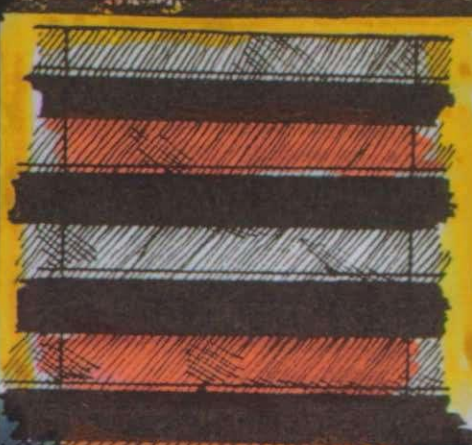
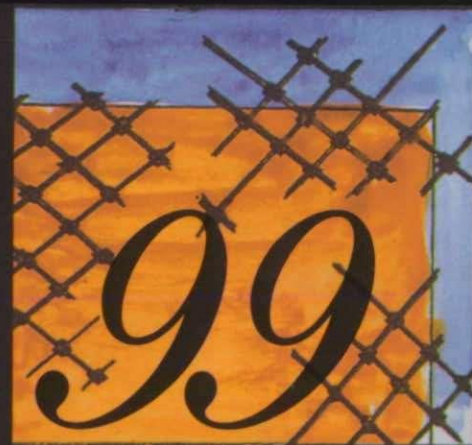


# HAVE MYNDE





Hello! We've Arrived!

WELCOME TO OUR WORLD!

REMOVES 1998-99



Removes comments on starting Queen's

"A very, very friendly, beautiful old dump. Not really, it's good fun"

"My first day was quite good. I felt scared when I couldn't find my way round made new friends and got a new nickname. I'm not telling you it!"

"A cool school! The teachers and girls are friends with me"

I was also relieved because the children look mischievous (like at my old school)."

I've got loads of friends now, and exploring round the grounds





Mrs Sheedy  
*Deputy Headmistress*

# foreword

Miss Skilbeck *Headmistress*



The cover of the School Magazine conveys a good impression of the life of the School. The front cover indicates an amazing number of events and the back cover, the more tranquil moments which sometimes occur.

We are fortunate in having members of staff willing to organise events and students and parents who give such enthusiastic support. The involvement in school life by all members of the school family is evident from the earliest days in Sandford House, through Nedham House and on through the Senior School.

The annual magazine displays the many opportunities which are there to be taken. It also chronicles the achievements of former students and marks our farewells to members of the school.

This year we say farewell to an Upper Sixth who have involved themselves fully in the life of the School. We thank them for their gifts and wish them well. Farewell to two members of staff, Mrs Bastin, who has been a member of the Geography Department for 23 years and Miss Stanley who has been a member of the Mathematics Department for 14 years. Both members of staff have given much more to the School than just their teaching. Thank you to both for dedicated service to the School. At the beginning of the

Spring Term we said farewell to Mr Bill Dutton who has been a Governor of the School for 19 years. He always contributed wise advice and searching questions at Governors' meetings.

The great sadness of last year was the death of Mr Bruce who had served as a Governor for 10 years and as Chairman of six years. As a former headmaster he was wise and knowledgeable on matters educational. He is succeeded as Chairman by Mr Peter Roberts.

Mr Roberts was Chairman of the Appeal which, I am sure you will be pleased to know, is still on-going; the next project will be the cook-book.

In closing may I congratulate Mrs Griffiths and her team on another very exciting and impressive edition of Have Mynde.

*Diana M. Skilbeck*

Headmistress

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R M Hinde  
Miss S Lloyd BA (Hons) PGCE  
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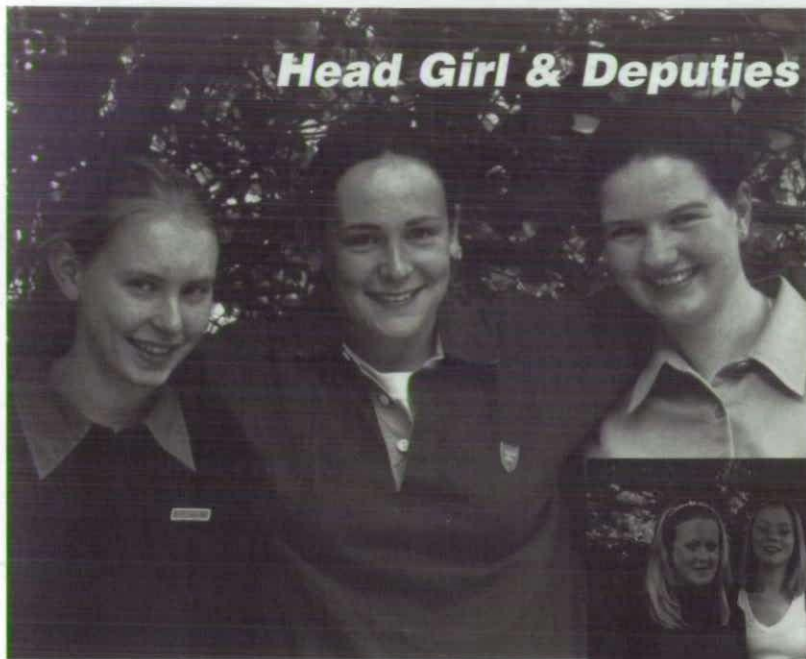
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Mrs B Arkley Cert Ed St. Hild's College Durham  
Mrs F Carder BEd (Hons) Exeter  
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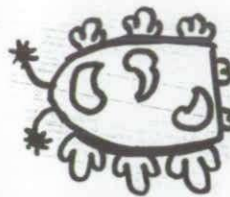


# those with *responsibility*

## Head Girl & Deputies



Marianne Milnes  
Rachel Hall  
Stefanie Worden



### Front Row (L-R)

Irina Gage, Franny Allwood, Natalia Ikin,  
Lynsey Griffin, Eleanor Stephan

### Second Row (L-R)

Caroline Evans, Sarah White, Catherine Lawson,  
Mrs Griffiths, Stephanie Worden

### Back Row (L-R)

Katherine Fennell, Rachel Saxon, Natalie Howe,  
Helen Wilson, Tara Murry

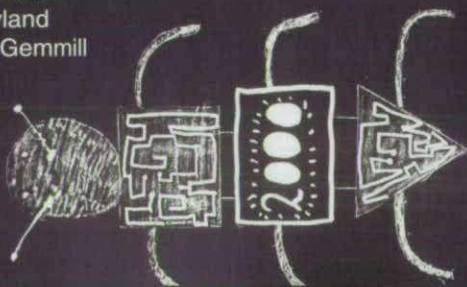


**'Have Mynde Committee**



## Sports Captains

Hockey: Gemma Jones  
Tennis: Lucy Leyland  
Lacrosse: Amanda Gemmill



## House Captains



### L - R

Seeta Kalghatgi (Hastings)  
Penny Dixon (Thompson)  
Alex Kirk (Sandford)

Katie Henry (Sandford)  
Sarah Arden (Thompson)  
Louise Petranca (Hastings)

*\*Back row: Anne-Marie Perry & Emily Jones (Westminster)*



# STAFF NEWS

## MR J A BRUCE

At the end of the Autumn Term the School received the very sad news of the death after a short illness of Mr J A (Alex) Bruce. He served as Chairman of Governors for six years until very recently, having been on the Governing Body as Liverpool University's Representative for ten years before taking on the Chair. Alex Bruce was an outstanding Chairman, bringing to the post a lifelong practical experience in education, accompanied by much natural authority, human sympathy and dedication to the life and work of the School. He will be much missed by all here with whom he came into contact.

### ADDRESS

Ladies and Gentlemen

It is a privilege to speak today about my brother-in-law Alex Bruce, however grievous the occasion. The great number of people here, who knew Alex in personal or public contexts, is testimony in itself to the diversity of his interests and skills. He lived a life of sustained application - from the classroom to the committee chamber, from the fountain pen (of honoured memory) to the initially baffling word processor. Courteous, scholarly, companionable, responsible: I want to stress Alex's integrity, as he moved continually between personal and institutional roles - but the word 'integrity' should not be allowed to obscure his relish for verbal wit, the *mot juste*, the risky aphorism. He often twinkled with the sense of imminent, perhaps mischievous pleasure. This integrity in all kinds of situations, his special individuality, will, I trust, ensure that what I say about him will resonate to some degree with your own diverse awareness of him. Alex effected and maintained a great range of linkages among people - as a scholar, a teacher, and a voluntary worker for the public good.

I first met him over fifty years ago through my sister Margaret, soon after the end of the Second World War. He had come back to Durham as an undergraduate after seeing military service in England and Iceland, and then, promptly after D-Day, in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. Like many other ex-servicemen, Major Bruce would click into step, parade-ground style, as you strolled the streets. This apparent conformism belied his individuality - he was, and remained, thoroughly capable of walking closer to the pavement edge than he knew. 'Lost in thought', one might say, but Alex would not be wool-gathering - his ruminative mode was an active and demanding pursuit of ideas.

Many ex-service undergraduates displayed a heightened social and political awareness and urgency. This was the context of, for instance, the infant Welfare State, the Education Acts, the work of Archbishop Temple. Alex had himself been involved, in the Army, in the process of preparing servicemen for the post-war world which cried out not for conformity, but change. One evidence of his openness to what was radical, in literary as well as political fields, is that Alex retained a lifelong attachment to a range of voices developing out of the nineteen-twenties, thirties and forties, especially texts of a challenging innovative character: T S Eliot from *The Waste Land* to *Little Gidding*, Auden, Spender, MacNiece, Orwell - exploratory

and often politically dissident work, which repeatedly confronted cataclysm, actual or threatened - the Great Depression, the Spanish Civil War, the London Blitz. History and literature were closely interwoven in Alex's sensibility as he contemplated our century.

Against such backgrounds as this but especially the much wider background of thoroughgoing and detailed knowledge of European history across centuries, Alex became involved, his whole working life, and into retirement in a range of public roles. Teaching history at Newcastle Royal Grammar School, lecturing at Durham University, Head of Guisborough Grammar School, Head of Wallasey Grammar School. He chose to continue, during his Headships, to keep in touch with the daily life of the school by teaching in the classroom, passing on his enthusiasm for history. He made time, furthermore, for instance, for work on the Liverpool University Council and Court, for involvement, locally and nationally, with the Historical Association, work with the Rotary Foundation - and especially we should note his involvement with the awards of Rotary Scholarships - and as Chairman of the Governors of The Queen's School, Chester. The list is not exhaustive.

Latterly, Alex became increasingly active as a local historian, thriving on the pursuit of archival detail and fugitive sources. He charted the process - sometimes contentious - by which war memorials passed through their design and planning stages. He also wrote more generally about the iconography of monuments and memorials. His full length monograph on the life of Dean Frank Bennett of Chester, under the title *Open and Free*, is to be published in Spring 1999 by Liverpool University Press.

This was a life - its own memorial - of sustained, humane, dedicated endeavour: serving a range of institutions, but not to the extent of diminishing his uniqueness. Alex had a persistent, but not aggressive, dislike of dogmatism and pedantry. A little domestic incident illustrates this. I had held forth to the effect that conifers on exposed hillsides stood up so well to the wind because they had lengthy tap roots to anchor them, perhaps as long as the tree was tall .... This gross dogmatic error unmasked, Alex was the main mover in establishing a noble order called the Tap Root Society, to which one was privileged to belong once one had been detected in emphatic error. The Society's regulations and motto were couched in Alex's fluent spoof Latin.

Across more than fifty years, enabling and supporting, the marriage of Margaret and Alex. These years are the measure of a true devotion - shared interests, social connectedness, the patterns of domestic living, the birth of a son, his growing up and marriage, later the three grandchildren. The years were also, alas, the measure of the grievous loss that brings us here today - loss to many people, institutions, causes, but most of all, of course, to Margaret, Alasdair, Louise and the grandchildren, and Alex's sister Eunice and her husband. We offer them our loving condolences, and we mourn, and celebrate, a fine man.

## Births:

Mrs V Cooper, a daughter, Katherine Elizabeth, on 17 October 1998.



## Farewell:

Anne Stalford left the Chemistry Department at Christmas 1998 after obtaining a research post at Liverpool University. Dr Stalford contributed greatly to the social and sporting life of the School. She will be missed for her scholarship, vivacity - and running prowess! We wish her every success for the future.

LG

## Retirement:

Susan Bastin: Twenty-three years ago, Mrs Bastin embarked on her career at The Queen's School. Both she and Mrs Rowland joined the School at the same time and have worked closely together ever since. This partnership will now be sadly missed.

Since joining the School in 1976, the same time that her daughter Kate started at the Preparatory Department, she has played an important part in school life both through her teaching and her extra curricular activities.

Mrs Bastin has taught both geography and geology to pupils throughout the School, mainly on a part time basis. As part of her teaching, she has organised and run numerous field trips in connection with various geographical courses - taking up her leisure time to do this on frequent occasions. It must however be mentioned at this point that there was an occasion on a field trip some years ago where she forgot to take the fieldwork equipment with her!

In addition to her teaching she has played an important part in the second-hand uniform sale, organising this for the past twelve years, and continuing to do so after Kate finished her schooling at Queen's in 1990.

She can definitely look back on her time at the School with the satisfaction of a job well done. It goes without saying that she will be greatly missed by pupils and staff and especially her department. We wish her well in her retirement and hope that she enjoys her new leisure time, which she richly deserves.

ED Rowland

## Pamela Stanley:

Pamela Stanley retires this July after nearly forty years of teaching mathematics, fourteen of these at The Queen's School. Always a perfectionist, Pamela set herself high standards, and expected the same from her pupils - pity help the girl who was late or had forgotten her calculator! She brought the same punctiliousness to those areas for which she was responsible, notably the organisation of parents' evenings and the much loved termly sorting of lost property.

Within the Common Room, where her quick wit will be missed, Pamela was a long serving member of the Joint Consultative Committee and ATL representative.

We wish her a long and happy retirement.

I J Armstrong

## NEWS OF PAST PUPILS

Myfanwy Salih (1987-1994) married Mr Richard John Swanbury Brown at The Oratory RC Church, Oxford, on 16 August 1998.

Betul Salih (1989-1996) has been awarded the Bull Scholarship for English and the Coomb's Prize for English at Somerville College, Oxford.

Ruth Wordsworth (nee Prince): To Ruth and Peter, a daughter, Eve Maya, on 30 October 1998.

Sarnia Scott (1982-1985) married Nicholas Martin on 22 August 1998.





# prize list 1997-98

The prizes were presented by Mrs Christine Russell MP Member of Parliament for the City of Chester

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

*Franny Allwood* ArtA, EngA, Eng LitA, FrenchA, GreekA, MusicA\*, ChemA, MathsA, HistA. Certificate for outstanding achievement at GCSE.  
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*Sarah Arden* EngA, Eng LitA, FrenchA, GeogA\*, Latin, BiolA, Chem, PhysA, Maths, HistA.  
*Elizabeth Armstrong* EngA\*, Eng LitA\*, FrenchA\*, GermA\*, MusicA\*, BiolA\*, ChemA\*, PhysA\*, MathsA\*, HistA\*. Certificate for outstanding achievement at GCSE.  
*Ruth Armstrong* EngA\*, Eng LitA\*, FrenchA\*, GermA\*, MusicA, RSA, BiolA, ChemA\*, MathsA\*, HistA\*. Certificate for outstanding achievement at GCSE.  
*Gemma Bailey* ArtA, Eng, Eng Lit, FrenchA, Geog, Germ, HEA, Biol, Chem, Maths.  
*Sarah Benton* EngA, Eng Lit, French, GeogA, BiolA, Chem, PhysA, Maths, Class Civ.  
*Alanna Bewley* Eng, Eng Lit, French, Geog, Biol, Chem, Phys, MathsA, Class Civ.  
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*Jennifer Brookes* Art, Eng, Eng Lit, Germ, RS, Biol, MathsA, Hist.  
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*Victoria Dand* Eng, Eng Lit, FrenchA, Germ, Latin, RS, Biol, Phys, MathsA\*.  
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*Nicola Walker* EngA, Eng Lit, FrenchA, HE, BiolA, ChemA, PhysA, MathsA, HistA.  
*Helen Wheatley* Eng, Eng Lit, FrenchA, Geog, HE, Biol, Chem, Phys, Maths.  
*Sarah White* EngA, Eng LitA\*, FrenchA\*, GeogA, GermA, MusicA, Biol, Chem, MathsA, Hist.  
*Helen Wilson* Eng, Eng Lit, French, Germ, Music, Biol, Phys, MathsA, HistA.  
*Amy Woods* EngA, Eng LitA, FrenchA\*, MusicA, BiolA\*, Chem, Maths, Hist, Class Civ.  
*Louisa Woolley* EngA, Eng LitA, FrenchA\*, GeogA\*, LatinA, BiolA\*, ChemA, PhysA, MathsA\*, HistA,

Certificate for outstanding achievement at GCSE.  
*Stefanie Worden* EngA\*, Eng LitA\*, FrenchA\*, GeogA\*, LatinA\*, BiolA\*, ChemA\*, PhysA\*, Maths, HistA\*. Certificate for outstanding achievement at GCSE.

## Upper Sixth Results A, AS and GCSE

*Isabella Almond* Class Civ, French, Gen St, Hist.  
*Amy Arnell* Eng Lit, French, Gen St, GCSE Ital A.  
*Victoria Ball* BiolA, Chem, Gen StA, MathsA, GCSE PEA. Prize for outstanding performance at A level.  
*Sarah Bennett* BiolA, Chem, Gen St, MathsA, AS FrenchA.  
*Hannah Bowen-Jones* BiolA, Bus St, Gen St, Maths, GCSE PEA.  
*Rachel Braund* Art, Eng Lit, Gen St, Hist.  
*Laura Brocklehurst* Eng LitA, FrenchA, Gen St, HistA, Latin A, Prize for outstanding performance at A level.  
*Laura Brown* French, Gen St, Geog, Hist.  
*Claire Bunton* Bus St, French, Gen St, German, GCSE SpanA.  
*Victoria Calvey* BiolA, Chem, Gen St, Latin.  
*Frances Cubitt* Gen St, Geog, MathsA, Phys.  
*Georgina Davie* EconA, French, Gen StA, Geog, AS Maths.  
*Briony Davis* BiolA, Eng LitA, FrenchA, Gen St, HistA. Prize for outstanding performance at A level.  
*Dilini de Silva* Biol, Chem, Gen St, Maths.  
*Sian Edwards* Econ, Gen St, HistA, RSA.  
*Rachael Evans* Class CivA, Eng LitA, French, Gen St, AS German.  
*Victoria Evans* Bus St, Eng Lit, AS German.  
*Andrea Ferguson* Eng Lit, French, Gen St, Geog, GCSE SpanA.  
*Katie Foster* Bus St, Eng LitA, Gen St, Hist.  
*Victoria Gauge* BiolA, Chem, Gen StA, MathsA, Prize for outstanding performance at A level.  
*Anna Gibbons* Bus St, Gen St, Geog, Hist.  
*Jennifer Harper* BiolA, Chem, Phys, Sarah Haskew Eng Lit.  
*Elizabeth Hooley* BiolA, ChemA, Gen StA, MathsA, AS FrenchA, Prize for outstanding performance at A level.  
*Katherine Ireland* Chem, Fur MathsA, Gen StA, MathsA, PhysA, AS FrenchA, Prize for outstanding performance at A level.  
*Rebecca Jones* Eng Lit, French, Gen St, GCSE ItalA.  
*Sian Jones* BiolA, ChemA, Gen StA, Maths, GCSE PEA. Prize for outstanding performance at A level.  
*Georgina Jones-Prichard* BiolA, ChemA, Gen StA, PhysA, AS German, Prize for outstanding performance at A level.  
*Jane Kenyon* ChemA, Gen St, MathsA, Phys, AS French.  
*Rachel Kinsey* BiolA, ChemA, Gen StA, MathsA, GCSE SpanA, Prize for outstanding performance at A level.  
*Ciara Leeming* BiolA, French, Gen StA, GeogA, Prize for outstanding performance at A level.  
*Caroline Leigh* BiolA, Econ, Gen St, Geog.  
*Ruth Littler* Econ, Gen StA, Geog, Maths, GCSE Span.  
*Gillian Macey* ChemA, Fur MathsA, Gen StA, MathsA, PhysA, AS FrenchA, Prize for outstanding performance at A level.  
*Jessamy Mann* FrenchA, Gen St, Hist, Latin, AS Class Greek.  
*Felicity McNaie* BiolA, Class CivA, Gen St, Hist.  
*Sian Morris* BiolA, ChemA, Gen St, MathsA, GCSE PEA\*. Prize for outstanding performance at A level.  
*Juliette Nash* Class Civ, Eng Lit, French.  
*Cerian Owens* Class Civ, Eng Lit, RS.  
*Natalie Parker* Biol, Chem, Gen St, Maths, GCSE Span.  
*Katherine Pawson* Eng LitA, FrenchA, Gen StA, HistA, GCSE PEA\*. Prize for outstanding performance at A level.  
*Clare Prydden* BiolA, Chem, Gen StA, MathsA, GCSE SpanA, Prize for outstanding performance at A level.  
*Lydia Ranger* Class Civ, Eng LitA, Gen St, Latin, GCSE ItalA.  
*Ceridwen Richards* BiolA, Chem, Gen St, Maths.  
*Emma Roberts* BiolA, Chem, Gen StA, PhysA, AS Maths, GCSE ItalA. Prize for outstanding performance at A level.







# Mathematics Challenge Competitions

Several girls have taken part in the Challenge competitions organised by Mathematical Education on Merseyside and the Liverpool Mathematical Society, which are open to pupils throughout the North of England. From a very large number of entries, the following pupils were successful in being awarded prizes and certificates of commendation.

**Open Challenge (for Sixth Formers) sponsored by ICI**

**Fourth prize**

Christina Stanley

**Senior Challenge (for UIV and IV) sponsored by William M Mercer**

**Third prize**

Susan Haines

**Challenge (for Removes and LIV) sponsored by Unilever**

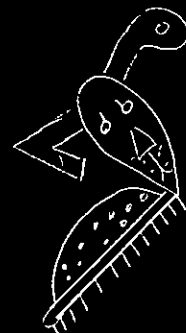
**Consolation prizes**

Jessica Gosney, Alice Mason, Joanna Reid

**Certificates**

Sarah Bransby, Lisa Hallam, Emily Mason,

Victoria McCubbine, Jennifer Owens, Sarah-Jane Sweeney



# SPORT

## Athletics Report 1998

The Queen's School has always excelled in athletics both as a team and as individual athletes and this year has been no exception with some excellent achievements by all.

The minors started off their athletics season with some impressive results at the Minors Chester and District Championships: Clare Newcombe won the High Jump and was second in the 800m; Chloe Woodcock was first in the 70m hurdles; Annie Lea finished in third place in both the 800m and the Javelin; Emma Jenkins was second in the Discus and the four x 100m relay team finished third.

All of the above then went on to represent Chester and District in the Minor Cheshire Championships, in June. Chloe Woodcock finished fourth in the 70m Hurdles, Clare Newcombe was third in the High Jump and Emma Jenkins finished third in the Discus. Congratulations go to these girls and to Annie Lea who competed in the 800m.

The Junior, Intermediate and Senior Cheshire Championships were held on the 13th June where eight girls successfully represented Chester and District despite the horrific weather conditions.

Angela Stacey was third in the Senior 800m, Jo Haywood won the Intermediate 80m hurdles with Gemma Jones finishing second.

Amanda Gemmill and Naomi Lucas also represented Chester and District in the Intermediate 300 and 800m respectively.

For the juniors, Katy Timmins finished second in the long jump, Sarah Watson was third in the 100m and Claire Chisholm competed in the high jump.

*Well done to all these girls.*

In the annual TSB competition the intermediates performed well in order to qualify for the regional finals. On the Wednesday afternoon, the Chester and District championships were held at the Queensway Stadium in Wrexham. All athletes did particularly well despite their unfortunately under-strength teams. The year 9 teams finished in second place just seven points behind the winners; Queen's Park High School. The year 8 team also finished second, joint with Abbey Gate, behind Bishop's. The intermediate team performed exceptionally well to win their competition ahead of Tarporley.

The individual results were as follows: Nicola Blucher- first in the year 9 800m and triple jump. Bridget Graves- first in the Intermediate 100m and high jump. Bridget also received athletic colours. Beth Tweddle- first in the year 8 long jump and third in the 200m. Sophie Muskett- first in the year 9 high jump and third in the hurdles. Claire Chisholm- first in the year 8

high jump and third in the 100m. Katy Timmins- first in the year 9 long jump with a new Chester and District record. Naomi Lucas- second in the Intermediate 1500m. Rachel McGimpsey- second in the Intermediate 300m. Sophie Wynne-Jones- third in the intermediate 1500m. Cara Cull- third in the intermediate 200m. Sarah Lee- third in the intermediate hurdles and received athletics colours. Mary Carpenter- third in the intermediate discus and the year team was placed second in the intermediate 4 x 100m relay. Sarah Watson- third in the year 9 100m. Joanna Monro- third in the year 9 javelin. Jo Haywood- won the intermediate hurdles and was second in the triple jump. Amanda Gemmill won the intermediate long jump and was third in the 300m. Sarah Arden came second in the intermediate shot and Seeta Kalghatgi was third in the intermediate 100m.

Colours were awarded to Naomi Lucas, Bridget Graves, Sophie Wynne-Jones and Katy Timmins.

