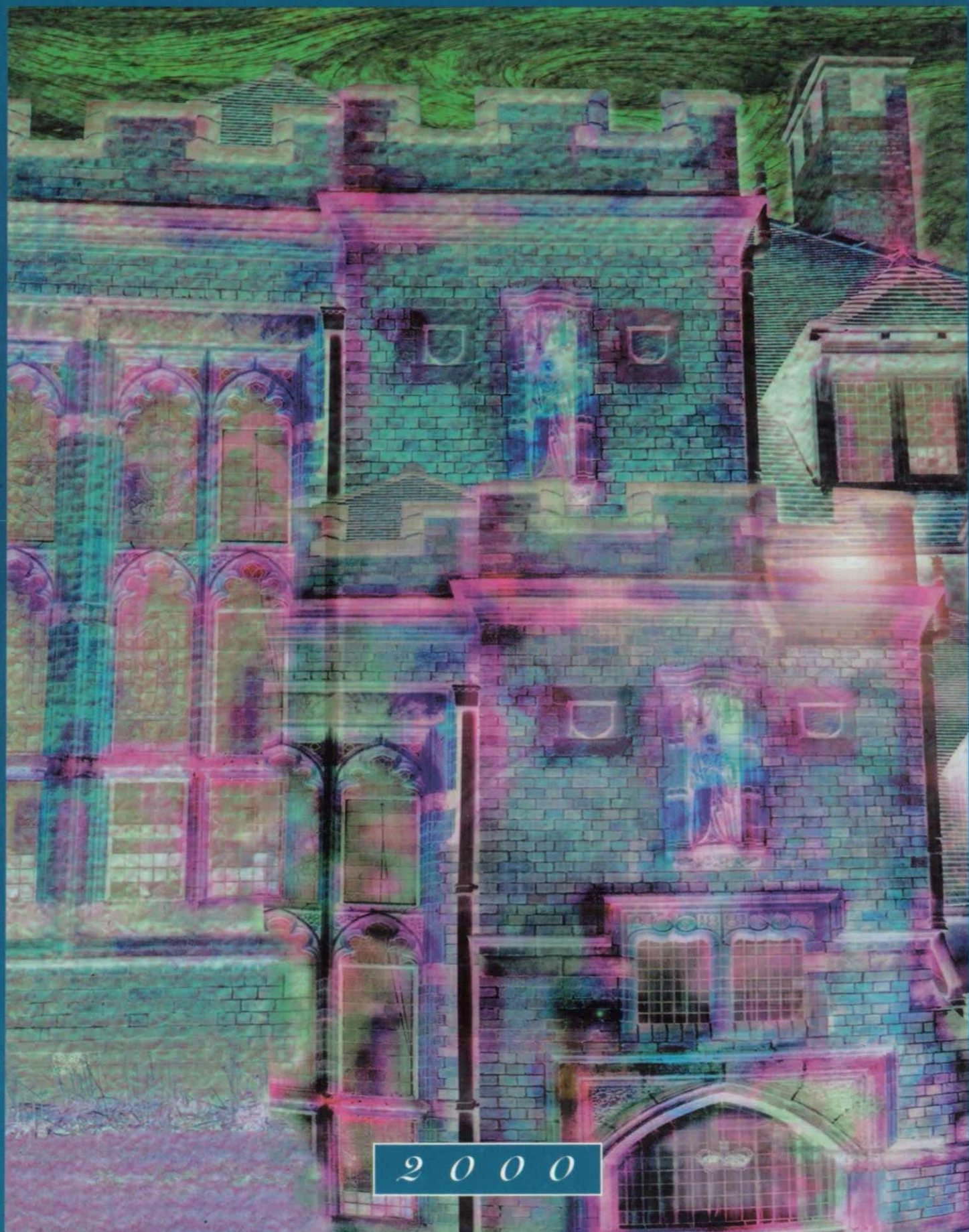


HAVE MYNDE



2000

one hundred years of history





Mrs Sheedy
Deputy Headmistress

foreword

Miss Skilbeck
Headmistress

A Hundred Years of History. There are some graphic illustrations in this issue of *Have Mynde* to show us school life in the early years of the 1900's. As staff and pupils embarked on the beginning of the 20th century they could not have envisaged the changes which would occur in the school within that century. The idea of girls' education was still very new during the final decades of the 19th century. As the importance of girls' education grew and the place of women in the nation assumed greater importance, the demand for school places increased and so at The Queen's School there was a programme of expansion. It is therefore not surprising that the school has continued to expand, not only to increase the number of places available, but also to respond to the changing demands of education. The scratchy pen and inkwell were the main means of communication at the beginning of the 20th century, now we have 3 rooms set aside for the newest forms of communication – E-mail and internet. The most significant improvement in accommodation has been for the Sixth Form and the Library. The former City Walls Hotel, now re-named MacLean House, was opened by the Duchess of Gloucester on 29th March 2000. This was a very memorable day for the school and we are very grateful to all who helped make the transformation of City Walls Hotel possible. Miss MacLean, former Headmistress, had very generously left the school a bequest which helped to make possible the purchase of the hotel. A donation from the Ursula Keyes Trust enabled us to purchase library equipment. This was particularly appropriate as Ursula Keyes was a former pupil of the school. As well as monies from the Appeal, The Queen's School Parents' Association and The Queen's School Association gave generously and helped us to equip the Language suite and purchase library equipment. The Appeal is still continuing, its next project will be the all-weather practice area. One aspect of the Appeal which it is essential to continue is the obtaining of funds for bursaries. These give help with fees, not just to girls entering the school, but to girls in the school whose families experience financial difficulty. It is inevitable that fees will rise each year as so many costs associated with education and upkeep of buildings continue to increase.

The maintenance of a high standard of education and a broad and balanced curriculum and extended curriculum are facets of the school which we hold dear. The Independent Schools Inspection which took place at the end of November 1999 highlighted the dedication of all staff and the high standard of teaching. Great tribute was paid to the girls for their enthusiastic approach to learning and their willingness to participate in extended curricular activities. The report gave well-deserved praise to the Lower School, seen as the jewel in the crown of The Queen's School. The report highlighted the need for some changes, most of which have already been acted upon and will be implemented at the beginning of the new academic year in September 2000.

The end of the academic year 1999-2000 brings its farewells and in particular to two long-serving members of staff, Mrs Prince, Head of German and Examinations Officer, and Mrs Barnes, Biology Technician. Mrs Prince was appointed to the school in 1971 and since that time has passed on her love of German and the German culture to many girls. She started the exchange visits to our twin school in Fulda. As Examinations Officer, Mrs Prince has

had to be very adaptable as examination systems, syllabuses and boards have made significant and complicated changes. The job of Examinations Officer is multi-faceted, dealing with examination boards, papers, students, staff and parents. It is a great tribute to Mrs Prince's organisational skills that year on year, examinations have run fairly smoothly. We wish her a happy, peaceful and relaxed retirement. Mrs Barnes joined the staff in 1974. She has worked quietly and very efficiently in the Biology department as well as being a willing and cheerful helper in other areas of school life. We wish her every happiness in her retirement.

Mr Fisher retired from his post of Head of ICT. He has worked very hard to build up this well-planned, well-run and up to date ICT department. We hope he will have an enjoyable retirement and that his health will improve. Mrs Cooper leaves the History Department and we hope she will enjoy having more time for her young family. Miss Hollex our German conversationalist has left us to go back to Germany to run a hotel. The girls found her lessons interesting and very helpful and we wish her well in her new venture.

