (Captain)  
J. Shaw  
R. Blackwood  
E. Al-Jumaili  
C. Dodd  
H. Morrey  
Y. Machell  
E. Hancock  
C. Morris  
L. Fletcher  
B. Turner  
P. Nickson  
J. Moore  
H. Mounsey  
A. Danczak  
Y. Bate  
C. Cawley  
S. Quick  
A. Walton  
A. Heywood  
H. Cartwright  
S. McManus  
V. Pugh  
L. Anders  
P. Clark  
C. Heywood

### U15

A. Maclaine  
E. Barrow  
C. Gosmore  
R. Hoy  
C. Faria  
S. Arnell  
J. Simms  
K. Gregory  
S. Oxford  
K. Williams  
C. Young  
K. Totty  
V. Bayston  
O. Smith

### U14

S. Scott  
V. Hewitt  
S. Morris  
A. Wallace  
C. Leeming  
C. Fordham  
A. Arnell  
A. Catchpole  
C. Vinson

I. Almond  
H. Mucklow  
R. Turner  
S. Jones  
D. De Silva

### U13

J. Mounsey  
G. Swindells  
A. Warren  
P. Bruce  
H. Roberts  
S. Waring  
R. Cooper  
L. Harries  
E. Gibson  
J. Ashton  
F. Robinson  
C. Clements  
A. Willis  
C. Roche  
P. Burke  
A. Newey  
E. Pearce  
E. Galley

This season has seen lacrosse at Queen's going from strength to strength and all teams are gaining reputations for being formidable opponents. Many players have taken advantage of the junior practices provided by Chester Ladies Lacrosse Club. The dark nights during the winter made after school practices impossible so the floodlit astroturf pitches at Upton have been the base for extra practices. This has given younger players extra opportunities to play the game and improve their skills.

The junior teams have been playing more matches and have already achieved notable victories. The U12s have defeated the ominous green-welly brigade! – Moreton Hall – who are rarely challenged by our younger teams. The U13 are a very enthusiastic and lively team. They have some strong players and manage to blend their team and dominate the attack in their matches. The U14 team are well-known for their prolific goal scoring record and were



*U15 Lacrosse*

unfortunate to have one of their major tournaments cancelled as success could have been on the cards for them. The U15s have matured into a large squad with 2 players already playing at county level. This strong squad will make a large impact on the performance of the 1st XII next season.

The senior squad has had an outstanding season with 12 players being selected for the two Cheshire lacrosse teams. I had the honour of being selected to play for the North of England and I benefited greatly from the various coaching sessions and high quality of play in the matches.

The highlights of our season have been the two major tournaments. The first being held in the glorious grounds of Queen Ethelburga's College in Yorkshire – this being the Northern Schools Tournament. We overcame the early start and indigestion (due to the tasty food provided by Q.E.) and put on one of the best performances by a Queen's team in years. We reached the semi-finals and lost in extra time to local rivals and eventual winners, Howells School.

Our next challenge was the National Schools Tournament in Milton Keynes in which the U15s also played. Prior to the tournament we enjoyed an evening with Mark Coups – the woolly hatted Director of coaching. His agile if not entertaining movements inspired our Lacrosse for Milton Keynes. Kitted out in our sunshine yellow 'Delight' headbands we battled against some tough opposition but neither teams managed to qualify – this year perhaps the U15 will as 1st XII in 94-95.

On behalf of everyone I would like to thank Mrs Heywood and Mrs Mounsey for their support, 'Steve', our umpire for Milton Keynes, Mark Coups and, of course, Mrs Waring for her devotion to our success.

I hope that Lacrosse at Queen's continues to flourish and that everyone has a fun and successful season next year.

Clare Dawson – Captain

### **House Matches**

*Senior - Westminster*

*Junior - Westminster*

**Junior Lacrosse Colours awarded to:** E. Barrow, C. Faria, K. Williams.

**Senior Lacrosse Colours awarded to:** R. Blackwood, C. Heywood, H. Morrey, Y. Machell, E. Hancock.

**Cheshire U18 1st team members:** C. Dawson, E. Al-Jumaili, C. Heywood, J. Shaw, E. Barrow.

**Cheshire U18 2nd team members:** B. Turner, H. Mounsey, L. Anders, R. Hoy, E. Hancock, H. Morrey, J. Moore.

## **Swimming Club**

Attendance at Swimming Club has been good with lots of Removes and Lower Fourths coming to practice for the match against Rydal. Queen's had a very strong team and won this year's battle by 100 points to 61. Queen's were also thrilled to win the annual swimming match against Moreton Hall last summer.

On Wednesday 11th May we took part in the North West Independent Schools Swimming Gala and our team finished in 3rd position, despite having to race against boys!

Ceri Clements, *LIVE*

## **Cross-Country**

Twenty-six girls represented school in the Chester & District Cross-Country Championship held at Catholic High School in October.

Team placings were as follows:-

Minor Team - 4th

Junior Team - 1st

Intermediate Team - 1st

Senior Team - 1st

Overall Position - 1st

Emily Hancock was the winner of the Senior Girls.

An astounding nineteen girls were selected to run for the District team in the Cheshire Schools County Championships held at Town Park, Runcorn in January. Gemma Roberts and Sarah Arden ran

for the Minor Team; Joanna Bowden, Faye Robinson, Charlotte Roast, Ceri Clements and Emily Pearce for the Junior Team; Emma Barrow, Lowri Roberts, Georgina Denby, Jane Williams, Elizabeth Stone and Vicky Bayston ran for the Intermediate Team; Emily Hancock, Yvonne Bate, Clare Caldwell, Hannah Cornfield, Sarah McManus and Paula Morris ran for the Senior Team.

Yvonne Bate and Emily Hancock were selected for the Cheshire Team in the Three Counties Competition held in Bolton.

Altogether this has been a very successful season for The Queen's School, with much promising talent for the future.

Emily Hancock, *LVI*

## Remove Table Tennis Club

This has proved to be a very successful club, with many Removes coming along on a Monday lunch-time. We have improved a lot, thanks to Mr Armstrong's help, and enjoyed playing matches. There was a large entry for the Remove knock-out competition with Sarah Hutton emerging as the eventual winner, beating Caroline Evans in the final.

In the Senior Competition, the winner was Claire Roche, with Helen Roberts runner-up.

The table tennis table is constantly in use at break and lunch-time and it is nice to see such eager competition from all age groups.

Ruth Armstrong, *RL*

## Gymnastics Club

We had to wait until after Christmas for the Gym Club to start because the Gym was being re-roofed and re-floored. It now looks a lot smarter.

At Gym Club this term awards such as B.A.G.A. and Rhythmic Gymnastics have already been achieved by the LIVs attending. It has been very successful even though it has only been running for a short time. Thank you to Mrs Moore for running it.

Kathy Selby and Siân Roberts, *LIVM*

## Netball 1993-94

Interest in netball is flourishing within the lower school with well over 30 Removes and 16 LIV attending netball practices. Match results have been encouraging with wins over Catholic High School, Abbey Gate College, Rydal, Kingsway and Blacon. The U12, U13 and U14 teams all played in their respective Chester and District Tournaments this year and gained valuable experience. We shall look forward to a promising season in 94/95.

C.E.M.



House Captains

## THE YEAR'S MUSIC

### Music Review 1993-94

November 2nd	Choir workshop with Michael Brewer (Head of Chethams Music School)
November 11th	Upper V GCSE playing evening
November 26th	Chamber Choir sing Choral Evensong at Chester Cathedral
	Finals of Anna Markland competition
December 9th	Christmas Concert
December 15th	Carol Service at the Cathedral
March 19th	Senior and Junior choirs at Bromborough Music Festival
May 6th	Commemoration Service at Chester Cathedral
July 1st	Orchestral Workshop
July 5th	Lunchtime Recital

### **Associated Board Examination Results 1993-94**

Sally Bowden ('Cello) - Grade VI with Merit  
Nicola Riley ('Cello) - Grade VI with Merit  
Michelle Moyes (Flute) - Grade VII with Distinction  
Harriet Sims (Violin) - Grade VIII - pass  
Rachael Stanley (Flute) - Grade VIII - pass  
Rachael Stanley (Singing) - Grade VIII with Merit  
Anna Short (Singing) - Grade VIII with Merit  
Danielle Morris ('Cello) - Grade VIII with Merit  
Katie Job (Flute) - Grade VII with Distinction

*(Grades I-V are not published in Have Mynde)*

Kate Ireland (Theory) - Grade V  
Catherine Hayle (Theory) - Grade V

### **GCSE Playing Evening, November 1993**

On Thursday, 11th November 1993 the Upper Fifth held a GCSE playing evening for parents and friends. It was a chance to hear some of the ensemble pieces and compositions which were going to be performed in the forthcoming examinations. The evening was beneficial to us all, and gave us good experience of performing in public (especially for Jane, who explored the art of improvisation with considerable success!!).

Helen Mounsey, UVB

### **Anna Markland Music Festival 1994**

Once again, the Anna Markland Music Festival attracted a large entry from all years in the school. Over 140 girls were adjudicated in the preliminary rounds by Mr David Wiggins who kindly came and spent two full days with us. The finals were held on Friday 26th November, adjudicated by Mr Chris Swann, former clarinetist with the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, and now their Orchestra Manager. He commented on the high standard of playing and enthusiastic approach from the girls. The overall winner was Gillian Church, with her powerful playing of the Ginastera Piano Sonata. The Kato sisters retained the James/Surfleet Trophy for Ensemble playing and Anina Short won the Ann Brotherhood Vocal Trophy. Thanks should go to everyone involved, especially the team of peripetetic teachers in the school who enable events like this to continue so successfully.

J.L.

### **Upper Fifth Trip to Liverpool Museum**

Missing a double Music lesson and some of an English lesson didn't sound too bad, so when Mrs Lucas suggested a trip to "Music through the ages" at the Liverpool museum, we all gladly

agreed. When we arrived, we were handed a walkman and ear-phones and pointed in the general direction of the exhibition.

It began with an insight into the Liverpudlian institutes of music, and led us through the development of the piano and organ. The tape gave us instructions, which were not always clear, as I discovered as I stood there looking at the bottle organ whilst the tape described a violin.

As the instruments developed and improved, so did the music, and a few of us began dancing when the Charleston came on. As I arrived at the end I found that I was one of the last to finish despite having been one of the first to start! It was a most interesting exhibition, and I would certainly recommend it to anyone who has double Music followed by double English in the afternoon.

Frances Terrell, UV

## Christmas Concert 1993

The Christmas Concert provided a most enjoyable end to the Autumn Term, and heralded the Christmas season with gusto! The programme consisted of items which surely appealed to a wide variety of tastes, and which gave a welcome opportunity, for those who had not been able to be present previously, to listen to the finalist of the Anna Markland Competition, Gillian Church, who performed splendidly. Many in the audience also appreciated the "action replay!"

It was evident from the high standard of the performers that much hard work had gone into bringing out the many talents of the girls, and our thanks are due to Mrs Lucas and Mr Pilsbury, and the peripatetic staff who support them so well. Obviously our thanks must also go to the pupils who sang, or played instruments. They were rewarded for their long hours of practice, by the warm appreciation of the audience, and it was apparent that the enjoyment of the music was mutual.

The evening came to a close with a very pleasant time spent greeting friends and families, as we partook of mince pies and mulled wine – which was provided by Mr P. Broadhurst and his staff, assisted by charming helpers from the Vith Form. We all left the Queen's School full of the Christmas Spirit!

B.L.

## "Haydn Day" at Wirral Grammar School

On the 16th March, 1994, the lower VI A-level music group (Yes, both of us!) and Mrs Lucas set out to a "Haydn Day" at Wirral

Grammar School. Unfortunately, due to a death in the family (his own) Mr Haydn was unable to attend. In his place, lectures, on Haydn's life and works, were given by self-professed "Haydnologist" Denis McCaldin. We also had the opportunity to sight-sing the entire Nelson Mass, which to our surprise, we actually quite enjoyed! However, our eagerly upraised hands were conspicuously absent when solo volunteers were called for. We picked up some useful background knowledge for our course and got to know our set work, The Nelson Mass, considerably better than before, to the extent that we find ourselves humming the Kyrie over the washing-up, or singing the Gloria in the shower. (Or is that just me?) However, the highlight of the day had to be the tableful of cream-cakes which seemed a pity to waste, and we ate purely out of duty, to keep up our intellectual energy, and give real force to our singing.

S.B.

## Bromborough Festival

On Saturday, 19th March, both the junior and senior choirs took part in the annual Bromborough Music Festival. Adrenalin was running high, and both choirs sang especially well. The junior choir gained the highest marks in their class, but due to circumstances beyond control the trophy could not be awarded (say no more!). Their singing was excellent and they fought tough competition. We hope that next year their efforts are rewarded.

The senior choir also sang well and gained the highest marks of the day, giving them the title "Youth Choir of the Year" yet again. This is the fourth successive year that the senior choir have won this trophy.

Many thanks must go to Mrs Lucas for encouraging and teaching both choirs, and for not blushing too much when her music spilled out over the floor! Definitely "torrents", but torrents of paper! Thanks also go to those parents who came to support the choirs. We hope that both choirs do as well next year: the best of luck!

Julia Skilton, Choir Secretary

## Chamber Choir

Chamber choir have enjoyed a varied and successful year. They have sung twice in Chester Cathedral; the first, choral evensong, in November 1993 was a tremendous success, and was concluded with the procession of the choir, led by Sarah Boyd, past the magnificent window donated by Queen's. The window was subse-

quently dedicated by the Dean. The second, in March 1994, was equally successful and enjoyed by a congregation supplemented by parents and staff. The Easter service at school saw another performance of the anthem "By the waters of Babylon" which was appreciated by all. Over all, our thanks must go to Mr Pilsbury for his enthusiasm and lighthearted attitude in moments of crisis, without which the year would not have proved so fulfilling.

Katy Job

## ON STAGE

### Sixth Form Pantomime Review

1993 saw the return of the Sixth form pantomime. As usual the afternoon provided a sharp insight into the Queen's School as seen through the eyes of its pupils. The theme for this year's performance was taken from the "Wizard of Oz" with three of the students' favourite teachers on a quest for – a heart (Mrs Prince), a brain (Mr Cook) and courage (Mrs Stinson). These three were accompanied by a dithering headmistress seeking to assume control of her school. (No prizes for guessing whom that was meant to be!)

This band of "hopefuls" was led by Ros Blackwood in a "there's no place like home" kind of role. The plot follows the travels of these five (sorry, six including Toto the dog) and their encounters with other members of the School including the "absolutely fabulous" art teachers; the Munchkin Removes and, of course, Dr Young (can anyone understand a word he says? – answers on a postcard to . . . ).

Musical interludes were provided by Abba and Tina Turner who were the source of much amusement, but the best performances came from a spookily similar Mrs Sheedy (or Shady as she is sometimes known), played by Jenny Shaw and, of course, the unforgettable "Vic" and "Sal" who bore no resemblance whatsoever to two of the LVI . . . honestly!

So here's to the rebirth of the Sixth form pantomime and as we look forward in anticipation to next year's tribute to "real" Queen's School life I have one question, "Is that the patter of tiny reptile feet we hear?"

Vicki Keogh, UV

## "Twelfth Night", February 1994

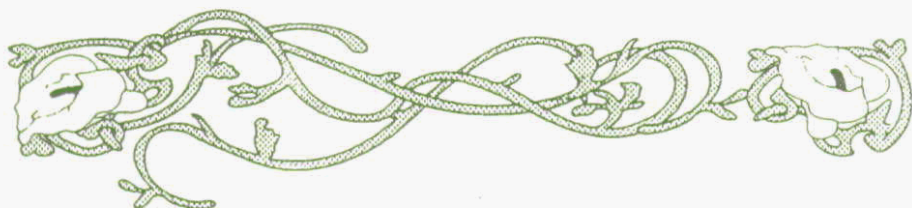
The months of rehearsing certainly brought dividends, as this production was unquestionably more than "alright on the night".

Arriving in the hall, we enjoyed the animated buzz; after all, this was the first night. There was eager anticipation from some sections, worries about remembering lines from others, young brothers and sisters expressing doubts about the forthcoming pleasure of their first introduction to the "Bard", all contributing to the atmosphere.

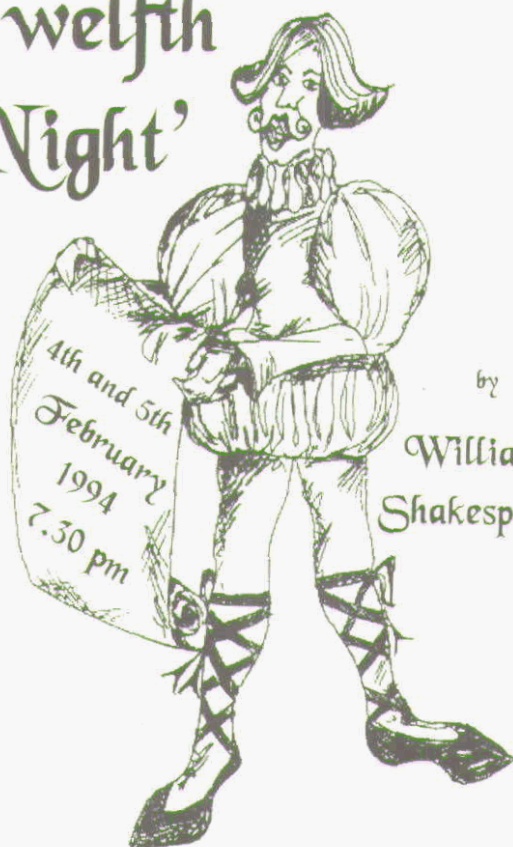
The programme was perused with interest: what variety of commitment and breadth of support were revealed at this early stage! The superb team effort of the whole production from artistic design to video reproduction was becoming apparent.

The musical prelude began, 'Queenes Musicke' setting the tone for the period with accomplished renditions of Pavans and Galliards. When the curtain opened, an appropriately cool and restful background was revealed. The performers soon settled into the play which quickly gathered momentum, producing a lively and beautiful performance. The whole tone was professional, displaying a wealth of talent, with sympathetic characterisation and depth of understanding. There were many outstanding performances from principal and supporting characters, and the audience was captivated and amused in turn by the intelligent humour of the production.

The authentic costumes, subtle lighting and varied sound effects all played their part in producing a well blended and polished performance. Backstage, the atmosphere was both intense and pleasurable, with make-up artistry and prop movement flowing smoothly. The team effort was again apparent, with assistance from many girls and staff. The excellent performances were enjoyed by all who watched and participated; congratulations to the producer, Mr Ainsworth. "The Royal Shakespeare Company" – beware!!



# 'Twelfth Night'



## "Twelfth Night"

**Audience Comments** (varied ages, from younger sister to Governors)

'The standard of acting throughout was excellent, so professional.'

'What a wealth of talent the production revealed.'

'Congratulations must go to Alison Mann as Malvolio, whose acting was truly wonderful.'

'Malvolio was my favourite. I loved the lip curling.'

'My granddaughter blended into her part so well, I didn't recognise her.'

'I'd never have thought of Anne and Jo being sufficiently alike to be Viola and Sebastian, but it really worked well.'

'Vicky Keogh as the jester was excellent. I liked the part where she made the horn stick up.'

'Catherine Lawson's playing of Sir Andrew Aguecheek was inspired. We thought the sword fight with Cesario was really funny.'

'I liked Sir Toby Belch; Sophie's drunk scene was very realistic.'

'The actions behind the trees were hilarious.'

'Orsino's opening was most impressive; how did Elizabeth maintain the accent throughout the performance?'

'Jenni Shaw was so regal and convincing as the Countess, excellent.'

'Considering her age, Katie Foster was particularly good as Maria.'

'Excellent supporting characters.'

'Such an intelligent production.'

'So much empathy with their parts.'

'Impossible to single out a performance; all were of such high standard.'

'Maturity of production and clarity of diction.'

'Smooth running in all aspects.'