Athlete of the Year was Naomi Lucas and special commendation goes to Bridget Graves. A mention must also go to all girls who took part in athletics events and to all those who gained star awards for their continued enthusiasm.

*Angela Stacey, UVI*

## Rowing

This year Athena Rowing Club has started to make some well deserved progress. With the addition of another coach, Paul Storar, we have had regular outings on both days of the weekend and some additional Wednesday training before events. Having an extra coach has also meant that the rowing coordinator, Bill Woods, has been able to spend time with new members and beginners, familiarising them with the sport.

At Chester Regatta a number of crews were in the semi-finals and the finals and were only beaten by the eventual winners. We had success in single skulls, with wins in novice and senior III women events. Everyone had a very enjoyable weekend and we have all learnt a lot from the experience.

Amy Woods, LVIR

## Netball

Our Under 12s and Under 13s have had a busy season playing lots of friendly matches and entering the local tournaments. Matches were played against Catholic High School, Bishop Heber, Abbey Gate, Rydal, Christleton, Upton, Bishops and Tarporley. A touring side from King William High School, Isle of Man, visited us in March and both our Under 13 teams won. We competed in the Chester and District Tournament at Under 13 level and the Packwood Tournament and the Chester and District Tournament at Under 12 level.

## Rounders

Rounders matches in 1998 were played against Abbey Gate, Packwood Haugh and Hammond. The weather seriously affected many fixtures but we did manage to hold all Chester and District tournaments. The Under 15, Under 14 and Under 12 teams all finished as runners up this year



# Tennis Summer 1998

The 1998 Tennis season got off to a good start as the under 18 team played Eirias High School in the Aberdare Cup in the first week of term. Everyone played well to beat them 4 matches to 1. We then went on to play Merchant Taylors in the third round, and beat them 5 matches to 1. Queen's then travelled to Caernarfon to play in the regional semi final against Syr Hugh Owen. After a long afternoon Queen's were narrowly defeated by 4 matches to 2. Well played to Rachel Cooper, Jane Ashton, Lucy Leyland and Vicky Gallagher.

The Under 18 team consisting of Sixth Formers played in the Cheshire Senior Doubles. They were fortunate to get a bye in the first round and played Lymm in the second round. They battled through heavy rain to lose 2 matches to nil. Well played to Rachel Cooper, Jane Ashton, Helen Roberts, Melinda Totty, Sian Morris and Hannah Bowen-Jones.

Although the Under 18 team were knocked out of the Aberdare Cup and the Cheshire Senior Doubles, they did go on to be Chester and District Champions by beating Abbey Gate, Queens Park High School and Bishop Heber.

In the Cheshire Intermediate Doubles, Queen's beat Tarporley and Helsby High School 3-0, Fallibroome and Mount Carmel 2-0 and played Lymm in the final and beat them 2-1 to become Cheshire Champions. Well played to Katherine McGettigan, Naomi Lucas, Jenny Crooks, Amalie Bowen-Jones, Sarah Arden, Sarah Hutton, Penny Dixon and Lucy Leyland.

The U15 team have had a good season this year by winning both the Chester and District and the Cheshire Midland Bank tournaments.

In the Chester and District Queen's U15 team beat Blaenau, Bishop Heber, Bishops and Upton to become Chester and District Champions.

In the Cheshire Midland Bank tournaments Queen's U15A team beat Abbey Gate and Sandbach in the first round and Neston and Cheadle in the second round to qualify for a place in the final. Everyone played well and Queen's were the eventual winners by beating Fallibroome 4 matches to 3. An extra doubles set was played as both Queen's and Fallibroome had finished on 28 games each. Well played to Katherine McGettigan, Jenny Crooks, Naomi Lucas, and Amalie Bowen-Jones.

Queen's U15B team also entered the Cheshire Midland Bank Competition and were runners-up in their section to Shavington with Bridgewater in third place.

The U14 team have been very unlucky with matches this season and have only been able to play in the Cheshire Junior doubles. Match practice wasn't a problem as they defeated Bishop Heber, The Grange, and Shavington to get to the finals and were unfortunate to lose 2 matches to 1 against Stockport. Well played to Katy Timmins, Anna Moulds, Jo Monro, Sarah Roberts, Nicola Blucher, Lucy Helfer, Loretta Mills and Sophia Scott.

The U13 team have had a really good year by becoming Cheshire and District and Cheshire Midland Bank Champions. Also Vicky Gallagher played in the U13 girls Cheshire Singles competition, the Wheeler Cup and won the trophy for the second year running by beating girls from Lymm and Stockport 1 and 2.

The U13 team have become Cheshire Champions in the Cheshire Midland Bank tournament by beating Neston, The Grange, Fallibroome, St Hilary's, Bishop Heber and Cheadle Hulme convincingly by winning 38 sets and only losing 2. They now represent Cheshire in the North West regional rounds along with the U15 team. Well played to Vicky Gallagher, Emma Jenkins, Kate Leyland and Sally Crooks. The Midland Bank Northwest rounds took place last Autumn with the Under 15 team defeating King William's School, from the Isle of Man, in the first round, but losing to Queen Elizabeth's School, from Cumbria, in the second.

The U13 team reached the North-West finals for the second year running by beating Austin Friars from Cumbria and Altrincham Girls Grammar School. Entering the finals without their number one player, who was out through injury, they found the competition very tough, losing 4-2.

The U15 team became joint Chester and District Champions with Heber by beating Christleton, QPHS and Tarporley. Well played to Kate Leyland, Sally Crooks, Laura Wilkinson and Helen Thomas.

The U13 team also played in the Cheshire Midland Bank and came runners-up to Kings Macclesfield with Woodforde Lodge in third place. Well played to Laura Wilkinson, Vicky Garry, Claire Chisholm and Helen Thomas.

Unfortunately the rain has cancelled a lot of friendly matches arranged but the U12 played 2 matches and won them both and the U13 lost both theirs. The U18 played Abbey Gate and won 4-2 in the final set.

Well played to everyone who has played this season and good luck to next season's captain and teams.

## AWARDS SUMMER 1998

**Remove Singles Winner**  
Emma Jenkins

**Runner Up**  
Catriona Thompson

**LIV Singles Winner**  
Victoria Gallagher

**Runner Up**  
Kate Leyland

**LIV Doubles Winners**  
Victoria Gallagher & Elise Hague

**Runners Up**  
Kate Leyland and Sally Crooks

**UIV Singles Winner**  
Katy Timmins

**Runner Up**  
Anna Moulds

**UIV Doubles Winners**  
Katy Timmins & Anna Moulds

**Runners Up**  
Sarah Roberts & Joanna Monro

**Junior Singles Winner**  
Jenny Crookes

**Runner Up**  
Joanna Bohdanowicz

**Junior Doubles Winners:**  
Amalie Bowen-Jones & Jenny Crooks

**Runners Up**  
Joanna Bohdanowicz & Andrea Vickers

**Senior Singles Winner**  
Rachel Cooper

**Runner Up**  
Melinda Totty

**Senior Doubles Winners:**  
Rachel Cooper and Jane Ashton

**Runners Up**  
Melinda Totty & Gemma Swindells

**Junior Tennis Colours**  
Jenny Crooks, Naomi Lucas, Amalie Bowen-Jones, Katherine McGettigan

**Senior Tennis Colours**  
Rachel Cooper, Jane Ashton, Melinda Totty





# HOCKEY

All hockey teams have had an excellent year, beginning with 15 players being selected to play for Cheshire. Sally Crooks, Katy Leyland, Ruth Evans, Nicola Blucher, Anna Moulds and Katie Timmins were selected for the Under 15 team. Naomi Lucas, Jenny Crooks, Vicky Lloyd, Lucy Heffer, and Joanna Monro were chosen for the Under 16s and Lucy Leyland, Gemma Jones, Sarah Arden and Anna-Marie Perry, for the Under 18s. Lucy Leyland and Gemma Jones were further invited to attend North trials, and well done to Gemma for being selected as a member of the North team. Congratulations also to Ruth Evans, who has been chosen to represent Wales as the Under 16s goalkeeper.

The Under 12 team have been improving well throughout the season, and have had a good victory over Cheadle Hulme. They will undoubtedly improve with more matches and practices.

The Under 13s are developing into a good team, and have gained victories over hard opponents like West Kirby, Manchester High School, and Neston. They played in a mini hockey Cheshire tournament, with the "A" team winning two of their six matches and only losing one. With continuing practice and teamwork, especially on astro turf, they will improve further.

The Under 14 team have had continued success throughout the year. They have had two outstanding victories of 7-0 against Hartford and Abbeygate, and their unbelievable goal scoring continued throughout the season, leaving them with a total of 52 goals and conceding only 8. The team qualified convincingly for the Cheshire finals, but were unlucky not to win. However, they

came first in the Chester and District tournament, so all was not lost!

The Under 15s have also had a very good year, winning 9 of their 12 matches, beating tough opposition such as Hartford, West Kirby and Newcastle-under-Lyme. They convincingly won the Chester and District indoor tournament, without conceding a single goal. They have an excellent goal total of 32, considering only 12 matches have been played.

The Under 16s have had a very successful year, only losing 2 matches out of 20. They played well in the Cheshire indoor qualifier tournament, and in the finals, but were unlucky not to win. However they were victorious at the Chester and District tournament by a convincing majority.

The 1st XI squad has been extremely large this year, with 20 players available for 11 positions! Initially, this took quite a bit of getting used to, but all the players are very skilled, and a change in formation proved very successful. The team have been improving continuously throughout the year, as we practised more together. We easily won the Cheshire qualifier tournament, without conceding a single goal, but in the earlier British Aerospace tournament, were unlucky to come second to long time rivals Sir John Deanes. Impressive victories such as 5-0 against Cheadle Hulme and 4-0 against Tarporley have been achieved, and an outstanding total of 75 goals have been scored. The season ended on a high as we won the Cheshire outdoor final, scoring 11 goals, and conceding only 2, to become Cheshire champions. This is the first time Queen's have won the tournament on their own for 6 years, an

excellent achievement.

Slightly less spectacular was the annual hockey and netball tournament at Ellesmere, which is played in a somewhat lighthearted fashion. The hockey is played on grass, which always turns out to be an "if I swing my stick around, I might just hit the ball" although it usually turns out to be one of the other players. Pippa, Jane and Grace did well to sort out the somewhat rowdy hockey team into a prancey, dancey netball team, and we did well, coming fifth out of eight!

At every age level, Queen's is one of the top schools in Cheshire and this would not have been possible without the help of Miss Huck, Mrs Moore and Mrs Fearnley—thank you very much, we appreciate you really! I have thoroughly enjoyed my year as captain, even with a few slight mishaps (say no more!).

A special mention to Angela Warren, Helen Roberts, Angela Stacey, Emily Pearce, Angela Willis and Laura Antlett, whose seven years of Queen's School hockey has come to an end. I am sure I will remember Angie Warren's amazing, impossibly flexible saves, and her somewhat amazing voice from behind the goal line!

All that remains to be said is to wish Gemma lots of luck for next season, when she takes over as captain, and I hope she will enjoy writing up the team and result of every single match as much as I did!

Fay Robinson

Hockey captain

TEAM	Matches Played <i>inc during tournaments</i>	WON	DRAWN	LOST	GOALS FOR	GOALS AGAINST
U18	40	23	5	12	75	45
U16	20	13	5	2	38	9
U15	12	9	0	3	32	14
U14	21	15	3	3	52	14
U13	23	7	7	9	15	26
U12	7	1	3	3	10	12

## Hockey colours

Senior: Fay Robinson, Helen Roberts, Angele Stacey, Angela Warren, Emily Pearce, Lucy Leyland, Gemma Jones, Sarah Arden.  
Junior: Anna Moulds, Julia Krause, Nicola Blucher, Faye Jones, Katy Timmins, Ruth Evans, Joanna Monro, Lucy Heffer, Loretta Mills.





## Swimming

On the 10th February, The Queen's School swimming team journeyed to Rydal Penrhos School in Colwyn Bay to attend a friendly swimming gala. All kinds of races were involved. There were 25 metres and 50 metres breaststroke, front crawl, backstroke and butterfly as well as a medley race, a freestyle relay and IMs in two age groups for each event; Removes to LIV and UIV to LV. Everybody thoroughly enjoyed it, although Rydal did beat us, and we all liked the meal afterwards. Overall, it was a lot of fun.

In preparation for this, on Mondays, throughout the winter and spring terms, willing Removes, LIVs, UIVs and a couple of LV girls attended a swimming practice after school, taken by Mrs. Moore, who coached and organised us.

Carly Telford, R B

## Ski Team

The Ski team has had another successful season during 1998-1999. The group continue to train with the Snow Sports Alpine Ski Club at Runcorn dry slope on Wednesday evenings. The numbers from Queen's now form a significant proportion of the club!

The first competition of the year was the North West Independent Schools Ski Race, held at Llandudno in June. Individual placements gave us first and third Under 18 and second in the Under 13 and Under 11 categories. We were the overall winner of the girls' competition, and third in the Under 11 competition.

The next competition was the English Schools Ski Association qualifier, held at Pendle slope in September. This was one of four qualifying competitions held around the country. The Under 19 team was the only girls' team in that category, but the times obtained were good enough for them to be invited to the finals. The Under 12 team won second place in the qualifier, but did not progress as the fastest second placed team. The National Finals were held at Swadlincote, Burton on Trent, in October. The Under 19s won third place out of five. In the open competition we were fifth out of eleven teams.

On the basis of these results we were invited to the British Dry Slope Championships at Wycombe in November. This time we were competing against the best schools from Britain and Ireland. We finished a creditable twelfth out of twenty-one teams. Rena Trybocka, Sarah Mills, Laura Wilkinson, Georgie Okell, Emily Makower, Vicky(Emily) Hughes, Sarah Kagan and Lucy Campbell-Woodward make up the teams. On the basis of these results, Laura Wilkinson and Emily Makower were invited to join The English Schools Ski Association National Squad Training camps, for the second year running.

Richard Makower  
Team Manager

## Badminton

The main badminton event this year has been The Shambler Trophy. Ten pairs of girls entered the tournament and after some tough games, the eventual winners were Sarah Hutton and Emily Jones with Alex Roberts and Sian walker as runners-up. Sarah and Emily have also held a badminton club once a week, which has been well attended by LIV and UIV girls. Sarah is now teaching badminton to four removes as part of her GCSE PE coursework.

## Table Tennis

We enjoyed coming to the Table Tennis practices which were held on Wednesdays, in the lunch hour, by Mr. Armstrong. We improved our play considerably and we are very grateful to him for helping us to do this. Many of the removes signed to take part in the tournament and after lots of challenging games we were the two finalists. An exciting game produced Sarah Ayton as the winner!

Sarah Ayton and Brina Marks

## Gymnastics

Gym club meets on a Friday lunch. It is one of my favourite activities. Some of us helped two sixth formers with their GCSE studies. I have learnt how to do cartwheels, handstands and lots more. Several of the girls took BAGA and SPORTS ACROBATICS awards.

Abi Davies



# Lacrosse 1998-99

The lacrosse season started well with a remarkable eighteen girls being selected to represent Cheshire:

Pippa Bruce, Jane Ashton, Susan Waring, Julia Mounsey, Lucy Harries, Amanda Gemmill, Amalie Bowen-Jones, Gemma Churton, and Ruth Evans were chosen for the A Team.

On the B Team were Ceri Clements, Bridget Graves, Jo Monro, Katy Timmins and Sophia Scott. Camilla Graves, Loretta Mills Jenna Anians and Anna Moulds were selected as reserves. Pippa Bruce, Jane Ashton, Susan Waring and Amanda Gemmill also went on to play for the North, whilst Ceri Clements was selected to play for the Welsh B Team.

Pippa Bruce, Jane Ashton, Susan Waring and Amanda Gemmill have been selected to represent England B in the International Lacrosse Festival which is running alongside the European Championships between the 24th and 31st July 1999.

Many players have also taken advantage of playing and training with Chester Ladies this season, the benefits of which can be seen in their game.

The U12s have shown enthusiasm for the game and are slowly picking up skills, despite losing their only match of the year to long term rivals Moreton Hall. They should, however, develop into a strong squad next year.

The U13s have shown much promise this year, despite some mixed results. They were unfortunate to have their Northern Tournament cancelled, but they look to be a promising team for the future.

The U14s have had a successful season, having come together as a team to produce a good standard of lacrosse. This can be seen in their results throughout the year, most notably in the U14 North West Tournament where they reached the semi-final, losing to the eventual winners, Birkenhead.



North Lacrosse Players,, European Championships:  
Susan Waring, Jane Ashton, Pippa Bruce, Amanda Gemmill

The U15s have had a large squad of committed players and as a result have developed into a very able team. They were unfortunate to have a tough draw at the draw at the National Schools Tournament in Milton Keynes, and as a result failed to qualify for the semi-finals. They were, however, more successful at the National Schools Tournament where, despite having only 11 players, they reached the final, losing to their long-term rivals Withington.

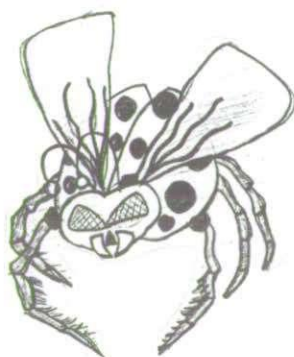
The 2nd XII have only had three matches this year in which they have had varied success. They have, however, provided invaluable support and practice for the 1st XII. The 1st XII has had an outstanding season, losing to only four of the numerous teams they have met. Throughout the year they have shown commitment and enthusiasm to their game and this is highlighted by their results in two major tournaments. The first of these was the Northern Schools Tournament at Queen Ethelburga's College where Queen's

convincingly won their section. They then beat Bolton in the semi-final and Queen Margarets in the final, to come out as Northern Schools Champions, a first for Queen's for many years.

This success was, however, to be bettered at the National Schools Tournament. The 1st XII played their best lacrosse of the year, once again winning their section. Then beating Queen Anne's in the semi-final and then St. Catherine's 3-0 in the final, therefore winning the McFarlane cup and qualifying for "Championship Day" where they were amongst the top twenty school lacrosse teams in Britain. This was a formidable achievement - the first time Queen's have ever qualified in fifty-five years of the Tournament. Here they met some stiff opposition, winning two and losing two matches in their section to come third in their group. Each member is an integral part of the team and should be congratulated for their contribution to all the successes we have achieved.

Another highlight of the year, which cannot be forgotten, was the first annual Mums versus 1st Team match - which we unfortunately lost, something to do, I'm sure, with the incredibly biased umpiring!!

I have no need to express further quite how impressive the standard of this year's lacrosse has been. Thanks must go to Mrs. Waring for her dedication to all the teams and to Mrs. Moore and Gill Aldcroft for their support throughout the year. On a personal note I'd like to thank the whole of the senior squad for the help they've given me throughout the year, but especially the UVI lacrosse players for their dedication and commitment to the game over the past seven years - those five C's that we instigated all those years ago have definitely paid off! I wish everyone, especially Amanda, the best of luck for next season - I hope you all get as much satisfaction and enjoyment out of the game as I have.







## Mums Lacrosse Challenge

After an initial lack of response, it was obviously not a particularly popular idea. It was thanks to Peter Bernie, telling me which Mums he thought were "fit"....!?! A team slowly emerged and despite decidedly damp weather conditions, the match took place on March 25th. What fun we had!!

We all soon realised that lacrosse is like riding a bike, once learned, never forgotten. Thanks to great play from the whole team, two very pro-the-mums umpires and a little bit of cheating, the Mums won 3-2. Thanks to the umpires, to all the players including the girls, who seemed more interested in covering each other in mud, and to everyone who helped with refreshments. Congratulations to those Mums who had never played before (one of whom was spotted carrying the ball from one end of the pitch to the other!) and to our goalie - the only Dad - who, much to his daughter's embarrassment, was a superstar. In addition to a great and memorable afternoon, we managed to raise £193.50 for the millennium appeal.

Liz Bruce.

### U13 Lacrosse

We all started the season this year getting to lacrosse practices promptly, making sure we appeared with our gum shields in (and not in our skirt pockets!), ready to play a high attacking and defending game.

The practising paid off, and we won a high percentage of the matches played with goal scoring from Annie Lea, Mary Pritchard and Stephanie Nolf and at the other end of the pitch excellent goal saving from Eloise Wood.

A mini tournament was played against Packwood and Adcoat. We were unfortunate to lose to Packwood 6-0, but we beat Adcoat 6-1 putting us into second place. Later in the season we played our long term rivals, Moreton Hall, finishing with a successful score of 2-2.

Thanks must go to Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Waring for giving us so much of their time in training and at matches, to Gill Aldcroft for some very useful after school training and to all the very supportive parents who have supported us despite the weather.

The team have played very well this season and we hope to build on this next year.

Hilary Tweed LVIV

### U14 Lacrosse

The U14s have had a very successful season and are becoming a strong team, with some notable victories including 6-0 against Adcote.

One of our best achievements of the year was drawing with Moreton Hall 6-6 instead of being embarrassingly defeated. We also played a strong Withington team and won 2-0.

One big disappointment was losing Sophie Woodward, our goalie. She was an excellent goalie but help was at hand from Jo Weedall and Laura Wilkinson, who took turns in goal very successfully. Sophie and her mum also provided us with our new Chester Evening Leader shirts for which we are very grateful.

We played our first indoor match against Moreton Hall and both teams lost their first matches but the 1st team won their second match 3-0. The 2nd team fought back in their second match but were unlucky to lose 3-2. Our first indoor match was definitely an enjoyable experience we can build on.

At the U14 tournament, we managed to win all our matches apart from Birkenhead and Bolton who were the eventual runner-up and winner of the tournament.

We recently played in the U15 tournament and despite some embarrassing scores we gained valuable experience and played particularly well against the Queen Margaret team.

I would like to thank Mrs. Waring and Mrs. Moore for their hard work and coaching, and all our parents and supporters.

Vicky Garry UIVR

### U15 Lacrosse

The U15 lacrosse squad have had an extremely successful and enjoyable season. Our first match was against Liverpool College which we won 7-1. This was followed by victories over Bolton (6-5), Withington (7-3) and Wirral (8-0). We were beaten by Moreton Hall 3-7 but we later redeemed ourselves beating them indoors 15-10 and outdoors 8-6.

In April we took part in the Northern Schools Tournament in Wirral. We won all the games in our section, defeating Casterton, Liverpool College and Queen Mary's 2nd. Beating Harrogate Ladies 2nd team put us through to the final against Withington which we were unlucky to lose 3-0.

Our top goal scorers this season were:- Katy Timmins, 27 goals; Nicola Blucher, 26 goals and Sophie Muskett, 10 goals. The team voted for the most outstanding players and these were:- Nicola Blucher; Jo Monro; Sophie Muskett and Anna Moulds. Sophia Scott was voted the most improved player.

Lacrosse colours have been awarded to:-

Jo Monro; Sophie Muskett; Anna Moulds; Nicola Blucher; Abi Wilson; Ruth Evans; Katy Timmins and Sophia Scott.

I would like to congratulate the squad on this year's performances. We have played steadily and our games and skills have improved with every match.

As captain, I would like to thank the squad for all their hard work and commitment, Mr. Moulds and Miss Evans for providing our distinctive team shirts, all the parents for their constant and much appreciated support and last, but by no means least, I'd like to thank Mrs. Waring on behalf of the Under 15 squad for all her time and effort in coaching and for her motivating force.

Jo Monro LVY

### U16 Lacrosse

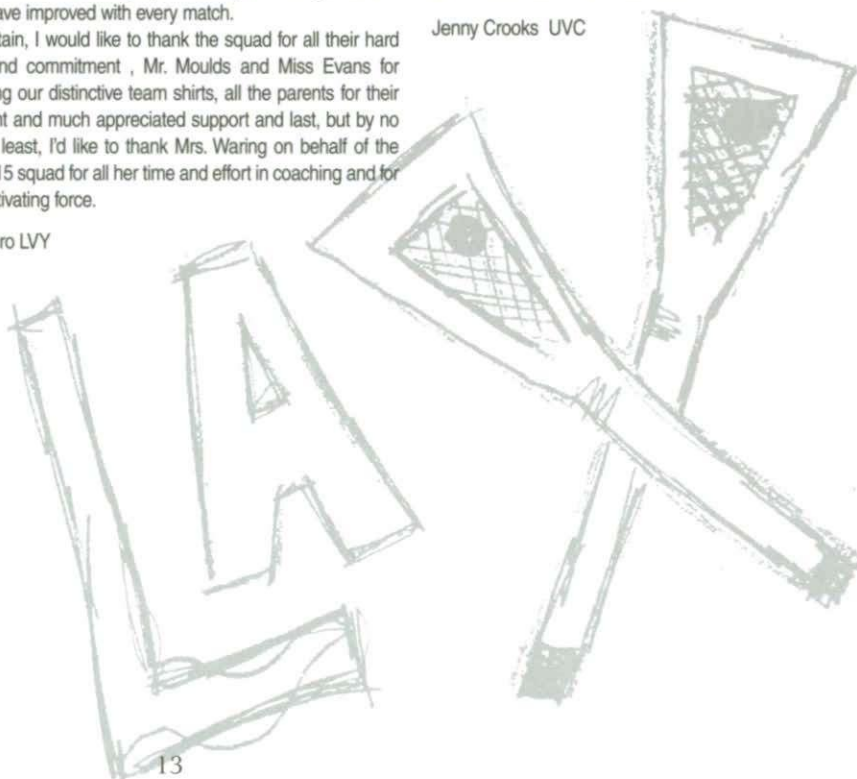
The 1998-99 season has been one to be remembered by all of the U16 lacrosse squad. We have trained consistently and willingly throughout the season. Our U16 squad was rather small this year so we all had the chance to play for 1st and 2nd teams, giving us further and much needed experience.

