



*Have Mynde '98*









Mrs Sheedy  
Deputy Headmistress

# foreword

Miss Skilbeck Headmistress



**H**ave Mynde 1998 is a great showcase for the wide variety of activities which take place in school, out of school, and under the auspices of school. One of our stated aims is that we educate the whole person and evident from these pages is the variety of opportunities on offer. In every department students are offered experiences beyond the confines of the syllabus and other experiences, not departmental based, which serve to widen the field of education and enjoyment. The providers of this enriching all-round educational experience are the staff without whose expertise, drive and enthusiasm there would be no success within the school.

Support for the staff and for school activities is given by parents, old girls and governors. The Parents' Association came to the end of a very successful year in February. Their fund raising for the Appeal resulted in the splendid total of £20,000 raised via many very enjoyable events. Our thanks go to Chairman, Mrs Betty Manford and her Committee. We look forward now to another successful year under the Chairmanship of Mrs Susan Lloyd. The Queen's School Association has supported the school by giving prizes and helping with university visits, careers and work placements.

The Governors have had a busy year; our bid for the Infirmary was gazumped but we were lucky to acquire The City Walls Hotel. This is now known as MacLean House in memory of Miss MacLean, Headmistress 1947-73, and marks her generous bequest which helped with the purchase of the property. Work is now under way and we plan that the Sixth Form will be in occupation in September 1998. The ground floor will in time be developed as a Learning Resource Centre providing new methods of accessing information in addition to the more traditional library provisions. September 1998 will see changes in the Governing Body; Mr. Bruce retires as Chairman and will be succeeded by Mr. Roberts. We thank Mr. Bruce for all he has done during his term of office and wish Mr. Roberts a successful and enjoyable period as Chairman. Colonel King retires from the Governing Body. He has given long and faithful service to the school and his legal expertise has been sought on many occasions. We thank him

for all he has done and know he will soon fill the time he has gained. Ms Johnson who has masterminded the Appeal and guided us thus far is stepping down from this position at the end of July. She has been a fund of ideas and a determined driving force. We thank her for the success she has brought us so far and hope we can now keep up the momentum.

The Appeal is now heading for £300,000. We have had a fantastically generous donation from the Ursula Keyes foundation (Ursula was an old girl of the school) and a bequest in the will of an old girl. In addition, there have been several successful fund-raising initiatives from parents, staff, past parents, former staff, former pupils and current pupils. These have included coffee mornings, discos, a Qrufts Dog Show, recitals, plays, sponsored events, auction of promises, a Ball, a recycled card scheme and luncheons, which have not only raised substantial amounts for the Appeal but provided much enjoyment for participants. Nedham House girls have continued to undertake some small fund-raising activities for the Appeal and learnt much about working together as a group. We hope that all members of the School community will continue to support the Appeal over the next year in some way. We have received a marvellous gift from MBNA, the American Bank, which has given us computers which will be used in the main school building and in MacLean House.

I attended the Nedham House summer concert and was amazed and delighted to see so much musical talent, confidence and enthusiasm. It is gratifying to feel that these young ladies will move into a Senior School which offers them the appropriate facilities for the 21st century. Nedham House celebrated its Centenary this year and the array of photographs and Nedham House entries in Have Mynde chart the progress and development which have taken place in that department. Sandford House became all girls in September 1998. We were sad to lose the boys but this change has brought Sandford House and Nedham House closer together.

There are articles in Have Mynde from all age ranges in the school and it is fascinating and pleasing to observe the development of

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individuals and see them make the most of the variety of activities on offer. It is invidious to single out any department but the impact of the Art this year is stunning and this is only a selection of the work which adorns the walls and display boards. The high standard of work which is apparent in Art is present in all other subjects some of which do not lend themselves to display. The accounts of school events, creative writing, competition successes and examination successes produce the picture of a school where pupils work hard and play hard.

There have been a few staff changes this year, we welcomed Mrs Bright to teach Design Technology, Mrs Culver to teach Classics, Mrs Hilditch came to cover Mrs Osborne's maternity leave, and Mrs Keresztesy-Lewis came to cover Miss Heaney's maternity leave. Mrs Taylor joined the office staff and Dr. Rees was appointed as Administrator. Mrs Gillanders and Miss Southgate of Career Connections became part of our Careers team. Dr. Young served as Senior Assistant and Mrs Jevons took over as Head of Classics. We welcomed Miss Heaney back at the beginning of the Summer Term and have met her delightful baby Tom. A very sad event occurred at the beginning of the Summer Term 1998. Mrs Patel died very suddenly. She leaves two teenagers who coped very well with the ordeal of the funeral. Mrs Roden has come in to help the English Department. New language assistants have joined the staff, Miss Roder - German, Miss Gautreau - French and Miss Tarantino - Spanish. Mrs Wilcox has joined us as Administrative Assistant for the Appeal. Mr. Terry Beech has joined us as Groundsman, this will enable Mr. Brian Lewis to recover from a major operation and give him more time for maintenance work. Have Mynde is an annual chapter in the history of the school. I hope that next year MacLean House will be an established part of our history. Mrs Griffiths and her editorial team are to be congratulated once again on an attractive and interesting magazine. It gives us a 'video' version of the school year 1997-98 and records the 120th anniversary of The Queen's School.

*Diana M. Skilbeck.*

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Emily Gibson,  
Rowena Ridgway,  
Lucy Craven*

(second row)

*Stephanie Halliwell,  
Emily Pearce,  
Jane Bellamy,  
Phillipa Lindsay,  
Rachel Cocker*

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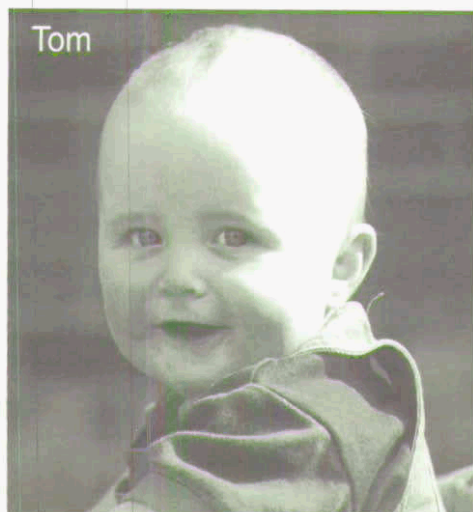
*Maxine Esser, Mrs Griffiths,  
Ceri Clements*





# STAFF NEWS

## CONGRATULATIONS



### **Births**

Mrs E Shannon (Viala), a son William, on 21 December 1997.

Mrs P Stevenson, a son Matthew, on May 1998.

Miss P Heaney's second son Tom, born 17 September 1997.

### **Marriages**

Mrs J Bartai (Lucas) to Mr Sandy Bartai on 28 November 1997.

Mrs P Tolley (Isaacson) to Dr Clive Tolley on 28 March 1998.

## OBITUARY

### *A tribute to Hilary Patel*

It is with great sadness that we report the sudden and untimely death of Hilary Patel, on 25 April 1998. The following tribute was read at her funeral, and memorial service held in School a few days later.

Hilary Patel was born in Liverpool in 1945. After completing her university studies, she travelled extensively. In particular, she spent time in Zambia and was instrumental in setting up a school there. She returned to England where she taught in London and finally in Chester.

For the past 7 years, Hilary taught at The Queen's School, where she gained respect from her pupils and in addition established a fine rapport with those she taught. Hilary encouraged each girl to achieve her best. She showed true commitment to her work, putting in energy and effort far above what was required.

Hilary was a true lady, with a modern outlook on life and a good sense of humour. The latter, in particular, manifested itself in quirky ways, amusing friends and pupils alike.

In life, Hilary had a great sense of right and wrong, always striving to put right any injustice which she perceived. She was a true and loyal friend, a good listener and sound advisor.

Hilary's love of literature, both in teaching and in her own writing, was generously shared with others. She was a cleaver lady, but modest, especially about the recent publication of her short story book. Finally and above all, Hilary was an exceptional mother. She was supportive but not fussy, open to confidences without judging and ever tolerant. She loved Paul and Gloria and would have been immensely proud of them for coping so well with her untimely death. It is not a cliché to say that she will be very much missed by all who knew her.

Mrs S Chafer



## MORE NEWS

Myfanwy Salih achieved a 2:1 in Ancient and Modern History at Christ Church, Oxford, last Summer. She became engaged last August to a fellow-graduate from Christ Church, Mr. Richard John Swanbury Brown. They plan to marry at The Oratory, Oxford, in August.

Sarah Drury, a former pupil of The Queen's School has been awarded an Entrance Bursary of the University of Glasgow. Around 50 Entrance Bursaries, each to the value of £500 per annum, are available in an academic year and these are allocated on faculty basis. Sarah

received her award from the Principal at a Presentation Ceremony in the Bute Hall.

Alison Jane Owen, a former pupil at The Queen's School from 1980 to 1987, joined the Queen's Royal Army Nursing Corps after leaving school. Before leaving the armed services in May of this year she had attained the rank of Captain. During the last two years Alison has completed two tours of duty in Bosnia, initially with the United Nations forces, and latterly with the British Army. In consequence of the humanitarian work she undertook being recognised, Alison has been made an 'Officer of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John'.



# prize list 1996-97

The prizes were presented by The Bishop of Chester The Right Reverend Dr. Peter R. Forster MA, BD, PhD

## Upper Fifth Results GCSE Grades A\*-C

*Carolyn Ainsworth* Class Civ A, Eng A, Eng LitA\*, FrenchA\*, GeogA\*, LatinA\*, BiolA\*, ChemA\*, PhysA\*, MathsA, Prize for outstanding achievement at GCSE.

*Mary Anthonypillai* EngA, Eng LitA\*, FrenchA, GermA\*, BiolA\*, ChemA, PhysA\*, MathsA\*, Hist A, Prize for outstanding achievement at GCSE.

*Laura Antlett* EngA, Eng LitA, FrenchA, GermA, HEA, BiolA\*, ChemA\*, PhysA\*, MathsA, Hist A, Prize for outstanding achievement at GCSE.

*Rachel Armstrong* Eng, Eng Lit, Geog, Hist of Music, Music, Biol, Chem, Phys, MathsA.

*Jane Ashton* EngA, Eng Lit, FrenchA, GeogA\*, HEA\*, BiolA, Chem, Maths, Hist.

*Penelope Batey* EngA\*, Eng LitA\*, FrenchA\*, Hist of MusicA, LatinA\*, MusicA\*, BiolA\*, ChemA\*, PhysA\*, MathsA\*, HistA\*, Prize for outstanding achievement at GCSE.

*Jane Bellamy* EngA, Eng LitA\*, FrenchA\*, GermA\*, Hist of MusicA, MusicA\*, ChemA\*, PhysA\*, MathsA\*, HistA\*, Prize for outstanding achievement at GCSE.

*Kate Bostock* EngA\*, Eng LitA\*, FrenchA\*, GermA, Hist of MusicA, MusicA\*, BiolA, ChemA, PhysA, Maths, HistA, Prize for outstanding achievement at GCSE.

*Philippa Bruce* Art, EngA, Eng LitA\*, FrenchA, HEA, BiolA, Chem, MathsA, HistA.

*Patricia Burke* EngA, Eng LitA, FrenchA\*, GeogA, Latin, BiolA, ChemA, PhysA, MathsA, HistA, Prize for outstanding achievement at GCSE.

*Ceri Clements* ArtA\*, EngA, Eng Lit, FrenchA, GeogA, Biol, Chem, PhysA, MathsA, Hist.

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*Rachel Cooper* Eng, Geog, Germ, HEA, Biol, Phys, Maths.

*Sarah Corcoran* Eng, Eng Lit, Geog, Germ, RS, Biol, Phys, Maths, Hist.

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*Kyra Drinnan* EngA, Eng LitA\*, FrenchA, Hist of Music, LatinA, MusicA\*, BiolA\*, ChemA, PhysA\*, MathsA\*, HistA, Prize for outstanding achievement at GCSE.

*Katie Dutton* EngA\*, Eng LitA\*, FrenchA, Hist of MusicA, MusicA\*, BiolA, Chem, Phys, Maths, Hist.

*Emily Dzelainis* Eng, Eng LitA, FrenchA, RSA, BiolA, Chem, Phys, MathsA, HistA\*.

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*Maxine Esser* Class Civ, EngA, Eng LitA, FrenchA, GeogA, Hist of MusicA, MusicA\*, BiolA, Phys, MathsA, HistA, Prize for outstanding achievement at GCSE.

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*Lauren Gibson* EngA, Eng LitA, FrenchA\*, GeogA, LatinA, BiolA\*, ChemA\*, PhysA\*, MathsA\*, HistA, Prize for outstanding achievement at GCSE.

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*Rowena Ridgway* EngA, Eng LitA\*, FrenchA\*, GreekA, LatinA, RSA\*, BiolA, PhysA, MathsA, HistA, Prize for outstanding achievement at GCSE.

*Charlotte Roust* Art, EngA, Eng LitA, FrenchA, Geog, Biol, Phys, MathsA, Hist.

*Helen Roberts* EngA\*, Eng LitA, FrenchA, GeogA\*, RSA, BiolA\*, ChemA\*, PhysA\*, MathsA\*, Prize for outstanding achievement at GCSE.

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*Claire Roche* Eng, Eng Lit, FrenchA, GeogA, BiolA, ChemA, PhysA, Maths, Hist.

*Sarah Rogers* ArtA\*, EngA, Eng LitA\*, GeogA\*, Germ, BiolA\*, ChemA\*, PhysA\*, Maths, HistA, Prize for outstanding achievement at GCSE.

*Helen Ryvar* ArtA\*, Class Civ, Eng, Eng Lit, FrenchA\*, Maths, Samantha Sayce EngA, Eng Lit, FrenchA\*, GermA, RSA, Biol, Chem, Phys, MathsA.

*Ruth Schiller* Eng, Eng Lit, FrenchA\*, GeogA, HEA\*, BiolA\*, ChemA\*, PhysA, MathsA.

*Katharine Selby* ArtA, Class Civ A, Eng, Eng LitA, FrenchA\*, GeogA, BiolA, Chem, Maths, HistA.

*Laura Sensicle* EngA, Eng LitA, FrenchA\*, GeogA\*, GermA\*, BiolA\*, ChemA\*, PhysA, MathsA, Prize for outstanding achievement at GCSE.

*Angela Stacey* EngA, Eng LitA, FrenchA, GeogA, HEA, BiolA\*, ChemA, PhysA\*, MathsA\*, Prize for outstanding achievement at GCSE.

*Lucie Stanley* EngA, Eng LitA\*, FrenchA\*, GeogA\*, LatinA\*, BiolA\*, ChemA\*, PhysA\*, MathsA\*, HistA\*, Prize for outstanding achievement at GCSE.

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*Victoria Wake* Eng, Eng Lit, FrenchA, GeogA, GermA, HE, Biol, Phys, Maths, Hist.

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*Katherine Whitty* ArtA\*, Class CivA, EngA, Eng LitA\*, FrenchA\*, LatinA\*, BiolA\*, ChemA, PhysA\*, MathsA\*, Prize for outstanding achievement at GCSE.

*Angela Willis* EngA, Eng LitA, GeogA, GermA, HEA, BiolA\*, ChemA, PhysA, MathsA, Prize for outstanding achievement at GCSE.

*Rebecca Wilson* Class CivA, EngA, Eng Lit, FrenchA, GeogA, BiolA\*, ChemA, PhysA\*, MathsA, Prize for outstanding

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*Midori Yoshimaru* MathsA

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## Lower Fifth Results GCSE Grades A\*-C

*Irina Gage* Russian A\*

*Stefanie Worden* Germ A\*

## Upper Sixth Results A, AS and GCSE

*Sally Al-Bachari* BiolA, Chem, Gen St, MathsA.

*Sophie Arnell* Eng, French, Gen St, GCSE Spanish.

*Elizabeth Barrow* ArtA, Class StA, Gen StA, RSA, GCSE LatinA\*, Prize for outstanding performance at A level.

*Emma Victoria Barrow* BiolA, GenSt, Phys, GCSE PE A.

*Kathryn Benton* Bus St, Class StA, EngA, Gen St, GCSE ItalianA\*.

*Alison Blackwood* BiolA, Chem, GenStA, MathsA, PhysA, Prize for outstanding performance at A level.

*Sarah Carroll* Art, Eng, Gen St, HistA.

*Sally Chadwick* BiolA, Econ, Gen St, GeogA, GCSE SpanishA.

*Kelly-Anne Champney* Eng, Gen St, Geog, Hist.

*Gillian Church* EngA, Gen StA, Maths, MusicA, Phys, Prize for outstanding performance at A level.

*Anna Clough* Gen StA, GeogA, Germ, MathsA, Phys, Prize for outstanding performance at A level.

*Clare Collins* Gen St, Geog, Germ, Maths.

*Joanne Cornock* Gen StA, Maths, Music, Phys.

*Alexandra Crook* Eng, French, Gen St, Geog, GCSE ItalianA.

*Alice Dawson* BiolA, Chem, Gen StA, Phys, AS French.

*Georgina Denby* BiolA, Eng, Gen St, Geog, GCSE PE.

*Sarah Dent* BiolA, Chem, Gen StA, Maths, AS French.

*Sophie Dixon* Bus St, Eng, Gen St, HistA, GCSE PE A.

*Isobel Downey* Bus St, Gen St, GeogA, HE.

*Sarah Drury* BiolA, ChemA, FrenchA, Gen StA, PhysA, Prize for outstanding performance at A level.

*Caroline Faria* BiolA, Gen StA, GeogA, Maths, GCSE SpanishA, Prize for outstanding performance at A level.

*Sarah Gale* Gen St, Geog, GCSE Spanish.

*Catherine Gosmore* Chem, Gen St, Germ, Maths.

*Katherine Gregory* Gen StA, Geog, Maths, Phys, GCSE PE.

*Eleanor Guest* Biol, Chem, Gen StA, Geog.

*Sarah Halbert* FrenchA, GermA, HistA, GCSE ItalianA, Prize for outstanding performance at A level.

*Louisa Harris* Biol, Chem, Gen St, Geog, GCSE PE.

*Catherine Hayle* BiolA, Chem, Gen StA, Phys, AS FrenchA.

*Jennifer Higgins* EngA, FrenchA, Gen StA, MusicA, GCSE ItalianA\*, Prize for outstanding performance at A level.

*Elizabeth Horsefield* EngA, FrenchA, Gen StA, GeogA, GCSE ItalianA, Prize for outstanding performance at A level.

*Rebecca Hoy* Art, Bus St, Hist.

*Catherine Hudson* Eng, Gen St, Hist, HE.

*Victoria Hussey* Econ, French, Gen St, Maths, GCSE SpanishA.

*Louisa Jones* Class St, French, Gen St, GermA, GCSE LatinA\*.

*Sonia Jones* Bus St, French, Gen St, Hist, GCSE ItalianA.

*Sophia Khan* Bus St, Eng, Gen St, Hist.

*Natalie Ladd* Bus St, FrenchA, GermA, GCSE LatinA.

*Emma Leach* ArtA, Class St, Eng, Gen St, AS German

*Anna McLaine* BiolA, Bus St, French, Gen St, GCSE PE A.

*Anika Mathur* Biol, Chem, French, Gen St, GCSE SpanishA.

*Jane Mooney* BiolA, Chem, Gen St, Phys, AS French.

*Deborah Morris* Eng, French, Gen St, Hist, GCSE SpanishA.

*Faye Orme* Bus StA, Gen St, Geog, Hist.

*Laura Owen* Econ, Eng, Gen St, HistA, GCSE Spanish.

*Samantha Oxford* Econ, Gen St, Geog, Maths

*Giselle Parker* Bus St, French, Gen St.

*Laura Pinnington* Bus St, Eng, French, Gen St.

*Jessica Pollitt* BiolA, Chem, French, Gen St, GCSE SpanishA.

*Mela Preston* Bus St, Eng, Gen St, Hist.

*Francesca Prokopp* Eng, Gen St, Hist, RS.

*Katherine Reed* BiolA, Class StA, Gen StA, HistA, AS Latin, Prize for outstanding performance at A level.

*Nicola Riley* FrenchA, Gen StA, GermA, HistA, GCSE ItalianA, Prize for outstanding performance at A level.

*Jane Roberts* BiolA, ChemA, Gen StA, MathsA, PhysA, Prize for outstanding performance at A level.

*Lowri Roberts* BiolA, Chem, Gen StA, Phys, AS French.

*Rebecca Shields* French, Gen StA, Geog, Maths, GCSE SpanishA\*.

*Julie Simms* Gen St, Geog, Hist, Phys.



Francesca Southenden EngA, FrenchA, Gen StA, HistA, GCSE ItalianA\*, Prize for outstanding performance at A level.

Elizabeth Stone Biol, Gen St, Geog, Maths

Joanna Sykes ChemA, EngA, Gen StA, GeogA, MathsA, Prize for outstanding performance at A level.

Kirsty Taylor Econ, Eng, Gen St, Hist.

Katherine Totty FrenchA, Gen StA, HistA, Maths, GCSE SpanishA\*, Prize for outstanding performance at A level.

Kate Walker Class St, Eng, French, Gen StA, GCSE SpanishA.

Jane Williams BiolA, ChemA, Gen StA, PhysA, AS FrenchA, AS Latin, Prize for outstanding performance at A level.

Kathryn Williams BiolA, ChemA, Gen StA, PhysA, GCSE PE A, Prize for outstanding performance at A level.

Clare Young EconA, Gen StA, GeogA, HistA, AS FrenchA, Prize for outstanding performance at A level.

## Awards and Prizes

Head Girl's Award *Cara Williams* Owen Jones  
Deputy Head Girl's Award *Laura Brocklehurst* Dr & Mrs Judge  
Deputy Head Girl's Award *Katherine Pawson* Rotary Club  
Queen Victoria's *Gillian Macey*

Jubilee Scholarship

Prize for Service to the School:

*Victoria Ball* The Guha Family  
*Hannah Bowen-Jones* The Guha Family  
*Victoria Gauge* The Guha Family

*Ruth Littler* Diana Beck Memorial donated by QSA  
*Felicity McNae* Diana Beck Memorial donated by QSA  
*Clare Prydden* Diana Beck Memorial donated by QSA

Fifth Form Prize for Service to the School:

*Rachel Armstrong* Nicole Butler and Julia Copland  
*Rachel Cocker* Nicole Butler and Julia Copland  
*Lucy Craven* Nicole Butler and Julia Copland  
*Emily Gibson* Nicole Butler and Julia Copland  
*Victoria Manford* Nicole Butler and Julia Copland  
*Katharine Selby* Nicole Butler and Julia Copland

Prize for service to the neighbourhood:

*Kate Ireland* Mr and Mrs Aston  
*Rachel Kinsey* Mr and Mrs Aston

The Centenary Prize for Progress:

*Jessica Pollitt* Anon  
*Louisa Harris* Anon

Prize for Achievement

*Catherine Hudson* Anon

The Helen Parker Prize for the Best Piece of Creative Work in 'Have Mynde'  
*Sarah Bache and Camilla Graves*

Prize for Public Speaking 1996 :

*Briony Davis* Pate  
*Jessamy Mann* Pate

## Subject Prizes

Art *Elizabeth Barrow* Randolph Caldecott  
*Emma Levick* Randolph Caldecott

Biology *Sarah Drury* Brown Memorial Prize  
*Jane Roberts* Brown Memorial Prize  
*Kathryn Williams* Brown Memorial Prize

Chemistry *Jane Williams* W Davies Memorial Prize  
*Kathryn Williams* W Davies Memorial Prize

Classical Studies *Elizabeth Barrow* Mrs C Ferris

Economics *Catherine Hudson* John Thompson Memorial Prize  
*Clare Young* John Thompson Memorial Prize

English *Francesca Southenden* Sandford Memorial Prize

French *Sarah Drury* Madame Wozniak  
*Jennifer Higgins* Madame Wozniak

Geography *Sally Chadwick* Doris Metzger Memorial donated by QSA  
*Sarah Halbert* E. Noel Humphreys Memorial Prize

History *Sarah Halbert* Owen Jones  
*Katherine Reed* Owen Jones  
*Francesca Southenden* Owen Jones

Home Economics *Catherine Hudson* John Thompson Memorial Prize

Latin *Jane Williams* Miss Whittham

Mathematics *Sally Al-Bachari* Miss Nedham  
*Anna Clough* Miss Nedham  
*Jane Roberts* Miss Nedham  
*Joanna Sykes* Miss Nedham

Modern Languages *Francesca Southenden* Verity Owen

Music *Gillian Church* Miss Whittham  
*Jennifer Higgins* Miss Whittham

Physics *Jane Roberts* Owen Jones  
*Jane Williams* Owen Jones  
*Kathryn Williams* Owen Jones

Religious Studies *Elizabeth Barrow* Sandford Memorial Prize

Prize for Progress in English *Sophie Dixon* Horton Memorial Prize  
Prize for Progress in English *Catherine Hudson* Horton Memorial Prize

Cup for Languages *Natalie Ladd* Claire Bartlett Memorial Prize and Business Studies

## Anna Markland Music Festival

*Jennifer Higgins* Donors  
The Anna Markland Trophy Mrs Ann Short  
The Ann Brotherhood Vocal Trophy Mrs Ann Short

*Franny Allwood*  
*Ruth Armstrong*  
*Elizabeth Armstrong* Mr & Mrs K James  
The James/Surfleet Ensemble Trophy & Dr & Mrs B Surfleet

*Laura Brocklehurst*  
*Woodwind Trophy*

*Hannah Cantle*  
The Piano Trophy Miss R Jones

*Koko Murata*  
The String Trophy Mr & Mrs J Jones-Pritchard

*Victoria Gauge*  
Open Piano Duet Georgina Jones-Pritchard

## Music certificates

*Helena Thomas* Singing Grade 8 - Merit  
'Cello Grade 6 - Distinction  
*Jennifer Higgins* Singing Grade 8 - Merit  
*Victoria Gauge* Piano Grade 8  
*Elizabeth Rose* Piano Grade 6 - Merit  
*Jessamy Mann* Flute Grade 6

## Duke of Edinburgh

*Elizabeth Barnes* Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award - left 1995  
*Rebecca McKay* Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award - left 1996  
*Katherine Pearce* Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award - left 1996  
*Katherine Gregory* Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award - left 1997

## Speech and Drama

*Eleanor Galley* Grade VIII Acting - Distinction  
*Emma Roberts* Grade VIII Acting - Distinction  
Grade VII Acting - Distinction  
*Emily Dzelzainis* Grade VIII Acting - Distinction  
*Hannah Smith* Grade VIII Acting - Distinction  
*Philippa Bruce* Grade VII Acting - Pass  
*Seeta Kalghatgi* Grade VII Acting - Honours  
Grade V Guildhall Speech and Drama - Honours  
*Sarah Lister* Grade VII Acting - Honours  
Grade V Guildhall Speech and Drama - Honours  
*Natalia Ikin* Grade VII Acting - Distinction  
Grade VI Acting - Distinction  
*Franny Allwood* Grade V Guildhall Speech and Drama - Pass  
Grade VI Acting - Pass  
*Carolyn Ainsworth* Grade VI Acting - Pass  
*Gemma Bailey* Grade VI Acting - Pass  
*Jane Bellamy* Grade VI Acting - Distinction  
*Patricia Burke* Grade VI Acting - Distinction  
*Kyra Drimman* Grade VI Acting - Pass  
*Victoria Manford* Grade VI Acting - Distinction  
*Catherine Morrice-Evans* Grade VI Acting - Honours  
*Rowena Ridgway* Grade VI Acting - Pass  
*Stephanie Worden* Grade VI Acting - Pass  
*Louise Davies* Grade V Acting - Honours  
*Anna Jones* Grade V Acting - Honours  
*Natalie Ladd* LAMDA Gold Medal Acting - Honours  
*Francesca Southenden* LAMDA Gold Medal Acting - Distinction  
*Claire Collins* LAMDA Silver Medal Acting - Distinction  
*Briony Davis* LAMDA Bronze Medal Acting - Distinction  
*Isobel Downey* LAMDA Bronze Medal Acting - Honours  
*Katie Foster* LAMDA Bronze Medal Acting - Distinction  
*Sonia Jones* LAMDA Bronze Medal Acting - Honours  
*Ceri Clements* Grade VII Speaking of Verse and Prose - Distinction

## Sport Awards

*Sian Morris*  
Moore Cup (awarded to the girl who has most frequently represented the school as a member of the first teams in Hockey, Lacrosse and Tennis.)

*Sarah Hutton* Shambler Cup for Badminton Mr & Mrs R G Shambler

*Emily Jones* Shambler Cup for Badminton Mr & Mrs R G Shambler

*Sian Jones*  
Senior Hannah Owen Award for Lacrosse Hannah Owen

*Amanda Gemmill*  
Junior Hannah Owen Award for Lacrosse Hannah Owen

*Hannah Bowen-Jones*  
Short Trophy for Tennis Tania and Anina Short

*Emma Barrow*  
Prize for Games and Gymnastics Margaret Meacock Memorial

*Anna MacLaine*  
Prize for Games and Gymnastics Margaret Meacock Memorial

*Sara Scott* Irvin Cup for Hockey Mr & Mrs L Irvin

## House Games Cups

Senior Hockey Westminster  
Senior Lacrosse Sandford  
Senior Tennis Hastings

## 1997 Leavers - Destinations

*Sally Al - Bachari* Manchester Medicine  
*Sophie Arnell* Manchester Metropolitan Business Information Technology  
*Emma Barrow* Leeds Metropolitan Human Biology  
*Kathryn Benton* Durham Combined Arts  
*Alison Blackwood* Imperial College, London Applied Biology  
*Sarah Carroll* Manchester Metropolitan Retail Marketing  
*Sally Chadwick* Durham Geography  
*Kelly Champney* Leeds Metropolitan Media & Popular Culture

*Gillian Church* Surrey Music  
*Anna Clough* Leeds (1998) Geophysical Sciences  
*Clare Collins* Queen Mary & Westfield, London (1998) Geography  
*Joanne Cornock* Salford Music Acoustics & Recording  
*Alexandra Crook* Manchester French/ Italian  
*Alice Dawson* Leeds Pharmacology  
*Georgina Denby* Southampton Physiotherapy  
*Sarah Dent* York Biochemistry  
*Sophie Dixon* Newcastle History  
*Isobel Downey* York (1998) Environmental Economics & Management  
*Sarah Drury* Glasgow Medicine  
*Caroline Faria* Leeds (1998) Geography  
*Sarah Gale* Re - applying 1998  
*Catherine Gosmore* Sheffield Chemistry  
*Katherine Gregory* Birmingham Geography  
*Eleanor Guest* King's College, London Nutrition  
*Sarah Halbert* Bristol Law  
*Louisa Harris* York Molecular Cell Biology

*Catherine Hayle* Re - applying 1998  
*Jennifer Higgins* Leeds French & Italian  
*Rebecca Hoy* Manchester Metropolitan Retail Management  
*Elizabeth Horsefield* Sheffield English & French  
*Catherine Hudson* Surrey Hotel Management  
*Victoria Hussey* Leeds Metropolitan Economics & Public Policy  
*Louisa Jones* Durham Modern Languages  
*Sonia Jones* St Andrews History  
*Sophia Khan* Huddersfield Law/European Studies  
*Natalie Ladd* Edinburgh (1998) French & German  
*Emma Levick* Chester English with Art  
*Anna MacLaine* Birmingham Sports Science  
*Anika Mathur* Newcastle Food & Nutrition  
*Jane Mooney* Leeds Pharmacology  
*Deborah Morris* Keele International History & Social Studies  
*Faye Orme* Sheffield Geography  
*Laura Owen* Durham History

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Mr & Mrs P Aston, Mrs M Barrow, Mr & Mrs Bartlett, Mrs D Brown, Miss S Brown, Miss A N Butler, Randolph Caldecott Society, Chester Municipal Charities, Chester Rotary Club, Miss J F Copland, Mrs C Ferris, Freeman and Guilds of the City of Chester, Mr & Mrs P Guha, Mr & Mrs L Irvin, Mr & Mrs K James, Miss Rona Jones, Dr & Mrs J Judge, Mrs J Millman, Mr & Mrs P D O Moore, Mrs D Nelson, Owen Jones Foundation, Mr & Mrs M B Owen, Mrs H M Parker, Mr & Mrs J B Phillips, Mr & Mrs R G Shambler, Captain & Mrs C R Short, Dr & Mrs B Surfleet, The Queen's School Association.

# gifts to the school

# 1997 - 98

Gill Church

*Cup for Brass (to be awarded at the Anna Markland Competition).*

Elizabeth Barrow

*Books for Art Department (the Pre-Raphaelites).*

The Queen's School Association

*To mark their centenary - painting by Nicola Palin in memory of Gladys Phillips.*

Sarah Dent and Parents

*Bird Bath (with Plaque) for top garden.*

Mr and Mrs Jones and Charlotte (LIVR)

*HP 850c colour jet Printer.*

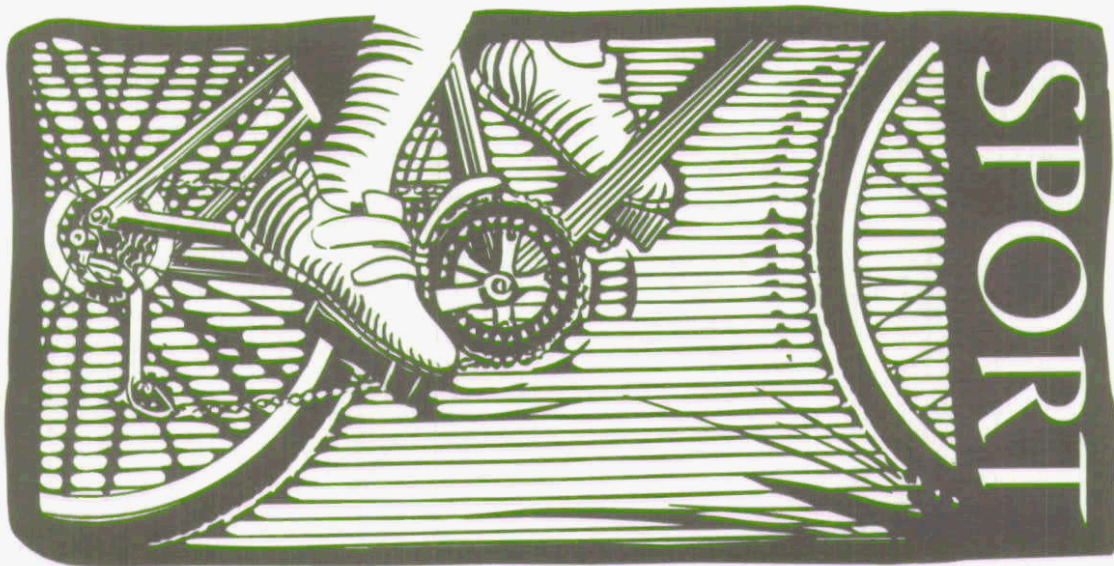
Dr and Mrs Young

*Thomas Cranmer biography for Library.*

UVI Leavers 1998

*Two prints for Maclean House.*





All of the teams have had a good season, competing in some major tournaments. In the Cheshire Doubles, the Senior team beat Abbey Gate College in the second round to reach the Cheshire final. Unfortunately they lost to Wilmslow and Sir John Deane's, but finished in third place overall.

The Intermediate Doubles team beat Woodford Lodge, Bishop Heber, Whitby, Weaverham and Altrincham to reach the Cheshire final for the second year running. The team of Rachel Cooper, Jane Ashton, Lucy Leyland, Sarah Arden, Sarah Hutton, Helen Roberts, Penny Dixon and Caroline Evans were narrowly defeated by Stockport.

The Junior team beat Kingsway and Weaverham to reach their quarter finals, but were beaten at this stage by Neston. Well done to Jenny Crooks, Amalie Bowen-Jones, Katharine McGettigan, Naomi Lucas, Sarah Lee and Joanna Bohdanowicz.

In the local Chester and District event, the Queen's School teams all performed very well. The U18 team were runners up in their age group to Abbey Gate College, the U15 team were comfortable winners of their event, and the U13 team were runners up to Bishop Heber.

The Senior team played exceptionally well in the Aberdare Cup this year. They qualified for the regional finals by beating Sir John Deane's, Stockport Grammar School and Prestatyn High School. On 24th June, they played a very strong team from Wrekin College and were defeated. Wrekin College went through to the national final in Hertfordshire. Congratulations to Hannah Bowen-Jones, Sara Scott, Lucy Leyland, Sarah Arden and Rachel Cooper on a splendid achievement.

In the Midland Bank Competition, both the U15 and U13 teams became

Cheshire Champions. The U15 team beat Neston, Whitby, Hartford, Lymm, Weaverham and Mount Carmel and the U13 team beat Neston, Whitby, Bishop Heber, The Grange, Knutsford, Lymm and Cheadle Hulme. Both teams then went on to regional rounds during the autumn term. The U15s beat Marple Hall from Stockport in the first round, but lost in the second round to Merchant Taylors on game countback on an extremely cold and wet October evening. Congratulations to Lucy Leyland, Sarah Arden, Sarah Hutton and Penny Dixon on their achievement.

The U13s fared even better, reaching the north west finals by defeating Merchant Taylors, West Kirby and Marple Hall. The final was held in the Indoor Tennis Centre in Wrexham and Queen's defeated the Royal Grammar School, Clitheroe by 4 matches to 2. We were now north west champions. The same afternoon we played the Welsh winners Bishopston from Glamorgan to decide who went through to the National Finals at Telford. This very exciting match was tied at 3 wins each, as there was a countback on the number of games won. Queen's were desperately unlucky to lose by the narrowest of margins, 22 games to 21. To have reached this point in the tournament was a truly remarkable achievement for the girls and they should all be incredibly proud of themselves. Congratulations to the squad: Victoria Gallagher, Katy Timmins, Anna Moulds, Nicola Blucher, Kate Leyland and Emily Rudge.

Victoria Gallagher became the Cheshire Schools Singles Champion at U13 level. She won the Wheeler Cup. All in all an exceptional tennis season and with so many good players at school we should do very well in the years to come.

## AWARDS SUMMER 1997

**Remove singles winner**  
Victoria Gallagher

**Remove singles runner up**  
Kate Leyland

**LIV singles winner**  
Katy Timmins

**LIV singles runner-up**  
Anna Moulds

**LIV doubles winners**  
Katy Timmins and  
Anna Moulds

**LIV doubles runners up**  
Emily Rudge and  
Joanna Monro

**UIV singles winner**  
Jenny Crooks

**UIV singles runner up**  
Naomi Lucas

**UIV doubles winners**  
Katharine Mc Gettigan and  
Sarah Lee

**UIV doubles runners up**  
Amalie Bowen-Jones and  
Gemma Churton

**Junior singles winner**  
Lucy Leyland

**Junior singles runner up**  
Sarah Arden Junior

**Doubles winners**  
Lucy Leyland and  
Sarah Arden Junior

**Doubles runners up**  
Louise Petranca and  
Sarah Hutton



# Athletics Report 1997

1997 was a brilliant season for Queen's School athletics, despite the fact that our own school Inter-House Sports were cancelled due to bad weather. In the TSB County round, Juniors finished in 2nd position and the Intermediates finished in 3rd position. Both teams qualified for the Regional "B" final. The Regional "B" final saw our Juniors finish 1st and our Intermediates finish 4th in Cheshire, Merseyside and Manchester; an excellent result in this National competition.

## CHESHIRE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Katy Timmins Winner of junior long jump  
 Joanne Heywood 2nd in intermediate 80 metres hurdles  
 Laura Antlett 3rd in intermediate high jump  
 Angela Stacey 4th in intermediate 800 metres  
 Cheshire Minors:-Cancelled due to bad weather.  
 Elise Hague, Claire Chisholm and  
 Beth Tweddle had been selected to  
 represent Chester and District.

## CHESTER AND DISTRICT ATHLETICS.

Yr8 Winners  
 Yr9 Runners Up to Tarporley  
 Yr10 Winners

## INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE - CHESTER AND DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Yr7	Claire Chisholm	1st in high jump
	Elise Hague	1st in 1500 metres
	Beth Tweddle	2nd in 200 metres
	Beth Tweddle	3rd in long jump
Yr8	Sarah Watson	1st in 100 metres
	Emily Rudge	1st in 70 metres hurdles
	Katy Timmins	1st in long jump
	Nicola Blucher	1st in triple jump
	Sophie Muskett	1st in high jump
	Katy Timmins	2nd in 100 metres
	Nicola Blucher	2nd in 800 metres
	Joanna Monro	2nd in javelin
	4 x 100 metres relay team	2nd
	Ruth Roberts	3rd in 200 metres
Yr9	Naomi Lucas	1st in 1500 metres
	Sarah Lee	2nd in 75 metres hurdles
	Naomi Lucas	2nd in discus
	Bridget Graves	3rd in 100 metres
	4 x 100 metres relay team	3rd
Yrs10 & 11	Angela Stacey	1st in 800 metres
	Laura Antlett	1st in 1500 metres
	Seeta Kalghatgi	1st in 100 metres
	Joanne Haywood	1st in 80 metres hurdles
	Amanda Gemmill	1st in 300 metres
	Joanne Haywood	1st in triple jump
	4 x 100 metres relay team	1st
	Rachel Hall	2nd in 100 metres
	Gemma Jones	2nd in 80 metres hurdles
	Laura Antlett	2nd in high jump
	Emily Jones	2nd in javelin
	Sarah Hutton	2nd in long jump
	Sarah Arden	2nd in shot
	Emily Jones	3rd in 200 metres

**Congratulations to all our athletes - not just those already mentioned - who contributed so much time and energy for their school team and to those who worked as hard for their 5 star awards during lessons and lunchtimes.**







This season has seen continued success from all teams with a total of 17 players achieving county honours at the beginning of the season. Sara Scott was selected for the U21 Cheshire team ; Angie Warren and Fay Robinson for the U18 team ; Helen Roberts, Amanda Gemmill, Jo Heywood and Anna-Marie Perry for the U17 team ; Gemma Jones, Sarah Arden, Rachael Hall, Lucy Leyland and Joanna Bohdanowicz for the U16 team and at U15 level Vicky Lloyd, Jenny Crooks, Naomi Lucas, Ruth Evans and Nicola Blucher were all selected.

The 1st XI team has this year consisted mostly of sixth formers for many of its matches - a great achievement as rarely does the first team have such a dedicated group of older players. The season began with several tough early fixtures and promising results against both Queen Mary and West Kirby. Continued weekly practices on the astroturf at Chester College coached by both Miss Huck and Mrs. Fearnley did however further improve both skills and fitness leading to impressive results against even tougher opposition. A 4-1 thrashing of rivals Sir John Deane's led the team through to represent Cheshire in the regional round of a national tournament. More recently the season was ended on a major high as we became joint Cheshire Champions after a well fought final against Sir John Deane's resulted in a 0-0 draw. This season did also however see the hockey team turn its hand to the game of 'glorified catch' - commonly known as netball, during a joint hockey and netball tournament at Ellesmere College. We did lose all our netball matches but were by far the noisiest team amusing ourselves, at least. Several players never did quite grasp exactly what was going on - Sian, Hannah, Vicky, Roz, Fay.....but it was a good effort! In the hockey we redeemed ourselves and won the tournament overall, with several star appearances from Jane Ashton, Pippa Bruce and Grace Kawai. The season finally ended in a match against The King's School, in which nobody wanted to score so we decided to lose the match, although Angie Warren made some stunning saves.

With a 1st team dominated by sixth formers, the fifth year were able to field a very strong U16 team and lived up to high expectations.

Coaching this year came in the form of Chester College student Lee Plummer, who proved popular and no doubt played a part in regular full attendance from the whole squad at their weekly practice on astroturf. The team's results were impressive - with only 2 defeats - one against Bradford Girls School who went on to come third in a National Schools competition. The U16s have won the Cheshire Indoor trophy and dominated the Cheshire Finals to gain the well earned titles of Cheshire Champions, beating 4 other teams and scoring 9 goals but conceding just 1. Such success is down to their dedication and determination together with great teamwork from all the squad, who are certainly not the quietest group as they proved at the end of season meal - Sarah and Rachael, exactly how much do you remember?!!

The U15 team started the season slowly but continued practice on astroturf. This has led to several later notable results against St. Edward's College and Cheadle Hulme. They also won the Chester and District Indoor title easily and the team has no doubt benefited from the experience of several players who play regularly for the county and in club matches. Their successes will hopefully continue next season.

The U14 have had an unbelievably good season, losing only two matches. This team seems to have no problem scoring goals and has a solid defence to back up their forwards - only 9 goals have been scored against them, and the ever-present Ruth Evans has played a major part in this. They have won the Chester and District outdoor title and came a close runner-up in the Cheshire County finals.

The U13 team have played several 7 a-side and full eleven matches, with the goal scoring ability of both Sally Crooks and Jo Weedall proving invaluable. They won their section of the Cheshire mini-tournament and lost by the narrowest of margins to Altrincham in the final. With continued full eleven a-side match practice and continued teamwork they will develop into an even stronger team.

The U12 team have played a few matches. Five of their seven took place in one day at an invitation tournament at Arnold school. The

standard of the tournament was extremely high as they met teams who play regularly on astroturf. They did however draw against Bradford Girls School after a hard fought match. The team must be congratulated on their enthusiasm and they can only improve with further practices and matches next season - hopefully on astroturf.

I have no need to express further how successful this season's hockey has been - the results speak for themselves. All Chester and District outdoor competitions were won by The Queen's School and in all cases the teams proved tough opposition, making Queen's one of the top schools in Cheshire at every age level. Such success would be unimaginable without support from Miss Huck, Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Fearnley - you really are very much appreciated and we all know you love early Saturday morning matches really! Finally, a special mention to Sian Morris, Vicky Ball, Hannah Bowen-Jones and Roz Turner, whose seven year service to Queen's School hockey has finally ended. I wish Fay good luck for next season, as she takes over captaincy and I am sure she too will learn that recording the team and result of every match can be a rewarding experience?!?



SARA SCOTT, HOCKEY CAPTAIN

1st XI SQUAD

S.Scott; S.Morris; V.Ball; H.Bowen-Jones; R.Turner; F.Robinson;  
A.Warren; H.Roberts; A.Willis; R.Cooper; L.Antlett; E.Pearce; M.Totty;  
A.Stacey

U16 SQUAD

S.Arden; L.Leyland; G.Jones; L.Woolley; E.Jones; P.Dixon; S.Worden;  
A.Gemmill; S.Hutton; S.Kalghatgi; J. Heywood; A-M.Perry; L.Petranca;  
R.Hall

U15 SQUAD

J.Bohdanowicz; S.Lee; C.Antlett; J.Crooks; V.Lloyd; M.Carpenter;  
R.McGimpsey; E.Pawson; G.Churton; A.Bowen-Jones; C.Graves;  
B.Graves; K.McGettigan; N.Jones

U14 SQUAD

R.Evans; L.Mills; A.Moulds; L.Heffer; J.Anians; S.Muskett; J.Monro;  
F.Jones; N.Blucher; C.Archibald; A.Wilson; S.Watson; J.Krause;  
K.Timmins; S.Scott

U13 SQUAD

S.Garrod; S.Woodward; S.Spencer; S.Elliot; C.Wilson; J.Lister;  
S.Crooks; K.Storry; V.Garry; J.Weedall; R.Watson; K.Leyland;  
A.Williams

U12 SQUAD

E.Wood; P.Cook; B.Wahi; C.Thomson; C.Woodcock; M.Pritchard;  
H.Tweed; L.Preston; F.Walter; E.Smith; S.Bone; S.Nolf; S.Shaw;  
H.Goharriz; G.Okell

JUNIOR HOCKEY COLOURS AWARDED TO

Joanna Bohdanowicz; Jenny Crooks; Vicky Lloyd; Naomi Lucas

CERTIFICATES OF COMMENDATION  
AWARDED TO

Sarah Lee; Caroline Antlett; Mary Carpenter; Rachel McGimpsey;  
Elizabeth Pawson; Gemma Churton; Amalie Bowen-Jones; Bridget  
Graves; Camilla Graves; Katharine McGettigan; Natalie Jones

SENIOR HOCKEY COLOURS AWARDED TO

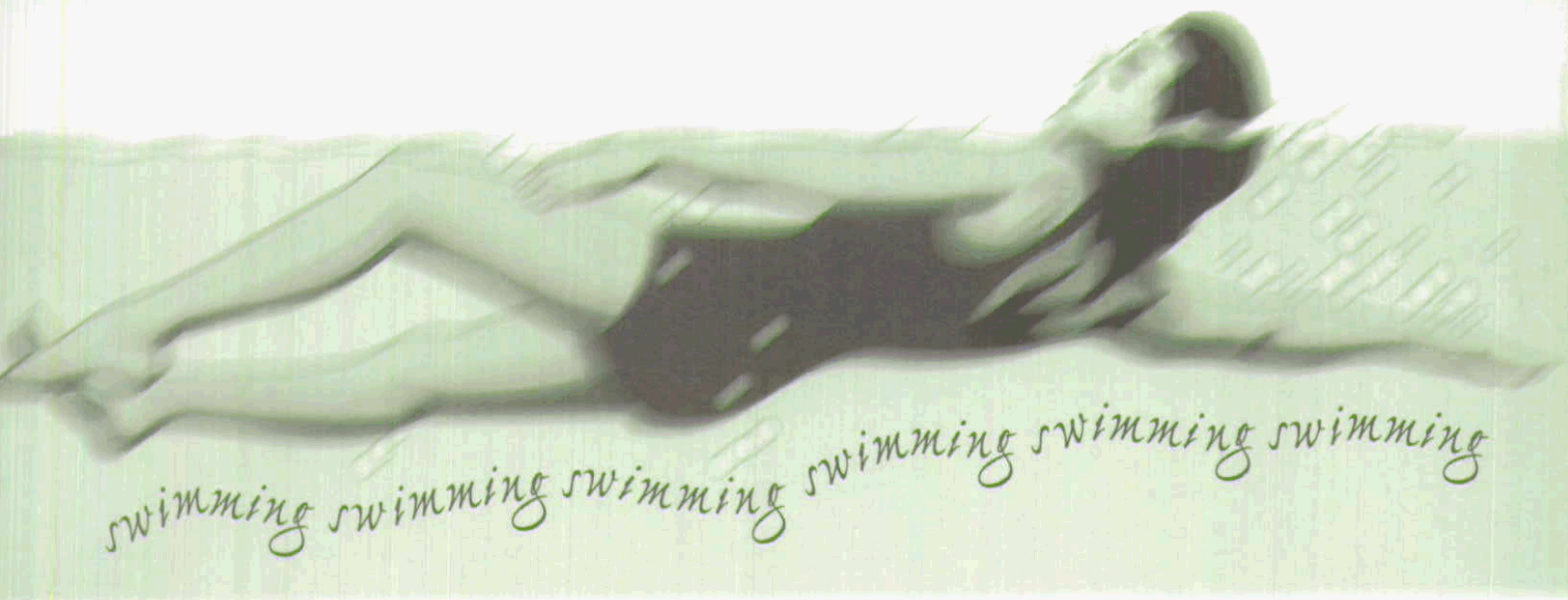
Sian Morris; Victoria Ball; Hannah Bowen-Jones; Roz Turner

TEAM	Matches Played <i>inc during tournaments</i>	WON	DRAWN	LOST	GOALS FOR	GOALS AGAINST
1st XI	39	25	4	10	92	41
2nd XI	4	3	0	1	15	6
U16	29	24	3	2	78	18
U15	14	6	4	4	18	16
U14	19	13	4	2	38	9
U13	15	9	2	4	30	15
U12	7	0	1	6	5	25



U12 Hockey team in Blackpool





## Swimming

Swimming Club met on Monday after school during the winter. There were fewer people than usual, but those who attended had fun and did lots of work on racing starts and turns.