During the course of 1999-2000 we have had some significant retirements. Mrs Faulkner, Caretaker, retired in October. She has been a great strength, always willing to assist pupils, staff and parents. She gave unstintingly of her time and we hope that she is finding retirement restful and enjoyable. Dr Dalzell resigned from the Governing Body. She was a very valued member who chaired committees and always gave wise advice and great encouragement. Mr Entwistle came to the end of his term as Governor and we thank him for his contributions to discussions. Mr Lawson finished his term of office as Parent Governor in February. His knowledge of matters concerning employment law and personnel made him a great asset to the Governing Body. We thank all these Governors for their interest and support. Mrs Underwood, Mr Dutton's assistant, resigned in December to devote more time to family matters. She did sterling work on the finances of the school and we thank her for her loyal and efficient service.

Finally, to our UVI leavers – they literally bounced out of school on 17th May on their bouncy castle. As a year group they have been very supportive of all school activities. They have participated in many extended curriculum activities whilst also working diligently at their studies. We look forward now to seeing the girls obtain the results they deserve and, at the Michaelmas Supper in September, hearing their final destination plans. We wish them well and thank them for their gifts to the school.

I am actually writing this in longhand but I am able to see by electric light and these words will be typed into a computer but I fancy that very soon I will just need to speak the words to see them appear on a screen – and you will all download the magazine via your computers! How different from the production of the first issues of *Have Mynde*!

Here's to continued success for The Queen's School in the next century.

Diana M. Skilbeck

Headmistress

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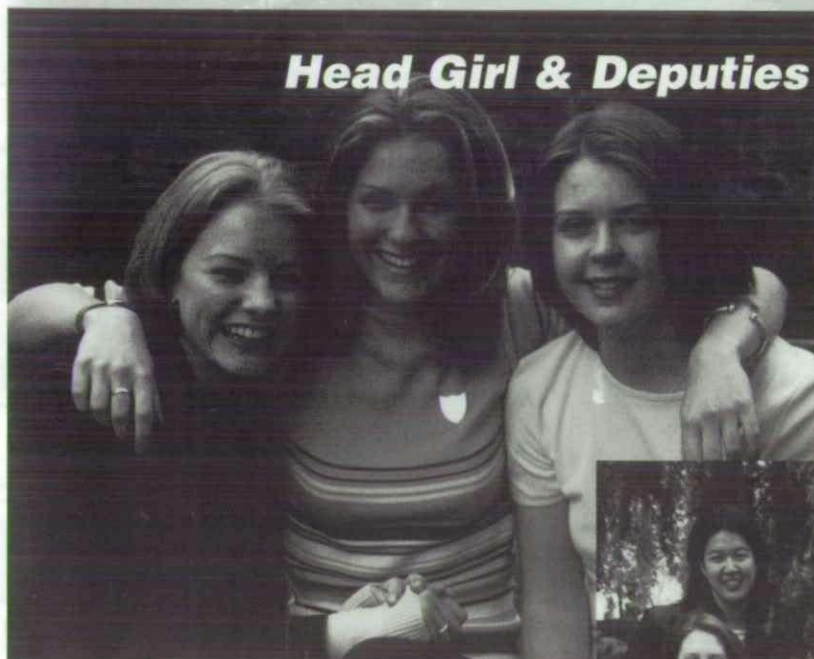
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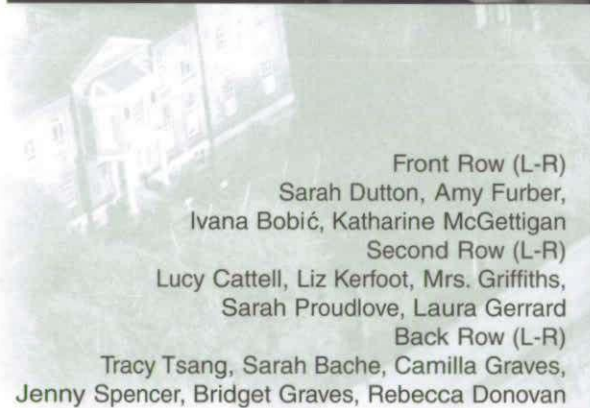
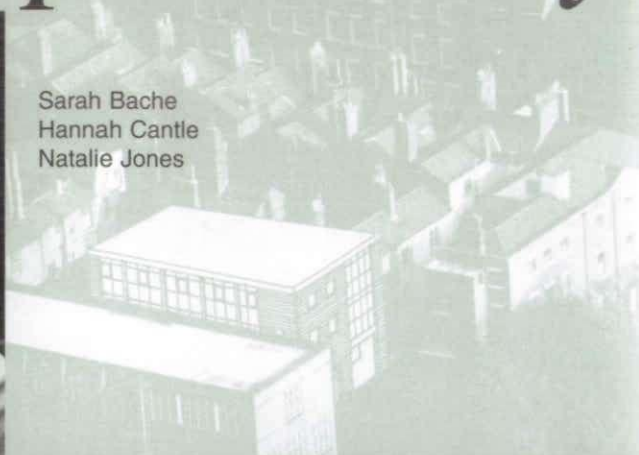
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STAFF NEWS



The Staff Room, 1952

Retirements:

Jean Barnes – Jean started her life at The Queen's School in 1974 as the Chemistry technician, a post she held until 1980. She returned in 1982 as the Biology technician and has proved herself an invaluable member of the team.

It is not an easy task catering for the requirements of four different teachers with their many practical lessons, especially in a prep. room little bigger than a shoe box, but Jean has always produced the apparatus and solutions when needed, often anticipating what will be requested. Her organisational skills are impressive and she will be a hard act to follow. All the biologists who have worked with her have appreciated her competence, commitment and good humour. Her mince pies have melted in the mouth and soothed many a trying end of the Christmas term.

As well as her contribution to the Biology department, Jean has always participated in other areas of school life. In recent years, she has been a member of the staff team for the Christian Union Weekend, helping in various ways; advising on banners, dressing up for the Wide Game (usually as a "baddie"), administering first aid and sympathy and joining in general duties. Her skill as a calligrapher is much admired. Many girls have samples of her handiwork on the certificates they have been awarded.

Jean will be much missed by the Biology department in particular but also by the wider school community and we wish her well in her retirement. **S. Woodland**

Bobby Faulkner left us in the October half term 1999 for the beautiful destination of Geneva. She had been the much loved second mother of the girls for almost seventeen years and is no doubt missed by all.

Bobby played a vital role within school life especially with opening the school early and at weekends for sports fixtures, school outings and the unforgettable Duke of Edinburgh expeditions. She was also an active conspirator in the plotting of the sixth form "muck-up" day! She was a valued member of staff and was regarded by many as the backbone of the school. She was always cheerful and ready to help out in any way she could.

I hope that she will be back to see how Mandy has successfully followed in her footsteps and kept the light-hearted and friendly atmosphere that she had always maintained.

Danny Fisher joined the school in September 1993 as Head of Information Technology.

During his time here he has overseen major

developments in the ICT department. Even though the pace of change in education in general, but particularly technology, has been immense over the last few years, Danny's knowledge was always up to date. He had a clear vision of the direction that the school should take and introduced many initiatives with his usual thoughtfulness and sensitivity towards staff and pupils alike. He gave freely of his time and nothing was ever too much trouble. With his careful guidance technology has become an integrated part of the school administration as well as the curriculum. It is unfortunate that he has had to take early retirement through ill health. His cheerful personality and willingness to help others overcome their ICT problems will be greatly missed by all. For all of this we thank him and wish him and his wife, Jill, well in the future. **Sheila Sheedy and Jenny Lamprell**

Mary Prince – Mary Prince joined the school in 1971 as part-time teacher of German and took over the running of the department at Christmas 1983, when her colleague left to get married. Since then she has been responsible for teaching hundreds of girls, from LIV up to A level, and has maintained her and their interest in things German: the fall of the Berlin wall was captured on video; the LV regularly baked German cakes when they had to learn their shopping and "café" vocabulary; at Christmas "O Tannenbaum" and "Stille Nacht" were heard from her classrooms; on December 6, generations of LIV's have been visited by St Nicholas and many UIV's have enjoyed the hunt for Easter eggs in the top garden. With sixth form classes, Mary has organised visits to German Days at universities as well as theatre trips to see our set books come to life, although not always to much of a life. I still remember the performance of Biedermann when she nudged me to wake up in Act 1, but then dozed off herself in Act 2.