The highlight of the season was when a few of us were selected to play with the 1st team at the National Schools Tournament. We won our day at Milton Keynes and went through to the finals day. This came as quite a shock and was an extremely exciting time for everyone concerned.

The 1998-99 season has been full of fun, food, embarrassment (when Withington School discovered our slightly obscure taste in music - well we like Disney songs!!) "It's all to do with team bonding", we tried to explain whilst hiding tomato red faces.

All U16 members should be congratulated on their achievements this year as 15 and 16 year olds playing this standard of lacrosse is commendable. A big thank you to Pippa who has managed to control us occasionally and made this season loads of fun. Thanks must go to the parents who have supported us throughout and also to Mrs. Waring for her commitment and hard work.

Jenny Crooks UVC





# Duke of Edinburgh Report

## March 1999



When 40 Lower 6th first embarked on the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Scheme, we were excited at the prospect of a weekend away camping in Wales, with a little light walking in between, at the end of August. 50 miles didn't sound like a long way at the time.....

After asking members of the Upper 6th for memories of their expedition there was one word which seemed to occur more than most "rain". Rain did seem to be a major part of many of our expeditions and we came to recognise the familiar sound of rain on the tent wall. If it wasn't raining we were in some form of water. There are quite a few bogs on the Denbigh Moors which you don't realise until you are in the middle of one. My group could certainly agree with this after three of our members (myself included) leapt into a bog thinking it was only shallow and ended up up to our waists in green water.

All this water meant wet boots and at one point there was a black market trade in plastic bags. Those with a roll of bin bags suddenly found themselves incredibly popular.

Another aspect of the expeditions which people remember very vividly is the food. Pushing a trolley round Sainsburys was the fun part, carrying and eating the food was not. If you are not already acquainted with the Beanfeast then we suggest you begin to accustom yourself to it because you could be living on it for a good few weekends to come. Even now the smell of a Nutrigrain bar can send a 6th former running from the common room.

We discovered that there are two types of people that take up the Scheme. There are those who do it because they love the physical exercise, the countryside and the challenge of climbing a mountain in 3 minutes. They often have to be reminded to slow down when they approach a 30mph sign because they may be cautioned for speeding. They are in the minority. Then there are the unfit, outdoors hating, doing it because it looks good on their UCAS form crowd. Let me just say that most of the Upper 6th don't belong to the first group.

However despite all the downsides of the expedition such as the mileage to be covered, the weather and the food, there are other aspects. There is the immense relief you feel when you can see your campsite for the night or when you reach the top of a mountain and see how far you have come. These are moments to be treasured. You create a bond between the people in your group which you can never have with anyone else. You have seen them when they haven't washed for two days and have greasy hair. You know what they are like at 5 o'clock in the morning and 12 o'clock at night. You have hugged them when they cried and jumped around with them at the top of a hill. You laughed when someone fell in the mud and helped the one with blisters. You followed the one with the map and shouted at the one who burnt dinner to the pan.

Character building is the word used by people to describe this achievement and whilst we were all insistent that our characters were fine as they were, we all came back slightly different people to the ones that left home that Friday afternoon in August.

Thanks must go to Mrs Moore for all her hard work and effort.

Congratulations to Kathy Selby, Victoria Manford and Laura Sensicle who have completed their Gold Award and will be going to the palace in December.

Kathy Selby, UVIJ







# MUSIC CALENDAR 1998/9

**4th/5th December**

School Christmas Concert

**16th December**

School Carol Service at Chester Cathedral involving Senior and Chamber Choir.

**12th January**

LV GCSE Group attend a lunch-time flute recital by Rachel Lyons and Janice Bartai at Chester Town Hall.

**25th January**

GCSE and A-Level students attend a performance of "Les Miserables" at The Liverpool Empire.

**6th March**

Anna Markland Festival

**19th March**

Spring Concert

**28th March**

Chamber Choir sing Choral Evensong at St. Asaph Cathedral.

**16th April**

GCSE Music Concert

**26th April/3rd May**

Queen's and King's Joint Production of "Iolanthe".

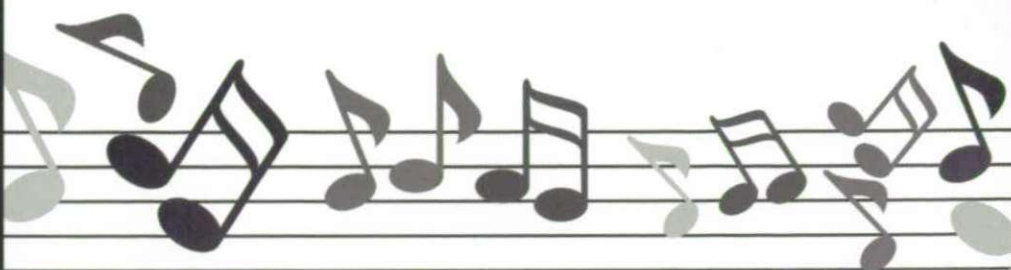
**7th May**

Commemoration Service at Chester Cathedral.

**24th June**

Senior Choir sing at Eaton Hall for Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

# MUSIC



## Associated Board Music Results

Ruth Armstrong	Flute	Grade VIII	Pass
Eleni Neoptolemos	Flute	Grade VIII	Pass
Eleni Neoptolemos	Piano	Grade VIII	Pass
Hannah Cantle	Piano	Grade VI	Distinction
Rachel Hall	Violin	Grade VII	Pass
Victoria Packham	Flute	Grade VII	Pass

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

## ANNA MARKLAND WINNERS

**Piano Trophy** - Penny Batey

**String Trophy** - Elizabeth Halbert

**Woodwind Trophy** - Amy Woods

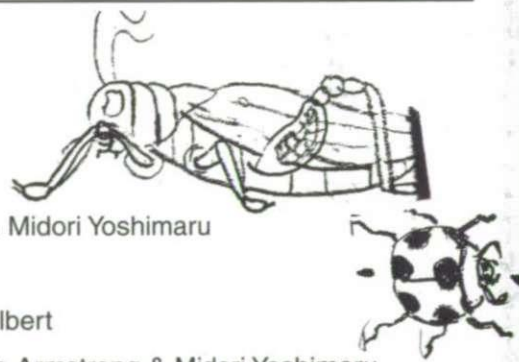
**Brass Trophy** - Gemma Clarke

**Piano Duet Trophy** - Hannah Cantle & Midori Yoshimaru

**Vocal Trophy** - Clare Newcome

**Anna Markland Trophy** - Elizabeth Halbert

**Ensemble Trophy** - Fran Allwood, Ruth Armstrong & Midori Yoshimaru



Winners of the Piano Duet Trophy, 1999 Anna Markland Festival:  
Hannah Cantle & Midori Yoshimaru



# Les Miserables

At 5.30p.m. on Monday, January 25th 1999, The Queen's School music pupils from the LV to the UVI ventured out to Liverpool. This was no ordinary night out in Liverpool: it was a music trip to see the ever exciting..."Les Mis". Everyone enjoyed the pro auction, apart from Mr. Pilsbury, who unfortunately was "washing his hair" on that evening! Well done to Mrs. Bartai for keeping us in fitting order throughout the evening, preventing us from becoming too boisterous, keeping us away from those dashing young men in the audience, and for organising a phenomenal music trip!

## Senior Choir

The beginning of this year saw rehearsals devoted to the Christmas Concert where we sang the lively "Zither Carol" and "Twelve Days of Christmas" with Training Choir. The pieces were warmly received but perhaps the "Six Days of Christmas" would have been even more popular!

The New Year saw work begin for the Spring Concert, this year on the theme of English Folk Songs. We performed "Blow the Wind Southerly", "Water of Tyne" and "Bunch of Thyme" with Training Choir.

We are now preparing for a charity concert in aid of Imperial Cancer Research at Eaton Hall in the presence of The Duke of Westminster.

Thanks must go to our loyal and occasionally enthusiastic choir members and to Mrs. Bartai for her continued support.

Sarah Jones and Claire Braid  
Choir Secretaries

# CHRISTMAS CONCERT 1998

The Christmas Concert, run over two nights as usual due to a complete sell out, was appreciated by the parents and friends who attended and included a variety of musical items that were fun for everybody.

Wind Band started off the evening with their usual enthusiastic and professional approach followed by the String Orchestra who serenaded us with their performance of the popular Suite from The Snowman by Howard Blake. "A" level music student Katie Dutton sang two memorable items for us by Gershwin and Copland and Training Orchestra and Senior Orchestra ably completed the first half of the programme.

After the interval, where everyone had enjoyed mulled wine, orange juice and mince pies, there was a first for Queen's School, with Jessica Tilling from UV dancing an item she and her dance teacher had choreographed between them. In future, Jessica will be on the stage so that everyone can see her! The 50 strong Junior Choir gave an enthusiastic performance of a number of items, one being a composition by two LV GCSE music students Anna Moulds and Preethi Mavahalli which was appreciated by the audience. Leni Neoptolemos played the piano beautifully followed by the Training Choir and Senior Choir who rounded off the Concert with several festive songs including The Twelve Days of Christmas, In Dulci Jubilo and The Zither Carol. A good time was had by all. Many thanks to everybody who gave up their time, especially the team of peripatetics and all the girls.

# SPRING CONCERT 1999

The programme included music to suit everyone's taste, ranging from the very serious "Drop, drop, slow tears," beautifully rendered by the Chamber Choir, to "Phil the Fluter," performed with gusto by the Wind Band. Items like "Water of Tyne," and "Blow the Wind Southerly," by the Senior Choir may have brought back fond memories of school days for many in the audience, including myself! It is always very pleasing to see how much the choir members enjoy themselves as they perform, especially the Junior Choir. Also, it is good to see how members of the orchestra are developing their skills as they learn to make music together.

The concert provided an opportunity for us to meet the winners of the various categories of the Anna Markland competition, and as usual, they all performed exceedingly well. John Gough had the unenviable task of judging the outstanding soloist of the evening, and in the end he decided that the honour should go to the violinist, Elizabeth Halbert, for her performance of Massenet's Meditation.

Our congratulations must go to everyone who took part in the concert, and our thanks are due to Mrs. Bartai, Mr. Pilsbury, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Holmes, Mr. Lewis and Mrs. Cooke, for all the hard work that they undertake week by week in order to maintain such high standards. This excellent concert is their just reward.

B. Lloyd.



# Chamber Choir

Chamber Choir has once again completed a successful year. The choir swelled to around 22 members this year, which, for those of you who don't know, is large for Chamber Choir, especially as there are only 20 gowns!

The choir, or "Chamber La" as it has been dubbed by some LVI members, has sung in both the Christmas and Spring concerts. All who attended the Spring Concert, though, will undoubtedly remember Mr. P's introduction to the pieces, which was longer in duration than the sung pieces themselves. (we were all impressed by your knowledge Mr. P!)

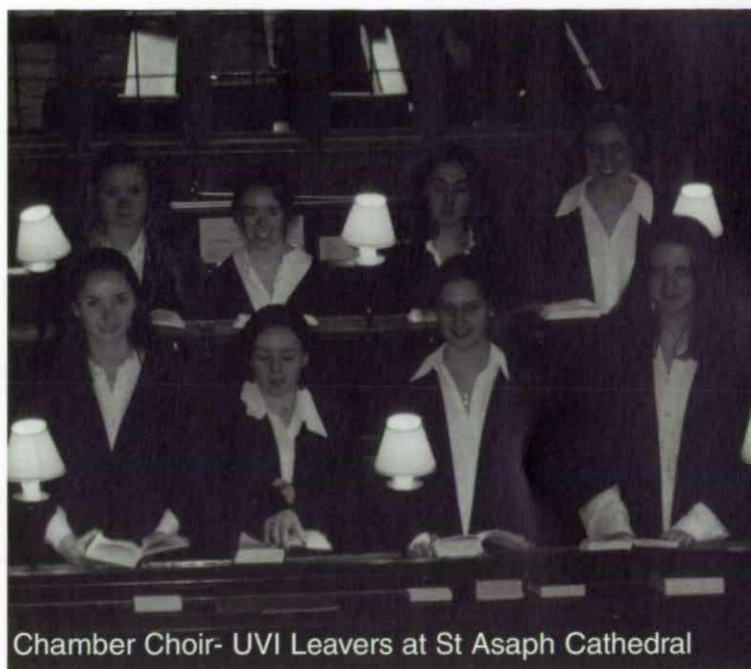
The choir has sung in only two Evensongs this year as Fridays were dominated by Iolanthe rehearsals. Neither of the two that were done were at Chester. The choir was honoured to be asked to sing on Advent Sunday in Tarporley and on Palm Sunday at St. Asaph. At St. Asaph the choir welcomed back Kate Ireland, Helena Thomas

and Ceri Richards as "guest" singers.

Commemoration was a successful, if rather emotional occasion for the choir. It was the last "official" occasion for Lucy Craven, Katie Dutton, Penny Batey, Leni Neoptolemos, Maxine Esser, Julia Mounsey, Rachel Armstrong, Kyra Drinnan, Janine Sykes and Jane Bellamy who are leaving this year after A-Levels. The remaining eleven members of Chamber Choir will miss you all, without you the choir is, literally, half empty. We'd like to thank you all for your parts in Chamber Choir over the last few years. Hopefully Commem. wasn't the last time you all will sing with us.

The choir would, most importantly, like to thank Mr. Pilsbury. Without his hard work, perseverance and good humour(?) Chamber Choir would not exist. As we begin to work for the next year, we would like him to know how much we appreciate him.

Sara McIlroy



Chamber Choir- UVI Leavers at St Asaph Cathedral

Front Row (L-R)

Jane Bellamy, Katie Dutton, Leni Neoptolemos, Penny Batey

Second Row (L-R)

Julia Mounsey, Maxine Esser, Rachel Armstrong, Janine Sykes

## IOLANTHE



After hearing countless Iolanthe stories and jokes, how could we resist watching the event behind all this gossip. We were full of great expectations for this extravaganza and wealth of talent. . . never had we imagined that the King's boys could have such defined, muscular legs - proving that each boy has more than just a pretty face!

The performance was certainly a success, with the main parts astounding us with their vast amounts of talent. Special mentions must go to Liz Armstrong ("Phyllis"), Sarah Lister ("Iolanthe"), Sarah Proudlove ("The Fairy Queen") and Mark Swinton ("The Lord Chancellor"). The colourful chorus were also sparkling and all girls acted superbly with professionalism, however ironic it was that they were portraying such "dainty" fairies!

Thanks must go to everyone who helped make the show the success it was. Mr. Pilsbury dedicated much time to the show and we hope he got as much out of it as each of the cast seemed to.

Thanks also must go to Mr. Wickson for his motivation and inspiration.

To all those who helped backstage and with music, make-up and ticket sales, many thanks.

P.S. For Tristan: purchase a pair of BRACES for next time! Penny Dixon, LVI.



## Roman Day



Back in March, a small company and their dog drove up from London to talk to us about life in Roman times. The day was split into two halves, with the LIV and UIV in the morning and the removes in the afternoon, the aim of each half being to show us the daily routine of a Roman lady and a Roman soldier with talks and demonstrations.

Admittedly it didn't sound enthralling at first, but after a Roman soldier was spotted from the Lower Sixth common room, standing on the field throwing spears at a target, our interest grew!



The talks were fantastic with lots of audience participation including one unfortunate girl being made up with chalk, soot and cholineal and a group of girls being radically transformed into Roman soldiers and bombarded with beanbags!

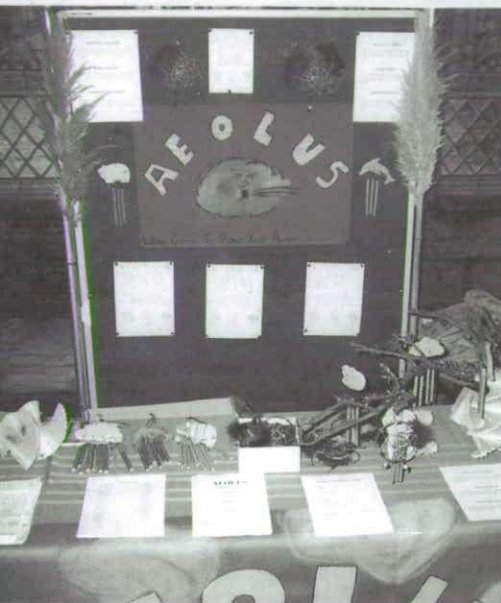
Thanks must go to the Classics department for organising the day and to the company for putting on such an entertaining insight into Roman life. However despite all of their efforts, the attraction which remained to generate the most interest was their dog!

Louisa Woolley LVI





# Young ENTERPRISE



In September, the enthusiasm for Young Enterprise was so strong that three companies were formed instead of the usual two- Xenon, Aeolus and Diva. Each company was made up of about fifteen Lower Sixth students, each one eager to learn about the role of business. Little did we know that Young Enterprise was soon to become the sole topic of many heated debates....

For those of you to whom Young Enterprise is a familiar yet confusing concept, let me enlighten you. The aim of Young Enterprise is to give each participant a sound understanding of the various roles and responsibilities incorporated in running a business- we were encouraged to "learn by doing", and that was indeed the case. We realise now there is a lot more to running a business than first meets the eye: Production, Finance, Marketing, Sales and Management Teams were all essential in the general running of each company. Sarah Lister, the first Managing Director of Diva, says: "It took a while to develop a good structure, which we found depended on communication between departments."

Due to the number of people involved in Young Enterprise this year, all three companies have gained a high profile within the school community. Each company's life started off as a manic race against time to see who could

dream up the most original, enterprising and cost effective product. Rachel Saxon, current Production Director of Diva says: "It was important to create a production line, and we had to consider Quality Control and Environmental Issues." Then a business plan had to be drawn up within each company, something that is vital in the judging of Young Enterprise.

This year, products have included wind chimes and dream catchers (Aeolus), jewellery and evening bags (Xenon), number plates, photo frames and a calendar (Diva). When the three companies attended a trade fair in November at Chester Cathedral, we were all met with enthusiasm and interest from the general public -Xenon took £70 in one morning and Diva missed the "Best on the Day" award by one point.



Each company has certainly had its fair share of ups and downs and everyone has had the chance to shine within a business-like atmosphere. Talents have been discovered- Emily Jones, Managing Director of Aeolus, says: "Democratic behaviour and learning to delegate were important skills that we had to learn and develop."

In March, the three companies prepared a presentation which we performed in front of judges at Marks and Spencers Financial Department. Eighteen companies from the Cheshire area entered the competition - Diva were one of the six chosen to go through to the next round. Interviews were conducted for the judging of the Best Managed Company, the Best Production Team and the Individual Achiever Award. Emily Jones (Aeolus), Irina Gage (Xenon) and Sarah McIlroy (Diva) were nominated for this award. Sarah was voted the Individual Achiever at the Cheshire Area Board Finals and has succeeded in reaching the next stage of the competition. Aeolus won the Best Managed Company Award; Xenon won the Best Trade Stand Award and Diva won the Best Company Report Award and the Personnel Management Award. Katherine Fennell, Managing Director of Diva, said, "All three companies from Queen's did very well overall, and I think the awards that we won were very appropriate."

I think I can safely say that Young Enterprise has more good points than bad! It does take commitment, strength and tolerance, but the sense of achievement, the team work and the new friendships discovered by all are experiences that should not be missed. We have learned skills that will stay with us for life and in doing so collected some valuable memories. We wish next year's companies the best of luck (you'll need it...!).





# The Fashion Show

## Fresh, Funky, Fundraising Fashion!!

**Starring:** Caroline Appleton, Mike Brotherhood, Steve 'The Postman', Irina Gage, Amanda Gemmill, Christian Hughes, Natalia Ikin, Gavin Jones, Gemma Jones, Lauren Kerr, Sarah Lister, Patrick Overmere, Sara Mcilroy, Fit Nick, Louise Petranca, Lowri Tan, Amy Wallace and special star guest Mr. Ainsworth.

**Experiment:** Home Farm Trust, A charity which raises money for children with learning disabilities joined up with 'Jade', couture collections for men and women, to put on a fashion show at The Queen's School. The first challenge was to find models and so 'The Spring into summer' show turned to The Queen's School and eleven eager and naive sixth formers volunteered, unaware of what was ahead of them!

**Apparatus:** The arrival of a team of professionals combined with hard work and dedication enabled 'The Spring into Summer' fashion show to be a great success.

**Organisers:** Tara Jade, Sue Seys Llewellyn & Louisa Woolley.

**Choreographer:** Jan Evans.

**Hair:** Richard & the team at Abra.

**Makeup:** Givenchy team & Sekela Mwambu.

**Jewellery:** Waltons, Chester.

**Collection:** 'Jade', 19 Eastgate row, Chester.

'Pretty Essentials', Wrexham.

**Dressers:** Hannah Coulton, Nicola Capes,

Penny Dixon, Emily Jones,

Sarah Jones, Sophie Jarrett,

Natalie Howe.

**Helpers:** Sarah Benton, Alexis Kirk,

Lucy Leyland, Najma Miah,

Tara Murray, Alex Richards,

Joy Roberts, Sarah White.

**Method:** So we had the apparatus and the experiment but what magical spell could be cast to make these average Queen's School girls, a postman, a DJ, a hair dresser and three 17 year old lads into supermodels? Our fairy godmother came in the form of Jan, a dance instructor who was rather experienced in miracles (not that our talents were small enough to warrant one). Soon she had us all skipping down the gym floor with books on our heads – we were even convinced we looked good – Jan was certainly a professional! So things were looking up and as the show approached, rehearsals became more frequent and frantic, as some models developed not only the Kate Moss look, but also the Kate Moss, "I won't get out of bed for less than ten thousand" attitude. However it was "all right on the night" as they say.

**Results:** £2500 was raised! Here are some of the photographs . . . .

Mike Brotherhood "So they asked to model thousands of pounds worth of clothing, watch girls get undressed. . . but noone mentioned the makeup though!"

Choreographer, Jan "If you'd had told me in 4 weeks that the models would have been as good as they are now, I wouldn't have believed you."

Gemma Jones "It was definitely an experience but never again!"

Mrs. S. Llewellyn "I am very proud of the effort that the girls put in and not only the models but those behind the scenes too!"

**Conclusion:** Well here's a member of the audience, to say what they think, "Stunning, very professional, I wished I had been up there with them."

By Nat & Nat





# OUT & ABOUT

## LVI CONFERENCES

The LVI have enjoyed a wide array of conferences and trips this year. In March the Economics group travelled far, as far as West Cheshire College, to participate in an economics debate. Some of the speakers proved interesting, others irrelevant. We found the debate overall interesting, although the highlight was when a distinguished, elderly gentleman stood up, proclaimed the debate a load of rubbish and stormed out. Shows how much we knew!

There was also the Economics Conference at Salford University. We listened to the likes of Nigel Healy and Evan Davies who provided insight into such controversial topics as 'Britain and the Euro' and 'Industrialisation'. The most enlightening speaker was the social editor of The Observer, who was found a little too interesting by much of the female audience.

In April there was a French Conference at Manchester University. We were all shocked to discover just how much we actually understood (no disrespect to our French department) and the trip was thoroughly enjoyed by all, especially when haute-couture was discussed.

Also in April, all witnessed how mature and responsible the LVI was during a trip to Liverpool University to a Higher Education Conference. We missed the first lecture but otherwise caught the others, finding them very useful and helpful to our future scholastic careers.

Back in November the English group visited Manchester University to partake in a day of lectures on the subject of 'Othello'. They found the day an enlightening experience into the world of Shakespeare (and University men)!

The History group enjoyed two history conferences, both to Manchester. The first one, in November, was about Absolute Monarchs and the second, in March, was on the subjects of James I, Charles I, Oliver Cromwell and the Civil War. The students found the trips a very valuable experience, although not all of the speakers were of the desired standard of our history teachers.

Thanks must go to Mrs Cracknell, Mrs Falcon, Miss Hemming, Miss Heaney, Mrs Beynon, Mrs Chafer, Mr Ainsworth, Mrs Tolley and Mrs Roberts, our department teachers, for finding the time to take us. Irina Gage LVIC

## SPONSORED WALK

On the 23rd October 1998, a sponsored walk took place from the City Walls to the end of the Duke's drive. The money raised was to go to the Millennium Fund.

The afternoon was good fun and the weather was generally fine, except for a few showers. The removes

thought that it was a great way to spend the day (probably because they got to miss a few lessons). Some people, though, really did enjoy it. It was a good way of getting exercise and at the same time raising money to further the growth of our school. Thanks to Mrs Sheedy and the other teachers for helping us.