We had a match at Rydal Penrhos against the Girl's Division and the mixed school. Queen's won the Under Fifteen competition, but were third in the Under Thirteen. Everyone enjoyed the tea afterwards very much.



## Football

This season the football team played in the annual Easter girls football tournament at the North Gate Arena. Queen's played well only losing one match to the eventual winners, Kingsway. We narrowly missed the final on goal difference and came a commendable third overall. Emma Roberts, Annabel Newey, Angela Warren, Nicola Davis, Julia Krause, Rebecca Donovan, Ellie Heath, Sophie Wynne-Jones, Louisa Richards and Andrea Vickers all played and would like to thank Mr Roberts for his coaching and organising and Mr Pilsbury for his support.

Annabel Newey LVI

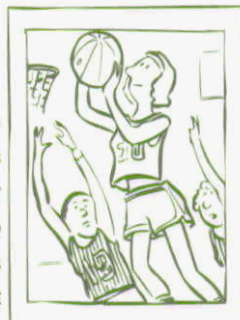
## Gymnastics

The Gymnastics Club meets at 12.00 on a Friday and is thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who participates, with many girls passing BAGA Awards 3 and 4. The box, floor and trampette were used to tackle new skills and to perfect old ones. A fun and constructive way to use your free time, definitely worth repeating.

Laura Bestow RSw

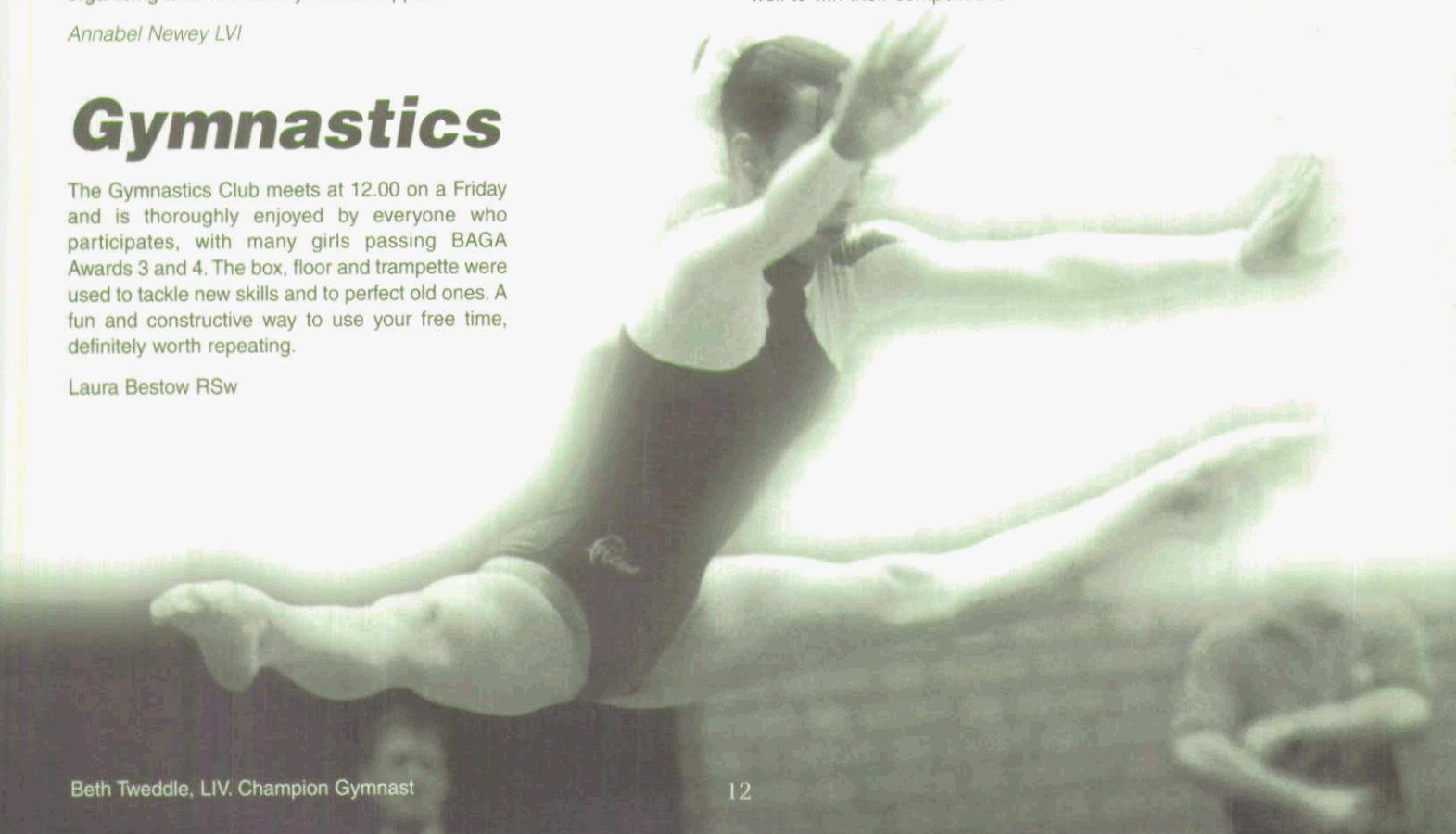
## Netball

Up to thirty Removes enjoyed lots of lunchtime practices and matches this season. In friendlies they played: Tarporley, Upton, Hammond, Abbey Gate, Catholic High, Packwood Hough, Bishop Heber and Rydal. They reached the semi-finals of their Chester and District tournament, but lost to Christleton. The Lower Fourth had a small squad of eight and they also enjoyed matches against the local schools and played in the Chester and District tournament. We even entered an under 19 team this year and they finished a respectable fourth out of the six teams there. The hockey players led a fun time playing netball at Ellesmere College; more details in the hockey report!



## Rounders

This season rounders matches have been played against Bishop Heber, Abbey Gate, Hammond, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Catholic High School and Packwood Haugh. The U12, 13, 14 and 15 teams took part in the Chester and District tournament, with the U15 and U14 teams both playing very well to win their competitions.





## CROSS COUNTRY

The season opened with the inter-house cross country competition and from this our team for the Chester and District competition was chosen. Once again Queen's did exceptionally well with the following results:

### MINORS

Claire Newcome	2nd
Laura Bestow	3rd
Annie Lea	7th
Gabrielle Tate	8th
Chloe Southorn	11th
Elaine Radcliffe	13th

### MINORS TEAM EVENT

Queen's	1st	20pts
Upton	2nd	50pts
Christleton	3rd	70pts

### JUNIORS

Katy Timmins	2nd
Nicola Blucher	9th
Alex Wilcox	12th
Clare Chisholm	32nd
Julia Krause	33rd

### JUNIOR TEAM EVENT

Queens Park	1st	37pts
Queen's	2nd	55pts
Christleton	3rd	67pts

### INTERMEDIATES

Naomi Lucas	1st
Sarah Hutton	5th
Sophie Wynne-Jones	9th
Sara McIlroy	10th

### INTERMEDIATE TEAM EVENT

Queen's	1st
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### SENIORS

Angela Stacey	1st
Leilah Williams	2nd
Laura Antlett	4th
Ceri Clements	5th
Georgina Jones-Pritchard	6th

### SENIOR TEAM EVENT

Queens	1st
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A staggering eighteen Queen's girls qualified for the Cheshire Championships held in January and from this group two have been selected for the Cheshire squad - Naomi Lucas and Laura Antlett. Many thanks to Dr Stalford for her lunch time cross-country sessions around the City Walls. She has been an inspiration to many new runners.

Laura Antlett LVI J

## TABLE TENNIS

This year lots of Removes have come to Table Tennis Club each Tuesday. Emma Jenkins (RW) won the Table Tennis Trophy and Chloe Woodcock (RS) the Runner-up's Shield. Thank you to Mr Armstrong for organising the club.

Emma Jenkins RW

## Lacrosse

### CAPTAIN

Amy Wallace

### SENIOR SQUAD

Amy Wallace, Sian Morris, Ciara Leeming, Roz Turner, Dilini de Silva, Ceri Clements, Tamar Travers, Jane Ashton, Susan Waring, Pippa Bruce, Helen Roberts, Julia Mounsey, Lucy Harries, Lucy Leyland, Sarah Hutton, Gemma Jones, Amanda Gemmill, Emily Jones, Katie Henry, Danielle Oxford, Charlotte Lawson, Sophie Jarrett, Sara McIlroy.

### U15 SQUAD

Amalie Bowen-Jones, Mary Carpenter, Jo Bohdanowicz, Jenny Crooks, Vicky Lloyd, Gemma Churton, Naomi Lucas, Sarah Lee, Katharine McGettigan, Lil Pawson, Rachel McGimpsey, Emma Jones, Bridget Graves, Camilla Graves, Sally Pym, Roz Lloyd-Jones.

### U14 SQUAD

Sophie Muskett, Loretta Mills, Katie Timmins, Jo Monro, Julia Krause, Nicola Blucher, Lucy Heffer, Alex Wilcox, Anna Moulds, Sarah Roberts, Abigail Wilson, Laura Fields, Ruth Evans, Jenna Anians, Gemma Hughes, Sophia Scott, Alex Owen, Clare Archibald, Sarah Woodcock, Faekah Gohar.

### U13 SQUAD

Sally Crooks, Jennifer Lister, Johanna Weedall, Sophie Woodward, Kate Leyland, Rhiannon Kinsman, Susanne Elliott, Rachel Hewitt, Ruth Watson, Laura Wright, Claire Chisholm, Victoria Garry, Anna Williams, Beth Tweddle, Samantha Kakati, Sophie Cookson, Laura Wilkinson, Claire Okell, Kate Mosford, Deborah McAdam, Jennifer Crich, Sian Walker.

### JUNIOR LACROSSE COLOURS AWARDED TO:

Amalie Bowen-Jones, Mary Carpenter, Jenny Crooks, Gemma Churton, Camilla Graves.

The season started well with 9 girls being selected to represent Cheshire, and our Under 15 team selected as the reserve squad. Ciara Leeming, Pippa Bruce, Susan Waring, Amy Wallace, Jane Ashton, Ceri Clements, Amanda Gemmill, Lucy Harries and Gemma Jones were selected for The A squad. Susan, Jane and Amanda were further selected to represent the North of England and Pippa, Ciara and Ceri were selected to play for Junior Wales. Such a list is a great credit and honour for the school.

The annual tournaments showed the strength of all our squads with the 1st squad finishing 3rd in both the Northern Schools and National Schools tournaments. We had notable 1st squad wins over Wirral, Belvedere and Moreton Hall (indoor) and had an enjoyable season.

The end of the Spring term was an extremely hectic finale to the 1997-8 season for all lacrosse squad members.

The senior and U15 squads left Chester at 6.30a.m. to travel to Milton Keynes to represent school at the prestigious National Schools Tournament. Despite being unable to field a full squad due to clashes with Advanced Level Modular Examinations, their play demonstrated skill, super teamwork and flair. We were most grateful to the four upper four pupils who welcomed the opportunity to operate as 'speed merchants'. The senior squad produced a remarkable series of wins and lost only to the eventual finalists of the tournament.

The U15 squad gained great experience and a wealth of knowledge. They played some spectacular lacrosse and were gratified to overhear compliments from umpires on their style and standard of play. They missed reaching the semi-final by one goal. Thanks go to Gill Aldcroft for help with umpiring and the dedicated parents who travelled with us to support.

Fired with enthusiasm from their performance in the National Schools' Tournament the U15 squad played in the North Schools Junior Tournament. They played

matches against Harrogate Ladies College, Birkenhead, Penwortham, Queen Margaret's 2nd team, Wirral and Belvedere. They won a semi-final place and were narrowly beaten 1-0 by Queen Margaret's, the eventual winners. The U14 squad also played in this tournament and had a magnificent day playing opponents a year older and more experienced than themselves. In the section matches they only lost one game. Their opponents included Withington, Queen Margaret's 1st team, Liverpool College, Bolton, Harrogate Ladies College 2nd team and Casterton. Despite finishing in 3rd place they were the only team to beat Queen Margaret's (the eventual winners) and drew with Withington (the losing semi-finalists).

Congratulations go to all members of the U15 and U14 squads for such spirited performances. Thanks go to Pippa Bruce and Susan Waring for their assistance with umpiring and to those who transported and supported the squads on the day.

The U13 and U12 squads played in the N W Development tournament at Chester College. The U13 team won all their matches convincingly, playing against Bolton, Belvedere, Birkenhead, Liverpool College and Queen's U12 team. Despite the tournament operating on a 'round robin' basis, there was a play off between Queen's and Birkenhead. The U12 team played with great enthusiasm and gained from their first experience of tournament play.

All our junior squads are showing great promise and potential as they will now describe in their reports. They have all benefited from extra training with Mark Coups and Gill Aldcroft and are thoroughly enjoying lacrosse.

I would thank Mrs Waring for her constant enthusiasm and time in preparing our squads and Mrs Moore for her work with the juniors. I wish next year's captain, Pippa Bruce, the best of luck. Finally all of you who are going on the Summer Camp - have a fantastic time - your lacrosse skills will improve no end.



## U15 Lacrosse

For the U15's, last season was very successful and enjoyable. Our first match of the season boosted our confidence a great deal with a 6-1 win against Wirral. We went on to win three more games until Moreton Hall. Yes, well what can I say! They have had a lot more practice than us. Our second half was ten times better than the first, only letting three goals in.

By the 22nd November we had our shirts sponsored by Philpotts. We all looked very smart and we are definitely looking like a team. Our first match in our shirts was against Withington which we won 8-5 and the team really pulled together, playing like stars. (Maybe it was because the captain wasn't playing).

We had Northgate Arena for a couple of weeks before Milton Keynes and it seemed to work - by the look of our team at Milton Keynes. We won three games, lost one and drew one and I have never seen the team play so well. We were only one goal away from the semi-final, but I am pleased to say we drew with the eventual winners. It was a day enjoyed by all. Our second tournament of the season was the North U15 tournament and everyone was keyed up to win. We reached the semi's which was a very tough match. The final score was 1-0 to Queen Margaret's who were the winners of the tournament.

As captain I feel as if it was a very enjoyable and successful year and I think we all played very well, so on behalf of the U15 team I'd like to thank Mrs Waring for all her continuous hard work, enthusiasm and for organising matches. To all the parents who came to support and cheer us on in such cold conditions, and a big thanks to Phil Brown for sponsoring us as a team. Thanks again and now just to say well done to the whole team for their commitment and good luck for next year.

Amalie Bowen-Jones

## U14 Lacrosse

The U14 lacrosse squad have had a very successful season playing many games and only losing two. In October we played in the U14 N W Invitation tournament against Liverpool College, Penwortham, Birkenhead, Withington, Belvedere and Wirral. We were narrowly beaten 2-1 by Withington.

We played well in an exciting indoor match against Moreton Hall with a result being 11-4 to Moreton.

In March we were entered into an U15 North tournament in which we came a well earned 3rd in our section and were the only team to beat the eventual winners. We were all very pleased as we were a year younger than most of the other teams.

We have had many great matches although there is one that we all remember clearly:- when Mrs Waring told us to watch out for the sun, we did, and it hailed! (so much for her weather reading - could it be another Michael Fish?).

The team has had a great season under the leadership of Sophie Muskett and all our thanks go to Mrs Waring for all her dedicated coaching and hard work.

Sophie Muskett and Jo Monro.

## U13 Lacrosse

The Lower Fourth lacrosse team have had a good season winning a high percentage of their matches.

Vicky Garry was voted player of the year scoring most of our winning goals. We went to the U13 North West Development tournament winning all our matches convincingly against Belvedere, Birkenhead, Bolton, Liverpool College and Queen's U12. We then lost to Birkenhead in the play off. We would like to thank Mrs Waring, Gill Aldcroft, Mrs Moore and all the spectators for making the season an enjoyable one. We are to continue through the summer and hope to continue to enjoy our lacrosse and have as much success next season.

Sally Crooks



U15 squad in the new shirts.

## U12 Lacrosse

As we were all new to the game this year, what we lacked in experience we made up with enthusiasm! Our season opened with a heavy defeat against a very experienced Moreton Hall Team. We realised we needed to defend better and attack more. In February, the A team went down disappointingly 4-1 to Packwood but the B team managed a thrilling 5-2 win. Some dedicated practising paid off as we recorded an exceptionally high score against Wirral Grammar in March.

Our season ended as it had started, picking the ball out of the net! However, we were playing in the North West U13 tournament against some very strong opposition. Our aim is to win the trophy next year. Annie Lea, Biba Wahi and Hilary Tweed were the top goal scorers and we expect great things next season!

The inter-house tournament was an ideal competition for more players to try out their skills and have some fun. All the matches were very entertaining and surprisingly, there was no outright winner. The trophy was jointly won by Sandford and Westminster.

Thanks must go to Mrs Moore for her patient coaching and to all our parents for cheering us on during our matches.

Chloe Southorn





# HOUSE REPORT

This past year has proved a fun and enjoyable one for all house captains and their houses.

Back in summer term 1997 the House Captains: Sian Morris, Anna Gibbons, Hannah Bowen-Jones, Vicky Ball, Ciara Leeming, Dilini De Silva, Amy Arnell and Sian Edwards organised several events.

In the Senior tennis, teams displayed great talent with the eventual winners being Hastings.

Junior tennis and Junior rounders were won by Thompson and Sandford respectively.

Senior rounders, which always provides great entertainment, was won by Thompson.

The most difficult event to organise was the Inter-house Sports Day which was enjoyed by all. The overall winners were Hastings in what was a very close competition.

During the winter term, as the house captains time in office drew to a close, Senior lacrosse, Junior hockey and Remove netball were all held. The winners of the lacrosse and hockey were Sandford with Hastings Removes triumphing in netball.

In January, the current house captains

took over. In their new roles were Anna Legat and Laura Antlett (Sandford), Angela Stacey and Lucy Harries (Thompson), Helen Roberts and Grace Kawai (Westminster), Jane Ashton and Susan Waring (Hastings).

Our first event was Junior lacrosse which was skilfully won by Sandford. We then had the opportunity to display our own skills in the Senior hockey which proved to be great fun. The eventual winners were Hastings with Thompson coming a close 2nd. Remove lacrosse was held after school at the end of March. All who attended were impressed by the ability of

the Removes in their new game. The competition finished with Westminster and Sandford coming joint 1st.

Many girls in the lower school continue to excel scholastically gaining merit points for their hard work. All houses have very high totals and we hope that these will continue to rise.

Finally, on behalf of the house captains, I would like to thank the P. E staff, Mrs. Moore, Miss Huck and Mrs. Waring for their continued help and support in organising these events.

*Angie Stacey LVIL*



## Tae-Kwon Do

Tae-Kwon Do this year has seen a steady attendance by enthusiastic lower sixth girls determined to eventually get it right and motivated by the younger girls who are already green belts. However, by some miracle, in our last gradings 5 of us gained our yellow belts and another her yellow tag. Thanks must go to Martin Williams for coming in especially every Wednesday to take the lesson.

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| <b>9th Kup</b> | <b>(yellow tag): Carrie Ainsworth</b>   |
| <b>8th Kup</b> | <b>(yellow belt): Kathy Selby;<br/>Victoria Manford; Vicki Packham;<br/>Claire Mooney; Emily Gibson</b> |
| <b>6th Kup</b> | <b>(green belt): Catherine Ash;<br/>Kersten Morgan-Bates; Kate Braid</b>                                |



# Athena Ladies Rowing Club

Since acquiring a new boathouse for the Athena Ladies Rowing Club, members and parents have been busy getting the club house and its grounds ready.

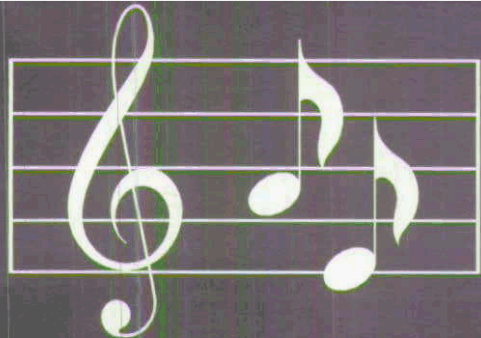
Membership is growing steadily and training is getting underway in earnest. Our coaches, Bill and Karen, are working hard to prepare us for the forthcoming regatta season. Karen takes training sessions in the school gym every Tuesday from 4-30 to 5-30 p.m. On Saturday, it's down to the boathouse for weight training and rowing practice; with further practice on Sunday mornings. It may sound tiring but there's plenty of time to stock up on chips from the cafe and catch up on all the gossip!

The heavy spring rain caused some very high tides and it was more a question of wading than rowing! However, being a tough breed of girls we battled on regardless. There are still some vacancies for girls between the ages of twelve and eighteen years, so if you are interested, come and see us down at the boathouse on any Saturday or Sunday morning. Come and try the rowing....and the chips ....and the gossip....!

*Camilla Graves LVP.*







# MUSIC

## CHESTER SCHOOLS' CONCERT BAND RECORDING

On the first two weekends back at school in September a devoted group of musicians from various schools in the area gave up their time to rehearse for and finally record a CD at Bishops High School. There was tremendous pressure to get it right. Many pieces had to be learnt and any mistakes would be immediately noticeable on the recording. After several hours of practising each day, the moment of truth finally arrived with the actual recording being made on the final Sunday.

We assembled far too early in the morning and were joined by another band to record two "massed band" numbers. After they left we were able to perform our own music and the number of microphones around was more than a little intimidating. The worst part was sitting without moving or making a noise at the end of each number, knowing that if anyone coughed or an instrument rattled the piece may have to be recorded all over again. However, we survived, most numbers needed only 1 or 2 attempts and Mr Lewis still had most of his hair left at the end.

It was a lot of hard work at the time but now we have a brilliant memento of how the band sounds.

*Penny Batey LIVL*

## **Senior Choir Tour to Italy** *(October Half Term).*

Italy, we foolishly thought, was a hot country full of ice cream and pizza. On one point we were proved wrong with the temperature averaging below 0 degrees Celsius each day. Unfortunately this meant we were unable to wear our vast array of shorts and t-shirts and needless to say we all got bored of wearing the same one jumper we took just in case the weather turned cool!

However, this did not stop us enjoying ourselves once we had bought hats and scarves and a great time was had by all.

We were however right on the other count, yes, there is an ice cream parlour and pizzeria wherever you turn, and we participated fully in this Italian culture.

You must not however think that this is all we did. We were kept busy by visiting various local sites including Pisa, Siena and Florence.

Florence is a spectacular city in terms of shops, ice creams, pizza, pasta and of course the magnificent Duomo which dominates the skyline and is just one of the examples of the architectural beauty found in Italy.

We were fortunate enough to participate in a Mass held in the cathedral which was a once in a lifetime experience, with acoustics infinitely better than those of the school hall. We did not know we could sound so good.

Word obviously got around Florence about our tour as our last concert was a total sell out, or this could have been due to the fact that they thought we were the Queen's personal choir!

Thanks must go to Mrs Bartai, Mrs Stinson and particularly to Mrs Lees our accompanist who even managed with an electric keyboard with no F#.

*Clare Prydden and Felicity McNae, UVI.*





# A Gift to The World

Passioned thoughts of cradle, impart upon me  
Dark passage through the night, leads us to eternity  
Now the light shines down, and guides me on  
Towards the world, with reason and logic  
Life cascades this - A gift of love  
Surrounded by those who care.

*Nicola Davies.*



# Sainsbury's Choir of the Year Competition

An enthusiastic group of girls from the Senior Choir took part in Sainsbury's Choir of the Year preliminary round on March 28th in Manchester at the Royal Northern College of Music. We had no expectations of winning the competition, but we decided to enter for experience and to have some fun at the same time.

There was a high quality of competitors from specially trained choirs from all over the region. Choirs sang a mixture of modern, a capella and traditional songs. We sang 'Peter Piper', 'The Lark in the Clear Air' and 'For the Beauty of the Earth'. To our amazement and delight we were eventual joint winners with 'Voices, City of Derby Girls Choir'. Both choirs now go into the next round, in Buxton.

Special thanks must go to Mrs Lees for her accompaniment and to Mrs Bartai for her hard work in preparing and conducting us before and on the day.

We all enjoyed our day out and cannot wait to take part in the next competition.

*Victoria Manford LVI M.*

# Kiss Me Kate.

The musical began very strongly, with the opening solo, performed by Katie Dutton. This set an extremely high standard which was met by the other soloists, Sarah Proudlove, Tom Hodder, Janine Sykes, Brian Wright, Sam Rosen and Saul Marks. Sarah's performance of the highly strung Miss Vanessi was very convincing, and Tom exhibited his skills of 'Taming the

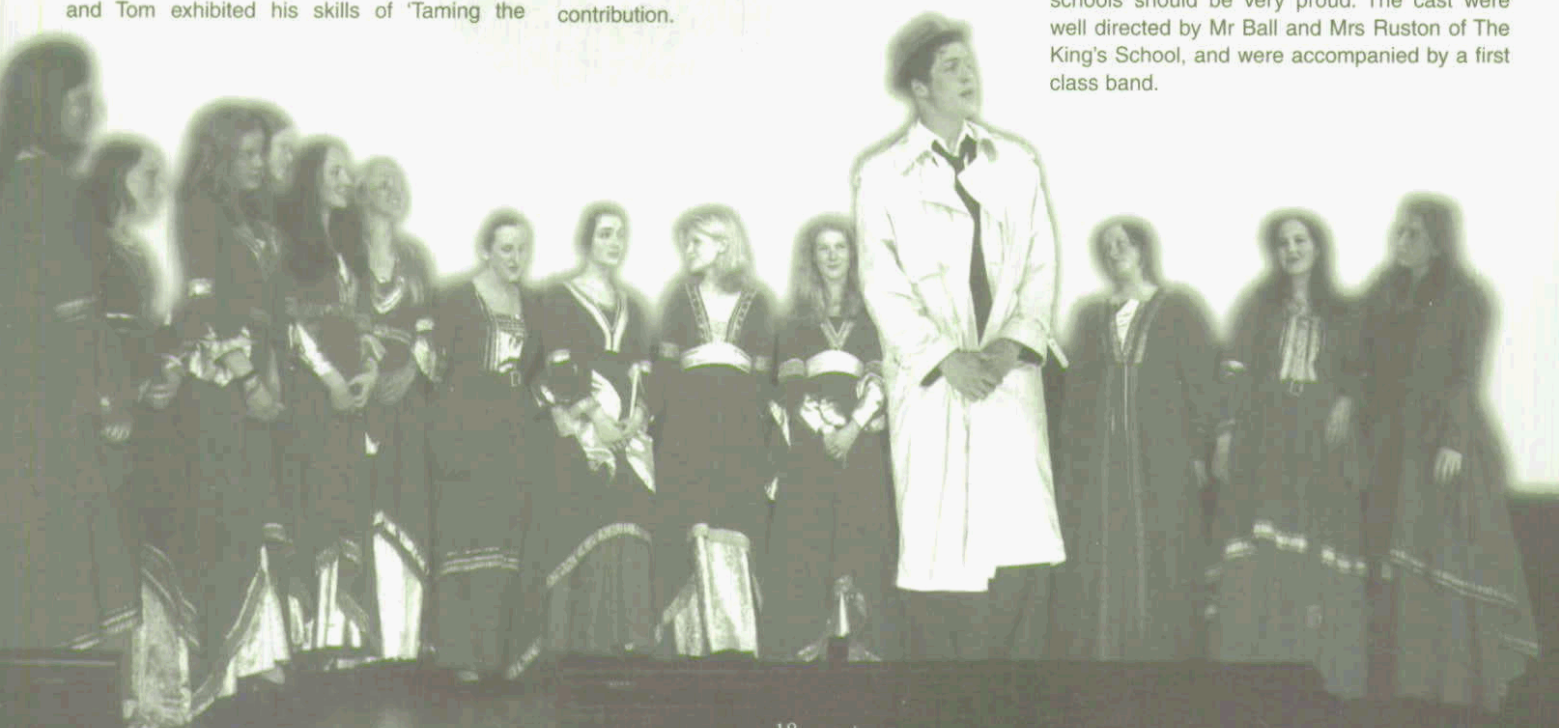
Shrew' very effectively. Apparently Sarah could not sit down all night!

The chorus supported the soloists superbly and the costumes were both inventive and colourful.

Thanks must go to the girls of the Nina Gaskill School of Dance, for their last minute contribution.

Even though it was hard to choose, one scene stood out from the rest: 'Before the Curtain' where Sam and Saul brought humour to the production with their rendition of 'Brush up your Shakespeare'.

All the performers excelled themselves, and both schools should be very proud. The cast were well directed by Mr Ball and Mrs Ruston of The King's School, and were accompanied by a first class band.





# A Midsummer Night's Dream.



The production of a play already well known to many in the audience and probably dreaded by many others as it was written by that man who used old-fashioned, unintelligible language, is a considerable challenge. Mr. Ainsworth and Mrs. Jevons rose to that challenge, having the imagination, creativity and understanding which enabled them to bring us a production which gave some opportunity to bask once more in the familiar script and plot of "A Mid Summer Night's Dream" whilst those seeing it for the first time responded in delight to this lucid interpretation which brought with it so much humour.

Careful cutting of the text ensured that the storyline was understandable to all. The mixture of romance, rivalry and magic was conveyed by a well-chosen cast who spoke their lines clearly with obvious comprehension, and maintained a good pace. As always when watching a

performance by people one knows well, the audience delighted in the frequent similarities between actors and their characters in the play although it must not be thought for a moment that they were all typecast!

There was a clear distinction between the more affluent mortals caught up on their eternal triangle of love, the down-to-earth workmen producing their own play on a parallel theme, and the fairies.

In the first group we saw serious, boring young men in love (Jessamy Mann and Emily Gibson) being the cause of quarrels between kind and beloved Hermia (Tamar Travers) and Helena (Katie Foster) who, with an interpretation particularly her own, amused us with her moaning and total inability to understand that somebody else could be preferred to her. Theseus (Ceri Clements), Hippolyta (Victoria Manford) and Egeus (Stephanie Worden) showed little understanding of the younger generation.

The mechanicals are blessed with the funniest lines in the play but added much more through their individual interpretations. Quince (Rachael Evans) fussed and tut-tutted as he organised his cast. Snug (Rachel Cocker), Snout (Stephanie Worden), Starveling (Preethi Mavahalli) and Flute (Eleanor Galley) entertained us well with their parts in Pyramus and Thisbe, bringing tears of mirth to some eyes, but Eleanor Stephan as Bottom must be particularly congratulated on the way in which she maintained the flat, matter-of-fact speech which had many people holding their sides.

The commanding tones of Briony Davis as Oberon threatened the more kindly Titania

(Katherine Pawson) surrounded by her charming fairies (Marie Mickiewicz, Katie Foster, Elizabeth Pawson and Clare Archibald) whilst the interfering, mischievous Puck, played by Alex Richards seemed to be everywhere.

From the moment we entered the Hall and saw a stage in the centre, whilst part of the audience was seated on the usual stage, we knew that we could expect an innovative evening. This arrangement allowed the play's possibilities to be exploited to the full. It moved quickly and the audience felt utterly involved with the characters, who showed great confidence acting at such close quarters rather than in that rather separate world one feels on a conventional stage. It may be helpful to point out here to future audiences of similar productions that not only do the spectators feel involved with the actors, but those performing can see your every smile, tear or yawn!

The costumes added to this novel interpretation of the play. The simple styles of 1920's human dress contrasted well with the ephemeral quality of the charming fairies' costumes, each of which had been designed by art students at school. Each had its own character and combined with skilful lighting to produce a truly dream-like quality. Even at such close quarters we were transported into fairyland whose magical feel was enhanced by the illusion of distance and mystery created by the use of the side of the school stage for the forest.

The combined talents of approximately seventy people working together as a team provided us, the audience, with a memorable and enjoyable evening when the prime object of a play, to entertain, was admirably achieved.

M. C.





# Clubs & Societies

## Charities

As charity monitors we have had a very successful and enjoyable first term in office although we have to admit to finding the task a bit daunting a first. Forms have continued to give generously in the weekly collections with donations going to the Terence Higgins Trust, the NSPCC and the Meningitis Trust amongst many other worthy charities. There have been many innovative events held over the past term

including Shooting Staff and Blind Date where many girls turned up to see Mr. Armstrong in a fetching blonde wig. Congratulations must go to the girls who worked very hard to organise these events, and also to LVIJ whose toast with chocolate spread caused throngs of girls to create a commotion in the dining room at short break. They set an example to the lower school by raising the highest total this

term. Thanks must go to Mrs. Jevons for her continued hard work and support and we hope that forms will continue to give generously and come up with many more enjoyable events in the coming term.

*C. Mooney*

*E. Dzelzainis, LVI*

## Christian Union

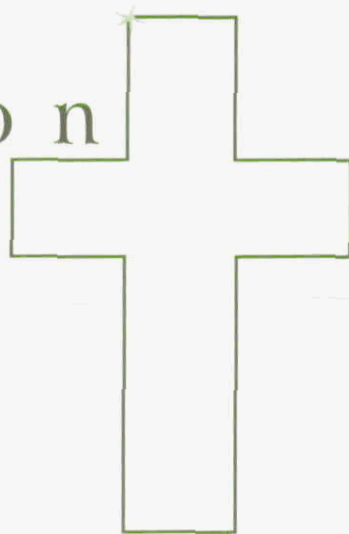
Christian Union this year has proved very successful with a number of new members, including several King's boys. Weekly meetings in the Autumn term saw speakers from local churches as well as an extremely lively balloon debate!

In the Spring term we had representatives from various organisations such as Jubilee 2000 which deals with Third World debt. We also had a valuable 'question and answer' time with a local vicar where issues such as suffering were raised.

The highlight of the year for Christian Union members was undoubtedly 'Living Waters' in which we took an active part in the preparation. The lively worship, games and workshop made it an exciting weekend for the 80 girls who went. Once again the rain held off, leaving us to enjoy the large grounds.

Thanks must go to Mrs. Lloyd for all her help and supplies of Ribena and biscuits!

*Jane Bellamy LVIS*



*GCSE WORK*

*Franny Allwood, UVS*



*BROTHER'S*

*Portrait by Sarah Lister, UVB*

## QUEST CLUB

Quest Club has been highly successful this year with consistently high numbers of all years attending. Our theme this year has been friendship, with the Upper Fifth leading a meeting on the importance of friends.

The Removes have impressed us all with their drama skills, as well as making some beautiful posters on the subject of good and evil. Mrs Scarr Hall and Mrs Griffiths have both taken meetings on 'Gossip' and 'Light' respectively. Outside speakers have also talked to us about a variety of topics which proved to be enlightening and interesting. The term finished with an enormously successful and exciting party. Thanks must go to Mrs Lloyd for her continued help and support.

*Felicity McNae and Clare Prydden, UVI*



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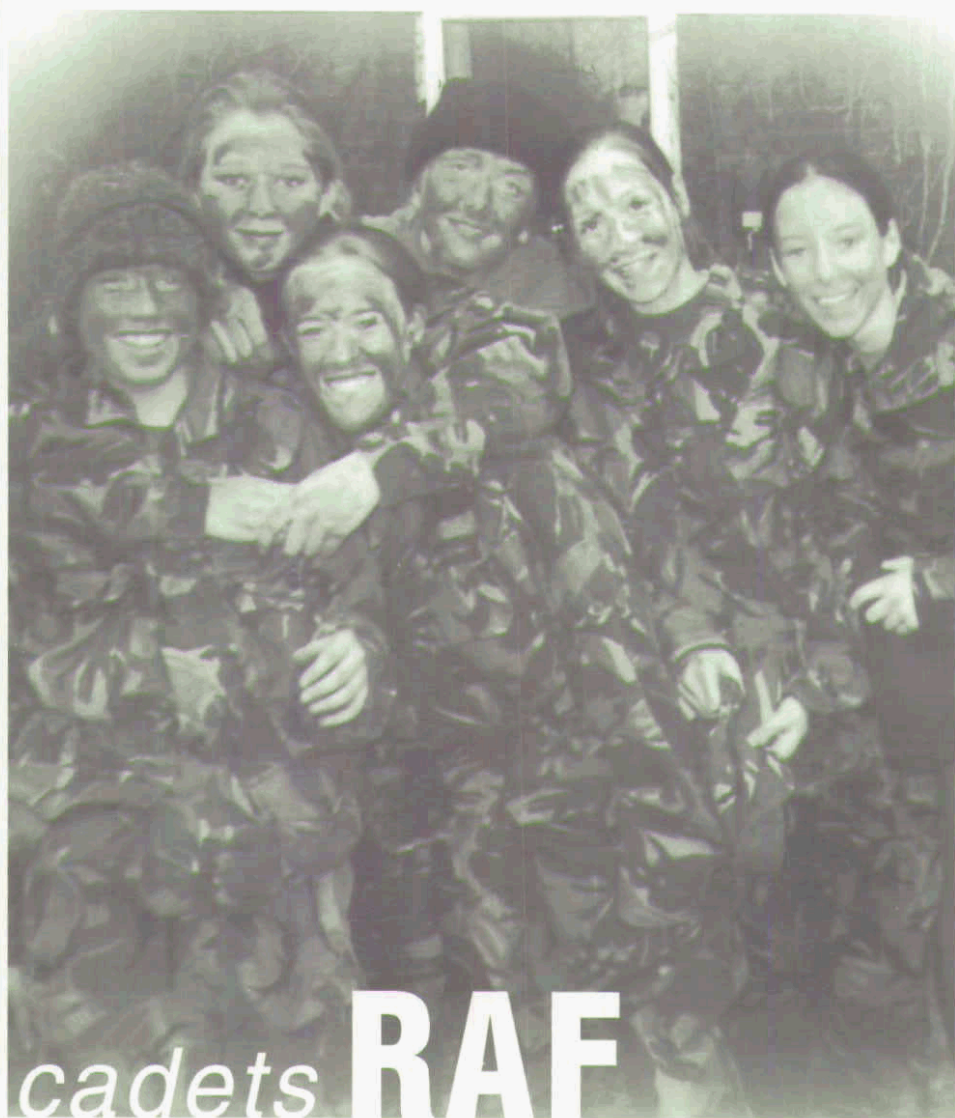
Since September attendance at Friday Club has been, and continues to be, very high. We have found the weekly visits to the Countess of Chester Hospital to visit the elderly and mentally handicapped most rewarding and enjoyable. Due to increase of volunteers there had to be a similar increase in the number of wards visited which has given us all a wider variety of patients to visit.

Visits to Callin Court are also frequently made, and the occasional concerts held here for the residents by the girls are thoroughly appreciated by all.

A large number of girls are in the process of planning voluntary work with Barnardos over the summer holiday. This entails long, hard days taking care of young children and teenagers with both mental and physical disabilities, who are often unable to take part in any arranged activity and require entertaining and feeding which prove very tiring and demanding. However, yet again, this is a remarkably rewarding experience, and it is well worth giving up some of the holiday to do so.

Finally thanks must go to Mrs Stinson for helping Carrie and me in our first term in office, and for arranging placements for us all in the Countess, with Barnardos and at Callin Court, and to all those girls who have given up time themselves to help others.

*Gyra Drinnan LVI S*



This year, the annual summer camp was held at RAF St. Mawgan in Newquay. Everyone had a great time, even though we were in the clubbing capital of Britain and were not allowed out at night. But hey, I guess that's the price you have to pay to serve your country. We had to get up at 6.00 every morning, and by 9.00, when all you civilians were still snoozing, we had already been on about six hikes, and flown a plane upside down. But it's O.K if you're woken up by a troop of fit American soldiers running past your window, shouting "1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 2 ... 3, 4!" We did have an excellent time though, visiting theme parks and gorgeous little beaches - oh, and RAF kind of things, like other bases, and shooting grounds, and dark woods that we had to run around in during the night exercise. Then we came back to Chester and ... well ... continued with RAF kinds of stuff.

Several cadets also went on an Easter camp at Northolt in London. This was also brilliant, but we got quite worried when the first thing the flight lieutenant said was, "Now, we are under considerable risk from the IRA, as many, MANY royals and other VIP's will be passing through." RAF cadets is good fun and you get to do loads of funky stuff on camp (obvious ploy to get small, unsuspecting first years to join.) Anyway, cheers to the teachers who run it and take us on camp. You're all fab and ace, and hey, after this great report maybe I'll get promoted!?!

*Fay Robinson LVI*







# Drama

Third year drama has been a great success this year with over 20 girls showing their talent and commitment by attending the weekly drama group. We have enjoyed many original performances displaying excellent acting skills and look forward to continuing with this enthusiasm next year.

*Angie Stacey LVIL*

## Public Speaking.

On the 6th of February Sarah White, Sara McIlroy and Sekela Mwambu competed in the English Speaking Union's Public Speaking Competition at Stanley Palace.

Sarah White (speaker) and Sekela Mwambu (chairwoman, no sorry, chairperson) fought off the questions from Newcastle - under- Lyme School when arguing that 'Court Room Trials should not be Televised'. Later Sara McIlroy (questioner) interrogated the Westwood High School who were speaking for why 'Everyone Should Learn Shakespeare at School' (if only they had known what a sonnet was!).

The team won the regional final and then went on to the North West final (which was held at Nedham House!). There, Sara and Sekela spoke on why 'Britain is in Decline' and Sara questioned the team that said 'Parents should be allowed to smack their children'.

The competition here was a lot tougher and Sarah, Sekela and Sara lost to Belvedere School from Liverpool.

Many thanks must go to Mr. Ainsworth and Mrs. Griffiths for coaching the team, and to Mrs. Chorley for being our valued audience.

All three team members gained a lot from the experience and now have the confidence to use their argumentative loud-mouths effectively!

*Sara McIlroy, UV*

## Remove Drama Club

Remove Drama Club has had a successful year with Removes and LVI helpers alike enjoying the sessions. Improvisation work and games have all been done with longer term projects for the ends of terms.

Two groups put on productions at Christmas, one was a modern adaptation of Captain Hook, the other was Scrooge. Since then a Remove view of life in The Queen's School has been put on for the rest of the group and a shortened version of "James and the Giant Peach" is being rehearsed. The productions have been enjoyed by all and thanks must go to Mr. Ainsworth for his support during the year.

*Emily Gibson, LVIS*

*'Zebra' by Jill Hawkins, UVB*







# ZEST

Our company ZEST was established in September 1997 - this was probably the easiest part of Young Enterprise. It seemed to all go down hill from there.

We were warned by survivors of Young Enterprise that it was going to be very hard, "there will be arguments, impossible deadlines and you will find yourself cringing every time the words Young Enterprise are mentioned," But for some reason we felt we were invincible and only the lesser mortals among us would not fulfil the challenge - how wrong we were!

To begin with we had a lot of product ideas but we found out when making prototypes and analysing our market research that not all of them would be viable. Also there were 19 of us and we weren't sure that produce enough of various product lines with only a small workforce. So it was decided that we would have one product and concentrate all our effort on making it a success. That product was hand-crafted silk scarves, they were within our capabilities of producing.

We attended various trade fairs and our scarves sold in large numbers and we gained very happy customers.

Despite the occasional disagreement the time we had running our own business has been very rewarding, and everyone has gained new skills and an unforgettable experience. ZEST has been a successful company and we won awards at the Annual Presentation Evening for the Chester Area. These were the Personnel Management Award, the Presentation Award and The Trade Fair Display Award. We go on to be judged at the Cheshire Division Competition and if all goes well ZEST aims to then complete at the UK final.

We would like to thank our advisers for their continuous support and encouragement without them bankruptcy would have been a certainty and the company would not have had the brilliant results that we have seen.

*Alexandra Stringer, LVI*

MONSTER Young Enterprise Company consisted of 25 pupils who learnt just how much effort, teamwork, organisation and perseverance it takes to make a company run smoothly. The year started well, everyone was enthusiastic about the whole idea of Young Enterprise and painting decorative glasses and mirrors, our main products. I've attended many sales, including the school Autumn Market, Open Day and Christmas Concert. We also sold our glasses and T-shirts, printed with the MONSTER logo, at local craft fairs, which resulted in sales of several hundred pounds. At the Christmas Trade Fair in the Cathedral, we sold holly wreaths alongside our other products and won £250 for the Best Trade Fair Stall Award. We used this to buy a stereo for the Lower VI common room; for the first and last time no one complained about MONSTER glassware taking over the common room!

In February we decided to hold our own craft fair in order to raise profits. Although this was a good idea, and we sold tables to many other Young Enterprise companies and local craft businesses, few customers turned up on the Saturday morning, despite extensive advertising. Still the event raised about £200 for MONSTER.

At Young Enterprise reporting evening in April, MONSTER won three prizes - Best Production and Manufacturing, Best Company Report and Best Individual Achiever.

Young Enterprise has involved more hard work and been more time consuming than any of us expected. However, looking back we are proud of how much we have achieved and how much we have learnt.

*Pippa Lindsay LVI*

## news UPDATE

'Zest' have gone through to the NW Finals at Preston. Pippa Lindsay (of Monster) has reached the Finals for Best Individual Achiever. Both events take place in June.

# Out of Africa

In January 1997, after several weeks training, I found myself in Malawi (central east Africa) with Tamsin, who was to be my companion until early September. Malawi, formerly Nyasaland, is a little known country having a population of approximately 11 million. It covers 118,000 square kilometres but twenty per cent of this is occupied by the incredible Lake Malawi.

Tamsin and I were "pioneers" to Malawi and were based on Likoma Island, situated about two thirds up the lake in Mozambiquan waters. This beautiful island, only 7 by 4 km, became our home.

Likoma is sandy and rocky and the industry is dominated by fishing. The focal point is the immense St. Peter's cathedral which was built by Anglican missionaries in the late nineteenth century. Attached to the mission is the hospital which has basic facilities, dominated by the maternity "wing". There is no electricity on the island and all water comes straight from the lake so our lifestyle changed considerably. There are only three motor vehicles: an ambulance, an Army truck and a moped belonging to our neighbour!

A typical day for us began at 5.30 a.m. with a bucket bath (Lake water). School ran from 6.45 to 12.35. Food was very restricted on the island. The locals survived on nsima (maize flour stiff porridge) and fish twice a day, every day. They relied heavily on goods from the mainland which arrived twice a week on the ferry - the only link with the rest of Malawi, a five hour journey. We ate what we could get our hands on: rice, beans, bread and bananas, supplemented by the food parcels which arrived from the UK (gratefully received). We tried the specialities of dried lake flies (interesting) and goat's meat (chewy).

I shall never forget my experiences there. It taught me so much about unselfishness and generosity. The people have nothing and yet they give so much. It is extremely humbling and I know I received far more than I gave of myself. I would love to go back and as the Trust representative for Malawi, I may have the opportunity.

Thank you to The Queen's School for the Phyllis Weymouth Travel Scholarship which helped me to realise this adventure and to all those who wrote letters to me while I was away. I would recommend this to anyone without hesitation - a once in a life time experience.

*Elizabeth Pumfrey*





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## PINK

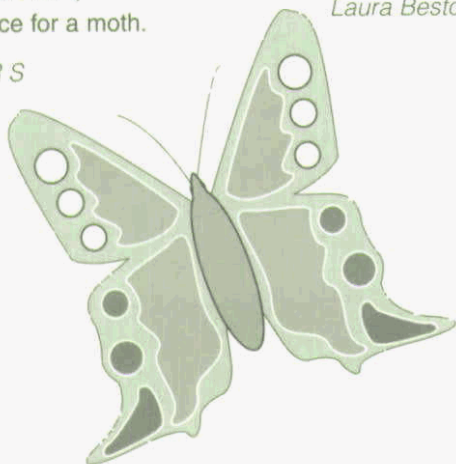
I'm trying to think  
 what's bad about pink,  
 surely there must be something  
 But all I can think  
 is good things about pink,  
 A pink sugar pig  
 and a blossoming twig,  
 Some strawberry pies  
 and a rabbit's bright eyes,  
 A woollen glove,  
 and Saint Valentine's love,  
 A satin ballet shoe  
 and a sparkling tu-tu.  
 I've thought and thought  
 and now I'm distraught,  
 I can't think of a bad thing  
 about pink!

Rosemary Croft R S

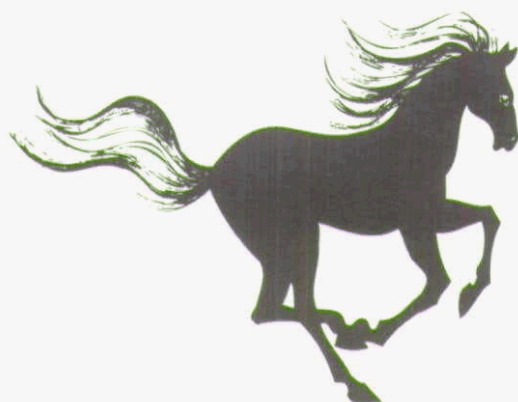
## MOTH

Moonlit wings,  
 Shaded in a yellow glow,  
 Two eyes that wink and move,  
 Two shapes and they make a buzzing  
 sound,  
 Shadows in a blackened room,  
 Twisting and turing around an indoor light,  
 Flying to a crack in the wall,  
 Avoiding the predators prowling,  
 People have left long ago,  
 The room is quiet now,  
 The perfect place for a moth.

Laura Harris R S



## TO A BLACK ARAB



Black as night, yet somehow golden,  
 Hoofbeats echo the ways you've trodden,  
 Boundless strength, confined by grace,  
 Stormy eyes in a gentle, black face.

Galloping hoofbeats in the night  
 Wings on your heels, almos flight,  
 Muscles straining, sinews stretch,  
 Thudding heartbeat, gasping breath.

O firehorse, O being of light,  
 Your beauty matches the stars so bright,  
 Streaming mane and flying hooves  
 Footsure as ever round boulders and  
 grooves.

This wonderful horse of midnight black  
 Has no rider on her back,  
 I hope that this will happen never  
 And she'll be free to run forever.

Laura Bestow RSW



## GREEN

Green is the grass  
 Flowering in the meadow,  
 Green is a grape  
 Being eaten by a mouth.

Green is an apple  
 Lovely, golden and delicious,  
 Green is a leaf  
 Wailing in the wind.

Green is a dinosaur  
 Growing from a page,  
 Green is an alien  
 Killing everyone in sight.

Green is a sick face  
 Feeling sick all day long,  
 Green is a mint  
 Being sucked till it's small.

Catriona Thomson R S



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## YELLOW

Yellow is the sun that dries out the hay  
the band of gold on your wedding day  
And bright yellow lemons.

Bananas and Custard  
Omelette and Mustard  
Dirty rotten teeth  
Old crinkly leaf  
And fluffy little chicks.

Light yellow hair  
Lollies at a fair  
Thunder and lightening fighting in the sky  
Light coloured pears ripening up high  
And bright yellow bees making lots of honey.

*Deborah Whitaker RS*

## BLUE

Blue is the sky,  
And a five pound note,  
And my friend's hair bobble,  
Of which she gloats.  
My numb toes and fingers,  
On a very cold day,  
The dolphins and whales,  
When they come out to play.  
A blueberry stain down my shirt,  
A flower, a bird and my disgusting  
school skirt!  
A blue balloon,  
Floating as high as can be,  
And when I feel sad,  
It's the colour of me.