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### Merseyside Young Analyst Competition 1994

Having dragged ourselves out of bed too early on the morning of Saturday 26th of March, we – Liz Barnes, Rachel Carter and Julia Davies – set out to face a day of chemistry at the Donnan laboratories, Liverpool University. Our day began with a rather scenic tour of the Liverpool suburbs, provided by Mr Barnes and aided by Dr Young's "map".

On our arrival, we had cups of coffee which contained greatly needed caffeine after our journey. This was followed by a briefing session showing us what the competition involved. This included the blinding discovery of how to add three quarters of a drop to your solution, which led to a deep philosophical discussion as to whether "fractions of a drop" actually exist.

The competition lasted throughout the morning, using infra-red



The Prizewinners with Mrs Wiley

*Courtesy of Frank Auty ABIP, Chester*

spectroscopy and titrations to analyse aspirin tablets. This was found to be not as challenging as we expected.

We were joined by Dr Young for buffet lunch, who introduced us to the delights of his student days. However, the break was appreciated by everyone.

After lunch there was a lecture entitled "A Young Person's Guide To Sex and Violence in Insects". This included samples of the smells insects emit when wanting to attack or mate. Due to the inadequate ventilation of the lecture theatre, we were almost pleased to leave at the end in order to escape the smell of pear drops and rancid butter.

The presentation followed the lecture. This year there were no individual prizes – only team awards. Out of the twenty-four schools that entered from Cheshire, Lancashire and Merseyside, we were very pleased to have gained third place overall!

Our thanks must go to the three passers-by who gave us directions to the laboratories, Mr Barnes for actually getting us there, Dr Young, and Mrs Wiley for her encouragement and support beforehand and the lift back after the competition.

Finally, good luck to next year's team – we hope you do just as well, if not better, than us.

Liz Barnes and Rachel Carter

# Mathematics Competitions

## 1993/94

As in past years several Queen's School girls have entered local and national mathematics competitions.

In the National Schools Mathematics Challenge, three girls were awarded Gold Certificates with Katie Clough and Hannah Cornfield being invited to participate in the British Mathematical Olympiad - aimed at about the top 500 in the country. Congratulations to Katie who was placed 165th in the country when the results were announced. In the intermediate section of the same competition all the lower fifth entered. As a result, 4 received gold, 18 silver and 15 bronze certificates. Lowri Roberts was invited to proceed to the Olympiad stage - we await the result. We await the results too, of the Junior Challenge entered by all the lower fourth.

More locally, the competitions organised by the Liverpool Mathematics Society have again proved popular. In the Open Challenge, Julia Davies (LVI) was placed third - an excellent achievement. In the Senior Challenge Clare Prydden gained a consolation prize, as did Ruth Schiller and Angela Warren in the Junior Challenge, with Katherine Whitby, Natalie Howe, Christina Stanley and Stephanie Worden being highly commended in an entry of over 3000. Well done to all who entered and, as ever, thanks to Mrs Barnes for inscribing the certificates.

I.A.

## Biology Field Trip 1994

On 25th March 1994, 22 anxious girls got on a train bound for Llandudno. Our vision of the week consisted mainly of wading up to our thighs in a stream in order to catch some poor unsuspecting creatures, as well as a great deal of writing.

On arrival at the Field Centre, having managed to squeeze most of our belongings into the less-than-spacious bedrooms we sat down for dinner.

The meals, it has to be said, weren't in general all that bad (especially the ones served by Kristopher!) but the look of the mushroom soup on the first night put most of us off for the rest of the week.

The first night's work produced an original ecological experiment. For those interested, worms don't like tomato juice and the skin tension of tomatoes is greatest when they are "firm"!

By this time we had all had the pleasure of meeting "the bearded Gareth". He was lucky enough to be the only male in a group with the Queen's School. We soon discovered that his first interest was

not solely in ecological matters.

As the week progressed the workload got less, Cocktail and Robin Hood Prince of Thieves more boring and the weather worse. The favourite day for most was the trip to Harlech beach. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon and those who believed Pete's slightly suspect stories of "puffin candles" took his suggestion of a swim a little too seriously.

In the end, most of the group seemed to enjoy the experience and learnt a lot, not just about biology but also that if you need shelter from rain, Betws-y-coed "Little Chef" has the solution.

Vicky Pugh, LVI

## VI FORM LECTURE SERIES 1993-94

### Sept.

- 16th *Preparing for Interview* - Mrs J. Entwisle.
- 23rd *The Admission Interview* - Dr G. Pitt, Department of Biochemistry & Dr M. Nurnberg, Department of French, Liverpool University.
- 30th *The University Experience* - a panel of old girls.

### Oct.

- 7th *Prisons and alternatives to prison* - Mr I. Jones, Probation Officer.
- 14th *Drug Abuse - the way forward* - Mr A. Atkinson, Probation Officer
- 21st *Applications of Information Technology* - Mr D. Fisher.

### Nov.

- 4th *Whither the Health Service?* - Mr R. Murray, Chief Executive, Chester Health Authority.
- 11th *Cheshire Police/VI Form Liaison Project* - discussion led by Police Officers of Cheshire Constabulary.
- 18th *Environmental and other problems in the Philippines* - Mrs Linda McIntock, Christian Aid.
- 25th *Child Abuse* - Mrs A. Maple, Social Worker.

### Dec.

- 2nd *Casualty - the real world of accident and emergency* - Dr J.R. Allen, Consultant - Accident and Emergency.
- 9th *The Chester Mystery Plays* - Professor A.D. Mills, Liverpool University.

## Jan.

- 6th *The Search for Human Origins* - Dr J. Gowlett, Department of Archaeology, Liverpool University.  
13th Royal Navy Students Presentation Team.  
20th *Developing a Career* - Mrs J. Entwisle.  
27th *Preparing for the General Studies Paper* - Mrs J. Entwisle.

## Feb.

- 3rd *Green Dimensions in Architecture* - Professor B. Edwards, Department of Architecture, Huddersfield University.  
10th *Student Grants and Loans* - Mrs Horrocks, Awards Officer, Cheshire County Council.

# CAREERS

## Network 1981

Why did I attempt a follow-up of 1981 Queen's School leavers? These young women have just turned 30 – a significant age in career terms. The era of equal opportunity was well established by the time they left school. Moreover, this group had the good fortune to emerge from universities and polytechnics into the buoyant economy of the mid 1980's; this surely gave a flying start to their careers. I have a particular interest in the year since I had taught Economics to a large group at 'A' level. My daughter was a 1981 leaver and I knew many of her classmates well; some I had known since they were small children in the Preparatory Department. I was not appointed Careers Adviser until 1985 but I recall giving unofficial careers advice to some of Kate's friends!

### 1. The response

42 out of 66 leavers (64%) returned questionnaires asking them to detail career progress since leaving school in 1981. They were also invited to give advice to present girls and many of them offered to act as a network of advisers. Of the 24 who did not return questionnaires, probably some did not receive them (it was surprisingly difficult to track down people after 12 years). Others doubtless chose not to make a return for a variety of reasons.

It is true that the sample, although large, is self-selected. It may be that the group of non-respondents includes more 'less successful' women. But I hope that the large sample is in many respects representative of the year.

The 42 respondents were in the following areas of work:

Accountancy/Finance	5	Oil trading	1
Computing	2	Personnel/Training	2
Dentistry	2	Pharmacy	1
Engineering	1	Publishing	1



Amanda Betts, Veterinry Surgeon, Oxford

Journalism/PR	1	Scientific work	1
Law	2	Secretarial/ Admin.	3
Marketing/Sales	6	Self-employed	2
Medicine	4	Student (full time)	1
Merchant banking	1	Teaching	4
Nursing	1	Veterinary science	1

2 women who referred to themselves as full-time housewives/ mothers are shown in their last employment.

## 2. Marriage and children

One might have expected that a majority of the sample would be married at the age of 30. In fact only 21 out of 42 were married with another 2 on the brink! 12 of the 42 respondents had children; only 2 of these had 2 children. It seems reasonable to deduce that high achievers in the era of equal opportunity have a tendency to postpone marriage and motherhood. Only 2 of the respondents indicated that at this point they were full-time housewives and mothers. One respondent (married with a child) was teaching part-time and one was self-employed (operating from home). A qualified G.P. was working part-time as a locum General Practitioner. The remainder were working full-time, although three were currently on maternity leave. There was no specific question in the questionnaire about child-minding arrangements.



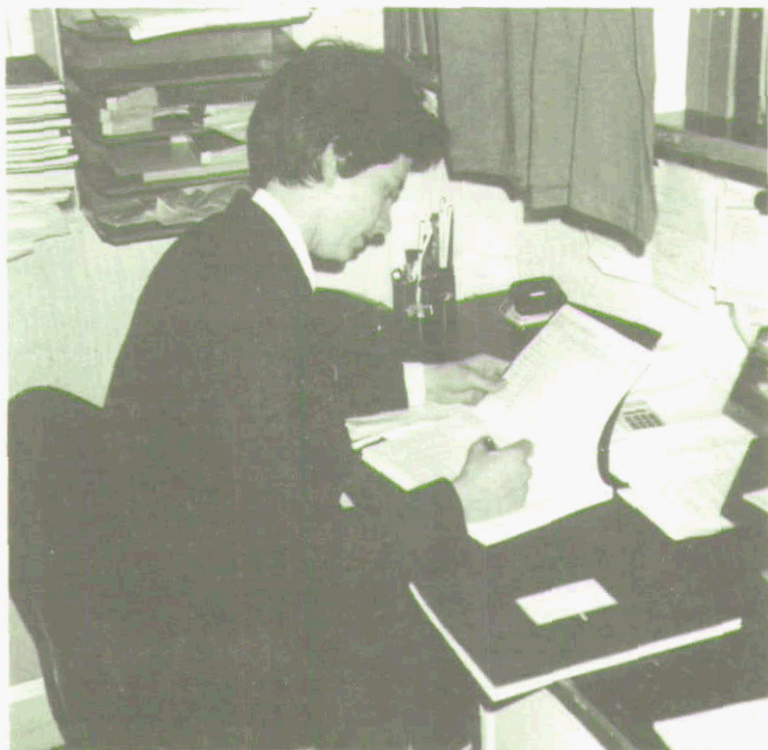
Kate McIntyre, Chartered Accountant – off duty

### 3. Relationship between first degree and current (or last) occupation

I feel this analysis is of particular interest to current sixth formers. Where might a particular degree course lead?

#### ARTS DEGREES

Anthropology/Politics:	1 full-time student
Modern Languages:	1 self-employed (sales director)
	1 marketing manager
	1 primary school teacher
	1 chartered accountant
	1 retail manager (training)
	1 merchant banker
English:	1 secretary/P.A.
	1 part-time teacher (secondary)
	1 public relations officer
History and Economics:	1 assistant director (accountant)
Music:	1 P.A. to a Member of Parliament
Combined Studies:	1 department manager, building society
Geography:	1 sales manager



Catherine Andrew, Staff Trainer, John Lewis plc

#### SCIENCE/ENGINEERING/MATHEMATICS DEGREES

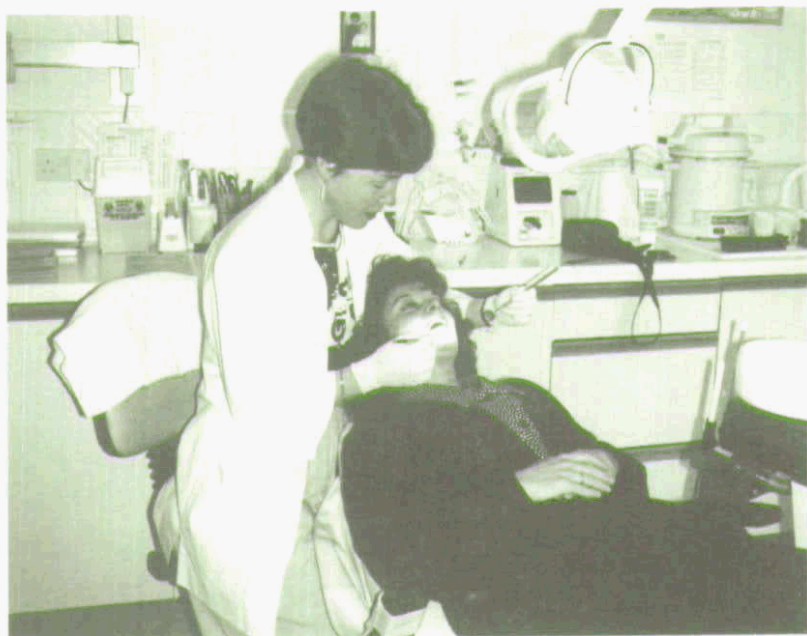
Biology:	1 scientific officer
	1 scientific publications editor
	1 senior product manager (marketing)
Chemistry:	1 human resources (personnel) manager
	1 finance manager
Engineering:	1 chemical (project) engineer
Mathematics:	1 financial planner (accountant)
	1 computer system analyst

#### BUSINESS DEGREES

Food marketing science:	1 marketing manager
European Business	
Admin:	1 sales manager
Accounting:	1 finance manager (accountant)

#### SOCIAL SCIENCE DEGREES

Philosophy, Politics	1 oil trader
Economics:	
Psychology:	1 computer systems programmer
	1 primary school teacher



Alison Audsley (Richardson), Dental Surgeon, Exeter

## LAW DEGREES

- 1 Liverpool solicitor
- 1 London solicitor
- 1 marketing executive

## VOCATIONAL DEGREES

- |                     |                                     |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Medicine:           | 3 hospital doctors (Registrars)     |
|                     | 1 general practitioner              |
| Dentistry:          | 2 dentists                          |
| Veterinary Science: | 1 veterinary surgeon                |
| Pharmacy:           | 1 retail pharmacist and /shop owner |
| Nursing:            | 1 district nurse sister             |

## SECRETARIAL TRAINING

- 1 credit analyst
- 1 self-employed (various)

## 4. Salaries

32 of the 42 respondents gave information on salaries. Earnings covered a wide range. Only full-time salaries were taken into account. It should be borne in mind that in some cases 'perks' were considerable but it was not possible to make allowance for this.

Most of the top salaries relate to jobs in London and doubtless include a cost of living factor. The median salary for the group is £30,000 p.a.

## 5. Location

4 respondents were working abroad (in Canada, Singapore, Japan, Western Australia respectively). 13 were working in London and the home counties; 9 were living in Cheshire. The remainder were distributed around the U.K.

## 6. Conclusion

The wide range of careers is remarkable. Of these who pursued vocational degrees (in the health care area) all are still practising their vocations. Two girls who did business courses at polytechnics have done particularly well. Two able scientists (the two chemistry graduates both had 1st Class Honours Degrees) are pursuing non-scientific work in scientific companies. (It is common for scientists to move into other areas after working initially in scientific research.) Marketing and sales have attracted a significant group of 1981 leavers and they are earning high salaries. Chartered accountancy too has attracted several able girls who are earning high salaries. (But at least two 1981 leavers tried accountancy and hated it!)

Most 1981 leavers register a high degree of job satisfaction. All have been generous with their advice to present girls and have promised continuing support. This material provides a valuable careers resource and I have gained great pleasure from undertaking the exercise.

J. Entwisle

## Careers Evening, 1994

A Careers Evening was held on 21st April 1994 which focused on Network 1981. Six speakers from the year were invited to address the School from Lower V upwards; some parents also attended. Five of the speakers represented the significant "clusters" of employment pursued by 1981 leavers:- teaching; marketing; medicine; chartered accountancy; sales. The final speaker represented the "one off" folk who had pursued an unusual career.

Nicola Lawton, a graduate in English, spoke with conviction and sincerity about the satisfaction she found in teaching. Alison Leach, a graduate in Biology, spoke of her initial disappointment when she was unable to pursue a career in medicine; she indicated the fulfilment she had found in working as a Marketing Manager with Boots Pharmaceuticals. Dr Julie McGaughan, a paediatrician, spoke of the trials and tribulations of hospital medicine but left us in no doubt about the satisfaction she found in her current post as a Research Registrar. Kate McIntyre, a graduate in Russian and German, gave a sparkling performance and belied the common belief that chartered accountancy is a dull profession. Alison Shaftoe

(remembered as the outstanding Head Girl of the year group which left in 1981) spoke with persuasive vitality of her work as a Sales Manager with a computer company. She pointed out that it is no use producing goods unless a sales force can sell them and follow up the sales with appropriate advice. The final speaker was Isabel Whitley, a graduate in PPE from New College, Oxford who works as an Oil Trader in the City. Isabel's wit and wisdom captivated the audience and rounded off a dazzling series of performances.

The meeting undoubtedly offered an occasion for these ex-Queen's School girls, now established in their careers at the age of 30, to offer advice 'from the horse's mouth' in a frank and entertaining manner.

The Careers Evening also provided the opportunity for a reunion for all 1981 leavers who had contributed to Network 1981, and for members of staff who had taught them, including Miss Farra and Miss Edwards. It was Miss Mary Wood, one of our Governors and an ex-pupil of The Queen's School, who provided the inspiration for Network 1981. We are indebted to her for her generosity in funding the project and for hosting the reunion supper.

J.E.

# CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

## Charities Report

So far our term in office has been very rewarding, with a wide variety of charities being supported. These have included Cystic Fibrosis (Kate Law Appeal), Alder Hey Children's Hospital, World Vision and many more. The total raised to date is £2248.06 since September 1993.

Enthusiasm for the lunchtime events has been considerable, where the usual (but still popular) Top of The Pops competition and an outstanding performance of Staff Blind Date (where Clive from Birmingham really stole the show) raised a large amount of money.

Weekly form donations have been very good and the Removes and UIV Hu should be commended for consistently high totals.

We would like to thank Mrs Ferris for her continuing advice and support throughout the first part of our term in office.

It only remains for us to thank all the girls whose constant generosity allows the School to carry on supporting the charities which desperately need our help.

Liz Barnes and Alice Neale, LVI

# English Speaking Union Public Speaking Competition

This March saw two teams from The Queen's School taking part in the ESU Public Speaking Competition at Stanley Palace.

Team A, consisting of lower sixth members Sally Weigh (chair), Alison Mann (speaker) and Rachel Hobcroft (vote of thanks) provided fierce competition, leading a topical discussion asking the question "Do men hate women?" Unfortunately, they lost to Penrhos College and The Queen's School B team. The B team which consisted of UV members Olivia Searle (chair), Ruth Taylor (speaker) and Jane Williams (vote of thanks) spoke on the subject of the Warrington bombings and went through with Penrhos College to the branch final.

Sadly, however, they faced tough opposition from Yale Sixth Form College, Christleton and Penrhos, who deservedly went on to win the regional final.

It was an interesting and enjoyable evening once our nerves were overcome. A mention must go to Ben Gowland from The King's School team for unwittingly adding his own brand of humour to his team's presentation. Thanks also to Mr Ainsworth for his support – we hope he will win the judging prize next year.

Ruth Taylor and Olivia Searle, UV

## Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

On a cold and snowy Monday in April, fifteen Lower Sixth made their way to school for what they imagined was to be one of the worst weeks of their lives.

We arrived at Capel Curig late afternoon and were taken to the army dormitory where the words "prison", "concentration camp" and "hell" entered most people's minds. Tea that evening rapidly became less appetising when we realised savoury and puddings were to be eaten off the same plate – as with breakfast the following morning. (Guess who had forgotten the washing up liquid!). We returned to our dormitory at 6.30 p.m. (now at a temperature of what seemed like  $-10^{\circ}\text{C}$ ), ready to begin the wait until the third two hour session of heating each day. Our wait was, however, a complete waste of time as the heating never did come on. We learned that someone had turned the gas off as a "joke"!

The first day's walking was unbearable. Walking in high winds through knee-high snow in the rain with large rucksacks on our backs was nobody's idea of fun. Many people's spirits began to drop but with Mrs Faulkner acting as "Mum", she would let no-



Expedition (Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme)

one admit to the army leaders how they were really feeling.

The following day the weather improved and the sun shone for at least twenty minutes! Lower, easier routes ensured all groups had an enjoyable day walking, even if groups one and two returned as group three left the café to start the walk. We were all rewarded with a night out, but for a night out we had to pay the price. Many people soon obtained first hand experience of how a late night out and a demanding walk the following day just do not mix.