Teaching a language usually involves the E word, and Mary has set up many an exchange in her time here. She has escorted groups of girls to Germany, entertained our German colleagues here in Chester and organised the traditional trip to Alton Towers, where she has consistently avoided the Corkscrew and Nemesis, but has glided round elegantly on a swan.

As Examinations Officer, Mary has, for several years now, arranged the smooth running of GCSE and A Level examination sessions, dealing in her inimitable manner with the inefficiencies of various examination boards, the starved nerves of staff and girls, the problems of the Post Office and the necessary furniture shifting in school in May and June.

As a close colleague and friend, I have memories of her sharp wit (we have spent hours laughing), her insistence on correct use of English, her culinary skills (we have spent hours eating), her social conscience, when she collects pur money for charity, the seemingly endless supply of fruit from her garden, and a million kindnesses to me and others. Mary has what she describes as a brusque manner. When she was asked, "What are you doing for the millennium?" she replied, "I don't know. I expect to be dead for most of it." Well, not before a long and happy retirement, we hope. **P Maddocks**

Births:

Mrs S Osborne, a daughter, Elizabeth on 11th May 2000

Mrs S Lindop, a son, Thomas on 30th May 2000

Mrs S J Scarr Hall, a son, Alexander Joshua, on 11th May 2000

Farewell:

Fiona Cooper is leaving the History Department this July, after five years' part-time teaching, to spend more time with her young family. She has been a valued member of the department, setting high standards for the girls and helping to develop their critical skills with her detailed assessment of their work. She will be remembered especially for her genuine interest in the Tudor period. We wish her well for the future and hope that she enjoys the extra time with her own girls.

P A Tolley

News of Past Pupils

Revd Canon Vivienne Faulk:

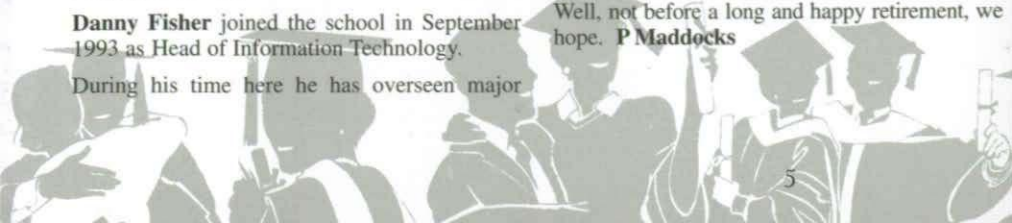
First woman Provost in the Church of England. Vivienne was at The Queen's School from 1966 to 1973. She read History at St Hilda's College, Oxford, before gaining a wide variety of experience including mission work in India, youth outreach, and ministry in Coventry Cathedral. She has preached several times at The Queen's School services in the Cathedral, most recently at the Millennium Service on January 7th, 2000. She is now the most senior woman in the Church of England, having just been appointed as the Provost of Leicester Cathedral. We congratulate her on her appointment and wish her well in this special area of ministry.

Myfanwy Brown (Neé Salih 1987-94).

To Myfanwy and Richard, a daughter, Rosa Christina, on 24 July, 1999.

Marriages:

Anna Maddocks to Mark Jex on 15th April 2000 in Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge



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The certificates and prizes were presented by His Honor Judge Elgan Edwards Honorary Recorder of Chester

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Lucy Williams EngA* Eng LitA* FrenchA* GeogA* LatinA* Biola* ChemA* PhysA* HistA* MathsA*
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Upper Sixth Results A, AS and GCSE

Carolyn Ainsworth Biola ChemA Gen StA Physics ASFrench Prize for Outstanding Achievement at A level

Kate Anians ArtA BusSt Eng Lit

Mary Anthonypillai Biola Chem GenSt Physics

Laura Antlett Biola ChemA GenStA Physics
Prize for Outstanding Achievement at A level

Rachel Armstrong Geog Maths

Jane Ashton Biola Eng Lit GenSt Geog GCSEPEA*

Jane Bellamy Eng LitA FrenchA GenStA MathsA AS FurMathsA AS GermanA
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Penelope Batey Biola ChemA GenStA MathsA MusicA GCSEItalA* Prize for Outstanding Achievement at A level

Philippa Bruce EngLitA FrenchA GenSt HistA
Prize for Outstanding Achievement at A level

Patricia Burke Biola Chem GenStA Maths ASFrench

Ceri Clements ArtA BusSt GenSt Geog ASFrench

Rachel Cocker EngLitA FrenchA GenStA HistA
Prize for Outstanding Achievement at A level

Sarah Concoran BusSt ClassCiv GenSt Geog

Lucy Craven Biola GenStA GeogA Music GCSEItalA

Rachael Dudley Biol EngLit GenSt RS GCSEItalA

Katie Dutton Econ FrenchA GenStA Music GCSESpanA

Kyra Drinnan Biola ChemA MathsA FurMathsA GenStA ASFrench
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Emily Dzelainis Biola EngLit GenSt RS

Elizabeth Elliott ClassCiv GenStA Phys AS Maths ASRS

Maxine Esser EngLit French GenStA Hist GCSEItalA

Claire Foster EconA GenStA MathsA PhysA GCSEPEA* Prize for Outstanding Achievement at A level

Eleanor Galley ChemA GenStA MathsA PhysA ASFrench ASLatin Prize for Outstanding Achievement at A level

Emily Gibson Biola Chem GenStA MathsA ASClassCivA Prize for Outstanding Achievement at A level

Lauren Gibson Biola ChemA GenStA MathsA
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Stephanie Halliwell EngLitA FrenchA GenStA Hist GCSEItalA* Prize for Outstanding Achievement at A level

Lucy Harries EconA GenSt Maths RSA

Sally Haslewood Biola GenSt GeogA Hist

Michelle Hayward ChemA MathsA FurMathsA GenSt PhysA Prize for Outstanding Achievement at A level

Sushmita Kakati Biola ChemA GenStA Hist A AS Maths GCSEItalA Prize for Outstanding Achievement at A level

Grace Kawai Biola Chem GenStA Phys AS French

Anna Legat BusStA French GenSt Geog

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Victoria Manford Econ GenStA GeogA Germ GCSEItalA

Sarah Mills BusStA French GenSt GeogA

Claire Mooney BusStA EngA GenStA HistA AS Maths
GCSESpanA Prize for Outstanding Achievement at A level

Julia Mounsey Biol GenStA Geog MathsA
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Alexis Murray Econ MathsA FurMaths GenSt Geog
Eleni Neoptolemos HistA Lat MusicA AS French

Jessica Nestler EngLit French GenSt AS Maths
GCSESpanA

Victoria Packham BiolA Chem GenStA Maths AS
FrenchA

Emily Pearce EngLitA GenStA GerMA RSA
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Jennifer Pym BiolA Chem GenStA GeogA
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Caroline Richards EngLitA French GenSt HistA
Joanne Riddell ArtA French GenSt RS

Rowena Ridgway Class CivA GenSt A Hist A RS
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Katharine Selby BusStA ClassCivA GenStA GeogA
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Laura Sensicle BiolA ChemA GenStA PhysA
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Ruth Schiller BiolA GenStA Chem Maths GCSEPEA
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Melinda Totty BiolA French GenSt GeogA
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Susan Waring French GenSt
Angela Warren Biol BusSt GenSt Maths GCSEPEA

Katherine Whitby ArtA Econ GenStA Maths PhysA
Prize for Outstanding Achievement at A level