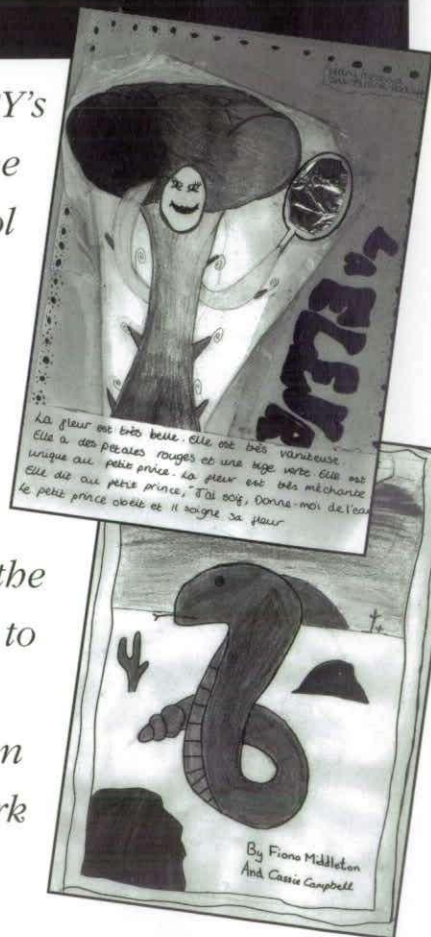
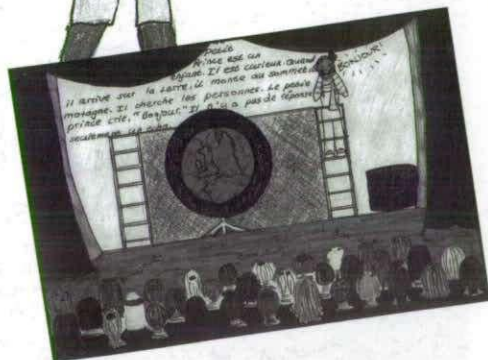
Joanne Cornes RH

## LE PETIT PRINCE

by ANTOINE de SAINT-EXUPERY

In March, an adaption of SAINT-EXUPERY's novel, 'Le Petit Prince', was staged by The European Theatre Company in the school hall and was enjoyed by girls from Remove to the LVI, and also Form 3 of Nedham House. The performance included ingenious use of costumes and sets to enable a cast of four to portray

most of the main characters of the story in a way which appealed to the wide age range of the audience. The lively production inspired some imaginative work in the following week.





# OUT & ABOUT



## Notre Dame La Riche

(A mixed, private Catholic school catering for children from the age of two to nineteen.)

The first step in what is hoped will develop into a broader co-operation between our schools was taken in April 1998 when 31 girls (and 15 boys from The King's School) participated in an exchange enabling them to experience family and school life in France for ten days. Following the warmth of their reception in Tours at Easter they welcomed their French partners into their homes for ten days in July. Building on this success, a further 30 girls and 14 boys got to know their correspondents during their visit to Chester in April 1999 and look forward to their visit to Tours in July this year. Younger girls are establishing earlier links by writing to classes at NDLR and it is hoped that other areas of school life may eventually benefit from a connection with a French school keen to have contacts with us.

## Reactions from two exchange students

As the arrival of the French exchange students approached, I became more and more apprehensive as to what I was meant to say. It is hard enough to talk to a stranger who can speak the same language, let alone find interesting things to say to my French partner!

I was pleasantly surprised to find that we got on quite well, despite the language barrier. As the visit progressed, so did our friendship and understanding of each other and by the end we found talking to each other relatively easy.

Overall the experience was enjoyable and totally unforgettable, and was extremely beneficial for both of us. I am now looking forward to visiting my French partner again in Tours in the summer.

Elizabeth Symes, LVS

We travelled to Waterloo station, where we caught the Eurostar to Lille, and from there to Tours by train. The mass of French people, standing looking at us as if we were aliens, was daunting, and as Mrs Chorley was pairing us up with our partners, we were feeling a little nervous. We soon got a 'foster family' and had to wait until the next day to see each other again.

We found out at school that a French Latin lesson is never to be forgotten, but fun was had when we finally saw each other again at Futuroscope. After a few days with our French families we arrived home tired but pleased to be back, and we knew that we only had a few months until the French people came over here to observe our way of life. It was time to start on our bedrooms!

Vicki Ashworth, LVG





# OUT & ABOUT

## LVI Skiing Trip Feb 99 to Stowe, Vermont

**O**n the morning of Saturday 13th February 1999, 24 excitable 17 year olds gathered on City Walls road, accompanied by their ever so slightly apprehensive parents. However, after 24 hours of travelling, enthusiasm had dwindled slightly, but on arrival in Stowe, our spirits were lifted by the sight of an open fire and warm beds. We were, however, slightly puzzled by the lack of mountains! It all became clear the next day, after the 30 minute coach journey down a very bumpy road in a Bart Simpson bus, when the slopes came into view.

The actual skiing, well... It's hard to pick just which stories to tell as there were so many displays of first class skiing. Those which just can't be neglected include:- a certain person so overcome with the excitement of the first day, in her

eagerness sitting down on the lift, before it arrived; one of our more experienced skiers managing to shut down the entire lift system, thanks to a little incident involving a ski pole; and Miss Huck did us all proud with her limbo skills at the local disco, The Dusty Nail. Or was that something to do with the amount of wine consumed at dinner...we're not telling!

Jokes aside, the skiing was excellent, the snow was perfect and the instructors were brilliant. It made a welcome change for people who had previously been taught in France to be able to understand the instructions and judging by how much our first-time skiers improved, America is a great place to learn. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the trip (no pun intended), and nobody wanted to leave at the end of the week.

## THE GOOD FOOD SHOW

When the coach left The Queen's School for Birmingham at 9.00am on November 29th I was wishing that I was back in my nice warm bed. Early Sunday mornings are certainly not my speciality! This wish soon faded as Mrs Hoyle handed around the programs. I was sure that the Good Food Show was going to be great fun, especially if I had the map!

We were soon on the M6 and on course for the NEC at Birmingham. A little later than expected at a quarter to twelve we left the coach and tried to make a mental note of where it was so that we could find it in the dark later on (well there is always hope!). Once we were inside the NEC and found the Good Food Show area my mum and I headed straight for the wine tasting! Now feeling a little tipsy (only joking) we weaved our way around the regional pavillions. Neither of us could work out why they were called that, but they were. As we made our way around the stands we did TRY not to be tempted by little things such as candles and novelty beer, etc. I say TRY because, well, we did buy the candles and the beer and a few other cheap things!

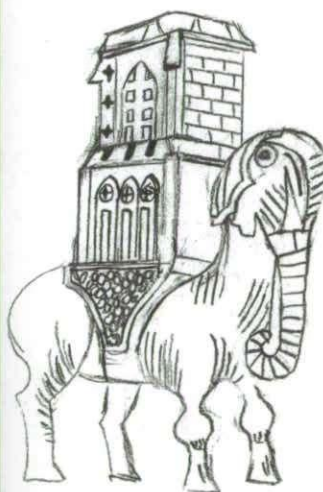
About an hour later we began to feel a bit peckish. We were completely spoiled for choice, as you can imagine, and finally decided on a sausage sarnie from the Parson's Nose. And very nice it was too! The next stop was the Lakeland Plastics stand. As mum enjoys cooking I decided to get her a few things from the show for Christmas. Unfortunately I did not have any money on me so I had to borrow money from mum to buy her own Christmas presents.

By now our bags were seriously weighing us down and we began to head for the 'shop and drop' depot. This was an area where you could drop all of your bags and then go and buy some more. We browsed around the rest of the show and then made our way to the Celebrity Theatre where we watched Anthony Worall Thompson prepare a healthy and unfattening meal-NOT! Lawrence Llewelyn Bowen made a table decoration that was, well, YUCK! Oz Clarke went on about wines that Anthony said tasted like vinegar.

Afterwards we collected our purchases and headed back to the coach. Thankfully we found the coach relatively easy. At 5.00pm we left Birmingham NEC. When I got home I was very tired and went straight to sleep! I had a great day and it was a great idea of Mrs Hoyle's, thank you very much.

Victoria McCubbine RH

## OUR VISIT TO CHESTER CATHEDRAL



**A**t Chester Cathedral we first met in the seating area. The organist was playing loudly, it was very nice. If you closed your eyes you could picture the scene with the organ playing and the monks praying and praising the Lord.

In the choir stalls, the monks would stand for their eight services each day, every day. The choir stalls had lovely engravings of funny but interesting things. One man had tried to make a model of an elephant, only he had never seen an elephant before. He had had a man telling him and trying to describe one to him.

The man had carved a trunk and reasonably big ears but dog hind legs. I think that he did well, considering he had never seen one. The decorations on the wall were not the same and neither were the other decorations. This was because the different carvers were better than each other at the job. On the back row the elderly monks would rest against a bit of wood. It looked as if the person was actually standing up, when they were actually half sitting down. It was called a misericordia. by Elizabeth Garry RHL





# OUT & ABOUT

## French Adventure Holiday Embrun, 1998

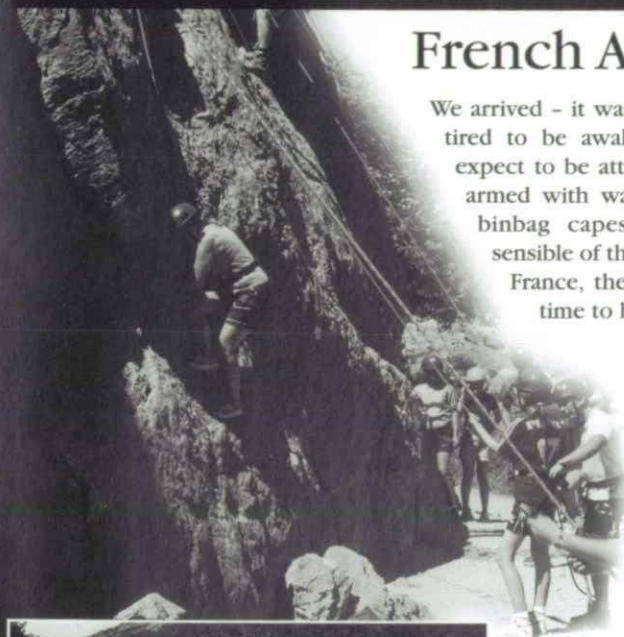
We arrived - it was hot, and most of us were too tired to be awake - and we certainly didn't expect to be attacked by a gang of instructors armed with water pistols and wearing black binbag capes! It did however make us sensible of the fact that we were in southern France, the sun was shining, and it was time to have FUN!

The activities were brilliant and challenging - everything from wind-surfing to abseiling. We were so busy having a great time, there wasn't a spare second for exhaustion! Even the dreaded hike and bivouac were great, and well worth the effort; anything for toasted marshmallows under a starlit sky! The white-water rafting was excellent - even if we were slightly worried about being guided down the Durance by two guys called 'Satan' and 'Damage'!

All the evening activities were great fun too; a disco, a French 'who-dunnit?' mystery, and invading a bowling alley only to find there weren't enough bowling shoes! The day out in Embrun was fun; we managed to find a nice little shop selling nice clothes at nice prices - as well as look at all the lovely French buildings! Most of us enjoyed trying out our French too!

The instructors were brilliant (even if they did chase us with garlic snails and constantly tried to soak us with the hoses) and made our stay really enjoyable. We would like to thank Mrs Sheedy, Mrs Scarr Hall, Mrs Roberts, Mrs Leigh, Mrs Hoyle and Miss Woodland for sorting out problems, keeping us in line and being absolutely fabulous!

Rujuta Roplekar, UIVS



## REMOVES VISIT TO CHESTER ZOO

We had all been looking forward to our visit to Chester Zoo. When we heard about Sithami, the baby elephant's birth we were even more excited and were eager to see her.

When we arrived we were split into groups and each group began at a different section of our work-book, so that we were not at the same part of the zoo at the same time.

There were so many young animals about that we could have stayed and watched them for hours. Unfortunately the weather was not as good as we could have hoped but we did not mind (although we did have to shelter to eat our lunch when the rain got particularly bad). Overall the day was very enjoyable and was a very good way for us to learn about the different varieties of vertebrates. It was also a good way for us to spend all our money as many of us had to buy the irresistible items in the gift shop.

Kate Harrison LIVS



## KINMEL HALL

The ever popular weekend away for Christian Union, Quest Club and the Removes was spent this year at Kinmel Hall, a large manor house in North Wales.

The weekend's theme, "How to be an Alien", was an interesting topic, and all became clear as the speakers, Rob & Kate Tabb, developed their chosen theme. After Saturday's early morning meeting, everyone split into activity groups so they could express what they were learning through music, drama, dance or art.

Saturday afternoon featured the long awaited "Wide Game" which gave everyone the chance to run off any remaining energy - and gave the staff a chance to dress up as martians, a

knight, an evil queen and a frog! Saturday night gave more opportunities for staff and girls to display their skills in a talent night.

All too soon it was time for the last meeting on Sunday, when the girls could show everyone the results of their activity groups.

The weekend was enjoyed by all, and proved a valuable time for us all to learn more about friendship, teamwork and Christianity. Thanks must go to all the staff who gave up their time to take us - especially to Mrs Lloyd for her help and support throughout the year, both of Christian Union and Quest Club.

Sophie Jarrett, LVIR





# NOTICEBOARD

## "OUT & ABOUT"



*Cap Gris Nez*



*Survey in Hypermarket*

*Lunch Break in the Old Town*



*LIV's Eggstra Special Visit to Cadbury World, July 1998*



*Fun in the Sun - and Snow!*



*Removes "Walk on the Wild Side" at Chester Zoo, July 1998*



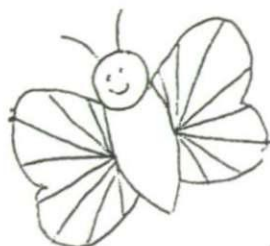
*LVI Ski Trip, February 1999*







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## Garden of Eden?

**I**pulled myself out of the sea and looked around with glowing eyes.

The place I had come to was truly somewhere to be marvelled at. Tiny fingers of waves crept up the shore and then slid hurriedly back down again, to be swept back into the vast ocean from which they had been born. The beach I walked upon was like icing sugar and as my feet sank softly into it, rivulets of sand slipped caressingly over my bare feet and gently enveloped them. A lone bird gave a low, guttural cry which seemed to signify the solitude of the island, for that is where I was, on a jewel in the heart of the ocean, but at the mercy of all nature.

As I made my way into the tangled undergrowth, the beauty of the sea struck me. It was an opaque, azure gem with gold threads of sunlight reflected off it, every now and then glistening through a gap in the trees. The only sound was of my clumsy human feet striking each unyielding branch, each leaf, and as the rustling noise filled the air, I felt as though I was the only living creature on the earth, and as the forest closed up behind me, I sensed that I was a trespasser, with no right to be intruding on this wonder of nature where I did not belong.

Behind me, there was a thump as a coconut hit the ground. Its white milk spilled out and seeped into the earth, giving vital nourishment to the neighbouring plants. Everything was in harmony, all forms of nature perfectly in tune with one another. The sea glimmered tantalisingly in the distance and as I slowly walked back to it, green fronds of dappled sunlight made swirling patterns on the forest floor.

The sun was now a gold medallion high in the sky, beating down fiercely on all who stood beneath it. There was no definite outline to the land and it shimmered gently, creating a thousand hazy mirages which deluded the eye, making them seem somehow hostile and unsympathetic.

Although the scene was one of seraphic tranquillity, the harshness of the heat could not be understated. It cut through me like a knife of razor sharpness, unrelenting and omnipotent, and it was not until the velvet mantle of dust began to cover the island that the sun lost its life-sapping power. The diamond-like sequins that were stars flickered in the eternal depth of the universe. All was serene and at peace, waiting for the morning, when the sun would raise its golden head over the horizon at the break of a new day.

Rachael Thompson, UIVSt

## A Photograph

**One moment in time ...**

**Captured**

**One face**

**One smile**

**A whole life in piece of card ...**

**Captured**

**One place**

**One view**

**One fraction of a second ...**

**Captured**

**One sight**

**One glimpse**

**A short scene ...**

**Captured**

**To relive**

**To replay**

**A photograph ...**

**Captured**

**Korina Holmes, RHL**







## Inside my Head

What goes on inside my head  
No other person knows,  
It's a place of secrecy,  
Where my thoughts are unheard.  
I like it that way,  
An information highway,  
Where all of my knowledge and fantasies  
are kept safe  
Until I need them again.  
When I need them, I unlock a door,  
And my brain scans itself, like a  
computer chip,  
Surfacing forgotten dreams or memories  
Buried deep inside my head.  
My brain absorbs the things I hear,  
Like a sponge, I suppose, holding  
water, and when  
I squeeze it, the water comes out,  
The same as my brain:  
When I think, my thoughts come  
out of hibernation,

## Candy Shop Window

*I* looked at it, and it looked back, with its green  
and black slitted cat-like eyes bulging out from  
the top of a dog-shaped head. Its nose was  
pointed and erupted with a flame, like a volcano. Its  
razor sharp white teeth tore effortlessly into the blood-  
stained morsel in its mouth. Its ears were pointy and  
teapot spout shaped, with a mass of steam pouring  
out, as if its ears were chimneys.

*Its body was scaly, all different colours of the rainbow, red, orange,  
yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet. Its legs were coarse with wire like  
fur, in shades of black and white. Its toenails were cone-shaped and  
coloured bright orange, with sharp blue claws of various sizes, and  
tufts of brown fur sprouting just above them. Its back had a thick  
purple line, right down the middle, with a line of big spikes down  
either side, nearly covering it from view.*

*Its stomach was white with brown and black polka dots; a very stylish  
monster, I thought. Its tail was striped with brown and black zig-zags.  
The lines of spikes had merged into one and were getting very small.  
At the end of his tail was a maze-like object, a round ball with spikes  
all around.*

*I took all of this in and thought, my sister would love this so much.  
So I went up to the shop-keeper and asked, "How much is that  
chocolate monster in your window?"*

Lisa Hallam, RHL

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## The Seasons

The leaves begin to fall, paths  
are filled with colour, red,  
bronze and gold.  
The wind blows the leaves, as the  
sky opens and puddles begin to fall.  
The animals notice the air is  
getting crisp and the days are  
getting shorter.  
They know winter is on its way.

The frost catches the  
trees, like skeletons  
they stand.  
The rivers and streams  
are knives cutting through  
the landscape.  
The sky is filled with  
grey clouds; the day is  
coming to an end, as the  
snow begins to fall.

The soft wind blows the  
blossom down from the trees.  
The baby rabbits and lambs  
hop across the fields.  
Green returns again to the  
countryside, which is covered by  
daffodils, like a blanket of the sun.

I love running across the meadows,  
watching the butterflies,  
the flowers and the trees swaying  
in the gentle breeze.  
Cornflowers as blue as the warm  
summer sky, and the sun shining  
down on the morning dew.

Keri Davies, LIVS







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## *An Ode to a Soldier's Love*

### **Set in the trenches in the First World War**

As I lie in these beds of death  
I think of your every breath,  
And every move you ever made  
And I become more afraid.

Deadly gas wafting round  
As I think of you – homeward bound  
And of the things I've left behind  
To come and kill and maybe die.

I was on the village cricket team  
Every Sunday we'd play, excited, keen  
And afterwards – perhaps at three,  
We would have afternoon tea.

I, a lad of 18 years,  
Was sheltered, loved and knew no fears,  
And every Saturday, out we'd go,  
I'd take you to the picture show.

Then we'd return and I'd take you home,  
Proud that I could call you my own.  
I'd walk around the village green,  
Myself being brave, strong and lean.

Back I am brought to reality  
As the sergeant calls,  
"Time to show those Huns,  
That the British know no fear.  
Come on, lads, no time for tears.

"Stand tall and keep your heads up high  
Remember it's the British flag you fly,"  
And as we charge into "no man's land"  
A burst of bullets from my hand

Tears into the enemy ground.  
And suddenly a bullet in my side  
Startles me – I fall and cry  
And I look up to God and say to you,

"I'll think of you every day in heaven,  
I will sit and pray,  
And thank the world that for a while  
I could be with you,  
And see you smile."

Mary Pritchard, LIVES

## *The Candle*

Cutting through the darkness,  
Like a knife,  
The wavering dome flickers dangerously,  
Warning of its cruel sting.  
Burning liquid drips slowly down its steep sides,  
Like tears running down a melancholy face.  
An invisible barrier is formed around it,  
Protecting its fragile contents.  
Standing tall and superior.  
The majestic figure towers above all,  
Silencing anything that gets in its way.

Abi Gleek, RHL

## *Annihilation*

A silver whisper glimmering in  
the light, slowly descending  
Tirelessly sinking,  
continuously plunging  
Unrelentingly tumbling  
For a moment lingering

Expectant  
Silence  
Shattered  
Wind  
Wailing  
Light  
Flickers  
Heat  
Scorches  
Dust  
Falls  
Into  
Oblivion

Susan Haines, UIVSt

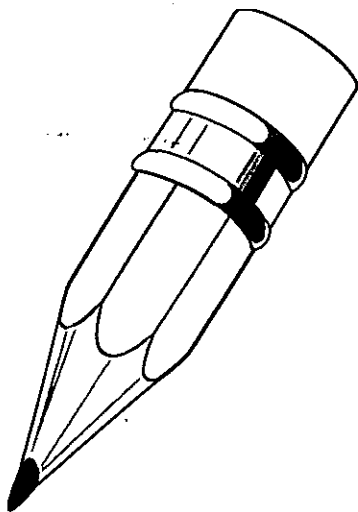
## *Gun Shot*

Red. Dead.  
Vermilion red.  
Blood and anguish.  
Crimson head.  
Anger, hurt,  
Compassion, fear.  
Red. Dead.  
A single tear.

Pain. Strife.  
A failing life.  
Cherished hatred.  
Bitter knife.  
Flesh stinging,  
Burning, hot.  
Red. Dead.  
Gun shot.

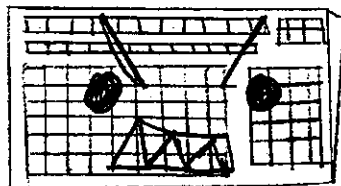
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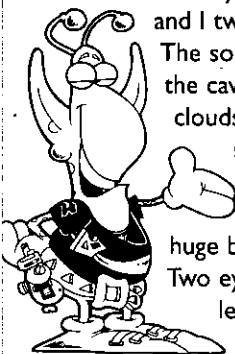


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## Horror on the Hillside



Suddenly, I heard a low grumble and I twisted my body round.

The sound was coming from the cave, in the hillside. Huge clouds of black, belching smoke drifted upwards.

Then, an enormous face, the size of a huge boulder, appeared.

Two eyes fixed on me, or, at least so it seemed.

The creature was cross-eyed, and one

eye was located above its warty nose and one above its rectangular mouth, with circular teeth, which were rotten.

A foul smelling odour came from its mouth.

The face was dark green in colour, with orange blotches here and there. The blotches were oozing a green, frothy, liquid. As the disgusting liquid ran down

its face, the creature pushed out its scabby, pink tongue and licked the substance away.

Slowly it dragged its body out of the chilly cave, into the glare of the early morning sun. Its huge mass towered over me like a skyscraper. I could distinguish huge hairy arms which ended in three stubby fingers. They gripped the entrance to the cave as if the body weighed too much to support itself. Its hind legs were short and ended in four filthy claws. It had a thick tail which was covered in matted hair at the end. It had more blotches on its body, and these too were oozing a green liquid.

I must have been frozen to the spot, as I took in this gross spectacle. I came to my senses and turned back down the hillside. I began to run as fast as my legs would carry me. As I ran I could hear the ground vibrating behind me ....

Elizabeth Garry, RHL

## Thoughts

Thoughts of the breeze on a warm summer day,  
Thoughts of the trees in the bright month of May,  
Thoughts of a sweetheart far, far away,  
These are the thoughts in my mind.

Thoughts of red roses from the cold of the snows,  
Thoughts of the ice when the cold wind blows,  
Thoughts of the warmth from the fire that glows,  
These are the thoughts in my mind.

Thoughts of crisp brown leaves fresh fallen on the ground,  
Thoughts of the dew on the grass all around,  
Thoughts of robins chirping, my favourite sound,  
These are the thoughts in my mind.

Reah Holmes, UIVS

## 'Macbeth' – Gruesome Poem

Double, double, toil and trouble;  
Fire burn and cauldron bubble.

Tooth of mouse, and  
wing of bat,  
Mane of lion, and spit of rat,  
Tiger's stripe, and lame  
man's nail  
Blood of hog, and ferret's tail,  
To make it taste as foul as fur,  
All within the pot I stir.

Double, double, toil and trouble;  
Fire burn and cauldron bubble.

Wart of granny, lip of frog,  
Mole of grandad, flea of dog,  
Fin of dolphin, ring of bull,  
Wheel of cart that horse  
hath pulled,  
A pinch of salt to add  
some flavour,  
Pour into chalice for Macbeth  
to savour.

Double, double, toil and trouble;  
Fire burn and cauldron bubble.

Neha Kaushik, UIVS





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## Left Behind

*A solitary figure stood, looking out over the bleak moors. The dilapidated frameworks of derelict buildings scattered the landscape. Nothing moved except the tattered remnants of her clothes, which flailed out wildly behind her as the wind blew. Nothing lived. She was alone.*

*A tear rolled down her cheek as she remembered who had lived. The people, the creatures, even the trees. The only things left of them were the skeletons of their bodies and the memories in her head. For death had taken all, but her, on that cold September night.*

Martha Cherry, UIVS

## What's the Point

What is the point in life,  
When you're dying?  
Why put on a brave face,  
When you're crying?

Why believe in miracles,  
When you know they don't exist?  
Why pretend to smile and laugh,  
When deep down you're a pessimist?

Why bomb the world,  
When the world's done nothing wrong?  
When you can hear the fear,  
In a young child's song?

They ask why birds fall,  
From the grey and sombre sky?  
Why we must live in torture,  
You and I!

A world full of suffering,  
Darkness and pain.  
A never-ending nightmare,  
That goes on again and again.

We will never relive the beauty  
And pure innocence of our world.  
Like a hurricane, we've been sucked  
Into the darkness, spun and whirled.