*Jessica Chater R S*

## THE SEA

When the sea is calm, there is hardly any sound at all. Only the soft rippling of waves on the beach. When you look across the calm ocean by moonlight, it seems to be a silver pond. Now and again there is a gentle "splash" of the jumping fish. The sea is so quiet you would think it was sleeping. I do so like the peaceful sea by the light of the moon. When the sea is like a mill-pond, not bouncy nor rough, I enjoy just looking at it from the sandy beach with the gentle splashing on my feet.

But the sea has another side to it, when every wave seems like a vicious waterfall. It howls and screams like a drowning dog. It's strong enough to sink a boat. High waves splash hard on the beach, like a wasp stinging a human. The wonderfully calm blues sea has gone and the groaning, growling sea is here. White horses on every wave. The ocean eats up all the dried seaweed, near the highest point of the beach. There's no stopping a cruel storm like this. This moaning, groaning sea is dangerous, this sea that sounds like a drowning dog.

*Elizabeth Perkins R W*



## AGAIN THE SEA HAS CLAIMED THE SAND

Gently, gently,  
Silently.  
White teeth chew the edge of the sand,  
More and more,  
The water's voracious appetite grows  
Until,  
The ocean's hunger turns to anger,  
And the merciless water,  
Crashing against the cliffs,  
Makes everything in range suffer.  
So at last,  
After the dramatic exit of the day,  
Again, the sea has claimed the sand,  
For another night....

*Alex Clarke R W*





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## THE DRAGON

He trundles along like he is the only living thing for miles around.  
 His big round arms and legs, fat and heavy, hold up his enormous gut that is full with the remains of his previous lunch!  
 His long yellow claws with brown streaks curl underneath his fat toes.  
 He has small weak wings that are never used because they cannot carry his weight. They are murky green and covered in thick tough scaly skin as dry as an arid desert.  
 His lengthy far-reaching tail is sharp and spikey; it follows behind him, flicking from side to side with every tiresome step he takes.  
 The Dragon has a short elephantine face which is covered with the thick murky-green scales that cover the rest of his body.  
 When he breathes it is hot enough to turn a whole ocean into steam. His scalding, steaming, sultry, scorching, sweltering fire could burn down a whole city in just one blow.

Reah Holmes LIV S

## HOME SWEET HOME

Remember when you first arrived,  
 At the place you now call home,  
 Your sister felt deprived,  
 When time is spent with you alone.

Remember all the chocolate,  
 You got on Easter Day,  
 Remember how your sister stole it,  
 Before you went out to play.

Remember your first Christmas Day,  
 When you got all those toys,  
 You spent many hours at play,  
 Whilst making too much noise.

Remember your first birthday do,  
 More gifts for you to collect,  
 Your parents made a fuss of you,  
 More treats for you to select.

Remember when you lost your tooth,  
 You put it under your pillow,  
 The next day you found 50p,  
 Treats from the shop window.

Remember your brother got that fish,  
 Remember when it died,  
 Remember he called it "Atish",  
 And he cried and cried and cried.

Remember your Dad and D.I.Y.  
 Re-decorated the home,  
 And all the paint he had to buy,  
 Your room was a greeny tone.

Remember your sister's big date,  
 Bathroom was engaged for hours,  
 So he had a fight income rate,  
 He didn't bring any flowers.

All these memories you will treasure,  
 At the home that you grew up in,  
 So many memories you can't measure,  
 Of the home that you grew up in.

Vicki Phipps LIV R

## THE LITTLE SCARED (LSP)

The Little Scared Person sits behind the bookcase. That's where he lives at the moment. It probably won't be long before he has to move once again.

The dyed brown hair, the one blue and green eye stand out. That's the first thing I notice when I see him. He gets teased about the hair. It looks so unnatural. He has a long beard, grey with age, down to his feet. Cleaned every day, not a hair out of place.

You can't say a word to him without him being horrible to you, or not speaking to you at all and giving you a nasty glare which would be enough to scare anybody. He then scuttles back to his hole behind the bookcase, maybe not to be seen for a long time.

Ruth Cornock LIV S

## In the style of Roald Dahl: Tony Blair

Once upon a time, many years ago (the end of the 20th century), a man became the new Prime Minister of Britain. This man's name was Tony Blair.

Tony was monkey - faced (remember, monkeys are very cute) with a wide, cheesy grin. The people of that time thought he was one of the top one hundred good looking men. Tony was as shrewd as a rat but as sweet as fifty tablespoons of sugar and honey.

Before Tony was the Prime Minister he was even so, ever so energetic and enthusiastic. He was a smiling, shining, smart, super politician. Promising new things to New Britain from New Labour.

But once Tony was Prime Minister, oh dear, oh dear! New Britain wanted all the promises fulfilled; immediately. Then all of a sudden New Britain didn't like what was happening! Poor Tony started getting huge worry lines like pythons across his forehead. His hair began to thin and turn grey! He was so stressed; all because of New Britain. Poor, poor Tony!

Rujuta Roplekar LIV S



*Jenny Crich  
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# GCSE WORK

*Gemma Lee*

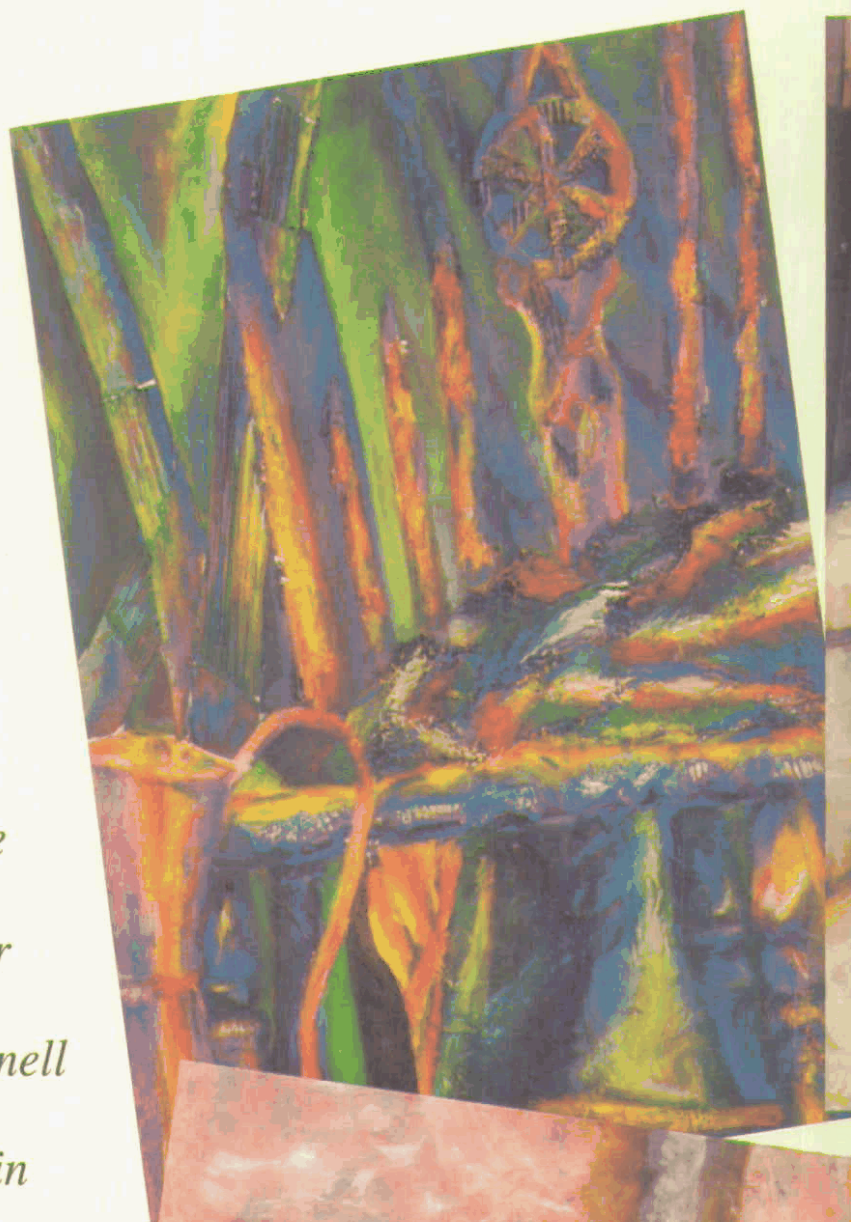
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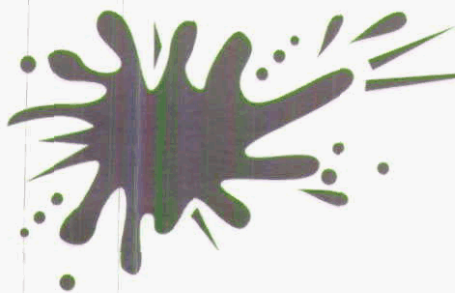






*Nazami Kanai  
& Naomi Knight*





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## **BULLY'S VICTIM** **MY FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL**

The fear of everyday life,  
It haunts you in whatever  
you do.

The fear is the worst.

Are they under your bed tonight?  
Are they round that corner,  
Waiting?

The fear is the worst.

They start on the bus in the morning,  
But the fear never leaves,  
Never.

The fear is the worst.

It gnaws away in your stomach,  
A rat gnawing a piece of bread,  
Always.

The fear is the worst.

The isolation of being alone,  
you could never tell your Mum.  
Ever.

Being alone is the worst.

*Victoria Garry LIVR*

The door slammed shut behind me, and I knew then that there was no turning back; life would never be the same again.

I could feel eye after eye boring into me, an eerie silence covered the room, breaths became fog-horns, pencils hitting the floor became giant boulders plummeting down a cliff. Shocks of every colour imaginable were sitting at desks which were obviously too high for them. Every whisper sounded like a shout in the room which apart from the moving mouths was as still as a graveyard in starlight.

An evil grin plastered on an elf was clearly visible from my positioning in the cheery room. Towers of red, yellow and green seemed to reach the sky. A never-ending line of lego models filled the window ledge separating jail from freedom.

She struck me as a jolly lady who loved to laugh. Twinkling eyes were set deep in her forehead, saucepans covered them, a stick behind each ear. Her eyes penetrated my skull and read my mind. A plump hand, beginning to wear from the years, made a gesture to the seat which had not yet been moulded by a normally lively child.

An earthquake, it had to be an earthquake, but no. When I looked down all I could see was pencils of every colour rolling on the floor and a blushing child, as red as a beetroot, bending down to pick them up.

From my hard, plastic seat I could see the whole room, from the crystal-clear beakers for the murky white liquid to be poured into, to the bright splodges of colour stuck to the wall.

Deep scars in the wall had been rubbed, but to no avail. They still remained, deep and every colour of the rainbow.

Seas of books filled five shelves in a corner of the room. Muddy shoe marks covered the once clean floor. Everyone's attention was diverted to the teacher, I had time to think to myself 'I think I will like this school' before I was asked "So Laura, can you tell me what two plus two is?".

*Laura Layfield LIVR*

## *snapdragon*

Fairies are usually well-tempered with good personalities but this one would never be a fairy godmother, ever. She was a mean, moody, monstrous fairy but she wasn't ugly. Snapdragon [that was her nickname it suited her personality] had long, blonde radiant hair that glistened in the sunlight like sunbeams bouncing off a diamond. Her eyes were like two blue oceans suspended in two big fluffy white clouds. Her complexion was blemish free and her features seemed to match her face completely and fixed together like a jigsaw puzzle.

Her clothes were completely different, all moth eaten and torn, but they definitely complimented her very feminine figure.

Snapdragon marches along in her little green pointy pixie shoes, the sole forever coming loose. Snapdragon never flutters her shimmering, shiny, silver wings, and she never, ever skips. She is always marching, storming, stomping, stampeding, never caring who or what she ploughs through. She got her nickname from her very snappy personality. Snapdragon was like a time bomb. If anybody said anything wrong to her, she'd blow!



# THE QUEEN OF BEAUTY



## Peace

This queen is a truly beautiful and marvellous woman. Her long, rich red, wavy hair, is like a wonderful river winding around a field. Her spectacular, deep green eyes are like glimmering emeralds. Her sparkling white dress glistens in the morning sun. People always compliment her saying she's spectacular, stunning, sparkling, superb, splendid or graceful, glamorous, grand, gorgeous and glorious, Never once does she let this go to her head.

With her witty, smart, yet jokey personality, she can make anyone feel special. She is a miracle worker.

*Neha Kaushik LIV S*

## MOODS of the Sea

The turquoise sea caresses the white sands,  
As the gropers glide through the coral ocean.  
Like a mother comforting a sleeping child.  
Persistent, tranquil and calm.

Distant murmurs of a whining wind,  
Churning the sea into white foam.  
Like a moody teenager about to explode.  
Darkening, brooding and menacing.

The storm unleashes its terrible power,  
Pebbles violently smash in the raging torrents.  
Like the temper rising in a grumpy old man.  
Violent, angry and fierce.

The sun peeps through the storm drenched clouds,  
Cold tentacles of slimy seaweed, strewn on the shore.

Like a repentant child after a tantrum.  
Timid, exhausted and calm.

*Chloe Southorn R W*



Sitting on the large, grey rock, the only sounds I can hear are the wildlife, the soft rustling of the trees overhead, and the splashing of the winding Welsh river. All above me, the leaves form a trail canopy, lush and green. The river flows by, frolicking daintily over protruding rocks and boulders, giving off splashes so small, they appear as a rainbow coloured mist. On the river bed, the pebbles shine silver and gold, like newly minted coins, and every so often, a minnow darts from pebble to pebble, playing an underwater game of hide and seek.

Branches from the overhead trees hang low over the water, allowing their leaves to stray back and forth in the breeze. By the side of the river, the earth is a molten brown, covered with fallen leaves in shades of ochre and chestnut. Fresh green shoots break through the leaves, and ferns grow around the trunk of trees. Where there are no green shoots piles of boulders lie semi covered with blue tinged algae and green moss. Underneath the moss the stone is a dull grey weathered and eroded from times when the river ran over it, times when the river was a seething mass of rapids and unexpected waterfalls.

Up ahead, the leaves overhead fade away, allowing sunlight to fall onto a clearing. Pink foxgloves grow here, a pleasant contrast to the vibrant greens all around. Lush grass grows here enriched by the sunlight and fertile soil. Beyond the clearing, the forest beckons, with its twittering bird song, and shafts of light breaking through the dense canopy.

*Sophie Anderson UIVI*





# running



It was a dark, sleazy night and she ran through the forgotten streets like a thunderbolt through the air. Apart from the pale street light it was hard to see. The cobbled stones underneath were hurting her feet. The rhythmic sound of the wet street underfoot soothed her and she kept going. She could feel the cold rain through her clothes and her hair clinging to her face. Wiping it away, she stumbled on some damp boxes that had been left outside one of the houses. They were full of old clothes that would, in time, rot away and be forgotten.

That didn't stop her though, and she kept running. Past the flickering lights of a back alley shop that might as well have been out of business.

She stopped for a quick rest, but there were some tramps rooting around through a dirty dustbin that were howling at her for money.

She started running again and the rhythmic water started to get faster and faster. The noise from the people died down. Soon after, she ran past a nightclub and she could feel the music pounding right through her. It was the first real noise she'd heard for a long time and she realized how much she'd missed it. The rain water then mixed with salt water but she kept running. then a smell, not like the dirty damp smell of the street, but a sweet hallucinating smell took over her whole body. The rhythmic water underfoot became two.

She stopped running.

*Eleanor Brotherhood UIVI*

## Stalked

The sea glistened; a wave of shimmers  
But black, black as ebony.  
Huge footprints walked, by planned route.  
Slowly, heavily, carefully.

Clouds covered the sky; a quilt of fluffiness  
But dark, dark as zebra's stripes. New  
Footprints speed up quickly,  
mechanically, assertively.

The pair of hearts pound  
One loud, one silent.  
The slow prints stop.  
Stealthily the quick speed up.

The moon is now covered; by the quilt  
The slow are no longer.  
A hand, cold and callow, an arm, a silent scream.  
Everything is black. Silent.

A knife, making a corpse.  
The sea glistened; a wave of rouge.

*Rachel Chater UIV I*

## Office

The boy sat down on a very uncomfortable grey chair, the middle chair in a row of three. The silence was pierced now and again with the tapping of a typewriter which was almost rhythmical. The clock ticked monotonously. Plants adorned every window-ledge and spare surface. The ceiling was composed of tiles pierced with holes in rows along each tile.

The room smelled of cheap perfume and black coffee. The perfume evidently belonged to the secretary who looked at him over her horn-rimmed spectacles. She smiled a forced smile at him. The smile had no warmth in it, however, and faded from her face like the sun in a winter dusk.

Far away doors slammed and an unsettling breeze hit the back of his neck and awoke him from his thoughts. He shivered, but afterwards he realised he had not been cold. He pulled his sleeves over his hands and blew into them. The secretary looked up sharply as if defying him to breathe. Her eyes slowly returned to her typing, the clicking of the keys resumed, punching through his head like sharp nails. A door opened to his left and the headmaster summoned him in; the boy had only been waiting for about half a minute.

*Abi Wilson UIVI*



## A DESCRIPTION

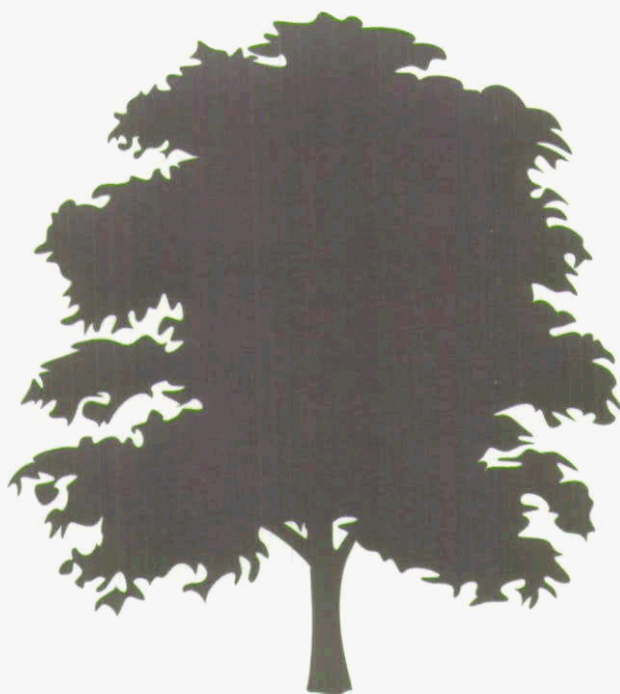
In the middle of the wood is a small wooden house. It had obviously stood there for years because of the musty green moss growing in small clumps on the roof. Some wood had fallen off the roof. The door was made of wood which had been sanded and there were still small traces of paint where the owner had brightened it up. The frame was made of half logs. Carved into the log above the door were the words

*To My Darling Alice*

The house was just made of one room. In the center of the room was a small, rickety table, covered in dust. Around the table, there were four small chairs. They were also covered in dust. On one of the chairs was a large, flat, red cushion with lace embroidery round the edges. Across the other side of the room there was an ancient fireplace with a rusty clock placed on top. The fire place looked very Victorian, with a small iron grate and tiles around the edge. Above the fireplace were some pottery figurines. One was a small shepherdess with a little sheep by her feet. The other figurine was of Mary and Jesus and that was on the other side of the clock. The old clock had a wooden casing and creamy white face with a thin sheet of glass over the top. The hands were stopped at twelve o'clock but there was no second hand.

On the opposite side of the room was a small sink and cooker. Inside the sink were three plates with a blue rim. The rusty silver tap was still dripping and the sink was overflowing. Over the sink was a small log shed with no wood inside. At one corner of the window was a large spider's web with a little spider eagerly awaiting his dinner. To the left of the sink was a small overgrown door. The small brass handle had fallen off and ivy had grown over the outside and inside as well. Above this door was a small photograph in a small wooden frame. It was a picture of the house in 1942. Standing outside the house was a young woman, in her thirties. She was wearing a loose fitting dress with small blue flowers printed onto it. Over her shoulders, she was wearing a small grey cardigan which had several patches sewn onto it. Underneath the photograph someone had written, "Alice and her dream house!"

*Clare Archibald UIVI*



## SCENE

The heavy, mahogany door creaked as she opened it. A sharp, bitter wind hit her, making her eyes water and her cheeks sting. The room was completely dark, except for the streaking moonlight filling through the wide open windows and onto the threadbare rug that covered a small portion of the unpolished floorboards. Slowly, carefully, she entered the room, wincing at each groan the boards produced under the weight of her feet. She squinted into the darkness, trying to make out the silhouettes of the furniture in the room. Standing on a table, dimly illuminated by the weak moonbeams, was a half burnt out candle. Approaching the table, she found a single match. She struck it across the leg of the worn table and the warm glow of the flame lit up the room. The flame of the candle danced in the wind, making patterns of darkness and light on the bare walls. She picked up the candle; it wavered slightly and then continued its happy dance across the room.

The branch of a tall tree standing outside scraped against the panes of the glass in the window, making weird noises. She jumped back at the sound, nearly releasing the candle from her grip. A soft clamour above her caused her to look up with wide eyes. Sparkling in the welcoming candle light and swaying in the unkind wind, stood an exquisite chandelier. Its beautiful, intricate pieces of glass shimmered like priceless diamonds and its presence gave the look of splendour. Suddenly, the room had been transformed into a graceful palace. But the image was short lived as it was destroyed when another gasp of hostile wind extinguished the candle, plunging the room into the cool intimidating darkness which she hated. The only way she knew the radiant chandelier still hung was the soft jingle of its pieces as it swung helplessly in the wind.

*Elizabeth Symes UIVI*



# GREED

Some say we are intelligent  
Don't ask me why.  
We chop down trees  
And pollute all our sky.

Some say we are good  
Don't ask me why.  
We murder, we steal, we  
rape,  
And we lie.

We all know what's wrong  
And we all know what's  
right  
And our country can put up  
a really good fight  
So why don't we stop it?  
The destruction and war  
Because there is only  
one little flaw

**GREED.**

*Sarah Roberts UIVH*

# Underwater World

Through the iridescent glimmer of the tranquil setting, a cornucopia of colour breaks through the coral pink mountain that makes up the ocean.

A shimmer of silver shoots past like a silver bullet always searching for its victim.

Underneath is a nighttime which never turns to day. This darkness can never be known to man.

Sea anemones cling to the coral, their tentacles reaching and clamouring in time with the rhythm of the tide.

Out of the small caves small, fawn-brown fish dart in and out of their carnation-pink houses.

They're always busy but no one can tell what they are always doing.

*Laura Fields UIV*

# A Darkened Room

I opened the door to reveal a darkened room. There was but a single light in the corner - a white candle flickering in the draught of the outside wind which was bitter cold and icy. I was grateful for my long camel coloured overcoat. I pulled it around me for some extra warmth.

I took my hat off and placed it on the table to my left. It was only a small table, just big enough to hold my hat. It was made of mahogany, the top surface was smooth, or it used to be smooth until a large chip was taken out of it. It was quite small - only up to my thigh - and the legs were covered in a spiral.

I walked across the room to a chair. It had a rip right across the cushion and foam was spilling out onto the red leather covering - some lay on the bare, pine-wood floor which was black with dust, except for the occasional footprint made by a man, some by mice - or rats.

The chair looked like it had faded in the light coming in from the only window in the room. It was divided in two, and then two again. One pane was cracked, another was missing, the remaining bottom two were yellow.

There was a musty smell in the air. A damp smell, like the smell of old houses that have not been lived in for decades. It was cold as well, it was making me shiver. I had goose bumps all over my body, and the hair on my neck and arms stood up which made me shiver even more.

The room was silent. There was no noise except the sound of me breathing heavily.

There was little furniture - apart from the table and chair. There was a large dining-room table - rectangular shaped, made out of pine. A few cardboard boxes were on the table, but I couldn't see what was in them because it was on the other side of the room.

The candle flickered again so I moved away from the window towards the chair. I sat down on it and waited. What for - I did not know. But the secret would soon be revealed.

*Ruth Roberts UIV*



# A MILLENNIAL RECIPE

(For a thoughtless world)



## INGREDIENTS

50 Poor Countries  
10 Rich Countries  
1000s of good ideas  
Enough food and clean water for the world  
An infinite number of happy vibes

## METHOD

Take 50 of the world's poorest countries

Sieve 10 of the richest countries, leaving behind all the selfish lumps. Discard the contents of the sieve.

Add to the 10 rich countries 1000s of good ideas to make the world a better place.

Approximately three years before the millennium, mix the two countries and the good ideas together.

Stir in enough water for everyone to drink.

Divide the mixture in two, making sure there are equal portions of money in each.

Cook for two years so the countries have time to settle.

## DECORATION

Ice with enough food for everyone.

Scatter on the top with an infinite number of happy vibes.

For best results serve on 31st December 1999, ready for the new millennium.

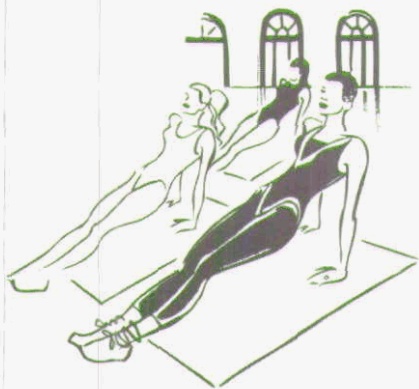
*Hannah Coulton UVB*



'Gossip' by Irina Gage, UVC



# My Kind Of Day - By A Fitness Freak



As I live alone, I do not have to consider other people, which is good as some would say that I am a very ignorant person. My alarm goes off in the morning and I head straight for my first invigorating experience of the day: a cold shower. This really gets the blood pumping, wakes me up and is one of my secrets to young looking skin. When I enter the kitchen I open all the windows and just let the fresh air flow into my lungs. I then fill my designer bowl with Kellogg's Special K with either bananas or strawberries, depending on the time of year and then pour over ice cold semi-skimmed milk. (Only semi-skimmed milk will do as the others are too fattening and skimmed milk has no flavour, and I believe that flavour is an all important factor of a healthy diet.) I depend on a balanced diet to keep me healthy and the sight of a Big Mac makes my stomach turn. My only naughty eating habit is chocolate and so I only allow myself to have one bar every month. I have never smoked as I think it is a revolting and unnecessary habit and I couldn't bear my lungs to be filled with the gunk that they put in those things.

After my breakfast I then go for a run along the sea front. I do love the fresh sea air filling my lungs and the feeling of healthy, oxygenated blood pumping around my strong, yet not too muscular body. I love my own company as it gives me time to think and I never meet anyone on my early morning jogs. I relieve any build up of everyday stress with a short sprint during my run. I find this extremely satisfying and when I return to my small sea-facing apartment I feel completely relaxed. I get back to the house at seven a.m - when I have another shower and a

piece of brown, wholemeal toast with a low fat spread and a cup of camomile tea.

At nine o'clock I go to get my hair done. I try to gain that sporty, yet stunningly sophisticated and beautiful look, and Melissa, my hairdresser, does it extremely well. Then at ten I am driven by Norman, my chauffeur, to my job. I am an aerobics instructor on Sky One. You have probably seen me on the television, that is if you have Sky. Some of the people they get on as background are just appalling. They either don't have the right face, or are too fat, too thin, or just completely uncoordinated. I tell you, the ones on steroids look awful. I think that is an



unnecessary and unfair way to get fit. They may strengthen your muscles, but they don't help your co-ordination. You just wouldn't believe some

of the junkies they get on.

I love my job as I get a kick out of people watching, approving, and most of all admiring what I do. I like to think of all the people in their living rooms copying me, thinking how they would love to have my body. I am fully in control of them. They follow my every word. If I say jump they jump; I just adore the attention and the control I have.

I leave work at about twelve to half past and I have light lunch of crackers and cheese with salad and a glass of mineral water. I then sit down and watch one of my aerobic videos. People say that I am vain, but I am actually quite critical of my work and I always think I could do better.

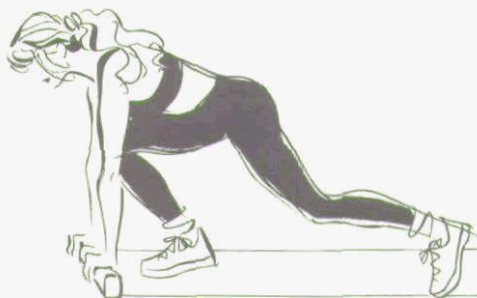
At three o'clock Jane comes around to do my nails and then at five o'clock I go to Hamilton's, my leisure club. I'm an honorary member there and I have done several publicity deals with them.

Lovely people there, though some are a bit common. At Hamilton's I do a half-hour work out in the gym, then go for a swim and sauna. After I am finished there I travel with Norman to a friend's house, Amber, who gives me a lovely massage. She has a diploma in aromatherapy and she then does my make-up. ( She is also a beautician.)

Norman then drives me home and I have my evening meal at about seven o'clock. I then watch television for an hour and then I have a long, hot bath in some oils that Amber gave me while reading a novel. At the moment I am reading "The Way The Wind Blows." It is very good, a little too American, but I like to escape from the normal hubbub of British life. When lying in bed, I listen to a Mozart concerto before I go to sleep. I like to go to sleep with the sound of the Clarinet Concerto humming in my brain and after a glass of milk I drift off into the land of utopia.

That's My Kind Of Day.

Emily Jones UV





# PARADISE REGAINED

*In the style of Alexander Pope*

A queen she stood, whilst musing on her fate,  
Her weary thoughts reveal'd her inmost state,  
If left unconquered, surely an offence-  
Yet was it of such mighty consequence?  
Could she forego what many men do fear?  
But no, a conscience sounds to all who hear.  
Her dark eyes fix'd, as she surveyed the scene,  
Despairing face no longer was serene.  
In tasks so vast, she saw no other way,  
Than to remain at toil throughout the day.  
Her furrow'd brow was veil'd in cloth of gold,  
Her hair scraped back into a shining mould.  
And now, a patterned square hung 'round her waist,  
Transform'd, she starts her chore, still sullen-faced.  
Behold, her mop and dusting brush she wields,  
To fight in vain what wild disorder shields.  
The turmoil of discarded socks and shoes-  
The things which one is often prone to lose!  
They lay in heaps, all muddled in a squall,  
Her aim to match and roll into a ball.  
Thus far the troops had yielded to her cause,  
Her power combin'd results at last in-pause.  
Th'offending captives hanging side by side,  
Their freedom and their liberty denied.  
Defeated armies now imprisoned in  
the drawers, did fear the solemn life within.  
Whilst conquests swung, impaled upon a hook-  
Locked up inside a dungeon, life forsook.  
The trenches now where clear'd, the grime reveal'd,  
Sudden, a desp'rate thought of Tea appeal'd.  
But trust the steely mind, she grabbed her broom-  
To drive the cobwebs from the dusty room.  
No book was left upturned, no surface safe.  
From soapy suds; she found a stranded waif,  
A dirty cup amid the cluttered land-  
What more could this maiden still withstand?  
Then cease, O Queen, observe the sparkling scene-  
The crisp, white sheet; the silver vase a gleam,  
No sprinkled dust, or greasy smears in view,  
Instead, the chamber filled with golden hue.  
The fragrant air, she breathed without a care,  
The putrid fumes had left it in despair!  
A look of satisfaction crossed her eyes  
At last, her cruelest fate was all but sighs.  
Th'achievement was so great, that she could boast  
And raise her cup of nectar in a toast.  
Say what had seemed unconquerable this morn,  
Had ended with the Dust and Grime forlorn.  
Twas she, who bore the task to clean her room,  
And now, her idle life she could resume!

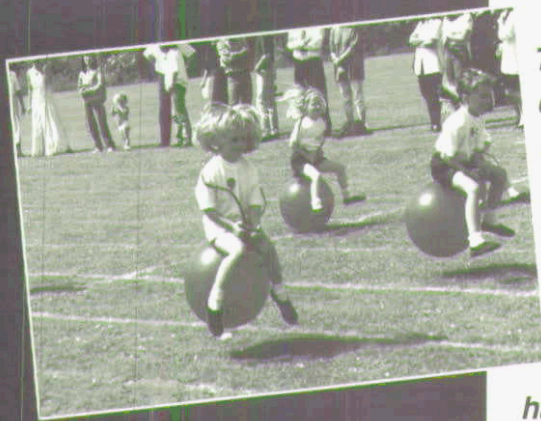
*Laura Brocklehurst UVI*



*'Grandad's portrait' by Sarah Lister, UVB*



# Sandford House News



*The last year has seen some changes at Sandford House. At the end of the Summer Term, we said farewell to our last set of boys. We were very pleased that all had passed the entrance exam to The King's School, but our happiness was inevitably tinged with some sadness. The boys told us about their feelings in a poem, which they performed for us!*

## BOYS' FAREWELL

Sandford House - oh dear, oh dear  
What have you done this very year?  
Made a decision that boys must go  
We think that you will miss us so.

We run around and yell and shout  
Just look at us - our shirts hang out,  
Our ties are wrong, our laces undone  
But that's all part of having fun.

Football fly around your ears  
You've had this now for years and years  
Scabby knees from when we fall  
Sorting us out when we fight and brawl.

We have a lot of good points though  
We CAN be good, as you well know.  
We try our best, we don't often moan  
Let's hope it continues 'til we're fully grown.

We've all been happy, had lots of fun  
But know our time at Queen's is done.  
We've had our ups, we've had our downs  
But still we give you smiles not frowns.

We thank you now with all our hearts  
For giving us a brilliant start.  
We're off to King's and we will do  
Our very best for all of you.



We also said farewell to two members of staff this year. Mrs Hudson took early retirement and is hoping to move further into North Wales. She first joined us in 1991 and during her time here has taught both Class 2 and Class 1. We have appreciated all her hard work and the contribution she has made to the school and we wish her a very happy future.

We were very pleased that Mrs Arkley agreed to take over Class 1 and in January Mrs Heron joined us as a part-time general subjects teacher.

In May, Sarah Breeze our Classroom Assistant took maternity leave and we were very happy to hear of the subsequent arrival of Ashley. Tina Poole joined us in Sarah's absence and we were very grateful for the valuable help she gave us.

Our 1997 Summer Term was filled with activity. In the early part of the term we were treated to two Class Assemblies. Class 3 talked about what they would like to do when they are grown up and Class 4's theme was 'Conservation'. In April we were also invited to join Nedham House for a 'Victorian Day' and we were entertained by a group of actors who gave us a wonderful Music Hall Show.

In June, Classes 3 and 4 visited Erddig where they dressed up and spent the day discussing what life would have been like for a Victorian servant. The children were kept very busy baking, washing and cleaning and they were later allowed to take their bread back to school!

## the preparatory department

at Sandford House

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**Miss R. R. Morgan B.A.**  
**(Hons.) Wales, P.G.C.E.**

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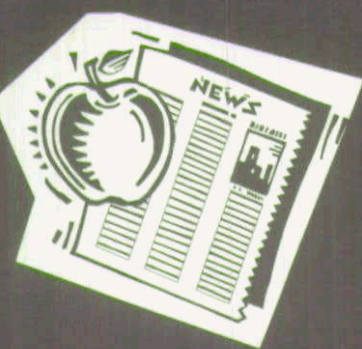
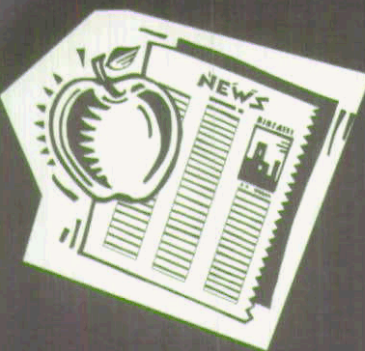
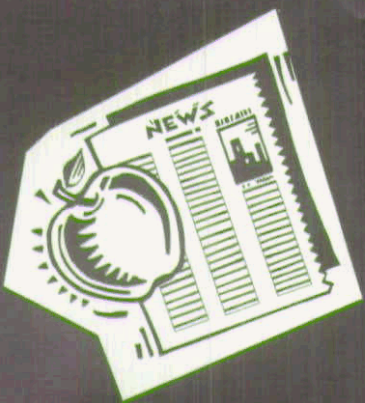
From Jan 1998 - Mrs. D.G. Heron  
B.Ed., St. Katharines College,  
Liverpool

F. Charters, Caretaker

P. Lilley, Caretaker



# Sandford House News



Classes 1 and 2 went to Tatton Park for their trip. Their day involved a visit to a farm, a trailer ride and pond dipping. There was even time to visit the adventure playground before climbing wearily into the bus for the trip home.

Later on in the month, the Parents' Association organised another Garden Party. Unfortunately it turned out to be rather a damp day, but undaunted, the stalls were set up in the hall and a very enjoyable day was had by all. We do appreciate all the hard work that the parents put into the event and we were thrilled to be able to buy an electronic keyboard and stand with the proceeds.

Throughout the year we had several fundraising events for The Millennium Appeal. Tea towels and placemats were designed and sold by the children and half the proceeds of our annual 'Sponsored Swim' went to the Appeal. The staff also joined in and either took part in a sponsored swim or bicycle ride, much to the amusement and excitement of the children.

After a very enjoyable Sports Day, when thankfully the weather stayed fine, our attention turned to our last major event of the term, our Summer Play. This year we performed a musical version of 'Cinderella'. Class 3 provided the choir and Class 4 girls joined by the boys, did the acting. It was a most enjoyable performance and I think that we will all remember the dance performed in the ballroom scene!

At the beginning of the Autumn Term we were greeted by lots of small, excited faces as our new four-year-old intake arrived for their first day of school. They settled in very quickly and only a few weeks later they were all taking part in our Harvest Service. As ever, the parents were very generous with their donations of harvest baskets which were later distributed to elderly people and charity organisations in the area. We are very grateful to all those parents who gave up their time to deliver the gifts.

The parents were once more providing valuable help for our Autumn Market. Sandford House always organises the toy stall and a great deal of time and effort goes into the sorting, pricing and manning the stall on the day. We really could not manage all this without the extra help and we do thank everyone who played a part.

The New Year did not begin happily for us. Unfortunately Mrs Thomas slipped a disc over the holidays and was unable to be in school for the first half of the term. We were therefore very grateful to our new teacher Mrs Heron, who stepped into the breach and took charge of Class 3.

In the first week of term, the whole school went to the Gateway Theatre to see a production of 'George's Marvellous Medicine'. It was a wonderful performance and greatly enjoyed by the children. It also provided us with lots of inspiration for creative art and craft work.

As the term progressed, we began to prepare for our Open Day. Everyone worked very hard to produce bright, colourful displays for our walls and outside many of the spring bulbs, donated by parents, began to bloom in the gardens. Thankfully, the road closure and roadworks outside the school, did not deter people from attending and we had a very busy and successful day.

In February, Class 4 invited their parents to attend their assembly. They took 'Our Senses' as a theme and we all enjoyed their version of the story of 'The Blind Men and the Elephant'.

We finished our term with an Easter Service. Class 4 narrated and acted out the Easter Story while the other classes looked at different aspects of spring through pictures, poems and songs.

*Our charity fundraising continued throughout the year. A total of £2,112 was raised and the following donations were given:-*

Asthma Research	£ 800
The Millennium Appeal	£ 500
The Romanian Orphanages	£ 137
Hope House	£ 100
Christian Aid	£ 100
Oxfam	£ 100
NSPCC	£ 100
The Hospice of the Good Shepherd	£ 75
The Leprosy Mission	£ 75
Cystic Fibrosis	£ 75
PDSA	£ 20
Childline	£ 20
Dr Barnardos	£ 20

*R. R. Morgan*



# CREATIVE

# writing



Imogen Kaye  
Age 5, Class 1

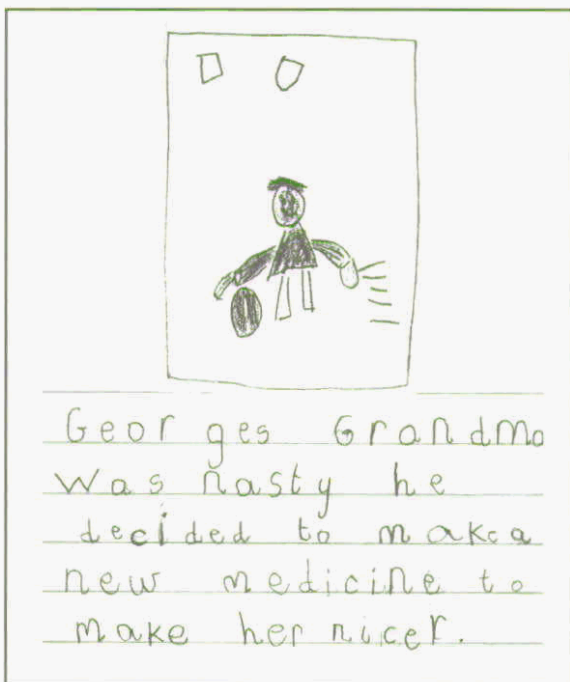


At the Easter service  
I played a triangle and  
Alicia had indian bells.

Amy Clark  
Age 4, Class 1



We got Some milk egg  
and flour we stirred  
the mixture we got a  
ladle we put a Spoon ful  
in the hot pan.



Georges Grandma  
was nasty he  
decided to make a  
new medicine to  
make her nicer.

Eliza Hamer  
Age 4, Class 1

## Gifts to Sandford House

### Globe and a Gato Drum – Class 3 Boys

Simon Bate	Edward Brunning	Max Mackay
Thomas Maskrey	Daniel Meacock	Alexander White
Tom Wootton		

### A large selection of books for the library – Class 4 Girls

Lucy Campbell-Woodward	Hannah Clark	Victoria Clarke
Megan Dhital	Elizabeth Gleek	Claire Haddad
Lucy Harris	Abbie Jefferson	Philippa Johnstone
Sangeeta Kakati	Rosie Leech	Sarah Leyland
Kate McGeorge	Emma Menkin	Charlotte Oakes
Rebecca Rankin	Stephanie Richardson	Rakshita Roplekar
Laura Whitely	Georgia Whiteoak	Lucy Woodside
Emily Wootton		

Mrs Bate	Needlepoint Picture
Charlotte Oakes	'Animal Stories' by Dick King Smith
Katrina Griffin	A selection of books and a cheque
Mrs B. Hudson	A Play Kitchen for the Wendy House
Miss T. Poole	A video and a Christmas teddy

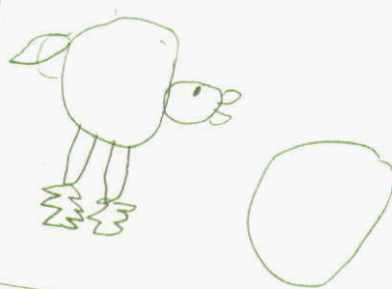


# Sandford CREATIVE



Elena McLoughlin  
Age 6, Class 2

Isabel Pennock  
Age 5, Class 1



The big hen laid a giant  
egg dad wanted George to  
make more medicine

## Sizzling Sausages



Tabitha Ward  
Age 6, Class 2



Sara-Lou Roberts  
Age 4, Class 1



Hannah Williams  
Age 6, Class 2



# A Zoo In My Bedroom



In Jennifer's bedroom there were:  
Eight ants in a jam jar,  
Seven mice eating cornflakes,  
Six kittens playing on the bed,  
Five puppies playing with the kittens.  
What shall we do?  
What shall we do?  
Jennifer's bedroom  
Has turned into a zoo!

Four monkeys taking tissues out of the box,  
Three lions roaring in the corner,  
Two deer running round the room,  
One giraffe sticking his head out of  
the window.

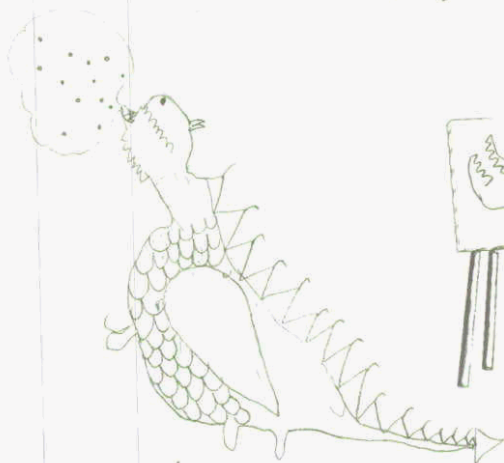
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**Jennifer Hardy**  
Class Three Age 6



## If I were an artist..

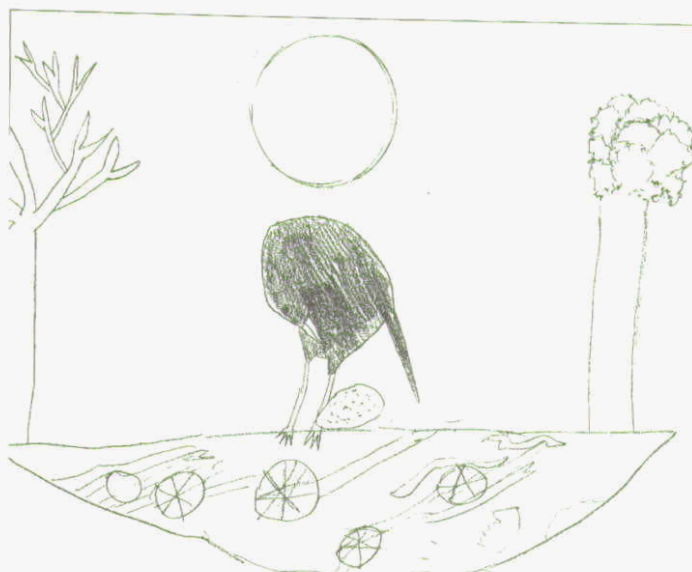
If I were an artist, I'd make a portrait of a dragon.  
for its scales, green glittery oak leaves.  
for its body, bright red feathers from a phoenix  
for its head, shining green emeralds that sparkle  
for its tail, green glittery mints from a sweets box  
for its eyes, bright blue sparkling sapphires.  
for its teeth, Jewellery, white wonderful pearls from the sea  
for its breath, golden orange glitter jewels  
Wouldn't that be a splendid dragon!



**Sophie Wilkinson**  
Class Three Age 6

What's in the black bird's nest?

One piece of knotty string hanging out of the nest,  
Two bits of green moss on one side of the nest,  
Three scrunched up tissue balls between the woven string,  
Four woven bits of wood where the bird will sit,  
Five green ribbons from a kind girl called Tabatha,  
Six twigs woven on the right-hand side  
What a cosy place for the baby chicks to hatch.



**Emily Brotherhood**  
Class Three Age 6



## Friends

A friend is someone who cares about you, plays with you, makes you laugh, helps you get up when you fall over, shares toys with you and comes to your house. My friend is my little brother Ben. He plays with me and I miss him when I go to school.

**Hannah Phillips**  
Class 2 Age 6



# Sandford





If I could write to Florence  
Nightingale this is what I  
would say...

Class Three,  
Sandford House,  
Liverpool Road,  
Chester,  
CH2 1AW.

Dear Florence,

I am glad to say that hospitals have changed a lot since  
you were a nurse. Guess what Florence, my mum's a  
physiotherapist. In case you don't know what that is, it's  
a sort of nurse that helps people do exercises. I think  
you were very brave to go to a rat-infested hospital.

You are very famous now!

Actually you have been famous for a long time really.

There are lots of doctors and nurses now and not so many diseases. Now there are  
special children's hospitals.

Yours Sincerely

Frances Simpson

## Hopper Hunts for Spring

Wake up, said Hoppers mama. The  
snow is melting and Spring is  
coming. Good, said Hopper,  
someone new to play with. His  
mother tried to explain that Spring  
isn't a person, but Hopper was  
already hopping away. He found a  
hole in a heap of earth. Hello, is  
anyone at home? Hopper squeezed  
through the hole and bumped into  
something soft. Hello said Hopper,  
you must be Spring. Me, Spring? No  
I'm a mole. What are you doing  
here? I'm looking for Spring, said  
Hopper. Try that cave over there  
said the mole. Hopper found the  
cave, he peeped in. Inside he saw a  
big brown thing. Hello Spring said  
Hopper, Why do you sleep here? I'm  
not Spring said the bear, I sleep here  
in winter until the spring comes. My  
mama said Spring is coming today  
said hopper, I'm trying to find him.  
The bear went to the edge of the

cave and sniffed the air. You're right  
said the bear and I think the smell is  
coming from that tree. The bear  
climbed up the tree. He put his paw  
in the hole of the tree. Yum, honey,  
said the bear, time for breakfast  
after my long sleep. I'm not looking  
for spring anymore said Hopper as  
he licked the bears paw with honey  
on it. The bear told Hopper he  
would take him home. I need to  
stretch my legs after my long winter  
sleep. Hoppers mama was very  
worried. Mama I didn't find spring  
said Hopper. Spring isn't a person  
said his mama, it's just the time of  
year when the crops come up. Oh,  
said Hopper disappointed. Don't be  
sad said his mama, you did find a  
friend and they waved bye bye to the  
bear. Come back soon said Hopper  
and we can play together all  
through Spring.



by Ffion MacDonald  
Age 8, Class 4



## George's Marvellous Medicine

On January 8th we went to see 'George's  
Marvellous Medicine' at the Gateway Theatre.  
When we arrived we sat down and listened to  
some music. Then the curtain was raised and I  
could see we were looking at a farm house. There  
was a bathroom with a pig in it, a bed with a dog  
in it, the main room with George in it and a sitting  
room with Grandma in it. You could also see a bit  
of the farm. There were some chickens, a cow  
and a pond.

The story began, George's parents were going  
shopping and he was reminded to give his  
Grandma her medicine at 11 o'clock. Because  
Grandma was so demanding, George decided to  
make her a 'Marvellous Medicine'. So he went  
around the house collecting things to put into the  
saucepan, like facecream, lipstick, birdseed and  
gin, (Grandma's favourite!).

At 11 o'clock on the dot, George came in with his  
medicine and gave it to Grandma and she grew as  
tall as the house and stopped! Then he gave the  
chicken a dose and it grew really tall.

Later his parents came home. His mother fainted  
when she saw Grandma, but his father was really  
pleased. There was only enough medicine for one  
more animal so the father gave it to his prize bull.  
They tried to make more medicine, but it didn't  
work properly. First it made the chickens grow a  
long neck or legs, then it made one shrink. They  
gave the rest of the shrinking medicine to  
Grandma. She got smaller and smaller and then  
disappeared! The mother wasn't that happy but  
the rest of them were. My best bit was when the  
chicken got really big. I thought the actors and  
costumes were excellent. I really enjoyed it!

Emma Corcoran Age 8, Class 4

## Once Upon a Wish...

I wish I could draw really well so that when I'm older  
I can be a famous artist.

I wish I could fly so that I could swoop down and  
save people.

I wish I could have an older sister so that she  
would stand up for me.

I wish that I could do my sums really fast and get  
them all right.

I wish that Bess my dog wouldn't bite so much  
because it really hurts.

I wish that I could speak to the animals so that I  
can tell them when danger is coming.

I wish that I could go back in time to Egypt and  
find out more about the pharaohs.

I wish I was magic so that I could scare people  
by turning the lights on and off.