Angela Willis BiolA ChemA GenSt MathsA Prize for
Outstanding Achievement at A level

Rebecca Wilson BiolA Chem GenStA Maths
Midori Yoshimaru Art Maths

Third Year Sixth

Jessamy Mann LatA

Awards and Prizes

Head Girl's Award *Rachel Hall* Owen Jones Prize

Deputy Head Girls *Marianne Milnes* Dr & Mrs Judge's Prize

Award *Stefanie Worden* Rotary Club Prize

Queen Victoria's Jubilee *Christina Stanley*

Scholarship *Stefanie Worden*

Prize for Service to the School

Ruth Armstrong The Guha Family

Jane Ashton The Guha Family

Claire Braid The Guha Family

Sophie Jarrett Lorna Ewart Prize donated by QSA

Sarah Jones Lorna Ewart Prize donated by QSA

Helen Parker Diana Beck Memorial Prize donated by QSA

Helen Roberts Diana Beck Memorial Prize donated by QSA

Angela Stacey Diana Beck Memorial Prize donated by QSA

Fifth Form Prize for Service to the School

Vicky Lloyd Nicole Butler and Julia Copland

Sally Pym Nicole Butler and Julia Copland

Elizabeth Pawson Nicole Butler and Julia Copland

Prize for service to the Neighbourhood

Sarah Jones Mr & Mrs Aston

Trophy for effort, endeavour and fellowship

Stefanie Worden Mr J Brotherhood

The Centenary Prize for Progress

Sarah Corcoran Mr & Mrs J B Phillips

Gemma Swindells Mr & Mrs J B Phillips

Rebecca Wilson Mr & Mrs J B Phillips

Prize for Achievement *Rachel Armstrong* Anon

The Helen Parker Prize for the Best Piece of Creative Work in 'Have Mynde' *Cassandra Campbell* Helen Parker

Prize for Public Speaking 1998

Claire Foster Pate Prize

Janine Sykes Pate Prize

Subject Prizes

Art *Midori Yoshimaru*

Biology *Carolyn Ainsworth*

Penelope Batey

Lucie Stanley

Business Studies *Claire Mooney*

Chemistry *Penelope Batey*

Eleanor Gallely (Progress)

Lauren Gibson

Angela Willis

Classical Studies *Rowena Ridgway*

Economics *Philippa Lindsay*

English *Claire Mooney*

French *Philippa Lindsay*

Philippa Bruce (Progress)

Geography *Lucy Craven*

Sally Haslewood

History *Rachel Cocker*

Sushmita Kakati

Home Economics *Gemma Swindells*

Latin *Jessamy Mann*

Mathematics *Lauren Gibson*

Michelle Hayward

Philippa Lindsay

Lucie Stanley

Music *Penelope Batey*

Lucy Craven

Katie Dutton

Eleni Neoptolemos

Physics *Claire Foster*

Lucie Stanley

Religious Studies *Emily Pearce*

Prize for Progress in English *Caroline Richards*

Cup for Languages and Business Studies *Katharine Selby*

Anna Markland Music Festival

The Anna Markland Trophy

Elizabeth Halbert

The Ann Brotherhood Vocal Trophy

Clare Newcome

The Piano Trophy *Penelope Batey*

The Woodwind Trophy

Amy Woods

The James/Surfleet *Franny Allwood*

Ensemble Trophy *Ruth Armstrong*

Midori Yoshimaru

The Piano Duet Trophy *Hannah Cattle*

Midori Yoshimaru

Church Trophy for Brass

Gemma Clarke

Sports Awards

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

Shambler Cup for Badminton

Sarah Hutton Mr. & Mrs R G Shambler

Shambler Cup for Badminton

Emily Jones Mr. & Mrs R G Shambler

Hannah Owen Award for Lacrosse (Senior)

Lucy Harries Hannah Owen

Hannah Owen Award for Lacrosse (Junior)

Sophie Muskett Hannah Owen

Short Trophy for Tennis *Jane Ashton/Tania and Anina* Short Prize for Games and Gymnastics

Philippa Bruce Margaret Meacock Memorial Prize

Lucy Levland Margaret Meacock Memorial Prize

Fay Robinson Margaret Meacock Memorial Prize

Irvin Cup for Hockey *Sarah Arden* Mr & Mrs L Irvin

House Games Cups

Senior Hockey Hastings

Senior Lacrosse Thompson

Senior Tennis Thompson

House Athletics

1999 Leavers - Destinations

Name	Degree or other course	University
<i>Carolyn Ainsworth</i>	Medicine	Imperial College, London
<i>Kate Anians</i>	Fashion Marketing	Northumbria at Newcastle
<i>Rachel Armstrong</i>	Geology	Liverpool
<i>Penelope Batey</i>	Natural Sciences	Clare College, Cambridge
<i>Jane Bellamy</i>	Theology & Rel.	St. Queen's College, Cambridge
<i>Patricia Burke</i>	Biology	Imperial College, London
<i>Rachel Cocker</i>	Modern History	Merton College, Oxford
<i>Sarah Corcoran</i>	Business Studies	Bristol, West of England
<i>Lucy Craven</i>	Geography	Bristol
<i>Kyra Drinnan</i>	Medicine	Bristol
<i>Rachael Dudley</i>	Psychology	Liverpool
<i>Katie Dutton</i>	French & Hispanic Studies	Sheffield
<i>Emily Dzelzainis</i>	Social & Political Studies	Sheffield
<i>Elizabeth Elliott</i>	Classical Studies	Durham
<i>Maxine Esser</i>	History	St Andrews
<i>Emily Gibson</i>	Medicine	Sheffield
<i>Lauren Gibson</i>	Biological Sciences	Edinburgh
<i>Stephanie Halliwell</i>	Law	Bristol
<i>Sally Haslewood</i>	Geography	Bristol

Michelle Hayward Physics Warwick

Sushmita Kakati Medicine Leeds

Grace Kawai Medicine Birmingham

Philippa Lindsay Modern European Studies University College, London

Victoria Manford Geography Leeds

Sarah Mills Geography Newcastle

Claire Mooney History Sheffield

Julia Mounsey Computer Science & Mathematics Sheffield

Alexis Murray Computer Science & Mathematics Sheffield

Jessica Nestler Combined Degree Wolverhampton

Victoria Packham Medicine Imperial College, London

Emily Pearce Psychology York

Jennifer Pym Physiotherapy King's College, London

Caroline Richards History Sheffield

Joanne Riddell Art Foundation London School of Fashion

Rowena Ridgway History York

Helen Roberts Medicine Leeds

Fay Robinson Biological Sciences (Animal) Birmingham

Sarah Rogers Architecture Sheffield

Ruth Schiller Biological Sciences Sheffield

Laura Sensicle Veterinary Science Royal Veterinary College

Angela Stacey Physical Education/Sports Science Loughborough

Gemma Swindells Agriculture Royal Agricultural College

Janine Sykes Mechanical Engineering with German Sheffield

Melinda Totty Geography Sheffield

Angela Warren Sports Studies Wolverhampton

Angela Willis Veterinary Science Royal Veterinary College

Rebecca Wilson Biology Bath

Midori Yoshimaru Business Course Oxford Business College

Deferred entry for 2000

Laura Anlett Veterinary Science Royal Veterinary College

Mary Anthonypillai Re-sitting A Levels

Jane Ashton Geography Sheffield

Philippa Bruce General Arts Edinburgh

Ceri Clements Teaching in Africa West Cheshire College

Claire Foster 'Year in Industry' Medicine University College, London

Eleanor Gallely Re-applying for Economics

Lucy Harries Re-applying for Geography & Business Studies

Anna Legat Re-applying for Music

Eleni Neoptolemos Re-sitting A Levels Abbey Tutorial College Manchester

Charlotte Rowley-Conwy Guiding Overseas linked to Development Management Lancaster

Katharine Selby Veterinary Science Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge

Lucie Stanley 'Year in Industry' Business Management Lancaster

Alexandra Stringer Gap year in employment Economics Warwick

Susan Waring

Katherine Whitby

Grateful acknowledgement is made to the following for presenting prizes:

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

Gifts to school 1999 - 2000

Queen's School Association

Picture of Miss Maclean for Maclean House, Library display cabinet, Library trolley.