The final two days of the week were to be in the form of a practice expedition – a 30km walk carrying all food, tents, stoves and other equipment on our backs. ((A fire extinguisher would have also been a somewhat useful piece of equipment as group one decided to test the flammability of the tent later that evening, the result – tents are flammable!))

The first group left at 7.30 a.m. to begin walking. Eight hours later they were completely lost somewhere in Snowdonia until they spotted six other walkers, who happened to be group three. The group who set off two hours after them had already stopped for a brew because of café withdrawal symptoms (they were not used to the idea of walking until they had spent at least two hours in a café!). While groups one and three walked to the next checkpoint (group one hours behind their schedule), group two could be seen in the distance marching on ahead to the “campsite”, i.e. an area on a hill with a “fairly” gentle slope.

It was 6.30 p.m. by the time all groups reached the “campsite”. Tents were put up in the pouring rain and wind. People huddled

in their sleeping bags in an attempt to keep warm whilst sitting in a pool of water, inside the tent! Group one performed their scientific experiment while others cooked themselves a hot meal. Then, as everyone lay down to rest, the weather worsened and the high winds decided to try and blow off all the tent fly sheets, succeeding in many cases.

The following morning everyone woke up early and packed everything up. The thought of returning to "civilisation" helped everyone walk at a quicker pace than previously. (All except Mary who, by now, had blisters on her toes and on her heels). As Sarah Kinsey, our new "Mum" organised getting home, everyone changed out of their wet clothes and packed (again).

We arrived in Chester, hungry and exhausted, overjoyed we had survived the first week and anxious to see if we will survive the next.

Thanks must go to Mrs Moore for her general organisation, Mrs Roberts for her help with the service section, Mrs Faulkner and Sarah Kinsey for being "Mums" and to the army leaders for a brilliant week.

Paula Morris

## King's and Queen's C.C.F. and A.C.F.

In late September of 1993, the boys of the King's/Queen's C.C.F. and A.C.F. Squadron were faced with a relatively new concept: females! Yes, finally back-up had arrived for Lance Cpl Julia Pickering and Emma Burns (at the time, the only female members of the forces). The back-up was in the form of two more army cadets: Laura Dodd and Julia Davies, and six RAF cadets: Nerys Ander-ton, 'Liz Evans, Julia Skilton, Susie Lloyd, Becky Willsdon and Maxine Esser. Yes, Queen's had arrived in force!

Since September, both forces have taken part in a number of inside and outside activities. The A.C.F. have been climbing and this summer will attend a camp at Leek. They have also had interesting sessions at King's including mud wrestling(!), field techniques and gun stripping.

The C.C.F. have had two air experience flying sessions at RAF Woodvale, which gives cadets the chance to fly and to fly in a De Havilland "Chipmunk". There have also been numerous trips to RAF Sealand to go gliding in "Viking" gliders. A field day at RAF Cosford has also been held. Camp this year will be at RAF Lyneham. This is the main base for "Hercules" aircraft, so many flying hours will be gained along with walking, orienteering and night exercises. Sessions at King's include initiative exercises, sport and lessons on the principles of flight, aerodrome and badges of rank.

Many exams have been taken since September with the three oldest girls having already taken and passed part two. They are now waiting for the results of part three.

Of course no Friday would be complete without drill for both forces. We are getting the hang of it although Sgt Moore does tend to have his patience tried by impossible female RAF recruits who find halting a little too taxing! "We do know our right foot from our left, we are trying, honestly . . ." "Yes, very trying!"

On our joining cadets many an eyebrow was raised; however, after having made it through eight months, we are all really enjoying it, even if the uniforms are totally unflattering! We also hope that the cadets will get continuing female support from The Queen's School.

Our thanks go to: WO1 Ian Tait, 2nd Lieutenant Robinson and to Mr Manning for the A.C.F. and to Squadron Leader Ball, Flight Lieutenant Aves, Flying Officer Bellars and to FS Williams, who left earlier this year, for the C.C.F. without whom none of the above-mentioned things would have been possible.

J. Skilton, *LVI*

## Christian Societies

### Christian Union

Having taken over the leadership of Christian Union after Christmas from wonderful UVI leaders, Kathryn and I have thoroughly enjoyed our new responsibilities. We have aimed to create lively meetings in a relaxed atmosphere in order to encourage new members. Our theme throughout this term was Christianity in everyday life in which we have explored basic Christian beliefs and how they relate to our lives.

We began the term with Anne de Reybikil who gave us a fascinating insight into her life and work as a missionary in Pakistan. We were encouraged by the presence of members of staff at this meeting, many of whom knew Anne when she worked here as a PE teacher. We continued the term with a lively debate about environmental issues led by Jill Hutchinson who then went on to explain their relevance to Christian life. The following week Miss Fry gave a thought-provoking talk about her student life as a Christian. In subsequent weeks we have watched several videos and discussed various topics chosen by the group.

After half term, Mr Armstrong took one of our meetings and gave us an interesting account of how he became a Christian. Members of the JIM (Jesus In Me) Team from Canada came a week later and gave us a lively insight into their work.

Many thanks must go to the Upper Sixth and Mrs Lloyd for the continued support and encouragement which they have given to Kathryn and me as leaders of Christian Union.

Helen Pantony and Kathryn Lawson, *UV*

## Quest Club

Quest Club has continued to take place each Friday from 12.00-12.25. When we started in September we were literally inundated by Removes. It was not unusual to have 50-60 boisterous Removes attending, and we had to move from our home in Stanley Place. They really enjoyed the activities arranged by the Sixth Form girls, which included singing, quizzes, Bible stories and drama. The leaders were very popular, and we are grateful to them all for the time, effort and thought that they put into making Quest Club so attractive even as their work load for 'A' levels was increasing.

After Christmas our numbers of Removes did drop, but it is pleasing to be able to report that they are beginning to rise again. We have a very loyal following of LIV and UIV girls who are continuing to enjoy the activities, and our new leaders are now "in training". We had a most enjoyable weekend together at Living Waters and we look forward to another year of building up Quest Club on the strong foundations that have been laid in the past.

B.L.

## French Club

A group of girls from Lower IV met regularly on Mondays at 12.30 in L4 throughout the Autumn and Spring terms to enjoy a range of activities for which there is unfortunately no time in lessons. They learnt to play a variety of card and board games, used the computers to challenge their knowledge of French, sang songs and on special occasions such as at Christmas and Epiphany, sampled French food. After a break for the Summer Term it is hoped that this group will resume its activities in September (there is still a game of Monopoly to be finished!) and be joined by members of next year's Lower Fourth.

## Young Enterprise

Young Enterprise is a national organisation which helps young people to set up and run their own legitimate company for a year. This has been successfully carried out in school for several years, and so both companies this year had a hard act to follow! Companies were formed in September with the help of advisers from local business and Mrs Falcon. We have had to overcome disputes and demoralization, but there have been some good moments too, with both companies doing well at local district trade fairs.

**Inertia** has certainly had its problems but definitely successes too. We have produced a wide range of products, including bootlaces, friendship bracelets, pendants, candles, cards, hairscarves and wall

hangings with pockets for toys. All products sold well in school and at the Christmas trade fair we gained one of the highest totals. We have learnt to work together as a team, and have picked up some business knowledge in sales, production, marketing and financial skills which may prove invaluable in the future. However, liquidation in April was eagerly anticipated and the Company's efforts were soon to be rewarded.

At the Awards evening on May 12th, Inertia was awarded the Chester County Council "Personnel Award" for our success in overcoming internal communication problems.

**Artemis** was formed in October 1993 of 22 girls with exceedingly high hopes by way of the accolades that the Company was going to reach. The products to be produced were ambitious and consisted of jewellery rolls, plastic book holders and photoframes, woollen scarves and covered coathangers. Almost immediately Artemis' production team were faced with a problem in that it took up to two hours to make a single jewellery roll. However, the enthusiasts persisted in continuing and jewellery rolls turned out to be our best selling product.

Young Enterprise has taught the members of Artemis numerous vital lessons about business skills including cornering every unsuspecting person and encouraging them to buy one of our top quality products. The scheme has also educated "Artemis" about the importance of team work, communication and the necessity of dedication in a Young Enterprise Company.

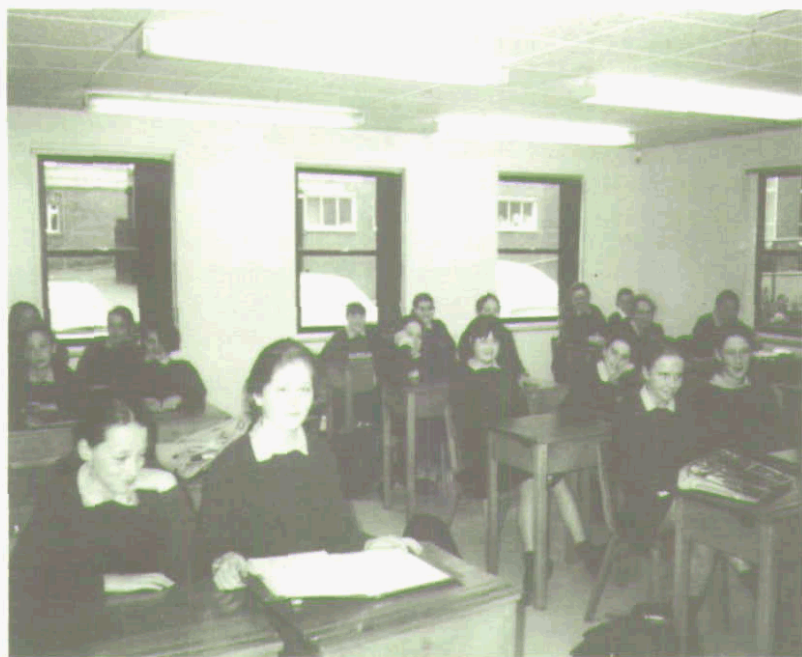
## WELCOME TO THE REMOVES

### "What The Queen's School Means to Me" by the New Removes

"When I first came to this school I felt alone. I was unsure of what to do and where to go but I couldn't wait to come back the next day."

"On my first day everybody stood around on their own. I did not know anyone, but everybody else knew somebody else."

"The older people call you 'Little Removes' and push you out of the queue."



Removes at Work

"Queen's means, 'Where are the boys?'"

"I think we should be called Upper Third instead of Remove!!!"

"It is a place where I see my friends and do things like table tennis, chess, etc. I laugh a lot with my friends. I get the giggles when I'm not supposed to."

"It was a very big crowded place and I often got lost. There were a lot of older girls who pushed past me. I was worried on the first day because I thought I had taken BOTH my hockey socks with me, but I had only taken one – and that was Seeta's."

"My first impressions were: Oh no! not another seven years in day prison. I am going to get lost."

"When I first came here, I thought that everyone was too big for my liking.

What it means now: Everyone is still too big for me."

"The Queen's School means TESTS."

"At first I thought it was very big and I was very nervous about being able to get around the buildings to the right room for each lesson. I was worried in case I forgot the teacher's names or something and everybody would think I was babyish or immature."

"Friends, hard work, interesting sports, nice atmosphere."

"In this school everyone looks forward to lunch, and when it is lunch time we all spend half an hour in the queue."

"Queen's means hard work, being responsible and having fun."

# Chess Report

In our first year of having a chess club, many girls have come to enjoy playing chess at lunchtime. Although Chess Club is mainly held on Thursdays, girls from all years frequently come to play on the other lunchtimes. The Removes have their own chess ladder, where members of the club try to reach the first position, moving up in stages by winning games. At the moment (and throughout most of the term) Catherine Rowlands has succeeded in fending off the opposition and remaining at the top. Those below this trend-setting Remove are:

2. Kate Billings RR
3. Christina Stanley RL
4. Caroline Appleton RL
5. Lucy Leyland RR

So far, no-one from Remove H has succeeded in coming in the top five. As the year has progressed, it has been encouraging to see a number of second years playing regularly. Particular appreciation goes to Sarah Dent, our resident coach from LV. Thank you too to Mrs Wiley, and Mr Armstrong for their help, and the School for providing ten new chess sets.

Christina Stanley and Caroline Appleton, *Remove L*

The Chess Club is always looking for new members to help reinforce the message: "CHESS IS BEST!"





# THE LEGEND OF THEBES

## Remove R in Rehearsal May '94

"The play is a story of heroes and heroines, villains and monstrous creatures. It is set long ago in mythical times. It is sad in some places – like when the baby is given up."

"It is a fun way to learn about the Greeks."

"It was just like taking a step into the past."

"A pleasant change to lessons! Better than reading books."

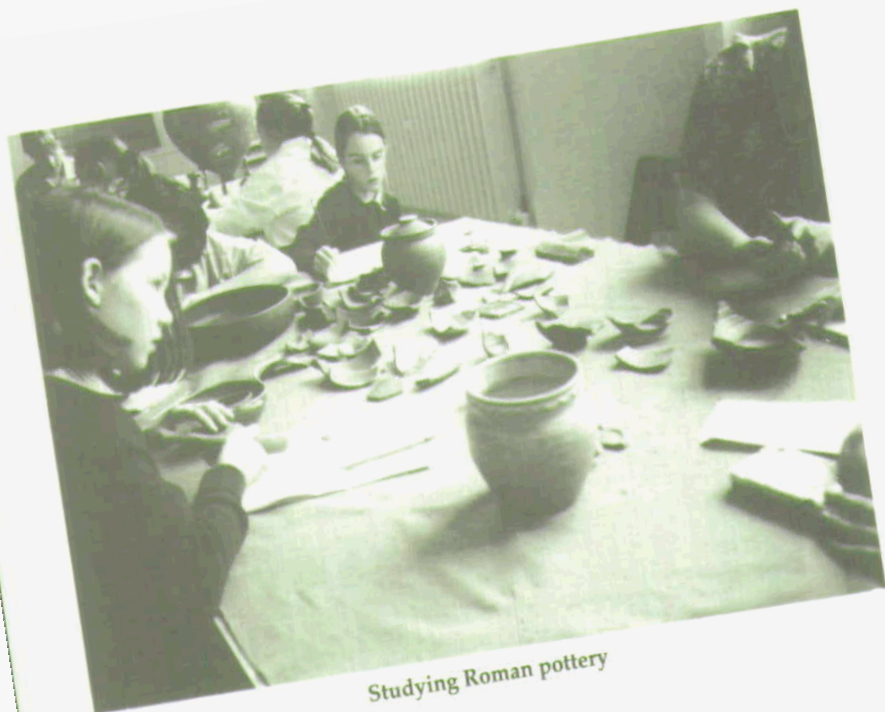
"I enjoyed being in the dragon. There are lots of murders and deaths which is good."

"I'm looking forward to performing it, although I'm slightly nervous."

"I hope everything will go right on the night."

## Visit to Grosvenor Museum April '94

"The trip helped us with our fieldwork because we found out extra things about how the Romans lived. We especially found out more about Chester."



Studying Roman pottery



Alex tries on some Roman armour

# P.S.E. for the Removes

After intensive training of staff and fruitful planning sessions, we are pleased to be able to report that our P.S.E. studies are now established and have been well received.

As part of our programmes of study we have enjoyed listening to a variety of outside speakers who have complemented our work in the classroom.

The Removes particularly enjoyed sessions linked with National No Smoking Day and the splendid posters they designed were judged by one of our governors, Dr Dalzell, and admired whilst they were on display in the entrance hall.

G.H.

## The Remove House Quiz

Everybody had been brushing up on their general knowledge for the Remove Quiz. It was challenging for everyone, especially for the audience because if they weren't quiet, they got a "groan" from the "groan stick" or a hit on the head from Mrs Sheedy's squeaky hammer. In the end, after lots of fun and shouting, Thompson won with Hastings a close second followed by Sandford and finally Westminster.

Jill Hawkins (RR) and Katie Henry (RR)

## CREATIVE WORK

### The Beach

I walked alone in solitude  
The sand beneath my feet,  
The sun shimmered faintly on the rolling foam,  
And the sky and sea seemed to meet.

My dog ran ahead to fetch his stick  
Leaving his paw prints in the sand,  
I heard the sea echo as it approached the shore,  
Then it rolled back away from the land.

Catherine Morrice-Evans, *Remove H*

# The Forest

Waking  
to the twitter of the birds singing in the early morning sun.  
Watching  
the creatures stir and move to start the new day  
Fluttering  
above are oceans of kaleidoscope coloured birds  
Waving  
down to me.  
Listening  
I hear the shots of guns  
And then the stampede of animals  
Escaping.  
Rustling  
as the wind blows in my leaves  
They rush past eager to hide.  
Lovingly,  
I hide creatures beneath my covers  
Until the threat has gone.  
Beautifully  
the sun floats down  
Leaving  
golden stains across the sky.  
The forest quietly returns to slumber  
Resting  
again until the new day.  
Gradually  
the stirring stops and a gentle breeze covers the trees.  
Whispering  
Leaves say their goodnights  
Letting  
the silver snowflakes cover the black sky  
Illuminating  
the tree-tops.

Lucy Craven, *LIVM*

# Waves

The waves jog slowly along the sand,  
Timing themselves over and over again.  
Slowly they begin to sprint  
faster, faster, faster.  
Now the waves are jumping  
And leaping wildly, shouting,  
I've won, I've won, I've won.

Gemma Jones, *Remove R*



Still Life with parasol

*Kate Walker, LV*

# Nature's Hologram

The sea is like a hologram,  
Changing now and then.  
It may be peaceful, calm and warm,  
With a gentle, whispering breeze  
OR

It can be rough and cold,  
Dark and dangerous,  
With fish that scatter and hide in  
Cracks and caves.

The sea is like a hologram,  
Changing now and then.

Emily Jones, *Remove R*

# The Changing Sea

The salty spray smacks my face.  
I listen for the lapping of the waves  
And hear the screeching seagulls.  
The glistening water is calm and still.  
Suddenly the water turns against me.  
Little splishes turn to loud splashings.  
The wind wails as the storm starts.  
Lightning dissects the sky.  
Waves are transformed into sea monsters  
Rising up as if in a roaring rage.

Marianne Milnes, *Remove R*

# The Sea

Slowly it moves,  
Calmly it sways,  
On and on.  
It never stops  
To catch its breath  
But just carries  
On and on.

But now it moves  
Quickly.  
It rushes roughly.  
It sways unkindly,  
But still goes

On and on.  
 The salt spray flies,  
 The waves smack the sea  
 And angry water  
 Smashes against the sand  
 Yet still the sea carries  
 On and on and on.

Gemma Lee, *Remove R*



Fashion Project



Removes

# Fireworks

Startling  
Explosions break  
The twilight silence.

Shooting fireball  
Bursts into  
A rainbow coloured fountain.

Twirling disc of fiery gold  
Slices through  
The black night sky.

Penny Batey, *LIVM*

Pirouetting like windmills  
In the night,  
Colour flies across  
The star-lit sky.

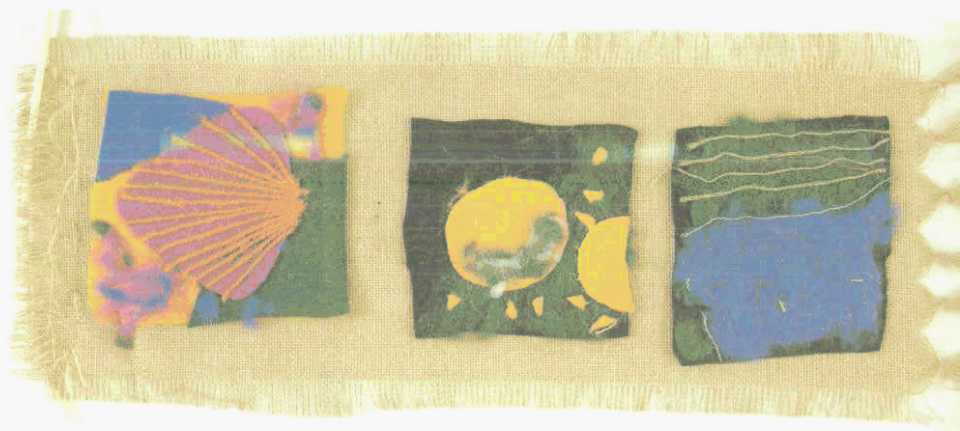
Exploding colours  
Shattering like stained glass  
Deafen  
The sky.