Sally Meekins , Class 4, Age 8



# Nedham House

## Golden Jubilee Week

### MONDAY

As girls arrived, many brought with them their flower arrangements for our competition. By 9 o'clock the school looked beautiful and, walking down the covered way, one could smell the scent of many different blooms. When they went into their form rooms, the girls put on their own 'gold' rose buttonhole, made the previous week. Before assembly, Mrs Phillipson arrived to judge the competition and we left her to make some difficult decisions. By mid-morning break the decision were made, but were being kept secret until later on that day.

In the afternoon, the press arrived to take photographs of our netball team. They had recently won the Hammond Netball Tournament and were able to display the trophy with pride. We also had photographs taken of our Golden Jubilee Birthday Cake. This was made for us by Vicky Howarth, daughter of Mrs James. Shortly after this, the whole school gathered in the front room for the cutting of the cake. We had some guests with us; Mrs Payne, Miss Skilbeck and Mrs Green. All the staff were there, including Mr Lilley and Mr Charters. There was a rousing chorus of "Happy Birthday to Us" and the cake had its first incision to a round- of applause and a great cheer. While Miss Dewhurst and Miss Paice cut up the cake, Mrs Meredith announced the winners of the Flower Competition.

With our birthday cake, we also had some fruit punch made for us by Miss Reynolds. This really made a difference to the occasion. The girls thoroughly enjoyed their cake and punch, a perfect start to an enjoyable week.

### TUESDAY

Tuesday was our "day on display". We had invited many guests to join us for a "Celebration Assembly" held by Form Three. During the assembly they invited Miss Chowen and Mrs Brady to join them on the platform. Answering a series of questions, they described many aspects of their years in Nedham House. We were pleased to have some audience participation, including Mrs Barrow, whose father was Francis Brown, the architect of the Phyllis Brown Wing.

After the Celebration Assembly, the hall became a display of archive material ranging from old summer dresses to photograph albums. There was literature from the years gone by, including Nedham House extracts from "Have Mynde". The Bayeux Tapestry needlework cushions were greatly admired by present pupils. The old school registers proved great fascination for past and present pupils.

For the rest of the day, Form Three became guides for visitors, showing them around the house and listening attentively to their reminiscences; swinging on the pipes in the cellars seems to have been an occupation that every girl has undertaken from 1948 onwards! After 3.30 pm we were pleased to welcome many girls from the Senior School who took the time to call in and have a look around. My thanks go to Form Three for their sterling work on this day.

### Golden Jubilee Feb 2nd 1998 The Cake Cutting Ceremony



Harps & Wings & Things  
Dec 1998 Form 1



The Hammond Cup  
U11 Team, Jan 1998

### the junior department

at Nedham House

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# Nedham House

## Golden Jubilee Week

### THURSDAY

In the morning we were able to welcome Miss Whitnall, who took some time to show slides of the school as it had appeared in the 1970s. The girls were fascinated by the idea that Friday afternoons used to be the time for "Activities"; one of the few times when girls longed for the "good old days". Girls saw examples of the fabric-printing that seemed to be very popular in days gone by. The grounds seemed to have changed so much in a few years, that we are grateful to have a visual record of these changes.

### FRIDAY

This was very much the girls' day. We began with a Form Three assembly and then moved swiftly on to the Inter House Swimming Gala. This was a very exciting affair. The noise level was quite indicative of the excitement and there were times when members of staff felt buzzing in their ears. It was wonderful to see every girl in the school taking part and contributing to the final totals. The victorious House Team was Merlins, but every house had given an excellent performance.



After the Swimming Gala, we were very fortunate to have a visit from Sarnia Scott, a past pupil. Sarnia is now a professional musician (oboist) and she agreed to give an impromptu performance and demonstration. Her manner was so relaxing, informative and educational, it felt as if an oasis of calm had just descended! She performed a number of pieces including the second movement of Marcello's Oboe Concerto in D Minor, a beautiful and evocative piece that should be listened to at regular intervals in a school term!

Form Three had to leave early to lay the tables for our special lunch. We were delighted to have a number of visitors who could share this occasion. Miss Macaulay and her team produced a delightful lunch that was enjoyed by everybody. Miss Dewhurst thanked all the staff who had worked so hard during this stimulating week.

After lunch we were all set for our birthday concert. The girls performed a complete range of entertainments from Rugrats to an Indian dance, from instrumental soloists to pop groups, from weathermen to poetry, and from quiz shows to puppet shows. A wonderful time was had by all. At 3.30 pm the girls, and staff, staggered to the door, saying farewell to an interesting and entertaining week.



*On Friday 6th February we were very pleased to attend a variety show staged by Nedham House girls. After a week of being on their best behaviour the afternoon was an enjoyable change for the girls. Each member of the school took part and the standard of the performances were very high. The acts were very varied and included musicians, puppeteers, sketches, poetry readings and dancers. We were particularly impressed by a traditional Indian dance and an amusing interpretation of "Albert and the Lion". We would like to congratulate Nedham House for such an enjoyable afternoon and say thank you for allowing us to attend.*

Emily Gibson and Elizabeth Elliott LVI

## Nedham House Golden Jubilee 1948-1998

Golden Jubilee was celebrated in Nedham House.

Oboe concert, Swimming Gala too.

Lots of flower arrangements adorning the school.

Delicious birthday cake and special lunch.

Exhibition of old artefacts from the past.

Nedham House was fifty this February.

Jumping around in the Swimming Gala.

Unexpected visitors came to visit on open day.

Barnardos received our donations.

I liked the slide show, it was so good and all about

Long ago in Queen's School.

Entertainment was the climax of our Jubilee.

Everyone enjoyed this week.

Judith Butcher Form 2

Golden Jubilee

On Monday we cut the cake.

Lovely assembly on Tuesday followed by an Open Day.

Divine rest on Wednesday.

Exhilarating slide show on Thursday.

Now on Friday we had Inter House swimming, our jubilee lunch and concert.

Another jubilee

No more than twenty-five years on.

Development and changes have taken place since.

Emerald Jubilee

Monday the dry-skiing slope building started.

Every minute of Tuesday was fun.

Rather me than you on Wednesday when we cut the cake.

An excellent day on Thursday, we played all day.

Lovely on Friday as we had our first skiing lesson.

Divine week, although busy I enjoyed it all!

Elsbeth Fergusson Form 3



This year saw the start of our Golden Jubilee celebrations. Fifty years ago, Nedham House was opened, thanks to the foresight, inspiration and generosity of past colleagues and benefactors. Such an important anniversary needed careful thought and planning. In April 1997, staff at Nedham House were already starting to plan how this event might be recognised.

Four weeks into term, the whole of the Lower School were entertained by the Victorian Theatre Company. This group of travelling players and musicians entertained Nedham House and Sandford House to an 'Old Time Music Hall' production. There was a great deal of audience participation and both children and staff enjoyed themselves. Miss Morgan might have a slightly different view; she was volunteered to participate in the knife throwing display.

As the cathedral was being repaired and investigated, our Commemoration Service was held at Nedham House. Form One put on a short playlet. Two time-travellers 'visited' the senior school in its early years and found out some very interesting and entertaining information. Miss Paice had uncovered a range of summer dresses that had been worn in past years and some Form One models displayed them during the service. Mrs Bernie very kindly agreed to be a visiting speaker and she entertained us all with information and anecdotes about her life at Senior School. She taught us how the length of the summer dress was determined in her days and how there were times when girls had the privilege of making lunch for the staff!

Other visitors to the school included a small swarm of wild honey bees who decided to look for a home in the school grounds. Whilst they were an interesting ecological asset to the school, they eventually had to be moved on for safety reasons. These bees are a protected species and were not exterminated.

The first school trip of our Summer Term dawned wet. Form One went to visit Tatton Park for a Victorian Day and the weather was not particularly kind to them. However, they had all dressed in Victorian costumes and had an enjoyable and interesting time, fortunately avoiding a soaking.

Form Three took the National Curriculum SATs in May and produced good results. This year saw the introduction and piloting of a mental arithmetic test. In order to ensure a standardised presentation, the Assessment Board sent a sound tape of the questions, spoken by a lady with BBC pronunciation. Both Form Three and Miss Dewhurst found parts of it dangerously amusing but all went well and there were no hiccoughs.

Form Two went to the Grosvenor Museum in the same week. They went to participate in a Tudor Workshop session, during which they studied artefacts, tried on costumes and used quill pens. Afterwards they visited the Georgian House.

At the end of May Form Three went to Tatton Park to 'Dig for Victory' with various interesting characters from the farm including 'Aunt Mary', who actually lived in Tatton many years ago. Taking the pig to the field gave the girls a great time, and we all enjoyed sitting in a shelter singing war-time songs and eating potato cakes made by Aunt Mary. A few days later, a

few members of Form Three took part in an Evacuee Night. Chloe Southorn entered into the spirit of the occasion by dressing in authentic costume before being whisked away for a night in a strange house.

In the latter part of the Summer Term, Nedham House held its Summer Concert. Each Form had the chance to perform its own section. Form One sang, unaccompanied, a range of African songs that created a very atmospheric mood. Form Two performed a range of compositions they had produced based on the rainforest. Form Three entertained with a short musical based on different aspects of the Roman Empire.

Form Two went to Chirk Castle for a Tudor visit. The girls looked beautiful and had clearly taken a great deal of trouble to dress in appropriate costume. When in Chirk, they were actively involved in The Young National Trust Theatre's Production of 'The Crown Hereafter'. The story, set in 1601, debated Queen Elizabeth I's achievements during her reign. The girls adopted the roles of members of a large Tudor household and explored some of the major issues from the perspective of characters that lived at that time, taken by the YNTT cast.

Our Sports Day was fated. Twice cancelled due to poor weather, we finally managed to stage it on the last Monday of term without parents. The weather was glorious for this particular occasion and we were able to witness some splendid performances from all ages.

As well as Sports Day having weather problems, the Garden Party weather was not terribly good. Most of the stalls managed to be put up in Nedham House, using the Hall, Art Room and Dining Room. The Lower School Stalls did very well and our thanks go to all the form representatives who worked so hard to finalise arrangements. Nedham House Stalls raised \_\_\_\_\_ towards the final total. My thanks also go to Miss Paice who helped so much with the Maypole Dancing. Our audience was a cosy distance away, but was most appreciative of our two teams' efforts.

Our new Form One Fun Afternoon went well. Once again, we were confined indoors. Form Three had some very inventive games that were enjoyed by all. The variety of games was good, and meant that girls could use their brains as well as their physical and creative talents.

The start of the new academic year saw a new venture. Form Three attended an activity weekend at Borreaton Park in Shropshire. This was an organised PGL weekend that allowed the girls to try quad-biking, abseiling, swimming, pony trekking and canoeing. Our accommodation was a large manor house that could house up to 200 pupils and staff. Mr Tottey and Miss Dewhurst's husband came along. The girls all learnt a great deal about how much they could achieve and what satisfaction could be gained from such a weekend.

Due to a slowly falling demand, a decision was made to limit the Nedham House Afternoon Teas to one a year at the start of the Winter Term. This will still allow new parents the opportunity of meeting up with present parents and staff on an informal level.

The Curriculum Presentation Evening went well, as did all the forms' Richmond Tests before half term.

During our Harvest Festival in October, Form Two performed the play 'A Cargo of Wheat', using the length of the hall as the setting for their maritime tale. All actresses spoke clearly and gave excellent performances. Form Three performed three Autumn poems spoken in groups. Form One directed our prayers with care and thoughtfulness.

In November, Miss Paice organised a very successful Book Fair in conjunction with Bookland Bookshop. Over two days, both girls and parents had a chance to buy from a wide selection of books. Once again, the school was able to benefit by receiving a large écomissioni in extra books for the school and class libraries.

Mrs Coxhead came to visit us in November, and gave a very successful talk to the girls about the methods of avoiding head lice. We were able to learn many interesting facts about the life cycle of a humble head louse, and how such information can help us control their infestation.

Also in November, we repeated our two minute silence, in observation of Armistice Day. The girls had the opportunity to celebrate and participate in the Children in Need Appeal during an Own Clothes Day. We were without Mrs Tottey for two weeks at the end of the term, as she went into hospital for a knee operation. We were all very glad to see her back before the end of term, much recovered but still recuperating.

Christmas at Nedham House was a very festive occasion as usual. The school looked beautiful with art work and other displays. Mrs Lindop and Mrs Meredith, ably assisted by Mrs Wilford, Emma Menkin's grandmother produced the scenery for the Christmas Production. Form One performed the play 'Harps and Wings and Things' on two occasions, with two different sets of leading roles. These two 'teams' produced a very entertaining show that was thoroughly enjoyed by all our visitors. Later in the week, the girls enjoyed an own clothes day with Christmas Lunch, beautifully created by Miss Macaulay and her team. We were delighted to have so many visitors to join us. Our lunch was followed by games in the hall.

Once again, the Nedham House choir were able to perform in the Carol Concert. Miss Jones and the choir prepared two pieces; a Welsh carol based on the story of Herod's persecution and, on a lighter note, an English Christmas song, reminding us of the joys this festive season brings.

The start of 1998 saw the preparation for our Golden Jubilee celebrations. With only a few weeks to go before the start of our special week, both staff and girls were fairly busy. Miss Paice kindly organised the making of Golden Roses. In lessons, girls made their own button hole under the guidance of Miss Paice using artificial flowers and foliage. Form Three and Two also made many extras for staff and other visitors. These button holes looked beautiful on the girls' maroon jumpers.



Soon after the start of the term, on the 13th January, the whole school went to see a production of 'Joseph and his Amazing Technicoloured Dreamcoat' at the Empire Theatre in Liverpool. The production was excellent and was thoroughly enjoyed by both staff and girls. The music inspired us to join in singing the well known songs and it was difficult not to want to join the actors on stage!

A group of Swedish Students visited Nedham House during two days in January. They observed lessons and took part in certain activities. Some even helped the girls make their Golden Roses.

Amongst the preparations for the Jubilee Week, Form Three took their Entrance Examination on Saturday 24th January. My congratulations to them all for subsequently having been offered places in The Queen's School Senior School.

The Monday after their Entrance Examination was 'Spring Clean' day. They all came to school in 'grubby' own clothes and set to work to clean in places that had not been dusted for some time. The wendy house received a dusting and washing inside and out, the brass plaques on benches and the sundial were polished, the slide house was feather-dusted (much to the annoyance of many spiders), the urns behind the hall were painted and the stage blocks were scrubbed down.

On the Friday before our Golden Jubilee week (30th January), Mrs Diane Fair came in to give a flower demonstration to the girls and to allow them a practical session to prepare for the flower arranging competition on the following Monday. Her demonstration was staggering; how anyone can arrange such fickle objects at speed to look exquisite always amazes me. No sooner had we been amazed at Mrs Fair's skill, we were starting the practical session. In half hour sessions, the girls were able to plan a table, basket or interpretative arrangement. Any one walking into the art room would have seen an awful lot of foliage, great excitement and some very creative work. Mrs Meredith and Mrs Fair emerged at the end of the afternoon slightly shell-shocked but pleased with the girls' efforts.

You can read about our Golden Jubilee Week on our Jubilee Page.

Before half term, the school had to prepare to be affected by the roadworks due to start directly outside the school. This resulted in Liverpool Road being closed at one end. Although we were prepared for a disastrous week after half term, all went well and the traffic flow did not appear to be a huge problem. Our Open Morning, however, was slightly

marred by the fact that the road was still closed and the weather decided to give a season in a day; we had sunshine, wind, snow, hail and sleet in the space of a morning. Despite this inclement weather, the morning went well; Nedham House girls once again demonstrated what great ambassadors they are for The Queen's School.

Our term ended with two very successful sessions of Class Concerts. Carefully organised by Mrs Holmes, every girl in the school performed a musical item to an audience of their parents, form colleagues and other staff. It was a pleasure to see all the girls take part in a musical activity to the obvious delight of their parents and class colleagues.

Nedham House has had a few physical changes during the year. The covered way is now a much brighter place since the installation of new lighting. Our Library has a computer complete with CD Rom, enabling the children to access information on programs such as the Encarta range. The front room has had new shelving installed to enable a greater area of display space and ease storage for dining equipment. Form One has a new range of storage furniture as will Form Two in the next year. Our ceramics room has had a well-needed lick of paint and looks brighter. In the main Hall, boarding has been included along the side wall to help with scenery during productions as well as other displays.

This busy, memorable and successful year could not have occurred so smoothly without the dedication and hard work of all members of staff. I would like to thank Mr Charters for his continued work with the swimming pool and his assistance during school events. Mr Lilley is owed the thanks of staff and pupils alike for his sterling work during the year, especially in the days leading up to our Golden Jubilee Week. Our catering staff, ably led by Miss Macaulay, have provided us with a wide choice of lunches. I would like to thank them for their hard work and constant ability to adapt to the demands of school life. I would like to welcome Mrs Davies who has come to help Mrs Dunbabin with the cleaning after school hours.

My special thanks go to my teaching colleagues who have worked so hard this year, maintaining a dedicated and professional approach in all aspects of their work. Finally, I thank the children; their good humour and happy outlook make teaching at Nedham House a real pleasure.

## Gifts to Nedham House

### Beth Greenhouse

Bulbs for Nedham House Garden

### Mary Ankers

Summer Dress for Archives

### Hannah Blaikie

### Chiara Lisowski

Summer Dress for our House Point Bear

### Mr and Mrs Lilley

Prints of Old Chester

### Miss Skilbeck

Lawnmower + Book for Library

### Mrs Bellasari (Eloise's Grandmother)

8 Roman Costumes

### Archana Anandaram

Costume Dress and Flowers

### Third Form Leavers

Cheque for items in Drama and Music

### Mrs Anderson, Anna and Sophie

Photographs

### Naomi Knight

Book for Form Two Library

### Miss D. Luff

A Union Flag

### Mrs Antlett

Various Costumes

### Mr and Mrs Knight

Vivelle Material for Competition and School Use

Prizes for Winners

### Mrs Bernie (Rachel, Sarah)

A selection of jigsaws

### Anna Coleman-Smith

National Geographic Magazines

### Emily Wooton

Angel Costume

### Harriet Kaufman

Angel Costume

### Georgia Whiteoak

Gold Crown

### Lisa Hallam

Black Ballet Shoes

### In memory of Mr Paice

The Golden Jubilee Cup for Art

### Mrs Hughes + Vicky

Photographs - AJIS Quiz and Cathedral Rehearsal

### Miss Goodchild

Book for School Library

### Miss Edwards

Book for School Library + a selection of recorders

### Miss Christopherson

CD Storage and Music CDs

### Mrs VM Patrick

CD Rom Software

### Miss Chowen

CD Rom Software + photograph in frame + Ashendon Smock for the archives

### Miss Osborn

Plants for the Garden

### Mrs Young, Mrs Miln and Philippa Miln

History Artefacts for Lessons

### Mr and Mrs Selby and Katharine

Violin and Case

### Mr Lilley

New Nest Boxes for the Garden

### Mr and Mrs Washbrook (Georgina)

Photograph of Birthday Cake-Cutting





## The Vagabonds

*I'm not a pet cat in any way,  
I'm a vagabond you could say.*



*Scars straight across my face,  
Mice make an excellent chase.  
I'm strong and tough,  
My fur is rough.  
I'm thin and scruffy,  
Definitely not fluffy.  
If a house cat came out,  
He would not hang about.  
He should run and flee,*

*Run away from me,  
Me and my other vagabond friends,  
Who must fight for survival,  
So our lives do not end.*

**Lucy Harris Form 1**

## Midnight Swan

A reflection of the crystal moon  
Shimmers on the deep blue water.  
A flash, a commotion of whiteness,  
As the swan swoops down to the river.  
Enchantment and magic hangs around it.  
Its graceful face looks my way,  
Hypnotising me with its elegant grace.  
Gliding along under the bridge  
Graceful, magical and beautiful  
Is the swan on its Midnight Dance.

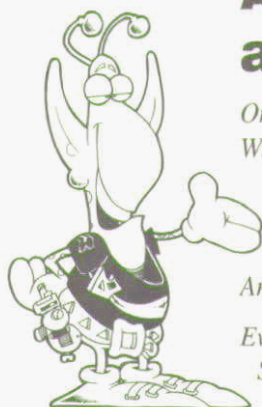
**Lucy Campbell-Woodward Form 1**

## Feet

Mum and Dad are in for a treat.  
They are expecting the patter of tiny feet.  
The baby arrives and as everyone knows,  
It's time to count fingers and time to count toes.  
Ten tiny pink toes on soft pink feet,  
Smelling of talc and smelling so sweet.  
At first they just lie there with nothing to do.  
Til baby finds out they are quite nice to chew.  
From standing to walking from settee to door,  
Life would be easier if the baby had four.  
But when she gets older and starts wearing out shoes,  
Mummy is quite glad that feet come only in twos.  
Walking to school and running a mile,  
Climbing the wall and climbing the stile.  
Dancing for joy.  
Stepping out with a boy.  
Best foot forward, don't get cold feet,  
Don't put your foot in it, don't retreat.  
From the very first steps through all she will do,  
Her feet will be there to carry her through.

**Naomi Knight Form 2**

## A Visit From an Alien



*Once an alien came down from space,  
With a very large packing case.  
Everybody stopped to stare,  
At his fluorescent-pink hair.  
He had sixteen toes,  
And a gigantic nose.  
Everyone had a fright,  
Seeing his skin change from blue to white.  
Suddenly, a spaceship hovers low,  
It was time for him to go.*

**Elizabeth McGimpsey Form 2**

## The Fountain

Jets of ice-cold water reaching for the sky,  
Arching smoothly and serenely,  
In a glistening wall of shimmering light,  
As they cascade in a thousand droplets  
And dance like raindrops on the mirror-like pool...  
Fascinating fountain.  
Ceaseless splashing and swishing sounds,  
Like a million tiny bells ringing,  
Hypnotise and soothe me as I watch the  
Seamless sheet of water gracefully fall  
Then frolic frantically in the pool.  
Fabulous fountain.

The garden creatures are also drawn  
To the sparkling, magical sight.  
Birds, to bathe and cool themselves  
And with butterflies and bees  
To take a refreshing drink from the  
Life-sustaining fountain.  
I place my hand in the sparkling wall,  
Breaking the perfect symmetry.  
The cool crystal water caresses my fingers  
Like a velvet glove,  
Cleansing and comforting me.

Fascinating, fabulous, life-sustaining, refreshing fountain.

**Rebecca Heath Form 2**

## The Fountain

The trickling of water  
Sparkling in the sunlight  
Cascading into the bowl of jewels  
That twinkles so bright.

The white water lilies  
Scenting the pool,  
Floated helplessly  
To try and get cool.

A baby frog jumped onto a lily leaf  
Bathing in the golden sun.  
He got splashed by a droplet of water,  
And that was the end of his fun.

Hundreds of birds flying in the sky,  
Singing a high-pitched song.  
Amazing colours flash by,  
As they glide along.

Fish darting in and out of the crystal-clear water,  
Their dazzling colour sparkling as a rainbow appears.

The water starts to quiver  
And begins to shed a tear.

**Georgina Washbrook Form 2**



# Nedham *creative*

## Settling

*Oh, we are Viking settlers,  
Coming in our Knorr,  
Our bow is dipping in the foam,  
The spray is spraying galore,  
Oh we are one of many crowds,  
Coming here to settle,  
Our Viking friends,  
The warriors,  
Are coming to do battle.  
Oh, over to England we come,  
To the warm sunshine,  
After we have conquered,  
The land will all be mine!*

**Sarah Sweeney Form 3**

## I'm a Viking!

*I'm a Viking, Thor that's me,  
I'll sail my ship across the sea,  
To your land in the dark of night,  
I'll take your kingdom with such a fight.  
I'll bring my men so strong and tall,  
They'll cut you down and you will fall,  
I'll take your cattle and your wife,  
Your gold and then I'll take your life!*

**Deborah Wynn Form 3**



## Describing People

*An elderly clergyman seated in his study, flipping the pages of a book with his long boney fingers. His eyes brown and his face wrinkled with a prominent forehead, and a long slender nose. Resting on his nose are a pair of bifocals and his oval head with grey hair and short body shows that his character is kindhearted but proud of his work. His unsturdy figure is dressed in black trousers, a white uncreased shirt and a dog collar, with a scruffy, ragged brown jumper. Every so often he makes a strained coughing sound and drums his fingers against a polished desk. Urgently searching for a particular sermon. Then a sudden sigh indicating it is found, his eyes glance at the ceiling as if to thank the Lord.*

**Beth Greenhouse Form 3**

**'UV Art Group in action'**  
by Irina Gage, UVC





# NOTICEBOARD

## Out & About



Les Parapluies de Boulogne  
 UIV Trip to Boulogne  
 "a very unique experience; we all managed  
 to enjoy ourselves despite the weather"  
 (Rachel McGimpsey)

Lower Sixth Skiing Holiday 1998  
 "By the end of the week everyone could get down the slopes in some way, whether  
 by skiing or other means, and had thoroughly enjoyed this incredible experience."  
 "Just when we thought it wasn't possible to take in any more amazing things,  
 we hit New York"

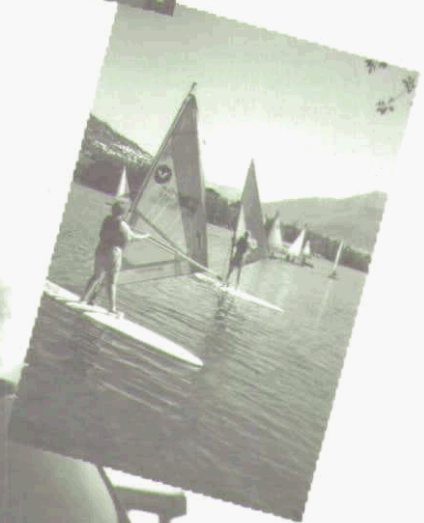
"The entire holiday  
 was a great success"  
 (Lauren Gibson,  
 Helen Roberts &  
 Angie Stacey)



Archaeological Digs at Poulton,  
 and the old Royal Infirmary hospital on City Walls Road  
 "Over the past two years, Poulton has uncovered plenty.  
 Many budding archaeologists are hoping to go this year -  
 perhaps even more skeletons will be found"  
 (Becky Donovan)



1997 French Adventure Holiday  
 "I knew that I had just been on the best  
 holiday of my life so far"  
 (Alex Wilcox UIVG)



Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award

Art Trip to Amsterdam  
 "We visited the Stedelijk museum  
 for modern art, VanGogh  
 museum, Costers diamond factory  
 - being able to try on £300,000  
 diamond rings was not an everyday  
 experience!"  
 (Kathy Selby LVI)





# The Queen's School Association The Committee for 1997 – 1998

<b>President</b>	Miss D.M. Skilbeck	<b>The Committee:</b>	
	Vice		
<b>Presidents</b>	Miss C.M. Baxter	Marian Barrow (Brown)	1951-65
	Miss E.M. Edwards	Mary Burgess (Ham)	1952-63
	Miss M. Farra	Sheena Cumiskey (Elliott)	1970-80
		Marian Evans (Hughes)	1955-62
<b>Representative Governor:</b>	Hilarie McNae	Judith Fernandes (Durrant)	1951-56
<b>The Officers:</b>		Lesley Hardy (Cooke)	1964-77
<b>Chairman</b>	Jenny Entwisle (Ray)	Shirley Hayes	1947-54
	1950-54	Margaret Ireland (Kelly)	1952-65
		Marjorie Miln (Hack)	1949-63
		Veronica Patrick (Davies)	1965-78
<b>Honorary Secretary</b>	Susan Seys Llewellyn	Joan Roberts (Brookes)	1934-43
	(Comyn) 1955-62	Ann Short (Brotherhood)	1954-61
		Carole Wilkinson (Holme)	1967-74
<b>Honorary Treasurer</b>	Hilarie McNae (Adams)		
	1949-63		

## The Annual General Meeting 1997

The Annual General Meeting held on June 28th at 2.30pm at the Senior School was attended by 59 members. Miss Skilbeck welcomed those present, especially Miss Farra and Miss Whitnall and all those from years ending in 7.

Following apologies for absence, members stood in silence in memory of Miss MacLean and the six members who had died during the year.

The minutes of the 1996 AGM had been circulated and their adoption was agreed.

Jenny Entwisle was re-elected unopposed to serve a second term of office as Chairman. Nicky Griffin was elected to serve as a committee member and all leavers from the fifth and sixth forms were elected as members of the Association. Susan Benson was elected Regional Secretary (London/Oxford) with Mary Simmons as Assistant Regional Secretary (Oxford).

### **THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.**

The school year had started on a sad note with the death of Miss MacLean. Stella Pope's great enthusiasm for Queen's was remarked upon and both ladies would be sadly missed. Alderman Ribbeck, former Chairman of Governors, had also died after a long and distressing illness.

Miss Skilbeck continued by listing an impressive array of sporting successes in all disciplines and at all age levels. There had been a multiplicity of educational visits by many departments and some Geographers had taken part in The National Land Survey. Hopefully their work would be included in the final set of maps.

Academically there had been excellent results. At A Level the overall pass rate was 99% with 91% gaining passes at grades A-C. At GCSE those gaining grades A-C

was 99.1% with 75% gaining A's and As. Miss Skilbeck reported on the progress of the Millenium Appeal, the dominant topic of the school year, and outlined for us the money raising efforts of both parents and children. She told us of the plans to bid for the 1761 wing of the old Infirmary building and thanked QSA members for their response to and financial support for the Appeal. The new building was to be named after Miss MacLean who had kindly bequeathed a gift to School.

The Association's Centenary weekend would be an abiding memory. Present girls and staff had learnt much from old girls who in turn had appreciated seeing School at work during their guided tours of the buildings.

In conclusion The Headmistress remarked upon the many changes seen by School during the past century, brought about mainly by social and educational pressures.

She was reminded of Mrs Sandford's advice to reflect and consider, and after such a memorable Centenary year The Queen's School Association has much to look back on.

### **THE SECRETARY'S REPORT.**

The Secretary outlined the year's activities. September had been an active month. It started with the Michalemas Supper for leavers, always an enjoyable evening with a jolly atmosphere. All members are cordially invited. Later that month there followed an Appeal Presentation in School when members, parents and other interested parties were told of the plans for expansion and how they were to be achieved. The third event was the Oxford/London Lunch at Overseas House, meticulously organised by Susan Benson, to which Miss Edwards, Miss Farra, the Chairman and Secretary travelled.



In November the Association had a stall at the School's Open Day and later that month staged a Fashion Show in the School Hall, with the proceeds going to Breakthrough and the Centenary. In March the disappointing turnout for the Coffee Morning had prompted the Committee to consider an alternative event for next year.

The Secretary gave an account of the success of the Centenary weekend and concluded her report by thanking all those who had been involved in the organisation and had helped to make it so memorable.

### AROPS REPORT

Shirley Hayes had again attended the conference at Bradfield College in May. Two guest speakers had spoken about fully inter-related databases. The second session was on publications and the third was taken up with the presentation of the survey 'Involving Younger Former Pupils'.

### THE REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNOR'S REPORT.

Hilarie MacNae thanked members for nominating her as a Governor. She outlined the perceived need for a sixth form centre at Queen's so that School can be competitive in the educational market place. The great success of the first meeting between the Governors and Committee members would lead to more meetings in the future. Through Hilarie members may bring to the attention of the Governing body any matters about School that concern them.

### THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

Wearing her other hat, Hilarie reported that the collection at the Memorial Service for Miss MacLean had yielded £200 for the Association's Bursary Fund. Donations sent in memory of Miss MacLean totalled £970 and for Miss Pope, £670. At year end 1996 donations to the Memorial Fund stood at £1400.

Fund raising for the Centenary had yielded over £2000. The Michaelmas Supper had made a loss of £70 but this had been inevitable since fewer paying guests attend than leavers, who are all guests of the Association. However, the Supper has an important function since it aims to promote the Association and to encourage members to subscribe. Annual membership stood at 61 and there had been 17 new life

members. The Treasurer thought it likely that we would have to consider reviewing the levels at which we set our membership fees within the next twelve months.

Contributions to The Memorial Fund were substantially down this year, which had been expected in the light of expenses incurred by members with the Centenary, the Appeal and donations to memorials for Miss MacLean and Miss Pope.

Bank charges incurred on our Barclays account could be a thing of the past if, following discussion, the Committee decides in favour of moving to a Giro account set up specifically for associations such as ours.

Centenary umbrellas had sold well and commemorative china could still be ordered but orders for stick pins were still short of the required number.

The accounts were made available for inspection at the back of the hall.

### THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

The report began with a synopsis of the services held in Combe and Chester in memory of Elizabeth MacLean. Jenny paid tribute to Ena Evans and Vivienne Faull who had addressed the respective congregations. Considerable sums had been donated by former pupils and we would need to think of appropriate memorials of lasting beauty, similar to that in the cloisters commemorating Mrs Sandford, to honour both Miss

# Where are They Now?

Virginia Baynes	1974-81
Clare Berney	1912-20
Mrs J.M. Brown	??-1923
Sarah Browne	??-1973
Miss M.P. Evans	??-1923
Claire L. Goodbody	1965-74
Hazel Grounds	1927-34
Nicola J Haresnape	1981-87
Noreen Higgins	1906-12
Mrs Katherine Hill (Pollard)	1919-28
Amanda C. Hollis	1969-71
Mrs Nanette Menzies (Broster)	1932-40
Wendy McVicker	1981-88
Mrs Audrey Milward (Handsombe)	1936-42
Louise Nell	1977-84
Alexandra Phillips	1967-80
Mrs Catherine Perry (Thompson)	1977-84
Mrs Edith C. Roberts (Wilkins)	1915-23
Mrs Irene Swift (Pinfold)	1917-28
Esther M.Wallace	1925-30



MacLean and Miss Pope. Ideas would be welcome.

The meeting with the Governors in January had proved fruitful to both Queen's School Association Committee members and members of the Governing body.

The Centenary had been a great success and the Chairman specially mentioned the detailed planning done by the sub-committee.

In looking forward to the next hundred years she told members that the Committee would welcome any ideas or proposals for constitutional or procedural changes that could be considered for the future. Ideas in writing should reach the Secretary by September 1st.

### PRESENTATION TO THE SCHOOL

The Chairman presented Miss Skilbeck with a painting by Nicola Palin. It was commissioned by the Association, through the generosity of its members, in memory of Gladys Phillips, a pupil, Governor and Chairman. It is to hang in the library. (Photo)



## NEWS IN BRIEF

Following the hectic build up to the Centenary this has been a relatively quiet year and committee activity is returning to a more normal level.

The Michalemas Supper in September marks the start of the Association's year. The 'long left' welcome the 'recently left' and this year's new format, of a reception in the hall before supper in the dining room, gave the generations a chance to make informal social contact. We had extended a welcome to 1994 leavers but were disappointed that so few were able to come because of work or study commitments. In 1998 we shall be extending a special invitation to those who left in 1996 and are about to embark on their third year away from School. We hope that they will be attracted by the idea of revisiting School and catching up with old friends.

When planning the Centenary it was decided not to have a London/Oxford lunch in 1997. Typically, Sue Benson is already planning well ahead, and following the lunch arranged for Oxford in 1998, is busy researching a London venue for 1999. If all goes well we shall be meeting at The Globe Theatre which I am sure you will agree is a most exciting prospect.

In December the Newsletter and Centenary Magazine was posted to members in an envelope bearing a return address. I had often wondered how much mail reached its intended recipient. If we did not get a reply from a member could we assume that they were quite happy to read what we had sent but did not want to write back? Now I know what I had long suspected - many addresses are out of date. This can be judged by the amount of Newsletters returned to School so, at the end of this section, there is a list of Life Members whose mail was sent back to us. There were also many returns from annual members whose membership has lapsed. If you are able to provide recent addresses for any of the names on the list please write to the Secretary. Returned mail is money wasted in printing and postage costs: we are cost-conscious and most anxious to be efficient.

In November the Association Committee and a group of Governors met in the School Library. By then we knew that the 1761 building was lost to Queen's and that the Appeal was without a physical focus. There was a sense of disappointment but also hints of possible further developments. Topics for discussion are posted in advance of the meeting and

conducted with frankness and purpose. Both sides find this contact very enlightening.

1998 started on a very happy note when Miss Skilbeck rang to say that School had bought The City Walls Hotel!

Although there was no Coffee Morning in March this year maybe all those who usually come to that may like to come for supper in September instead.

This is the end of my three year term of office and I shall be leaving the Committee after The Annual General Meeting in June. Needless to say, I have enjoyed the past three busy years but I feel it is time I moved on!

I count myself truly fortunate to have been Association Secretary at such an exciting time. The Centenary brought me in close social contact with more members than I could ever have expected to meet in a normal year. Fund raising meant working closely with fifth and sixth form girls who played a huge part in the Fashion Show and who were great fun. The Appeal has involved contact and co-operation with the Chairman, Mr Peter Roberts, and the Director, Barbara Johnston. And through helping in a minor way with the Jubilee at Nedham House I had the opportunity to get to know Miss Dewhurst the new Headmistress.

My sincere thanks to the Committee members, past and present, who have been supportive of my efforts during the past three years. To the Vice Presidents for their words of wisdom and advice and to our President, who takes a keen interest in the health of the QSA and whose door is always open. Jenny Entwisle and I, as Chairman and Secretary, have enjoyed a very happy relationship. I hope that our successors in office will work together in similar harmony.

*Susan Seys Llewellyn*

## NEWS OF MEMBERS

Joan Alsop (Phillips 1941-50) missed the Centenary because of illness but has heard reports from friends. Now a grandmother of four with another expected, life is never dull. Joan keeps in touch with Shirley Shaw (McMillan) and Genevieve Morcom (Langman) during the year.

Gillian Anchel (Foster 1955-62) writes from Canada. Her daughter is living and working in London and she hopes to visit her this year.

Alison Armstrong (1962-76) had quite an eventful 1997. She started the year as a Senior Registrar in orthopaedics on the Nottingham Rotation. In May, 12 days after

attending the Centenary reunion, she gave birth to her second child, Edward. In July she was presented with her DM thesis for clinical work and in October she returned to work in Leicester as a Consultant in orthopaedics and trauma. She and her husband planned to move in 1997 but decided to leave that trauma until 1998!

Pauline Baker (Williams 1944-50), an energetic and youthful 64, decided to open a Complementary Therapy Centre in Melksham in 1997. She is also involved with two local drama groups and in May they are combining to stage 'Salad Days' in aid of the local Independence Living Centre. Her son was married last August.

Connie Baxter (1921-33) sent me a cutting from the Daily Telegraph dated October 27th 1997 recording the death of a former member of staff, Ann Gittins who we knew as Miss Sagar. After training at I.M. Marsh she taught at Queen's until her marriage in 1963. In 1973 she founded a pony club camp at her home near Dolgellau which proved enormously popular and, having learnt the skill of vaulting on and off a circling cantering horse in Germany, she ran courses which were booked months in advance. She wrote two books on the subject and in 1995 was appointed an international judge for the Federation Equestre Internationale.

Marion Bennett (Walley 1932-41) writes from Alberta to say how much she enjoyed the Centenary weekend. Seeing 'Patience' was a bonus as it is one of her favourite Gilbert & Sullivan operettas.

Alison Carter (1975-82) has recently moved to Northumberland where she works for English Nature, a government agency which gives advice on conservation. Her patch, the North Pennines, is described as 'England's last wilderness'.

Shirley Cooper (Jenkins 1943-52) has recently retired from her job as a GCSE moderator in Home Economics and keeps in touch with Mary Horry (Burkinshaw).

Shelagh Cross (Roberts 1944-51) spent 5 weeks in Australia at the start of the year staying with Mary Brown (Walling). She still keeps in touch with Olga Jennings (Bibby) with whom she attended the Centenary celebrations. A love of singing, fostered when she sang in the school choir with Miss Whittam and Miss Rountree, means that Shelagh has always been a member of at least one choir and she still derives immense pleasure from singing with the Burford Singers.

Marie Christopherson (1923-30)

kindly writes to express her appreciation of the work done by the committee and officers on behalf of The Association.

Linda Edmondson (1973-80) still lives in Sale and works as a business analyst. Her free time is spent out in the country side. She keeps in touch with several school friends.

Valerie Edwards (Griffiths 1953-60) received Christmas cards/letters from 5 former class mates who attended the Centenary, quite an achievement! [Thank you for Sylvia Harrop's new address. SSL.]

Beryl Ennion (1936-49) moved in 1997 from Brighton to Lewes, where she feels at home in Eastgate Street and Watergate Lane. She is a members of the local U3A Writing Workshop and is learning sign language. In June she hopes to meet up with contemporaries who left 50 years ago.

Carol Ferris (Jones 1945-53) writes with news of several former pupils, all classics graduates: Rebecca Richardson is a post-graduate at Durham University, doing some teaching in the classics department and coxing for the University Boat Club. She is applying for jobs in industry. Lynne Warrington is Head of Classics and Head of Year at King's School Macclesfield where she now lives. Menai West graduated with a 2:1 in Classics from Oxford last Summer and is now working for Kingfisher in retail management in Central London. Jane Fearnall is in her last year of accountancy training having done a degree in classics. She is to be married in September. Neive Hannah was married in December 1997 and Mary Holmes-Evans was married last May and now lives in St. Albans. Many Queen's friends attended Mary's wedding including Georgina Withington (Cunningham) from Richmond and her husband and daughter Rebecca; Judith Townsend, who is now a Headteacher in the Midlands; Alison Nicholas, a solicitor in Liverpool; Victoria Frazer (Hess) and husband, son and daughter; Catherine Heaven (Ferris) and husband with daughter Charlotte travelled from Saddleworth. Catherine works in medical research in Manchester, involved in the methods of counselling cancer patients.

Elizabeth Fisher (Wrench 1954-61) has discovered that the wife of her vicar is an old girl, Judy Johnston. Although somewhat younger they still know some of the same teachers!

Hilary Hutchins (Turnell 1939-47) kindly sent in an obituary notice which appeared in The Library



Association Record of January 1998 about Pat Fear who died in October 1997. It outlined her career from the time she started as Assistant to the Medical School Librarian at Liverpool University until her retirement in 1987, after 28 years as Librarian of The Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine. Under her direction computers were introduced into the RFHSM library. Although she was always 'Miss Fear' to her staff she had an 'unforgettable sense of humour'. She had looked forward to spending her retirement in her beloved Rutland with her partner Leonard Grose but this plan was cut short by illness.

Catherine Jones (Lace 1961-75) did a wonderful job in organising her contemporaries who attended the Centenary. She has written a second novel, 'Sisters in Arms', published by Piatkus and due out in July.

Virginia Letton (Griffith 1976-85) is currently living in Lossiemouth with her RAF pilot husband John. After graduating from Nottingham University with a degree in Economics and Agricultural Economics she pursued a career in Accountancy. Since her marriage in 1993 she has lived a nomadic life of postings to various locations throughout the UK.

Sue Lyons (Leese 1952-65) has been tracked down to Monmouth where she lives with her husband and two very sporty children, both of whom have represented Great Britain in slalom canoeing; Sue is the Welsh Team Manager. She is still involved with Lacrosse as Chairman of the Executive of the Welsh Association and International Vice President. Could all this sense of civic responsibility be a result of her education her husband wonders? She has retired from her post as an HMI on medical grounds - an operation on a worn out shoulder caused by too much sport!

Pamela Miller (Cooper 1942-49) travelled twice to England and Wales in 1997 and spent holidays in Burgundy, Mexico and the Puget Sound in the Pacific Northwest. Manchester gets her vote as best airport in the world and passing by School brings back wonderful memories.

Betty Moon (Law 1948-55) writes about Roselyn Corby (Crewe) who attended the Centenary in May 1997. Reading the synopsis of her life that Roselyn wrote before her death gives one a great insight into her personality and fulfilled life. Having gained a BA at Westfield College, University of London, where she read French and Spanish, Roselyn taught at

Felixstowe, Luton, Barnsley and Dewsbury before retiring to pursue a host of leisure activities. She brought up three sons and saw two married before finally succumbing to cancer in 1997.

Melissa Pace (Donald 1961-73) enjoyed meeting friends and staff from the past at the Centenary. Melissa has four children and lives in Malta where she and her husband run a small restaurant. She sends her good wishes to Shirley Hayes.

Margaret Ireland (Kelly 1952-65) writes that Susie successfully completed her Masters Degree in French Literary History at the University of Calgary, Canada, last summer and is now working for a conferencing company in London. Gilly spent her Nursing elective in Africa last summer - working in hospitals in Zimbabwe and Bullawayo - followed by a Safari, taking in Botswana, Namibia, and back up to Tanzania. Margaret will be sorely missed from the committee next year: she is retiring after 19 loyal years.

Marianne O'Shea (Phillips 1963-76) married Anthony O'Shea in 1993 and gave birth to Liam in 1994 and Caitlin in 1996. In 1997 she received her Fellowship of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health and Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians. In 1998 she left her job as Consultant Paediatric Oncologist at Landough Hospital in Cardiff and moved to the Princess Margaret Hospital for Children in Perth, Western Australia.

Anne Reid (Palin 1958-72) always turns to the news section of The Association in Have Mynde first, hoping to see items about familiar names. She has a suggestion to make. She says that for most of us

life gallops on as usual with little of great moment to report. Though some members keep in touch with each other, especially those in Chester, it would be especially rewarding for those living away from Chester, such as Anne, and lacking frequent contact, to see small contributions of news every two or three years from members.

Kate Reynolds-Jones (1984-91) travelled via India, Goa, Hong Kong and Australia to New Zealand where she took a psychiatric nursing post before returning to be a bridesmaid at her sister Louise's wedding in June.

Mary Roosevelt (Winskill 1949-57) is planning to retire in 1999 from her job at the University of California in Irvine as the Co-ordinator for the Multiple Subject Credential Programme. She visits lots of schools in the Latino barrios and in the hills overlooking the gorgeous Californian beaches. She spends the summers travelling in Europe and usually manages to meet up with Jane Barker, Chris Watts, Edna Ball, Gillian Popplewell, Jean McCallum and Ros Dromgoole when in London.

Eileen Unsworth (Darwin 1958-65) is moving to Stone in Staffordshire where she and her husband will be resident wardens of a Christian Community Centre called Foundation Stone Trust. It provides independent living facilities for 30 disabled people in a converted Cop!

Yvonne Walker (Woodhead 1941-50) writes from her home in Newport, New South Wales, and sends good wishes to Shirley Hayes and Connie Baxter whose photograph she enjoyed seeing in the Centenary magazine. She is in regular contact with Barbara Burns (Hurst), Margaret Dromgoole

(Robbins) and Anne Harrowell (Berry) who settled in South Africa. Yvonne has four children and two grandchildren with a third expected. She and her husband spend all their spare time travelling overseas "while we are still fit enough to do it!" and she would love to hear from any of her generation of Queen's girls who might chance to travel to Australia.

Elizabeth Winder (West-Oram 1957-64) has been working full-time as a health visitor in Runcorn and Widnes (Halton) for the past 10 years. In 1997 she completed a part-time Social Studies degree course and graduated with an upper second; this led to a lecturing post at John Moore's University combined with a full health visiting caseload. Elizabeth, and her sister Charlotte, enjoyed the Centenary lunch and met friends they had not seen for 33 years. Since then she has made contact with Felicity Vincent, Linda Nash (Aldcroft) and Anne Winchmann (Jones). In April she and her husband spent 3 weeks exploring Iran.

Jo Wymer (Shipley 1958-68) has moved to a 1000 year old thatched cottage in Devon after 15 years living in London and 8 years as Human Resources Director of the Consumers' Association. The house, an historian's dream, was once a retreat for monks from Buckfast Abbey. She has accepted an Associate Partnership with a management consultancy specialising in Human Resources in the Cornwall, Somerset and Devon areas.

Kathryn Wylde (1984-1991) is currently a French teacher at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School in Horncastle and is really enjoying it. On August 1st she will marry Roger Bradbury who she met at university.

## Marriages

Adley  
Hanna  
Holmes-Evans  
Reynolds-Jones

Alison (1983-97) to Simon Dixon on June 28th 1997  
Neive (1984-91) to James McCartney in December 1997  
Mary (1972-82) to Douglas Parkin on May 17th 1997  
Louise to Justin Sellers, MA, FRICS on June 20th 1998

## Births

Ames  
Heath  
Lee  
Longman  
Palfrey  
Peppitt

to Katharine (Healey 1976-82) a daughter on December 5th 1997  
to Ruth (Hassall 1963-77) twin daughters on June 12th 1997  
to Rachel (Walton 1975-85) a daughter on January 16th 1998  
to Alison (1962 -77) a son on May 15th 1997  
to Elizabeth (Walker 1965-78) a second son on June 6th 1996  
to Joanne (Judge 1978-84) a second son on February 1st 1998

## Deaths

Corby  
Duff  
Elsey  
Fear  
Gittins  
Rigby

Roselyn (Crewe 1947-54) on October 13th 1997  
Dorothy (Leigh 1944-53) on July 17th 1997  
Sylvia (Quinn 1929-35) on February 8th 1998  
Pat (1938-1944) on October 29th 1997  
Ann (Sagar) former member of the P.E. Department in the early sixties.  
Molly (Hill 1915-23) in October 1997 also Miss Elizabeth Murdoch (1922-29) Miss Anna Mottram (1940-47)



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Claire House Children's Hospice will care for up to six children and their families from a wide area covering Merseyside, North Wales, West Cheshire and the Isle of Man. It is situated near Clatterbridge Hospital on the Wirral, and is designed in the shape of a C. the building is set in beautiful landscaped and adapted gardens, which include swings and a play area that has been designed for wheelchairs.

The children who come to us will have a life-limiting/life threatening illnesses, and sadly will not reach adulthood. the aim of the children's hospice is to care for all the family, including brothers, sisters, and any immediate family members. This enables those siblings of the sick child to be given some special time too. Claire House will be a happy home from home environment, and although there will be sad times when a child dies, we aim to make it a place for the living. There fore, whatever time those sick children have left, our intention is to ensure that it is quality time. As a children's nurse, I believe the best place for any child is in their own home. It is therefore one of our aims to facilitate professionally trained staff to work with both the child's own doctor, and any other community carers, to provide additional support at home.

The care team will give respite support for family members by helping and supporting parents to look after their child, whilst the family have a much needed rest.

If any of you would like to find more information or wish to belong to a friends group, ( as we totally rely on fundraising events ), please contact Claire House Appeals office. Telephone 0151 343 0883.