But who can we blame our deaths on?  
God, Russia, the Pope, old Alf next door?  
I know who I want to blame it on,  
This treacherous nuclear war!

Tara Dhital, UIVR

## Destruction

*Yesterday  
the world was  
normal  
sunny blue skies  
green hills*

*Today  
the bomb  
ruined all this  
darkness fell  
dust settled*

*Tomorrow  
what will the  
world be like  
will darkness and  
dust ever end?*

Elizabeth Bransby  
UIVS



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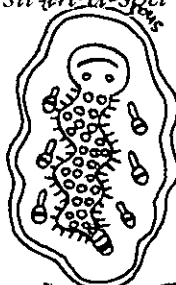
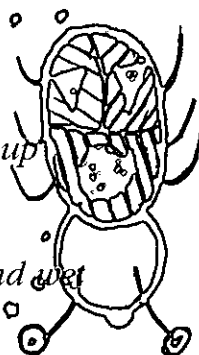
*Women are*

*Women are, women are, women are.  
Women love fashion  
Women like make-up  
Women like boys and are upset when it breaks up  
Women often cry  
Women always fret  
Women watch programmes which are soppy and wet  
Women sip wine  
Men slurp beer  
And Women run at the sight of fear  
Women play the lottery  
Men lose at football pools  
But remember, Women don't understand the offside rule.*

*Women can drive  
But Women hate cars  
Rather than go under a bonnet, they'd prefer to sit in a spa  
Women don't sweat  
Women perspire  
Women are bitchy and call each other liars  
Women wax  
Women hate hair  
Women are always complaining, "It's not fair!"  
Women have the institute  
when Women get old  
Where their knitted cardigans are to be sold.*

*Women slave  
Women cook  
Women love to read a good book  
Women like towns  
Women like to shop  
Usually until they drop  
Women kiss  
Women cuddle  
And often Women get in a muddle  
So Women have just one purpose  
Not to do as they please  
But to always serve their hubbies.*

*Ruth Cornock, UIVS*



*She - Woman*

*Women are, women are, women are.  
Women like giggling,  
Women like heels,  
Women like a makeover  
And laugh with lots of squeals.  
Women don't drink beer.  
Women can't drive,  
Women go in and out of shops  
Like bees in a hive.*

*Women like tennis,  
Women like shoes,  
Women cannot play football  
And to the wrong team shout their "boos!"  
Women give cuddles.  
Women give hugs,  
Women stand for equal rights.  
Then hide behind men, to beat off thugs.*

*Women like perfume,  
And things that are pink and fluffy,  
They can hug and kiss each other,  
But men who do that are "puffy".  
Women adore chocolate  
But want to look like sticks.  
They do not eat at parties,  
But nibble on Bombay Mix.*

*Women wear stockings,  
Women wear curls,  
Women think they're all mature  
But act like little girls.  
They get into "cat fights"  
Usually 'bout us men,  
Then they will start to apologise  
Before you can count to ten.*

*Women are quite brainy,  
And always get straight A's,  
But when a "gorge hunk" smiles at them,  
They go into a daze.  
Women like to sit and chat,  
All night on the telephone,  
But when we men try to talk to them,  
They stifle a yawn, and moan.*

*Now after reading this poem,  
It's very clear to see,  
Just exactly how we chose  
It to be history.*

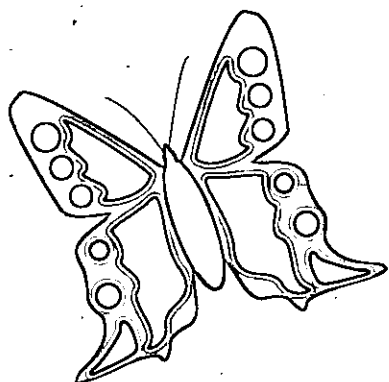
*Shelly McDonald, UIVS*





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## Atom Bomb - Grey World

The young girl is wilting  
Under the earth's damaged gaze;  
Defeated she turns around,  
Seeking inspiration  
From her surroundings.  
But, she sees nothing but  
Grey, grey dust in a  
grey, grey world.

A butterfly spins round,  
Its speed reduced by its  
Every little breath.  
Dying, it turns to the sun  
Seeking some salvation.  
But, it spies nothing save  
Grey, grey dust in a  
grey, grey world.

A plant which still remains  
Shrivels, its dying flames  
Of colour extinguished.  
It curls up slowly  
And lies defeated on  
Grey, grey dust in a  
grey, grey world.

Victoria Garry; UIVR

## Colour

Red is the beating of a heart at night,  
Grey is the colour of a bird in flight,  
Pink is the colour of a sunburnt hand,  
Rose are the cheeks of a bride being wed.

Blue is the colour of a summer sky,  
Brown is the crust of an apple pie,  
White is the colour of the waves at sea,  
Green is the colour of a willow tree.

Yellow is the daffodil that grows in spring,  
Purple is the amethyst that sparkles in  
a ring,  
Red and brown are the bricks in a wall,  
It's a world of colour that surrounds us all.

Rosie Croft, LIVJ

## Death on the Ice

Clean, white, as pure innocence,  
Stained by the bloodshed from man's  
deadly weapons,  
Blood, red like the rubies of myth,  
Spreads 'cross the snowland,  
Fills it with darkness, eats it from inside.  
Mothers wail as their spirits go  
from them,  
Piles of dead bodies litter the ice,  
The few half dead creatures,  
No longer with form, try to go on,  
Their bodies in tatters as well as  
their souls.  
Abandoned, the young ones whose  
mothers are dead,  
Slowly starve with no food and warmth,  
The few who survive live on to the next  
cull,  
Then the carnage comes yet again.  
Little do they know they know they are  
killing their own.  
Year after year, again and again,  
The population gets small enough  
to count.  
How can such cruelty be justified?  
"They eat all our fish," they say. I say,  
"They live."

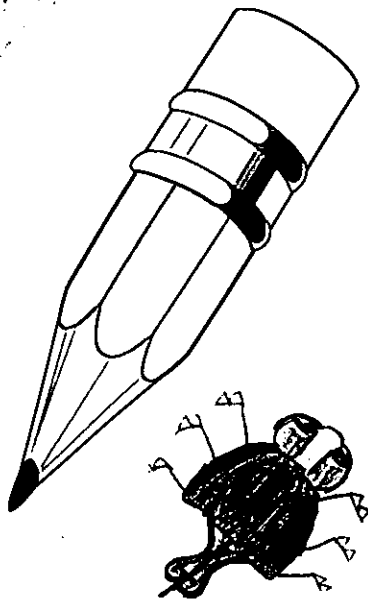
Kate Harrison, LIVS

## The Open Road

Gone a-travelling  
Hit the road  
Searching for something  
Or I'm going to explode  
Two hundred towns  
In two hundred days  
Too many blurred faces  
Unremembered names  
Nights are spent rough  
Out under the sky  
Travelling's rough  
But the stakes are so high  
Place names and signposts  
Hotels and bars  
All flash through my memory  
When under the stars  
My life is a journey  
I can't stop it now  
I'm searching for destiny  
Can't say where or how  
I watch the sun rising  
Above the horizon  
It's time to move on  
In my next bid for freedom  
And when it's all over  
What will I do then?  
I'll go back to my home town  
And start this again

Claire Mooney, UVIB





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## I Am

*I am the seed of the first grown tree  
The taste of juice-drenched oranges  
The smell of freshly baked bread  
The glimpse of the first dawn.  
I am the first snowflake of winter  
The laughter of a shared joke  
The first note of a song  
The inspiration that wrote the poem.  
I am the sea that caresses the shore*



*And the last shell  
on the beach.  
The first footprint  
on the moon*

*The sixth lottery number  
The grain that feeds the hungry.  
I am the peace that ends all wars  
I am the promise of life to come.*

*Chloe Southorn, LIVW*

## Haikus

### Seasonal Weather

**Rain** beats softly down,  
The sky is grey and menacing,  
Cold winds blow through valleys.

**Sunshine** after rain,  
Rainbows bring smiling faces,  
Happy days on the beach.

**Leaves** pile up on the streets,  
Winter draws a little nearer,  
Counting down till Christmas.

*Sophie Berry, LIVS*

## Escaping the Canvas

**(This poem is about a painting of a storm by Turner)**

A tsunami of dashing oils,  
Proud ship silhouetted against the  
overcast sky,  
Thunderous waves crash across the canvas,  
White horses fly over the surf,  
Raging torrent tamed by a brush  
And dashed upon the artist's palette,  
Swirling into a fury,  
Then softened by a dab of turpentine.  
Artist's passion fuels the boat,  
A cyclone spun with paint.  
A crescendo of gushing foam –

Sea meets sky with no horizon  
Breaking the boundary between canvas and reality.

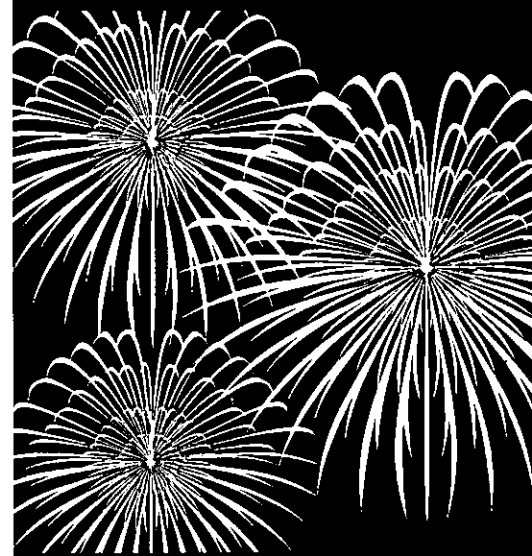
*Cassandra Campbell, LIVW*



## Fireworks

**It soars,  
And shoots up high,  
Breaking with a crack,  
Colours illuminate the air,  
Then disappear.**

*Heather Rees, LIVS*



## Bonfire

**Crackling,  
Sizzling and hissing,  
Glowing orange, red and  
blue,  
Lighting the sky with a  
roaring flame,  
Rainbow hue.**

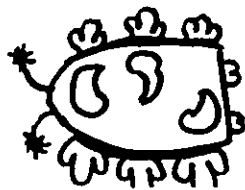
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## Losing Things

When I was little, I had a favourite toy, and I lost it.

I never did find it.

Once I had a pencil case, and I lost it.

I haven't seen it since.

Once I had a hairband.

I'll never know where it went.

Once I had a belt with flowers on it.

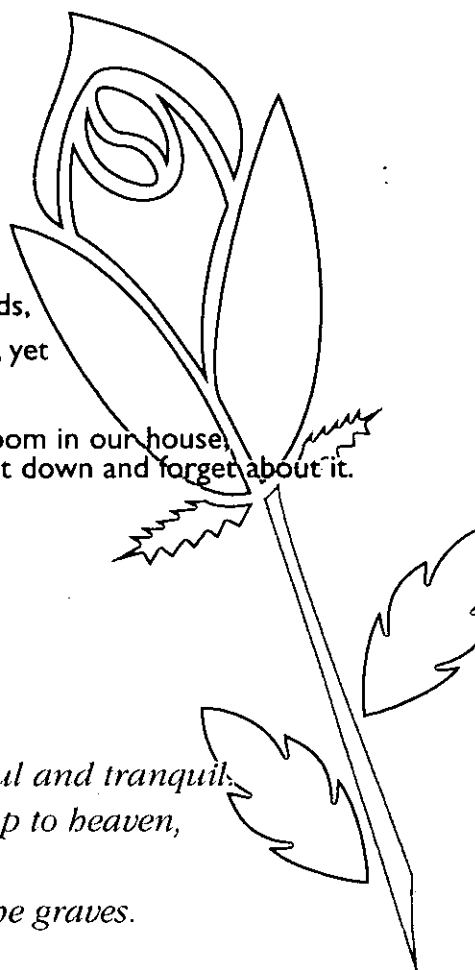
I don't think I'll ever find it.

I lose all those things, like rubber bands,  
hair-clips, spare shoelaces, and badges, yet

I never find them.

Sometimes I think there is a secret room in our house,  
where everything goes when we put it down and forget about it.

Sioned Jones, RHL



## Rose

Alight like a lantern,

Alight with colour,

Breaking away from a budding mother,

Your bud is tight not a wrinkle in sight,

Sway alone on this cold, cold night,

Wilt, wilt, bronzed with age,

Toasted golden, a petal a day,

Your beautiful rose no longer there,

Alight no more,

A sadness shared.

Sophie Russell, RH

## The Old Cemetery

*The ancient cemetery lies peaceful and tranquil.*

*The gigantic maple trees reach up to heaven,  
towering above it.*

*The leaves form a blanket over the graves.*

*Autumn colours blend together.*

*Crimson, copper, yellow and brown form a vision of blur.*

*Moss creeps along the weary graves.*

*The words can no longer be read.*

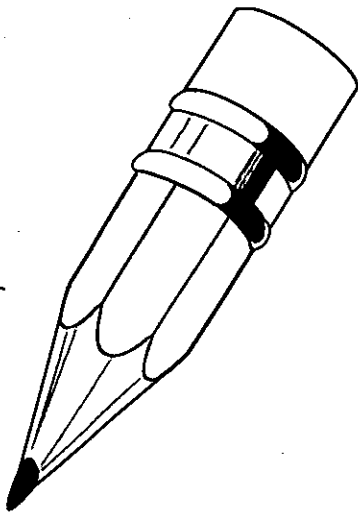
*A crow perches on the headstone,  
to rest his little legs.*

*A gentle wind blows, the leaves rustle,  
Silence.*

Farrah Bakr, UIVS

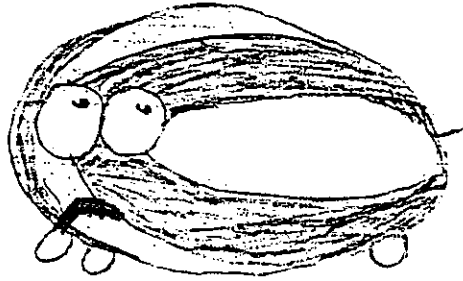






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## The Lone Wolf

He stands 'tween mist and mountain  
 A shadow of a soul  
 Gazing serenely down into eternal green  
 His pine forest home  
 Silent lord of the mountains and waterfalls  
 Guardian of the silent word,  
 Keeper of the key for the gate between worlds  
 Wild and terrible, fierce and free.

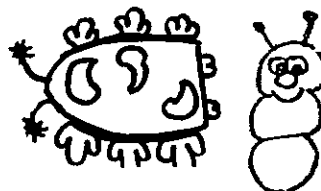
Who can restrain his wandering soul?  
 What walls can hold him prisoner?  
 And when he sleeps with muzzle to tail  
 With only the wind and the dew for company  
 Who knows what he dreams?

Who knows the hopes and joys and fears?  
 The half-remembered summer days?  
 Who shares the kaleidoscope of dreams?  
 The silent murm'ring of his soul?

On lonely nights he talks to stars  
 Burning ice cold so far away  
 They answer him in dulcet tones  
 And fill the night with frosted music

Alone, so alone, the wolf dreams his dreams  
 And converses with lonely stars  
 Alone, so alone, always alone  
 But wild and fierce and free.

Laura Bestow, LVS



## Teenagers are...

Teenagers are, teenagers are,  
 teenagers are,  
 Teenagers are so expensive,  
 All teenage actions  
 Are always impulsive.

Teenagers are moody,  
 Teenagers are a pain,  
 Keeping them safe,  
 Drives you insane.

Teenagers are quiet,  
 Teenagers never speak,  
 On average they say,  
 About seven words a week.

Teenagers are trouble,  
 Teenagers cause heartache,  
 But you'll do anything,  
 Anything for their sake.

Teenagers are strange,  
 Teenagers won't go far,  
 But when your teenager grows up,  
 Your teenager will be a **STAR**.

Rujuta Roplekar, UIVS





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## Of flowers en masse

A profusion of colours, styles and size,  
The rainbow itself could be here.

Of crock o' gold, well look this guise,  
The description fits many a sphere.

Of textures or patterns this world is your oyster,  
These scions of sunlight, night or valour.  
To brighten or darken for garden or cloister,  
From budding to wilting with excellent candour.

The compromise the ending of pretension.

These jewels as scions,  
To fight from Venus to Vulcan.

For flowers speak and fight second to emotions.

Victoria Suter, LIVS

## Sickles in the Sky

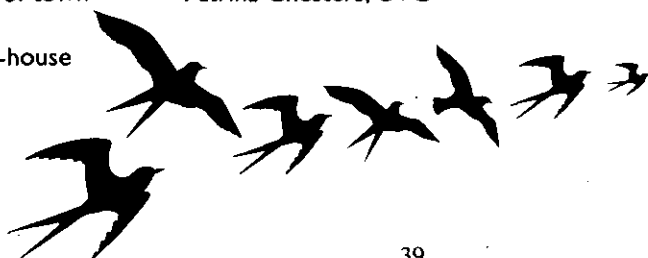
### (A Communist Nursery Rhyme)

Sin. A song of sick offence.  
A sickle in the sky,  
Four and twenty blackbirds  
Flying out to die.  
When cremation is complete  
The Mocking Bird shall sing:  
"Wasn't that a pretty death  
To die before the King?"

The King was in the streets of town  
Sharing out his money.  
The Queen was in the poor-house  
Feeding strays on honey.

The Maid was in the garden  
Hoarding pretty things.  
Along came Robin Red-breast  
On blazing crimson wings.  
"You shall hoard no longer  
My silly little Maid."  
He pecked at her and pecked at her  
Till in her grave she's laid.

Petrina Chesters, UVC



## Prediction

'The world is an oyster',  
Eat it and it's gone.

The world is a forest,  
Burn it or read it and it's gone.

The world is  
a match,  
Strike it and  
it's gone.

The world is  
an ocean,  
Pollute it  
and it dies.

The world is  
a lifetime,  
Waste it and it's gone.

The world is a precious moment,  
Enjoy it whilst you can.  
The seas are living waters,  
Overfish them and they're dead.

The world is the sky,  
Pierce it and you die.

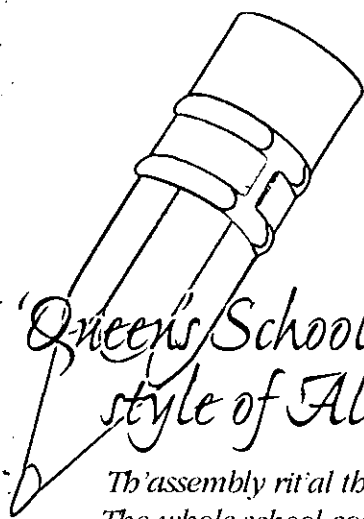
The world's a living thing,  
Kill it and it's gone.

The world is ours,  
Breathe it, Love it, give it Life.

Katy Storry, UIVS







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## 'Queen's School Assembly' in the style of Alexander Pope

Th'assembly rit'al thrice per week takes place,  
The whole school comes together in one space.

At five to nine the hall begins to fill;

Silence pervades as each girl waits quite still.

When all are present, stood in tidy rows,  
Those seated on the stage wake from their doze.

The staid school head begins to cross the hall,  
Her sylphs close guard the steps lest she should fall.

Safe by her throne the music master starts,  
The girls sing praises from within their hearts.  
The reader's skirted knees tremble and shake,  
Her turn: a thought provoking speech to make.

All eyes are fixed upon that small lecturer;  
The cheeks of this poor girl bright crimson burn.

Once done she breathes a sigh of great relief,  
Then bows her head to thank the heav'nly chief.

Now silence reigns as each girl says a pray'r-

"Today I'll try my best," to God they swear.

Once pray'rs are done the notices commence;

For fear of stacking chairs the Sixth Form tense.

"The hockey team have won!" - the whole school cheers.

"Lacrosse - they lost." Some eyes well up with tears.

"But now a chance of fame for all girls here;  
Just dance and mime a song - forget your fear!

Good causes benefit, so have a go!

The rest must come and see this brilliant show."

But after glee now comes the Head to speak,

"The culprit of a crime we all must seek,  
Some chewing-gum was found upon the floor -

This is a thing all Queen's girls should abhor."

Eyes widen at the thought of such a sin,

Whilst one girl feels the pow'r of guilt within.

"She must be found; the carpet made to gleam,

We won't abide girls from the Cave of Spleen.

All with grave thoughts lead out in single file,

The chairs are stacked with eight to ev'ry pile.

With thoughts of hist'ry, music, science, gym,

The pupils dash to class and hum the hymn.

Th'assembly joys forgot until next time,  
When one can see the Queen's School at its prime.

Jane Bellamy, UVI



## Rain

The puddles on the pavement spell  
out a splodgy name.  
The passers-by around me I see but  
not again.

The gutters right above me are filled  
up to the brim.  
My dog walks straight under and the  
water splashes over him.

Umbrellas make a funny pattern as  
people twirl them  
round.  
And when macs slide against me  
they make a sickening  
sound.

But as I walk up the path and drip  
through the rickety door.  
I hear my mother's screams and  
shouts  
And I look down and see the floor.

Polly Schofield, RHL

## Trees

There they stand with glorious shape,  
The leaves then begin to shake,  
They rustle gently whispering secrets  
Before they scream and shout!  
As the wind grows cold,  
Powerful and cold,  
The hunched back trees bend  
their boughs,  
Then quickly, effortlessly,  
the leaves fall,  
Forming an autumn carpet  
On the floor.

Philippa Cook, LIVW





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## Weather

Pitter patter goes the rain on the window,  
like someone trying to get in.

The wind howls all around,  
like a werewolf crying to the moon.

Lightning flashes in the sky,  
like a streak of yellow paint.

Thunder bursts from the heavens,  
like a loud roll of drums.

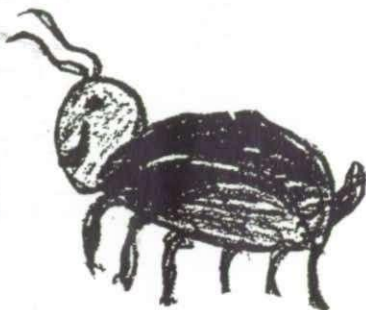
Clouds speed across the sky,  
like runners in a race.

The sun lights up the world,  
like an automatic light.

Mist shrouds the earth,  
like a thick, white cloak.

But however powerful all these wonders seem  
they all belong to their ruler,  
Mother Nature.

Sarah Bennion, RH



## The Classroom

*Chaos rules any classroom.  
When the teacher walks in,  
The settling of the pupils,  
The quieting of the din,  
The scratching of chalk on the blackboard,  
The usual shuffling of feet,  
The flapping of blinds in the wind,  
The scribbling, when pen and paper meet,  
The bustling of pupils around the room,  
The drone of the teacher talking,*

*The rustling of pages turning,  
The clatter of rulers falling,  
The zip of bags being opened and closed,  
The giggle of gossip for someone to tell  
The sniff of a child with a blocked up nose,  
The sound of the ringing bell.*

Sarah Coxon, LIVJ



## The Forgotten Beach

**The wind howls desperately through  
abandoned streets,  
Ripping against the already  
dishevelled sand.  
Waves smash against the shore,  
Shouting, screaming.**

**Shingles rumble, being forced back  
and forth.  
And rain hammers against dirt –  
ridden ground.  
A howling cat has been shut outside,  
Yelping, squealing**

**Shutters bang against disused shops,  
Like a woodpecker, pecking at a tree.  
Rubbish skims the air, breathless  
like a bird,  
Alone, isolated.**

Jennifer Milburn, LIVJ



# Sandford House News

*The first day of the Summer Term is a festive occasion at Sandford House as we celebrate our department's birthday. We have now been at our present site for 18 years and the children are always fascinated to look through our photo albums and see just how many changes have taken place over those years. As a special treat, the afternoon was spent in the company of a magician who entertained us with jokes, magic and balloon modelling.*

In June, two school trips were organised. Classes One and Two went off to Llangollen and Classes Three and Four visited Chirk Castle.

The younger children's trip proved to be a great success. First, they visited the 'Bunny Farm' at Corwen where they were taken into the 'Rabbitry' and shown many different breeds of rabbits, all at different stages of growth. They were then allowed to wander around the farm and feed a selection of ducks and chicks.

After a picnic, the children were taken to the Llangollen Canal. There, a horse drawn canal boat was waiting to take them on a peaceful, relaxing ride back into Llangollen where they were met by the coach for the return journey home.

Classes Three and Four also enjoyed their trip to Chirk Castle. On their arrival, they were all dressed as servants and shown what life in a castle would have been like. This included a visit to the servants' hall, looking at costumes, exploring the castle's defences and trying on suits of armour.

During the rest of June, we seemed to be fighting a constant battle against the weather! Thankfully, our Garden Party was a great success despite the showers and we are very grateful to all the

organisers, stallholders and those who attended. We were thrilled to be able to buy a video camera with the proceeds.

Unfortunately the weather completely defeated us on Sports Day and the heavy rain meant that we were forced to cancel. During the following week we took advantage of a dry spell and rushed out on to the field for a scaled down version. Although we were disappointed not to have the parents present, the children did enjoy competing in a wide variety of races.

During this term, we were treated to two Class Assemblies. Class Three based their assembly on their science topic of 'Forces'. They told us the story of man's experiments with flying and gave us a hearty rendition of 'The Magnificent Men in their Flying Machines'!

Class One's assembly was about 'Animals' and we enjoyed hearing the story of Noah and seeing their animal pictures.

After half-term, the children were all involved in raising money for the 'Alder Hey Children's Hospital Rocking Horse Appeal'. Class One tackled an obstacle course in our playground and the other classes took part in a sponsored swim. We are always delighted by the generous support which the girls are given by families and friends and we were very proud to be able to present a cheque for £1,400 to a representative of the hospital.