Sizzling flames  
Leap like serpents' tongues  
Into  
The night.

Lucy Craven, *LIVM*

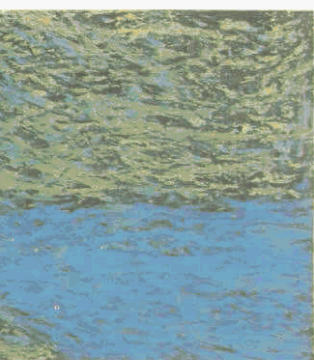
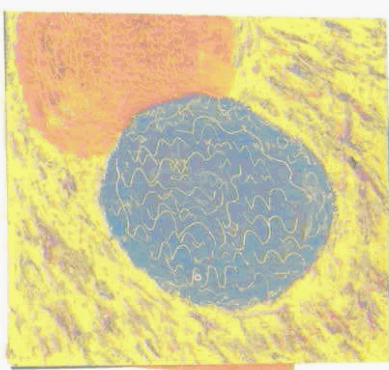
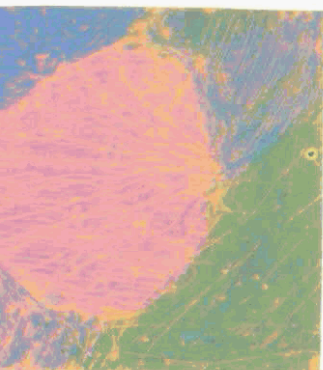
Screaming balls of fire,  
echoing in the black of  
the night.  
Sparkling fountains of  
colour lighting up  
the twilight sky.  
Leaping coloured bombs,  
flying through the  
illuminated atmosphere.  
Spitting strands of gold,  
sizzling in the  
midnight air.

Rachel Cocker, *LIVM*



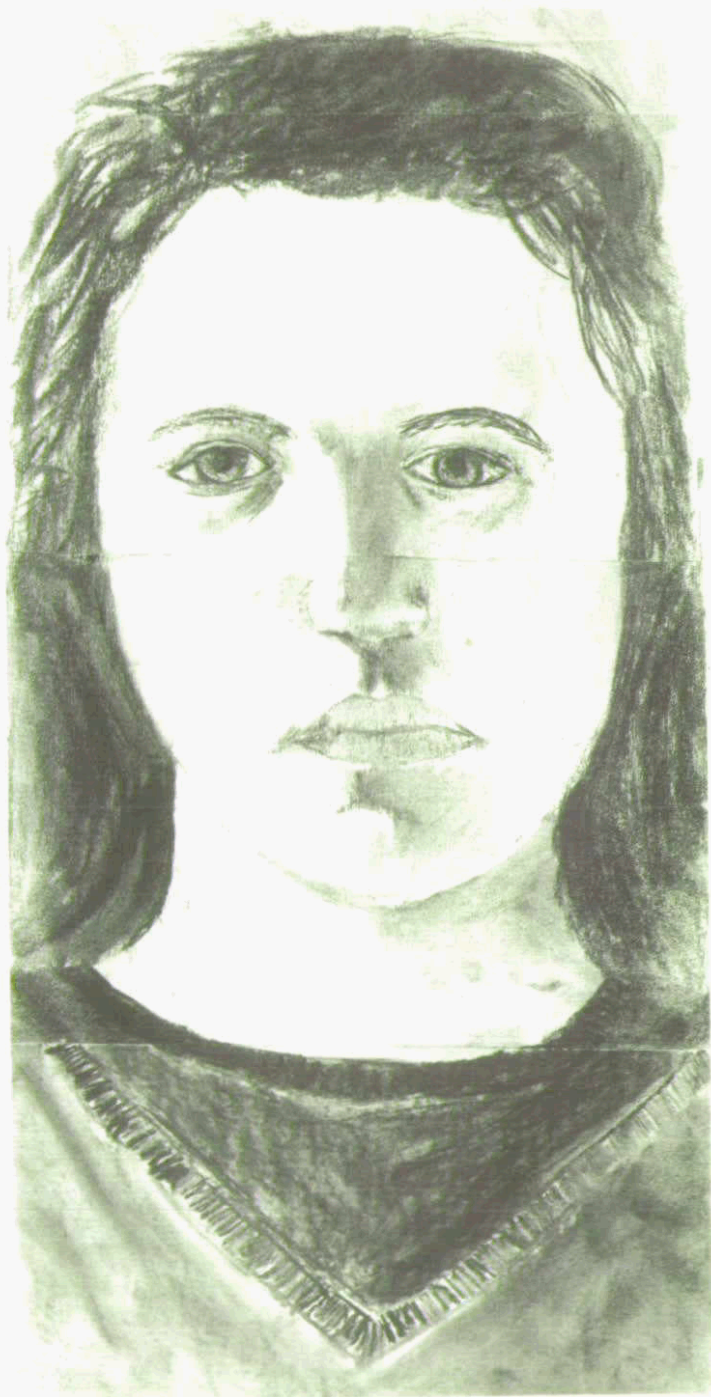
Sian Roberts

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Design/Textile project

Sian Morris, LIVM



Portrait by Jenny Higgins

LV

Flowering  
Bud of colour  
Breaking into  
Teardrop petals.

Blossoming  
Tree of gold  
Shivering  
In the moonlight.

Victoria Manford, *LIVM*

Colourful  
shots being  
fired into  
oblivion.

Silver  
sparks fizzing  
down to  
nothing.

Fountains  
spraying light  
against the  
twilight sky.

Jets  
taking off  
into the  
midnight air

A disc  
of gold  
spinning up  
towards the stars.

Sushmita Kakati, *LIVM*

## The Killer

As his huge, powerful body  
Moves silently towards his prey,  
The cunning tiger makes a plan,  
Then ATTACKS.  
His supple body pounces on the unsuspecting fawn.  
As his prey struggles,  
His huge, fierce fangs appear.  
He takes a bite,  
Then using his powerful body,  
The fawn is dragged away motionless,  
The rusty, ebony shade of his coat  
Allows him to disappear unseen.

Sarah Ardh, *Remove H*





Egyptian Fashion Project



Papier Maché figures (influenced by Modigliani)

*Removes*

# Freedom

Freedom is not what Terry Waite knew,  
Four years of hell, chained to a cell,  
A political pawn, in another man's fight,  
A man of God, in a shaft of light.

Freedom is not a bear in a cage,  
Fifteen feet square, causing his rage,  
Bars on all sides, strapped to the floor,  
Entrapped in his prison, yearning for more.

Freedom is a pure white dove,  
Soaring through the skies above,  
A moonlit stroll upon the beach,  
Freedom's there for all to reach.

Cara Williams, *UIVH*

Freedom is not being held back from the playground,  
On a hot summer's day,  
Sitting back after class,  
While the other kids shout "Hooray!"

Freedom is the summer holidays,  
Enjoying a break from school,  
No more rules and uniform,  
Just play and shout like a fool.

Freedom is not being locked up in the prison  
Of other people's ways,  
Always doing what they do,  
Always trying to please.

Freedom is enjoying yourself,  
Doing your thing your way,  
Not even having a care in the world,  
Just living day by day.

Emma Roberts, *UIVH*

Freedom is not the first day back at school  
After a long summer holiday that's been really cool.

Freedom is having fun with your mates  
Having a laugh and staying up late.

Freedom is not being locked in your room  
And hoping your parents will let you out soon.

Freedom is doing just as I please,  
Coming in and out with my own bunch of keys.



Still Life with Sam's bike

*Elizabeth Barrow, LV*

Freedom is not being suspiciously watched,  
Parents checking I haven't been drinking the scotch.

Freedom's a feeling you just can't compare,  
It's being yourself in the great open air.

Vicki Gauge, *UIVH*

Freedom is not  
being subject to  
a framework of rules  
in school  
and out.

Freedom is not  
being able to  
walk and feel safe,  
alone,  
as darkness falls.

Freedom is  
a time to rest,  
space to lie  
and feel the warmth  
of the summer sun.

Ceri Richards, *UIVH*



Victoria Packham, *LIV*



*Charlotte Roast, LIV*

## The Earthquake

It all began with a tiny noise,  
A small quiet rumbling.  
It grew to a deafening, cracking, collapsing,  
Shaking killer.  
The Earthquake.

A violent tremor hit the town,  
Buildings shake and crumble.  
And rock as if being shaken off  
By a dangerous giant.  
The Earthquake.

Families made homeless as fires rage  
Throughout their homes.  
Lives wrecked as people are crushed  
By a hazardous murderer.  
The Earthquake.

The mayhem stopped, the panic gone,  
And they may relax again.  
All that was taken were lives of the innocent,  
By the killer, giant, murderer.  
The Earthquake.

*Gillian Macey, UIVH*

# Round the bend!!!

Did I tell you the story about my Great-nan? She died before I was born. She had a good body for her age, but her mind was a bit hay-wire! She used to fancy the vicar. She bought him chocolates and roses, but she also liked the chocolates and she used to eat them and replace them with 10p coins wrapped up and put back in the box.

The most embarrassing event with the vicar was when, in the middle of prayers, she stood up and pledged her love for him. Then she started walking forwards, towards him with her arms open saying, "Come here, sweetheart, I want to marry you." The vicar opened his eyes (which was a big mistake) as his eyes nearly popped out of their sockets. He also turned bright red and ran crying out of the back of the church.

Every time after that that we went to church, the vicar turned bright red when he met her and he used to peep out at her in prayers to make sure she sat still and quiet. We also used to put our hands over her mouth and hold her hands tight.

Another time she decided to cause a disruption was in Tesco's. Tesco has got a new clothes section now, hasn't it? Anyway, she saw a new baby in the front of the store and was adamant that it belonged to her. The baby was a girl, but she called it Billy. She took hold of the pram and proceeded to wheel her out of the shop, but she tried to go out the wrong automatic door. You know, the ones that only open if you are standing on a certain side of them? I keep wandering from the subject, don't I? Well, she banged into the door and then looked back at the door in disgust. Just then the mother came to rescue the child. She had an argument with Great-nan, but Great-nan would not give her baby back. Eventually, we persuaded her and we left the shop feeling guilty and embarrassed.

Joanna Powell, *UIVH*

## The Unseen

Street-lamps still shine  
Clouds reveal a watery sun.  
A bundle of rags stir,  
The wakening of the silent one.

Weathered with the storms of life,  
Wandering through the dust city.  
The hustle and bustle of early wakers  
Little souls care but can only give pity.

He sits on the corner,  
With a glazed stare.  
Longing for love,  
For someone to care.

In front of him lays  
His hat down in vain.  
No tears left to cry,  
No-one left to blame.

Existence depending  
On someone to give.  
A coin to seek oblivion,  
No reason left to live.

Roz Turner, *UIVH*

## Neptune's Christmas

A shoal of neons shimmers by,  
Every single fish a dancing fairy-light.  
They entwine themselves with tinsel weeds  
On a festive coral tree.  
Below, the sea-bed is illuminated in a sapphire hue:  
A Christmas grotto filled with gifts of the deep.  
Crimson anemones tied with seaweed bows,  
Corals shrouded in iridescent wrap,  
Awaiting Neptune's Christmas.

Sarah Rogers, *LIVM*

## Jewel

She swims in warm southern waters,  
She sparkles under the sun,  
Her soft ruby scales  
Glittering under golden rays.

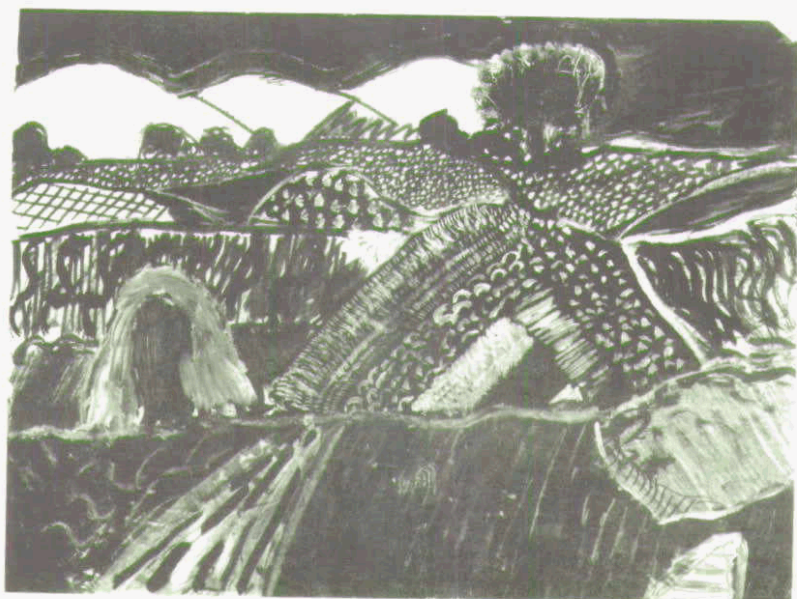
She swims through the tropics,  
Small, yet a spectacle of beauty.  
Like a very precious gem she glows,  
The envy of the underwater world.

As she jumps out of the water,  
The sunlight catches tiny droplets  
As they turn into diamonds,  
Small, sparkling and beautiful.

Sushmita Kakati, *LIVM*



*Helen Pilkington, LIV*



*Lisha Patel, LIV*

# One hope

Once she was bright, cheerful not a care in the world. Her hair flowed behind her, long, wavy, auburn hair. Her face was peaceful and loving. She was happy and full of life and moved with grace as she skipped towards our house. She wore a long school skirt and a navy blue jumper. Her waist length hair was plaited into two. She had scuff marks on her freshly polished shoes.

She hugged our mother as she came in through the oak door, her small bag in one hand, a flower in the other. She was just ten; a young hope in a world of despair.

Our house was big, but homely. The narrow hall led to the bright, dazzling kitchen. She sat down next to our mother who drank a cup of coffee. The warmth of my sister made her eyes glow with pleasure, and a small smile appeared on our mother's tired face. Soon she ran upstairs to our father's room, giving him the single rose, making his heart sing with hope.

My sister's hair tickled our father's pale face, making him chuckle as he lay in his bed of death. My sister would never stop loving him. But maybe it was too late. But her happiness would never leave her . . . or so I thought.

With her hair pulled back in one solitary white plait, as white as snow, shining, she sits. Her young grandchildren skip and play in her dull sitting room. But she is waiting. Waiting for another lonely day. Never again will she skip through the door with a single, beautiful rose. The bitterness she holds tight in her heart will not leave her. Her home – a small cottage in the country – surrounds her. The sunset gleams through the window. The pale peach curtains hang sadly. The fireplace laps up the children's happiness, gladly. But the room remains cold, cold with misery. The chair in which she sits is old, brown. The carpet is brown also.

She wears a knitted, green jumper which covers most of her small, limp body. Her black, baggy trousers cover her thin legs. A young grandchild touches her knee and sits at her feet. The grandchild is just ten. She has my sister's auburn hair; just the image of her. She smiles, maybe a new hope.

Melinda Totty, *LIVMo*

# Rain

Straight lines from heaven,  
Wet and moist droplets flow down,  
Fall to lakes below.

# Thunder and lightning

The roll and the crash,  
The rain is moved by the wind,  
The bright flash of light.

## Sun

Grey clouds roll away,  
Ball of fire shines in the sky,  
Lighting up the earth.

## Rainbow

The glowing spectrum,  
Coloured arch across the sky,  
Rain and sun combined.

Rebecca Wilson, *LIVMo*



Katie Dutton, *LIV*

# A Winter of Magic

I slowly crouched down on the cold, crisp, flaky snow, admiring the view before me.

A pond, which was once a blue glistening pool of water, was now covered by a thin sheet of smooth, sparkling ice. The small bank of the pond was covered with a snowy winter glaze. This also covered the bare, cold branches of the tall trees. These branches weaved in and out of each other, going on forever, maybe to somewhere unknown in the pale, dull, lifeless sky. Who knows?

As my eyes searched further I came in sight of the land beyond. It was a most beautiful, enchanting land. The snow gave out a white magic, and the woods behind me that I had just left gave out a dark, mysterious, eerie feeling of possessing ghostly fear.

A flock of birds which were one of the few that had not yet left for their sunny, hot destinations could be seen in a great cluster of confusion, flying rapidly to try to gain lost time.

I stood up and walked away, leaving this magical place behind me, knowing that it would never stay like this forever.

Philippa Lewis, *LIVMo*

## Seasons On a Hill Top

### Spring

I stand on the hill. The trees down below are covered in white and pink blossom. The fields are yellow and green, dotted with red poppies. The birds are singing and flying in the sky. There are sheep, climbing higher up the hills, stopping to graze frequently.

Down in the forest, there are occasional splashes of blue. The bluebells are under the torn green blanket. There is a sweet smell of wild flowers on the hill. In the old orchard behind me, there are some apples beginning to grow.

I can hear the children screaming down in their playground. Some are in shorts or summer dresses.

The sun is shining and making the lake in the valley glisten brightly.

### Summer

I stand on the hill. The landscape is covered in green trees.

The forest down below is dark; the blanket blocks out the sunlight.

I hear the thuds as the first apples drop off the tree behind me. They are not red yet so can't be eaten. Down in the school, it is sports' day. The mothers are cheering as the children do their races. An ice-cream van is playing its tune ready for their finish.

The sun is shining very brightly. There is no breeze to cool me. The river is almost empty.



*Alex Stringer, LIV*

### **Autumn**

I stand on the hill. Some trees down below are red or brown. Some are bare.

On the telephone wires, the swallows are queueing up for their long journey.

The forest is still green, though it looks unwelcoming and spooky.

Tractors are ploughing the fields. Some are yellow, others black.

The forest is green and silver. The clinging spiders' webs are covered in water droplets which sparkle.

The river is almost full now; it races down the hill like a child on a sledge.

Down at the school, the children are playing with their freshly gathered conkers.

There is a low mist come from the hills. It is like a net curtain covering the landscape.

### **Winter**

I stand on the hill. The landscape is dotted by bare trees; the branches are bony, old men's arms. The black, ploughed fields are covered in a white frost.

I can smell the smoke from the chimney of the nearby farm. Through the window I can see the glistening lights on their Christmas tree.

The sun is hidden away; it's too cold for it to play. At the school the children are rehearsing their nativity play. I can see shepherds greeting Mary and Joseph.

*Jane Bellamy, LIVMo*

# From Dusk to Evening

Great, velvety, purple clouds heaped up in the east are spread over the valley. There was no wind, and everything seemed very still and silent. The orange setting sun shone down on a stream that crept down the dyke, and made it look like a stream of melted gold. The pond at the bottom of the stream was wearing a tissue of gold and crimson. A faint blue haze rested on one of the hills, over which a great, pale, round moon was just beginning to float up like a silver bubble.

The sky, which was full of faint rose, was pricked with early evening stars, and looked like a golden desert. The heath was warm and dry after the warm, sunny day that had just been left behind, but a mist slowly started creeping across the valley.

A hedgehog was heard scuttling through the heather, leaving a trail of flat heather behind him, and somewhere in the distance a bird made her final goodnight call before the whole world settled down to a night of peaceful slumber, pleasant dreams, and blood-thirsty nightmares – if such a thing existed in such a magical world, one which seemed so beautiful it was almost as if it was unreal. The once glowing, orange sun had now disappeared into its sheltered hole on the horizon, and had been fully replaced by the moon. The man-in-the-moon smiled down on the world as it slept – it was night.

Kyra Drinnan, *LIVMo*

# Two Views from a Window

It was a cold, wintry day and I was full of cold. My only comfort was the view from my window.