**Mrs Muriel Barber Head Nurse**







'UVI Leavers 1998'



## *Looking to the future*

*It all started many years ago;  
A new school,  
With new people to meet.  
I remember incidents in so much detail:  
The drama lessons,  
The hilarious dance routines,  
The P.E. lessons,  
Crying on each others' shoulders,  
And not forgetting the howling with laughter!*

*Through the past seven or so years,  
I have achieved the impossible:  
So many friends,  
With so many memories which we share.*

*But it is time to move on:  
I want to move on,  
But I do not want to lose my friends.  
I will never forget any of you,  
And I will forever miss you.*

*(GOOD LUCK!)*  
*S.J. Smallwood*

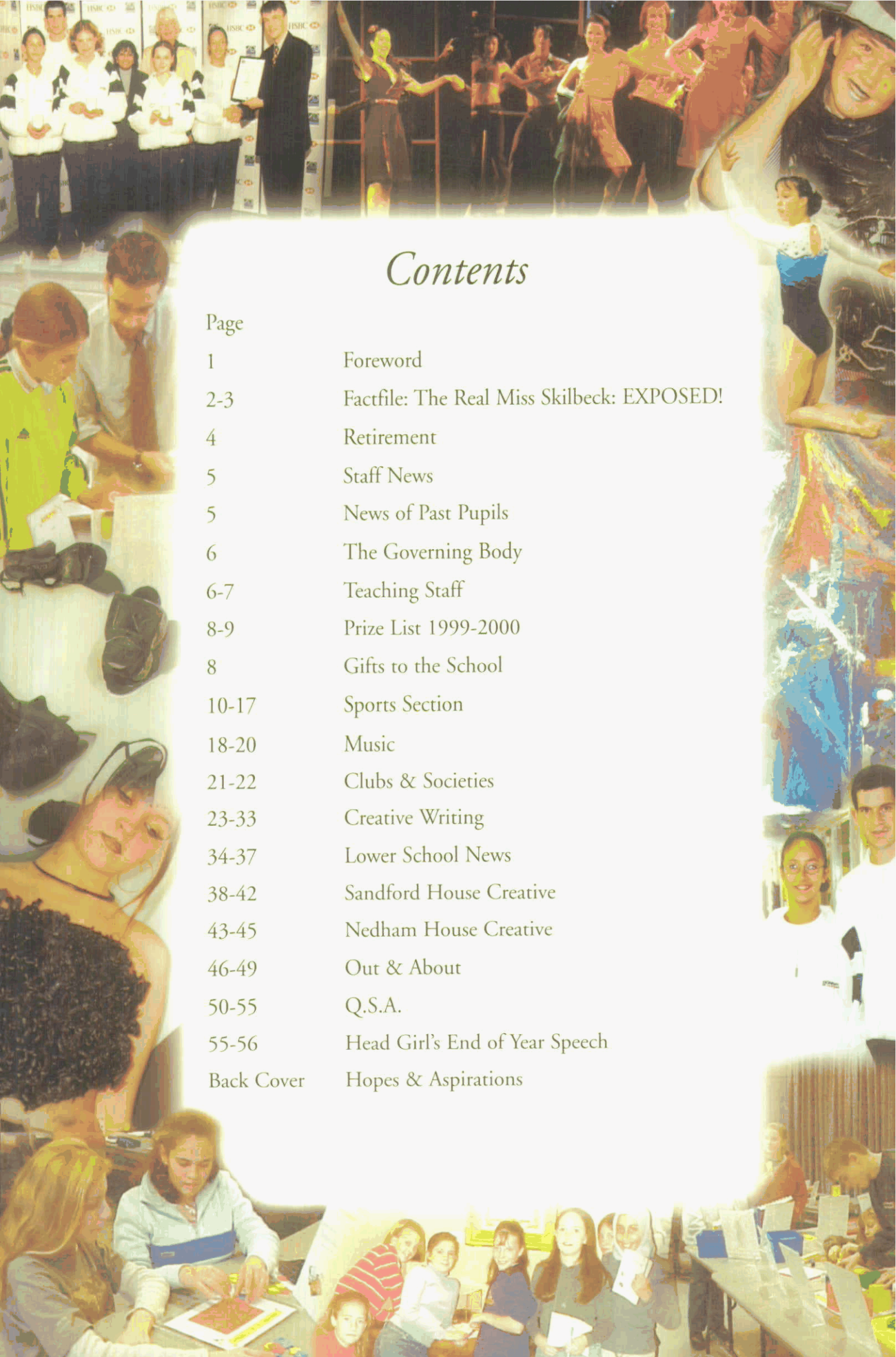


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# Foreword



Miss Skilbeck – Headmistress

I looked back at Have Mynde 1990 and realised how many changes had taken place and how many precious elements of The Queen's School have remained in being. The 1990 Have Mynde was the first one in which I wrote a Foreword. My first sentence spoke of the friendly, happy and busy family of The Queen's School; this is still very much the case and is commented on by visitors to the school. There have been some staff changes but many of the same names still appear on the staff list. The magazine was folded A4, now it is produced in folded A3 format. Within the pages of Have Mynde 1990 and Have Mynde 2001 there are lots of exciting pieces of art, of poetry, prose and accounts of events. I am glad that the work of the Lower School and of the Senior School appears in the one magazine; it shows the fantastic progress made during years Reception to Year 6 and the great variety of activities and opportunities which exist throughout the school. Congratulations to Mrs Griffiths and her editorial team. Pupils here are extremely fortunate that staff will give up time to take them on foreign exchange visits, ski holidays, adventure holidays, art courses as well as excursions to theatres, museums, sports meetings, musical events and subject based competitions. These are over and above the time given to teaching and pastoral work. The teaching staff receive great support from the administration staff and from the technicians. We are fortunate in having caretaking and maintenance staff who take pride in our buildings and grounds and also catering and domestic staff who ensure that we are well-fed and have a clean school in which to work.

All these members of staff make up the all-important team which delivers a high quality educational experience to the students at The Queen's School.

Clubs and societies which continue to flourish in school are Charities, Debating, Christian Union and Quest Club, Games Club, Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme, Young Enterprise and Voluntary Service. It is pleasing to see that the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award is now being offered in Year 9. The school is often as busy at lunch-time as during lesson time as many girls participate in sport, music, clubs, societies and use computer facilities and libraries.

In my twelve years here there have been many changes, usually in response to changes in education policies, technological changes and in the requirements of the professional and commercial sections of society. We have tried to stay abreast of changes but, like the White Queen in 'Alice' we seem to keep running to stay on the spot!

Some of us have decided not to keep running. I am retiring after 12 very happy years here, and joining the escape band are Mrs Lloyd, Head of Religious Education who is retiring, Mrs Bowden also retiring, Mrs Scarr Hall who wishes to devote time to her son, Mrs Jones (History) who is returning to retirement, Mr McEwen who is going on to further study, Mrs Holland who wishes to spend more



Mrs Sheedy –  
Deputy Headmistress

time with her family and Mrs Campbell who takes up a teaching post at The Hammond School. Mr Lewis, teacher of brass also leaves us this summer.

We thank all these members of staff for the service they have given and wish them well in their future careers – yes, I'm told retirement is a career!

In September 2001 I know the school will extend a warm welcome to Mrs Buckley, the new Headmistress and like me in 1989, she will have the joy of an Autumn Fayre!

The Parents' Association activities are reported in Have Mynde and this displays the tremendous level of commitment shown by the Parents' Association Committee and by parents who give time to help the school in a variety of ways. I have enjoyed my time as a member of the Parents' Association Committee, it has been a valuable and rewarding activity. We have established a 'Friends of the School' groups so that parents can still be part of the school when their daughter leaves. This group is in its infancy but I am sure it will become a great support for the school and for the Parents' Association.

News of former pupils is always of great interest and some of the activities on which former pupils embark show their confidence and quest for adventure. The GAP years, the study courses and the careers seem to become more diverse, exciting and challenging. The Queen's School Association gives UVI leavers a great send-off at the Michaelmas Supper and this ensures that links are kept with the school.

Our Governors do not have a section in the magazine - perhaps they should. They act as Trustees and put in a great amount of time to administer finances, to review school procedures and to facilitate the provision of new buildings. Much of the finance is dealt with by our Bursar and I know we have all found the benefit of having a Bursar and Accounts Clerk on site.

I will miss many aspects of school life - the paperwork with great joy, the human beings with sorrow except that, as I shall remain living in the area, I will no doubt still see many familiar faces.

I have had twelve very happy years here and I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the whole family of The Queen's School for their support, friendship and encouragement.

Every good wish to Mrs Buckley and to all members of the School for a happy and successful future.

*Diana M. Skilbeck*

Headmistress



# FACTFILE:

**Name:** Miss Skilbeck

**Age:** UNKNOWN

**Address:** UNKNOWN

**Favourite Film:** Titanic

**Favourite Music:** Opera

**Hobbies:** Narrow boating

**Hidden Talents:** Handling  
a narrow boat

Q. What are your feelings on your impending retirement?

A. Very mixed at the moment. Looking forward to losing all these heaps of paper but not looking forward to losing touch with pupils and staff at school.

Q. Are you planning on staying in the Chester area?

A. Yes but my first plan is to holiday in Canada.

Q. As a teenager, what were your ambitions?

A. I always wanted to teach geography and history. My mother was a junior school teacher and I went to school with her, and that is probably why.

Q. What is your earliest childhood memory?

A. Oooh, this will shock you! I played truant at infant school, when I was two and a half. I went early because they wanted my mother to teach and I filled my pram with toys. I went, on two occasions, through the hedge, I can visualise it now, and this is the mistake I made- because I always walked to the same place where there was a house that fascinated me. The lady who did

## The Real Miss Skilbeck: **EXPOSED!!**

Q. Did you loathe or love school as a child?

A. I didn't like the periods in junior school when I was in my mother's class as it was awful as you couldn't be a monitor, for example, as she couldn't show favouritism. I thoroughly enjoyed my time at Wirral Grammar School for Girls.

Q. What was your favourite subject at school?

A. Geography, followed by history. I liked the medieval period and the nineteenth century- I always had a fascination with canals. (she laughs)

the cleaning was on the bus and she saw me, leapt off the bus and dragged me back.

Q. What made you take on this job?

A. Well, I had taught juniors, seniors, and I had been head of a department and been deputy head. So I thought the next logical move was to move to head. The idea of a school like this, with junior and seniors departments, was very attractive. When I came first, I taught at Nedham as well as here, and gradually the paper etc crowded in.



# The Real Miss Skilbeck: EXPOSED!!

Q. Would you class yourself as ambitious?

A. It just seemed like the next logical step, I don't think I felt that, on day one, I wanted to be a headteacher, it just kind of went on.

Q. How much did your family influence you?

A. My mum did. I enjoyed going to work and helping her with her class. Then when I was at secondary school, I went and helped at a special school and, for a while, I thought I would go into special education.

Q. What have been the highest and lowest points of your career?

A. Oh gosh! I think the highest point is when one sees the successes that are gained by pupils and I don't necessarily mean the students that gets a load of A\*s but to see that particular person succeed, be it in academic work, sport, music, whatever, but just to see people gradually blossom and grow up. For example, I taught you in the Removes, Camelia, and it is a joy for me to see you, in the sixth form, be so successful. It's a family of 600!! The lowest point, I suppose, are when there are any sad cases in school-family tragedies. They affect you.

Q. How can you see Queen's changing in the next ten years?

A. Ooh golly! I think one way will be the changes which are inflicted by the DFEE to which it would have to respond. I would hope that other changes were carefully thought through because I think there's a very special atmosphere here.

Q. So, do you feel safe handing it on to the next headmistress?

A. You're bound to be unsure but, no, I feel that it's time for somebody else with a different kind of approach because school isn't static. I think that it needs an injection of something fresh every so many years.

Q. What kind of qualities did you look for in the new headmistress?

A. Somebody with a sense of humour, someone who is understanding, somebody who is well aware of the professional demands of the job.

Q. If you had all the money and power to do what you could to the school, what would that be?

A. I know exactly what I'd do. I'd knock the science block down and rebuild a nice science suite. Eer, if there were no constraints at all, I'd love for us to put a sports hall in. One of the greatest delights was the sixth form block.

Q. So, do you enjoy sports?

A. I enjoy them but I haven't had much time to do them. One of the problems with this job is that you have to sideline your own interests.

Q. So, a little bit more personal now. Has there been anyone who has been your role model?

A. Yes. The headmistress I had at secondary school.

Q. What was she like?

A. Well, I had rather odd personal circumstances. My own mum died when I was in my early twenties and, in fact, although I had left the school, this lady also became a second mum. I felt she was the one I could always go to to ask for advice.

Q. Miss Skilbeck, a question contributed by one of the students was: "If you were a vegetable, what kind would it be?"

A. (she laughs). Its a difficult choice. I think I'd be a spinach plant because I love spinach. It stands for strength.

**Miss Skilbeck has been investigated and exposed by Laura Fields and Camelia Melody. Many thanks to Miss Skilbeck.**



# RETIREMENTS

## Miss Diana Skilbeck

Some twelve years ago I was a newly-appointed Governor of The Queen's School. Almost my first task was to participate in the process of appointing a successor to the legendary Miss Margaret Farra, hard act to follow indeed. My seniors had done the primary interviewing – the job of the rest of us was to select from a short list of highly-talented candidates, whose CV's passed before us in a blur of appointments, publications, glowing references and so on. Through them all there shone the warm personality of the applicant whom the Governors had no difficulty in recognising as the next Head of Queen's, Diana Skilbeck.

In the years that followed it was both instructive and a pleasure to see with what skill and with what human sympathy Di Skilbeck set about the task of establishing herself in relation to the various groups with which she had to deal – girls, staff, parents, governors, the town and others. Professional competence was to be assumed, and she did not of course disappoint us in that regard. What could not be assumed were the personal qualities she brought to her role – trust in her staff, allied to an ability to delegate, warmth, humour, huge enthusiasm, openness and accessibility to all parties; above all, great resilience, so that however great the problem, within a short time she had bounced back from it with renewed vigour. I was glad that she had an absorbing passion – narrow boats, based in Ellesmere Port – outside the School, since it seemed that she drew great strength, to the School's benefit, from the opportunity this afforded her to recharge her batteries from time to time.

Three years ago I was appointed Chairman. I approached my role in relation to Di with some trepidation – I had heard how Heads traditionally pulled the wool over the eyes of the Chairman of Governors. I was struck by new aspects of her personality – her passion for girls' single-sex education, her energy in protecting and expanding the School's building stock, her vision in growing and improving the School. And the wool over the eyes? Is it true? I suspect so, but it has been an immensely enjoyable three years for me. On behalf of all the Governors, I wish her a long, productive and happy retirement.

Peter Roberts  
Chairman of Governors  
The Queen's School, Chester





# STAFF NEWS



## Retirements:

### Janet Bowden

Janet Bowden came to The Queen's School in 1980 to teach Italian to sixth formers in what was then a compulsory part of their general studies course – a foreign language alongside whatever A level subjects they were doing. The course later changed from one followed purely for interest to one which led to a GCSE qualification and in the following years many girls have, with Janet's guidance, achieved outstandingly good results at this level.

However, no matter what their objectives in doing the course, girls have always had the tremendous benefit of Janet's deep love of both Italian and Italy. Whilst teaching the language she has never failed in her enthusiasm to pass on also an appreciation of the country and its culture. The proof of her inspiration lies in the number of girls who have chosen to continue Italian studies at university and there are currently several who are completing their degrees in Italian following her introduction to the language.

Curriculum 2000 was imposed on us by authorities who believed that it would broaden our sixth formers' education. Sadly, the necessity to incorporate four AS courses into the Lower Sixth timetables leaves no time for such treasures as Italian and we have had to abandon the course. We very much regret having to deny our girls this opportunity and are particularly sad that this also means bidding farewell to Janet.

As a colleague Janet has always been loyal and supportive in wide areas of the school's activities. We shall greatly miss her friendly presence and thank her for all that she has done for both staff and girls over the years. We wish her much happiness in her retirement, with many opportunities to pursue her varied interests but in particular to maintain and pass on her affection for Italy and the Italian language.

Marion Chorley



### Barbara Lloyd

At the end of this summer term, we shall be saying goodbye to Barbara Lloyd. Barbara joined The Queen's School staff some ten years ago and has worked tirelessly to develop a thriving Religious Studies department. Barbara's infectious faith has touched all those who have come into contact with her – staff and girls alike. Her seemingly endless patience and good humour were constantly in evidence, not least when

organising the high spot of the Christian Union year, our annual visit to Living Waters and, latterly, Cloverley Hall. How did she manage to satisfy all those requests for dormitory arrangements? (All accomplished with the familiar phrase "Thank you, Lord" and accompanied by her ever-present smile). She has been an inspiration in the way she has contributed both to the subject she loves and to many other school activities, from Quest Club to staff team races on sports day. She was always ready to listen, support, encourage and, where necessary, challenge. Her daily assemblies were meticulously prepared and her Christmas and Easter services were always a refreshing end to the term.

Having been the "other member" of the Religious Studies department, I can only say that Barbara has been a most supportive Head of Department and a delightful colleague. We will all miss her expertise, enthusiasm and kindness and we wish her and Colin, (our long-suffering provider of support and biscuits!), a long and happy retirement. To quote her oft-repeated phrase, "We'll love you for ever!"

Ian Armstrong

Hilary Morris

Susan Woodland

## Farewells:

### Susan Scarr Hall

After six and a half years at The Queen's School Susan Scarr Hall began her maternity leave in February 2000 and her son Alexander was born in May. She soon decided that she would like to be a full time mother and that she would not return to her French teaching post. Although it is already nearly a year and a half since Susan was teaching here we remember with affection the contribution she made to the school. As a newly qualified teacher she was much appreciated for her youth and enthusiasm and her classes enjoyed her imaginative and creative approach to teaching. In addition to her academic work Susan played a very full part in the wider school life. Many grew to know her well through her presence at Quest Club, Christian Union and week ends at Living Waters and she shared fun and adventure with girls on the activity holidays in France. Her level of commitment was much appreciated. No colleague could have been more supportive, dedicated and caring. We miss her but know how lucky Alexander is in his mother. We thank her for all she did for so many here and wish her much happiness with her family.

Marion Chorley

### David McEwen

David McEwen was appointed to cover Mrs Scarr Hall's maternity leave in February 2000 and when she decided not to return, his appointment was extended on a part time basis until the end of this

academic year. We are grateful to him for thus ensuring continuity of teaching for his classes who have enjoyed his original approach and have appreciated the thorough preparation he has given them for their examinations. He leaves us at the end of this year to embark on a course of further study and we wish him well in his future plans.

Marion Chorley

### Karen Campbell

Karen has taught Chemistry to the junior forms in the Senior School for the last three years. She is an able, well organised member of the department who has also taught at sixth form level on occasions. We will miss her valued contribution to the department and wish her well in her new position.

Ken Young

### Clare Holland

The English Department have been very fortunate in securing the services of Clare Holland for this academic year and we are very sorry indeed that her stay has only been for such a short time. She has taught two lower fourth classes with real dedication and professionalism, totally fulfilling the glowing references which came from her last school. Clare, as an old girl, was no stranger to Queen's and we hope that she does not remain a stranger in the future but continues her association with the school.

Richard Ainsworth

### Pauline Jones

Pauline Jones came to The Queen's School in September 2000 to teach history part-time, having just retired as head of history and deputy head at Abbey Gate School. Her sixth form classes in particular have appreciated her hard work and sound guidance and the history department as a whole has benefited from her wisdom and experience. We wish her well in her retirement.

Pat Tolley

## Staff marriages

Miss Rachel Fox who is to marry Mr Ian Morrison on Wednesday, 18th July 2001 on the Isle of Harris.

Miss Mandy Chaloner who is to marry Mr David Lloyd on Saturday, 21 July 2001 at Chester Town Hall.

## News of Past Pupils:

Betal Salih (1989-1996) graduated from Somerville College, Oxford, with a First Class Honours Degree in English last Summer. She and a friend then did a sponsored cycle ride from Land's End to John O'Groats and raised over £2,000 for the orphanage in Tamil Nadu, India, where they worked during the previous Summer.



## GOVERNING BODY

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Mrs S P Jones

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Mrs W A Beynon BA (Hons) Liverpool

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Mrs K Roden BA (Hons) PGCE

Open University Dip Eur Hum

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Mrs P A Tolley BA (Hons) London PGCE

Mrs J M Roberts BA (Hons)

Newcastle PGCE

Mrs P M Jones BA (Hons) Liverpool Dip RDOU

### Information Technology

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### Geography

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Mrs A Watkins BA (Hons) Wales PGCE

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I J Armstrong BSc (Hons) Dunelm PGCE

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Liverpool PGCE

Mrs S Osborne BSc (Hons) London PGCE

Mrs S H Sheedy BSc (Hons) Liverpool PGCE  
(Deputy Headmistress)

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Mrs E A Jevons BA (Hons) Southampton PGCE

Mrs E M L Griffiths MA (Hons) St. Andrews

Dip Ed Cert Ed Dip VG

Mrs F M Culver BA (Hons) Newcastle PGCE

### Physics

CV Cook BSc (Hons) Wales PGCE

Mrs P Moate BSc (Hons) Nottingham PGCE

Mrs P Steventon BSc (Hons) Exeter PGCE

Mrs K Hill BSc (Hons) PhD London

### Modern Languages French German Spanish Italian

Mrs M B Chorley BA (Hons) Manchester PGCE

Miss M J Hemming BA (Hons) Lancaster

MA Birmingham PGCE

Miss P Heaney BA (Hons) Sheffield PGCE

Mrs S J Scarr Hall BA (Hons) Dunelm PGCE

Mrs P Maddocks BA (Hons) London

Mrs S J Bowden BA Manchester PGCE

Mrs E Shannon Maîtrise PGCE

Mrs W Marshall BA (Hons) Bangor PGCE

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## Brass

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## Violin and Viola

Mrs J Holmes MusB (Hons) Manchester GRSM  
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Mr F A Rushforth  
Mrs J Van Ingen

## Cello & Piano

Mrs C E Jones BA Glasgow LGSM

## Woodwind

Mrs E Dutch BA Bristol ARCM  
R M Hinde  
Mrs J Brewer  
Mr G C Macey

## Singing

Mrs F M Cooke MA Cantab LRAM Dip Ed

## Speech and Drama

Mrs A Mistry LGSM ALAM

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Catering Manager  
Network Manager  
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Mrs F J Taylor  
L Rees  
Mrs S Hughes  
Mrs C Reynolds  
S Viney  
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Mrs T Powell (Chemistry)  
D L Capstick (Physics)  
J A Beynon (DT)  
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Miss M Chaloner  
B Lewis

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Swimming Pool  
Maintenance/Grounds: M Chambers



# Prize List 1999 – 2000

Certificates and Prizes were presented by Professor T J Wheeler (Principal of Chester College of Higher Education)

## UPPER FIFTH RESULTS GCSE Grades A\*-C

Sophie Anderson	9	Faye Jones	10
Jenna Anians	9	Certificate for outstanding achievement at GCSE	
Clare Archibald	10	Natalie Kapur	10
Suzy Armitage	9	Julia Krause	9
Victoria Ashworth	10	Certificate for outstanding achievement at GCSE	
Certificate for outstanding achievement at GCSE		Victoria Lamb	9
Claire Bates	9	Sofia Lisowski	9
Certificate for outstanding achievement at GCSE		Erin Malam	10
Anjula Bhaskar	10	Emma Martin	10
Nicola Blucher	10	Certificate for outstanding achievement at GCSE	
Certificate for outstanding achievement at GCSE		Preethi Mavahalli	10
Marta Bobic	10	Certificate for outstanding achievement at GCSE	
Certificate for outstanding achievement at GCSE		Helen Meacock	9
Eleanor Brotherhood	9	Certificate for outstanding achievement at GCSE	
Sarah Cauldwell	9	Camelia Melody	9
Rachel Chapman	10	Marie Mickiewicz	9
Certificate for outstanding achievement at GCSE		Loretta Mills	9
Rachel Chater	10	Jennifer Milner	10
Certificate for outstanding achievement at GCSE		Joanna Monro	9
Andrea Clews	9	Certificate for outstanding achievement at GCSE	
Elizabeth Coakley	10	Victoria Morgan	10
Louise Davies	9	Anna Moulds	9
Jenna Dodd	9	Certificate for outstanding achievement at GCSE	
Joanna Draper	9	Sophie Muskett	10
Ruth Evans	9	Certificate for outstanding achievement at GCSE	
Certificate for outstanding achievement at GCSE		Jane Neale	10
Laura Fields	10	Certificate for outstanding achievement at GCSE	
Certificate for outstanding achievement at GCSE		Alexandra Owen	9
Katie Foster	10	Ruth Roberts	10
Certificate for outstanding achievement at GCSE		Certificate for outstanding achievement at GCSE	
Hannah Furzeman	9	Sarah Roberts	9
Lisa Gertson	9	Certificate for outstanding achievement at GCSE	
Certificate for outstanding achievement at GCSE		Katherine Salter	10
Faekah Gohar	9	Certificate for outstanding achievement at GCSE	
Certificate for outstanding achievement at GCSE		Sophia Scott	9
Natalie Goharriz	9	Ramya Srinivasan	10
Amy Greensill	10	Certificate for outstanding achievement at GCSE	
Dionne Hancocks	10	Elizabeth Symes	10
Kate Harvey	10	Certificate for outstanding achievement at GCSE	
Certificate for outstanding achievement at GCSE		Kathryn Timmins	10
Catherine Hazzledine	10	Certificate for outstanding achievement at GCSE	
Certificate for outstanding achievement at GCSE		Sarah Watson	10
Emma Hearle	10	Certificate for outstanding achievement at GCSE	
Certificate for outstanding achievement at GCSE		Alexandra Wilcox	10
Eleanor Heath	10	Certificate for outstanding achievement at GCSE	
Certificate for outstanding achievement at GCSE		Emma Willis	10
Lucy Heffer	10	Certificate for outstanding achievement at GCSE	
Certificate for outstanding achievement at GCSE		Hanna Wilson	9
Gemma Hughes	10	Abigail Wilson	10
Laura Johnson	10	Certificate for outstanding achievement at GCSE	
Certificate for outstanding achievement at GCSE		Sarah Woodcock	9
Anna Jones	10	Certificate for outstanding achievement at GCSE	
Certificate for outstanding achievement at GCSE			

## UPPER SIXTH RESULTS A, AS and GCSE

	A Level	AS	GCSE
Francis Allwood	4		1
Caroline Appleton	4		1
Sarah Arden	4		1
Elizabeth Armstrong	4		1
Ruth Armstrong	4	1	
Gemma Bailey	3		
Sarah Benton	4		
Claire Braid	4	1	
Jennifer Brookes	3		
Nicola Capes	3		1
Zubeena Coppack	4		
Hannah Coulton	4		1
Penny Dixon	4		
Caroline Evans	4		1
Katherine Fennell	4		1
Irina Gage	4		1
Amanda Gemmill	5		
Lynsey Griffin	3		
Paula Guest	2		1
Rachel Hall	4		1
Jill Hawkins	3		1
Natalie Howe	3		
Sarah Hutton	4		1
Natalia Ikin	4		
Sophie Jarrett	4		
Emily Jones	4		1
Gemma Jones	4		1
Sarah Jones	4		1
Seeta Kalghatgi	4		2
Lauren Kerr	4		
Alexis Kirk	4		
Charlotte Lawson	4		1
Gemma Lee	4		
Lucy Leyland	4		1
Sarah Lister	4		1
Sarah McIlroy	5		
Suzanne Mead	4		1
Marianne Milnes	5		1
Catherine Morrice-Evans	4		
Tara Murray	4		
Sekela Mwambu	3		1
Danielle Oxford	4		
Elisa Parish	4		
Helen Parker	3		1
Anna-Marie Perry	4		1
Louise Petranca	4		1
Alexandra Richards	4		
Joy Roberts	4		
Rachel Saxon	4		1
Hannah Smith	4		
Christina Stanley	4		
Eleanor Stephan	4	1	1
Lowri Tan	4		
Madeleine Troy	4		
Sarah White	4		1
Helen Wilson	4		
Amy Woods	4		1
Louisa Woolley	4		
Stefanie Worden	5		

## THIRD YEAR SIXTH

Eleni Neoptolemos	1		1
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## GIFTS TO THE SCHOOL 2000 – 2001

### Miss D M Skilbeck BA

Junior Vocal Trophy

Benches for Senior School and Lower School

Contribution to Bursary Fund

### Queen's School Association

Trophy cabinet for MacLean House (to mark their Centenary and The Queen's School Millennium Appeal)

### UVI leavers

Tree for garden

Painting – 'Looking into the sunset'



## AWARDS AND PRIZES

Head Girl's Award	Hannah Cantle	<b>Donors</b> Owen Jones
Deputy Head Girls' Award	Sarah Bache	Dr and Mrs Judge
	Natalie Jones	Rotary Club
Queen Victoria's Jubilee Scholarship	Victoria Fairclough	
Prize for Service to the School	Gemma Clarke	
	Amanda Gemmill	The Guha Family
	Jennifer Spencer	The Guha Family
	Amy Furbur	The Guha Family
	Jessica Tilling	The Guha Family
	Gemma Jones	Lorna Ewart Prize donated by QSA
	Sarah Arden	Lorna Ewart Prize donated by QSA
	Seeta Kalghatgi	Lorna Ewart Prize donated by QSA
	Lucy Leyland	Diana Beck Memorial Prize donated by QSA
	Sarah Hutton	Diana Beck Memorial Prize donated by QSA
	Ruth Evans	Nicole Butler and Julia Copland
Fifth Form Prize for Service to the School	Helen Bate	Mr and Mrs Aston
Prize for Service to the Neighbourhood	Lowri Tan	Mr and Mrs J B Phillips
The Centenary Prize for Progress	Helen Parker	Anon
Prize for Achievement Millennium	Sarah Arden	UVI leavers 2000
Achiever's Award	Laura Harris	Mrs Helen Parker
The Helen Parker Prize for the Best piece of Creative Work in 'Have Mynde'		
Prize For Public Speaking 1999	Sophie Wynne-Jones	Pate Prize
<b>Subject Prizes</b>	Alison Salter	Pate Prize
Art	Lynsey Griffin	Randolph Caldecott Society
Biology	Christina Stanley	Brown Memorial Prize
	Gemma Lee	Brown Memorial Prize
Business Studies	Sarah Arden	John Thompson Memorial Prize
	Penny Dixon	John Thompson Memorial Prize
	Natalia Ikin	John Thompson Memorial Prize
Chemistry	Rachel Hall	W Davies Memorial Prize
	Marianne Milnes	W Davies Memorial Prize
	Christina Stanley	W Davies Memorial Prize
	Claire Braid	W Davies Memorial Prize
	Lowri Tan	W Davies Memorial Prize
Classical Studies	Hannah Smith	Mrs C Ferris
Economics	Sarah McIlroy	John Thompson Memorial Prize
English	Elizabeth Armstrong	Sandford Memorial Prize
	Stefanie Worden	Sandford Memorial Prize
Modern Languages	Stefanie Worden	Madame Wozniak
French	Katherine Fennell	Madame Wozniak
Progress in French	Charlotte Lawson	Madame Wozniak
German	Marianne Milnes	E Noel Humphrey Memorial prize
	Stefanie Worden	E Noel Humphrey Memorial prize
Geography	Stefanie Worden	Doris Metzger Memorial prize donated by QSA
	Natalia Ikin	Owen Jones
History	Gemma Bailey	John Thompson Memorial Prize
Home Economics	Eleni Neoptolemos	Miss Whittham
Latin	Marianne Milnes	Miss Nedham
Mathematics	Christina Stanley	Miss Nedham
	Rachel Hall	Owen Jones
Physics	Lucy Leyland	Owen Jones
	Lowri Tan	Owen Jones
	Seeta Kalghatgi	Owen Jones
Religious Studies	Katherine Fennell	Sandford Memorial Prize
Prize for Progress in English	Madeleine Troy	Horton Memorial Prize
Cup for Languages and Business Studies	Sarah Lister	Claire Bartlett Memorial Cup

## ANNA MARKLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Anna Markland Trophy	Eryl Davies	
The Ann Brotherhood Vocal Trophy	Nicola Webb	Mr Ann Short
The Piano Trophy	Olivia Griffiths	Miss Rona Jones
The Woodwind Trophy	Katie Foster	Mr C Swann
	Caroline Wells	
The String Trophy	Eryl Davies	Mr and Mrs J Jones-Pritchard
The James/Surfleet Ensemble Trophy	Susanna Spencer	Mr and Mrs K James and Dr and Mrs B Surfleet
	Rachael Thompson	
	Susan Haines	
The Piano Duet Trophy	Hannah Cantle	
	Natalie Jones	
Church Trophy for Brass	Charlotte Evans	Mr and Mrs J F Church
Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award	Suzanne Mead	left July 00
	Stefanie Warden	left July 00
	Maxine Esser	left July 99
	Victoria Manford	left July 99
	Victoria Packham	left July 99
	Katharine Selby	left July 99
	Laura Sensicle	left July 99
	Rebecca Wilson	left July 99
	Elizabeth Hooley	left July 98
	Victoria Pugh	left July 95

## SPORTS AWARDS

Moore Cup (awarded to the girl who has most frequently represented the school as a member of the first teams in Hockey, Lacrosse and Tennis.)	Jenny Crooks	
Shambler Cup for Badminton	Johanna Weedall	Mr & Mrs R G Shambler
Hannah Owen Award for Lacrosse (Senior)	Laura Wilkinson	Mr & Mrs R G Shambler
Hannah Owen Award for Lacrosse (Junior)	Amanda Gemmill	Hannah Owen
Short Trophy for Tennis	Elaine Radcliffe	Hannah Owen
Prize for Games and Gymnastics	Katharine McGettigan	Tania and Anina Short
	Amanda Gemmill	Margaret Meacock Memorial Prize
	Gemma Jones	Margaret Meacock Memorial Prize
	Sarah Arden	Margaret Meacock Memorial Prize
	Nicola Capes	Mr & Mrs L Irvin
Irvin Cup for Hockey (Senior)	Kate Leyland	
Junior Hockey Trophy		

## HOUSE GAMES CUPS

Senior Hockey	Hastings
Senior Lacrosse	Sandford
Senior Tennis	Sandford
House Athletics	Westminster

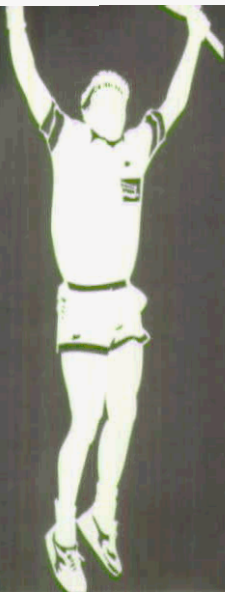
## DESTINATIONS FOR UPPER VI, 2000

Francis Allwood	Music	Leeds
Caroline Appleton	Medicine	Bristol
Sarah Arden	Sport & Exercise Science (with year abroad)	Bath
Elizabeth Armstrong	English Language & Literature	Oxford (Regent's Park)
Ruth Armstrong	History	Durham
Gemma Bailey	Town Planning	Heriot-Watt, Edinburgh
Sarah Benton	Biology	Leeds
Claire Braid	Medicine	King's College, London
Jennifer Brookes	American Studies & Human Resources Management	Keele
Nicola Capes	Sports Science with Biology	Hull
Zubeena Coppack	Medicine	Leeds
Hannah Coulton	Physiotherapy	Birmingham
Penny Dixon	Management Studies	Leeds
Caroline Evans	Re-applying for German & Spanish	
Katherine Fennell	Philosophy & French	Bristol (2001)
Irina Gage	Modern European Languages	Edinburgh
Amanda Gemmill	Medicine	Imperial College, London (2001)
Lynsey Griffin	Applying for Drama	
Paula Guest	Interior Design Correspondence Course	
Rachel Hall	Veterinary Medicine	Cambridge (Churchill)
Jill Hawkins	Foundation Art	West Cheshire
Natalie Howe	Medicine	Nottingham
Sarah Hutton	Geography & Sports Science	Loughborough
Natalia Ikin	Communications	Leeds
Sophie Jarrett	History	Durham (2001)
Emily Jones	Geography	Leeds
Gemma Jones	Sport & Exercise Sciences	Birmingham
Sarah Jones	Medicine	King's College, London
Seeta Kalghatgi	Physics & Philosophy	Bristol
Lauren Kerr	Business Studies (Sandwich)	Sheffield Hallam
Alexis Kirk	Zoology & Microbiology	Aberystwyth
Charlotte Lawson	English Language & Literature	Sheffield
Gemma Lee	Geography	Nottingham
Lucy Leyland	Natural Sciences	Durham (2001)
Sarah Lister	Social Sciences	Edinburgh
Sara McIlroy	Philosophy, Politics & Economics	Oxford (Queen's)
Suzanne Mead	Biomedical Science	Sheffield
Marianne Milnes	Natural Sciences	Cambridge (Queen's)
Catherine Morrice-Evans	Communication	Cardiff
Tara Murray	Accounting	Liverpool
Sekela Mwambingu	Medicine	Leicester
Eleni Neoptolemos	Music	Durham
Danielle Oxford	Geography	Sheffield
Elisa Parish	Biology with Business Studies	Queen Mary Westfield, Helen
London		
Parker	Combined Science	Lancaster
Anna-Marie Perry	Foundation Art	West Cheshire
Louise Petranca	Italian & History of Art	King's College, London (2001)
Alexandra Richards	Business Studies (Sandwich)	Nottingham Trent
Joy Roberts	Applying for Production Media (2001)	
Rachel Saxon	History, Medieval & Modern Business	Birmingham
Hannah Smith	Natural Sciences	Strathclyde
Christina Stanley	Combined Arts	Cambridge (Sidney Sussex)
Eleanor Stephan	Re-applying for Chemical Engineering	Liverpool
Lowri Tan	Re-applying for History	
Madeleine Troy	French Studies	Sheffield
Sarah White	Law	Liverpool
Helen Wilson	Law	Oxford Brookes (2001)
Amy Woods	French Studies	Sheffield (2001)
Louisa Woolley	Land Economy	Cambridge (New Hall)
Stefanie Worden	Electrical & Electronic Engineering (MEng)	UMIST
Claire Foster		

## 1999 LEAVERS WHO DEFERRED OR RE-APPLIED

Lucy Harries	Economics	Manchester
Anna Legat	Geography/Management Studies	Leeds





# Tennis

## Summer 2000



The Queen's school Tennis Team has yet again and a very successful season, gaining honours in all age groups and competitions. The senior team were unlucky to finish runners-up to a very strong Sir John Deanes side in the Cheshire Doubles Final. But, the team were victorious in the Chester and District Tournament, finishing as winners by beating Abbeygate, Tarporley and Christleton.

The U15s have had another successful season. This squad has shown considerable strength and depth with many girls representing the school for this age group. The team finished as runners up in the Chester and District Tournament after narrowly losing to Heber. This team were also the winners in the Intermediate Girls Cheshire Doubles Final, where they played well to beat Knutsford. Due to the strength of this squad, two teams were able to be entered for the HSBC Tournament. The U15B team played some good matches and were unlucky not to reach the 3rd round. The U15A team, however, have had an excellent tournament. They became Cheshire champions by beating Cheadle Hulme and then went on to represent Cheshire in the Regional rounds. The team performed extremely well and beat off strong opposition from Trafford, Sefton and then in the final they beat Rivington and Blackrod High to become North West Champions. This then meant they had qualified for the National Quarter-finals Play off. In an extremely closely fought match against Scotland, the team were unlucky to lose. Congratulations must go to Vicky Gallagher, Emma Jenkins, Kate Leyland and Elise Hague for their achievements.

The U13s have proved to be an extremely strong side and show enormous potential for the future. It is this team who have had the most successful season out of all the teams. They were the runners up in their Chester and District tournament, and in the Junior Cheshire Doubles Final they convincingly beat The Grange to become Cheshire Champions. However their most impressive play, like the U15s, was in their respective HSBC Tournament. Once again congratulations must go to the team. As the U15s,

they became North West Champions by beating Lancashire and then in the Play offs they beat Scotland to reach the National Quarter-finals. This is a remarkable achievement in itself, but the team carried on winning and beat the North East winners in a tight match. This meant that the team had reached the National Finals. When you consider how many schools enter this national competition (over 6000 schools) it was an amazing achievement for the team. The other finalists were all very strong but the team continued to play well and finished in 4th position overall, after narrowly losing by 2 games in their 3rd/ 4th place play off. Congratulations for this achievement go to Lucy Swe, Emma Swe, Jessica Crowther and Sarah Ayton. Lucy Swe of Remove also played extremely well to finish as runner up in the Cheshire Wheeler Cup Singles Competition.



Due to the short and rainy Summer Term few friendlies have been played, but those which were played proved worthwhile and were enjoyed by all. The format of the School Tennis Tournament changed this year, due to the backlog of matches at the end of last season. The tournament was dubbed as the 'Pre-Wimbledon' tournament but in true Wimbledon style, rain stopped play and the tournament

was postponed for an impressive two weeks and became the 'mid-Wimbledon' Tournament. But the rain delay did not dampen any spirits and the standard of tennis played was excellent. With girls from Remove to LVI taking part the tournament proved to be successful. The eventual winners of the A section were Lucy Swe and Jessica Crowther, and of the B section were Laura Layfield and Helen Thomas.

Well done to everyone who took part in this tournament. I'd like to thank everyone who has played tennis this term. The standard of tennis throughout the school has once again been excellent and thanks must go to Miss Huck and Mrs Moore for their continual support and encouragement. Finally I'd like to wish next year's teams and the new Tennis Captain Joanna Monro the best of luck. I hope the success of this season can be repeated next year.

**Katharine McGettigan UVI**



# Athletics – Summer 2000

This was a very short but exciting season for our athletics. Girls from our Remove, Lower 4 and Upper 4 worked hard for their 5 star awards and have certificates to prove their achievements. Twenty-four athletes competed in the junior and intermediate TSB competition at Wrexham in mid-May and both teams qualified for the Cheshire Cup final held at Helsby during school examinations. Despite revision, both teams competed and the Juniors finished as runners-up, with the Inters in 5th position. The Chester and District Minors (year 7) Athletics Championship was held at Wrexham in June with the following results:

1st	-	Queens with 56 points
2nd	-	Upton with 53 points
3rd	-	Bishops with 36 points

## Individual results were as follows:

Rosemary Sawyer	-	1st in highjump
Amelia Papadopoulos	-	1st in 100m
Eryl Davies	-	1st in 1500m
Sarah Frood	-	2nd in 200m
Naomi Knight	-	2nd in discus
Lucy Swe	-	3rd in hurdles and 3rd in javelin
4 x 100m relay	-	1st

Several girls were selected to represent the District at this year's Cheshire Championships, held in Macclesfield and Warrington.

Amelia Papadopoulos	-	2nd 100m
Naomi Knight	-	2nd in discus
Natalie Hutcheson	-	4th in 100m
Beth Greenhouse	-	5th in hurdles

The main Chester and District event was held last July in Wrexham. It was a cloudy day, but at least it did not rain.

## Overall results:-

Year 8	-	7th
Year 9	-	2nd
Year 10/11	-	2nd

## Individual results and certificates:

### Year 10/11:

Laura Wilkinson	-	1st in hurdles and 2nd in long jump
Claire Chisholm	-	1st in triple jump and 2nd in hurdles
Beth Tweddle	-	1st in 300m
Natalie Hutcheson	-	2nd in 100m
4 x 100m relay team	-	1st

### Year 9:

Laura Bestow	-	1st in 1500m
Georgie Okell	-	1st in long jump
Jenny Milburn	-	2nd in 100m
Annie Lea	-	3rd in 800m

### Year 8:

Beth Greenhouse	-	1st in hurdles
Elizabeth Garry	-	2nd in 200m
Debbie Wynn	-	3rd in javelin
Charlotte Cook	-	3rd in long jump

As you can see, we had some excellent results so well done to all girls, whether you were prize winners or not, you all did your bit to represent the school and win points for your team.

Mrs. C. E. Moore

# Rounders 2000

Everyone seems to have enjoyed playing rounders, from staff through to the Removes.

Unfortunately, the only friendly played this season was against Abbeygate. Rain and problems from other schools cancelled the others!

All Chester and District tournaments were eventually held, even though the under 14's and 15's was postponed twice!

The results were as follows:

U15 team reached the semi-finals

U14 team also reached the semi-finals

U13 team were runners-up

U12 team were WINNERS – therefore Chester and District Champions!

Mrs. C. E. Moore

## Colours 2000 : Tennis & Athletics

### Senior Tennis Colours:

Katharine McGettigan  
Amalie Bowen-Jones  
Jenny Crooks

### Certificate of Merit:

Joanna Bohdanowicz

### Junior Tennis Colours:

Victoria Gallagher  
Kate Leyland  
Sally Crooks  
Elise Hague  
Laura Wilkinson

### Certificates of Merit:

Victoria Garry  
Claire Okell  
Claire Chisholm  
Laura Layfield  
Helen Thomas

### Athletics Colours:

Laura Wilkinson  
Claire Chisholm  
Natalie Hutcheson  
Victoria Garry  
Kate Leyland

### Certificates of Merit:

Elise Hague  
Rachael Thompson  
Ruth Watson  
Beth Tweddle  
Catherine Wilson

### Athlete of the Year Trophy:

Laura Wilkinson and Claire Chisholm



# Hockey

Despite this hockey season having been relatively quiet, due to frozen hockey pitches, there have been a number of convincing successes.

The first team have excelled themselves yet again by being Indoor County Champions and by becoming 2nd in the Cheshire Outdoor County Finals. We also played the annual match against King's, eventually losing only 4-1 after having caused them much panic about losing to girls when winning 1-0 after half time!

The U15s and U16s have remained enthusiastic throughout the term and have had some fantastic results, particularly against St. Edwards, winning 6-0. They were also unlucky to narrowly miss out on winning the Chester and District indoor tournament, losing only 0-1 in the final.

A huge thank you must go to Miss Fox for her hard work this term with the U14 squad. Turn out to practices has remained ever plentiful and the eager approach of the squad has lead to some impressive results, with wins against Tarporley, Neston and Bishops.

The U13s have continued to work hard and make good progress and in the Packwood tournament, came 2nd in their section. They also drew against St. Edwards.

The U12A and B teams are showing good development and will undoubtedly continue to do so next season.

These are all smashing results and congratulations must go to all the hockey players for the tremendous effort. Thank you also to Miss Huck and Mrs Moore for their continued support and to Miss Fox for her help with the U14s. Thanks also to my first team who have maintained a zealous approach throughout and have made this season as enjoyable as it could have been for me as Captain. I would just like to say good luck to all of the teams for next season and keep up the good work!

**Jenny Crooks, UVI**

# Lacrosse

This term, we have been fairly lucky with the weather with only one of our matches being cancelled! We have remained enthusiastic throughout and this can be seen in our successes for all the teams.

The U13s have trained hard and developed some very skilful players. Their teamwork has been demonstrated in the matches they have played against Packwood, Belvedere and Withington.

The U14s again have developed into a strong team with some good victories against Belvedere and Withington. This is thanks to Mrs Waring for all the coaching which she has given. They played well in the Northern Schools Junior Tournament and it was unfortunate that they didn't qualify for the semi-final. However, this will prepare them well for next year's busy season.

The U15s have improved a great deal this season and they are seen to be a very committed and talented team, obtaining victories over Belvedere (6-0) and Withington. The U15s had a good day out at Berkhamstead for the National Schools Tournament and they showed great team spirit. They came up against tough opposition and should be congratulated on their 3 out of 5 wins.

The 1st team will be looking forward to gaining some of these players for next year's season.

The 1st team had a slow start this term with 2 unlucky matches at the beginning, but then had a good win against Birkenhead which helped boost our confidence levels before National Schools. We had a lot to live up to and we managed to be very successful but not to the level which was required.

We had victories against:-  
Harrogate Ladies College (7-0)  
Abbots Hill (4-0)  
Caterham (4-0)

A very close match versus Beneden which we unfortunately drew 0-0, and an unlucky defeat against St. Swithuns. This meant we marginally missed the semi-finals – but a good day was had by all and we kept our spirits high for the bus journey home!

We had an amusing match against a mixed team from Heber with some rather amusing opposition, but a good match was played and it was good practice for them as it was their first match outside!

Our last match was against an American Touring team from Pennsylvania and some of us hosted the girls. We were expecting a very high standard after having been told they practised for 2 hours every day compared to our 1 hour a week! It was a tough match and, it being our final match of the season, we were determined to win, and that we did with a close score of 6-4.

Individual successes have been gained by Ruth Evans and Amalie Bowen-Jones, who represented the North of England in the Junior Territorials in January.

Finally, I would like to thank Mrs Moore and Mrs Waring for their continued help and support throughout my term in office. Also, a big thanks to my whole team who have stuck by me even when I have shouted. You have all made my time as being captain and enjoyable one.

All that remains for me to do now is to wish Sophie the best of luck for next year and I hope she has as much fun as we have all had this season.

**Amalie Bowen-Jones**



# COLOURS:

## Hockey & Lacrosse

### Hockey – Spring 2001:

**Senior:** Jenny Crooks  
Vicky Lloyd  
Joanna Bohdanowicz  
Caroline Antlett

**Junior:** Catriona Thomson  
Hilary Tweed  
Mary Pritchard  
Biba Wahi  
Stephanie Nolf  
Philippa Cook  
Keri Davies  
Emma Jenkins

### Lacrosse – Spring 2001:

**Senior:** Amalie Bowen-Jones  
Gemma Churton  
Jenny Crooks  
Vicky Lloyd  
Lil Pawson  
Emma Jones

**Junior:** Catriona Thomson  
Hilary Tweed  
Elaine Radcliff  
Annie Lea  
Libby Preston  
Mary Pritchard

# Cross Country

The Chester and District meeting was held at Chester Catholic High School last October. Laura Bestow won the intermediate event and the following girls all came in the top 20 in their age groups to qualify for the Cheshire Championships:- Abi Okell; Holly Lamont; Claire Haddad; Nicola Webb; Eryl Davies; Laura Bestow; Catriona Thomson; Annie Lea; Chloe Southorn; Claire Chisholm; Laura Wilkinson; Alex Wilcox.

The Cheshire Championships were held in Macclesfield in January and Laura Bestow came 11th in the Intermediate event and was selected to run for Cheshire. She was 2nd at the 3 counties meeting held in Frodsham but, unfortunately, the English Championships in Southampton were cancelled due to the foot and mouth crisis.

Mrs. C. E. Moore

# RUNNING CLUB

The running club is available three lunchtimes a week. It is open to all age groups and all abilities. We try to cater for all tastes – some girls prefer running the walls clockwise, some anti-clockwise, and others prefer the racecourse. Some of the members are natural runners who compete, others are just trying to improve their level of fitness and stamina, and some just came along to have a go! The numbers have ranged from two to twenty-three!

We usually see an increase in numbers at the start of a term – girls set off with very good intentions – “I will get fitter...”. We also see team members attending to train for competitions.

We have a regular hard core, who encourage their friends to attend. In fact, most of the Lower V have had a run at some point this year! It is a pleasure to see the girls gradually knocking minutes off their run – all credit to them!

Queen's girls tend to be fair weather runners, but we do have a few who are brave enough to venture out in all weathers - even a hail storm! It certainly manages to blow the cobwebs away before afternoon school starts!

All girls are very welcome.

Mrs. J. O'Donnell

# Swimming

On Monday February 5th, The Queen's School swimming team attended a friendly gala at Rydal Penrhos in Colwyn Bay. Removes, LIVs and UIVs took part in a variety of different races, including 25 and 50 meters breaststroke, front crawl, backstroke and butterfly. We also took part in the Medley and freestyle relays, and a few girls took part in the IMs. We finished with a cannon relay in which everyone took part. Everybody thoroughly enjoyed the gala, not forgetting the meal afterwards and it was a lot of fun. The overall score was 143 points – 113 points to Queen's. To prepare for the gala, we regularly attended swimming practices after school on Mondays throughout the winter and spring terms. We would like to thank Mrs Moore for coaching and organising us.

Helen Jones and Katy Daly  
Remove



# Netball

The Removes, UIV and LV have enjoyed netball clubs this year and all have played matches against local schools.

In the Chester and District Tournaments, the Removes reached the semi-finals losing 2-1 to Bishop Heber; the UIV came third in their section and the LV were runners-up in the Plate competition.