Mrs Capes

Gift of Ursula Keyes book.

Mr Lawson

Ursula Keyes Book.

UVI Leavers

pictures for sixth form common room presented on behalf of all of the sixth form the Millennium Achievers award to Hannah Cattle LVI.



Tennis 1917-18

The 1999 tennis season is one of the best the school has ever had. There were some great achievements at both individual and team level. Possibly the most significant successes were the U18 team reaching the Aberdare Cup final and the U13 team reaching the last 16 schools in the country in the Midland Bank competition. Both of these competitions are national, so the teams did particularly well.

The U13 team were very strong this year; so strong that the school was able to field two teams in the Midland Bank competition. The 'B' team played well to beat both Lymm and Bishop Heber, but were unlucky to lose in the second round. Well played to Elaine Radcliffe, Claire Newcombe, Charlotte Radcliffe, Sophie Hedgecoe, Sarah Ayton and Catriona Thomson. The 'A' team made school history and show the promise of being the strongest tennis team the school have had. They were victorious over such schools as Bolton, Manchester Grammar School and Altrincham Grammar on their way to the Regional final.

Here they played well to defeat St. Edward's College putting them through to the last 16 schools in the country. Unfortunately they were then drawn against Millfield School, who are well known for their sporting successes.

Nevertheless, the team fought hard and lost respectably. Congratulations go to Emma

Jenkins, Lucy and Emma Swe, Mary Pritchard, Elaine Radcliffe and Jessica Crowther.

In the U15 Midland Bank Competition they defeated many schools including Mount Carmel, Fallibroome and Cransley to earn themselves a place in the Cheshire final. They were drawn against Cheadle Hulme whom they beat 5 matches to 1. This meant that they were the winners of the County tournament. West Kirby were their opposition in the next round and although the team fought hard for a 3-3 match tie, they lost on Game Countback. Well played to Vicky Gallagher, Kate Leyland, Katy Timmins and Anna Moulds.

Our teams have represented the school in the Chester and District tournaments at all age levels. The U13's gained second position in the Chester and District Competition with victories over local rivals such as Upton, Abbeygate and Bishop's. The U15's also had considerable success, drawing the final with Bishop Heber having beaten Christleton, Blacon, Bishop's and Tarporley. Well done to all who took part. Queen's U18 team played well to beat Queen's Park High, Tarporley and Bishop Heber. They came runners-up to Abbeygate. Well done to Sarah Hutton, Penny Dixon, Gemma Jones, Anna-Marie Perry, Madelaine Troy and Rachel Hall.

The Junior Cheshire Doubles competition was played by the U14 tennis team.

They beat schools including The Grange, St. Hilary's and Whitby to win their way through to the final. They met Altrincham who they were unlucky to lose to. The Cheshire Intermediate Doubles competition also led to some good results against Whitby and Mount Carmel, before losing to the eventual winners Stockport Grammar.

The U18 team also took part in the Senior Competition.

Here each of the couples played in a round robin format against their respective couples from Sir John Deanes, Lymm and Wilmslow. The team shared second position with

Lymm.

Queen's 1st team calendar revolved around the Aberdare Cup competition this year. This was probably because the team somehow managed to keep winning all their matches. The team was made up of a cross section of ages from the second year up to the Upper Sixth. However this did not prove a problem as the team made it to the Regional Final. We were drawn against Shrewsbury and with a trip to near London in sight the team weren't about to lose and won 5 matches to 1. Having reached the Aberdare Cup final, a remarkable achievement, the team had to stay at Queenswood School in Hertfordshire. We were kitted out with new tracksuits and were able to travel down in the comfort of a brand, new minibus. On arriving at Queenswood, the team were somewhat over-awed by the apparant seriousness of the event, but that didn't take long to wear off! The first match was against Putney High School who were tough competition and knocked us out of the main draw. We were then placed into the Plate Competition, where we beat Bassaleg 4 matches to 1. Our stay in Queenswood came to an end when we lost to Norwich by one set. I can safely say that we all enjoyed ourselves and took away memories of long walks, air hockey and a great sun tan! Thanks to Mrs Moore for taking us and I hope that the team can repeat this success next year (so does Miss Huck!)

Congratulations to Jane Ashton, Vicky Gallagher, Emma Jenkins, Jenny Crooks, Lucy Leyland and Sarah Arden. Well done to everyone who played last Summer and Good Luck to Katharine McGettigan and all the teams next year.

Lucy Leyland



TENNIS AWARDS 1999



Aberdare Cup Finalists 1999

Back Row (L - R) Jenny Crooks, Victoria Gallagher

Front Row (L - R) Emma Jenkins, Lucy Leyland, Sarah Arden

The Wheeler Cup was awarded to Emma Jenkins as U13 Cheshire Singles Champion.

The Okell Cup was awarded to Victoria Gallagher as U15 Cheshire Singles Champion.

Senior Tennis Colours were awarded to Sarah Arden and Lucy Leyland.

Certificates of Commendation for Senior Tennis were awarded to Sarah Hutton, Penny Dixon and Anne-Marie Perry.

Junior Tennis Colours were awarded to Anna Moulds and Katy Timmins.

Certificates of Commendation for Junior Tennis were awarded to Nicola Blucher, Faye Jones, Lucy Heffer, Joanna Monro and Sarah Roberts.

Athletics Report 1999

The Queen's School had another excellent season starting with the TSB competition. Our intermediate team finished as joint runners-up in the Cheshire Round and our juniors were winners. The juniors qualified for the Regional "B" final. Next came the minors (year 7) Chester and District Competition held at Wrexham.

Nicola Webb	1st in 200m
	3rd in triple jump
Beth Greenhouse	2nd in hurdles
Charlotte Cook	3rd in long jump
Victoria McCubbine	4th in 100m
Elizabeth Garry	5th in 800m
Abigail Gleek	5th in 200m

The 1999 Cheshire Championships were held at the new athletics track in Macclesfield for year 8 upwards.

Chloe Woodcock, Clare Newcome, Claire Chisholm and Katy Timmins were all selected this year.

The minors Cheshire Championships took place in Warrington with Nicola Webb, Beth Greenhouse and Charlotte Cook all representing the District. Charlotte came 3rd in the long jump. The Chester and District Championships for years 8 - 11 took place during the last week of the summer term again at Wrexham:-

YEAR 8

Clare Newcome	1st in hurdles and high jump
Jennifer Milburn	2nd in 100m
Chloe Woodcock	2nd in hurdles
Laura Bestow	2nd in long jump
	5th in 1500m
Elizabeth Tyson	5th in 200m
Catrina Thomson	5th in 800m
Heather Rees	6th in 100m
	4 x 100m relay team 3rd

YEAR 9

Natalie Hutcheson	1st in 100m
	4th in high jump
Laura Wilkinson	1st in hurdles
	2nd in long jump
Alexandra Wilcox	1st in 1500m
Elise Hague	4th in 1500m
Kate Leyland	4th in hurdles
Rachel Thompson	6th in 200m
	4 x 100m relay team 3rd

YEARS 10 AND 11

Katy Timmins	1st in long jump
(new Chester and District record of 5.12m)	
	3rd in 100m
Nicola Blucher	1st in 800m
	3rd in triple jump
Joanna Monro	1st in javelin
Sophie Muskett	2nd in high jump
Sarah Woodcock	3rd in hurdles
Julia Krause	4th in 300m
Rosamund Lloyd-Jones	4th in 800m
Ruth Roberts	5th in 200m
Ruth Evans	6th in shot
	4 x 100m relay team 2nd

QUEEN'S WERE OVERALL WINNERS (GIRLS)

Congratulations to all our athletics team members for their dedication. They compete in all weather conditions from the heat and sunshine to freezing cold and driving rain. Well done to you all. Athletics is enjoyed by so many of our pupils and it is a credit to you all to see you practising hard in lessons and at lunchtimes to improve your scores for the 5 star awards.