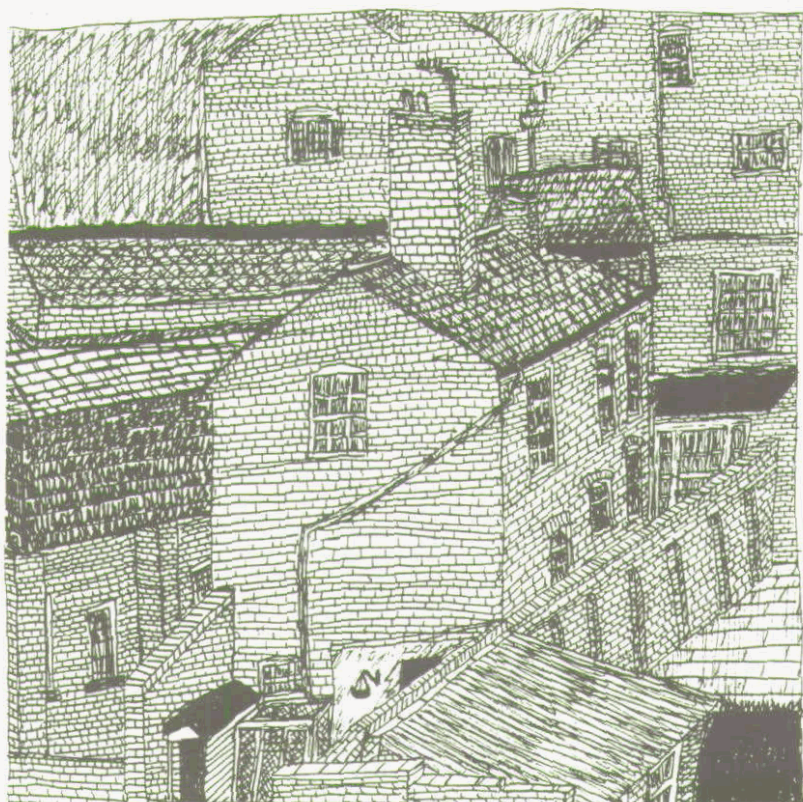
## At Dawn

When I awoke, I trundled over to the window. The window was all frosty. Outside it looked as though Jack Frost had been busily at work all night. The pavement was gleaming with crystallised shapes. It looked like a shiny Christmas decoration. The tree outside my window was glistening with dew, and a small squirrel was moving along the branches as if they were made of rubber. Next door our neighbour was trying to start his car. It sounded like someone coughing and spluttering. On the other side of the road through a misty haze, I saw a cat returning home from a night hunting, treading gingerly through the frozen grass. The day was rising like a misty dream.

## In the Evening

When I returned to my window a few hours later, the view had changed considerably. Gone now was that misty haze; instead, a misty greyness with an orange gleam invaded the area. Peach lights shone in house windows. Lovely log fires were awaiting husbands, wives and children as well as hot, steaming bowls of soup. Outside the crisp, cold, thin air had vanished and a thick grey fog hovered. Street-lamps were alive and bright, humming at the sights and sounds of evening. Car head-lights blazed as people within appeared from the darkness. An old man was trudging through the darkness, and, as he passed under a street-lamp, the light shone down onto his face, showing a tired but pleasant wrinkled face. I waved to him from my perch on my window-sill and as he looked up and smiled the light in his eyes brightened me, and when I finally fell asleep it was with the picture of the old man's face and the picture of the view from my perch on my window-sill in my mind.

Laura Brown, UIVH



View from The Queen's School

Patricia Cropper, LV

# Racial Injustice

In this world we proudly say  
That we believe in equality.  
But why are there social classes,  
Why are there racial classes?  
You are white and superior,  
I am black and inferior,  
Where is the justice in that?

But why, in this world are we different,  
Why I am black and you white?  
Why do people smile at you in the street,  
And spit at me out of spite?  
Why is my face chocolate brown and yours  
Is a creamy white?  
Our only difference is our shade of skin  
We have no difference from within.

Why in this world is there a division  
Between the black people and the white?  
I never understood this prejudice  
Giving you the advantage in life.

Alice Dawson, *LVS*<sub>w</sub>

# The Moral of This Story is . . .

I was happily married,  
With my Marty by my side.  
He worked in an office  
Until the day he died.

No-one knew what happened,  
Or how the paint-pot fell;  
We think from a dusty work-site  
But no-one lived to tell.

Poor Marty lay upon the ground,  
Never responding to my cry.  
Blood gushed forth from his head,  
Onto his very favourite tie . . .

. . . Now this tie was very special to him,  
I bought it on a date –  
The first one that we ever had  
(Which was set up by his mate).

The next few months I lived in pain,  
For his face appeared in every scene  
That passed before my tearful eyes,  
All the 'what was' and 'is' and 'could have been'.

At last I learnt to smile again,  
To think of future – not of past.  
The moral of this story is . . .  
To pick a young man who will last!!!

Lucie Stanley, *LIVMo*

## A Dying War?

Pulse,  
Lightning travelled through his heart.  
A storm approached, a storm that  
would never truly calm.  
The hail rained down as he took one step over the ridge.  
He was blind to the danger, deaf to the thunder.  
Pulse,  
One arm thrown into the air,  
Pulse,  
Another jerked, grasping for the turmoil  
in the heavens.  
Why?  
Is a question that pulsated through  
my mind.  
Why him?  
Why us?  
Why anyone?  
Was it really for the land that will  
soon be forgotten and eroded?  
Left to rot like their bodies.  
Pulse,  
Lightning had struck twice,  
The slow, struggling motion had started  
to take effect.  
Every line of confusion, pain and  
desperation engraved not only on his  
face, but also in my mind.  
He stumbled and jerked spasmodically  
before collapsing, at one with the earth he was dying for.  
Pul . . .  
One straight, narrow line was all he  
had lived for,  
The storm never calmed,  
The lesson never learnt.

Abigail Holiday, *LVI*

# Neglected I am

I am a saucepan that's never been used,  
an old tattered comic that never amused,  
a broken table lamp, cold and fused,  
neglected, unmoved, gathering dust.

I am a teddy with only one eye,  
the children ignore me as they walk by.  
I've never been played with, patted or cuddled.  
I sit in the playroom lonely and muddled.

I am a bicycle at the back of the shed,  
a stray puppy that's never been fed,  
a grandfather clock that needs to be wound,  
a rusty key that will never be found.

I am a battered car, falling apart,  
never again will I happily start,  
my windows are shattered, the glass on the ground.  
My tyres are punctured and my horn will not sound.

Melinda Totty, *LIVMo*

# Friend

Friend, I've met you before,  
Somewhere beyond those golden gates.  
In a land of hatred and pain.  
Do you remember me?

I was your enemy,  
You died gracefully at my feet  
I wanted to revive you,  
But my duty to my country withheld me.

Please forgive me.  
I died at the foot of your friend,  
We are both equal;  
Let us live in harmony,  
United by friendship  
In the knowledge, we fought for our country's salvation;

I give you a white poppy, clasped in a loving hand,  
Symbolic of perfect peace.  
Please accept my offering.

Sarah Williams, *LVIN*

# May, 1945

The light hit me first, as I peeped through my curtains. So used to the old black-out I had been that the brightness of the street-lights struck me as odd.

The street outside my window was cobbled and narrow. Bits of moss, and weeds were growing here and there after being unattended for so long.

I could see many ruins of my neighbours' houses, ruins that had been blown apart by the Jerries, heartlessly, coldly. I shivered at the thought of the people lying under the dark, silent rubble, people who had not been recovered, who were some of the millions who had not survived the evil.

The houses looked dreary and cold, the shadows of ghosts moved, as the wind tried to blow the message of peace into my heart.

I could see the small children, playing their noisy games out in the breeze. They were too happy, not knowing the lives that had been lost. But now, the whole world was happy.

The house opposite had its lights all on, the windows open, the music blaring. I could see the occupants dancing and singing.

The sky was beautiful. The moon shone in a sea of dark, heavenly blue, like an island in the ocean. The world was now lovely. Even the flowers had dared to poke their little heads out into the still world.

A cat scampered across the street, chasing its prey. The cat had three legs.

Day and night were now both merging into one, making beautiful shadows as the timid wind blew the trees; making the lush leaves on their high boughs whisper and rustle, shaking off the heavy, black dust which had previously fallen on them.

As I looked out, I saw more and more lights turn on as they remembered as I had done.

Emily Pearce, *LIV Mo*

## Definitions of War

Life is desolate – yet ever eventful.

Full of meaningless explosions,

Empty of much needed words.

Destruction overtakes negotiation.

Death overcomes life.

## The Personification of War

If War were a person or a thing, imagine its size:

Contemplate its enormous volume.

A consuming mass, gabbling-trashing;

Wasting life to fuel its ability to waste life.

A fireball? Burning, whirling – wasting.

Holocaust? Wipe out, empty destiny – nothingness.

Disease? Eating into souls, rotting – intrusion.

Its form unseen, its methods horrific –

Its motive DESTRUCTION.

# War – an anthology of thoughts

Over the blast-strewn rubble the agile feet deftly picked their path through the debris, the evidence of mindless destruction displaying its malicious, disorientated face to the world. The figure surveyed his territory, his trained eyes scanning the landscape. His eyes chanced upon no grass, no foliage. The “trees” are jagged metal girders, once pillars of architecture, now dilapidated sentinels of hopelessness.

He stumbles; scree running as a poisoned tide to chafe the steps of their conqueror.

Jagged – the horizon lies ahead of the wanderer; hostile and inhuman objects bar his way. Relentlessly, he continues his quest. Weary, despondent eyes seek, but what do they yearn for? Survivors? Casualties? The very essence of hope itself? Even those deep blue radial jewels themselves do not conceal the answer to their pursuit; they are merely desperate.

Instinct urges him to continue his task, to press forward; that which is instilled into him pushes him onward. The desolation is endless; no order is comprehensible: Why him?

Anger rages inside his frail frame, but that too must be quelled; it was hatred's personification which brought about such despair. Time is no longer. Life has no pace: seconds may race, minutes may crawl – it matters not. Does anything matter? He wanders – is he the last of his group? Pointlessness becomes hopelessness, yet his weary journey continues for optimism's sake.

Limbs trembling, clothes frayed and worn, face blackened and scarred. These scars may heal, yet those of anguish which have bloodied his soul will not.

Ignorance would be bliss, yet reality brands its definite mark upon his mind: permanence.

All is smothered by the veil of suffocating darkness. Darkness from the Devil's pistol: evil from the Devil's heart.

Who is the loner? What drives his existence? A soldier loyal to his comrades? No, he is a child unaware – an innocent of war.

## Acronyms

**W**retchedness

**A**imlessness

**R**ealization

**A**ray of hope

**I**n an existence

**D**ominated by emptiness

# Opinions of War

"Man will realise the honour of triumph through his glorious endeavours; supported by queen, country and God himself."

- The General

"Sometimes you're alone – it's dark, cold, wet; it all seems void. You begin to wonder if things will ever be the same again – inside I know the horrors I have witnessed will shadow me to my grave."

- The Soldier

"War has destroyed his soul – the man I knew is dead: I spit upon the falsities of propaganda – I am no fool."

- The Wife

## SANDFORD HOUSE NEWS

Over the last year Sandford House has undergone quite a transformation. A large part of the School was decorated, our old 'Blue Room' has been rebuilt and we now have carpet tiles in all the classrooms. Our entrance hall has also been enhanced by a lovely settle donated by last year's Class 4. There has also been some changes in staff. Mrs Hudson has returned to us and is now taking Class 2 and Sarah Breeze has joined us to help with the younger children.

The first day back in the Summer Term was our school's birthday. Each class had a special cake and Richard Medrington gave us another puppet show. This year we were treated to a 'Sherlock Holmes' mystery and after the performance the children were given the chance of handling the puppets themselves.

In the following weeks there were times when Sandford House seemed more like a farm than a school! Lambs, ducklings, goslings and peacock chicks all paid a visit and an incubator full of eggs appeared in Class 3. These were avidly watched for the next few days and children's patience was finally rewarded when the chicks began to hatch. We were all enthralled by the whole process and we are grateful to Mr and Mrs Fair for providing us with this experience.

In May, several of our Class I children were lucky enough to be part of 'The Queen's School' float in the Lord Mayors Show. The weather unfortunately was not too kind that day, but despite the cold and the rain, they all managed to raise a smile and wave at all the crowds which lined the streets in Chester.

The weather also caused us problems later on in the term when we had to have three attempts at a school photograph! However, thankfully, the sun shone for both our school trips. Classes 1 and 2 visited the Sea-life Centre at Rhyl for their day out., After an initial introductory talk, the children were then taken 'underwater' along



At The Lord Mayor's Show

see-through tunnels where they were able to discover what life is like at the bottom of the ocean. Many sea creatures were seen swimming all around them including sharks, stingrays and giant jellyfish.

The next place of interest was the special nursery where the mothers and baby fish were looked after. This was followed by a 'sea at night' area which proved to be very popular. At the end of the tour the children gathered together for a talk and a 'hands on' introduction to rock pool creatures such as crabs and starfish.

After leaving the centre, the children descended onto the beach for a picnic and then there was just enough time left for a walk along the sand before having to catch the bus for the journey home.

The older children's trip was to Erddig where they were all going to be maids and servants for the day. Our visit began with a film showing us what a typical day in the life of a servant would have been like. We were all then dressed in appropriate costumes and divided up into groups. Each group was then taken on a tour of the house starting with kitchens and ending up in the attic rooms where the servants would have slept. As we progressed around the house our duties were explained to us and all the children soon appreciated how hard and what long hours the servants had to work.



Class 3 girls at Erddig



Class 3 boys at Erddig

After a break for a picnic lunch, the children were then taken around the outbuildings and shown the laundry, stables and the smithy. It was a very enjoyable day but judging by the conversations on the way home in the bus, very few of us would have exchanged places with the servants at Erddig!

The rest of the Summer Term passed by quickly. The rain held off for our Sports Day and we were able to have our usual mix of straight and novelty races. The climax of the term, however, was a production of the musical 'Cinderella'. Class 4 presented us with some fine performances and Class 3 proved to be an admirable choir.

In the Autumn Term, our library once more became submerged under a mountain of toys in readiness for our stall in the Autumn Market. Our thanks to go Mrs Rudge and the other mothers for all their help with the sorting and pricing. We are also very grateful to the Parents' Association for the money they raised for us. We have already bought a new computer and we are using the rest of our money to buy a Clavinova.

The next event of the year was our Harvest Service. This year we had 'Fruit' as our theme. The children brought a wonderful selection of produce to school and we were able to present many old and needy people in the area with harvest gifts.

The last two weeks of term were as usual, completely taken over by Christmas. The whole school went to the Gateway Theatre to see a production of 'The Christmas Cat'. The children really enjoyed the performance and there was a great deal of enthusiastic audience participation, which resulted in quite a few hoarse voices on the bus going home!

The production of our nativity play took place a few days later and this was followed by our Christmas party. This year everyone came dressed as their favourite storybook character. There were quite a few inventive costumes and we all had great fun guessing who everyone was.

Our Spring Term proved to be a quiet but industrious one. The highlight of the term was definitely the fall of snow we had in February. The relatively mild weather which we have had in the last few years meant that some of our younger children have had little opportunity to play in snow. Everyone certainly made the most of it and it wasn't long before our playground was home to a varied selection of snowmen!

We brought our term to a close with our Easter Service. Class 4 acted out the Easter story and the other classes portrayed different aspects of Spring. Class 2 especially provided a splash of colour with their beautiful selection of Easter Bonnets.

Raising money for charity continues to be an important part of life at Sandford House. This year we have collected over £1145. Our main event was our Sponsored Swim in aid of Hope House Children's Hospice and this raised a total of £775. Our other dona-



February fun!

tions were to the following charities: £75 to the Hospice of the Good Shepherd, £50 each to Chester Families Project, Age Concern, The Young Telegraph Children's Convoy Appeal, The Leprosy Mission and Riding for the Disabled and finally £45 to Children in Need.

R. R. Morgan

## Gifts to Sandford House

A wooden settle for our entrance hall was donated by Class 4 leavers:

Nicholas Cocker  
Sally Crooks  
Nicola Edwards  
Sarah Garrod  
Emma Graham  
Emma Harris  
Ben Hatfield

James Hughes  
Rebecca Huxley  
Harriet Johnson  
Daiki Kato  
Kate Leyland  
Jenny Mason  
Claire Okell  
Helen Reti  
Alexandra Roberts  
Anna Stanley  
Danielle Washbrook  
Adam Whiteley

# All about me

I am a girl. I have long hair. I go to the Queen's School. I go to The King's School at night to swim. I like sweets. I like my dinner at the Queen's School. I am in the Phoenix house. I like wearing a skirt.

Charlotte Oakes, Age 5, Class 1

# Rain

Rain makes the flowers grow. God made the rain. Rain is for you to drink. It is for the ducks to be clean. Rain is to wash.

Jonathon Clark, Age 5, Class 1

# Mothers Day

I made a card for my mummy and my sister did one too and we bought flowers.

Sing-Hay Lee, Age 5, Class 1

# Mummy

My mummy cooks my dinner and she tidies my bedroom and she gives me surprises and she cuddles me and when I am poorly she gives me medicine. I love my mummy.

Georgia Whiteoak, Age 5, Class 1

# The Robin

He can fly. He is little.

He comes up to you.

He has eyes and a

tail. He is a Robin.

He has a red breast.

Sing-Hay Lee, Age 5, Class 1

# My Friend

My friend is Rebecca. We play a funny game called pirates. We try to catch the boys. My friend is gentle to me. She is always kind. She has green eyes. She makes me laugh. She makes me cheerful. She tells me funny jokes in her fun fax. She gives me stickers. She thinks I am nice, and I am.

Lucy Lennon, Age 6, Class 2

In the playground I play football with Charlie. He is kind because he passes it to me and he scores goals. He has dark brown hair and he has brown twinkly eyes. I do jokes to make him laugh. He shares sweets, and when I fall over he helps me. He takes me to the teacher.

*Alexander Fennell, Age 6, Class 2*

My friend is called Georgina. She has blond hair and she makes me laugh. When I fall down she takes me to the teacher. We sometimes catch the boys but they always get away. Georgina is very cheerful, she always laughs. When we go out before lunch we play on the bouncy hoppers. I pretend I am a rabbit. Georgina has blue eyes. When I am upset she comes and comforts me.

*Rebecca Heath, Age 6, Class 2*

## Giants

Once upon a time there was a girl who went for a walk in the woods. She lost her mummy. At the back of her there was a giant. But the giant was nice really so he picked her up and said do you want to go on holiday to the seaside? Yes please. What is your name? It is Dan said the giant. It was fun at the seaside. The giant flew her home. Each day they met each other in the wood.

*Lucy Lennon, Age 6, Class 2*

## Does the dolphin at the zoo remember

Does the dolphin remember,  
Gliding through the sea,  
Gulping little fishes and jumping up with glee,  
Doing somersaults and twirls?  
Does the circus tiger remember  
Jumping on her prey, a big deer she catches  
Having a big feast  
Looking after her cubs?  
Does the pet monkey remember  
Swinging through the trees  
Eating lovely juicy bananas  
Playing lovely games with the other monkeys?

*Ben Crooks, Age 6, Class 3*

# Our Easter News

In the Easter holiday we went to Buxton. We drove there and stopped at a car park and had a picnic. Then we walked up the path which took us to Solomon temple. We walked very far and in a distance I could see the temple. When we got to the temple we went up the spiral staircase and when we got to the top we looked down, the view was beautiful. Next we went down to the caves but it was too far a walk. We then went to a park and there was lots of things to play with. Ming-May and I went on the climbing frame and we went home.

Ming-chee Chung, Age 5, Class 2

# Sounds of the scrubland

Creep, creep, creep  
Here comes the lynx.  
Creeping through the grass.  
Poor thing not many left  
Ssh, ssh, ssh.  
Here comes the hunter.  
Sees the little lynx.  
Wants a coat for his wife  
Bang, bang, bang  
Goes the hunters gun  
Lynx falls over  
Dead as a Dodo.