Mrs. C. E. Moore



The Badminton club has been well attended by girls from the Remove to the UV. At the beginning of February, after regular practices on a Monday lunch time, Mr Armstrong gathered together a team from the Upper IV to go to Alsager to play in an U15 National Tournament. Several practices and matches with different partners later, the final team was decided.

On Saturday 10th February, Sarah Ayton, Sarah Bransby, Stephanie Hughes and Brina Marks met Mr Armstrong at school for 9am. All five of us travelled to Alsager where we played matches against each of four other schools.

The whole team played very well and we were up against some exceptionally good players.. Everyone had a great day, even Brina, who seemed to be used as a target for the shuttlecock in some games! Unfortunately, we lost to all the schools but it was an excellent learning experience for everyone.

Many thanks must go to Mr Armstrong for organising the event and giving up most of his day to come and support us, and his son for giving us valuable coaching after school. Thanks also must go to Brina's brother, Saul, for coming to support us and help us knock up before many of the games. We hope that this will be the first of many tournaments to come in the future.

**Brina Marks UIVP**

## The Queen' School *Ski Team*

*The Queen's school ski team has now completed its most successful season yet...*

Three teams, each of four girls, entered the English Schools Ski Association competition in September, an increase of one team on last year. The 'C' team (Under 14), consisting of Kate McGeorge, Harriet Kaufman, Fiona Britton and Clare Haddad were all new to racing. They competed well, but were up against the 'B' in the qualifiers.

The 'B' team (Under 14), made up of Georgie Okell, Donna McFadyen, Vicki (Emily Hughes) and Lucy Campbell Woodward, showed their growing experience and expertise by winning their qualifying round, and being invited not only to the age group championships, but also to the Open championships. This is the first time that this team has qualified for the Open.

In the age group championships they all produced race times that were significantly better than last year, but due to stiff opposition ended 6th overall. In the Open championships they produced equally good or better times and finished in 10th place.

Laura Wilkinson, Emily Makower, Victoria Tudor-Jones and Abi Okell formed the 'A' team (Under 16). Like the 'B' team they all improved on last years performance, so much so that they won the silver medals, losing to Surbiton High School by the very narrow margin of 0.48 seconds after the six scoring times were added together.

In the Open competition the 'A' team excelled themselves again winning the silver medals, losing to Surbiton High School 'A' team but gaining their revenge on the 'B' team which had beaten them in the age group championships.

Their successes in the English National Championships gained them entry to the British Schools Dry Slope Championships which were held at Llandudno early in November. More high quality skiing from all found them one place of the medals, fourth of twenty two teams from all over Britain. A truly excellent result that was noted as the commentator repeatedly described Queens as "The team to watch"!

The success of the team has been rewarded with all four members being invited to join the English Schools Ski Associations National Squads.. Abi Okell joined the junior training squad in La Thuile, Italy; Victoria Tudor-Jones travelled to Geilo, Norway to join the senior squad. The crown though was Laura Wilkinson's and Emily Makower's selection to join the team of ten girls to represent English Schools at the International School Sports Federation's World Schools Championships in France in March 2001.

The 'A' and 'B' teams are travelling to Flaine at the end of January to compete in the British Schoolgirls' Races. The combined results saw the teams placed in 9th, 23rd and 28th from a total of 39 teams with individual placings from 18th to 77th of 123 skiers.

Many of the girls have now competed individually on snow this winter, and will be doing so on the dry slopes over the summer. Queens has definitely become a 'team to watch' and we hope for another good season next year.

Anyone interested in joining the group should speak to any of the girls named, or contact Richard Makower on 01244 677712.



# Gym Club

Once again, Gym Club has had a very successful season with at least a dozen girls performing at Open Day. Every Tuesday lunchtime, Jessica Tilling has helped us do B.A.G.A awards and improve our gymnastic ability. Thanks must go to Mrs Moore and Jessica for helping us achieve this.

C. Boyd, R. Bestow, A. Scott

## Gymnastics and GCSE's

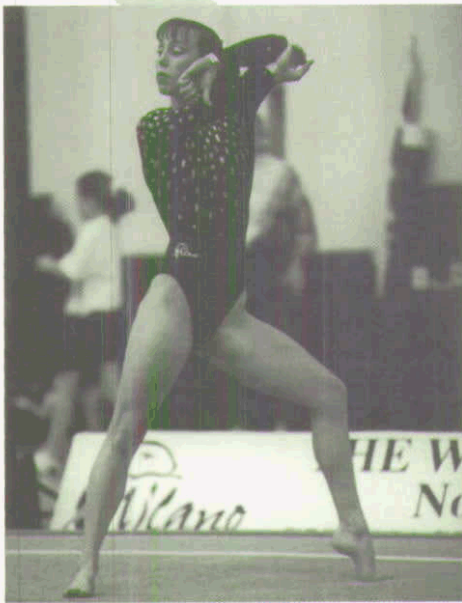
Beth has now entered her first year as a senior gymnast as well as her GCSE year. Her aim this year is to make the British team for the World Championships in Belgium and to pass a few exams along the way.

Her final year as a junior was her most successful to date. At the Junior British Championships as she won the gold medal on vault, bars and floor. She also took the overall English Championship.

In August the first Junior Commonwealth Games were held in Edinburgh. After a very colourful opening ceremony at the Edinburgh Tattoo, Beth won the overall gold medal beating a strong Australian team.

Over the winter she has competed on the gymnastic Grand Prix circuit in Switzerland and Germany. She travelled with bags full of leotards, hand guards and revision notes. She was thrilled to compete against European and Olympic champions and also come home with some prize money.

Recently she has been training hard, learning new skills for this year's competitions and hopefully the Commonwealth Games in Manchester next year.



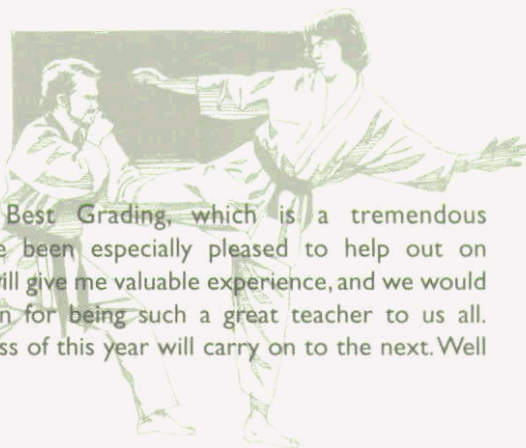
## Taekwondo

The year started with a demonstration by the members of the club, including the instructor, Martin Williams, a 4th degree black belt. This year has been particularly good – some girls entered the local competition and all did very well, with both Martin and myself proud to be acting as umpires for the day.

With some girls passing their first grading to get their yellow strip in March, others also gained various belts up to the green. Many did exceptionally well to get advanced passes, with Elise

Hague gaining a Best Grading, which is a tremendous achievement. I have been especially pleased to help out on Wednesdays, as it will give me valuable experience, and we would like to thank Martin for being such a great teacher to us all. Hopefully the success of this year will carry on to the next. Well done to everybody.

Natalie Kapur LVI







# Individual Achievements

## City of Chester Sports Awards

Congratulations to those who received awards for their sporting achievements at Chester Town Hall last December.

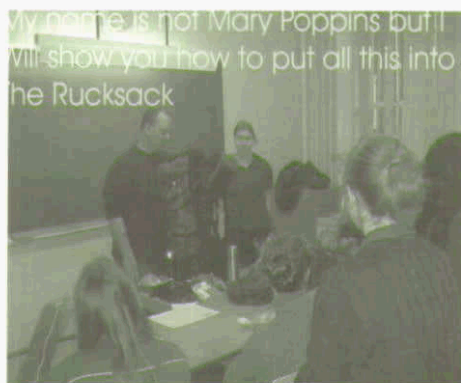
### From left to right:

Laura Wilkinson (English Schools U18 Ski Squad); Ruth Evans (U18 Welsh Hockey Squad); Mrs C Moore (Head of PE); The Lord Mayor of Chester; Councillor Reggie Jones; Catherine Forshaw (North of England U14 Hockey Development Squad); Beth Tweddle (Senior British Gymnast); Emma Jenkins (U15 Cheshire Tennis Squad).

## Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award

When we first signed up to begin our Duke of Edinburgh's Award we weren't altogether sure what we had let ourselves in for. Most of us having signed up specifically for the enhancement of skills, fitness and, of course, our UCAS forms.

One of the main tests we faced of course being the expedition which we had only heard rumours about, but we were already grimly anticipating. The practice hikes were suprisingly eventful

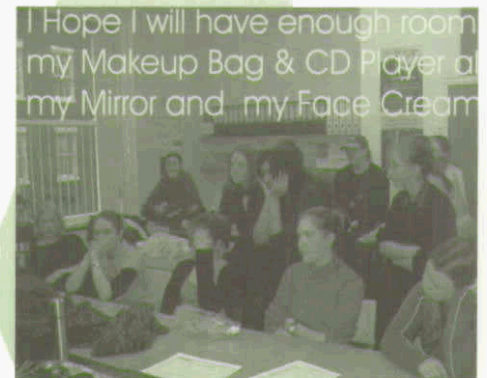


Thanks to Dave, Mrs Moore and everyone else who tried (and are still trying) to get us ready for our real expedition. To all those wishing to 'do' D of E next year, acquaint yourself with the pot noodle range now, you may never need to wash a pan again.

Abi Wilson, LVIT



considering how short they were. For example, crossing one snow-covered potato field, Laura lost her boots and her dignity and ended up crawling across it in her socks (apparently it's only funny if it wasn't you). Walks had been restricted because of foot and mouth and so we did have to spend one night camping on the school field in relative luxury (real running water). However, sleeping next to a railway embankment did have its drawbacks (i.e. the 04:09, 05:09, 06:09 etc.).



## Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

On 11th March 2001, a vast majority of The Queen's School UIV girls crawled out of their beds at a shocking hour to arrive at school for their first Duke of Edinburgh meeting.

Loads of girls signed up to take part in the Bronze Award but it was of little surprise when shock, dismay and frankly panic set in with the realisation that perhaps they wouldn't be able to go into town every Saturday, and with the weight of their rucksacks in mind, it would certainly cast doubt over exactly how many sweets, not to mention how much make-up could be taken along on the expedition!

Nevertheless we were not to be deterred that easily and everybody was looking forward to the practice expedition weekends in April and May. They soon came around and yet another early morning beckoned.

After about an hour's journey we all piled out of the school minibus into deepest, darkest, er, Shropshire. All the tents assembled and a broken toilet door later (Emma and Holly!) we set off on our five mile walk. It wasn't really too hard, but everyone managed to get at least one moan in, but it was worth the effort and very good practice for the real thing later this summer.

At dinnertime though, realising our pot noodles weren't really up to much, we were quite taken with the generous offer from Melvin and Roy that they would buy us all some fish and chips if we walked into Shrewsbury - needless to say we were more than happy to oblige...

We carried on with our walking the next day and as we travelled home, all agreed we had taken the first steps towards gaining our Bronze Award with the help of our wonderful guides Melvin, Dave O, Mitch, Roy and everyone else. Let's just hope there's another chip shop situated as closely on our next expedition...

Danielle Steven, UIVA



# Report From the House Captains

*House events got off to a slow start at the beginning of the year with the new, eager House captains keen to show off their new badges, to reflect their vital role. However, the dangers of wearing the badges into town were discovered by Jane and the badges are now only worn in designated safe areas.*

One of the tasks a House Captain has to perform is collecting housepoints, however, some teachers have been somewhat generous this year (or the Removes have become much cleverer since my day) and as a consequence, collections have had to be made over a series of lunchtimes.

The House Sport events were of a very high standard. Junior lacrosse and senior hockey were held earlier this year; recruits for the latter were a little thin on the ground as after the Third year, willing volunteers become much harder to come by.....This led to guest appearances from the House captains and a surprisingly high level of hockey all round.



The positions for Senior lacrosse were: 1st place Sandford  
2nd place Thompson  
3rd place Westminster  
4th place Hastings

The positions for Junior lacrosse were: 1st place Hastings  
2nd place Thompson  
3rd place Sandford  
4th place Westminster

The positions for Senior hockey were: 1st place Sandford  
2nd place Hastings  
3rd place Thompson  
4th place Westminster

The positions for Junior hockey were: 1st place Hastings  
2nd place Thompson  
3rd place Sandford  
4th place Westminster

The positions for Cross Country were: 1st place Westminster  
2nd place Hastings  
3rd place Thompson  
4th place Sandford

In contrast, Remove lacrosse was a much more lively affair with many First years just bounding onto the field to watch. The extra practice sessions must have paid off!

The positions for Remove lacrosse were: 1st place Hastings  
2nd place Sandford  
3rd place Thompson  
4th place Westminster



A talent show had been organised for later in the spring term. This was meant to be a show of musical, dramatic and comical talent, but due to some Houses' lack of any talent, it was cancelled. The format will hopefully be used again another time and we are still appreciative to those three Removes who offered to play "Three Blind Mice" on the recorder through their noses- now that's what I call talent!

We have all enjoyed our first two terms as House Captains, and we must thank Mrs Moore, Miss Huck and Mrs Waring for the help with sports matches to the Heads of each of House for their support throughout the year, and to Mrs. Rowland for organising us.





# MUSIC

2000/2001

## Music Calendar 2000/2001

**14th October:** Chester  
Childbirth Trust Concert  
featuring Senior Choir

**27th November:**  
CD Recording at School

**7th and 8th December:**  
Christmas Comcert at School

**20th December:**  
Carol Service at Chester  
Cathedral

**17th March:**  
The Anna Markland Music  
Festival

**30th March:**  
Spring Concert

**18th May:**  
Commemoration Service at  
Chester Cathedral

**2 – 5th May:**  
Kings and Queens School  
joint production of  
Threepenny Opera

**6th October:**  
Chamber Choir performed  
Evensong in St Asaph  
Cathedral

## The Anna Markland Music Festival

The Anna Markland Music Festival took place on Saturday 11th March 2001 at Queen's and ran all day.

As usual, there was a large entry, and the standard was particularly high, with the winners of each class competing for trophies for their section and overall, at the end of the day. Well done to everyone who took part, and may we take this opportunity to thank the adjudicators, for giving up their time, and congratulate Ruth Evans on her winning the Anna Markland Trophy.

### Winners

**Ensemble Winners** – Katie Foster and Victoria Fairclough  
Clarinet Duo – Pleyel

**Remove Piano** – Philippa Johnstone  
'A Jolly Moment' – Ladukmin

**Remove Woodwind** – Elizabeth Gleek  
'Andante' – Mozart

**Remove Vocal** – Angharad Lyddon  
– Reger

**Remove Strings** – Vicki Clarke  
'At the Castle Gates' – Bullard

**Junior Piano** – Olivia Griffiths  
'Prelude IV' – Norton

**Junior Woodwind** – Sarah Bennion  
'Andante in C' – Mozart

**Junior Vocal** – Ceri-Lyn Humphreys  
'As long as He Needs Me' – Bart

**Junior Strings** – Eryl Davies  
'Czardas' – Monti

**Senior Piano and Winner of Piano Trophy** – Hannah Cantle  
'Nocturne No. 4' – Field

**Senior Woodwind and Winner of Woodwind Trophy** – Natalie Jones  
'Sonata' – Hindemith

**Senior Vocal and Winner of Anna Markland Trophy** – Ruth Evans  
'Music For a While' – Purcell

**Senior Strings and Winner of String Trophy** – Elizabeth Halbert  
'Sonatina' – Dvorak

**Piano Duet Winners** – Hannah Cantle and Sophie Wynne-Jones  
'Norwegian Dance Op35 No 2' – Grieg

### Associated Board Exam Results

(Grades 1-5 are not published in Have Mynde)

Olivia Griffiths	Grade 6	Piano	Merit
Hannah Cantle	Grade 8	Piano	Merit
Sarah Woodcock	Grade 7	Cello	Merit
Victoria Lloyd	Grade 6	Piano	Pass
Rachael Thompson	Grade 6	Saxophone	Merit
Sarah Proudlove	Grade 8	Singing	Distinction
Elizabeth Halbert	Grade 8	Singing	Distinction
Gemma Clarke	Grade 6	Trumpet	Merit
Susanna Spencer	Grade 6	Piano	Distinction
Katie Braid	Grade 8	Flute	Pass
Natalie Jones	Grade 8	Flute	Pass





# MUSIC

2000/2001

## CD Review

The brand new Queen's School CD was recorded on the 20th of November and it proved to be a long, but totally enjoyable day for all those who participated. The end result is now on sale from the music department and from Mrs Bartai. The programme includes:

1. African Chant(Combined Choir)
2. Watching the Wheat(Solo harp-Holly Lowe)
3. Le Petit Suite(Orchestra)
4. Beatus Vir(Chamber Choir)
5. Prelude 5-A Kitchen garden(Solo clarinet-Katie Foster)
6. Consider Yourself-from Oliver(Junior Choir)
7. The Wizard(Soprano Solo-Nicola Webb)
8. Berceuse(Solo Flute-Caroline Wells)
9. The Little Spanish Town(Nedham House Choir)
10. Lazy Coconut Tree(S.Haines, S.Spencer & R.Thompson)
11. Hodie Christus est(Chamber Choir)
12. Hungarian Dance in G minor(Solo Violin-Eryl Davies)
13. A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square(Senior Choir)
14. Oculus non vidit(Chamber Choir)
15. Love Changes Everything(Senior Choir)
16. Sonatine in C-1st Movt(Solo Piano-Olivia Griffiths)
17. Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer(Flute Ensemble)
18. The Rio Grande(Nedham House Choir)
19. Yellow Bird(Wind Trio)
20. When The Saints Go Marching In(Nedham House Choir)

## Senior Choir

The start of this year saw frantic rehearsals for a charity concert in aid of Chester Childbirth Appeal together with The Mollington Singers and several soloists from the Chester area only a few weeks after the beginning of term. We performed "Beauty of the Earth", "Peter Piper", "Berkeley Square", "Blow the Wind Southerly" and "Aspects of Love". The concert was a great success and the audience enjoyed all the performances.

The next item on our agenda was the Christmas concert where Training Choir joined us for our performance. The autumn term also saw Mrs Sheedy expressing a wish to join the choir. She is now a valued and loyal member.

The spring term saw Senior Choir joining Chamber Choir for parts of Pergolesi's "Stabat Mater" in the Spring Concert. This was very warmly received by the audience and was a just measurement of the effort put in by all.

Thanks as always must go to Mrs Bartai for all her effort with the sometimes less than enthusiastic choir members and her continued support and encouragement this year.



## Chamber Choir

Our year got off to a very good start, as the choir was twice invited to sing Evensong at St. Asaph Cathedral. These services were well attended, and the choir made a very good impression. Soon afterwards, we participated in the school CD recording, singing works by Orlando de Lassus and Benjamin Britten. The strenuous recording sessions were, of course, eased by Mr Pilsbury's tireless patience and good humour!

Recently, we combined forces with the Senior Choir to sing Pergolesi's Stabat Mater, culminating in a performance at the Spring Concert. This piece was extremely tiring to perform, especially for the soloists, but the result - and the appreciative audience reaction - was well worth the effort put in by the members of both choirs.

The choir has also performed at various other events throughout the school year, including the Christmas concerts and the school Easter service.

A special mention must go to Liz Halbert, who recently gained a choral scholarship to Cambridge. This is an absolutely fantastic achievement - well done Liz!

Finally, thanks must go to Mr Pilsbury, without whom the choir wouldn't exist. He puts up with an awful lot from us - everything from screeching sopranos to excessive crisp eating... Thanks, Mr P!

Katie Foster LVI



# Congratulations!

Special individual congratulations must go to Elizabeth Halbert in the upper sixth. Elizabeth has been awarded a very special choral scholarship to Gerton College Cambridge to read natural sciences. This is a very special achievement, as there are only three or four of these prestigious scholarships awarded each year. We wish Elizabeth all success for the future.

## Spring Concert

This year's Spring Concert, performed in the school hall on Friday 30th March provided both a suitable ending to the school term and a fitting preparation for Easter. The first half of the programme took the form of two duets and twelve solo items which had previously won the various categories at the Anna Markland Music Festival. Space does not permit a discussion of all fourteen items, but a strong impression emerged not only of achievement and accomplishment from senior girls but also a strong vein of talent coming from juniors. Personally, I enjoyed Eryl Davies' performance of 'Czardas' by Monteverdi and the verve of Ceri-Lyn Humphreys singing Nancy's big number from 'Oliver!' Hannah Cattle's accomplishment on the piano improves with each concert and her two contributions to the evening were a fitting swan song for her.

The second half of the evening was a performance of Pergolesi's 'Stabat Mater', sung by both senior and chamber choirs. It is a magnificent work, a small section of which was heard by the whole school at the Easter Service. It reflects on Mary's role at the foot of the cross and has varying moods of sadness, joy and reflection. The two choirs really rose to the occasion and well deserved their final applause.

Congratulations to Mrs Bartai and Mr Pilsbury for all their preparation; all school musicians, their parents, and we the audience are very grateful to them.

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## The Threepenny Opera



The latest play to add to the list of Queens/ Kings co-productions was "The Threepenny Opera" which was performed from 2nd – 5th May at The King's School. The difference however this time was that the play was performed at ground level, as well as on stairs to the stage, with seating being tiered.

From the beginning of rehearsals, everyone involved could see that it was going to be a good show, with Vicky Gallagher ( Polly ) playing the lead role alongside Nick Drinnan ( Macheath ), as well as supporting cast such as Charlotte Evans ( Mrs Peachum ) and Vickie Hayes ( low-dive Jenny – leader of the whores ). Most of the cast managed to wake up in time to make it to rehearsals every Sunday morning, and as it got nearer the show we all had to go every night. In the end however, it all paid off, with three of the nights having been sold out, and even the director (Mr Walton from Kings) being reasonably happy!

The costumes as usual lived up to expectations, although there was a lot of swapping going on especially amongst the people who played whores; ranging from grand Victorian dresses to corsets and bloomers. The audience definitely got a feel for the play helped by the rather interesting pictures projected onto background sheets.

Thanks must go to all the people involved, especially parents and friends who provided a taxi service to and from rehearsals and we hope to see everyone participating in next year's play.

Claire Bates LVI





# Clubs & Societies

## Charities

We have had another successful year in raising money for various charities, which has been mainly due to people's sheer hard work and determination to do their bit in helping those less fortunate than themselves. The money raised this year will go to the following charities:

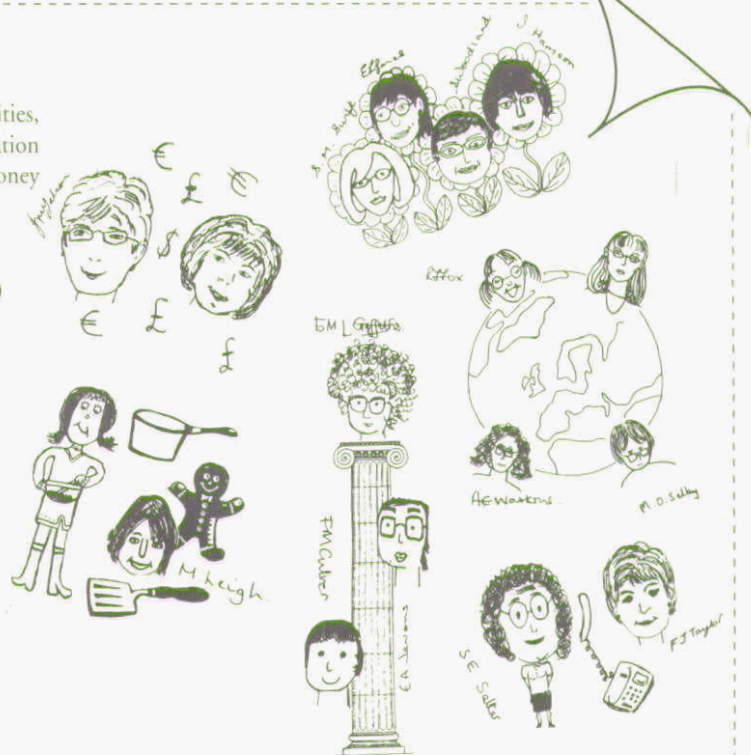
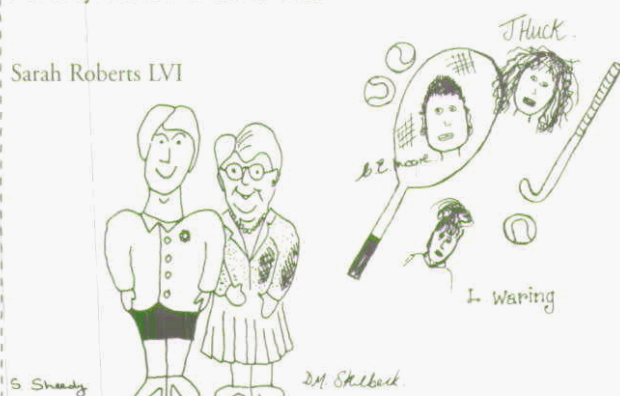
**Comic Relief: £960.13**

**Child Line: £ 589.98 (£379 raised by selling "teacher tea-towels")**

**Leukaemia Research: £110.92**

**Amnesty International: £306.25**

Sarah Roberts LVI



## Friday Club

Despite many people showing interest at the start of the year, few people were able to commit to Friday Club, due to the increased pressure of schoolwork that came with the introduction of the new AS Specification this year.

Friday Club, as its name suggests, is a club held on Friday evenings at the West Cheshire Hospital. It involves spending some time with patients, giving them an opportunity to talk if they wish or even just play a game of cards.

It is also a useful experience for us, as it allows us to meet people from different walks of life and also feel like we are really helping someone.

Faekah Gohar, LVI

## Drama Club

At the beginning of the term, an eager group of sixth formers, assembled in the hall to take remove and second year drama group. Faced with the reality of half an hour with the wild untamed first year the numbers rapidly decreased! Alex Wilcox, Abi Wilson, Emma Willis and the two of us were left to handle them all! This was not an easy task.

We have however enjoyed a successful year of running drama club, with the highlight being a comical performance of "Scrooge." Both the groups also performed dances to well-known pop songs. We hope that drama club will continue to be a success in the coming year and be attended by as many enthusiastic new removes.

Jenny Milner L and Jane Neale LVI

## Barnardo's Collection in Chester

During the Easter Holidays members of the sixth form had the opportunity to collect money for the children's charity Barnardo's on the streets of Chester. This event took place as part of a national initiative in which young people received a permit to collect money in public. There was an impressive number of volunteers, who all found the experience to be enjoyable and extremely rewarding.

Kate Harvey LVI

## YOUNG ENTERPRISE

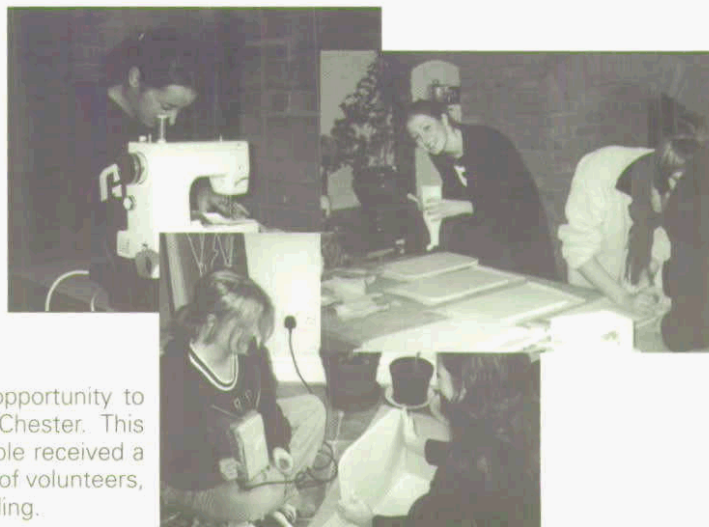
Young Enterprise proved as popular as ever with four groups taking up the challenge of producing a successful company that could also (hopefully!) make a profit. The end of the Young Enterprise year was marked by the annual presentations held at Capenhurst, at which Queen's were successful and gained awards as follows.

Production & Manufacturing  
Most Innovative product  
Deva Green Midas Award

Nobody  
Nobody  
Frisky

Pants and Frisky were among the top five presentation groups chosen to perform on the evening, both with original and entertaining presentations, with Pants giving a humorous account of their year as directors, and Frisky members modelling PVC tops designed specially by Kate Harvey. Samantha Torrance (Chunky Monkey) fully deserved to be awarded the Individual Achiever award.

Faekah Gohar, LVIH





# Mathematics Competitions

This year, Queen's girls have again enjoyed success in national and local competitions. In November Victoria Fairclough (UVI), Alex Wilcox, Rachel Chapman and Ruth Roberts (all LVI) entered the National Mathematics Challenge.

Victoria and Alex won Gold Certificates (placing them in the top 6% in the country) with Rachel and Ruth gaining Silver awards. Victoria was invited to participate in the next round for the second year running – a remarkable achievement. She followed the success by winning the Mathematical Education on Merseyside open competition.

The senior version of the competition attracted more entries from the LV with Sarah Bransby and Victoria McCubbine both winning 2nd prizes – a well deserved success. In the Intermediate National Mathematics Challenge Rachel Evered won a gold certificate with Hannah Goharriz, Jennifer Owens, Jenny Bland, Kate Martin, Ruth Carpenter, Laura Harris, Elaine Radcliffe, Gabby Tate and Catriona Thomson all winning silver certificates. Bronze certificates were awarded to Sarah Coxon, Lucy Greaves, Chloe Woodcock, Joanna Lumb, Fiona Middleton, Archana Anandaram, Alex Clarke, Elizabeth Tyson, Francesca Walter and Caroline Wells. Well done to you all.

I J Armstrong

# Removes Maths Day at the Catalyst Museum



## STOP PRESS – Junior Mathematical Challenge

### Results – LIV

#### Gold Certificates

Sarah Bernie  
Eryl Davies  
Josie Mayer  
Sophie Salisbury  
Louise Trimble

#### Silver Certificates

Rachel Bestow  
Anna Davies  
Gwawr Davies  
Sarah Frood

Lily-Anne Hymes  
Naomi Knight  
Alex Magee  
Eleanor McCubbine  
Elizabeth McGimpsey  
Catriona Raleigh  
Caroline Salter  
Amanda Scott  
Claire Sweeney

#### Bronze Certificates

Rachel Alstead  
Ruth Archibald  
Catriona Boyd

Kirsten Brown  
Erica Coward  
Emma Curtis  
Hannah Dingle  
Catherine Forshaw  
Rachel Hughes  
Callie James  
Rosemary Sawyer  
Aditi Sinha  
Elizabeth Tane  
Rachel Thornley  
Vanessa Whitaker  
Joanna Wynne



# Those with *responsibility*

## Head Girl & Deputies



Anna Moulds  
(Deputy Head Girl)  
Nicola Blucher  
(Head Girl)  
Samantha Torrance  
(Deputy Head Girl) – absent.

## “Have Mynde” Committee



Front row (left to right):  
Faekah Gohar, Victoria Lamb,  
Camelia Melody, Laura Fields,  
Joanna Monro.

Back row (left to right):  
Erin Malam, Kate Harvey,  
Hannah Furzeman, Sarah Roberts,  
Louise Davies, Eleanor Brotherhood.

Sarah Woodcock, Jenna Anians, Alex  
Millward-Hopkins, Hanna Wilson.

## House Captains



Front row (left to right):  
Sophia Scott, Faye Jones,  
Jane Neale, Lucy Heffer.

Back row (left to right):  
Abigail Wilson, Loretta Mills,  
Laura Fields.

Ruth Evans.



## A Moment

In a moment, a sudden flash,  
you might change your mind,  
or your world could turn upside down.

In that moment, that  
sudden flash,  
a volcano might erupt,  
or a flood could fill the  
land.

One moment, one flash,  
pain or joy, death or  
celebration.

In a moment, a sudden  
flash, the world could end,  
or we might discover  
a friend.

A planet might be  
uncovered,  
or an orphan could be mothered.

All these moments, these sudden flashes,  
taking up time, some in a mine.  
Some remembered, some forgotten,  
some treasured as a moment to last,  
a lifetime.

One moment, one flash  
I can breathe, I can see,  
all that might happen,  
pain or joy,  
death or celebration.

Tamanique King UIVA



## MISSING YOU (CAN YOU GET RID OF THE WATER?)

*This house has been crying the nights since you left me away;  
its tears, falling on my head like your memory.*

*The central heating is sniffing,  
the paintwork is distressed,  
the Picasso's losing face.*

*Tears...*

*The bricks are showing signs of  
losing character,  
and the soap has lost a lot of weight.  
Although I've spoken to it,  
it seems to want  
my sympathy  
Tears...*

*The mirror misses you, your clean  
yellow cloth.*

*I know the taps are having mental  
breakdowns*

*but they refuse to admit it.*

*This was always a very sentimental house.*

*It wants you home to dry its*

*Tears...*

*Or maybe I just left the tap on*

Laura Harris LVG



## SIX ASPECTS OF A ROSE

As it blooms it releases beauty and joy.

As it wilts it sheds its pain and sorrow.

It holds the key to darkness, magic and the  
mysteries of the night in its heart.

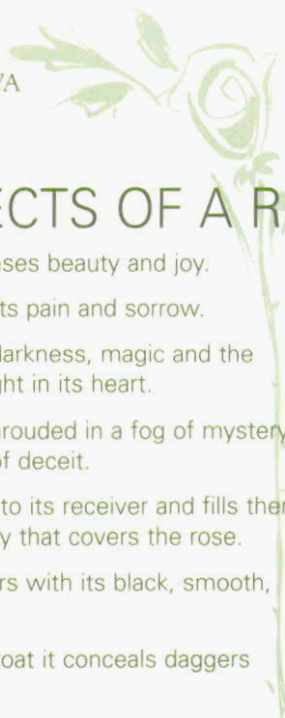
It can be solitary, shrouded in a fog of mystery  
or part of a colony of deceit.

Its scent is ecstasy to its receiver and fills them  
with the fog mystery that covers the rose.

It defies its onlookers with its black, smooth,  
velvet coat.

Yet underneath its coat it conceals daggers  
of death.

Jayne Roberts UIVA



## LONELINESS

Pale parallel lines

Never ending

Never meeting

Grey seal,  
silhouetted  
against the dark,  
ocean blue.

Surrounded by  
silence, forever  
engulfed in  
thoughts of nothing.

Lizzie French LIVR





## I need the Loo!

I need the loo!  
I'm getting desperate!  
But I'm scared of the monsters going 'Boo!'  
On my way to the loo.

I need the loo!  
I'll wet myself!  
But I'm scared of the ghosts going 'woooo!'  
On my way to the loo.

I need the loo!  
My bladder's busting!  
But I'm scared of the owls going 'who whooo!'  
On my way to the loo.

I need the loo!  
Can't hold it in any longer...

Sarah Dillamore, RF

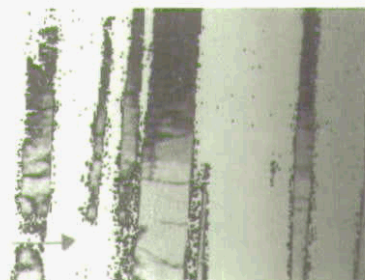
## LION

Claws of steel,  
Teeth like crystal.  
A roar as loud  
As a brave man's pistol.

A mane of silk,  
Eyes of gold,  
No creature on Earth  
Was ever so bold.

For the colour  
Of new Welsh Gold,  
Thoughts as deep  
As the darkest hole.

Laura Jones RC



## A POEM ABOUT THE QUEEN'S SCHOOL

Queries and problems are sorted out,  
Universities are chosen by the Sixth form.  
Each person is here to learn,  
Everybody has a friend,  
Nobody is alone.  
Sciences are interesting.  
Sports become more challenging.  
Classrooms are decorated with pupils' work,  
House captains are always thinking of  
new ideas.  
Open days invite new people,  
Overall everyone is happy, except when I,  
Lose my locker key!

Katy Watkins RC



## DAWN

Dew soaked shoes pad and scrunch  
Softly over silvered grass,  
Treading lightly flatten moisture  
to leave green footprints where they pass.

Trees slumber covered with clear-cut crystals,  
Softly smothered by sleepy mist,  
Sky shines blue and pink and yellow.  
Fresh and pastel-hued, sun kissed.

Footprints thread over the sparkling lawn,  
with a rustle of white nightdress,  
and small brown fingers clutch at violets,  
awake as the sleepy garden rests.

Laura Bestow LVH





## My Hiding place

*When I was younger,  
There was a place I used to go,  
To hide away from reality  
And the world I used to know.*

*When I was younger,  
It was my secret 'special place,'  
A haven from the distant world,  
Things I didn't want to face.*

*But as I grew up I realised,  
This dream world could not stay.  
The problems life had thrown at me  
Would not just go away.*

*So I left my secret hiding place  
To fade from memory,  
And in the process, left behind  
The thoughtful side of me.*

*Then one day all the memories  
Came flooding to my mind.  
The tranquil place of my childhood,  
A place I had to find.*

*It was weird, you know, to come back to  
The place I always knew.  
The flickering of the memories,  
The flashes of déjà vu.*

*But coming here made me think about,  
Something that everyone hides.  
On the outside, we're all grown up,  
But a child still lives inside.*

Gemma Ball UIVA

## Confusion

Endless squares of black and white,  
Criss cross through my mind.  
No chance to pause and think,  
A never-ending muddle of decisions and reactions.

Tranquillity is not known to this.  
It builds up inside me,  
Bubbling intensely,  
Ready to overflow.

The same pattern of empty thoughts  
Flow in and out.  
They mirror each other.  
Made to bewilder.

Vicky Wilkinson LIVR

## Child In The Playground

Child in the playground, all alone,  
Like a solitary soldier on her solitary own.  
No-one to play with, not a soul,  
No one to talk to, no one wants to know.

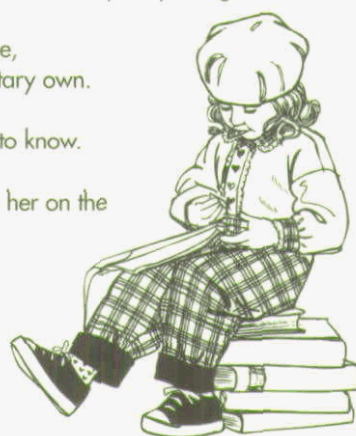
As another child passes her, just a flicker of hope,  
Just for them to notice her, maybe then she'll cope.  
With every lonely thought, every single tear,  
Every prod and push, every laugh and jeer.

As another child passes her, the hope is there again,  
Just for someone to care for her, someone to know,  
Of the pain, the fear, and loneliness that hopefully will go.

Child in the playground, all alone,  
Like a solitary soldier on her solitary own.  
No one to play with, not a soul,  
No one to talk to, no one wants to know.

A hand reaches out and touches her on the  
shoulder,  
Someone at last to care for her,  
someone at last to hold her.

Alex Magee LIVJ





# *Time & Motion – Self Portrait*



By Sophie Muskett LVI



# UW GCSE Art Work

Catriona Mackenzie:  
Silk Painting based on  
Indian designs



Catherine Wilson: Paint onto canvas





Shreya Vedpathak: Mixed media –  
paint and embroidery



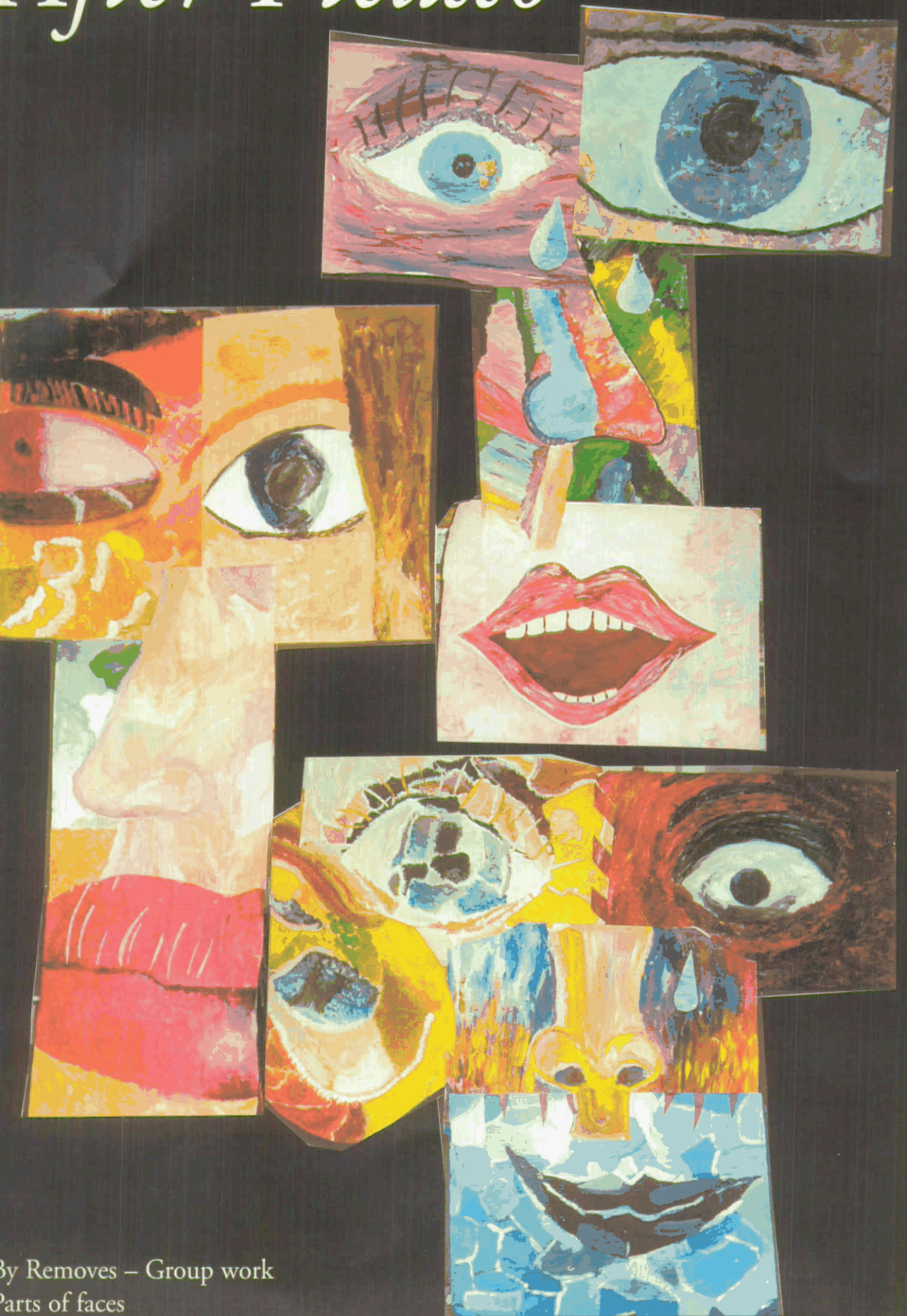
Katy Storry: Embroidered  
top based on water



Claire Okell: Silk painting  
based on flowers & kandinsky



# After Picasso



### By Removes – Group work

Parts of faces



## Blindfolded

I am blindfolded,  
And cannot see.  
I am told what to do.  
Told what to touch.  
Told what to hear,  
And told what emotions to feel.  
I am a captured bird,  
Caught in a cage.  
Bound by my feet,  
To a rough wire swing.  
I am fed what they want to feed me,  
I sing what they want to hear.  
I cry out when they tell me to,  
And fall silent as they command.  
For a brief, fleeting moment,  
My legs are unbound,  
My wings are outstretched,  
And my heart takes flight.  
I leap off the perch,  
And fly through the air,  
Towards freedom -  
Glorious freedom!  
But, no, I am stopped  
By the wire cage bars,  
Which I somehow failed to view,  
For I am blindfolded,  
And cannot see.

Amber Carter LIVJ



## Jealousy

Its long scaly body  
Winds a tight band of hatred  
Around my tender, beating heart.  
Its rough, forked tongue,  
Pricks me with its poison.  
The pinprick of envy,  
Grows into a tidal wave of rage.

Its red, slit eyes,  
Burn holes into my brain.  
Its long, pointed tail,  
Wraps around my precious heart,  
Taking an ever  
tightening hold.  
It's becoming me,  
In every place and way.

My body's combined  
With the serpent's now.  
It's always with me,  
Always there,  
Watching...  
Waiting...  
To strike again.

Elizabeth McGimpsey LIVR



## Huff, Puff, Huff, Puff

Huff, Puff, Huff, Puff,  
I hear the monster breathing,  
I can't get out of my bed,  
Otherwise my family might be grieving,

Huff, Puff, Huff, Puff,  
I need a glass of water,  
Screaming loud, I call for mum,  
But she can't hear her daughter.

Huff, Puff, Huff, Puff,  
I lift the covers over my head,  
I squeeze my teddy as tight as I can,  
And hope the monster's dead.

Huff, Puff, Huff, Puff,  
I tiptoe out of my bed,  
Peeking, carefully just in case,  
I see him scarlet red.

I scream,  
I scream,  
I scream again,  
But it's my mum with her dressing gown on.

Hannah Sissons RF





## Rain

Rain doesn't always freshen up the beautiful, lush grass.

Rain kills  
pretty little pansies,  
crushing them with his  
merciless, rough hands.

Rain doesn't always water  
flowers, plants and gardens.

Rain floods,  
drowning all beauty,  
spreading despair on earth,  
taking lives as it strengthens.

Rain doesn't always keep  
the river flowing through the barren land.

Rain is evil  
yet it's beautiful,  
a source of life  
that yet can kill.

Elinor Crich LIVJ

## Time

Tick tock time will never ever stop  
Time is the essence  
Time rushes by  
Time meanders along  
Some people like to let time take its course  
and others think there is no time like the present  
There is sometimes no time to lose or spare.  
Most people never know the time of day  
Whether they have time to waste, or if time's drawing on  
Some people are 'doing time' and some are taking time out  
People make the same mistakes  
TIME AND TIME AGAIN

Hannah Clark RC

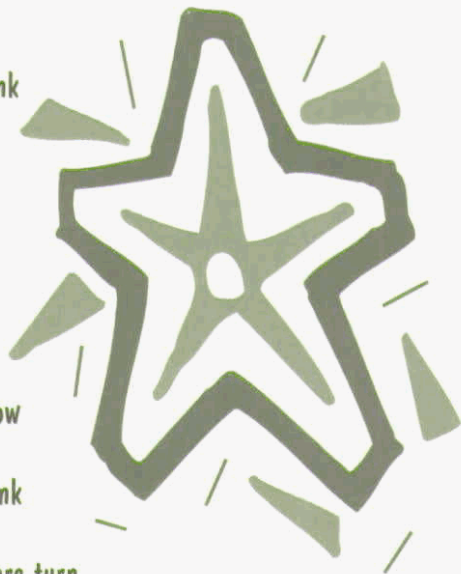
## Turning Sour

Yellow  
and  
candyfloss pink  
fish  
swim  
in cerulean  
waters  
An oval  
floats

A small shadow  
overhead  
Candyfloss pink  
turns orange  
Cerulean waters turn  
murky green  
Yellow becomes black

Orange  
and black fish  
stalk  
in murky green  
waters  
A jagged star  
writhes

Rachel Bestow LIVR



## A Snowy Owl

On eves of cold, when the chimney puffs,  
to let out curls of smoke.  
The snowy owl flies  
Among the country trees,  
Hooting as it goes  
It's easy to spot,  
against the dark night sky.  
As his snow-white feathers fall from the sky.  
Landing in fields,  
Like a delicate butterfly.  
Forming a blanket of feathers,  
As white as white can be.  
When dawn begins to break  
It flies away across the countryside  
Back to roost  
As though it was scared of the light outside.

Rosie Leech RW



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## Solitude

People are cruel and people are mean,  
My friends were all planted in forests of green.  
I struggled to grow with no water, no light,  
I pushed up and upwards using all of my might.  
Now I am solitary, gazing around,  
I hear not a voice, not a whisper, no sound.  
I once saw hope, I saw laughter in their eyes,  
But now they are gone and I realise  
that people are cruel and people are mean,  
There is only devastation where love has been.  
I am so dry but as I can see,  
I'm not as dry as those around me.  
They are not dry of water, that they have saved,  
They are dry of love, the love we all crave.  
Oh, people are cruel and people are mean,  
I have seen their destruction, oh yes, I have seen.  
The roar of engines as planes fly overhead,  
The sobs of the people, their loved ones are dead.  
The explosions, the gunshots, the endless, endless tears,  
The soldiers come to end the people's fears.  
You may think that good, but oh, it is not,  
For you see, they do it, with one single shot.  
People are cruel and people are mean,  
The gunmen, the bombers, they all seem so keen.  
The buildings turn to rubble, the bricks come tumbling down,  
And I must stand here watching, the trouble all around.  
If only I'd been planted somewhere pleasant, somewhere kind,  
I may never have known of the things I now find.  
Yes, the people are cruel, the people are mean,  
The people who cause this terrible scene.  
But here I must stay, just where they put me,  
I wish I could move, I wish I were free  
But now I can hope, and pray there's no more  
of the fighting and sorrow I now know as war.

Kathryn Wright UIVA

## MY FAVOURITE PLACE

My favourite place is an island, which can be reached by several bridges. Every inch of the island is covered in soaring skyscrapers. The streets are clogged with traffic and splashes of yellow dart about the city. People bustle in and out of shops and restaurants. It is a very lively place that never sleeps. But you can escape to a tranquil green area in the centre of the island where you can stroll along the paths and at the weekend marvel at the antics of the natives. Across the water stands a statue of a famous lady, a present from the French. This island has a nickname – 'The Big Apple'.

Helen Jones RW

## I Hate It When

*When in my bedroom at night  
I hate it when....  
My bed squeaks  
The wind blows  
The pipes groan  
The floorboards creak  
The door bangs  
The wolves howl  
The bats squeal  
The trees sway  
The lights flicker.  
All of these things scare me.  
But nothing scares me more than when  
My window is blown open  
and the cold rushes in.  
My curtains flap in the gale  
Even worse I have to  
Get out of my warm cosy bed  
and make a long cold shivering journey  
to the window  
And back.*

Becky Wilson RF



# Lower School News 2001

Once again the time has come to report on the events and successes that have occurred in the Lower School.

The first day of the Summer Term was Sandford House Birthday. It was twenty years since the Preparatory Department had moved from its building in Stanley Place to its present location. To celebrate, Sandford House staff and pupils had an afternoon of magic and fun in the company of a magician and two rabbits.

Soon after the start of the Summer Term, we received the report of a recent Nursery Inspection, undertaken in March. This was a very pleasing start to our Easter term as it highly praised the standard of care and education in our Reception class. The desirable outcomes were achieved in all areas and we were seen to provide "a stimulating and challenging programme of activities in a well-organised and purposeful environment."

In Class Six, Mrs Scarr Hall started her maternity leave and Mr McEwen took over from her to continue the girls' Modern Language Awareness. Out of the classroom, members of both Nedham House and Sandford House were able to begin Tennis Coaching after school and a team of four girls entered the local Bazuka Swimming Gala. Laura Whiteley, Georgia Whiteoak, Hannah Sissons and Hannah Clark swam well and won the Freestyle Relay, ensuring for themselves a place in the National Finals held in Sheffield, at the Ponds Forge International Sports' Centre. Many schools attend this event from all over the country. The team was very pleased to be able to win their heat and take part in the finals. Both girls, parents and staff had a great day out and the team will remember competing in such a large sporting event.