A highlight of the term for the children, was the transformation of our playground. A specialist firm came and painted an array of games and puzzles ranging from hopscotch, to flower mazes and a treasure island. These proved to be an instant success and have provided hours of fun for the girls.

Later on in June we held a Teddy Bears Picnic for the Class One girls due to join us in September. They all arrived clutching their favourite teddy bears and while their mums and dads had tea and a chat, the girls were given a tour of the school and a special tea.

Our school year finished with a musical production of 'Dick Whittington'. This was performed in front of Nedham House and our parents. All the girls gave excellent performances and were rewarded with an enthusiastic response from their audience. Afterwards, a





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special presentation was made to Miss Rosie Arnold, who was leaving at the end of term to take up a new post at Eagle House School in Berkshire. Miss Arnold

came to us straight from college and had taught Class Two for the last three years. She made a great contribution to our department and we all appreciated her enthusiastic and dedicated teaching. We wish her a very happy and successful future in her new post.

Miss Arnold's departure meant that our Autumn Term began with changes of staff. Mrs. D. Heron became the new Class Two teacher and Mrs. F. Carder joined us part-time as a general subjects teacher. We hope that they will both enjoy their new roles in our department.

The first major even of the Autumn Term was our Harvest Service which took as its theme, 'Food from Around the World'. The stage was filled with the children's harvest baskets and these were later distributed to Age Concern Centres and local charities. The many thank you letters we received showed how much these gifts were appreciated. Our thanks go to all those parents who helped with the distribution.

After half-term, a children's author, Mrs. Susan Summers came to visit us. Mrs. Summers spent time with each class and organised writing workshops. The girls were all very stimulated by her talks and some lovely creative work was produced.

Unfortunately, soon after half-term, Mrs. Thomas had to go into hospital for an operation. We were very grateful to Mrs. Carder for taking Class Three in her absence.

Christmas was as usual, a very busy time for us. The children worked very hard to produce a delightful nativity play and this was followed by an end of term fancy dress party with 'Book Characters' as its theme.

We started the New Year with a school trip to the Gateway Theatre to see 'Alice in Wonderland'. It was a most enjoyable performance and acted as a catalyst for a whole variety of art and creative work.

Class Four had been studying the Romans in their history lessons and so a visit was arranged to the Grosvenor Museum. The first part of the morning was spent in the Education Room where the girls were given a talk about the Roman fort at Chester. They were then allowed to study and handle numerous artefacts. The rest of the morning was spent in the museum looking at the displays and filling in a Roman quiz sheet.

In February, we were very busy preparing for our Open Morning. The classrooms were filled with colourful displays of the children's work and we were pleased to have a record number of visitors attending.

In March, it was Class Two's turn to hold an assembly for their parents. They chose 'Colour' as their theme and we were treated to a wide selection of information, poems, pictures and songs.

One week later it was Red Nose Day and we supported it by having a non-uniform day, combined with a joke telling competition in each class. It proved to be a very popular and hilarious event and the sound of laughter echoed around the school!

As the end of term approached, preparations were made for our Easter Service. Class Four narrated and acted out the Easter Story, while the other classes told us about spring through pictures, poems and songs.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their continuing hard work and commitment. Their good humour and ability to work as a close team, contribute greatly to making Sandford House such a happy and stimulating environment for us all.

*R. R. Morgan*



## Gifts to Sandford House

**Miss R. Arnold -**  
*House Point Teddy Bear Vase*

**Laura Brown -**  
*A model skeleton*

**Emma Corcoran -**  
*An anatomical torso*

**Stephanie Edwards**  
**Victoria Goodwin**  
**Parisa Haghighi**  
**Katie Johnson**  
**Elizabeth Jones**  
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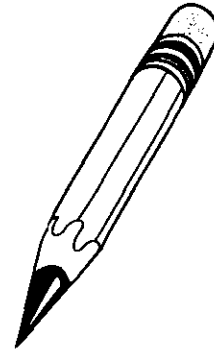
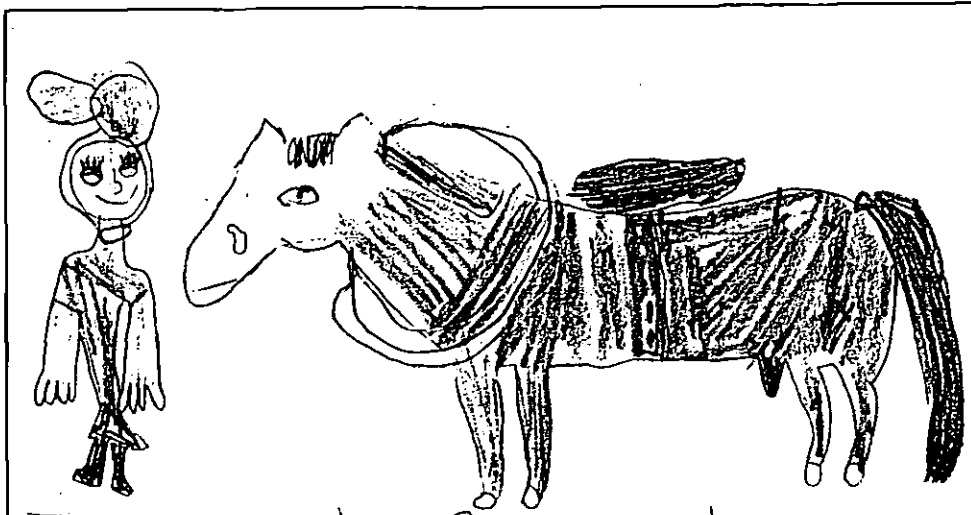
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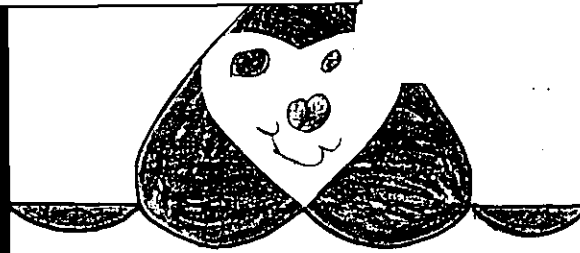
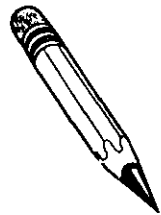
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I went for a horse  
ride with my mummy and  
daddy and brother s.  
William fell off his horse.

Victoria Wilson-Theaker  
Age 5, Class 1

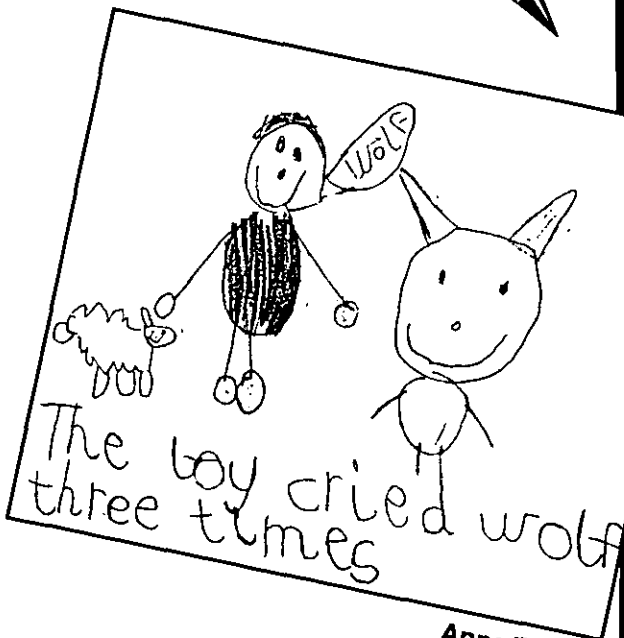


Alice had to play  
croquet with the  
Queen of hearts with  
a flamingo head she  
had to get a hedgehog  
through the cards

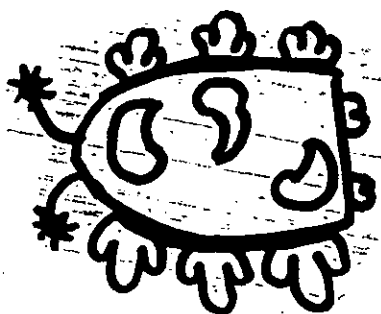
Francesca



Francesca Humphreys  
Age 5, Class 1



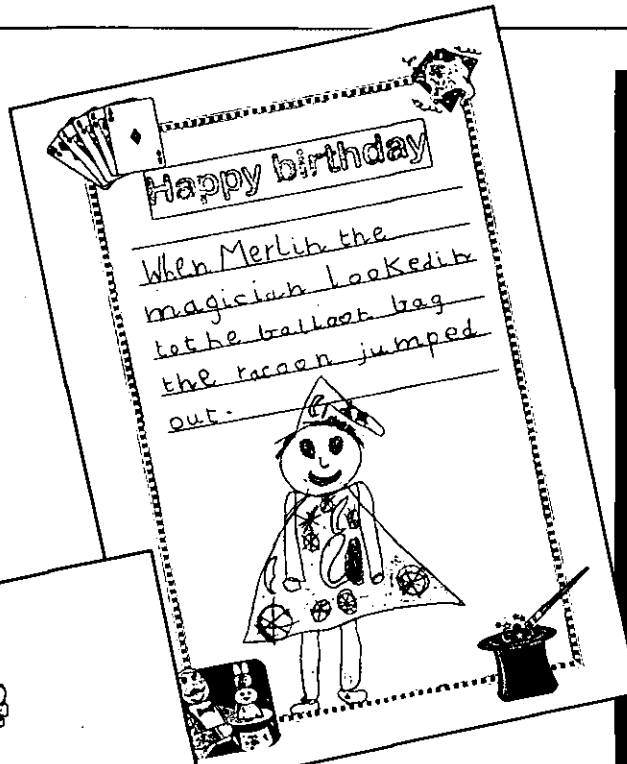
Anna Tweed  
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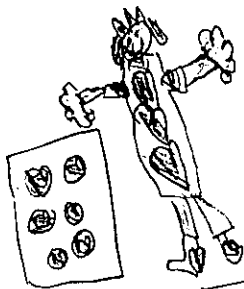
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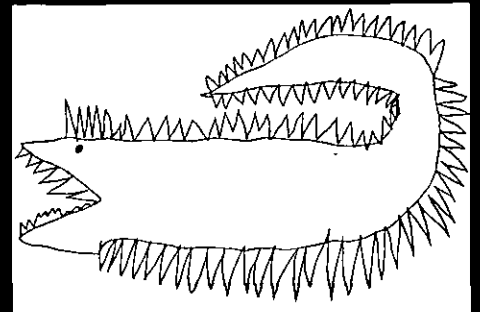


Alicia Logan  
Age 5



who stole the  
jam tarts  
was it the  
Duchess then the  
Queen said to Alice  
did you steal  
the tarts

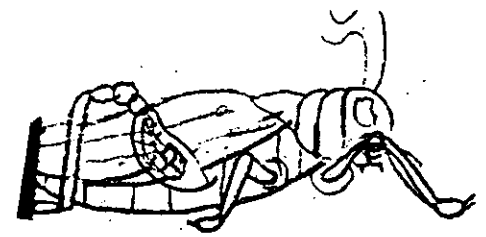
Alicia Logan  
Age 5



## American Alligators

Alligators spend most of their time basking on sandbanks or lurking like logs in shallow waters. But when they are hungry they can move with lightning speed to attack unwary animals. Some alligators can be as long as five children lying head to foot!

Ellie Silcock, Age 6



## Red

Red looks like a lolly dripping  
on a summer's day  
Red sounds like a tropical  
parrot squawking  
Red feels like a soft blanket  
Red smells like beautiful  
swaying poppies  
Red tastes like crunchy,  
chocolaty smarties  
I love red

Kristie Palmer, Age 6

## The Squirrel

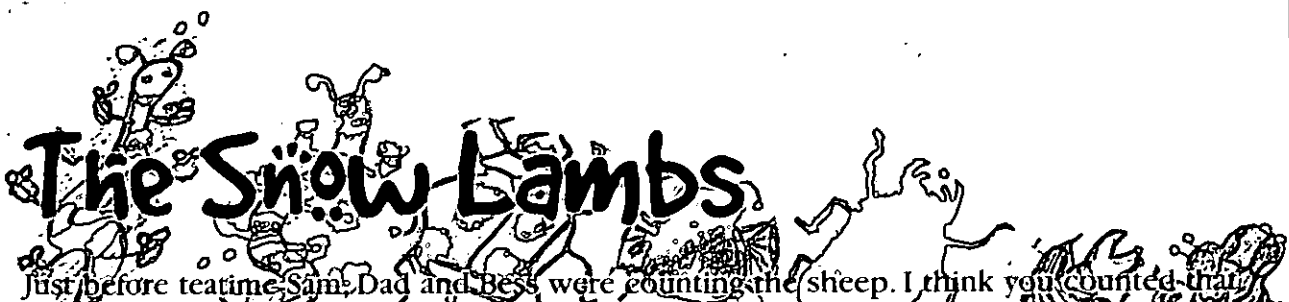
*Squirrel climbs a tree  
Quick squirrel  
Under the leaves he is cosy  
In and out of the leaves  
Rustle rustle in and out of the  
leaves  
Rustling little squirrel  
Each squirrel has a bushy tail  
Lovely squirrel, bappy squirrel*

Caitlin Shand, Age 5



'A squirrel' Alicia Minshall  
Class 2, Age 6





# The Snow Lambs

Just before teatime Sam, Dad and Bess were counting the sheep. I think you counted that sheep twice Dad said Sam. They put them into the barn. It was cold and the snowflakes felt like they were biting at Sam's nose and ears. Let's get you inside said Dad. They he bolted the door. How will Bess get in asked Sam. That dog needs to learn a lesson said Dad and they took their coats and boots off. When Sam had his supper he had a hot bath. He splashed into the bath. Then his Mum wrapped him in a cosy towel. I hope Bess isn't cold said Sam. I hope Bess doesn't have to dig her way home said Sam digging out his pyjamas. Then he asked Dad to read him a scary story then he wished he hadn't. I hope Bess isn't scared of the wood said Sam. Sam didn't want to go to sleep. He made shadows on the wall with his torch. Then he heard a noise. It was Bess and the sheep. You're a better shepherd than I am said Dad and later the sheep had two lambs. They called them the snow lambs.

Hannah Swettenham, Age 5

# Chinese New Year

The Spring Festival takes place between January and February 15th. It lasts for 15 days and ends with the Festival of Lanterns. On New Year, Chinese people eat special food like rice cakes and biscuits, rice and chicken and dumplings. They also eat rice and vegetables. They have red banners saying Happy New Year in gold writing. They wear clothes usually red, yellow, orange and pink and sometimes blue. They eat New Year cake most of the time made of rice and flour. Children wish their Mother and Father a Happy New Year, "Kung Hey Fat Choy" and get money which is supposed to be lucky, in purses that are red called "Lai See." I was born in Singapore. I joined the New Year by dressing up in red and black.

Lisha Chin, Age 7



Rose Cottage

Huntington

Chester

CH5 3J2

Date: 21st March 1999

Dear Auntie Alice

You will never believe what happened yesterday. Mum had made some porridge but it was too hot to eat. So we went for a walk in the woods. While we were out a little girl came in our house and she ate my breakfast. Then she went and sat on the chair that Dad made and broke it. I was very upset. Then she went upstairs and went to sleep on my bed. Her fingers were covered in porridge and the porridge went all over my Post man Pot. When we got back she ran out of the house. She stole my piggy bank and Mum's best ornament - it was of Jesus.

Hope you are well. I hope your cat is OK too.

With love from Baby Bear

x x x

Charlotte Miller, Age 7

# My Berries

My berries are pyracantha and they all have some seeds inside. My berries are fire orange and there are 38 berries. It's got some very sharp spiky thorns.

Tamara Prestwich, Age 7

# Sandford





## Sandford

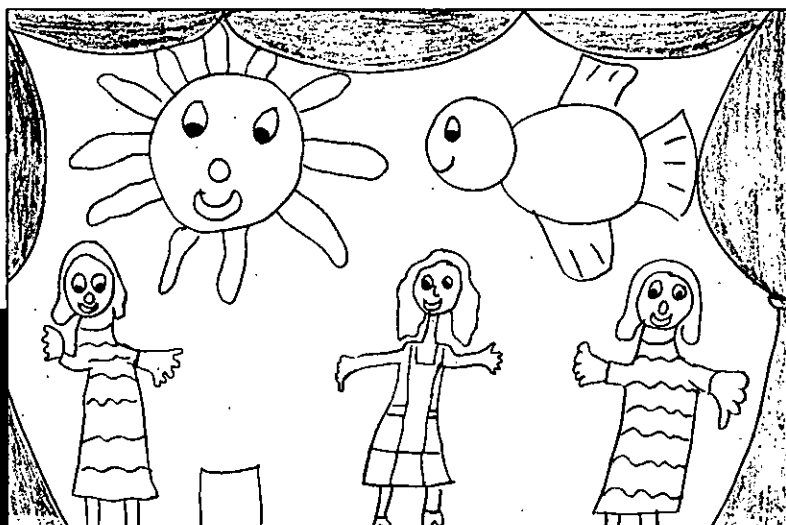
### Alice in Wonderland

On Thursday 7th January, we went to see "Alice in Wonderland" at the Gateway Theatre. We went on a double decker bus. Class Four and Class Three went upstairs. When we got there we lined up and waited for two more schools to go in. We then went in and Class Four sat on the front row.

The first scene we saw was the library. In the middle of the stage was a desk. It went dark and Alice came in and started to read a large book. On the desk was a white rabbit. The rabbit kept on moving around and then it disappeared down a hole and Alice followed it into Wonderland. The rest of the play was about Alice's adventures in Wonderland.

Our two favourite scenes were the Duchess' kitchen and under the sea. The Duchess' kitchen looked very real. It must have taken ages to paint all the cups, flowers and plates on the walls. We liked it when they were making some tarts for the Queen of Hearts and they started throwing the baby around. We thought it was very funny when the baby turned into a pig and Alice threw it behind the cupboard!

The Underwater scene was very pretty and everything glittered. There were lots of fish swimming in the background and the lobsters danced and a turtle sat on a rock!



All the actors were very good but the Queen of Hearts was a lot more fierce in the video than in the play. Our favourite actor was the White Rabbit. He was very funny and he could do magic by just waving his paws. We thought that the costumes were excellent, especially the fish who wore a sparkling long green dress with an arrow shaped tail.

It was an excellent play and we all enjoyed it very much

J.O' Shaughnessy, F.Whiteoak,  
T.Leggett

### My Clock

Tick tock goes the clock  
I look up, it's the middle of the night.  
I try to get back to sleep  
"Time crawls," I said.  
At last it is morning  
It is Saturday.  
I went to the park  
With my friend.  
My Mummy said, "Time to go home"  
"Time flies," I said.  
We went home and had lunch  
I played a lot.  
Then it was time for dinner, then bed  
"Time flies," I said.  
"Good night," said Mummy.

Imogen Beech, Age 7

### Spring is in the Air

*Spring is in the air again!  
The buds force through  
the hardened earth  
and the birdsong flows  
through the air.*

*Green leaves bloom.  
Animals stretch stiff bodies  
from their winter hibernation.*

*Snow drifts crumble  
into icy puddles,  
which will shine in the sun.*

*Colours dance around me  
as I jump with joy in the sunshine.*

*Crocuses open up  
to drink the weak sun.  
Daffodils blow their trumpets  
as bees drink the nectar.*

*Sheep in fields give  
birth to lambs with little white coats  
that are fluffy and soft.*

Sing Yun Lee, Age 8





# Our Easter Service

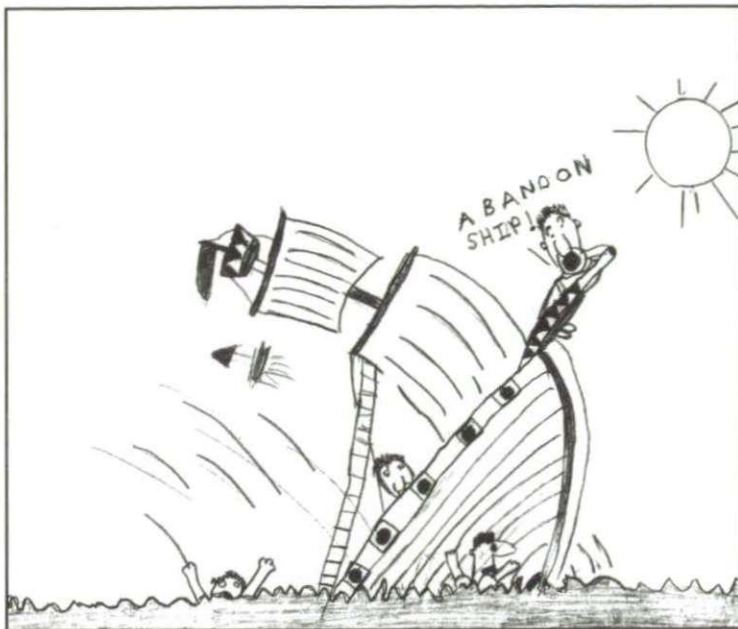
When I first got on the stage I felt my heart pounding like elephants stamping in Africa. I was quite nervous at first but very gradually I pulled myself together.

When my part came, my eyes were drawn to Miss Morgan. I summoned up all my energy and said my part. After I had said my words there was still no time to stand congratulating myself as there were still odd little stand and sit places for songs.

At the beginning I felt very shaky but towards the end I began to enjoy myself greatly. I thought I wasn't going to remember my words but I was proved wrong. All went well and I also enjoyed playing my recorder.

In the Easter Service I sat next to Rebecca V. and Gillian. Five people dressed up. The five were Tabatha, Anna N., Sophie, Helen and Jennifer. Some people played an instrument like a rain stick or a triangle. The hymns Class Four sang were, "Sing Out an Easter Song," "Light Up the Fire," "Easter Time" and "Song For Every Season." Overall, I greatly enjoyed the service and I will always remember it as one of the best ever.

Ming-May Chung, Age 8



The Sinking of the 'Mary Rose' by Gillian Rodger, Age 7

## My Hands Can....

My hands can....

Tie up string  
Wear a ring  
Help me write  
Fly a Kite  
Open the door  
Pull out a drawer  
Hold a cloth  
Touch some froth  
Pull the plug  
Fold a rug  
Find some chalk  
and cut some pork.

My hands can....

Scratch my ear  
Stroke a deer  
Blow my nose  
Put on clothes  
Hold some paper  
Do things later  
Fiddle with hair  
Peel a pear  
Shake a hand  
Play with sound  
Tickle some kittens  
Fetch some mittens.



Alice Walker, Age 8



Helen King, Age 7



# Sandford

CREATIVE WITNESS



# Nedham House

## Report from Nedham House Easter 1999

At the start of the Summer Term, Form Three were frantically preparing for their Standard Assessment Tests in May. Many members of the form were also competing in various sporting events. The tests went well and it was pleasing to see the mature and sensible manner in which they approached these national assessments. When final scores came out in June, the girls had good results that reflected a sound understanding of the work they had covered in the Lower School.

Towards the end of the test week, all the girls in the school prepared paper flowers for Form Three to use at the Dressing of the Cross. We had been invited by Chester City Council to take part in this annual event. Various Form Three parents accompanied us to the Cross on May 18th during Chester Environmental Week, where the flowers were spiralled upward. The weather was glorious; the outing was a pleasant relief from the exertions of tests. On the same day, the girls took part in an Evacuation Night, when many members of the form were billeted into each other's homes for the night. Form Three parents were very sporting and had organised various appropriate activities such as darning socks, cooking and huddling up in an Anderson shelter! Three days later, they went on an outing at Tatton Park, finding out what life would have been like on a farm as evacuees during the war.

Starting our fund raising events was a visit from a photographic company. They offered families the opportunity to have group photographs, with a percentage of the final total being given to the Millennium Appeal.

In June, Form Two had a visit from the Chester Fire Brigade, during which they experienced the 'smoke tent'; a controlled smoke-filled environment that gave them a sensation of the dangers of fire. They also had the opportunity to discuss fire safety with the brigade and watch an informative video.

Our Summer Concert was a great success. It began with a welcome chant from the whole school and was quickly followed by three pieces from the choir. As well as a demonstration of the excellent solo performances of many girls, the concert gave the opportunity for us to hear instrumental ensembles from woodwind, strings and brass players. Mr Hinde, who we welcomed in September, conducted an impressive group of clarinet players. Many of our brass players were leaving so Mr Lewis took the opportunity of letting us hear their superb ensemble playing, as well as some solo performances. The whole school also performed three songs, based on a round. Mrs Holmes must be congratulated on achieving this impressive and remarkable feat. The concert ended with the orchestra, whole school and audience singing a rousing rendition of Land of Hope and Glory.

Within the same week, Form One visited the Ellesmere Boat Museum. Unfortunately, Mrs Lindop was absent through illness. Mrs Meredith was very grateful for the help of Mrs Flint, Mr Roberts and Mrs Haycock, one of our supply teachers. The weather was fine but cold. The girls dressed in costumes and really enjoyed role playing activities depicting canal life from Victorian times to the 1950s. After a picnic lunch they all took part in an exciting boat museum quiz. As usual the girls were polite and sensible. The group received many compliments from the boat museum staff and were invited to re-visit anytime.