Anna Coleman-Smith, Age 7, Class 3

# Echo and Narcissus

Once upon a time there was a fairy called Echo. She was a chatter-box. She talked so much that at last another fairy put a spell on her to make her invisible. Now she could only repeat the last words people said. She was wandering through the mountains when she saw a handsome young man called Narcissus, he was lost. "Hello", he called to his friends. Since Echo could only say the last thing she heard she too called "Hello!" Now this went on for a long time and soon Echo fell in love with Narcissus but Narcissus was very selfish. He only looked handsome. Soon he became angry because he thought someone was playing a trick on him. He was getting very thirsty so he went to a pool of water and he saw his reflection for the first time. He thought it was very beautiful, so he bent down to touch his reflection but all at once it broke into ripples. Narcissus was close to tears he loved his reflection so much that he said "I love you", and Echo repeated "love you". Narcissus stayed next to the pond for a very long time without any food and soon he grew

weak and eventually died. In his place grew some green stalks and there they were! the first Narcissus.

*Laura Spencer, Age 6, Class 3*

Once there were lots of fairies who lived in the mountains, one of them was called Echo. Echo was a real chatterbox. She chattered all night and day. Then one day everyone grew tired of Echo and one fairy put a spell on her to make her invisible and repeat the last few words that anyone said. One day she flew out of the mountains. Out of the mountains there was a man looking for his friends, his name was Narcissus. He was very good-looking. After a while Echo saw him and fell in love with him but of course Narcissus could not see her. Narcissus shouted "HELLO" to see if his friends would hear him. Echo said "HELLO" because she said the last few words that anyone said. Then Narcissus tried to find the voice. But of course he could not because Echo was invisible. Then Narcissus saw a pool and in the pool he saw the most beautiful face he had ever seen before (it was his own face). He stayed there for days and days and he became hungry and weak he still stayed there. He put his hand on the water to touch his own face. Then ripples cut across the face and it went, Narcissus started to cry. As the ripples started to calm down Narcissus stopped crying. Then Narcissus died and Echo started to cry and in that place where Echo cried the first Narcissus grew in that place where Echo cried.

*Lindsay Evans, Age 7, Class 3*

## When I grow up

When I grow up I would like to live in St Louis. St Louis is in America. I want to live in America because all of the people there are very friendly and I've got many relatives there.

In America I would like to be a teacher. I want to be a teacher because I like going to school and I like the work we do at school. I want to do something that matters and something that children like doing.

If I am a teacher I would like to teach class 2. I want to teach class 2 and not class 1 because class 1 don't read very exciting books and I think I might get a bit bored with them.

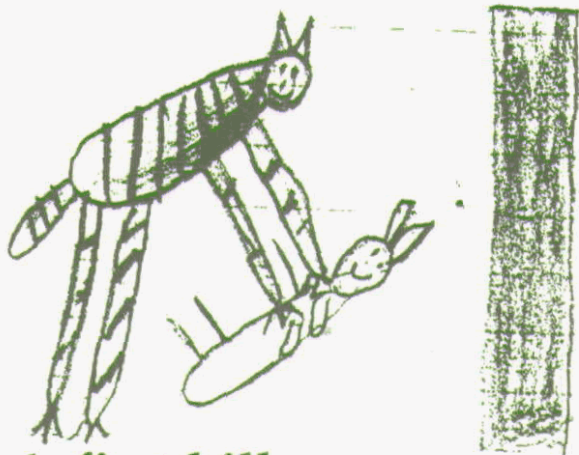
In my spare time I will take a walk and see my cousins, Stacy and Lauren. After that I will do a bit of shopping and then go to bed.

I would not like my husband to have a pony tail, earrings or tattoos. He must not smoke and the only ring he can have would be his wedding ring. He must be very friendly and he can't be a bully.

I will have 3 children and I want one of them to be called Kate because I like the name Kate.

If I marry a Frenchman my children would be half French, a quarter American and a quarter English!

*Chloe Woodcock, Class 4*



## Tiger's first kill

One day Alex the young tiger heard an "EEEEEEK". It was some birds flying over. When Alex heard this, he woke up. He had been sleeping half in and half out of the water. Alex had been waiting for mother to come back because she had now been away for a whole week. Then he smelt something strong and it smelt very dangerous. Next he saw some flames behind him so he ran and ran then he came to a mountain, and so he stretched out. After a while he carried on and then when he came to a big chunk of grass Alex crouched down low and waited. One hour went past and another and another and Alex wondered whether the wait was worth it. Then he heard some hoofs. When the deer came nearer Alex pounced and knocked one off balance then bit its throat. Alex had a feast. That was his first kill.

Brina Marks, Age 6, Class 3

## When I grow up

When I grow up I would like to live in London very near the Zoo. My home would be very comfortable. The curtains would have a tropical rain forest on them and so would the chairs. I would like to work in a zoo because you can feed the animals and I like animals a lot. I would be paid £29.00 a month. My hobbies would be an aerobics club, tennis and swimming. I might get married. I will have a child and a dog, the dog will be an alsation. My car would be a green Ford with five doors including the boot.

For my holidays I would go to France, America and Portugal. I would also like to climb Snowdon.

When I am older I will go on long walks and try to find dinosaur fossils. If I have any spare time I will go and have a cup of tea with my friends.

Mary Pritchard, Class 4

# Guess Who?

I am a boy. My height is one hundred and twenty-eight cm. I am funny, a bit cheeky and fit. My hair colour is blond or dark yellow as some people call it.

My voice is low but I can make it higher if I want.

One of my unusual features is that I haven't got a birth-mark. I like to wear jeans, t-shirts and shorts.

Some people think I am funny but I think I am curious. I am good at football. I think I am in the middle of good and bad in behaviour.

I am happy when we go out to museums or for holidays. I am angry when people say that I love girls in the class. The colour of my eyes are blue. My hobbies are swimming, football and building technic and Lego.

Alec McKenzie, Class 4



# The Loch Ness Monster

One day we were driving along beside Loch Ness looking for a place to pitch our tent. It was getting dark. Suddenly I saw the perfect spot. We stopped the car and put up the tent. Dad lit the camp fire and Mum cooked us a meal. I counted stars, there were about a hundred. Mum said it was time for bed so I put on my pyjamas. In



the middle of the night I heard a noise. I went outside. I could not see a thing, I turned round to go back to the tent, then I heard a voice say, "Please don't go. I'm only the Loch Ness Monster." I turned and saw a sad scaly head pop out of the water. It had green emerald eyes. Its voice was soft and kind and it held a dead fish in its mouth. I went over to stroke it. It dropped the fish and climbed on to my lap. It was soft and wet. I wrapped it in my rug and it drank milk from a glass and I fed him left over scraps from dinner. It also had half a packet of smarties and a can of Sprite. Then we played a game of hide and seek. The monster showed me his cave in the mountain. He told me how his mother died. I asked the monster if I could take a photo. I promised I would not tell anyone. The monster agreed so I took a photo.

Then I told him I'd better go. When I got to the tent I slipped into my sleeping bag. I was very tired after my adventure!

Sophia Berry, Class 4

## NEDHAM HOUSE NEWS

All of us at Nedham House, adults and children alike, frequently remark upon how quickly the terms, and consequently the years, fly by. On reviewing events since last Easter I can see why this is so. Many and varied happenings have all contributed to a very busy and enjoyable year.

The Summer Term was off to a racing start with a visit by The White Watch of Chester Fire Brigade, complete with Fire Appliance and Salvage Tender. They showed us a video explaining how to behave if caught in a burning house and are all experienced evacuating a 'smoke' tent. It was all very exciting and thought-provoking.

We continued the theme of personal safety by running an after school Cycling Proficiency Course under the guidance of Cheshire County Council, but with invaluable practical help given every week by Mrs Lee (Sarah), Mrs Churton (Gemma), Mrs Nicholson (Melissa) and Mr Hutton (Sarah). The netball/tennis courts were a little small for our needs but nearly forty girls completed the course successfully and were duly awarded their certificates.

The choir, which meets in the Summer Term, competed again at Chester Competitive Music Festival, was placed second in its class, and invited to sing at a winner's concert at St John's Church.

The work of decorating The Queen's School float which took part in the Lord Mayor's Parade went on outside the playhouse, with several enthusiastic parents assisting Miss Skilbeck to stitch, tie, lash and prop many items to the float. The hard work was worthwhile as the finished result was very colourful and interesting.

In June Form 2 costumed themselves magnificently and went to Speke Hall to take part in 'Virtues and Vanities', a Young National Trust Theatre production set in the reign of Charles II. Fine weather and the beautiful setting all added to a wonderful experience for them.

Once again we were lucky to have a dry Sports Day which was well supported by parents and friends who saw Merlins win the shield for the second consecutive year. Mr Cashell of the RNLI visited us with an exciting talk about the Lifeboats. He inspired an end-of-term burst of fund-raising, making a total throughout the year of over £700, raised entirely by the efforts of the children.

The last outing of the academic year was a visit by the whole department to the Children's matinee at the Llangollen Eistedfodd. After visiting the flag-bedecked town and eating a picnic lunch whilst being entertained by acrobats, we thoroughly enjoyed the very varied and unusual performances by song and dance troupes from all over the world.

Mrs Lucas, together with Miss Jones, Mrs Holmes and Mrs Jones organised a Summer Concert and many girls were able to show their skills and give pleasure to the audience of appreciative family and friends with a variety of solos, duets, ensembles and orchestral pieces. The Parents' Association put on a wonderful barbecue on the last Sunday of term which was a very enjoyable affair, with lots of lovely food, in spite of the unseasonable downpour.

We decided to investigate Chester during the second half of the Summer Term. We went, in small groups, to walk the City Walls finding out the history of the town as we went, to enjoy the exhibits and exhibitions at the Grosvenor Museum and to observe and sketch the boats, buildings and wild-life at the Canal Basin. We were favoured by the weather and were able to learn a great deal about our City.

Miss Paice organised our second, very successful, Book Fair in October which was much appreciated by children and parents alike. The long-awaited Ski Holiday was suddenly much nearer with the dry-ski lessons at Bebbington and a ski evening to discuss arrangements and purchase clothing, all being held before the Autumn half-term holiday. Our Harvest Thanksgiving service was well attended by parents and friends and we were able, once again, due to their generosity, to take many gifts to the children's ward of the Countess of Chester Hospital and to the elderly residents of the Chester Nursing Home.

We raised a large sum of money for the Autumn Market by organising a sponsored bounce on the Bouncy Castle and by filling small baskets with a wonderful variety of saleable items. They proved to be very popular and sold quickly. We have been very generously rewarded by the Parents' Association as they have bought several much needed items for us from the proceeds. We have received a TV/VCR stand and at the time of writing, are awaiting the imminent delivery of a range of Tech-Trucks and

Workstations for our Design/Technology area and a music trolley. We very much appreciate these gifts – they will make the work of everyone, children and staff, much easier.

Four Swedish student teachers from Chester College spent time with us in November and the following week saw the whole of Nedham House at a performance of "The Nutcracker" ballet in Liverpool. It was a wonderful experience for everyone and we all marvelled at the beautiful sets and costumes and thoroughly enjoyed the dancing and well-known music.

Form 3 paid two local visits during the term – to the Deva Experience Exhibition and the Grosvenor Museum, both in Chester, to enhance their History studies.

With the end of term fast approaching, rehearsals were well under way for Form 1 and Mrs Lindop's production of "Father Christmas and the Snow Witch", a musical play which proved a delightful opener for the seasonal festivities. As usual, Forms 2 and 3 sang and provided the musical accompaniment under Mrs Lucas' direction, making the whole event a very happy occasion.

We were invited to sing carols at Blacon Day Centre and at Chester Nursing Home the day before the end of term. The elderly residents very much enjoyed the visits and many joined in the singing.

The Spring Term saw the completion of the renovation of our entrance hall into a pleasant, sunny waiting area for parents and visitors. We celebrated our birthday this year with a visit to the Ellesmere Port Boat Museum where we explored the site, clambered into and over boats of various sizes, visited period cottages and took part in Craft Workshops. We were able to bring back to school all the 'Roses and Castle' paintings, paper lace, painted plates, rag rugs, horse brasses, chimneys, etc. that we had produced – they all made a colourful exhibition in the dining room.

The first Nedham House Ski Trip, organised in October 1992, eventually took place in February half-term. Form 3 girls who went on it have prepared a separate account of the trip, but I would like to thank Mrs Tottey for her superb and meticulous planning which ensured a trouble-free and very enjoyable holiday. We all returned fit, well, unharmed and considerably advanced in our skiing. We are now thinking about February 1996 . . .

The heavy snowfall in late February transformed the garden into a Winter Wonderland for two days – the toboggans were resurrected and snowball fights and snowman building were the order of the day.

This year's Form 3 went to Tatton Park to 'Dig for Victory' and were 'evacuated for a night' in order to bring to life their history studies. We have several grandparents and friends coming to visit us after Easter to talk about their war-time experiences.

Mrs Tottey has prepared a Sports Report, giving details of all fixtures.

### House Matches

Rounders	Ospreys
Tennis (team)	Merlins
Tennis (individual)	Naomi Lucas
Athletics	Merlins
Netball	Ospreys
Cross Country (team)	Merlins
Cross Country (individual)	Naomi Lucas (for 3rd consecutive year)
Hockey	Kestrels
Swimming	Merlins

### Inter School Matches

Netball matches played against Abbey Gate, Birkenhead, Cransley, Packwood.

Hockey matches played against Birkenhead, Cransley, Packwood.

A swimming match was held with King's v Merchant Taylors Girls and Boys Schools.

We have also entered the A.J.I.S. competitions in swimming, cross country, netball, hockey, rounders and athletics. Valuable experience has been gained by teams playing in these competitions, as well as some excellent individual performance. Our team got through to the semi-final of the Hockey.

#### A.J.I.S. Athletics

Naomi Lucas	1st U10 600m Final
Naomi Lucas	1st U10 80m Final
Nicola Blucher	2nd U9 Long Jump
Sarah Hutton	3rd U11 Rounders Ball Throw

#### A.J.I.S. Swimming

Naomi Lucas	1st U11 50m Breaststroke Final
Naomi Lucas	1st U11 4 x 25m Individual Medley Final
U11 Relay Team	3rd 4 x 25m Freestyle Relay Final

#### A.J.I.S. Cross Country

Naomi Lucas 1st out of 130 runners in U11 cross country at Bolton (2nd consecutive year, overall winner).

Alex Wilcox was 9th and Nicola Fair 10th in U10 cross country (out of 140 runners).

Both teams finished 3rd out of 13 schools.

We said farewell at Christmas to Miss Hayes who has left The Queen's School after many years of service. We all wish her well in her retirement. We welcomed Miss Susan Fry from the Senior School who has replaced Mrs Chorley now that she is Head of Modern Languages, Mr Peter Lilley, the new groundsman and Mrs

Rosemary Evans, who supervises the lunch break play time. We hope they will be with us for many years.

My sincere thanks go, once again, to all staff, both teaching and domestic, who give so willingly of their time and efforts and to the parents who support so wholeheartedly all that we do.

Barbara Brady & Form 3

## Gifts to Nedham House

Mrs Chesters & Petrina	- Photographs of Form 2 at Speke Hall.
Form 3 and parents	- Portable colour TV and cheque to buy videos.
Gemma Lee	- Lace picture, made by Gemma.
Sophie Thurston	- Tin of shortbread, for the staff.
Mrs Evans and Caroline	- Photograph for school album.
Mr Lilley	- Two bird feeders and brackets and bird nesting box.
Hannah Cantle	- Rubber stamp and pad for Christmas post.

## Nedham House goes to Austria!

Nedham House's first ever ski trip was to a small resort in Austria called Niederau where we stayed in the Hotel Klausenhof. We went by coach to Manchester Airport where we caught a very comfortable Air UK Leisure Flight to Salzburg Airport. From here we got on a Rainbow coach ready for the two hour journey to Niederau, and the Hotel Klausenhof, taking a short cut through Germany. The weather conditions on the holiday were brilliant and there was tons of snow. It was gently snowing on the first day, which was followed by three days of sunshine. On the fifth day there was a small blizzard on the higher slopes of the resort, but we were still able to ski and the last day was also perfect.

On Wednesday, the fourth day of our trip, there was a strange noise that sounded like a whistle. This turned out to be a fire drill. At this time a member of our party happened to be taking a shower! In a matter of seconds, she pulled on her ski suit and ran outside, in the cold night, still soaking wet. As it turned out, this fire bell was just a practice.

On the fourteenth of February, it was Petrina's birthday. She received many presents including an Equity bum-bag from the ski rep., Angela. The hotel staff prepared a huge cake which we all admitted was delicious. In the evenings, after a fun day skiing, activities were planned to keep us quiet! They included a treasure hunt (we all got bitterly cold!), a quiz (Third Form beat The



Nedham House Ski Trip

Removes by 10 points) and Bingo – (Clickety-click, sixty-six!). The hotel also had a small, freezing swimming pool which we used most days. We went on a night-time sleigh ride which took us through a wood which was dark and steep. We thoroughly enjoyed these activities.

As the last evening activity, tobogganing, was cancelled, some girls managed to produce a small play called 'Little Miss Dumpling'. There were no further activities arranged for the rest of the week so two other groups followed their example and produced plays 'The Present That Wasn't To Be' and 'Commercial Breakdown'. Little Miss Dumpling went to school, Sherlock Holmes and Watson solved yet another mystery and the commercials were on again.

On the last day of skiing, the ski school had organised a slalom race. Each competitor had a number on a bib, and in turn raced down an easy run, weaving in and out of the poles as fast as we could. After being kept in suspense on Friday evening our ski instructors came to the hotel to announce the results. Everyone in our group received a medal and a certificate with our times on.

We would like to thank the members of staff, Mrs Tottey, Mrs Brady and Mrs James who accompanied us on this holiday and helped us in everything we did. We would especially like to thank Mrs Tottey, who we know put in hours of work to help us go on this brilliant experience. We will never forget it.

Rosamund Lloyd-Jones, Sarah Proudlove, Laura Gerrard,  
Victoria Lloyd, Sarah Lee, Gemma Churton, Victoria Fairclough,  
Victoria Sayce, Kathryn Evans, Petrina Chesters, Naomi Lucas  
and Caroline Antlett, *Form 3*

## I Never Knew . . .

I never knew a crown of spiky thorns  
Could curl up into a little ball.  
I never knew an old hairbrush  
Could breathe in and out.  
I never knew a nest of tiny needles  
Could grow a shiny nose  
And move as if it had legs.  
Not until I lifted that old piece of wood  
Lying beside our garden shed  
And met Mr Hedgehog.

Nicola Edwards, *Form 1*

## The Greedy Little Hedgehog

I'm a greedy little hedgehog  
Of this you can be sure.  
My mummy gives me breakfast  
and still I squeak for more.  
"Enough," she says, "You greedy boy,  
there isn't only you,  
There is your little brother Spike -  
he needs his breakfast too."  
"Well off you go now,  
out to play  
there isn't any more."  
He slides down from his little chair,  
heads for the kitchen door.  
"Is there anybody looking?  
No! I think I'll have some more"  
He takes a bun, then scampers off,  
but falls down on the floor.  
"Oh Mummy, Mummy, please come quick,  
I've got an awful pain"  
"That serves you right, you greedy boy,  
You won't do that again!"

Danielle Washbrook, *Form 1*

## What a View

I look out of my window on a cold winter's day.  
Everything looks still and calm.  
As the grass glistens in the hazy sunshine,  
trees and hedges look cold and bare.

Poor picnic table standing alone; waiting for summer,  
my slide and swing seem fast asleep.  
But in the grass I can see green leaves peeping through,  
and I know that soon the yellow daffodils will be here.  
Spring is coming, and everything will awake again.

Victoria Gallagher, *Form 1*

## The Tiger

Tiger, tiger,  
An orange flame,  
A dangerous beast,  
A pounding cat.  
A strip of jade,  
A cry of pain,  
A silent world,  
A death!

Sarah Roberts, *Form 1*

## The Foot

This is the foot  
That kicked the ball,  
Scored the goal  
And won the game.