During the Summer Term, work was under way to produce a new prospectus flyer for the Lower School. Mr Davies (Graphic Designer) and Mr Hughes (Photographer) was ably assisted by Miss Morgan and me and we felt pleased that the resulting work clearly reflected the culture and ethos of the school. Bright, happy photographs of girls at play and work helped to illustrate the words of the children themselves.

As usual, the Summer Term is a time for assessment. Classes 2 and 6 undertook Key Stage One and Two Standard Assessment Tests respectively. Also undertaken were the National Curriculum Optional End of Year Assessments (Classes 3 - 5). These have helped to highlight any areas that need further work and assist in our planning of the next year's work.

Class Six enjoyed their annual Evacuation Night. Once again, I am most grateful to those parents who hosted potential evacuees and made a real night for them, teaching them to knit, make cakes and eat 'war-time / rationed' food.

At half term, Mrs Lindop began her maternity leave and Mrs Williams arrived to cover her classes during this time, working mainly in Class Four. We were sad to say a temporary farewell to Mrs Lindop but were pleased to welcome Mrs Williams. Mrs Lindop's little boy, Thomas, was born in late May and is thriving. We were delighted to see him when he was brought into school near the end of Autumn term.

Just before half term, we raised money for the charity LEPR by organising a Karaoke afternoon. This was great fun, both girls and staff enjoying the excitement of singing with records and taking the opportunity to let our hair down and dance the afternoon away.

During the second half of the term, Class Five and Miss Paice began a substantial venture with the Grosvenor Museum, led by Janet Smith. Mrs Smith

had requested this collaboration to illustrate the work undertaken by the Grosvenor Museum at the Cheshire Show. Once 'terms had been agreed', the class moved swiftly and energetically, undertaking a Roman Building Day, when they worked in groups, researching topic areas relating to buildings in the Roman Era. They presented their collated information in a variety of styles, both handwritten and word-processed. Also on this day, Janet Smith taught the children how to make bona fide wattle and daub (changing the original use of cow's manure to clay!) and there was also a session teaching the authentic method of mosaic. A great deal of effort and imagination went into the subsequent day's work and Miss Paice was thrilled with the girls' response to this challenge. The culmination of this collaboration was a day spent at the Cheshire Show, helping to man the Grosvenor Museum's stand as well as looking around the show itself. Miss Paice, Mrs Meredith and Mrs Hoare accompanied the children and were delighted when the Grosvenor Museum stand was awarded first prize in the Education Tent. A rewarding end to a substantial piece of work. Later on in the term, the girls and Miss Paice went to Chester for the day, touring with a Roman Soldier (Lucas Weetabix) who was a wonderful exponent of the intricacies of being recruited to the army. A meal at 'Parisa's' was also part of the day's festivities, greatly enjoyed by adults and children alike. The day was rounded off with six workshop activities at The Heritage Centre.

In June, a group of six girls joined pupils from King's School to attend a Science Day at the Firs, organised by the Science teachers. They took part in a debate about G.M. foods as well as a Chemistry Workshop from I.C.I. personnel, papermaking and a wide variety of Science challenges.

Sports' Days in the Lower School are always great fun. Sandford House Sports' Day took place in June and they were blessed with unexpected sunshine. The event passed well with everyone competing enthusiastically and with good humour. Members of Class Six were delighted to be able to lend a helping hand.

Sadly Nedham House Sports' day had to be cancelled due to inclement and uncooperative weather. Instead we ran four relay races within each class, ensuring that every member of the House took part. The winning house was Merlins. Equally soggy was our Inter-House Tennis. This had to be substituted with a competition involving racket and ball skills. The trophy was won by Kestrels.

Nedham House Summer Concert took place in June. The audience was serenaded to a wonderful array of musical treats. An excellent programme allowed us to see the girls at their best. The orchestra played very well and then solo performers displayed their well-taught talents. Our three classes impressed the audience with their creativity and professional performances. It is always gratifying to note the hard work from both staff and pupils in extra-curricular activities such as orchestra and choir, being realised on such occasions and in the Cathedral.

Sandford House's musical production this year was 'The Wizard of Oz'. Class Three girls gave some lovely acting and dancing performances and Class Two proved to be an excellent choir. Our thanks go to all staff whose hard work helped to make this such an enjoyable occasion.

Soon after the Summer Play, Miss Morgan had her own adventure; she took part in an International Educators trip to Japan, sponsored by the North West England Japanese Companies Association. Along with other teachers from Britain, U.S.A. and Canada,



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she spent two weeks finding out more about Japanese education and culture through visiting schools and experiencing a homestay with a family.

Classes Four and Six were able to watch a production of 'The Happy Prince' practised and performed by Class Five. They had studied Oscar Wilde's story and its translation to stage, emphasising the change in the Prince's character with help from the swallow. Much fun and satisfaction were derived from the rehearsals and working together to produce the play.

During the year, Reception, Class One and Class Two each produced an assembly and their parents were invited to attend. Reception chose 'Pets' as their theme and Class One's assembly was all about 'Time and the Seasons'. Class Two had been finding out about endangered species and they told us the story of 'The Last Wolf'. All three assemblies were full of artwork, stories and poems and were greatly enjoyed by us all.

Despite dismal weather, we were thrilled at the large number of parents and girls who came to support the Garden Party in June. A soggy bouncy castle and roller coaster were very popular. Well-stocked stalls provided amusement and produce. My very great thanks go to Mr Evans and his very enthusiastic team for their unstinting efforts to raise about £1500 for school funds.

A great many outings and trips have taken place during the year. Both Class Four and Class Six have visited the Ellesmere Boat Museum. Class Four spent some of the time dressed up in costumes from different stages in History as well as looking at the lifestyle of the people living on the barges. Class Six visited the museum to take part in a workshop studying Historical Artefacts, placing them in context according to clues. The afternoon was spent sketching the barges and other parts of the museum as well as exploring the museum itself.

Class Six's annual activity weekend at Boreatton Park took place in reasonably good weather. The girls enjoyed the thrills and excitement of the activities as well as the feel of a gigantic 'sleepover'. Mrs Tottey and Mrs Gowers entered into the spirit of 'fears conquered' by perching at the top of a 20-foot pole on what appeared to be a bird table! At the end of term, the whole school went on a trip to Conwy. The day was bright, sunny and a wonderful time was had by all. We explored the castle and the Butterfly Farm, which turned out to be a highlight. Our boat trip on the River Conwy was tuneful and relaxing.

In the Autumn Term, Mrs Williams took Class Four to Marks and Spencer, as part of a Mathematics Project. They spent the morning studying shapes of packages, adding up till receipts and measuring the widths of aisles. The girls' response was most enthusiastic. (Class Five's trips related to their work with Romans have been outlined above.)

In January, all of Sandford House visited the Gateway Theatre to see a production of 'The Lost Dragon'. This was greatly enjoyed by all of us and provided the inspiration for a whole array of creative writing, paintings and craftwork.

In the Summer Term, Class Two and Class Three visited Chirk Castle where they dressed up as servants and spent the day finding out about castles and castle life. The castle's defences were explored and the children were allowed to try on sets of armour and experiment with various weapons! The girls were also shown examples of costumes and given the opportunity to make pomanders and posies. It was an exciting action-packed day and the consensus was that

being in the dungeons when the lights were turned out, was definitely the highlight of the trip! Reception and Class One went to Stockley Farm for their day out. Although the weather was not very kind, everyone enjoyed the tractor and trailer ride along the bumpy country lanes! There was great excitement as they sat on bales of straw, clutching baby feeding bottles. Lambs of all shapes and sizes eagerly drank every last drop of the milk whilst shaking their tails with excitement. After lunch, the children explored the rest of the farm and made friends with a huge mother pig who stood up on her hind legs, leaning over the gate, to greet everybody.

At the beginning of February, Class Three, who have been learning about the Romans in History, visited the Grosvenor Museum where the children explored the two Roman Galleries and under the watchful eye of the museum's Education Officer, had the chance to be archaeologists. After lunch, they were collected by Paulus Gittus, a Roman centurion and marched in cold and rain, around the historical sties of Chester. It was a most enjoyable day and the children amassed a wealth of information, which was later followed up in the classroom.

At the end of the Summer Term we were very sad to say farewell to Mrs Gowers who moved on to another school. She had played a valuable part in the development of the school, representing the Lower School on the Millennium Appeal Committee and was a hard-working Fundraising Co-ordinator. She worked hard to develop the Science Curriculum and we were all delighted about the excellent Science S.A.Ts results.

At the start of the new September term we were ready to greet new people and new events. Mrs Shearlock came to undertake a shared pastoral / teaching role in Class Six with Miss Dewhurst. Her bright, cheerful manner and caring approach was most welcome within the classroom and staff room and it was with mixed feelings that we heard the news of her pregnancy; we were delighted for her, but knew it would mean having to say goodbye too soon. We also welcomed Mrs Waring to the Lower School to teach PE and Swimming within Key Stage One. Mrs Waring has been teaching in the Senior School for some time, but was able to take on this new venture as the Lower School began a new timetable.

The 'new' timetable made quite an impact in various areas of the curriculum. Sandford House staff and girls are now working through a full five days, staying at school on Friday afternoon. This has allowed further flexibility with the core subjects throughout the Lower School as well as the foundation subjects. Mrs Tottey and Mrs Meredith now teach Class Three, furthering links with both houses as well as teaching to the National Curriculum Key Stages. Every Monday, the whole of the Lower School is able to get together for an assembly taken in turn either by Miss Morgan or myself.

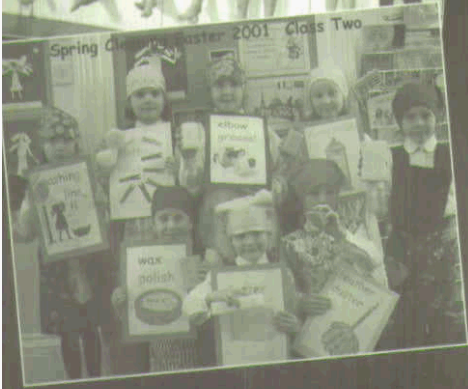
At the start of a new academic year, new House Captains are elected. Our House Captains this year are:  
**Eagles** - Sally Meekins, Megan Preston  
**Kestrels** - Stephanie Edwards, Faye Woodcock  
**Merlins** - Ffion Macdonald, Bridget Trevor-Jones  
**Ospreys** - Katie Johnson, Meghan Potts

In addition to Tennis Coaching, Class Three are now able to join the rest of their Key Stage in undertaking optional Judo sessions. This has been a very popular activity. The girls are trained to fall, roll and grapple in a controlled situation and we hope to run this course at various intervals during the academic year.





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As usual, near National Poetry Day, the girls undertook a series of workshops with the poet Dennis Carter. Each class had the opportunity of working with this genial and friendly man, who inspired some deep and moving work from the girls. At the end of the day, we were able to gather together and listen to work from each year group, as well as a great performance from Mr Carter of his own poetry. We were so impressed with the productive relationship he formed with the girls that we asked him to return on Nedham House's Birthday.

In Sandford House, the Harvest Festival was based on our mealtimes. Each class looked at a different meal of the day and the wide variety of choice we have. The stage, as usual, was full of boxes of food donated by the children and their families. Our thanks go to everyone who gave and also helped to distribute the gifts.

In Nedham House, possibly unwisely, we decided our Harvest theme would be that of WATER. When we made this decision, we hadn't anticipated that the country would be subject to a period of dreadfully wet weather, with rivers bursting their banks and severe flooding. It seemed appropriate that Class Six performed a short play about water shortages in Africa, 'Walking for Water'. Class Five performed a variety of poetry and prose about water, and treated us to a mime illustrating the Water Cycle. Class Four produced a well-disciplined and controlled set of prayers.

Our annual Bookland Fair took place after half term and many girls and visitors enjoyed the selection of books available. My thanks go to Miss Paice for organising this event. Soon after half term, Class Five had a Smoke Busters session with the Cheshire Fire Brigade's White Watch. They were able to experience the effects of a smoke tent and spoke to the firemen about the ways in which they could make their own homes safe from fire and plan escape routes.

In the latter part of the Christmas Term, the Lower School undertook a joint venture: the production of a whole school Christmas Card. The front cover was divided into seven portions, each section to depict an aspect of the first Christmas. Each class took a subject area and a 'winning' entry was chosen to produce the final front cover. My thanks go to Miss Paice for her inspiration for this activity, as well as her support during its production. Another joint venture, this time with the Senior School, was the production of a C.D. Nedham House Choir, under the direction of Miss Jones, contributed three items towards this wonderful collection of musical talents. The girls had their first experience of undergoing the trials and tribulations of recording – many practices, many 'takes' and a great deal of singing.

We were very pleased with the conduct of all the girls during the recent spate of meningitis inoculations. Girls from Classes One to Five queued up for the honour of the 'jab', and staff were very impressed with the calm and accepting attitude towards the procedure.

Our Christmas Productions took place in the last two weeks of term. In Sandford House every girl contributed to our nativity play. Class Three provided the actors, Classes One and Two recited poems and sang carols and our Reception class transformed into host angels for their rendition of 'Away in a Manger'.

In Nedham House, we produced 'A Christmas Cracker'. Each class undertook a small series of plays, poems, songs and carols to produce a 'pot pourri' of entertainment. From the traditional story of Baboushka and Papa Panov to the adapted versions of the Christmas Story as seen from a cat and a group of reluctant angels, the girls worked with great enthusiasm and energy. My thanks go to Miss Paice, Mrs Williams and Mrs Holmes for their unstinting support and enthusiasm.

Our respective Christmas Lunches were followed by a variety of entertainment. In Nedham House we indulged in another Karaoke – lively, entertaining and such fun, it was just what the doctor ordered. Sandford House Christmas Party had a 'pyjama' theme and the girls had an afternoon of traditional party games and fun.

Just before Christmas, it was with great regret and sadness that we had to announce the sudden death of Mr Frank Charters, caretaker and friend to Nedham House and Sandford House. For twenty-five years he had been an important part of the school, daily influencing the lives of children and staff. His dedicated service was evident in his willingness to 'go the extra mile' in his pursuit of beautiful, well-presented grounds which he worked hard to establish and tend. Over the years, many hundreds of girls grew to know him and came to appreciate his friendly, gentlemanly character. In essence he was a gentle, kind, patient and obliging member of the community who is sadly missed. A day before the end of the Easter Term, the girls of Nedham House gathered together to mark his memory. A birdbath, upon which his name was inscribed, was placed in the grounds of the Lower School and the event was celebrated with a song and a prayer. Mrs Charters, Miss Skilbeck and members of staff were also present.

Soon after the start of New Year, Nedham House had its 53rd Birthday. We marked the event by having a pyjama party; all girls and some staff attended school in nightwear. We also had a rather bemused Dennis Carter visiting us, politely declining the offer to come in his pyjamas. He undertook a series of Performance Poetry workshops on performance poetry. Once again we were greatly impressed by his standard of work with the children and we were able to thoroughly enjoy the live performances of studied poetry at the end of the day. Class Five later went on to present their poems to a group of invited parents together with a class assembly on Doors.

Half term saw another farewell – to Mrs Shearlock who left to have her baby. Mrs Bradley and Mrs Cornock have subsequently taken over her timetable and I have been most grateful for their support during this term. It was also at this time that we undertook the assessments for entry into Sandford House. These assessments have previously taken place at the end of the Easter Term, but have been moved to help parents and other schools' assessments.

At the end of the Easter Term, Classes Four, Five and Six took part in class concerts, when every girl was given the opportunity to perform a solo or duet in front of class colleagues and parents. These were very well attended by parents and greatly enjoyed; all girls performed with great poise and learned much about the excitement of such an occasion.

During the year, we have been pleased to welcome a number of visitors to the school. In Nedham House we welcomed four students from Sweden who took part in lessons and observed work in an English School. Also on 'observation' was Amanda Stewart, another student, who 'followed' Mrs Williams for a day, to have experience of a junior school class teacher. Charlotte Oakes, recently left to attend Moreton Hall, came back to visit us at the end of the Summer Term and also to present us with a new trophy – The Oakes Cup for Poetry and Prose. We were delighted to welcome another former pupil, Samia Scott (1982 – 85) who came to visit us for a morning in January, attending the girls' music lessons to demonstrate the oboe. Samia is now a professional musician in training with the B.B.C. Philharmonic. During the lessons she also played the cor anglais, following a moving performance of the second movement of Marcello's Oboe Concerto.



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We have been delighted to welcome Mrs Denton, headmistress of the Firs as well as Reverend and Mrs Longman (Proprietors of the Firs) to view the school on a few occasions. These visits have helped to strengthen links between the schools for both extra-curricular and training purposes. Soon after half term we were pleased to welcome our new Head Girl, Nicola Blucher, to an assembly in Nedham House. She was able to tell us of various memories from her own days in Nedham House, as well as giving an explanation of the duties of Head Girl at the Senior School. Mrs Williams, the recently appointed Head of Juniors at Abbey Gate College (Aldford) came to look around the school and meet various staff. During this present academic year we have had many successes within the sporting field. The highlights have been within hockey. Our Under 11s have been particularly strong and succeeded in winning the Cheshire Under 11 tournament, defeating 15 other teams. This meant that they represented Cheshire in the North West finals in Sunderland at the end of March. Whilst they did not win this particular event, they were playing extremely well. Another success was the AJIS hockey tournament held at the end of March. The team were very strong and brought back the trophy from Blackpool, for the first time in many years.

As another Have Mynde year draws to a close, I would like to take the opportunity of thanking all the girls in the Lower School for the tremendous amount of enthusiasm and hard work that we all witness daily. The girls can lead very busy lives out of school, attending their own activities and pursuing individual interests and yet they manage to cope very well with a large workload at times. They are a credit to their school and to their parents.

Mr Lilley and Mr Chambers continue to work towards maintaining the grounds and buildings at the Lower School as well as the swimming pool and I thank them for their efforts. At times this year, the weather has been deeply depressing for those trying to tend the ground and grass but they have bravely battled against the elements! Mrs Bills and her team have maintained a cheerful and committed approach to providing our lunches, as well as supplementing our usual diet with special menu days, looked forward to with great interest by the children.

Mrs Hoare and Mrs Parry have been an invaluable help to the staff and me, remaining unflappable at very busy times and establishing good communication systems between the teaching staff and parents. Our peripatetic music teachers have been a valuable resource and we look forward to their company at different times during the week as well as hearing of the development of children's playing in assemblies and concerts.

I am constantly impressed by the knowledge and learning taking place within the classrooms and gratified to see such splendid examples of children's work on the school freeze boards. I would like to thank Miss Morgan and all the teaching staff within the Lower School for their continued professional approach to their teaching and their enthusiasm for the subject areas taught.

Miss J D Dewhurst

## Nedham House Fund Raising

Many small group fundraising events have led to charity representatives being invited to receive cheques in assemblies. These presentations have frequently featured in the Chester Chronicle.

- Emma Fernyhough (Hope House) twice
- Pat Cade (Chester Zoo)
- Jane Jones (Lepra) twice
- Theresa Wright (National Children's Homes)
- Julie Hinchliffe (Shooting Star Appeal) twice
- Mrs Freeman (Chester Hospital Neo-Natal Unit)

My thanks go to Mrs Williams for taking over Charity Co-ordination in Nedham House. This is a busy task to undertake and Mrs Williams is always enthusiastic in her role.

## Total Charity Fundraising

Small group fundraising	£640.88
Jeans for Genes	£40.20
Harvest: Water Aid	£361.00
Save the Family	£25.00
Children in Need	£45.36
Royal British Legion	£59.99
Comic Relief	£54.46
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1226.89</b>

## Sandford House Fund Raising

Harvest Gift Baskets	
Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal	
Sponsored Swim - Macmillan Nurses Appeal	£2,050
Hospice of the Good Shepherd	£62.50
Hope House Hospice	£62.50
The Children's Society	£50
European Children's Trust	£50
Children's Aid Direct	£50
Leprosy Mission	£50
P.D.S.A.	£50
Children in Need	£55
Comic Relief	£60
Poppy Appeal	
Claire House Hospice	£100
Sightsavers International	£100
The Donkey Sanctuary	£50
Barnardos	£100
National Childbirth Trust	£50
Imperial Cancer	£50
The Cystic Fibrosis Society	£50

**TOTAL £3,075**

Our grateful thanks go to all those who generously support our fundraising throughout the year.

## Gifts to Sandford House

### Class 3 Leavers:

a parachute for gym/dance  
story tapes

### Philippa Reynolds & Harriet Reynolds:

a toy cleaner and a shopping  
trolley

## Gifts to Nedham House

Mr and Mrs Lilley (Senior)  
Goldfish for the pond

Lucy Woodside  
Sports Photo; AJIS Rounders

Victoria Clarke  
Photographs of School trip

Mr and Mrs Potts (Meghan)  
Materials for Roman Project C5 History  
(wattle and daub)

Mrs Corcoran and Emma  
Photographs of Charity Event Presentation  
Human Torso Model Kit

Mrs Wignall  
Sweets for Charity Stall

Class 6 Leavers and Parents  
Cheque for £440 - used to buy two colour  
printers and a microwave oven

Mr and Mrs Oakes and Charlotte  
Cup for Poetry and Prose

Bookland  
Harry Potter book

Mrs Walsh and Annabel  
Roman Day Photograph

Mrs Le Brocq and Laura  
Roman Day Photographs

Mr and Mrs Randall and Charlotte  
Assorted reels of ribbons

Mrs Bills and staff  
Costumes for Drama, Rolling Pin for Cookery  
Chopping Boards for Cookery Corner

Mrs Miller and Charlotte  
Selection of CD Roms, Mouse Costumes  
ears, tails and noses

Mrs King and Helen  
Book for Library

Mrs Mackay and Poppy  
The Bayeux Tapestry pictures, a selection  
of tops and trousers for Drama

Mrs Lewis and Harriet  
Three Flower arrangements for Harvest  
Festival

Mrs Simpson and Frances  
Nedham House Hats for archives, Beaded  
for Drama, Wools and Assorted DT materials

Mrs Wilkinson and Sophie  
Video of 'A Christmas Cracker'

Mrs Ridley and Sophie  
Cows' Masks for drama

Mr and Mrs Williams and Hannah  
Book of 'Badgers' for the school library.

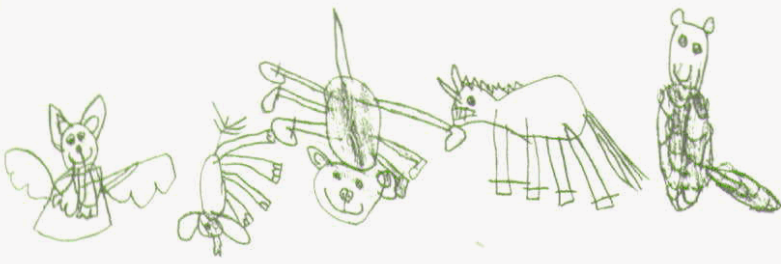
Mrs Hallam and Lisa  
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## Reception



I had a beanie baby party.


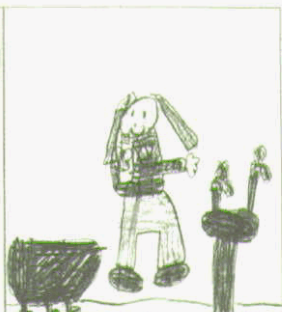
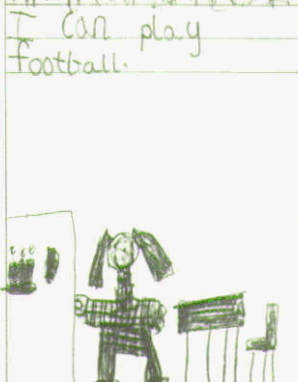
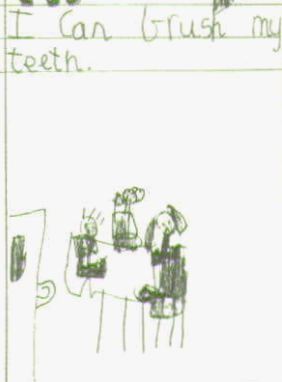
Harriet Logan, age 5

A dragon came to my party and he played musical chairs



Isobel Pugh, age 5

I can do these things by myself

 I can play football.	 I can brush my teeth.
 I can open the fridge for a drink	 I can make a birthday cake.

Giovanna Green, age 5

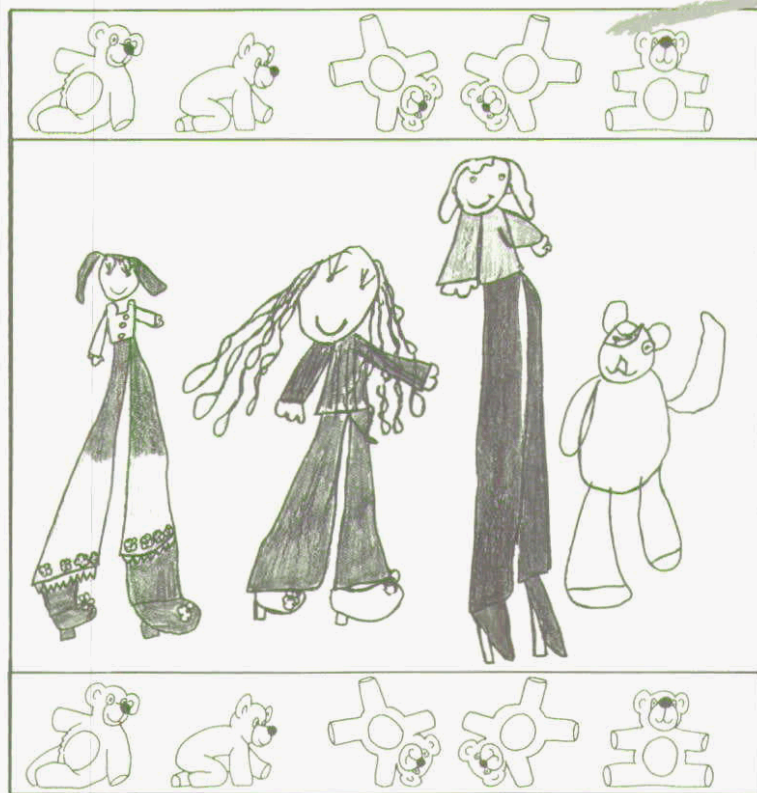




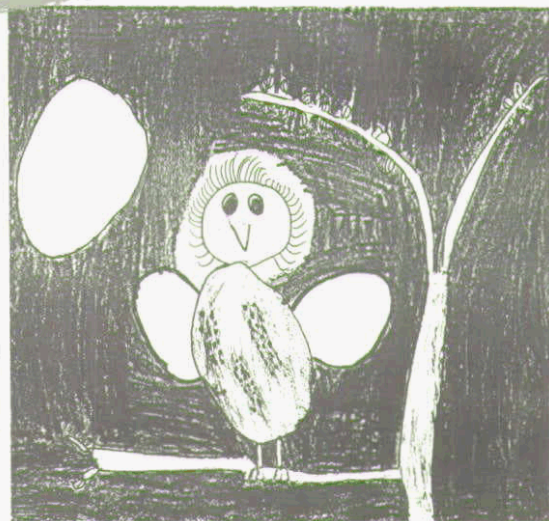
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## Class One

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Katie and her friends enjoy wearing their "own clothes" on Children in Need Day with Pudsey Bear  
Katie Tighe, age 5



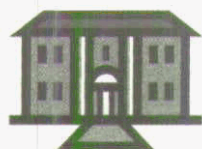
### The Barn Owl

Barn Owls are awake at night. They hunt for small animals to eat. Owls swallow their food whole. They often use a flat shelf in the eaves of a barn to nest on. Barn Owls are welcome in the Farmer's barn because they kill rats. They also live in holes in hollow trees, churches and ruins. They will also use owl boxes. Eggs are laid on a bed of old pellets.

Hannah Roberts, age 5

### How to be a Millionaire!

- 1 Win a million pounds.
- 2 Buy a big house.
- 3 Buy a big dog.
- 4 Spend lots of money!



Olivia Titmuss, age 5

### The Dragon

Once upon a time a dragon lived in a cave. He was spiky and green. His eyes were blue. The dragon was called Spike and he was a very friendly dragon. One day he went to the dark woods. He played all on his own. He was very lonely. One day along came another dragon. His name was Yasmar. Yasmar was a friendly dragon. Yasmar was gold with blue spots. "Shall we be friends?" asked Yasmar. "Yes" said Spike. They lived happily ever after.

Caitlin Willis age 5 Class One



# Sandford House

## Class Two

Creative



When I grow up



### Chester Chatter

Date: 11th January 2001



#### The Siberian Dragon was unveiled today.

Our reporter *Christina Davies* was at the

Natural History Museum today.



The dragon has been buried in hard ice and snow for 10,000 years. A magic stone enabled it to come back to life. The dragon's name was Yasmar. Yasmar has 2,000 sharp teeth shaped like spears. He had two wings, some sharp claws and kind gentle eyes. His colour was tan. Out of his nose came grey smoke. He did not have any scales. His head was huge!!!! He could talk. He scared away everyone in the Museum, but Emily was not scared at all. (Emily is the young daughter of another reporter from Chester Chatter.)

By Christina Davies Class Two Age 7

### The Teacher's day in bed.

Our teacher's having a day in bed -

She's sent her pets to school instead!

There's .....

An angry Tasmanian Devil for the heating  
(when they're angry they get hot)

A kangaroo to teach skipping.

A dolphin to teach the swimming

An octopus to serve the meals.

A monkey to teach PE

An alligator to sharpen the pencils.

A nightingale to teach singing

An owl for security (because they have good eyesight).

A squirrel for the sweeping

An elephant for cleaning up

A bumble bee for warnings (in case there's a fire).

Oh, and a spider for art and craft.

Gemma Pool Class Two. Age 7

When I grow up I want to join the RSPCA to look after animals because I love animals. I will live in the countryside where it is peaceful and quiet. My home will be cosy and warm and I will snuggle up in bed. When I'm bored I will draw a picture of an animal. I will dress in high heels and funky shoes. I will have my ears pierced and have long hair. I will get married and have five cats and three dogs. I don't know what my brother will be, but I think he is going to be a builder, but he is a bit messy. My mum and dad will probably be retired so I think they will be in bed resting and snoring away, but I am going to see them sometimes. I will go shopping with Sophie and go to cinemas with Rachel and go out to lunch with Charlotte.

By Natasha Bury Class Two aged 7 years.

When I grow up I want to be an archaeologist



Jennifer Robinson, age 6

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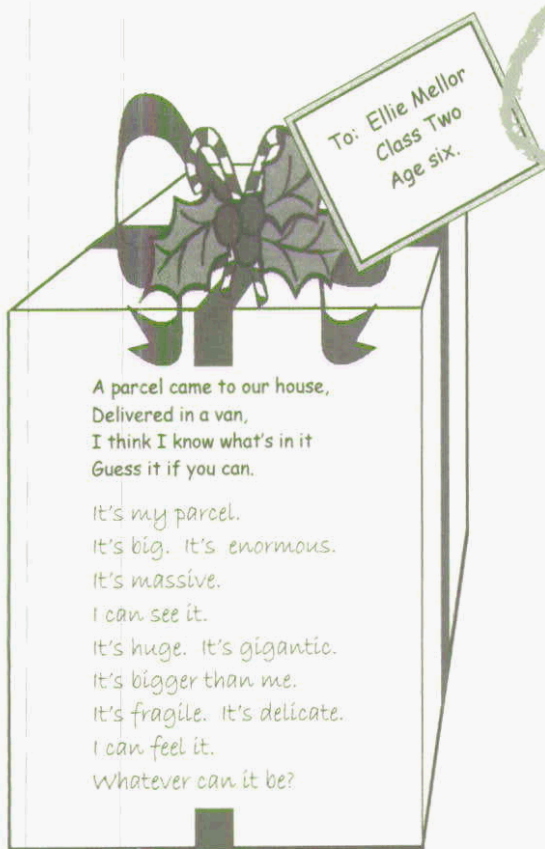
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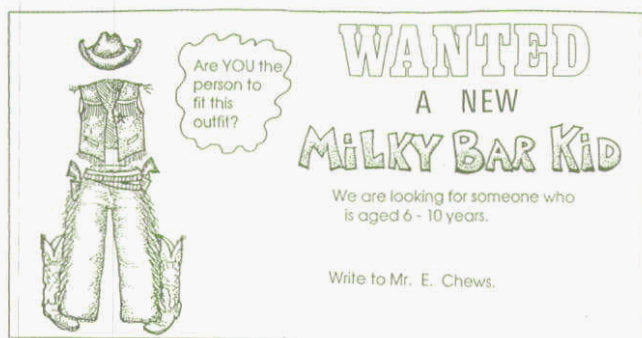


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## Class Three



55 Liverpool Road,  
Chester,  
CH2 1AW.  
6th November 2000.

Dear Mr Chews,

I would like to apply for the job of the Milky Bar Kid. I am 7 years old, the right age for the part. I absolutely love Milky Bars and I can't get enough of them. I really love to talk loudly and I know how to ride a horse. I am prepared to work hard, so that I can be famous. Please hire me, you'll never regret it. Honest!

Yours sincerely,  
Emilia Lucia Lommano

Emilia Lommano, age 8

### Portrait of a Dragon

If I were an artist I'd paint the portrait of a dragon	His sharp teeth would glister like a golden coin.
To do a proper job I'd borrow colours from the world.	His legs would be the orange sunset, sinking in the distance.
For spikes I'd use dark red lava from erupting volcanoes.	The dragon's tummy would be as pink as the inside of a watermelon.
His neck and back would be as blue as the sky on a summer day.	His huge head would be as black as the darkest ebony.
For his claws, a mirrored pond reflecting the moonlight.	For the nose I'd use a white mist from the mountain peaks.
His tail would be the light purple of heather climbing hills.	And his eyes would be as red as rubies jingling in a merchant's pocket.

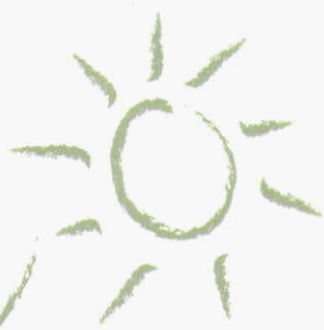
Sophie Donald, age 8



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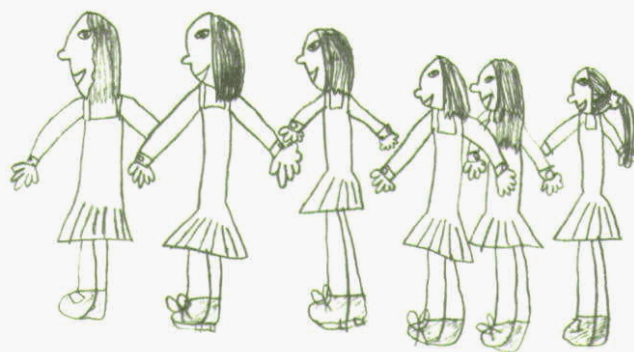
## Class Three

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I like

I like the taste of runny paella  
slipping around my ticklish mouth.  
I like the feel of a parrot's wing  
coloured with the patterns of a rainbow.  
I like the sound of a dolphin's fins  
splishing and splashing through the water.  
I like the smell of fresh silky flowers,  
a scent as sweet as honey.  
I like the sight of bright city lights  
camouflaged with the splashing rain.



Jennah Green, Class Three.

The Roman Soldier talking to Class Three  
Sara Roberts, age 7

## Class Three's Roman Experience

On the 5th February, Class Three went to the Grosvenor Museum. When we arrived we all went up the stairs to the Education Room. We sat on the carpet and Mr Hardman talked to us about the Romans. Then we did several activities. There were mosaic patterns to complete and a skeleton of a child aged about eleven or twelve years old that we had to answer questions about. On another table there were Roman pots that you had to try and fit together (some were real and others were copies). There was also a big tray of bones, coals, shells and stones. We had to wear goggles and use tweezers to sort them out into little trays like archeologists. We then split into groups and some went to the Newstead Gallery and some went to the Graham Webster Gallery of Roman Stones. In the Newstead Gallery we had clipboards and at the top of our sheets we drew a picture of the River Dee, the fort, the amphitheatre and the four Roman roads coming out of the fort. We also looked at a case with a skeleton in. When the man died, he was aged between 18 and 23. he had broken his leg. We saw another case with statues of gods in. We all had to draw one of them. I drew one that looked like an angel.

**Lauren O'Donnel**

In the Graham Webster Gallery of Roman Stones, we looked at a man's tombstone. We had to find out what his name was. We also had to write what the man was wearing and what he was holding. We looked at another stone and we had to draw the creatures that were on top of it. They were half fish and half men. They were

holding trumpets. One stone had a carving of a lady on a couch and we had to say if we thought she was rich. I wrote that she must be or she wouldn't be sitting on a fancy couch drinking wine. Next we met with the rest of the class and we went to The Kings Arms Kitchen for our lunch. I had a plum, some marshmallows, monster munches and cheese sandwiches.

**Claire Alexander**

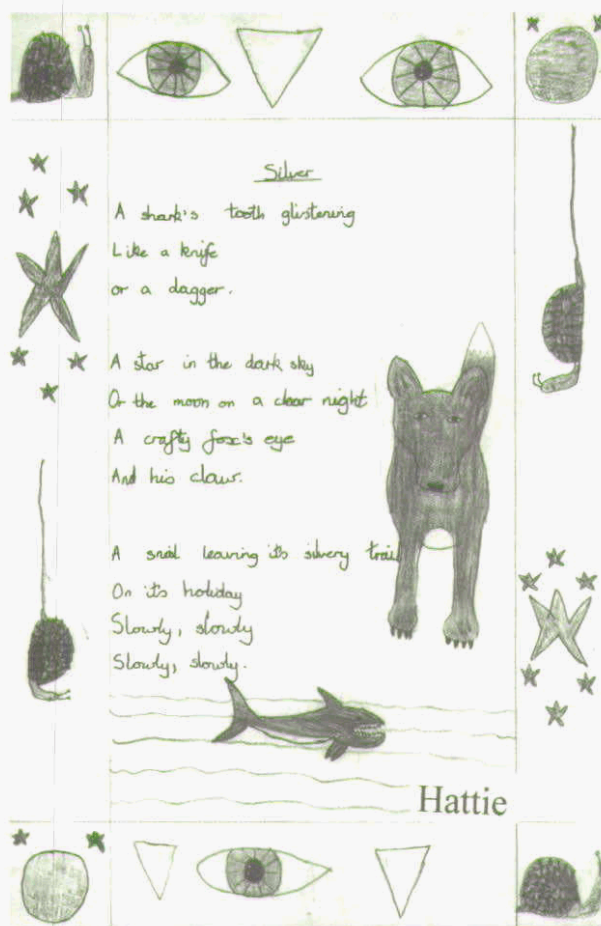
After Lunch a Roman soldier came and talked to us. He told us that if we were going to be Roman soldiers, we had to act like them. Then he took us outside. First of all we went to the place where the Roman fort's entrance used to be. It was very cold and it was raining. The soldier was called Paulus Gittus. Next he took us to a place that in Roman times had been the corner of the fort. There was once a tower there as tall as the Eastgate Bridge. But people over the years have been moving them to build things. Next he took us to the Roman baths and he showed us how the heating worked. When we had finished, he made Kristie wear his helmet and Sophie Donald carry his shield. Sophie said that it weighed a ton, so she gave it to Amy's mummy to carry! When we got to the amphitheatre, he asked us to guess where the middle was. If you stood against the wall, then you were right. We all enjoyed the trip very much. My favourite thing was probably the amphitheatre. I am very grateful that Miss Morgan arranged this wonderful trip. I learned a lot about the Romans.

**Siobhan Barnard**

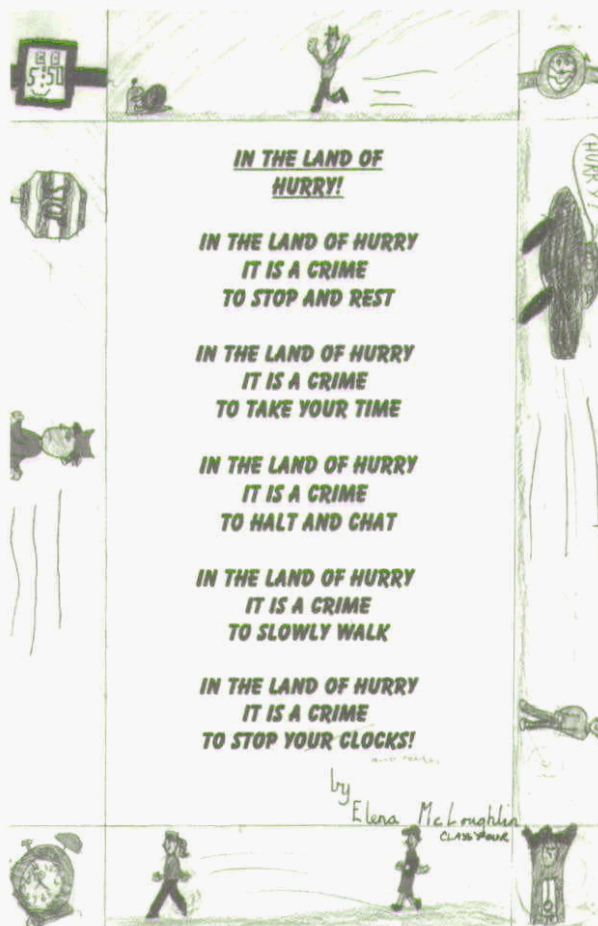


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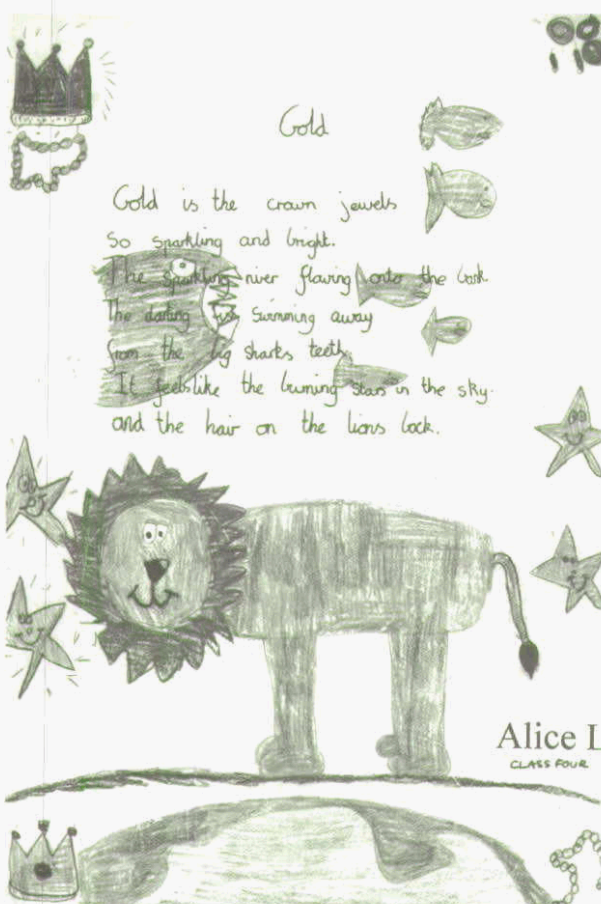
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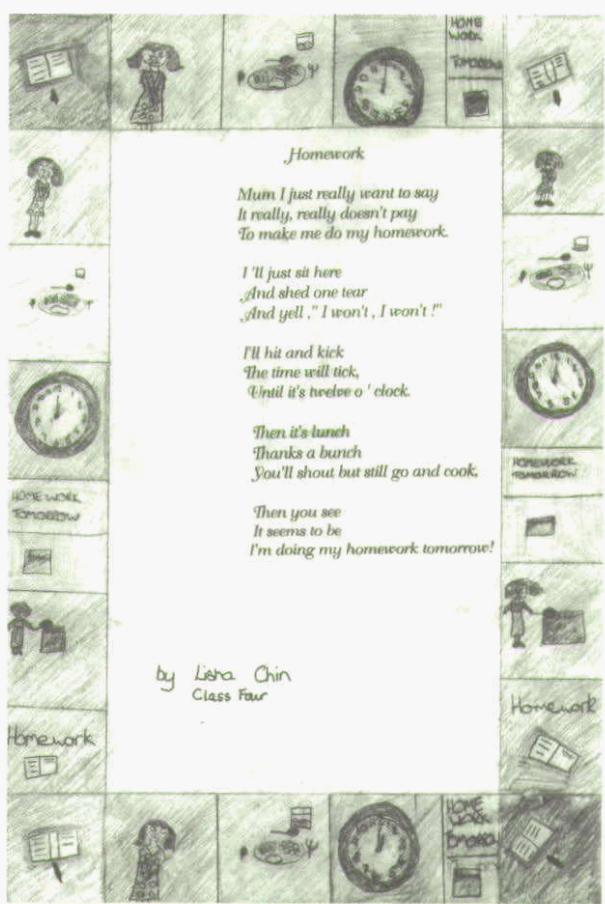
Hattie Kennedy, class 4



Elena McLoughlin, class 4



Alice Little, class 4



Lisha Chin, class 4



# Nedham Creative

## CLASS 5

### My Grandma

I was six when Grandma died,  
When she was gone, I cried and cried.  
When sitting in a hospital bed,  
Grandma turned to me and said:  
"Don't be sad when I've gone,  
The memories of me will still live on."  
I wondered where those would be,  
Now I know: deep inside me.  
Inside me in a special part,  
Inside me, in my heart.

Kate Bernie

### MY MEMORY

I remember her warm breath when she kissed me.  
I remember her warm hands touch me.  
I remember us sitting next to the fire, telling  
her stories of my day at school.  
I remember the chocolates she used to give me.  
I remember the walks to the canal to feed the ducks.  
I remember the love she gave me.  
Can you guess of whom I'm thinking?  
My great grandma!

Helen Cumiskey

### MAGIC JEWEL BOX

*I will put in the box...*

*Six thousand sparkling raindrops,  
A sun, newborn, and the love of my mother.*

*I will put in the box...*

*A robot that does my homework,  
Dreams of teddies on moonbeams,  
Happy memories of loved ones.*

*I will put in the box...*

*My favourite chocolate pudding,  
One of my well kept secrets,  
A snowy Christmas that lasts forever.*

*My box is fashioned from silver cobwebs  
and is sealed with a promise.  
The hinge's creak is a baby's laugh  
With rubies and sapphires on the lid.*

*I will sunbathe in my box,  
On the golden beaches of Hawaii,  
Then fly on the back of the winged horse, Pegasus,  
Who transports me back to my bed.*

Annabel Kenworthy



### A Recipe for a School Birthday Bash

*Take twenty-five angelic, Idea-spinning students,  
Wearing multi-coloured pyjamas,  
Bearing cheeky smiles full of birthday cheer,  
Add laughter, joy and friendship to all around,  
Imagine golden haloes upon their shining hair.  
Put slippers on their freezing feet,  
With cosy dressing gowns and furry hot-water bottles.  
WARNING! Don't add bad things!  
Take a mouth-watering birthday cake  
to celebrate the party.  
Stir in poetry workshops for much more fun,  
Roll in a massive flag and an extract of the emblem,  
Sprinkle in Dennis Carter's wonderful poetry,  
Mix in a couple of teachers to help with the massive chaos.  
Knead in a time to perform at the end of the day,  
Put in a Victorian house and a garden,  
Sprinkle in some cooks to make the meal,  
Roll in one ace assembly to sing HAPPY BIRTHDAY!  
Cut out some technology, to add the 21st century feel,  
Leave it for a while until it boils,  
then give it a stir for one minute.  
Finally, put the lid on and watch it being created!.*

Gillian Rodger

### My Childhood Box

*I will conceal in my childhood box,  
My first small cry, upsetting and concerning,  
and my first proper cot with scary, high walls.*

*I will conceal in my childhood box,  
My first taste of food (of course, I'll never forget that!)  
and my first lullaby, so sweet and soft.*

*I will conceal in my childhood box,  
The magic sensation of my Nanna rocking me to sleep  
and the whisper of my mum telling me she loves me.*

*My box is fashioned with gold sides,  
There are summer dreams in the corners,  
and my first icy winter on the lid.*

*I shall enter the contents of my box  
And think of my childhood as I bury it,  
hoping that nobody can open it.  
My childhood will now only remain in my soul.*

Catherine Barnard





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## CLASS 6

### In Disguise

Rivers burst their banks because of me,  
Schools close for the week,  
Treetops poke out of a layer of watery land because of me.  
I play hide and seek with loney cars and bushy trees.  
I distress people stranded in their homes worrying about  
the floods rising,  
Ruining all their possessions.  
As people sleep,  
I creep into their houses silently.  
I harm innocent people when they think I am safe to swim in.  
People run from me, but they can't hide because I will find  
them.  
I can be everywhere.  
But when I have gone everything is quiet and still,  
Houses are left with nothing in them.  
Because I am the flood.

Elizabeth Jones



### Foot and Mouth

Red...orange...gold,  
A light like the sun brightens the dark night's sky.  
Spark, ash, crackle, bang!  
Closer I come to the flickering flames,  
The heat burns and scolds my skin.  
Sparks, ash, crackle, bang!  
Blackened corpses piled onto a castle of splintering coal,  
Lifeless and burning...flesh tough and brittle... what's  
left at least.  
Sparks, ash, crackle, bang!  
Red-faced farmers pour on the diesel, tears in their  
bloodshot eyes,  
Years of work perishes in front of their heartbroken souls.  
Sparks, ash, crackle, bang!  
The farmers' eyes burn with anger,  
For the Monster that lost them their livelihood.  
Spark, ash, crackle, bang!  
The monster no-one can see.  
A monster that can take away a generation of hard work,  
just by infecting the one.

### Baby Imran

Little Imran with his plump brown cheeks now dyed red due to the heat of the day, sat in his pram shielded from the sun by his colourful umbrella. The curls on his head bounced as he turned his little head this way and that. He gazed wide-eyed at the brilliant garden, cooing and chortling as he did so. He waved his podgy little hands in the air trying to catch a pretty butterfly that fluttered by his pram. Wide smiles flashed across his bright little face. His skin was smooth and plump like an over ripe tomato and the warm folds on his neck smelt sweet and cuddly just like babies do. The sweet scent of jasmine wafted up his dainty little nose and made him feel drowsy. He started to yawn and his eyelids were lowering. After a while, Imran was fast asleep.

Dhivya Prasad

### A Spell to End War

Capture the ray of sunshine,  
And a kitten's first meow,  
The robin's first sweet song,  
and a horse's beautiful whinny.

Let there be no more war,  
This should be made the law.

Steal a tiny tear,  
And a voice of an angel,  
The sparkle in a baby's laugh,  
Close your eyes and wish for  
peace.

Let there be no more war,  
This should be the law.



Spark, ash, crackle, bang!  
The monster a snake to shed tears, to destroy lives,  
to limit travel, to kill thousands.  
Spark, ash, crackle, bang!  
The monster's name... foot and mouth.  
The monster's aim...shed tears...destroy...kill...  
Sparks, ash, crackle, bang!  
Sparks, ash, crackle, BANG!  
SPARKS,ASH, CRACKLE, BANG!  
STOP!!!!  
Silence where animal calls should be.  
Delapidated farm house.  
Rustling wind shuffling in empty fields.  
Mud lies settled and still...not a ripple.  
The dark night is quiet... just a slight breeze is heard.  
No...I'm sure I can hear the distant echoes of farmlife  
from years ago.