Swimming

Our swimming pool has been relined and looks so much better. Due to this, Swimming Club started late this year and therefore we only had a few weeks to prepare for the annual Rydal Penrhos match in Colwyn Bay. The combined teams of U13's and U15's did extremely well to win 136 points to Rydal's 130. We are now looking forward to another match against Moreton Hall this summer.

Sarah Garrod LVJ

Netball

The year started well with a large turnout for the under 12 practices. The first match of the season was against Tarporley. Four teams were put forward and they all played very well to win all four matches. The scores are as follows: U12A won 14-6, U12B won 11-3, U12C won 9-2 and U12D won 4-3.

Attendance dropped for the U12, mainly due to the cold; but everyone who attended was keen to play. The U12s' second match and U13's first match was against Rydal. Two teams attended for each age group. The scores were as follows: U12A won 6-5, U13A won 15-9 and the U13B lost 6-5.

Following this match there was a long wait before the next but the time was well spent. Skills were sharpened and teamwork, not only between the players but also the coaches, improved and as a result confidence grew.

The next match was the last for the U12's before their tournament so the teams were eager to play well. The match was against Packwood.

The U12A team won 10-9 and the U12B unfortunately lost 11-3.

The U12's went on to play their tournament at Packwood on the 8th of March. They beat Moreton Hall 3-2, drew with Oswestry 2-2, beat Old Hall 8-1 and lost to Moor Park 2-1. This put them through to the

semi finals unfortunate to lose against Packwood 2-1. In the play-off of third place they lost to Shrewsbury 2-1. This left them in a well deserved fourth place overall.

The U14's played in the Chester and District tournament at Christleton on the 16th of March. Against tough competition in their section they were

There was a first for The Queen's School this year in netball. Annie Lea from UIV was selected to play in the U14 Cheshire county squad.

This is an excellent achievement Annie, well done!

Congratulations must go to all the girls for their dedication and hard work and for achieving such a high standard. Thanks must also go to Miss Skilbeck and Mrs O'Donnell for helping with the practices and on occasions pretending to be removes!

We'd all like to thank Mrs Moore for her continued support and excellent organisation of the matches. We look forward to a good attendance next year with more excellent play.

Catherine Blackman LVI.

Rounders 1999

Both the Under 13 and Under 15 teams won their Chester and District Rounders tournaments. Congratulations to both these teams for winning their respective tournaments after some relatively close matches. The U13's beat Abbeygate in the final while the U15's defeated Upton. Friendlies for all age groups were throughout the Summer Term against Moreton Hall, Catholic High, Hammond, Abbeygate and Tarporley.

Rowing

This season has proved particularly eventful for the Royal Chester Juniors. This season began with the arrival of new members and a newly discovered team spirit kept alive by the prospect of a large lottery grant. After much gruelling training we were ready for forthcoming competitions commencing with the York head where both the quad and the double did well to gain the respectable positions of 1st and 2nd place. We have since attended many heads including Warrington, Northwich and we even ventured as far as Henley (London). Thanks to the King's School for the sharing of their transport. However, the highlight of this season was Schools' Head, also in London, where the quad beat stiff competition to come 11th out of 18.

More recently we competed in small boats at the Ball Cup on the River Dee. Here we achieved many victories (the results of Jackie's lovely hot pasta) with Hannah and Emma both gaining victories in singles, and Susanna and Fiona winning the J15 doubles.

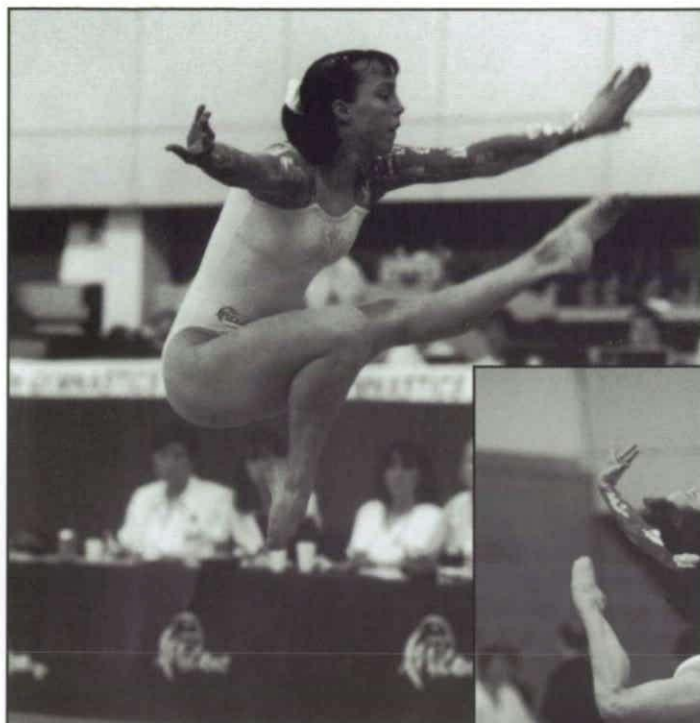
We are looking forward to the forthcoming Regattas such as Shrewsbury and Chester. Our thanks must be extended to the constant support parents have given and the dedication of Duncan Little, Ashley Dillon and Peter Strong.

Ruth Watson and Helen Thomas.

Gym Club

Lots of girls attended gym club this year. We did various activities including a display for Open Day, Sport Acrobatics and working towards awards. Heather Rees gained her Baga 1 and Kay Morris gained her single Gold Top Award. Thank you to Mrs Moore and Jessica Tilling for their continued support and encouragement. We hope it will continue next year and be as much fun!

Heather Rees and Laura Bestow UIVC



Beth Tweddle, LVJo
CONGRATULATIONS to Beth on her excellent performance at the Junior European Championships in Paris. She now goes on to compete in the English & British Championships towards the end of the summer term.

Ski Team

The ski team has had another successful season in 1999. This season the girls have all qualified as U14's as the regulations work according to your birth year.

The main competition, as always, was the English Schools Championships. At the qualifiers in September both of the Under 12 and Under 14 teams won their age categories and qualified for the finals. This is the first time that both teams have succeed in qualifying.

In the finals the team did not win any medals, but the senior team did enough to gain a place

at the British Championships. At the English finals Laura Wilkinson excelled and gained third place of the under 14's, out of 28. In the English open competition Emily Makower finished 22nd out of 60 runners in the girls section.

The greatest excitement this year, for both the girls and the parents, was their first snow competition. Two teams (six girls) competed in the British Schoolgirls Races in Flaine, France at the end of January. This proved to be a steep learning curve for all. However they acquitted themselves very well. In the Giant

Slalom Laura Wilkinson finished 31st out of 115 competitors. All the other team members returned with very creditable times against competition that included the World number three for Schoolgirls.

The team this year comprised of Laura Wilkinson, Georgie Okell, Emily Makower, Victoria Tudor-Jones, Victoria Hughes, Donna McFaddyen and Lucy Campbell- Woodward. Anyone who would like to join in should speak to one of these girls.

Table Tennis

Tuesday lunchtimes proved most enjoyable for all the Remove girls who took part in table tennis club, run by Mr Armstrong. We are all very grateful to him for helping us improve our play and skills. He has been a great help to all of us and we have enjoyed learning more about the sport!

Amanda Scott, Emma Hayes and Lizzie French, Remove R.