This is the foot  
That put on a flipper,  
That swam in the pool  
And won the race.

This is the foot  
That wore satin ballet shoes,  
Went on tip-toe  
And stole the show.

This is the foot  
That put on ice-skates  
Jumped, leaped and twirled  
And won the gold medal.

This is the foot  
That scored a goal,  
That swam in the pool,  
Went on tip-toe,  
Jumped, leaped and twirled.

This is the foot  
Of a winner.

Natasha Bradshaw, *Form 2*

# The Candle in the Church

Once there was a solitary candle  
By the stained glass window,  
Gleaming in the moonlight, quivering.  
Standing straight like a soldier,  
Fighting to stay alight.  
Glowing in the church.  
Like an echo of light,  
Dripping like an untightened tap.  
Nearly fading, as a mist of smoke appears,  
The wick is getting blacker every minute  
Until the candle dies.

Supritha Rao, Form 1

# My pet dragon

I wanted a pet  
That was different from most,  
Not a dog, nor a cat,  
Nor my own friendly ghost

So I ordered a dragon,  
A Welsh one, of course!  
They were clean out of dragons  
So they sent me a horse

But I wanted a dragon  
So that's what I got.  
He's friendly and fiery,  
and scaly and hot

He stands ten feet tall  
and breathes out a flame  
though he's scaly and hot,  
he is really quite tame.



Emily Rudge Form 2

Catherine Hazzledine, Form 2

# The Barn Owl

The ghostly-faced owl  
swoops on a poor innocent vole.  
The barn owl's talons  
dig deep into the flesh.

The owl's night eyes stretch

into the night's darkness to  
hunt another creature.

His wise-owl plumage  
is fluffy and white,  
which glistens in the moonlight,  
as he sits in the belfry.

Victoria Ashworth, *Form 2*

## My Fantasy World

The sky was blue,  
The day was bright,  
All of the sea was  
Within my sight.

The seagulls were diving,  
Through the cornflower sky.  
I watched them soar up  
As they gracefully fly.

Engrossed in my book,  
As the sapphire sea  
Lapped onto the shore  
As if following me.

I lay in this bliss,  
Shaded by a palm.  
This wonderful world,  
So serene and so calm.

The sky turned crimson  
And the setting sun,  
Symbolised that now  
The day was done.

Rabia Khan, *Form 3*

## Autumn Days

Darker evenings are drawing near,  
The winter season is nearly here.

Away from the blossom and the buzzing of bees,  
Leaves and conkers fall off the trees.

As the animals go into hibernation,  
We are preparing for exciting occasions.

"Hallow'een, trick or treat?"  
"Here's an apple for you to eat!"

Guy Fawkes' night will soon be here,  
Fireworks, 'wizz bangs' deafen my ear.

Returning to school after half-term,  
Warm log fires welcomingly burn.

Advent calenders will soon be in stock,  
Droves of people begin their Christmas shop.

Choosing gifts for family or friend,  
When will this finish? When will it end?

I think Autumn is my favourite season,  
As you can see there lots of reasons!

Melissa Nicholson, *Form 3*

## The Start of a New Term

The old, tall building stood quiet and solitary. The only noise was the wind rustling the Autumn leaves; some had fallen onto the floor, and the bird's merry song could be heard high in the old horse chestnut tree laden with conkers. Some were scattered on the playground floor. The weather was cold and windy and it made the building look eerie and dull.

Then came hurried footsteps. Faces of young children appeared and some were saying "Our first day back, I wonder what it will be like?"

All dressed in the same clothes like a victorious army, girls piled in, every one a happy face, ready to start their first day back.

Laura Gerrard, *Form 3*

## My Journey to The Moon

I started off in a rocket down on Earth,  
The rocket launched, and I flew into space.  
I flew past Neptune, Pluto, Uranus and Saturn,  
I flew past black holes, asteroids and even a shooting star.

I landed on the moon, safe and sound,  
Then I took a deep breath and stepped onto the ground.  
I took photos, I jumped, I leaped and I sang,  
Then I stuck my British flag onto the moon.

I was about to go when I saw a green head,  
It had a long nose and funny feet,  
I tried to touch it but it faded away,  
I thought, "My imagination again" and jumped into the rocket.

When I got back home I said, "Hello".  
Then I showed them photos and the last one was?  
A green face with a long nose and funny feet.

Caroline Antlett, *Form 3*

## HERE AND THERE

### The First Stage of the Bordeaux Exchange: Easter 1994

When I first met Karine, my French exchange student, I did have my doubts that this exchange would work at all. She was quiet, shy and embarrassed to try her English. But eventually she started to talk and we were soon good friends.

The two weeks flew by. We interspersed days visiting Chester, Liverpool and Wales with days at home and it was enjoyed by both of us. You learn to value Britain as a good and interesting place to live and you also realize what a complex and complicated language we speak.



The Departure

It did help to be near a friend who also had a French student staying and we occasionally got together not just for the French to have someone to talk to but for the English who needed to speak at a reasonable speed once again.

I enjoyed the exchange and I do think it is a wonderful learning opportunity. I can hardly wait to go to France and I just hope that I enjoy being the guest as much as I enjoyed being the host.

Alex Wilson, *UIVHu*



At the Airport

## Bordeaux Exchange Summer 1993

On Wednesday 14th July we met outside school ready to face the world – or rather France. One French teacher (and son), one enthusiastic parent, one brave bus driver and extremely apprehensive linguists set off for Bristol airport.

We arrived on time and after checking our luggage, raided the gift shop. Before we knew it, we were strapped in our seats, leaving British soil for sixteen days – there was no turning back now.

Eighty minutes later we touched down (some of us with wet pants), collected our luggage, went through passport control and queued up on one side of the glass partition . . .

On the other side, hundreds of eager eyes stared at the crowd before them, anxiously waiting for the familiar name of their exchange student to be issued over the loud speaker. From that moment onwards things went smoothly. As our names were called out we said hurried goodbyes and left for our individual destinations.

For the next two weeks, we faced and overcame any difficulties which arose during our stay, either alone or with the help of friends. Letters were written and news was exchanged over the phone, at suitable time intervals during the "holiday". Everyone enjoyed themselves greatly.

As our time in France drew to a close, we all looked forward to seeing our friends again and longed for the opportunity to speak in our native tongue.

Thanks must go to Mrs Chorley for all her help before and during the trip.

Clare Young and Francesca Southerden, LVJ

## Unser Schulaustausch

Im Sommer letzten Jahres sind sechzehn Mädchen aus England nach Deutschland gefahren. Wir sind zehn Tage bei den Familien unserer Brieffreundinnen geblieben. In Deutschland haben wir unsere deutsche Partnerschule in Fulda besucht, die Marienschule, die eine Mädchenschule ist. Wir haben das deutsche Schulsystem sehr interessant gefunden, weil die Leute sehr freundlich waren.

Das Wetter war nicht so schön, aber wir haben etwas zu tun gefunden. In der Schule haben wir ein Essen gemacht, und das war sehr komisch. Wir haben das alte Rathaus besucht und wir sind von dem Oberbürgermeister empfangen worden. Wir haben einen Tag in Rothenburg verbracht, wo wir ein Museum und viele alte Gebäude gesehen haben.

Der Urlaub hat uns gefallen, und viele Mädchen werden nächstes Jahr wieder nach Fulda fahren.

Rachel Charlton and Frances Terrell, UVB

## The Hamlet Project

This year, the Globe Theatre in London will have finished its large task of renovation. To commemorate this, the Hamlet Project was born. It involved a series of workshops, studying the text of "Hamlet", and various acting techniques. Sixty forms across Britain took part, including The Queen's School, Chester. In December, many competitions were held: the first prize being a chance to go to Denmark, the setting of Hamlet. To enter the competition, schools had to write a play, based on the events of "Hamlet", be it an advert, a mime, or a musical, to name but a few.

For our entry, we wrote a news report highlighting the main events, with a constant commentary from a reporter (written by Abbey Holiday and Sarah Williams). Unfortunately, we had limited resources and time. However, we carried the play off well, when it was performed on 13th December, at the Gateway Theatre. The eventual winners were Christleton High School, who interpreted the play excellently.

We had great fun performing and creating the play, and our sincere thanks go to all who helped, especially Mrs Redman, who was very patient and understanding, when it looked like our play would be no more than a simple script!

Abbey Holiday and Iona Debenham

## Living Waters 1994

This year we broke with tradition and our trip to Living Waters, Dolwen, took place early in the summer term. As usual, places were quickly filled with a total of 78 girls and 5 members of staff.



Altar: El Salvador style, representing the life story of a contemporary martyr

Our speakers for the weekend were Rachel and Yvonne, members of Lancashire and Cheshire Associated Baptist Youth (LACABY), with whom they had been on a mission to El Salvador. This is a small country on the west coast of Central America which has suffered much from civil war. We learned about the work of the church in El Salvador and how with the help of God people were coming to terms with the dreadful things that had happened in the past.

For many people Living Waters is thought of as a "second home" where we can be with our friends and learn about Jesus and the things he did, and also get to know him better. To do this, we participate in activities such as dancing, banner-making, drama and music, as well as prayer meetings, games and singing.

Kathryn Lawson and Helen Pantony must be congratulated on organising the Wide Game so well, and venturing into the footsteps of Mrs Fowler. Mr Lloyd dressed as Big Chief Black Cloud is a sight that no-one will forget for a long time!

The camp fire, also led by Mrs Fowler for so long, was another task that was performed extremely well by Liz and Clare Evans.

The weather was kind to us once more. The food was excellent and on Sunday afternoon nobody wanted to come back, least of all the members of UVI who were present. Most had been every year since Removes, but don't worry – we'll be back!

Finally, a big "thank you" must go to Mrs Lloyd for organising it all, to Miss Woodland, Mrs Ferris, Mrs Hoyle and Miss Fry for giving up their weekend and putting up with us.

L.C.

## Geography Field Trip 1994

As a part of the Geography GCSE course this year, the LV took part in a two-day fieldwork excursion.

Two major sites were investigated. On day one, we travelled to various parts of North Wales to study different parts of the River Clwyd. At four different sites, at different locations along the River Clwyd, we measured the cross sectional area and the speed of the river. We also did a biological survey to determine the organisms living in each section of the river. The extent of river pollution was acknowledged through a visual survey. We then carried out a load survey, examining how the shape and size of the pebbles differed as we travelled further downstream.

The next day, the principal streets in the city of Chester were selected to be examined to gain information regarding land use and appearance. We examined each shop in our selected street, noting down type of shops and number of floors. In the morning and afternoon, we took a pedestrian count at our located positions, scattered around the streets of Chester. In the afternoon we did a survey concerning street safety, shopping quality, street cleanliness



At the River Clwyd

and land uses in the area. This particular day happened to be a Race Day so the number of pedestrians increased dramatically in certain areas, particularly in Watergate Street, at 1.30 p.m.

The field trip has been both enjoyable and educational, an important part of our GCSE geography coursework.

Sally Chadwick and Francesca Southerden, LVI

## My First Prize Day – By a Very Old Queen's School Girl

In Chester to shop, the other day, I stood by That Statue and gazed up at the imposing Victorian pile that is our Town Hall. (How John Betjeman would have loved it!)

Inexplicably, as is so often the case with the old, my octogenarian memory flashed back to 1925, the year I won a prize, in Form Remove for Progress in Languages (French and Latin).

In those far-off days, our Prize Days were held in the Town Hall Assembly Room, as our school hall was far too small. (In spite of this, it doubled rather precariously as a Gym: polished wooden floor, cumbersome PE apparatus and prickly coconut matting to land on).

We prize-winners had been told to wear "a simple white silk frock, and black shoes and stockings." This outfit did not flatter my young female form, built as I was in the mould of Joyce Grenfell's "Lumpy Latimer". However, thus clad, on The Day, when our names were called out, we each stumbled up the steps onto the

highly-polished platform to the august personage who was giving out the prizes, we bobbed a somewhat ungraceful curtsey, mumbled our thanks, and, clutching our prize, thankfully rejoined our companions in the body of the Hall.

We then, I believe, sang patriotically about "This Royal Throne of Kings, This Sceptred Island," finishing with "God Save the King." (George V)

The next day, we wrote a formal letter of thanks to the donor of our prize. I had suggested a Complete Sherlock Holmes as my choice of prize. Firmly and wisely, this childish choice was steered in the direction of a "Complete Shakespeare". This beautiful volume I treasure to this day, with its morocco binding and tissue thin pages, and a foreword by Henry Irving no less. (Who he?) A famous Victorian actor, before even my time.

I remember that day, nearly seventy years ago, with great clarity.

But what **was** it I wanted to buy from the Gateway supermarket?

Anne Whalley (née "Nancy" Pollard)

## Why does my cat . . . ?

Sarah Heath B.V.Sc., M.R.C.V.S., M.A.P.B.C.

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Price £13.99

For many cat owners the behaviour of their pet remains an intriguing mystery and they find themselves asking the question "Why does my cat . . . ?"

Now they have somewhere to turn to since that question is the title of a new book about cat behaviour which was published by Souvenir Press in October. The book has been written by Sarah Heath, a veterinary surgeon specialising in the treatment of pet behaviour problems and with a special interest in our feline companions. The book incorporates an eye-opening A to Z of cat behaviour explaining what motivates cats to do what they



do and showing how an understanding of feline instincts can help owners to deal with behaviour that may be a problem to them, but is often perfectly normal.

Sarah was born in Chester and was educated at St Mary's Infant School in Upton and Upton Manor Primary School. She received her secondary education at the Queen's School, Chester, and was a pupil there from 1976 to 1983. From there she went on to read Veterinary Science at Bristol University. She graduated in July 1988 and since then has worked in mixed general veterinary practice in Northamptonshire. After a short time she recognised the importance of pet behavioural therapy in veterinary practice and specialised in Animal Behaviour. She was the first veterinary member of the Association of Pet Behaviour Counsellors and now serves as their veterinary officer. In addition to regularly writing and speaking on Animal Behaviour, Sarah works with Peter Neville as a visiting behaviour counsellor at the Bristol University Veterinary School. She also lectures annually on pet behaviour therapy to the fourth year students at the Royal Veterinary College, London. She recently gave papers at the Small Animal Veterinary Congress in Brussels and is due to speak at the World Small Animal Veterinary Association Congress in Durban, South Africa, in October 1994. Sarah also writes a regular bi-monthly behaviour column for the veterinary journal, *Veterinary Times*.

## THE QUEEN'S SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The Committee for 1992-1993

Chairman	Marjorie Miln (née Hack)	1949-63
Hon. Secretary	Ann Short (née Brotherhood)	1954-61
Asst. Secretary	Shirley Hayes	1947-54
Hon. Treasurer	Hilarie McNae (née Adams)	1949-63
Committee Members	Marian Barrow (née Brown)	1951-65
	Shani Bernie (née Maple)	1969-76
	Mary Burgess (née Ham)	1958-63
	Veronica Davies	1965-78
	Jennifer Entwisle (née Ray)	1950-54
	Marian Evans	
	(née Hughes was Martin)	1955-62
	Judith Fernandes (née Durrant)	1951-56
	Lesley Hardy (née Cooke)	1964-77

Margaret Ireland (née Kelly)	1952-65
Joan Roberts (née Brookes)	1934-43
Susan Seys-Llewellyn (née Comyn)	1955-62
Sarah Swallow (née Wain)	1967-74
Kirsty Whiteley (née Elliott)	1966-73
Mary Wood	1935-46

## The Annual General Meeting 1993

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Senior School at 12 noon on Saturday, 3rd July 1993. Miss Skilbeck presided and over eighty members were present. Miss Skilbeck particularly welcomed Miss MacLean, Miss Farra, Miss Whitnall, Mrs Sheedy, Mrs Brady, Miss Morgan, Miss Hargreaves and Mrs Fowler. She also welcomed those members who left in 1923, 1933, 1943, 1953, 1963, 1983, Sixth Form leavers and particularly the large group of 1973 leavers who were having a reunion day.

Members stood for a minute's silence in memory of members who had died during the year. Miss Skilbeck gave special mention to Miss Joan Maggs and Miss Gladys Phillips.

The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, 4th July 1992, at 12 noon at Nedham House, were read, confirmed and duly signed.

Resignation from the Committee was received from Sheila Douglas who had served on the Committee for twenty years. Marian Barrow was elected to replace her. The remaining Committee was re-elected en bloc, and Sixth Form Leavers were elected en bloc.

Sheila Douglas was unable to attend the meeting but a small flower arrangement and card thanking her for her years of hard work and generous hospitality were delivered to her home after the meeting.

The Treasurer reported that the Association had continued with the Bursary of £750.00 per annum. As the current recipient was due to leave in July 1993, and as our financial situation was not as we should like, the Bursary had not been advertised for the next two years. We have to consider alternative ways of giving financial help.

During the accounting period 1992/93 we received £900 for the Memorial Fund and this year we have already received nearly £1250. In 1992 we had eleven new Life Members and fifty-nine annual members. To date this year we have eighteen new Life Members and sixty-one annual members. Last year we sold 150 copies of "Have Mynde", but only just broke even as postage of £54.00 was taken into account. The expanded newsletter cost over

£300, of which nearly £200 was second class postage. We sent out one thousand letters and received two hundred and forty replies. We have continued our membership of A.R.O.P.S. Membership subscriptions which have been in operation since 1991 will have to be reviewed in the light of increasing costs.

Social events were attended by varying numbers of enthusiastic members. The Coffee Morning, held at the Main School in March, made little profit. We were disappointed that so few of you were able to attend, but the sum of £54.05 was raised. The Leavers' Party in September made a slight loss but generated good will, and we hope it will become an annual event, under the new title of Michaelmas Supper. This event is free for Sixth Form leavers so support from established and paying members of the Association will be welcomed. Sale of Goods on the Open Day generated £26.50 and the 1992 Annual General Meeting made a profit of £46.33.

Our Building Society account provided £542.33 in interest in spite of falling interest rates. The current rate is 5.5% as opposed to 8.85% in 1992. The account stands at £7,916.23. The Bank account is now receiving interest and the only action required has been to ask for the tax deducted to be reinstated. We have now received £51.41. We made an operating profit on the year of £181.35.

Hilarie informed us that she had spoken to Mary Burgess regarding the anomaly of the Financial Year versus the Calendar Year for accounting. She proposed that it would be tidier to operate all our accounts on a Calendar Year, and asked for any objections to be raised. She informed the meeting that the first accounting period would be from April 16, 1993 to December 31, 1993.

Members heard that we made a donation to the Woodside Community Health Project in memory of Miss Maggs, and that donations received by us via the Newsletter replies had been kept separately in order to purchase something suitable as a fitting memorial to her. A sheet of paper was placed on a table at the back of the hall for suggestions.

Miss Gladys Phillips, who died recently, had requested that donations given in lieu of flowers at her Thanksgiving Service should be given to the Association. As we could hardly donate to ourselves, it was decided that the Association should provide a single pedestal arrangement of flowers to be placed in St Marys-Without-The-Walls for the Thanksgiving Service, and happily, Miss Phillips's family agreed to our tribute to her. The Treasurer concluded her report.

Miss Skilbeck gave the President's Report. She gave a comprehensive account of the School's activities over the last year including academic and sporting achievements, extra-curricular activities and information on all three departments of the School. She paid tribute to Miss Maggs and Miss Phillips.

In Any Other Business Miss Skilbeck gave us dates for our diaries regarding Autumn Term functions at School. She congratu-

lated Hilarie McNae, Priscilla Huxley and Jennifer Lloyd on being elected Hereditary Freeman of the City. Attention was drawn to lists for suggestions, and information for our list of Association Members of Special Mention, and to a display of School Photographs on view in the foyer.

Presentations, on behalf of Members, were made to Miss June Hargreaves and Mrs Norma Fowler. Margaret Ireland paid an eloquent and fitting tribute to Miss Hargreaves and presented her with a telescope giving 20 x magnification for use in her hobby of bird watching, and a cheque. Jane Fearnall spoke ably of Mrs Fowler's career at Queen's School and presented her with a crystal bowl and flower vase, and a cheque. Mrs Affleck, who was also leaving us could not be with us at the Annual General Meeting, but Katie Willis had written a valedictory appreciation which was read out by Ann Short, who also showed members present the sundial with dragon motto, which Mrs Affleck had chosen as her gift from us, and which will be presented to her at a later date.