Ffionn Macdonald



## The French Adventure Holiday



After waking up at a ridiculous hour, we arrived at school fully prepared for the adventure that lay ahead, there was a short delay, but soon enough we boarded our glamorous vehicle, "Primrose". After what seemed like an endless journey watching "Grease" several hundred times, we arrived at our sunny destination, Embrum.



We were greeted by enthusiastic instructors, who led us to our small village of mosquito infested tents. After a quick unpack, we went down to the beautiful lake and took part in a "get to know you" session. This consisted of wearing huge life jackets, waddling around like penguins and being thrown over motorboats by gorgeous hunks!

Over the next few days, we were introduced to many sporting activities we had never done before, the first of which was sailing. In the morning, sailing seemed safe enough to us pale and pasty English girls. Unfortunately by lunch, the wind had picked up, blowing in a few disasters. Many of us capsized our boats and spent more time IN the lake, not ON it!

The evenings were a time when we could eat crepes and phone home, boasting to other family members how hot it really was! Usually after the lovely meals, the instructors

organised activities for us like casino night. We will never forget certain classmates trying to get under and around metal tables, without touching the floor! We were not the only ones who enjoyed our free evenings. The teachers made the most of them too, relaxing with a small drink! Mrs Moore's attempt to relieve Victoria's eczema with bandages is still a class joke, a year on!

The biggest and most challenging activity for all of us was definitely the bivi! We packed up huge rucksacks with the bare necessities, being warned that any items taken for personal hygiene or vanity would be confiscated and the owner punished! When the warnings of wild bears and killer beetles had been given, we started our long, long walk! Spirits were kept high with stories and jokes along the way, and we eventually reached our campsite. Dinner was served from a plastic bag and a dirty pot, but to us it seemed like fine dining after our long day. Scraping together what little energy we had left, we had to lick our plates clean! Toasting marshmallows around the fire and singing ridiculous songs was the perfect end to one of the most amazing days, we then crawled inside our survival bags and slept under the stars.

The next morning, Deborah made the unfortunate mistake of making it clear that she had brought a hairbrush on the bivi! Her punishment was to carry the bag containing human waste and toilet paper on the walk home!!!

The rest of the week comprised of more activities including windsurfing and white-water rafting. We all saw the ruthless side of Mrs Hoyle, as she pulled some unsuspecting girls into



the icy water! After stocking up on French sweets and souvenirs, we made our way down to the beach for our last hours in Embrum. With tears pouring down our cheeks, we said goodbye to the instructors who had made our holiday so enjoyable, and boarded a not so sweet-smelling Primrose. Tears soon turned to smiles as we heard the familiar tune to our favourite musical 'Grease'. It was a

fantastic holiday and we all had a great time.  
Sophie Russell and Gemma Ball UIVA

## German Exchange

A small group of girls completed this year's exchange with our German link school when they visited Fulda at the beginning of August. They all reported favourably on the time spent in their German families and the trips they made. Some even visited the Expo 2000 exhibition in Hanover. Others went more locally, to Rothenburg or into the Rhin mountains. The weather was mostly pleasant, the only real disaster on that front being the very day that a mountain hike was planned. However, most girls were more than happy with the substitute of bowling!

The last three mornings were spent in school. It was quite a shock to start the first lesson at 7.50 am in the middle of our summer holidays!

However we gave ourselves a break on the second morning, deciding that a visit to a typical German café for coffee and cake was essential to our understanding of the German way of life!



We hope that more girls will support the exchange in the future. It not only helps with the German language, but widens horizons and, in its own small way, contributes to international understanding.



# Barcelona



It all started one very early morning in November. A group of sixth formers, Mrs Blything and Mrs Shannon all piled into the mini-bus and made our way to Manchester Airport with our sketchbooks at the ready. When we reached the airport, we greeted the students and Mrs Thompson from Abbeygate.

Still half-asleep, we boarded the plane and were amazed by the beautiful sunshine that greeted us as we landed in Barcelona.

After a short train journey and a long walk through the Ramblas with our heavy suitcases, we made it to our hotel. After a hyper-active run around the hotel visiting all of our friends in their "spacious" rooms, we finally got into bed.

The trip to Barcelona was fantastic! We had a guided bus tour around the city, discovering all the beautiful buildings within it. Trips to, Gaudi's Park Guell, Casa Mila and the stunning Cathedral; that is yet to be finished, Salvador Dali's bizarre gallery and many more fascinating places to fill our sketchbooks with. Evenings were "interesting", with our meals being provided by the hotel and then out for a "stroll" around the city, some which we remembered very heavily the next morning!

Our main highlight however, was bumping into the cast of "Hollyoaks" numerous times. Total coincidence, but by the end of the holiday, they were convinced that we were stalking them!

It was a fantastic trip away and Barcelona is an extremely beautiful city that I hope I can visit again someday.

Eleanor Brotherhood LVI

## MY DAY AT A VET SURGERY

On Friday 4th May, I went to work for the first time. The normal hours of work are 8.30am until 6pm but for age reasons I wasn't allowed to work the full hours, so at 9 o'clock I started work. As I walked through the door I was greeted by one of the nurses, Kelly. She quickly showed me round the staff room, the kennels and the operating theatre. As I have been going there for as long as I can remember with my own pets, I felt comfortable in my surroundings which was a help. I probably had my best time next. With the owner, Dr Skerritt, we had to perform a hearing test on a litter of eight Dalmatian puppies. This involved smearing some cold gel on two places on their heads and one spot on each ear. They were almost seven weeks old!. I had to write out the registered certificates for the breeders and by the time I had finished I would have been able to quote the address off by heart!. I was quite privileged to be around these dogs because their grandfather and aunt had been in the film "101 Dalmatians" and were Hollywood stars!...overall, I had an excellent day and I learned a lot. Only the nurses were in uniform so it was all fairly informal. I finished my day at 5pm but I would definitely be glad to go back again another day, although I would prefer it to be slightly busier to give a better representation of a day's work.

Brina Marks UIVP

## Remove C In Roman Chester

"On our day out we went to the Grosvenor Museum and Chester's amphitheatre and we walked around the walls. We found a lot about the Romans and the way they lived."

*"I really enjoyed the room where you could pick up the Roman pots and bones. My favourite item was the Roman armour."*

**"I liked the amphitheatre with its old stonework; I think it is fascinating that it has been around for 2000 years. When I stood there I could imagine all the crowds and contestants."**

*"I thought finding the size of the fort in paces was unusual. It felt like we were actually soldiers. As I was going round I thought to myself I wouldn't want to do this in full armour!"*

Out & About



## SKI REPORT

We could give a day-by-day account of what we did on our trip, but, instead, we will give highlights; on piste and off piste!!!

After eight and a half fun-filled hours spent on planes, we arrived in Montreal, eleven cases short, but nevertheless, raring to go!

Our first day skiing was quite an eventful one, with two main events: our introduction to the dashing instructors from "Ski le Gap" and one of the beginner groups, unaccustomed to having skis attached to their feet, being sent down a blue piste; not a successful exercise!!

Apart from a few teething problems, it wasn't the skiing that proved to be the complex task, it was more the basic exercises, for example remembering to get off the ski-lift when it came to the end...Jenny?!! and realising the concept of having ski-holders on the outside of the gondolas was that you put your skis in them rather than taking them inside the gondola with you!

In spite of these minor mishaps, some great skiing took place. The teachers and the advanced group tackled the most difficult of slopes. And by the end of the week some of the beginners had advanced to such a level that they too were allowed to attempt the "double diamond" slopes, a very commendable achievement after only five days' skiing.

No unusual activity or slip of the tongue went unnoticed on the trip, with hats being awarded for various weird and wonderful slip-ups, from wipe-outs, to sharking. Unsure of the term? So were we!! When we found out that this term meant "flirting" it was clear to all on the trip that there was only one candidate truly worthy of the hat and that was Jo, for her holiday romance with her namesake: Jo. As for wipe-outs, there were a fair few beauties, with Ruth's proving to be the most brutal... did you ever find that run-away ski?!!

Each evening, after a good day's skiing, we would return to the hotel before setting off for dinner and an evening of activity. Dinner was always interesting with each of us consuming enough burgers over the holiday to last us a lifetime.

Sadly we missed out on our chance to go blading. It had been scheduled as one of our evening activities, but it was cancelled due to extreme weather conditions (the temperature dropped to minus fifty degrees) however we made good use of this time doing a bit of shopping in Tremblant. On another night we went tubing which was excellent fun. Hannah gave us all an example of freestyle tubing as she tumbled down the shoot without a ring.. there's always one!!!

Our last evening activity was a night out in Tremblant. We started with dinner at Moe's where we received our last obligatory fix of burger and chips, after which we were let loose to paint the town red...until 10.30p.m.!!! Everybody went their separate ways with most of us eventually ending up in the "Octa Bar". A lot of stories could be divulged, but I think I'll leave it by saying a lot of fun was had by all!! Especially a certain deputy head girl, but we'll mention no names (ANNA!).

As our holiday drew to a close, we spent the last day visiting the Biodome in Montreal, and doing what girls do best, but apparently not as well as teachers!! Shopping!

In closing, on behalf of everybody that went on the ski trip I would like to say a huge "Thank You" to Mrs Steventon, Miss Huck and Mrs Rowland for putting up with us and making our trip more enjoyable than we had ever imagined it could be.

## Saturday Night Fever Trip

On Wednesday 4th of April, when school finished at 12 o'clock, very willing LIVs piled onto a coach as we started our journey to Manchester. We were travelling to the Opera House to see 'Saturday Night Fever'. The whole group was in high spirits during the journey, and were very excited as we were handed our programmes and the production began. We were engrossed as soon as the musical started, enjoying the music, costumes and scenery. When it came to the finale we were all dancing in the aisles, repeating the now well-known dance steps which had won a group of LIVs 1st prize in a Top Of The Pops competition earlier in the year.

The acting, dancing and singing were lively and fun and everybody who went to see 'Saturday Night Fever' agreed it was a very enjoyable treat. Thanks go to Mrs Hoyle for organising the trip and to all the teachers who so willingly agreed to accompany us. It was a wonderful way to end the term.

Rachel Thornley and Lucy James LIVJ

## Extracts from UIV 'Take Your Daughter to Work'.

### Teacher for the Day

On Friday the 4th May, 2001 the upper fourth took part in 'Take your daughter to work day'. I went with a year 3 teacher to work in Fron Goch School in Denbigh. We arrived at school at eight o'clock and at half past eight we went outside to supervise pupils as they came in. I was greeted with puzzled looks and whispers. Some even approached and asked me if I was in 'Class 7'. Assembly was very different to ours the hymn was sung with great enthusiasm and even with actions!...

...I thoroughly enjoyed my day as a teacher as it brought back happy memories from my own primary school. I also enjoyed being with the children and helping them through the day. I thought it was quite tiring but nevertheless, I wouldn't mind being a teacher or working with children when I'm older.

Laura Evans UIVP



# Cloverley Hall - March 2001



Christian Union and Quest Club have continued to meet regularly. Once again the highlight of the year was our visit to Cloverley Hall in March. Our speaker for the weekend was Paul North, who is the Schools' Worker for the Churches in

Chester. He took as his theme, the uniqueness and value of each individual person made in the image of God. His approach was lively and thought-provoking.

## FRIDAY EVENING

Everybody filed into the Coach House for a session of games, including "Cavaliers Knights and Roundheads", which has become a tradition for our weekends. The "animal sound" game and fashion designing were also enjoyed by all. Following this session we were introduced to Paul who rounded off the evening with a short epilogue, before we headed up to bed, exhausted, for a well-earned sleep (honest!)

## SATURDAY AM

After breakfast we joined together for our worship meeting with Paul, followed by workshops. We could take part in Art, Drama, Music, Dance and a Poetry workshop led by Paul and Emma who had come as a joint leader.

PM. After lunch came the very entertaining and well known "Wide Game". This year's theme was "The Teddy Bears' Picnic", and in true Wide Games style the teams wandered around the grounds following clues given by VI Forms and Staff. The end result: A whole lot of fun and laughter with the winning team collecting their well-earned prize.

## EVENING

The Saturday night cabaret was very enjoyable too. The second years sang their version of "I'm a little teacup", complete with actions, sugar and water. Paul and Emma did a hilarious sketch of jokes, and Paul also read some of the poems he had written. The UVI performed a sketch featuring the doctor's surgery, in which Dr Jessica Tilling caught every illness from her patients all at once!. Saturday had turned out to be a big success.

## SUNDAY

Our final day at Cloverley Hall involved the worship meeting with Paul and Emma when we watched various performances and work which had been completed in the Saturday workshops, all revolving round Paul's theme of the value of each individual. After lunch we said our thanks to Paul and Emma, members of staff and UVI who had worked so hard to make the weekend so enjoyable. We left for home at 3pm and I am sure that everyone is looking forward to our next visit to Cloverley Hall.

Lizzie French/Philippa Kidson/Eryl Davies/members of LIV.



## French Exchange

I can't comment on how awake the French Exchange group was when they got on the coach at 6.30 in morning, because I was meeting them at the airport, but seeing Eric Cantona just before getting on the plane seemed to wake everyone up a bit. (I have his autograph on the back of a bit of Young Enterprise report). We arrived to meet our families, and went off to submerge ourselves in French language and culture. I'm not sure how things went at the college, but at the lycée the 10-hour school day (from 8 in the morning to 6 in the evening) seemed an eternity. We honestly couldn't understand how they manage it every day! Over Easter we experienced a number of church services between us. I noticed that there was quite a bit more standing up than over here, and less singing. On Tuesday we went for a day out at Futuroscope: a chance to see all our friends again and exchange stories, oh yes, with the option of going to see some of the cinema attractions. Some people had enjoyed Easter more than others, although we all seemed to have eaten a lot of French chocolate. I realise I'm speaking for myself here, but Easter spent in a great big house in the Dordogne in the sun was pretty good. I gather Lisa had a pretty good time skiing in the Alps and then in St Tropez as well. By the time we went home, we had all learnt a lot, voluntarily or otherwise, about the French way of life and their language. I'm sure I'm not the only

one still in contact with my exchange partner, and I hope that some firm friendships have been formed. Finally, for anyone thinking about going on the exchange in the future: Yes, it's a culture shock: No, you can't guarantee that you will like the food: but if you smile a lot and just try to get on with it, you can have a really good time. It is worth going on the exchange to improve your French, but you can achieve more from it than just that.

Alex Wilcox LVI

Although our flight from Manchester was delayed we were kept entertained by the sight of Eric Cantona eating his breakfast in the next lounge. By mid-afternoon we had arrived in Tours where I was met by the whole of my exchange partner's family – this included all seven of their children! We went to school for the first two days, then were on our own. I was taken to lots of different places during my stay, including spending Easter weekend at their second home in the country. I enjoyed my stay in France very much and was really upset when I had to leave. I had become one of the family!.

Sophia Berry LVH

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# The Queen's School Association 2000-2001

## Marjorie Miln

*It is with great regret that we announce the very sudden death of Q.S.A. Chairman, Marjorie Miln. She died on Saturday, 16 June 2001. There will be a full obituary in the next issue of Have Mynde. In the meantime our thoughts and prayers go out to Roger and the family.*

President	Miss D M Skilbeck	
Vice Presidents	Miss C M Baxter Miss M Farra Miss E M Edwards	
Honorary Chaplain	The Very Reverend V Faull	
Executive Committee		
Chairman	Marjorie Miln (Hack)	1945-63
Honorary Treasurer and Representative Governor	Hilarie McNae (Adams)	1945-63
Members	Marian Barrow (Brown) Mary Burgess (Ham) Judy Davies (Jones) Judith Fernandes (Durrant) Shirley Hayes Jenny Lloyd (Dutton) Jacquie Maguire (Clinton) Susan O'Gorman (Mills) Ann Short (Brotherhood) Carole Wilkinson (Holme)	1951-65 1952-63 1957-64 1951-55 1947-54 1957-64 1966-73 1957-64 1954-61 1967-74
London/Oxford Branch		
Secretary	Susan Benson	1945-52
Assistant Secretary	Mary Simmons (Williams)	1935-41



# The Queen's School Association News

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Main School on June 24th 2000, followed by an excellent lunch. There was a lively group of 1960's leavers present, some of whom had not been back to School for a long time.

Miss Skilbeck reported that the Inspection had dominated the Autumn term. Among other things, the Inspectors had congratulated the School on the extended curriculum and on the excellent staff/pupil relationships. The Lower School received high praise. During the School Year the girls had participated in various charitable projects, including work for the Countess of Chester Hospital and centres for senior citizens. There had been a very successful Autumn Market, the exciting opening of MacLean House and an interesting production of "Alice in Wonderland" among other events. Miss Skilbeck also gave us news of the superb academic, musical and sporting achievements of the year.

Marjorie Miln, Chairman of the Association, gave a brief report and said that Q.S.A. members had helped at various School functions, such as the Open Day, where much interest had been shown in photographs and other items from the Association Archives. She also expressed the gratitude of the Association for invitations to School events. She said that she hoped that the new format of the Newsletter met with members' approval.

Hilarie McNae, in her role as Treasurer, gave her report. She said that conflicting views had been received about the proposal that Q.S.A. subscriptions be collected with School fees. Some centenary memorabilia is still on sale, except for umbrellas, which have all been sold.

As the Representative Governor of the Association, Hilarie reported that a Gym and Health Club is to be built next door to Sandford House. She also said that the official opening of MacLean House had been a very happy and relaxed affair.

Vivienne Faull, recently appointed Provost of Leicester Cathedral, had graciously agreed to become Honorary Chaplain of the Association. The Meeting gave this unanimous approval.

Lesley Hardy and Veronica Patrick resigned from the Committee and were thanked for their invaluable help over many years.

Jacquie Maguire was formally elected to the Committee, (having been previously a co-opted member, and Margaret Yorke was also elected to serve on the Committee.

As there had been no nominations for the office of Chairman, Marjorie Miln agreed to continue in office for one more year and the Meeting approved this.

Mary Burgess felt that, for health and family reasons, she could no longer continue to fulfil the office of Secretary, although she would continue to do all that she could to help. In the absence of any nominations, Marjorie asked the Meeting to approve any measures which the Committee felt proper in order to continue the successful running of the Association, mainly "job-sharing" between them. This was approved. We hope that you will understand and be patient with us and that you will also consider offering your services – we would welcome help on the Committee.

The new versions of the Constitution and Rules of the Association were presented to the Meeting by Ann Short who, with a very hard-working sub-committee, had spent a great deal of time over the past two years perfecting them. The Meeting voted in favour of their adoption.

During this year we also held an enjoyable Ploughman's Lunch, as well as the very successful Michaelmas Supper, which goes from strength to strength. As you will already have noted, the next Michaelmas Supper is on Friday, September 7th 2001. Please do come, as it is not just for the newest Old Girls, but for all! It was good to welcome a table of 1994 leavers in September 2000, as well as some other established Old Girls and also the Sixth Form Tutors.

After this, we also held an enjoyable Coffee Morning in November and a superbly well-supported "Bangers and Mash" Lunch at Eccleston Village Hall, followed by an illustrated talk about the history of Chester. We have already had many requests to organise further meetings along these lines. At the time of going to press, we are looking forward to the London Meeting to be held at the Royal Albert Hall, and to the A.G.M. when we will be marking the retirements of Staff who left in 2000 and Miss Skilbeck's retirement this year, after 12 years as Headmistress of the School.

We still receive many queries about subscriptions. Please note that there are now two categories of subscriptions : Annual (£5) and 25Year (£100). If you are a Life Member, we of course honour our commitment to you and we are grateful to those Life Members who have so generously made a donation towards our running costs. No subscription includes the cost of "Have Mynde". After the A.G.M. this year, we hope to be able to start a scheme of collecting subscriptions from present pupils, so that they will all enjoy 25 Year membership when they leave the School.



## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Each year we unfortunately lose touch with some of our members and mail does not reach them. Since we have started putting our address on the envelopes, we find that more of those, which do not reach the recipient are returned to us. The following members' Newsletters have been returned to us; we would be grateful for any current addresses. The date of leaving School and/or the last known address are given.

Barbara Barker (Abbott 1960)  
Barbara Binns, Ludlow  
Sheila Carr (Houghton 1932-44), Nomansheath  
Sarah Jane Carroll (1997), Eversley Park, Chester.  
Pauline Culmer (Reeves 1967-74), Ellesmere  
Joan Dale (Lewis 1933-39), East Molesey  
Evelyn Downing (Bibby-Denny 1924), Deganwy  
Rachael Evans (1998), Upton, Chester  
Emma Flaherty (1995), Higher Whitley  
Elizabeth Garrett (Stewart 1956-66), Huntington, Cambs.  
Victoria Gauge (1998), Westminster Park, Chester  
Lucy Haines, Malpas  
Jennifer Harper, (1998), Upton, Chester.  
Victoria Hewitt, Malpas  
Kathleen Holland (Bancroft 1925), Gatley  
Joan Houghton, Nomansheath  
Mrs E M Hughes (pre-1980), Prestatyn  
Lauren Kerr (2000), Tarporley  
Nancy Lera (Adam 1938), Hatfield  
Mrs Lloyd-Ellis (Parry 1936)  
Julie McLaverty (McGaughran 1974-81), Hyde, Cheshire  
Gillian Marshall (Buckley 1962-63), Sydenham  
Victoria Miller  
Helen Parker (2000), Bunbury  
Natalie Parker (1998), Upton, Chester  
Amanda Pearson (Pain 1978)  
Joanna Powell (1998), Nantwich  
Carol Shaw (1979)  
Sarah Shaw (1985)  
Miss Taylor, Carden, Malpas  
Rena Trebocka (1998)  
Dorothy Walker (Wilson 1933), Zimbabwe  
Joy Watkin (Nuttall 1948), Chippenham, came to the centenary in 1997  
Kathleen Watkins (1924)  
Kathryn Wilde (1998)  
Miss J Williams (1978)  
Rachel Williams (1988), Rhyl  
Angela Willis, Mickle Trafford  
Joan Wise (Richard 1927), Eastbourne  
Margaret Woodier (Catherall 1937), Frodsham  
Sarah Morgan Wynne (1998)  
Rebecca Young (1998), Tarvin

## NEWS OF PAST PUPILS

Lynne Frances Adams (Warrington 1978-85) taught in London for four years and then moved back to Cheshire in 1996 to take up the post of Senior Subject Teacher in Classics at the King's School, Macclesfield, where her husband is head of History.  
Virginia Cleeves, (left 1985) acted as usher at her wedding.  
Susan Addison (Hall 1972-77) is still working with Clifford Chance, the world's largest law firm. She has two sons, Rory(5) and Hector(3) who keep her very busy. She is in contact with her sister Ruth (1977-84) and Amanda Jones (1970-77) who is working in Wellington, New Zealand, and also with others of her year.

Judith Allinson (Reid 1958-65), having taken early retirement from teaching, is now working part-time at the university library at the University of Essex and helping to supervise the University Gallery.

Joan Alsop (Phillips 1941-50). Before her sad death (see Births, Marriages and Deaths below), Joan wrote to tell us her news. She especially mentioned a very enjoyable week which she had spent in Bromborough with her cousins, during which she visited old friends and family and favourite places, including The Queen's School.

Janet Balling (Poole 1971-78) is married to an Austrian and lives about 50km. south-east of Salzburg. She has 3 children, twin boys aged 13 and another son aged 10.

Emily Barlow (1994-96) is doing a degree in Law at Pennsylvania University, U.S.A.

Connie Baxter (1921-33 and Staff 1938-74) has recently been in hospital, after having broken her femur. She is now back at home and would like to thank all who sent her cards, flowers, gifts and good wishes for her speedy recovery.

Elizabeth Brown (Lunn 1963-76) has moved back to Chester, and would be pleased to make contact with any of her Q.S. contemporaries living in Chester. She has 2 children, Michael and Jennifer and is working as head of audit for Cheshire County Council. She has also been appointed to the Governing body of The Queen's School.

Mary Brown (Walling 1944-51) writes that 2000 was a significant year for her. She retired from teaching, her husband was awarded an honorary doctorate by the University of Ghent, they had another grand-daughter and celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a lunch at the home of Sheila Cross (Roberts) at Minster Lovell, Oxon.

Lucinda Cawley (1984-94) after graduating in History and Philosophy of Science with Classical Studies, was awarded an MSc. by the London School of Tropical Medicine in Health Promotion Sciences. She now works at the Countess of Chester Hospital as Health Alliances Co-ordinator.

Tamsin Cornfield (1989-96) graduated from Bath with a degree in Pharmacy and is spending her pre-registration year at the Royal Liverpool University Hospitals.

Anne Cretney (Archer 1972-79) lives in the Isle of Man with her husband Tim, a merchant banker, and her 2 children. She has recently gone back to work part-time as a school secretary. She enjoys singing and gardening and looks forward to being able to do more travelling in the future.

Freda Crowe (Gill 1946-54) writes that she had a fantastic holiday in New Zealand in 2000, accompanied by her daughter who generously funded the trip. She enjoyed visiting relatives and seeing the lovely and varied scenery.

Judy Davies (Jones 1957-64) gives us news of her 2 daughters. Sarah is married (see Births, Marriages and Deaths below) and works as a chartered surveyor with Marriott Hotels. Claire is Head of Production at Space City Production Ltd. They both live in London.

Julia Davies (1993-95) is completing her final year of a four-year course in Engineering at Cambridge. She represented Cambridge in the women's boat race at Henley in March 1999 when her crew beat Oxford.

Laura Dodd (1989-95) joined the Royal Navy in 1999, training at Britannia Naval College in Dartmouth. After passing out of college she joined Type 23 frigate H.M.S. Montrose for 4 months in the Mediterranean as part of Standing Naval Forces Med. She then joined H.M.S. Sultan in Portsmouth in September 2000 on the Systems Engineering and Management Course and expects to return to sea in September 2001 as the Assistant Marine Engineer Officer on a ship.

Elinor Edwards (Staff 1950-60, 1963-88) together with Anne Minors and her husband were privileged to attend the impressive service in Leicester Cathedral on May 13th 2000 on the occasion of the collation, induction and installation of Vivienne Faull as Provost of Leicester.



**Valerie Edwards** (Griffiths 1953-60) says that her group of 1960 leavers continues to grow as more former class-mates are "discovered". In 2000, 8 of them enjoyed the lunch at the A.G.M. and the reminiscing afterwards.

**Beryl Ennion** (1936-49) now edits the Lewes University of the Third Age Newsletter, organises "Poetry for Pleasure" sessions and remains a keen member of the writing workshop. During the floods in October 2000, she was evacuated from her flat (which just escaped being flooded) by the R.N.L.I. She says that it was her first, and hopefully last, experience of sailing down the road in a life-boat.

**Jennifer Entwisle** (Ray 1950-54) left Cheshire for Kent in May 2000 and moved into her newly-restored ancient granary in Wingham near Canterbury in October 2000. She enjoys living in an historic village close to her daughter Kate and being able to see more of her and of her 2 grand-daughters.

**Karin Fairhurst** (La Frenais 1974-83) lives in Harrogate where she works part-time as a dentist. She is married and has 3 children, Max(6), Ben(4) and Lucy(17 months). She sends news of her grand-mother Jocelyn Reed (Nelson) who still lives in Runcorn and now has 5 great-grandchildren.

**Laura Feely** (1989-95) is now in her fourth year as a dental student at Manchester University and is enjoying the course.

**Emma Flaherty** (1995) is now working in London in recruitment after graduating in 1999. She is sharing accomodation with Sarah Craig.

**Caroline Francois** (Cleeves 1963-77) has recently moved to Brussels with her family after 7 years in Singapore. Her French husband works for an American company and her son, Christopher (6) and daughter Victoria (4) have settled well at the local international school. Previously a management trainer, Caroline is not currently looking for full-time work, as the house and garden, plus the children's extra-curricular activities keep her sufficiently busy.

**Juliet George** (1986-93) following a Natural Science degree and research for her PhD., has moved out of research to Medical Communication and is working as a medical writer and project manager in Cambridge.

**Priya Guha** (1985-92) is working as a British diplomat for the British Embassy in Madrid (2nd Secretary). She joined the diplomatic service in 1996, having graduated from university in Social and Political Sciences.

**Caryn Hall** (Smith 1980-87) is working as an Environmental Health Manager for Hereford Council; she is working part-time towards an M.B.A. at Aston Business School. She is in touch with Louise Isserlis, Rosemary Gill and Diane Lawson and would like to hear from others, especially Alison Owen. She also works for a charity, "Water for Kids"; last year she spent time working in Peru and this year will be working on a health project in Tanzania.

**Ann Hallatt** (Long 1947-53) has recently retired and sent some photographs found in her house move. She says that her one claim to fame is having been in the same class as Richard Briers' wife. She is enjoying retirement from working as a physiotherapist and is singing, acting, walking and spending time with her family, - she now has 8 grand-children. She recently celebrated her Ruby Wedding.

**Janet Hay** (Spruce, left 1957) has had a busy time nursing, lecturing in nursing and in medical terminology both in England and in Canada where she now lives. She visits Chester fairly often and we were delighted to see her at the Michaelmas Supper.

**Clare Holland** (Witter 1978-88) After the birth of her daughter, Clare initially decided not to return to work but she changed her mind and is working part-time at The Queen's School teaching English. She also runs a C.C.F. Navy section at Caldý Grange Grammar School.

**Gillian Hughes** (Poplewell 1947-56) met another Old Girl, also Mrs. Hughes - Elizabeth Clower - when she was on holiday in St. Lucia.

**Mona Jackson** (Payne 1934-37) has retired from farming and lives in the Isle of Man. She would welcome letters from anyone who remembers her.

**Melanie (MD) James** attended Warwick University and graduated in English and Music with teaching. She spent her probationary year at Neston County Primary School and then joined the junior school at Kings. She teaches the seven year old intake class and takes a great part in the musical and drama activities in addition to her normal general duties. She is to marry Mark O'Leary at Farnon Parish Church on 30th December 2000. **Angela (AD) James** (left 1991) gained a First Class Honours Degree in Biology at Salford University and took up a career in the food industry. She was an account manager for Premier Brands situated at Moreton on the Wirral for several years. She has subsequently moved on to Deans Farms who are a major egg and egg by-product producer. In this capacity she is an account manager travelling the length and breadth of the UK. In addition in her very busy life she is a part-time Latin American dancing instructress. She is also responsible for the choreography and some of the music in the Chester Gang Show or Scoutabout which takes place annually at the Gateway Theatre in Chester each January.

**Doreen Judge** (Staff 1980-97) writes with news of her daughters. Alison, following the birth of her daughter, (see Births, Marriages and Deaths below) has taken a career break from Personnel Management with Marks and Spencer and is living in Mollington. Emma is living and working in Manchester, where she is a partner in a firm of solicitors.

**Claire Krupp** (Billingham 1972-80) has been living in Michigan U.S.A. for 11 years. She and her husband, Philip, have three small daughters aged 6,4 and 2. She went to work in the States as a consultant and trainer in computer simulation of manufacturing processes and then started her own business but at present she is staying at home with her children. She came to the A.G.M. in June 2000 and extends an open invitation to anyone visiting the Mid-West/Great Lakes area.

**Natalie Ladd** (1990-97) is a M.F.L. student at Edinburgh University and is spending the current academic year in Grenoble and Heidelberg. She will return to Edinburgh in October 2001 for her final year and then plans a career using her languages.

**Victoria Letton** (Griffith 1976-85) is living in the Asir region of Saudi Arabia, just north of the Yemeni border, with her husband John, and their daughter, Emily. Her husband is currently on secondment from the R.A.F. to British Aerospace training Saudi fast jet pilots and their daughter, Emily(2). She writes that, in spite of the restrictive life for women, it is a wonderful experience of a completely different culture and the scenery is spectacular.

**Linda Luther** (Marsh left 1968) visited School when she was recently on a trip to England to see her relatives. She is now living just north of Adelaide in South Australia where she works as Associate Librarian, Corporate Services at the University of South Australia. Linda and her husband, whom she met while at university in Bangor, moved to Australia in 1971, first to Brisbane and then to Adelaide. Her home is in a rural area at a place called Willaston - after the Willaston in Cheshire - and among other things she is re-vegetating their 30 acres of land. She would be pleased to hear from any Old Girls visiting South Australia or to give advice to anyone considering a permanent move to Australia. Her e-mail address is [linda.luther@unisa.edu.au](mailto:linda.luther@unisa.edu.au).

**Margo Lumb** (Weaving 1934-48) had a wonderful trip to Italy in her camper-van, seeing various friends in Germany en route and visiting Rome and other interesting cities. She hopes to visit Orkney this year and says that she is still able to visit out-of-the-way places, in spite of her arthritis, thanks to the camper-van.

**Marjorie Miln** (Hack 1949-63) has recently taken early retirement from teaching. While staying with her sister Rowena in Bath, they visited a beautiful Priory Church at Edington where there is a stone in the chancel with "Have Mynde" engraved



upon it. This is the third one which we have heard about, – if any more are spotted, it would be interesting to know!

**Anne Minors** (1966-73) is current Chairman of the Society of Theatre Studies.

**Patricia Mitchell** (Brown 1947-54) writes in some detail about her experiences fighting breast cancer during the past year. She says that she was fortunate as her cancer was caught before it spread and that she is grateful to the N.H.S., to all her family, friends and colleagues who helped her to recover. She ends: "Please, go for your mammogram when called (so many are too busy or cannot be bothered). Be breast aware and self examine. Cancer is no respecter of age and can strike young and old. As I said, I was lucky and only had cancer for about 3 weeks (that I know about) and I hope to live to a ripe old age – fighting all the way".

**Christina Oates** (Rice 1952-57) has just enjoyed her first year of retirement after teaching in primary schools for well over 30 years. She has 2 children, Sarah and Jonathan and 2 grandchildren, Chloe (4) and Oliver (17months). She has had one hip replaced and will have the other replaced in Spring 2001. She is looking forward to celebrating 40 years of marriage in August.

**Helen Pantony** (1985-96) is currently studying for a Masters' degree in Work and Organisational Psychology at Nottingham (finishing in September 2001). She then hopes to pursue a career in that field.

**Veronica Patrick** (Davies 1965-78) still works from home as an examinations marker for Pitman and writes careers information for the Independent Schools Careers Organisation. She enjoys life at home with her 2 daughters.

**Rachel Phillips-Choudhury** (Phillips 1964-77) works in Magnetic Resonance Research at New York Medical Center. She and her husband have 3 children (see Births, Marriages and Deaths below). She is looking forward to the next ten-year reunion.

**Susan Rees** (Evetts 1948-62) completed a round of Scotland's 284 Munros (mountains over 3000 ft.) with her husband in June 2000. She now has a second grand-child, Daniel. She is doing a lot of bell-ringing and trying to master the art of change ringing.

**Anne Reid** (Palin 1958-72) has 2 daughters to look after, the elder of whom, Mary has just started at the High School of Dundee "comfortingly similar to Queen's!" Anne spends a great deal of time editing the annual bulletin for the Dundee Naturalists' Society and doing survey and recording work. Her project this year has been a survey of lichens and pollution, the results of which showed an encouraging increase in the number of lichens and decrease in air pollution.

**Rosemary Richards** (Sladden 1971-78) was Festival Manager for Oxfordshire's Own Millennium Festival (OOMF!) in June and July 2000.

**Mary Roosevelt** (Winskill, left in 1957) has had a busy year celebrating her retirement from teaching after 25 years working at the University of California. She enjoyed several wonderful trips to Italy as well as a visit to Geneva to see old friends from the International School with her 28 year old daughter, Becky.

**Susan Seys-Llewellyn** (Comyn 1955-62) has been appointed to serve on the Governing body of The Queen's School.

**Phyllis Thorpe** (Preston 1956-69) currently lives in Hertfordshire and works as a State Registered Dietician in the N.H.S. She has recently completed a B.A.(Hons) degree in Fine Art at the university of Hertfordshire.

**Katherine Turner** (1983-90) studied for a first degree in Modern Languages and then completed her Masters' degree in 2000, receiving a distinction for her dissertation, which deals with the use of the internet in Chester Public Library. She is now pursuing her chosen career in library information science. She and her sister, **Helen**, have recently bought a house together.

**Naomi Turton** (1978-91) qualified as an ACCA accountant in February 2000 and then enjoyed a back-packing trip around Spain in June and July. She now works for the Oracle Corporation in the education field and is still with her partner, Ian.

**Yvonne Walker** (Woodhead 1941-50) sends good wishes from Australia to all who remember her. She would always be glad to see any of her contemporaries who may be visiting Sydney. **Ruth Waring** (Williams 1978-83) is married to Graham and has a 4 year old son, Matthew. She works as Transport Manager for a large academic publishing company. She lives in Leamington Spa.

**Frances Watkins** (Lumb 1966-76) writes that orienteering has been a major part of her life since Miss Lewis introduced her to the sport in 1971. She has competed in most European countries, North America and the Antipodes. She has sat on various committees and coached juniors in the club. In 1998 she planned courses for the World Cup races in the Lake District. In January 2000 she took part in the World Masters Championships in New Zealand, where another Old Girl, **Pat Grenfell**, was first in the over-seventies age category.

**Carole Wilkinson** (Holme 1967-74) continues her very busy life with her teen-age children and her demanding job as a doctor. Her daughter, Laura (UV) has been selected for the England Schools Ski Team and Carole will be accompanying her to the World Championships. Her son, Matthew (UIV Kings), is a keen rower, so she anticipates lots more travelling!

**Jo Wymer** (Shipley 1958-68) is living in Devon where she has just finished renovating a 1000 year old cottage. She works as a Management Consultant specialising in HR/personnel. She is also a CAB advisor and acts as a Business Advisor to sixth formers in Crediton through the Young Enterprise Scheme. She has also been appointed as the Pensioner Trustee to the Consumers' Association Pension Scheme.



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## Births

Brown	To Elizabeth (Lunn 1963-76) and David, a daughter, Jennifer Laura Elizabeth, on January 10th 1999, a sister for Michael
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Fairhurst	To Karin (La Frenais 1974-83) and Paul, a daughter, Lucy, on June 14th 1999, a sister for Max and Ben
Holland	To Clare (Witter 1978-88) a daughter, Isobel Lydia on February 11th 1999
Letton	To Victoria (Griffith 1976-85) and John, a daughter, Emily, in October 1998
Merrick	To Linda (Woodhouse 1964-77) and Nigel, a daughter, Kate Victoria, on February 11th 1999
Palfrey	To Elizabeth (Walker 1965-79) and Roderick, a daughter, Bethany Alexandra, on December 29th 2000, a sister for Neil and Michael
Pickering	To Alison (Judge 1975-82) and Robert, a daughter, Emily Grace, on March 11th 2000

## Marriages

Davies	Sarah (left 1988) to Andrew Thomas on October 21st 2000
Warrington	Lynne (1978-85) to Trevor Adams on April 3rd 1999

## Deaths

Alsop	Joan (Phillips 1941-50) on January 21st 2001
Chambers	Edna (Music staff until 1959) in January 2000
Crellin	Hylda (Davies 1941-48) on January 22nd 2001
Cureton	Joyce (Carden 1941-47) in February 2001
Gaffrey	Sheila "Nicky" (Jackson 1942-49) on July 29th 1992
Gray	Marjorie (Staff 1949-55) on May 18th 2000
Hands	Ray (staff 1964-85) in April 2001
Johnstone-Hogg	Dorothy (1935-42)
Joseph	Alix (Staff 1947-60) on February 15th 2000
Ker	Dorothy (Wallis 1921-1930) on February 7th 2000
Marshall	Susan (? - 1966) in October 1998
Quinn	Gwyneth (1919-30) on December 29th 2000
Ross	Joan (Corbett 1927-34) in June 1999
Timmons	Sheila (Wilson 1935-40) on December 30th 1999

# The Head Girl's End of Year Speech

## Success

"Success is speaking words of praise,  
In cheering other people's ways,  
In doing just the best you can,  
With every task and every plan.

It's loyalty when duty calls,  
It's courage when disaster falls,  
It's patience when the hours are long,  
It's found in laughter and in song.

It's silence when your speech would hurt,  
Politeness when your neighbour's curt,  
It's deafness when the scandal flows,  
And sympathy with other's woes.

It's in the silent time of prayer,  
In happiness and in despair,  
In all of life and nothing less,  
We find the thing we call success."





When it came to writing this speech, I ended up with a blank mind facing a blank computer screen. During my year as Head Girl, I've had to compose a few speeches on various occasions, but this time, it had me truly stumped, but I guess I made it difficult for myself because I did not want a 'normal' speech. I did not want it full of Head Girl clichés, like how the first years cram themselves into desks, to try and get out of stacking the chairs in assembly, or how the sixth form have been rotten to me by playing lots of evil tricks. Apart from the fact that those events simply haven't happened to me, it would just be even more boring for you to listen to. So, I found this poem, and I thought I'd read it out, as I think it sums up my year in office very well. Success is a word that is perhaps overused, or indeed misused. I mean, how do you define success? I'll try to illustrate with examples.

It's loyalty when duty calls... being Head Girl has required me to attend many school functions and services, for example, school open days, Cathedral Services, AGM meetings, Prizegiving, etc. All these events involve meeting old girls and teachers of the school and Governors, and luckily for me, royalty on one occasion. That was something that no Head Girl at The Queen's School has ever done before, and even though it was such a short time and many people say "who?" when I say The Duchess of Gloucester, I was very honoured all the same. I'll never forget, on the last Open Morning, when Mrs Sheedy gave me a folder containing various information sheets, and this folder had a sheet glued on the back saying "Hi, I'm Hannah the Head Girl. Feel free to ask me any questions", or wording to that effect. Not surprising that I held the folder down by my side instead of proudly holding it up to display THAT notice!

It's courage when disaster falls...well up until now, nothing drastically has ever gone wrong, and seeing as this is my last day as Head Girl, there's very little time left for anything really bad to happen anyway, which is good. There have been quite a few scary moments though. Like at the end of last summer term when quite a few teachers were leaving. I thought I had everything sorted, money was collected in, there were many ideas for gifts, and plans for the final assembly were coming along. Then at the last minute the money literally ran out, as Sarah got a bit too excited with the spending and insisted that we splashed out on THE most expensive wrapping paper in Chester, finished off with extortionately priced black ribbon and designer "Farwell" cards. Thankfully, our begging and taking advantage of certain individual's generosity restored our funds. I was then let loose at Cheshire Oaks purchasing whatever I thought those particular teachers would like, which is actually extremely difficult. I'd just like to say that I still have the receipts, so if those teachers are not particularly happy with my choices, then I suppose I could get them a refund, but I would be most offended. All the speeches were organised for that final assembly...or so I thought. Just before Miss Skilbeck was to walk down the aisle, I thought I'd check that everyone was in position on stage to say their bits and present the gifts. It then became apparent that a speech had not actually been written for Mrs Prince. Panic struck, Sarah, Natalie and I ran to the back of the hall, attempting to write an extremely thoughtful and moving farewell speech in one minute. Let's hope it didn't sound like it had been composed in such a rush.

It's found in laughter and in song...this year hasn't all been hard work. A lot of it has of course, but we've had some fun and games at the same time. Take yesterday for example, the highlight of everyone's sixth form life at Queens, the sixth form panto. We were warned by last year's upper sixth to get on with the script as soon as possible, and to start rehearsals early on in the term. How right they were, but trying to get the whole year together, four times a week for practising is no easy matter. Just ask Abbi and Catherine! Everything turned out all right though guys, we hope! I would like to say though, that I've been thoroughly disappointed by the lack of tricks played on me. It's a known fact that all Head Girls are meant to be publicly embarrassed by having tricks played on them during assembly. Attempts were made, but you failed miserably you pathetic upper sixth! Sellotaping my hymnbook to my chair was certainly an idea with potential, but I would have used stronger tape, not one that a two year old could snap. It was then a clever advancement on that idea to sellotape the inner pages of my hymnbook together. This again did not cause me much distress, as I merely looked over Natalie's shoulder to share her hymnbook. Oh yeah, and there was another intended joke. A certain notice was sneakily placed in amongst the others just after I had checked them all before assembly one day. So, when I started to read them out, I came across the incriminating piece of paper, didn't recognise it, quickly scanned it through in my head, spotted certain words, and sensibly decided not to read it out in front of the entire school. I'm still thinking that it could have made me look quite stupid had I carried on without realising. I bet I've intrigued you all, as to what the notice said. Well, the subject did come up in our panto yesterday, so I'll leave you to think about it!

It's true what they say, you can never fully understand the role of a person unless you are actually placed in that role yourself. That is exactly how I felt before being appointed Head Girl. People are continually asking me what the job entails, and I can never think of what to say. In some respects, the tasks are just too many and varied to be able to pick out the main points. It's been a busy year for me, but an experience that I am very fortunate and honoured to have had, particularly in this first year of the Millennium. I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff for their help and support, and particularly to Mrs Sheedy and Miss Skilbeck. Their knowledge and guidance has allowed my year to run as smoothly as possible, and they have always been there for me, Sarah and Natalie, when we needed that extra bit of assistance. Thank you too to my year, for first of all voting us to be your Head Girl team, and also for most of the time being cooperative and understanding! I'll apologise now if I ever appeared to be bossy, but I had to be sometimes! Oh, and also sorry to Abbi, I never meant to make you cry when forcing you to read that assembly reading, oops I've told everyone now, sorry! Last, but not least I'd like to thank Sarah and Natalie. I think we have made a great team, perhaps even successful dare I say it! The countdown is over Natalie, no more assemblies to do! All that needs to be said now, is good luck to Nicola, Sam and Anna for the beginning of next term, and I wish you all every success.

Thank you.

Hannah Cantle



# UVI LEAVERS: HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS



I hope to become a successful Architect in the future and to design and live in a house I have designed! I hope that Abby wins an Oscar! CAMILLA GRAVES

I hope to go to UCL to study Medicine and hopefully by the age of 25 to become a doctor. Even though that seems a long way off, I am still excited about what lies ahead for me in the future. Hopefully it will be fun-filled but still full of good memories of all my friends. SHYAMA RATNAM

I hope to become successful. My dream would be to end up a qualified vet, practising in a small surgery. If this fails, a job with animals is where I hope to be. I also hope for Abby to win an Oscar and for all my friends to be happy. LAURA McCALLUM

I want to go to Durham to study Theology and no, contrary to popular belief, I am NOT going to become a Nun!! AMY FURBUR

I hope that I can win an Oscar. ABBY COXON

I hope to be happy, rich and famous – and never get wrinkles!. Next year I'm going to model for a year + hopefully move to London or New York then see how things go! ADELE OLDFIELD

*I would like to be a famous artist (very happy and content) and live in Barbados for the rest of my life.* NYREE SLATER



I am looking forward to going to Loughborough University to study Social Psychology. I don't have any definite career plans yet but I would definitely like a career working with people. I also hope to continue my dancing, possibly teaching as well as performing. JESSICA TILLING

Next year I hope to be studying English at Liverpool University. I would like to go on to pursue a successful career in the media. I would also like to remain in touch with the friends I have made here at Queen's – they are the best!. LUCINDA CATTELL

*I'd love to be a successful designer, to travel around the world. I hope I'm happy too! that I survive London next year.* IVANA BOBIĆ



I hope to go to Durham to do History and then choose the stress free life of a milkman. GEMMA CLARKE

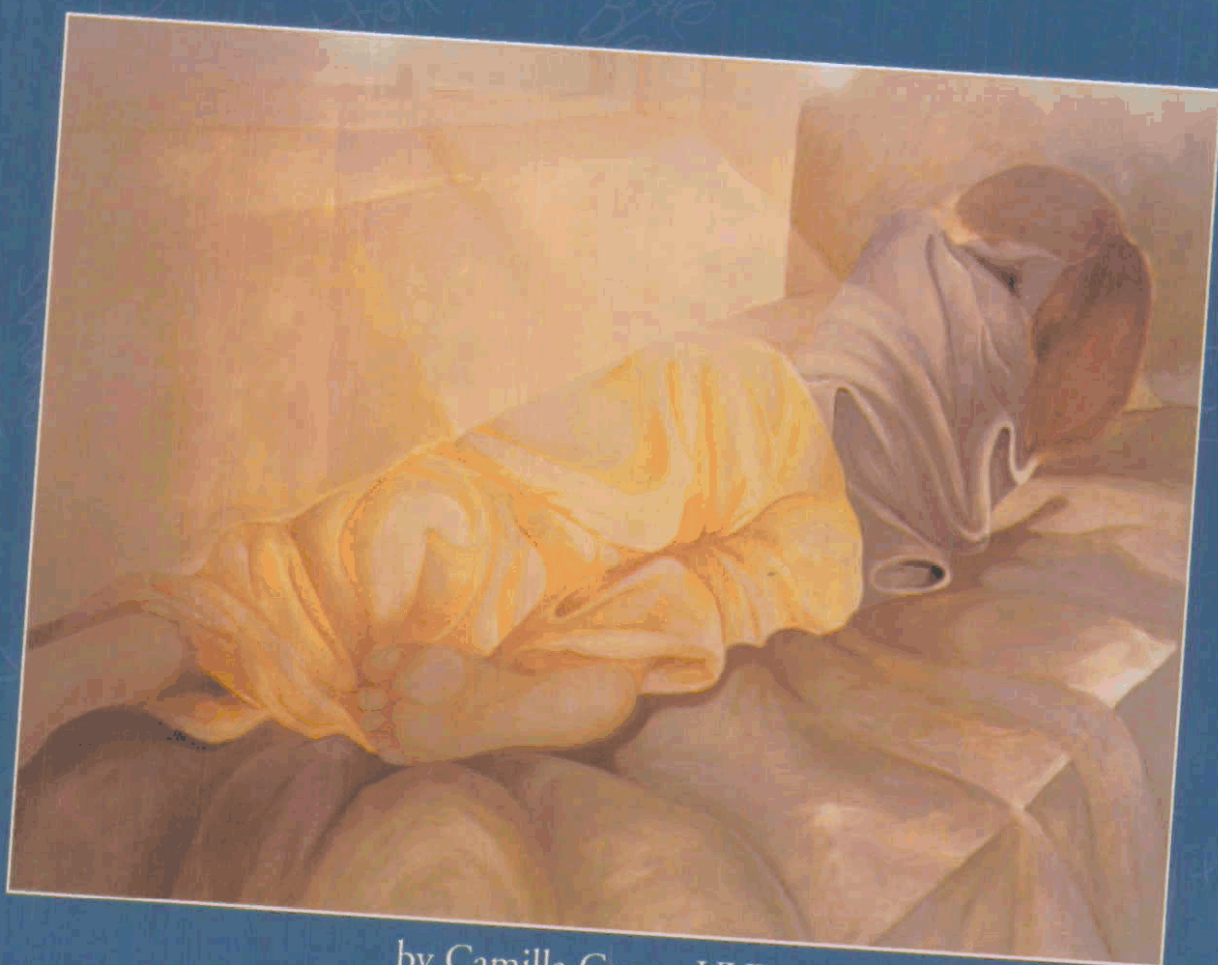
I hope to go to Cardiff University to do Medical Molecular Biology and become a researcher and research into genetic diseases. NATALIE JONES

My main direction in life is to finish an Art & Design degree at University then proceed into a career in Fashion or Design. I would love to own my own business, whether it be a brand of clothes exclusive to my designs or a small personal shop selling my own products. RHIANNON THOMSON

My hopes and aspirations in life are that I would just like to be happy with whatever job I do, but I do want to be a teacher, get married and have children. SARAH DUTTON







by Camilla Graves UVI