Senior Table Tennis Champion:

Runner up:

Junior Table Tennis Champion:

Runner up:

Remove Table Tennis Champion:

Runner up:

Rachel Hewitt.

Rhiannon Kinsman.

Stephanie Hughes.

Sarah Bransby.

Jessica Crowther.

Lucy Swe.



Lacrosse 1999-2000

The 1st team's major successes last season provided us all with a challenge to live up to: The Queen's School's new reputation as lean, mean, lacrosse playing machines! This was unfortunately hampered somewhat, by foul weather, muddy pitches, broken sticks and bruised goalkeepers. However, our unfailing enthusiasm for lacrosse has pulled us through to the end of the season, leaving us with memories of magnificent victories.

The attempt started well with seven girls being selected to represent the Cheshire U18 A team: Amanda Gemmill, Amalie Bowen-Jones, Sophie Muskett, Loretta Mills, Ruth Evans, Sophia Scott and Jo Monro. A further seven girls were selected for the Cheshire B team: Abi Wilson, Jenna Anians, Katy Timmins, Sarah Woodcock, Lucy Heffer, Bridget Graves and Vicky Garry.

The U13's have practised hard all season and developed into skilful players. Their team work was demonstrated with an 8-3 win over Wirral Grammar, and they have gained practice with matches against Packwood Haugh, Belvedere and Moreton Hall.

The U14's have improved greatly this season thanks to expert coaching by Mrs Waring. They played well in the North Schools' Junior Tournament, and after some great goals they were unfortunate not to qualify for the semi finals. This experience however, has prepared them well for next year's busy season.

The U15's have proved themselves to be an extremely talented side, producing victories over Casterton 7-0 and Withington 8-3. They made their National Schools' debut in style wearing matching Gap fleeces and bobble hats. They played well against tough opposition and won 3 out of their 5 matches. They are to be congratulated for these results and their wonderful team spirit, which is always visible at matches and practices. I am sure they will be a tremendous asset to the 1st team in the forthcoming years.

The 1st team started the season slowly, taking time to adapt to the new team structure and our new coach, Jason. A victory over archrivals Withington boosted our confidence levels, and we headed for the Northern Schools' Tournament. We were hoping to retain our title, but after an impressive display of teamwork and skill we were extremely unlucky to lose only one match - to Withington!

Due to such a large Senior squad, it has been possible to field a strong 2nd team for many matches. They have had notable victories over Bolton 9-1, and Belvedere 1st team 4-2.

Our indoor lacrosse skills were also tested - and proved successful against a mixed team from Bishop Heber. Boys beware! All's fair in love, war and lacrosse! In March we attended the National Schools Tournament at Berkhamsted, and surpassed all our expectations by winning our section with the following results: vs. Harrogate Ladies College won 1-0, vs. Piper's Corner won 10-0, vs. Birkenhead won 5-0, vs. St Helen's drew 2-2 and vs. Bedford won 6-0. This placed us as one of the top four schools on the day, and as such we were invited back to compete as one of the top 20 schools in the country. This was only the second time in the tournament's history that Queen's had qualified - so this in itself was a tremendous achievement. We played well as a team and thoroughly enjoyed the experience producing the following results: vs. Guildford High lost 4-2, vs. St. Paul's lost 5-0, vs. Downe House lost 8-0 and vs. Stowe lost 2-1. It must be remembered that the majority of the other teams were from boarding schools, which practise every day, and we were the only Northern team that managed to qualify!

Individual success has been gained this season with Ruth Evans and Amanda Gemmill representing the North of England in the Junior Territorials in Winchester. Amanda was further selected to attend England Lacrosse trials in Surrey. She was chosen to play for England U19B, and also captained England U19C to victory over the Welsh U21 team.

I would like to thank Mrs Moore and Mrs Waring for all their help and guidance throughout my term in office. Also I would like to thank every player who has helped, co-operated and put up with my neurotic screams from goal. You've made my time as Captain even more enjoyable than I had hoped. I would like to especially thank those of you who drenched me with ice cold water, on an already freezing Finals Day! I will get my revenge! All that remains now is to wish you all, and especially Amalie, the best of luck next - no doubt we'll meet again on a lacrosse pitch.

Amanda Gemmill

U13 Lacrosse

The U13 Lacrosse team have had a good season. We played four matches during the two terms in total and we have improved our play immensely. We have also started to build up our skills and team work, so that next year we will be a stronger side. The highlight of the season was the 8-1 win over Wirral Grammar. The U13 team would like to thank Mrs Waring and Mrs Moore for their support and encouragement. **Rachel Bernie LIVB**

U14 Lacrosse

The U14 squad has had a great season. We started with good enthusiasm, yet not really knowing too much about what we were doing. As we progressed through some tough matches, we learned from our mistakes and came out with some pleasing wins. The season ended with the North Schools Junior Tournament at Wirral. The squad battled through against some tough opposition from the year above resulting in some great goals and very satisfying results. Sadly we were unable to qualify for the semi finals, but we had had a brilliant day and everyone enjoyed the event, even through the blustery winds and muddy pitches.

The squad has produced great results and a lot of high spirits, which has made matches and practices fun and lively. Many thanks to the supporters who cheered us on and the whole team would like to thank Mrs Waring for coaching us and taking our lacrosse to the next level. I have thoroughly enjoyed being Captain; everyone has helped and contributed to the team. **Elaine Radcliffe UIVC**

U15 Lacrosse

The U15 team has had a memorable and successful season. We enjoyed victories over Bolton 3-2, Wirral 5-0 and Casterton 7-0. Ruth Watson stepped in as our new goalie at the beginning of the and is to be congratulated on letting only one goal in at the U15 tournament. Here the team played extremely well, winning all our matches without conceding one goal to win our section. In the semi finals we faced Bolton, and were unlucky to lose 1-0 in the extra five minutes.

At the National Schools Tournament we definitely stood out in our new Gap fleeces and bobble hats. We played well, winning 3 out of 5 matches in our section, including a 5-0 victory. We all thoroughly enjoyed the day and thanks must go to Mrs Moore, Mrs Waring, the umpires and coaches.

On behalf of the whole squad I would like to thank Mrs Waring for her hard work and coaching throughout the season, and all the parents who braved freezing conditions to cheer us on and washed many bags of dirty and smelly shirts! **Vicki Garry LVJ**

Senior Lacrosse Colours

Amanda Gemmill

Senior Lacrosse Certificates of merit

Sarah Hutton
Charlotte Lawson
Danielle Oxford

Junior Lacrosse Colours

Victoria Garry
Claire Chisolm
Laura Wilkinson
Sally Crooks
Ruth Watson
Kate Leyland

Junior Certificates of merit

Susanne Elliott
Sian Walker
Jo Weedall
Jenny Lister
Samantha Kakati
Jenny Wares
Claire Okell
Rachel Hewitt

Past and Present



Lacrosse Team 1931



U15 Lacrosse Squad



U13 Lacrosse Squad



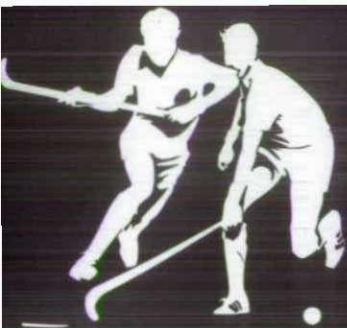
U14 Lacrosse Squad



U15 Lacrosse Squad



Senior Lacrosse Squad



HOCKEY

The 1999/2000 season has, as ever, been packed full of exciting and challenging fixtures producing some very promising results from all age groups.

There have also been some very remarkable individual achievements at higher levels of hockey.

County, regional and even international honours have been gained in many age groups. 15 girls were chosen to represent Cheshire from U14-21.