The vote of thanks was given by Shani Bernie and the meeting was followed by a Buffet Luncheon. Both events were extremely well attended and we were delighted that so many of you were able to join us.

## News in Brief

This section must begin with apologies to Kirsty who resigned as Secretary in 1992. She did not leave the Committee altogether and so her name should have been on the list of Committee Members published in last year's Have Mynde. Our apologies go also to Lesley Cooke whose dates on the Cardex File have been incorrect for years, and who is now officially back to her correct years at School. It should be pointed out that the Association news for Have Mynde is not proof read by this Committee, and that mistakes do occur from time to time for which we are not responsible. However, the above mistakes were entirely my fault, hence this paragraph.

We are relieved that the new style newsletter is now well received and that our initial problems seem to have been ironed out. We are indebted to Helen Martin (daughter of Marian Evans) whose word-processing wizardry was responsible for this year's effort reaching the printers in the exact format for which they had asked. This made their job easier and kept our costs down.

The biggest breakthrough has come from Shirley Hayes' efficiency with the transfer of the cardex file information to floppy disks. She has most of the addresses up to date, which means our annual addressing session for Newsletter envelopes has become a more streamlined event. Instead of the committee meeting just before Christmas and getting writers' cramp as each envelope is individually addressed, in a variety of styles, we now meet in Janu-

ary and peel off labels, seal, and pack them in bunches of fifty ready for posting. We managed to do all this in one and three quarter hours and still have time for coffee and a chat! Our thanks go to those of you who have been vigilant enough to spot mistakes on their labels and inform us. This year's corrections are complete.

Let us assure you that although newsletters posted to you arrived by first class mail, we only paid for second class mail. It was the Post Office's mistake and not ours. We are only too acutely aware of our costings and would not dream of squandering our hard won funds. However, legible labels bearing correct postcodes may have impressed the Post Office, and the resulting speedy replies were much appreciated by your Secretaries and Treasurer.

There can be few people associated with The Queen's School who have not met or heard of Miss Gladys Phillips. A copy of the Eulogy Miss Farra delivered at Miss Phillips' Thanksgiving Service was rushed to press in time for last year's Have Mynde and, although those more worthy to pay tribute to her have written or will be writing, it would not be fitting for the Association's section of this magazine to close without expressing the gratitude that is felt by all whose lives she touched, by whatever means. Miss Phillips was an Old Girl, an Association Life Member, a Governor and Chairman of Governors. She was also elected one of the first Vice Presidents of the Association, and always worked tirelessly in support of the School she loved. There can be few of us who do not possess a copy of her book, "A Short History of The Queen's School, 1878-1978". It is an invaluable fount of knowledge for all involved with the School, and a jogger of memories for those of us whose schooldays fell somewhere between those dates.

We have received many donations in tribute to Miss Maggs and Miss Phillips, and I can now tell you what we have decided to do, on your behalf, with your gifts. Following your suggestions, the Committee was unanimous in deciding that the only fitting memorial to Miss Maggs would be a gift for the garden at Nedham House. After consultation with Mrs Brady (Head of the Preparatory Department), Miss Skilbeck and Miss Maclean it was decided that a sundial with a songbird motto should be purchased, and that any further funds should be used to provide some wild flowers for the garden. Miss MacLean suggested that primroses, cyclamen and fritillaries were Miss Maggs' particular favourites. Your suggestions were also unanimous regarding our memorial to Miss Phillips, and so we are hoping to commission a painting by Nicola Palin, who left the School in 1970, which we hope will be hung in the Reference Library of the Main School. Nicola's power of observation and painstaking eye for detail, shown in her art work, is as meticulous as was Miss Phillips' in her chosen sphere. We hope you will approve of our decisions and that we may be able to show you both articles at an early date.

Miss Maclean's eightieth birthday in August was marked by a

card from the Association, and flowers she should have received then were eventually delivered to her, from the Association, by Shirley Hayes, when she was in Oxford. She also delivered our apologies for their belated arrival together with apologies from the florist concerned! We chose flowers mirroring the School colours of red, blue, gold and white, and received a delightful note of thanks from Miss Maclean.

We have also sent cards, on your behalf, to Miss Trubshaw, who was eighty-five in October and Miss Baxter who has just celebrated her eightieth birthday.

Our hopes that you might be interested in forming a London and/or Oxford branch have been well founded and we have two volunteers! Susan Benson has undertaken to help form a London Branch and the offer to help to form the Oxford Branch has come from Miss Mary Simmons, BSc. We aim to forward names and addresses of those interested in joining either of those branches to these two ladies as soon as the newsletter replies have stopped coming in.

In closing, may I say that, in spite of subscriptions having been raised, membership of the Association continues to increase, which is a very heartening situation, and keeps us on our toes! We await your suggestions for the Association Centenary Celebrations in 1997 with interest, and thank you for your news and contributions for *Have Mynde*. Thanks go to those who have sent recipes. We need many more recipes if we are to provide a book for Centenary funds, so please keep cooking and writing in.

We look forward to hearing from you and meeting many more of you at functions.

## News of Members

**Katherine Ames (née Healey, 1975-82)** tells us that since graduating from Cambridge University in 1985 she has worked in Cancer Research and pharmaceutical sales. Since 1991 she has helped to co-ordinate several national and international Clinical Drug Trials as a Clinical Research Associate.

**Barbara Andrews (née Robinson, 1933-40)** wrote to tell us that she is hoping to come back to School to attend functions as she is still very interested in the School. Since retiring from teaching she has had several of her pupils (a part-time hobby, to keep in touch) going on to The Queen's School. She reminds us that she is the same vintage as Nanette Menzies (née Brosten), Cynthia Pearson (née Hullah), Christine Reynolds (née Griffiths) and Joan Houghton. She used to live in Morris Oak, Eccleston.

**Alison Armstrong (1962-75)** reminds us that she did a seventh term entry to Cambridge University in 1975/76.

**Jane Aston (1980-87)** is engaged to be married to Mr Angus

Smellie on 24th September 1994. She is returning to Cheshire from London to carry on her career as an optometrist in the Cheshire region. We wish them a happy future and hope to see Jane at functions.

**Hilary Batty (née Clarke, 1946-59).** Congratulations to Hilary who gained her BA in Librarianship in July 1993. She now works as a library assistant at Trinity and All Saints College in Horsforth, Leeds.

**Ann Briers (née Davies, 1946-53)** writes that she is looking forward to becoming a grandmother for the first time. Their eldest daughter, Katy, and her husband, Luc, are to be proud parents. Ann continues with her Open University Studies and now has four credits towards a total of six. She declares "I'll get there one day." Over the last year she has been on television in an episode of "The Bill" and one of "Keeping up Appearances". We wish her and Richard every success in their new roles.

**Patricia Brown (née Walling, 1944-51).** Abject apologies to Patricia who wrote in October 1992 and whose newsletter reply was mislaid by me after Kirsty's handover. She still lives in Calgary, Canada. She is professionally concerned with services for people with handicaps. A book she has written with Doctors Roy Brown and Max Bayer (Empowerment and Choice, by Brown, Bayer and Brown) is published by Chapman and Hall. The harpsichord is a major interest to her. Her daughter, Elizabeth, is now a successful actress, and her son is taking up aviation as a career.

**Penelope Coles (née Paynter, 1966-73)** tells us that she is married and her husband is a teacher and local politician. She is Deputy Head of the South Wiltshire Grammar School for Girls and has just completed an MA in Education.

**Diana Cotes (née Clubbe, 1947-59)** is once again delighted to have received the newsletter and was one of those who spotted the first class stamp!

**Mary Dawson (1986-93)** is doing a year in Industry working at a firm of Public Analysts in Reading before going to Trinity Hall next year.

**Heather Dawson (1981-93),** Mary's younger sister, is now at the School of St Helen and St Katherine in Abingdon and enjoying life there, particularly singing in the Chapel choir.

**Karen Dismore (née Swain, 1973-80)** tells us that in June 1993 she left Alida Holdings plc after five years of being employed as Head Office Accountant, to join Five Colour Packaging Limited as Financial Controller and Company Secretary. She works two and a half days a week and spends the other four and a half days looking after her two children, Alice (aged 3½) and Edward (aged 1½).

**Jean Dutton** has moved to Glasgow and writes that, due to the distance involved, she is afraid she will not be able to attend any functions. She remembers working in close co-operation with Jenny Entwisle teaching Economics to the Sixth Form and sends

Jenny her best wishes for a happy retirement. We look forward to hearing her news and wish her well in her new home.

**Beryl Ennion (1936-49)** tells us that members of Brighton Poets' Workshop group have recently published "Ice on the Wing", an Anthology to which she contributed three of her poems.

Our thanks go to **Vivienne Faull (1964-73)** for her address at the Commemoration Service in May 1993. We were delighted to welcome her back to Chester and to hear a splendid address which held the attention of the School and guests alike.

**Belinda Fox (née Byatt, 1960-73)** is continuing her physiotherapy part-time for Social Services, and also runs a private practice in her spare time, in Norfolk.

**Joanna Goodchild** (School Secretary). Congratulations to Joanna, who was awarded the MBE in the 1994 New Year's Honours List. The Queen has awarded the honour to Joanna in recognition of her thirty years' service to the charity S.S.A.F.A.

**Bethan Griffiths (1983-90)** is ending her four year degree course at Nottingham University.

**Dr Janet Hartley, F.R.Hist.S. (1962-72).** Our thanks go to Janet who gave an illuminating address at the Prizegiving and distributed the prizes. She is a Lecturer in International History at the London School of Economics and Political Science.

**Joanne Horton Hill (née Horton, 1964-79)** recently left the charity Help the Aged to become Head of Collections and Fundraising with the Imperial Cancer Research Fund. She is still living, happily married, in Bournemouth.

**Sophie Latham (1986-93)** writes to tell us that she has just returned from six months teaching and travelling in India.

**Dr Mairi Levitt (née Lee, 1957-71)** is to be congratulated on being awarded a PhD in Sociology from Exeter University in January 1994. The subject was "The Influence of a Church of England Primary School on Children's religious beliefs and attitudes". She says her three children cannot remember a time when she was not doing a PhD, as it was a longitudinal study! The family have now moved to Lytham St Annes, and she is a Researcher in the Centre of Professional Ethics, University of Central Lancashire. She hopes to be able to attend some Old Girls' events now she lives nearer to Chester.

**Jacqueline Maguire (née Clinton, 1966-73)** is still at Cranage Hall Hospital but will be leaving there because it is due to close in late 1994 or early 1995. She would love to hear from any class mates, and thought the 1993 reunion was great fun.

**Sally Melling (née Davies, 1949-56)** tells us that she and her husband left their jobs in July 1993. They have set off this spring to work for Voluntary Service Overseas for two years in Katima Mulilo, Namibia. Sally will be lecturing at Cap arri Teachers' Training College, and her husband, John, an ex-King's School pupil, will be working for the Ministry of Water Affairs.

**Judy Mount.** We send our congratulations on her ordination to Judy Mount. She taught at School from 1961-63. She was Head of the History Department and she influenced the way in which collections for Charity were made. After leaving The Queen's School, Judy trained as one of the first school counsellors and worked with disturbed children in the Wornford Hospital, a psychiatric hospital in Oxford. She became a Deacon in the summer of 1983 and was moved back from Dorchester to work in a parish in Caterton (the Brize Norton area). In 1985 she moved to live in Chalton-on-Otmoor, near Oxford, and worked in the parish. She was responsible for training ordinants in the diocese and in 1992 was made an honorary Canon at Christ Church, Oxford. She was ordained on April 17th 1994 in Oxford. Among those attending the Service were Miss Maclean, Joanna McGrath (née Collicutt) and Shirley Hayes.

**Evelyn McMullan (née Morrison, 1947-54)** asks about the updating of the Members' address list printed in 1978. She is sure many members would be willing to subscribe to the cost of producing a new list.

**Hilarie McNae.** Many congratulations to Hilarie on becoming a JP.

**Barbara Newbury (née Cuzner, 1942-52).** Congratulations to Barbara who became a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Farriers of London in 1991. She thoroughly enjoys the gatherings.

**Alex Pankhurst** who was at School in the 1970's took part in a Gardening Quiz staged at Hatchards in October 1993 to promote a new book, called *The Cottage Gardens Companion*, by Clive Lane. Alex herself wrote a book for gardeners called intriguingly "Who does your Garden Grow?" In it she gives a short account of the people behind some of the well known plant names, e.g. Mr Russell (Lupin).

**Pamela Pleavin (née Wilshaw, 1956-63)** is still Head of English at Christleton High School.

**Karen Pollard (née Shell, 1955-65)** is remaining in England for a further year and includes her English address in case any old friends would like to contact her. She is at Highleigh Farmhouse, Highleigh Road, Sidlesham, near Chichester, West Sussex, PO20 7NR, telephone number 0243 641629. Karen has two sons, Nigel (aged 14) at Lancing College, and Christain (aged 10) at Westbourne House.

**Patricia Slater (née O'Hara, 1945-51)** tells us it is unlikely that she will be able to attend future functions. She says that, since leaving School in 1951, it has been a great pleasure to see a dance display in the new gymnasium, to browse around the Old Building during the Centenary Celebrations and, more recently, to sit down to luncheon at Nedham House. Patricia thanks members of the Committee, past and present, for their work enabling Old Girls to keep in touch. (That is a kind thought, Patricia, and we look forward to hearing from you from time to time - M.A.S.)

**Jean Springs (née Cox, 1938-52)** writes from Crawley and says that being kept in touch with the School means a great deal to her. She only wishes she lived near enough to attend the various events. Like many of you, she expresses interest in joining the London Branch.

**Lindsay Stent (1979-89)** is living and working in Japan until the end of June 1995.

**Jane Walker (née Carter, 1951-65)** writes from her home in Buckinghamshire to tell us that she is a near neighbour of the crime novelist Clare Cuzon. As many of you will know, Clare Cuzon is the nom de plume of the ex-Queen's School French Mistress (1945-49) who was then Miss Belderson.

**Katie Willis (1975-86)** is to be congratulated on her appointment to the position of Lecturer in the Geography Department of Liverpool University. Her Doctoral Thesis on "Women's Employment and Social Network use in Southern Mexico" is due for submission in the summer.

## Births

Dingley – on 23rd November 1993 to Denise (née Buckley) a son, James.

Fox – on 13th October 1993 to Belinda (née Byatt) a son, Christopher James Storrs.

Gall – on 23rd February 1994 to Sarah (née Platt) a second daughter, Amelia Clare.

Heaven – on 18th August 1993 to Catherine (née Ferris) a daughter, Charlotte.

Palfrey – on 22nd March 1993 to Elizabeth (née Walker) a son, Neil Christopher James.

## Marriages

Katherine Healey in 1988 to Jeremy Ames, a graduate of St Johns College, Cambridge.

## Deaths

Allen – in May 1993, Mrs Anthea Allen (née Priddey 1949-63).

Anderson – on 25th September 1993, Miss Dorothy Emily Anderson MBE (1917-25).

Butler – on 2nd July 1990 or 1991, Mrs Mary Butler, aged 103, (1899-05 approx.).

49 83 Edmondson – on 13th January 1994, Mrs Jean Edmondson (née Pepper) 1924-1927.

Kenney – on 18th August 1993, Mrs Lorna Kenney (née Hamm).

Kentish – on 6th July 1993, Mrs Elizabeth Kentish (née Lewis) 1942-49, at the Millicent Hospital, South Australia, near her home in Kalangodoo.

MacTavish – in 1992, Mrs Eva MacTavish (née MacDonald) in Canada. Member of the Science Staff during the 1920's.

Murray – in 1993, Mrs Hilda Murray (née Greenhouse) 1899-1905, aged 105.

Peberdy – in 1993/94, Mrs Joan Peberdy (née Cooper) 1932-1940, in Mbabane, Swaziland.

Phillips – on 19th May 1993, Miss Gladys "Bunty" Phillips 1912-21. Honorary Vice President of the Association. Aged 90

West – on 18th March 1994, Mrs Cicely Parry West (née Roderick) 1922-30.

## Dorothy Anderson M.B.E. At School 1917-25

Dorothy's school life was dominated by her enthusiasm for all sport. She was known by one of her contemporaries to have cycled to School from her home in Little Sutton when her train did not turn up, arriving just in time for the Saturday Hockey match. She was to be found on the Glan Aber Tennis Court, weather permitting, on afternoons when tennis took precedence over homework in "charge" (afternoon supervision). Her progress at this sport took her to Wimbledon and it is reported that she won the Northern Tennis Tournament, played at Hightown, Lancashire, the year she was 20 and again at 40.

Dorothy was a graduate of the Royal Academy, London, and taught piano and singing for many years. She was President of Ellesmere Port Original Pantomime Company for more than twenty years and later President of the Operatic Company. She also belonged to the Ellesmere Port Soroptimists.

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On a personal note, my association with Dorothy was a very close one. She was eight years my senior, so it was into her care I was entrusted on Hooton Station every Monday morning. I was usually in tears "going like a snail unwillingly to school". I was seven years old and a Boarder, so I would not be home again until the weekend. By the time we arrived in Chester, Dorothy had charmed me into thinking school was really quite fun. If I forgot my glasses or hair ribbons, she would that evening cycle to my home, a remote farm house, and collect whatever had been forgotten. I felt she was my guardian angel.

Dorothy did not often come back to school to the Annual General Meeting, but when she did, she was full of joyful reminiscences.

Marie Christopherson 1923-30

Footnote – Reading the report on Dorothy Anderson's Service some more details of her varied interests came to light and it may astound many who are not yet octogenarians to read the following list of her other interests. She founded the Beswick Road Singers and conducted Great Stanney TWE and Great Sutton WI choirs. She was involved with the Clatterbridge Cancer Research Trust, R.N.L.I., Arthritis and Rheumatic Council, R.S.P.C.A., N.S.P.C.C., Chester Blind Welfare and the Talking Newspaper for the Blind. She was actively involved in Naylor Court, operated by Methodist Homes for the Aged, and the Caravan Club, towing her own van until last year. She had taken part in over 400 rallies. Other organisations represented by people at her Service were the Music Society, N.O.D.A., Ellesmere Port Rotary Club, Sutton Conservatives, Sutton Wood Ladies' Club and the Operatic Society.

## **Eva MacTavish (née MacDonald) 1895-1992**

My sister, Stroma, and I thought there may be a few Old Girls who will remember Eva. She was a contemporary and friend of Miss Gee and Miss Morris and even in her nineties was interested in news of The Queen's School.

Eva was my father's cousin. Stroma and I never met her but did keep in touch with her and her family. We think she may have been on the Staff about 1924-28. She probably married in 1928, but

we cannot confirm these dates. Eva married her cousin, Duncan MacTavish, and they lived for a few years in Java before settling in Canada, where her family still live.

Margaret Cox (née MacDonald) 1941-50

## "AVE ATQUE VALE!"

### Upper Sixth Memories

"I feel ready to move on but sad to leave all the friends I've made."

"Do you remember chicken supreme?"

"So many things have changed since we started here seven years ago."

"It's been seven years of change."

"Do you remember the time we bribed the bus driver on the way back from swimming at Nedham House to go the 'scenic' route to the Zoo?"

"We prayed for rain; when it was an outdoor break."

"When we entered the Sixth Form, the first thing that entered our minds on a morning was 'dressing for the office'."

"I will never lose my connection with The Queen's School, because I have an uncanny knack of 'bumping' into Miss Farra (in her plastic rainhood) leaving Tesco's."

"Although I'm looking forward to university, I will take with me happy memories, it will be difficult to leave."

To all those who are leaving School this summer we give our best wishes for the future.

## THANKS

The Editorial Committee is grateful to all contributors and thanks Miss Skilbeck and all staff for their help.

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