Nedham House Sports days took place in good weather as well. With the assistance of willing sixth form helpers and other staff, Mrs. Tottey organised an enjoyable day in which all girls competed with great sportsmanship and fun. The winning house was Eagles and the trophy was collected by Chiara Lisowski.





# Nedham House

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The weather was not quite so kind to the Lower School Garden party, when the weather threatened to wash out the event. However, parents held firm and the show went on with great success. Although a little showery at times, many friends took part in the various games and events. The Maypole dancers did very well, accommodating slippery tarmac and a wobbly maypole to perform an enjoyable and complex set of dances. An event such as the Garden Party takes a great deal of organisation and, on behalf of the Lower School staff, we are always most grateful for the work of the coordinators. Roz Brotherhood and her team worked very hard and we are most grateful for their efforts. As a result of the funds raised, the Lower School has bought video camera and tripod, a marvellous acquisition that is already in action.

The weather was equally threatening when Form Two walked to the Grosvenor Museum for a Workshop Session. They had a splendid time and gained great insight into this era of history through being able to examine and handle genuine and reproduction Roman artefacts, hearing about life in Devon and trying on replica centurion outfits. The armour was so heavy that Lucy SWE was seen to turn very pale under the weight and had to be 'rescued'. After the workshop, groups visited the Roman Galleries and an exhibition 'The Two Faces of Rome'. Miss Paice took many photographs and some of them can still be seen in the covered way. We were most grateful to the many Parents who walked with the girls, keeping them motivated despite the threatening weather.

As it was our Golden Jubilee Year, the QSA was invited to hold their AGM in Nedham House Hall. It was enjoyable meeting ex-pupils from the very early days in the school, listening to their own memories of the various escapades in the buildings. It's funny how the cellars hold such a fascination for so many generations of girls teachers tend to see them as an inconvenience!

Form Three worked hard to help with the running of our New Form One Fun Afternoon in early July. The weather was kind to us, meaning we could hold various games outside, including a rather interesting one involving cracked eggs! Their noise level indicated the fun that was being had by everybody. As usual, Form Three could not believe how exhausting it

is 'looking after children'; they virtually collapsed at the end of it all, complaining about the standard of behaviour in this day and age.....

An additional sporting event at the end of the term was a Form Three Mums versus Girls Rounders match held after school in the last week. The competitive edge was extremely apparent on both sides, Miss Dewhurst and Miss Paice contributing little to the overall score. A splendid tea was prepared by Form Three parents and enjoyed by the 'soon-to-be-leaving' girls.

The next day, Miss Paice and Mrs Gowers took Form Two to Llangollen for the International Musical Eisteddfod. This was a really enjoyable day. Some parents from Form Two accompanied them and they all explored the town in the morning, reconvening for a wonderfully relaxing picnic on the flat rocks beside the River Dee and exploring rock pools. Their lunch was pleasantly interrupted by the impromptu performance of an unusual Finnish choir that held everyone's attention, especially with a most unexpected finale involving unusual and dramatic gestures! (You had to be there to appreciate the full impact - so I am told). The afternoon was spent in the Eisteddfod pavilion attending the children's matinee, soaking up the cosmopolitan flavour of dances and songs from many countries around the world.

At the end of the year, we said goodbye to our Form Three. Whilst most went onto Senior School, some had chosen to start school elsewhere. We also said goodbye to Lucy Harris in Form One who went to her sister's new school. Miss Lyons finished teaching flute in Nedham House in order to carry on her training in Manchester. Mrs. Glenton had decided that she would return to New Zealand for a few months and so she too left us at the end of this term.

In September we welcomed the arrival of two new peripatetic teachers; Miss Lloyd, to teach flute and Mrs. Raby to teach violin. They have both settled into our school life and the girls enjoy their lessons.

Our curriculum Presentation Evening at the start of the academic year was successful, as was a Lower School Assembly, when Sandford House joined us in the morning. We enjoyed their company

and look forward to another joint assembly.

Annual photographs took place in September, with very few absentees. Our Afternoon Tea was quiet but successful, allowing new parents to meet with 'old hands'.

We enjoyed our Harvest Festival, when Form Two performed a play set in Japan, 'The Gift of the Rice Harvest'. The girls worked hard to produce a well-told story, with accompanying songs and movement. Form Three kept us informed, telling us various facts about rice and our new Form One led our prayers. My thanks to Miss Paice for having produced Form Two play. Also I would like to thank the parents and girls who took so much trouble to bring in beautifully presented boxes of harvest gifts and made donations to our chosen charity 'Shelter'. Form Two visited the Chester Nursing Home with gifts and sang Harvest hymns to the old people, two of whom were over 100 years old.

The Snowdonia Appeal really caught the imagination of the girls and we decided to join in the efforts to raise money. We held a sponsored spell during which the girls had to learn fifty words. They worked extremely hard to collect a total of £832. A little later in the term a representative from the Snowdonia Appeal Office, Ms Amanda Pearson, visited us to collect the enormous cheque. A number of girls worked very hard to achieve full marks in the test. We received a signed photograph from the Chairman of the Appeal, Sir Anthony Hopkins, together with a magnificent book on Snowdonia.

It was during this term that a group of parents from the 1997-98 Form Three, headed by Mrs. Makower and Mrs. Ankers, began to finalise work upon a book of reminiscences about Nedham House. A collection of memories from past pupils had been gathered in the previous Jubilee year and they had already set about the daunting task of sorting, editing, checking dates and printing the booklet. They tell me that they had a good time, enjoying the meetings and planning, but I also know that they worked extremely hard. Mr. Schofield's firm had offered to take on board the printing and our final 'product' is a very stylish selection of photographs, but mostly written memories of Nedham House history. There are still books available to be bought from Nedham



# Nedham House

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House or Senior School. My thanks go to all the contributors for their many memories.

Mr. and Mrs. Knight organised a Vivelle Christmas Card competition to raise money for the Millennium Appeal. This was a very popular event and there were many entries to be judged. Our winner, Bridget Trevor-Jones, had her card printed and sold, as well as being used for the Vivelle official Christmas Card. My thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Knight.

Marking the end of our Golden Jubilee celebrations, Miss Farra came into school to officially plant a tree that she had given to Nedham House, a robinia frisia. This golden-leaved tree was planted in the Rose Garden amid fairly grim weather that just held off. Miss Farra told us of her memories of Nedham House, when it was still 'growing' into the school we know today. Three girls, one from each form, laid a spade of earth to mark this special occasion. Miss Farra was presented with a golden rose and a piece of jubilee china.

Mr. Terry Large came to visit us on the last day before half term in October. This was a visit that had been postponed a few times due to bad weather. It was well worth waiting for. We saw the most wonderful display of flying techniques used by various birds of prey and witnessed a young bird on his first educational visit, being mobbed by local crows that didn't take kindly to his presence. Lucy Swe gave a very good impression of a rabbit on the run, being attacked by a peregrine falcon!

Soon after half term, we received the bad news that Mrs. Meredith had had an accident that resulted in a serious leg injury. This caused her to be absent from school until the end of term. Mrs. Cornock was able to come into school to cover this period of absence and I am most grateful for her adaptability and enthusiasm during this period.

Miss Paice organised a successful Bookland Fair in the Nedham House hall that was well supported by parents and children from Nedham and Sandford House. This great support meant that Nedham House form libraries were able to benefit from a percentage of the total raised. As usual I am most grateful to Miss Paice for organising this event that is profitable in both educational and financial terms.

December saw the start of the preparations for Christmas at Nedham House. This year Mrs. Lindop and Mrs. Holmes produced the play "The Angel who Couldn't Sing", a very enjoyable and funny production that tested the singing talents of at least one little girl. A great deal of hard work went into the production and I would like to thank Mrs. Lindop and Mrs. Holmes for their commitment and dedication.

Our term ended with the Cathedral Carol Service, during which Nedham House Choir sang two songs, one in English and one in Welsh. It was a great pleasure to hear them singing in such a building, and my thanks go to Miss Jones. Her consistent expectations for very high standards resulted in just that; the girls' hard work and practice meant such an excellent standard was achieved.

We were very sad to say goodbye to Mrs. Waight at the end of the Autumn Term. Mrs. Waight had decided to continue her studies on a fulltime basis but I know she found it hard to give up work. She came to the Lower School four years ago and has been cheerful and adaptable at all times. Our love and best wishes go to her. We were also sorry to have to say goodbye to Nozomi and Miku Kanai who returned to Japan with their family.

Mrs. Waight's successor is Mrs. Hoare. She joined us in January and has settled in well, adapting quickly to the myriad of tasks that are arrayed before her and becoming used to the eccentricities of the school!

At the start of the Spring Term, we were pleased to welcome four Swedish students who visited for a couple of days. We valued their contribution to our lessons and know that they enjoyed themselves. They sent us a postcard from Sweden to tell us this. Form Three was busy preparing for their Entrance Examination, which went ahead with few problems. Form Three parents held a disco for them, giving them the much-needed release of pent-up energy.

Chester Fire Brigade paid another visit to the next year group of Form Two. I know that they found the girls very interested and willing to discuss the safety aspects of keeping fire at bay in the home. They discussed escape routes, fire prevention and what action to take if fire arose. Many girls prepared plans for use in their own

homes should the eventuality arise.

Nedham House 51st birthday was spent very quietly, after the excitement of the previous year. Miss Paice had prepared some slides brought to the school by Miss Edwards. Miss Maggs had taken these slides when Nedham House was in its infancy. This was a thoroughly enjoyable time; both staff and pupils were very interested in the many ways the school has developed and changed.

Just before half term, Claire Haddad's father came to talk to Form Two about life in Egypt in conjunction with their History project for the term. We also had our Inter-house Swimming Gala which was its usual blend of noise, excitement and keen competition. Merlins' House won the trophy for the third time in succession. The Lower School Open Morning went extremely well and we were blessed with brisk but bright weather. Our present Form Two and Three girls presented work from orchestra, dance, gymnastics and ceramics and Form One worked in their form room, chatting easily to all our visitors. We were most grateful for the enthusiasm of all the girls.

In March we were visited by Mrs. Susan Summers, who described the long process she undertook in writing a book that was published. 'The Fourth Wise Man' was a folk story put into her own words and beautifully illustrated. Each form spent a lesson with her, discussing various aspects of the book-producing process and undertaking a small amount of extension work. On the same day, Form Three went to the Senior School to watch a production of "Le Petit Prince" performed in English and French. This riotous affair was greatly enjoyed by all the form, even if they couldn't fully understand what was happening!

We joined the rest of the country celebrating 'Comic Relief'; girls tried to come to school dressed in red and we had a fairly scarlet turn out. Our Form Concerts took place in the last week of term and my thanks go to Mrs. Holmes and other peripatetic teachers for their hard work. A substantial donation was forwarded to 'Comic Relief'.

In the final week of term, our Solo Form Concerts took place. These concerts give all the girls in the class a chance to perform a musical item on their own or as a small group if they prefer. It is a wonderful opportunity for all the girls, and



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staff are always impressed with the hidden talents of many members of their form. My thanks to Mrs Holmes for creating this chance for all the girls to 'shine'.

On the day before term ended, two members of the Birmingham Royal Ballet came to school to conduct three dance workshops. These were preparing some of the girls for a trip organised by Miss Paice to see the company perform the ballet "Hobson's Choice" in Liverpool. Within each workshop, aimed at the separate age groups, a different section of the story was taken and the girls built up a sequence of movements and gestures with which to illustrate the action. Speaking as a participant, I can say that this was quite challenging but very enjoyable. It was most interesting to see how girls expressed feelings and words through actions only. The trip to the ballet performance took place on the Saturday immediately after the Spring Term had ended. I would like to thank Miss Paice for having organised not only the trip, but also the workshops.

The summer term will see the start of many changes to the infrastructure of the Lower School. We will prepare for the transition to all year groups being referred to as 'class'. The class size of Nedham House will gradually be reduced from 26 to 24 over the next three years. The Nedham House Entrance Examination will no longer take place as entry into Key Stage Two will be at Class Four Sandford House, in line with the National Curriculum Key Stages.

There have been quite a few changes to the fabric of the building as well this year. Whilst all drinking taps have always been "safe", our plumber undertook a lot of work to replace all lead pipes throughout the school. Form One has a new toilet and washbasin to replace the one that had been there for many years. (In one of our memories sheets, a past pupil from long ago remembered the persistent splash that used to 'catch her out'. It is a relief to say it no longer exists!) Also related to safety, we have recently had all our doors and exits revamped in order to comply with fire regulations but retain a level of safety appropriate for young children. Emergency lighting has been fitted throughout the Lower School, as have new smoke detectors and exit signs. Whilst not necessarily seen as 'exciting', these developments are welcomed by everyone in our community.

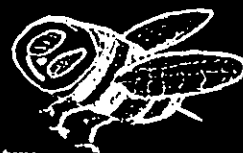
Once again I would like to thank all staff and pupils for giving so much time, effort, enthusiasm, expertise, skill and humour to the school during this year. I am always indebted to both teaching and ancillary staff for their attitude and ethos that makes Nedham House such a special place.

*Miss Dewhurst*

## Gifts to Nedham House

Mr and Mrs Marks and Brina  
Professor and Mrs Flint and Alice  
Olivia Moon  
Dr Tobias and Elizabeth Cleek  
Rakshita Roplekar  
Miss Farra  
From the property of Miss Maggs  
Miss Maggs  
The Trevor-Jones Family  
Form 3 Parents (1997-98)  
Stephanie and Lucy Harris (Leavers' Gift)  
Miss Paice  
Mrs Anderson and Anna  
Hannah Blaikie  
Mrs and Mrs Knight and Naomi  
Mr and Mrs Baker and Alex  
Mrs Garner  
Miss Skilbeck  
Mrs Baker and Alex  
Miss S Hayes  
Mr and Mrs Knight and Naomi  
Mr and Mrs Richardson and Stephanie  
Mrs Clark and Hannah  
Mrs M. Barrow  
Senior School  
Mr and Mrs Salter and Caroline  
Mr and Mrs Knight and Naomi  
Queen's School Parents' Association  
Mrs Ankers and Mary  
December 1998

Books for the Lower School  
Selection of rocks and mineral specimens  
For Costume Department - Character skirt  
Books for Form 1  
Strawberry plant for the garden  
£50 cheque for the garden  
Album of Memories  
Slides, photographs  
Cup for Individual Winner of Cross Country  
Cheque for £225 - purchased CD player, storage and CDs  
Book for Nedham House Library  
Golden Jubilee Photograph of Nedham House  
Photographs of Form 3 at The Cross in Chester  
Photographs  
Vivelle, prizes and Millennium Donation  
Dressmaker's Dummy  
Pastry cutters for Cookery Corner  
Book for Library  
Clown costume for Costume Department  
Cheque for £50 for CD's and CD Tower  
Vivelle cards and envelopes for Millennium Appeal  
Photograph (enlargement)  
Sports' Team Photograph  
Photograph of Mrs L Phyllis Brown  
Framing of the above photograph  
Geography Text Book  
Donation/Contribution towards cost of BRB Dance Workshop  
£1500 towards playground equipment  
Long dress for the costume department  
Hand-Embroidered Tapestry of a Musical Band, made and presented by Margaret Whitnall

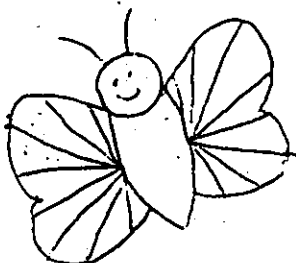
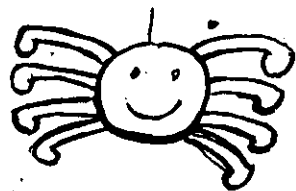


# Nedham creative

## At Times I Cannot Spell Things

At times I cannot spell things,  
Because I don't know how.  
Can't find it in the dictionary,  
Do I ask you now?  
Every page I look at, when trying to  
Find that word,  
Gives lots of stuff I'd like to know and  
Handy words I've heard, but  
It doesn't tell you anywhere  
Just what I need to find.  
Knowing which page to  
Look on, is just not in  
My mind.  
Not knowing how it starts,  
Or how it then goes on,  
Poses such a problem that I just  
Quickly spell it wrong.  
Really suppose I  
Should be more certain when I write.  
The hope is that you will,  
Understand, when you realise my plight,  
that when  
Very carefully searching for  
Words that are  
X-tra hard, as I've said,  
You can't find them in the dictionary,  
when looking from from A to Z

Alice Flint, Form 2



Elizabeth Jones

What is a ..... Million

The number of stars in the night sky  
All the trees that grow up high

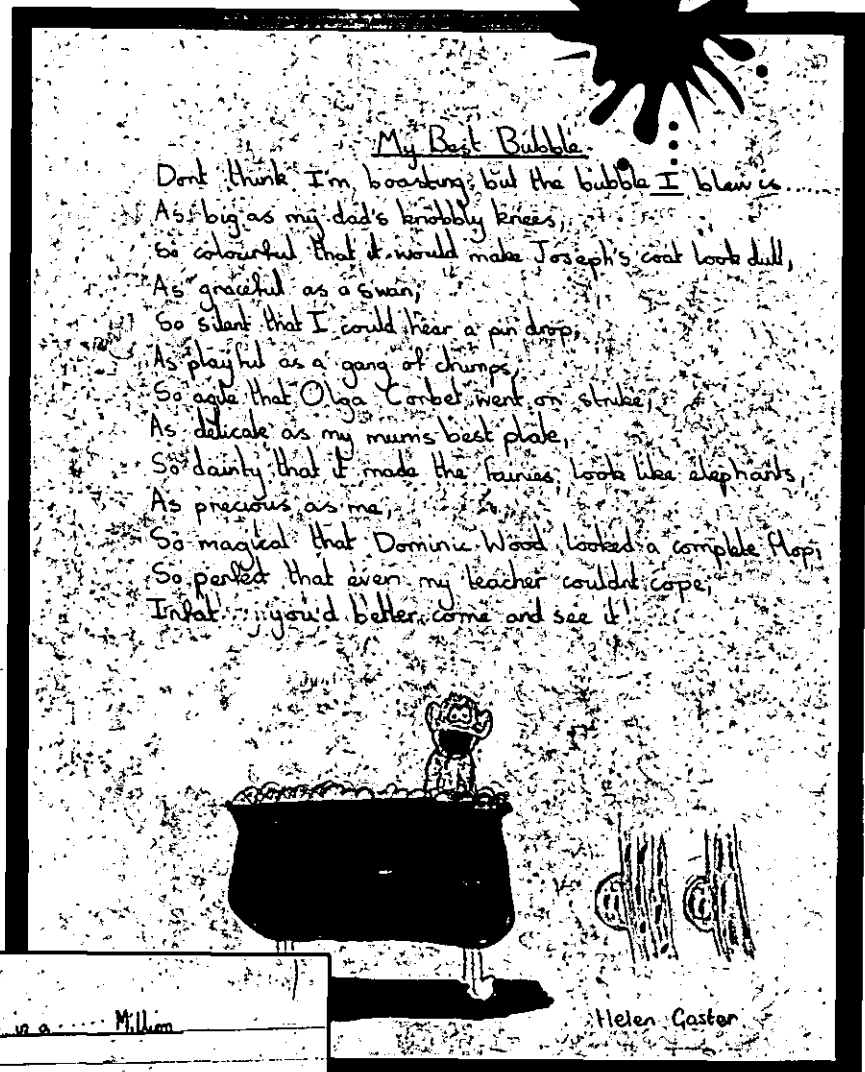
The number of hairs on my head,  
All the times my mum's made my bed

All the drops of rain I've seen  
The places in the world I've never been

The bubbles I see in a bottle of coke  
The times I've laughed at other people's jokes

The grains of sand on Cornish beaches  
The sticky fingers from eating peaches

Elizabeth Jones,  
Form 1



Helen Gaster, Form 1



## RAP STYLE



### Battered Smelly Trainers R.

I walked down the stairs  
And slipped into my shoes  
My battered smelly trainers  
The groovy sixteen blues.

I walked down the street  
To the corner shop  
In my battered smelly trainers  
And bought some pop.

The pop went crazy  
And started to rock  
My battered, smelly trainers  
Were sniffing my socks.

Ruth Archibald

I wanted some Fun  
So I drank a little rum  
My battered smelly trainers  
Were playin' the drum.

My feet lapped along  
To the music shop  
Where my battered, smelly Trainers  
Were singing a song.

I walked back home  
and I took off my shoes  
My battered, smelly Trainers  
went off for a snooze.

Ruth Archibald

Ruth Archibald,  
Form 3

### Environmentally Friendly

"I'm environmentally friendly", said Lee.

Going up to a big pine tree,

He gave the tree a great big hug.

Then avoided "hello" to a passing bug.

"I'm environmentally friendly", said Lee,

Moving politely to a tree.

He went up to a prickly bush,

And gave it quite a friendly push.

He said to the bush "Would treating you really, mate?"

And so if by fate,

A sunbeam lit up his face.

"I think you're absolutely ace."

He said, "Thanks for shining down on me,

I'm environmentally friendly Lee."

By Naomi Knight

# The Queen's School Association

## The Committee for 1998 – 1999

### The Officers:

<b>Chairman</b>	Marjorie Miln (Hack)	1949-63
<b>Honorary Secretary</b>	Mary Burgess (Ham)	1952-63
<b>Honorary Treasurer</b>	Hilarie McNae (Adams)	1949-63

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Marian Barrow (Brown)	1951-65
Sheena Cumiskey (Elliott)	1970-80
Judy Davies (Jones)	1957-64
Judith Fernandes (Durrant)	1951-56
Nicola Griffin (Lawton)	1973-81
Lesley Hardy (Cooke)	1964-77
Shirley Hayes	1947-54
Jenny Lloyd (Dutton)	1957-64
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Veronica Patrick (Davies)	1965-78
Ann Short (Brotherhood)	1954-61
Carole Wilkinson (Holme)	1967-74

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<b>Regional Secretary</b>	Susan Benson	1945-52
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## The Annual General Meeting 1998

The 1998 Annual General Meeting was held on June 27th at 3pm at Nedham House. The 46 members who attended it enjoyed reminiscing over the display of photographs and archives that had been assembled for Nedham House's Golden Jubilee.

Miss Skilbeck welcomed those present, especially Miss Farra, Mrs Sheedy and Miss Edwards and all those from years ending in 8. In her report she said that last year had ended with the news of the failure to buy the old infirmary building, but at the start of the Autumn Term the City Walls Hotel had been put on the market and by January 1998 had been bought by the School and the Sixth Form should be installed by September 1998. Academic results were again high with a 99.2% pass rate at A Level and 99.1% gaining A-C grades at GCSE.

Miss Skilbeck told the meeting about the wide variety of extra-curricula activities and the many staff working parties during the year. The Millennium Appeal had now reached £300 000. She thanked the QSA for its continued support of the School and looked forward to meeting next year, possibly in MacLean House.

Hilarie McNae, our representative Governor, reported that the City Walls Hotel had been bought, partly with a generous bequest from Miss MacLean. It was hoped that this new Sixth Form Centre would encourage girls to stay on in the Sixth and encourage others to apply to join the Sixth Form.

In her role of Treasurer Hilarie reported that this had been a quiet year financially and socially. We had 19 new Life members and 48 Annual members. While there had been no applicants for the QSA bursary this year, the abolition of assisted places may make bursaries more necessary. The QSA has set aside £1000 for a gift to the School to mark the Millennium Appeal and QSA Centenary, a gift for MacLean House was envisaged.

Mary Burgess then spoke about the proposed changes to subscriptions. The problem was that Life Subscriptions had been low in the past resulting in each paying member currently supporting four others, many Life members whose money had run out. To limit the damage she put forward three proposals from the Committee. Although there was no opposition to these proposals unfortunately no vote was taken (see below). There was discussion about methods of collecting subscriptions.

The Chairman, Jenny Entwistle, said that financial matters had occupied the Committee this year. There had been two meetings between the Headmistress, Governors and the QSA Committee and this dialogue will continue. There had been seven resignations from the Committee during the year, she thanked Joan Roberts, Margaret Ireland, Marian Evans, Angela Burton, Shani Bernie, Kirsty Whiteley and Margaret Hassall very much for all the hard work and many hours they have put in over their years on the Committee.



Jenny resigned as Chairman and Marjorie Miln agreed to act as Chairman for the remaining two years of Jenny Entwisle's term of office. Susan Seys-Llewellyn had completed her term of office as Honorary Secretary and Mary Burgess was elected as Honorary Secretary. On behalf of the Association, Joan Roberts presented Jenny and Susan with tied bunches of flowers which she had arranged.

On behalf of the Archives Sub-committee, Ann Short presented Miss Skilbeck with a Carol unearthed during research. It is a "secular carol", called "Awake the Voice". The music was composed by Dr Joseph Cox Bridge, Cathedral organist and a member of staff. The words are by Robert Herrick. It was dedicated to Mrs Sandford, our second Headmistress. Novello's had waived the copyright and Ann checked that it could be performed by the School Choir at School or in the Cathedral. The Archives group dedicated it to all music staff at Queen's, past and present.

## News in Brief

After our very successful Centenary year celebrations in 1997, we have had a relatively quiet year on the social side. But behind the scenes the Committee has been working hard to prepare the Association for its next century. We realised that our constitution and procedures needed to be revised to reflect current practice and changed circumstances. Also some written rules of procedure would both streamline our methods of working and remove uncertainty. We have concentrated on finance first. One thing that had come to notice was that while we spend only £1 per annum per member, we need £5 per annum from each paying member to cover costs. Up to now we have used nearly all the money collected in a year to finance that year. We were running up the same problem as many countries have over pensions i.e. a steady income to finance an ever increasing expenditure. The full committee decided unanimously to put three motions to the AGM to limit the damage, while leaving open the question of the size of any life subscription until we had considered it further. After the AGM the committee decided unanimously to hold a postal ballot of all members so that changes were not held up for a further year.

The proposals were:

1) Clause 6 of the Queen's School Association Constitution will now read:

Subscriptions for annual membership, 25-year membership and for life membership shall be set at rates sufficient to cover the general financial requirements of the Association and may, if and when necessity arises, be revised by the committee subject to the approval of the Annual General Meeting. The names of annual members who fail to pay their subscriptions shall be removed from the membership list, but sympathetic consideration shall be given to subsequent applications for re-admission.

- 2) With effect from December 7th 1998 the life subscription will cease to be available at the current rate.
- 3) A twenty-five year subscription, at a rate of £100, will be introduced on January 1st 1999.

The QSA Representative Governor's three-year term of office ends in 1999. Hilarie McNae is willing to stand for a second term and is the Committee's unanimous nominee.

The Michaelmas Supper on September 11th 1998 was attended by about fifty of that year's leavers and members. We encourage all members to come, the leavers can then meet a cross-section of us, also it is a very enjoyable meeting. In 1998 it was very ably organised by Marian Barrow and Judith Fernandes. On September 10th 1999 we hope to see some 1997 and 1998 leavers before they start their next year of studies.

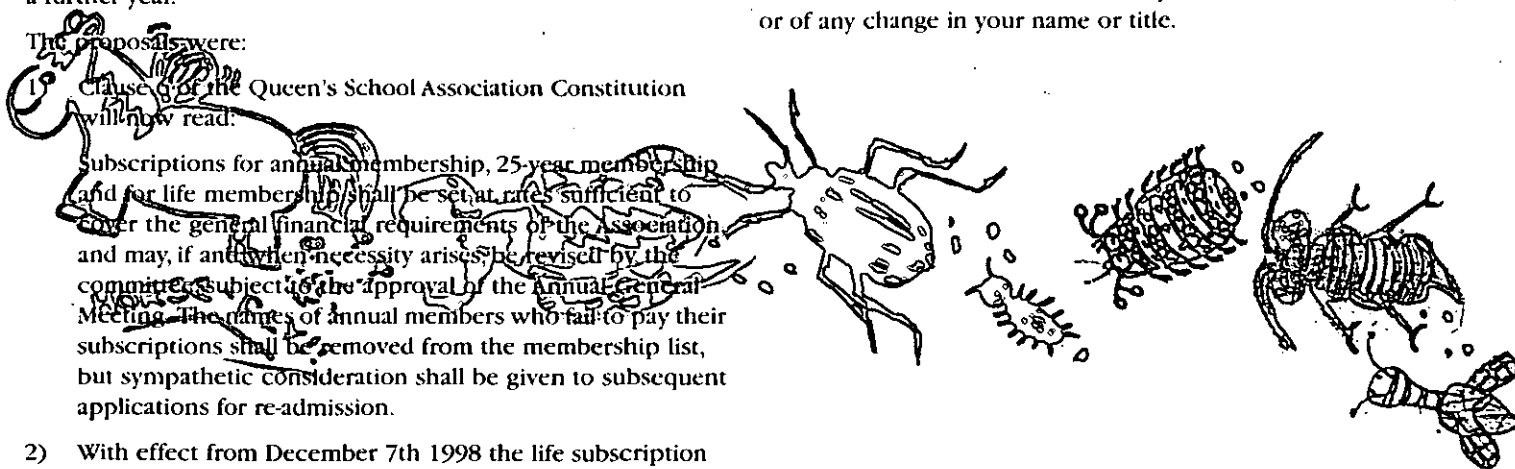
The Oxford/London Lunch was held at St Hugh's College, Oxford in 1998. Great enthusiasm is being shown for the 1999 venue, the Globe Theatre, London.

As well as the main events mentioned on the front of the Newsletter, the committee is organising a programme of less formal social events. These are advertised in the School Newsletter, by notices and by word of mouth. If you are interested please contact any committee member. The first such event was a Punch and Mincepie Party on Saturday December 19th 1998 and the second a Moveable Feast on Saturday March 13th 1999.

Investigations into the complexities of the Data Protection Act and how it affects our planned database and membership directory are still continuing. There will obviously be tremendous advantages in convenience and ease of responding to members queries e.g. "Who in my age group lives near my new home?" and in advertising local events, contacting those who left school in a particular year and keeping track of those who are paid-up members.

Please note that now that the membership has voted in favour of the new clause 6, we will be changing to a system where no payment reminders are sent and any 'annual member' who hasn't paid an annual subscription in response to a Newsletter will not receive the next Newsletter.

If you are unsure of your membership category, please ask the Secretary. We lose contact with many members when mailings do not reach them. Please tell us when you move to a new address, or of any change in your name or title.



### The results of the ballot were:

	For	Against	Abstain
1) changes to clause 6	94.4%	3.7%	1.9%
2) suspension of life sub	91.7%	5.6%	3.75%
3) 25 yr. sub	78.7%	12.0%	10.2%
Invalid papers 10 (late/not eligible).			

# Where are They Now?

Gaynor Bartagon (Wentworth)	1949-1958
Amanda Betts	1974-1981
Barbara Bond (Sabini)	1928-1935
Patricia Clarkson (Warneford)	1932-1948
Julie Derbyshire	1969-1982
Marietta Evans (Elsden)	1972-1982
Penelope Garner	1977-1979
Claire Louise Goodbody	1965-1974
Anne Gregson (Myres)	1947-1954
Nicola Haresnape	1981-1987
Linda Henneberry (Kelly)	1951-1953
Amanda Hollis	1969-1971
Constance Irvine (Fisher)	1927-1933
Lorna Jenner (D'Arcy)	1972-1976
Louise Makin	1968-1976
Susan Oliver (Ross-Kane)	1955-1961
Marion Seal (Walker)	1942-1946
Lucinda Summers	1974-1984
Joyce Wallace (Wynde)	1935-1940
Heather Williams (Parry)	1959-1966

**Jane Ann Banks (Heasman 1950-1957)** and her husband 'retired' to a sixteen acre smallholding in September 1997. They have 32 sheep, chickens, ducks and two donkeys from the Donkey Sanctuary in Devon. This is a complete change of direction for them both but something that she has always wanted to do.

**Margaret (Mig) Bennett (Jones 1957-1971)** has been working as a relationship counsellor with Relate in West Kent for six years. Previously she taught junior children. She has done some local BBC Radio 'agony aunt' broadcasting and very much enjoys the couple counselling work.

**Rosalind Blackwood (1980-1994)** has completed her course of studies at St Peter's College, Oxford, and is pursuing her medical career at The Royal Free Hospital, London.

**Audrey Mary Blane (Milton 1932-1944)** came to Wolverhampton to take up a teaching job, after training at Southlands College, Wimbledon, 52 years ago. She is married with three children and five grand-children. She is at present attending computer literacy classes and is interested in keep-fit and tennis.

**Wendy Bracegirdle (Lawton 1963-1970)** has been made a Canon of Manchester Cathedral.

**Emma Breeze (1985-1992)** left Edinburgh University in 1996 with an MA (Hons) in English Literature, and completed a PGCE in Durham. She is now living in Birmingham, teaching at a secondary comprehensive and is Assistant Head of Year. She trains as a member of the Welsh Lacrosse squad.

**Mary Brown (Walling 1944-1951)** is continuing to instruct at Flinders University of South Australia and to enjoy students younger than her children.

**Alison Bryce (Bate 1970-1980)** is currently living near Athens with her husband and two children, Callum and Felicity. She has been visited by Lesley Douglas (1973-1980) and Debbie Jones (1973-1980). Before moving to Greece her son was in the reception year at Yately Manor School in Surrey with the son of Virginia Campbell (Lowe, left 1979). She is still in touch with Liz Prins (Margason 1967-1980) who is living in Perth Australia and has a son and a daughter, and with Amanda Payne (Pearson 1967-1980) who is living in Winchester and has two sons.

**Alexandra Burdge (Phillips 1967-1980)** was Head of Marketing Development at Liffe, married Richard in 1997 and they had Thomas in 1998. She now works freelance.

**Mary Burgess (Ham 1952-1963)** had to retire from teaching due to ill-health in 1996. She is now training to be a Church of England Lay Reader. She has three daughters: Susan teaches Mathematics in Orpington, Chris is Head of Audit Management, STASCO, London and Kay, who graduated in 1996, is Press Officer, BSIA, Worcester. Her husband Michael is retiring in September 1999.

**Janet Burley (Sweeney 1959-1966)** is continuing to do some private piano teaching and training a Junior Choir at her Church. Simon plays the piano and Nicholas plays Clarinet. They visit Chris Bithorn in London each year when her husband runs in the London Marathon.

**Sarah Castle (1967-80)** read Geography at Oxford and has a PhD in Demography. She works at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Her research assesses the health of children in Mali, West Africa, where she met Violet Diallo (Gumbleton, 1961) many years ago. Together, she says, they form the Malian Branch of QSA!

**Alison Margaret Chamberlain (MacKenzie 1957-1967)** teaches in a middle school but finds that she teaches less and 'manages' more each year. As Head of Year for the intake she aims

## News of Members

**Alison Adnitt (1978-1991)** is a British Drawings and Watercolour specialist with Christies in London.

**Joanna Adnitt (1980-1994)** will complete her medical studies at Newcastle University this summer, then take up a houseman's job in Sunderland.

**Tessa Adnitt (1982-1995)** has completed her course in Education and Sport at Sheffield Hallam University and proposes to take up a teaching post.

**Joy Allen (Broster 1935-1940)** wrote that her sister Nanette Menzies (Broster 1932-1940) came over from Canada and met Barbara Andrews (Robinson) and Ruth Gosmore. She had a nostalgic look at Orpington and remembered being hit by a hockey ball taken to the infirmary and deciding then and there to go to Middlemarch. Joy had trained in Domestic Science and received abroad a great deal. She is in touch with Mary Bourke (Williams) and Mary Simmons (Robinson-Williams) and would be very pleased to be in touch with any Old Girls of her generation who live in the Surrey area.

**Judith Allinson (Reid 1952-1965)** took early retirement from teaching after her husband's death from cancer in 1997. She has spent the last year travelling across New Zealand and America and visiting France and Spain and is now renovating flats, setting up as a rival to 'Home Front'!

**Joan Alsop (Phillips 1941-1950)** says life is never dull! She and her husband now have 5 grandchildren who they often look after, they spend time with friends, walk, garden, watch cricket and both help with various organisations.



to ensure that they all transfer smoothly from 19 village schools at the early age of nine. Her own teenage children still require transportation. They have just moved house and so her next project is to landscape the garden.

**Rachel Chandhuay (Phillips 1964-1977)** is Consultant Radiologist in MRI at the Whittington Hospital in London. She and her husband, Robin, will be in New York (for his research) from August 1999.

**Judy Davies (Jones 1957-1964)** is working as Education Officer at Chester Cathedral, looking after visiting school groups and would be pleased to welcome groups from anywhere. Her daughter Sarah (1974-1988) is a Chartered Surveyor and is Healey and Baker's 'Hotel Person' working in London. Her daughter Claire (1976-1990) has returned from a year's travels and is now back in London making commercials and promotional films.

**Valerie Edwards (Griffiths 1953-1960)** met Elizabeth Ralph (Bracken) and Margaret Skelton (Blandford) during 1998. She enjoyed the Oxford Lunch and hopes to get to the London Lunch in May 1999.

**Beryl Ennion (1936-1949)** writes "the 'Fifty Years On' reunion last summer was enjoyed by a large number of Old Girls, including eleven who had been in the same Sixth Form. We certainly celebrated the anniversary in style!"

**Nadia Evans (1980-1994)** graduated from Manchester University in 1997. She completed her PGCE in 1998 and was appointed to the Biology Department of Preston Grammar School.

**Judith Hamilton (Hamilton 1943-1950)** wrote that her daughter Jane was married at Eccleston Church and in a Greek Orthodox ceremony in London. Jane and Christo are going to the US for 2 years. Judith herself is helping her son to finish his house near Hope.

**Anna Heywood (1986-1994)** graduated in PPE from SE in 1997 and went to Japan for a year on the JET scheme where she taught English. She now works in London for Anderson Consulting.

**Joy Hoyles (1987-1994)** graduated in 1997 with a Law degree from King's College, London. She gained her LPC in 1998, and before taking up her training contract with Simmonds and Simmonds in the City in March, she travelled around the Far East and America.

**Karenn Galer Coombes (Coombes 1963-1970)** lives in Quorn and works part-time (the result of some major surgery) but she has more than enough to do, mainly helping her husband, Ian, with his consultancy.

**Sarah Helen Harrion Gall (Platt 1966-1976)** wrote that Miss Edwards came to tea at her parents' house, they looked at her sister's wedding photographs, Sarah's daughters were the bridesmaids.

**Elizabeth Garratt (Stewart 1956-1966)** worked for BA as an air-stewardess and now teaches food technology in a middle school in Bedfordshire. She has 2 children aged 16 and 21, her husband is a solicitor. She sees Jane Scott (Dimmer) and Alison Chamberlain (McKenzie) fairly often. Recently she met Dawn Vernon (Parry).

**Philippa Jane Gimlette (1967-1977)** is working as a Freelance Art Director in Fashion Photography, her main client being Next Menswear, it involves a lot of travelling. She has made recent photography trips to Yemen, Zanzibar, Sweden and two to Cape Canaveral, Florida to watch old Cambridge friend, Astronaut Mike Foale's space shuttle launches!

**Hilary Gray (Jones)** and her family are currently in Sydney, Australia and enjoying life there.

**Sue Howells Richard (Howells 1964-1974)** writes from Switzerland that she loved coming to the Centenary celebrations. The expense was well worth it. She teaches English and is hoping her qualifications will soon be recognised there. Twenty years behind us, they are introducing roundabouts as ours are converted to traffic lights. In schools they are being confronted by discipline problems and starting to think seriously about pastoral care.

**Sue Johnston-Wilder (Johnston 1969-1976)** had a new book out in February 1999 as joint editor, "Learning to Teach Mathematics in the Secondary School", Routledge.

**Rachel Knight (1972-1985)** moved to New Zealand three years ago, with her husband, Paul. They have bought a house in Wellington, where she is currently working for Telecom NZ.

**Catherine Lawson (1987-1994)** graduated from New College Oxford with a first class honours degree in French and German, in summer 1998. She is now working in London in a direct marketing agency which specialises in charity fund-raising.

**Ellie Lewis (1987-1994)** graduated in English from Oxford in 1997 and works in journalism. She is currently working with the EMAP magazine group in London.

**Margaret Elaine Lewis (Woods 1958-1965)** remembered studying Norway in A level geography with Miss Ann Morgan in the mid '60s and attending evening illustrated lectures by the Extra Mural department at the Town Hall and learning much about the coastal voyage from Bergen to the Russian border. In August she realised her long-held ambition to do this voyage.

**Jacqueline Yvette MacGuire (Clinton 1966-1973)** is still working towards her BSc at Liverpool University. In November she started work in a Challenge Bank near Birmingham, it is quite different from her previous job. She is a member of BILD and would love to hear from any Old Girl who is also a member.

**Barbara Louise Newbury (Cuzner 1942-1952)** is a Liveryman of the Welsh Livery Guild, she still helps with her local BILD for the Disabled Group. She sees Jane Buckland (Dawson) regularly. Last November, with her husband, she circumnavigated the world by air, stopping off at Singapore, Hong Kong (where their daughter lives and works), Sydney (visiting relations in New South Wales), Christchurch (touring the South Island and spending her birthday at Bluff and Invercargill!), then on to Rarotonga (Cook Islands) and thence home via Tahiti and Los Angeles. April 1999 will see them touring mainland China!

**Marianne Barnetson O'Shea (Phillips 1963-1976)** has been a Consultant Paediatric Oncologist at the Princess Margaret Children's Hospital, in Perth, WA, since January 1998 and is happily settled with her husband Anthony (Challenge Bank Consultant), Liam born in 1994 and Caitlin born in 1996.

**Melissa Pace (Donald 1961-1973)** wrote that having lived in Malta for 18 years one feels very nostalgic at times so she enjoys keeping in touch with School and is looking forward to receiving her commemorative china from Nedham House. Her eldest daughter is studying in England the other three are still at school. They hope to return to live in England eventually but would miss the sun (the temperature was over 70F in November when she wrote).

**Elizabeth Palfrey (Walker 1965-1978)** lives in Uffcott, Wiltshire, with her husband Roderick and her two sons aged 6 and 3. She is a Process Engineer at the Water Research Centre in Swindon.

**Rosemary Price (Forster 1955-1968)** will have lived in York for 20 years in 1999. Her husband is a busy GP and she is fully involved as a lecturer and Careers Co-ordinator at York Sixth Form College. Jonathan is studying Medicine at Bristol and Simon hopes to Biology (A levels 1999). She keeps in touch with a 'core' of '68 leavers, who enjoyed a mini-reunion last summer.

**Sarah Robinson (Wood 1955-1969)** has been married to a member of the armed forces so is now living in her 32nd house since 1971! In a major bush fire in 1998 they lost their entire home and possessions, including her address book, she would be delighted to hear from friends and especially to be given Caroline Attwood (Hedges)'s address or telephone number. She was delighted to find Alison Young (Butler) living in Cyprus. Sarah's two nieces are now pupils at Queen's, the fourth generation in the family to be involved with the School!

**Susan Jane Rees (Evatts 1948-62)** retired early two years ago and says it is wonderful, lots of time to sing, play the flute and garden with her husband Bill. She hopes to have climbed all 284 Scottish Munros by the year 2000! Her daughter Catherine is computer programming and looking after daughter Holly, and her son Philip teaches in Birmingham.

**Mary Sara (Proudlove 1954-1961)** writes that after only 3 years the adult education and interpretation programme called 'Open House' which she runs for Harewood House near Leeds won the National Heritage Museum of the Year Best Museum Education Initiative Award.

**Sarah Seys Llewellyn (1980-1994)** graduated in Law from Newcastle in 1997 and completed her LPC at Christleton College of Law. Before taking up her training contract with Nicholson Graham and Jones in the City in September 1999 she spent 10 months travelling. She arrived in Australia last September and worked in Sydney before travelling to New Zealand, Fiji, North and South America, returning home via New York in June.

**Jenny Shaw (1987-1994)** graduated in Jurisprudence from Oxford in 1997. Having completed her LPC in Nottingham she spent 7 months travelling around Australia and Africa before taking up a training contract in the City with Clifford Chance in March.

**Gillian Wenda Shearer (Richards 1977-1984)** has been working at Marks and Spencer Financial Services in Chester as an IT Analyst Programmer for seven years. Sadly she missed the recent 1984 leavers' reunion but would love to hear from contemporaries.

**Naomi Lisa Jane Turton (1984-1991)** did not complete medical school but is now in the final year of accountancy, working for GE. She is engaged to be married to Ian Golding and happily settled in Ealing.

**Jane Rosemary Walker (Carter 1951-1965)** says there is a miniature QSA at Gerrards Cross Memorial Centre where she attends a Writing for Pleasure and Profit (not much profit!) Class together with Jean Laycock (Ballard). Mrs Duell (Belderson), who taught French at Queen's, attends an art class at the same centre.

**Amy Walton (1980-1994)** has completed her final year at Central St Martin's College of Art and Design, specialising in Children's Fashion. Her course included a year in industry when she worked in Philadelphia, Paris, Orkney and London. She shares a flat in London with Anna Heywood.

**Carole Wilkinson (Holme 1966-1974)** continues to practise as a full-time GP at Handbridge Medical Centre, Chester. In October 1998 she was, with a colleague, voted "Doctor of the Year" in the mental health category. She attended a glittering awards ceremony at the Grosvenor House Hotel, London and spent the next day at the House of Commons as the guest of one of her patients, the MP for Chester. Recently she was elected to the board of the Chester City PCG, in the new NHS structure. Her daughter Laura is in the U IV at Queen's and son Matthew is in Remove at King's. She continues to enjoy skiing, fell-walking and other active holidays when time and money allow! She has plenty of space if anyone is looking for a place to stay when visiting Chester.

## ***Births***

Chandhuay  
Gledhill

Patrick

Shearer  
Wynne

to Rachel (Phillips 1964-1977) and Robin, a son Ian, in January 1999.

to Karen (Scholefield) and David a son, Matthew James, a brother for Hannah and Laura, in October 1998

to Veronica (Davies 1965-1978) and Allen, a daughter, Grace, a sister for Hannah, on February 21st 1999

to Gillian (Richards) and David a son, Jonathan, a brother for Daniel, aged 2 years.

to Susan (Moyes 1980-1987) and Michael, a daughter, Zara Myfanwy on September 22nd 1998

## ***Marriages***

Coombes  
Fearnall  
Johnston  
Platt  
Short  
Wykle

Karennia (1963-1970) to Ian Galer on July 4th 1997

Jane (1984-1991) to Christo Leventis on September 5th 1998

Sue (1969-1976) formerly Burns, to Peter Wilder on January 2nd 1998

Jane (1972-1979) to Patrick Lee in July 1998

Anina (1985-1994) to Gareth Thomas on July 3rd 1998

Kathryn (1984-1991) to Roger Bradbury

## ***Deaths***

Dixon  
Ewart  
Gardner  
Starkie  
Williams

Phyllis (Parry 1925-1933) on August 31st 1998

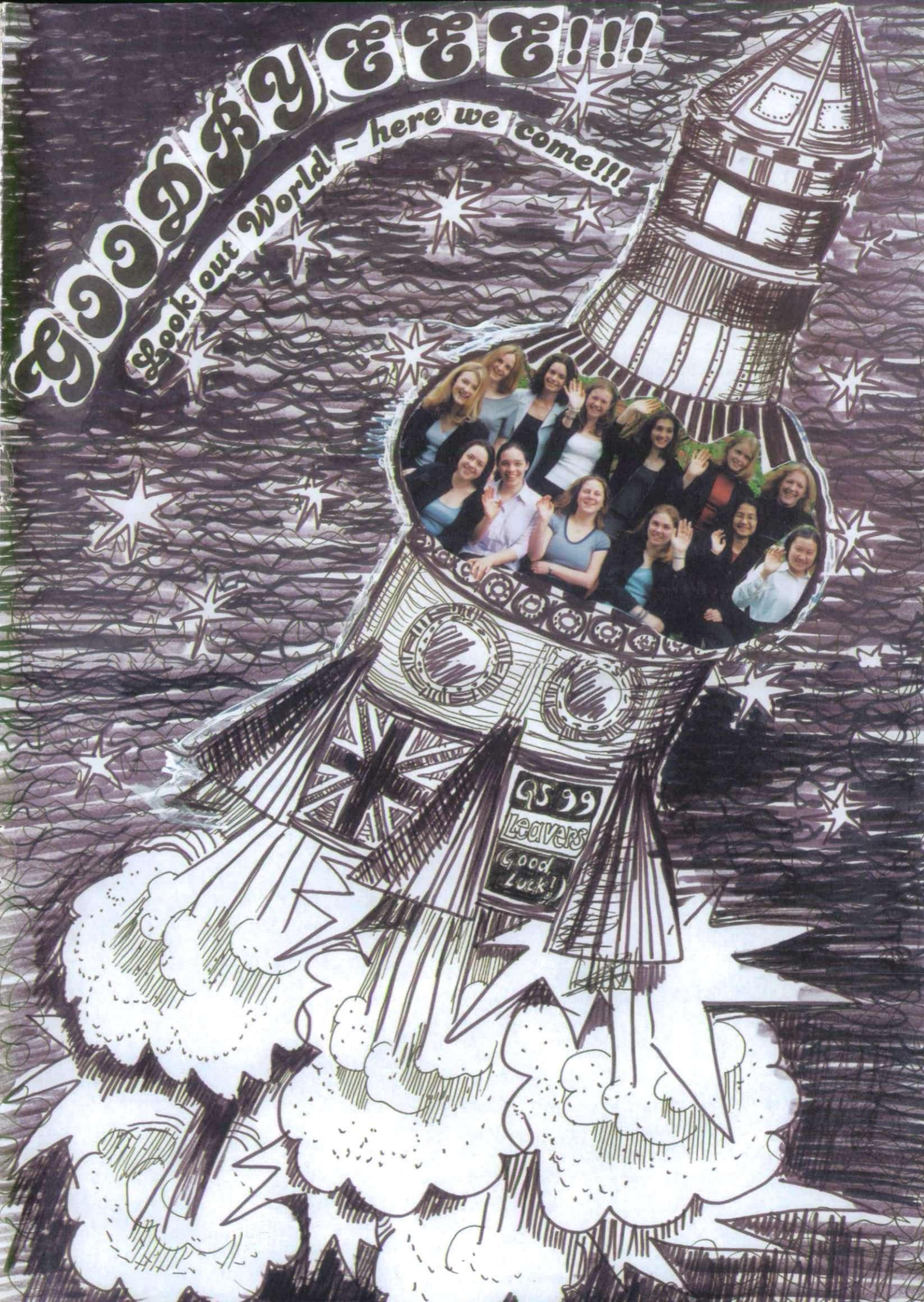
Lorna (1921-1932) on June 21st 1998

Elizabeth Joyce (1931-1936) on July 27th 1998

Margaret (Brickland 1924-1932) on December 14th 1998

Audrey (Gawthorne, at School during the war) mid October 1998









Midori Yoshimaru UVI