Catherine Forshaw and Kate Leyland were further selected to attend North Assessment and development centres, whilst Lucy Leyland was chosen to represent the North of England at U18 level. Congratulations must go to Ruth Evans who has been selected to represent Wales as Goal Keeper for the U16 side, enjoying rigorous training weekends and international fixtures.

This years U12 team is full of enthusiastic and promising new talent, with places for positions on the team being very competitive. I have no doubt they will develop into a strong willed and skilful squad.

The U13's have benefited from a fuller fixture list this season. Their continued dedication lead to 3 teams competing in the Cheshire County mini hockey tournament.

The U14's showed consistency and stability throughout the season, gaining some excellent victories; such as their 9-0 win over Abbeygate College.

The post Christmas period has been particularly busy for a talented and strong willed U15 team. It included tough fixtures like their Chester and District indoor finals that they won convincingly. Many members of the team have had the strength and ability to prove very useful higher up in the school.

The focus of the season was the annual National British Aerospace Competition. Queens entered an U16 and U18 team, both of whom began by winning their respective Cheshire rounds, beating friendly rivals like Kirkby and Knutsford. The U18's went on to play the top 5 schools in the North West and narrowly missed out on a place in the North finals on goal difference.

The U16's also reached the North West regional final, by doing themselves justice finishing 3rd.

The U16's were also runners up in the Cheshire Indoor finals and reached the Cheshire County Outdoor finals.

The 1st XI squad found new form this season, with the appointment of a very keen new coach, who attended all weekly practices and matches.

Their best qualities were by far their teamwork and good humour that they used to produce some good results against some tough opposition.

They welcomed the new lower 6th and some talented members poached from lower down the school to complete a strong versatile squad.

The pre-Christmas period saw many of the annual qualifying tournaments, like the British Areospace Competiton and District Tournament.

While after Christmas the team gained a new lease of life, playing some of the best hockey ever; including a victory in the Cheshire Outdoor County finals.

By the close of the season the whole squad had jelled remarkably, to enjoy some comedy fixtures; like the annual 7-a-side Cheadle Hulme Invitation Tournament. Though the tournament sported a light hearted atmosphere Queens still managed to beat some of the best teams in the North, Kirkham Grammar in the semi-finals and Stockport in the final. Their triumphs were rewarded with both gold medals and more importantly – Easter eggs!! Other jovial fixtures included a "friendly" against Kings 1st XI. Queens were unfortunate to lose **!!?? - 0 (the narrowest of margins) despite fielding an ex-Kings boy (who also happened to be an international goalkeeper!

I couldn't have asked for a better team to share my term in office with, and hope it has been as fun, yet satisfying!! for them as it has been for me.

Throughout the whole school the results speak for themselves, making Queens one of the best schools in Cheshire in all age groups. None of these results could have been possible without the continued hard work and dedication of Miss Huck and Mrs. Moore, whose commitment regularly extends to the weekends and after school.

All that remains is to wish Jenny all my luck for next year, as she takes over as hockey captain. I know she will do a fantastic job and I wish her and the team every success in the forthcoming season.

Gemma Jones

Junior Hockey

Colours:

S. Crooks
K. Leyland
C. Wilson
S. Garrod
J. Lister
J. Weedall

Junior Certificates of Merit:

S. Elliott
V. Garry
J. Mason
A. Williams

Senior Hockey

Colours:

S. Kalghatgi
N. Capes
E. Jones
A. Perry
R. Hall

Senior Certificates of Merit:

A. Gemmill
P. Dixon



Back Row (L - R): Penny Dixon, Jenny Crooks, Amanda Gemmill, Sarah Arden, Joanna Bohanowicz, Nicola Blucher, Victoria Lloyd
Front Row (L - R): Julia Krause, Emily Jones, Nicola Capes, Anna-Marie Perry, Lucy Leyland

House Report

Our term started very enthusiastically with all house captains sure that we would think of new and original systems for all house events. As the term commenced our enthusiasms faltered some what slightly and we simply realised that the old methods are the best (and the least effort). The first event on the calendar was the prestigious Remove Quiz well known for its intellectual responses and mature game. This year's was no exception. But it was enjoyed by everybody. The make – over of the house captains was the highlight. The results were as follows: 1st Thompson, 2nd Hastings, 3rd Westminster, 4th Sandford.

Next came senior hockey and junior lacrosse and the difference between the two was amazing. Monday morning and a few UVI, LVI, UV and LV's managed to drag themselves down to the field for what could only be described as high quality hockey! The games were battled out with the eventual winners being Hastings, with Thompson 2nd, Westminster 3rd and Sandford 4th.

The final event left for this term was Remove lacrosse. The Removes that took part put in a tremendous amount of effort before the actual event and they are to be commended for this. But on the day, the aim was to have fun. The results were as follows: 1st Hastings, 2nd Thompson, 3rd Sandford and 4th Westminster.

House points haven't exactly been coming in thick and fast this term despite efforts every Monday to force Removes to UIV's to bring thier house points. However, we expect to be collecting more house points next term. We have all enjoyed our first term as house captains and we have many people to thank for their help: Mrs Moore, Miss Huck and Mrs Waring for their help with the sport events; the lower and upper VI who helped with umpiring; Mr Armstrong for help with the Remove Quiz and of course Mr Ainsworth for his continued support throughout the term.

Duke of Edinburgh Gold Expedition 1999/2000



a fore-runner, 1932

Duke of Edinburgh Gold Expedition

On 31 August 1999, 13 girls set off in the school mini bus to deepest darkest Wales where we were to spend the next 4 days living in a state of complete self-sufficiency...or not.

By the time we arrived in Snowdonia, we were already feeling our enthusiasm dwindle, having already eaten half our rations! But the barbeque soon lured us into a false sense of security and the feeling of impending doom was replaced by one of cautious anticipation...

At 6:00 the next morning, our good intentions were forgotten as we tried to remember exactly what we had been thinking when we

signed up. Having discovered that tents can not be packed away neatly with people still in them, and that boil in the bag meals really don't do what it says on the tin, our bags marched forward into the unknown dragging us with them.

Four days in the wild really is a lot longer than it sounds. We soon found that we were roughly divided into 2 types of people, those who were sporty to whom a 80 KM walk was child's play, and the others, to whom 4 days without electricity was a very daunting prospect. But we were all snared by a common goal – to keep walking.

And we did. Through marshes, swamps, rivers, pine forests and farm yards – you name it, we walked through it. While we did complain (oh yes, we did complain) we all agree the views were breath-taking and the weather was perfect. Nothing can describe

the feeling of achievement that we all felt when we crossed the finishing line and dashed into the nearest pub, cheered on by our faithful guides Dave O, Melvin, Mitch, Roy, Dave and all.

Advice for next year's group: if you do decide to go to the fish and chip shop, make sure its NOT when the assessor is due to arrive....

The Gold Award winners of 1999/2000 were Kathy Selby, Victoria Manford, Maxine Esser, Victoria Pugh, Laura Sensicle, Victoria Packham and Lucie Stanley. Well done!

Katherine Fennell and Rachel Saxon UVI

Some current LVI Duke of Edinburgh participants





MUSIC



MUSIC CALENDAR 1999/2000

Monday 18th October-
Senior Choir sang at Naylor Court, Ellesmere Port to mark the International Day of the Elderly.

Friday 3rd December-
Junior Choir sang with Chester Male Voice Choir at a concert in Chester Town Hall.

Thursday 9th/Friday 10th December- Christmas Concerts at School.

Wednesday 15th December-
Carol Service at Chester Cathedral.

Friday 18th February-
Chamber Choir sang at Choral Evensong, Chester Cathedral.

Saturday 11th March-
Anna Markland Festival.

Friday 24th March-
Spring Concert.

Friday 31st March-
GCSE Music Concert.

Saturday 29th April-
Senior Choir competed at Sainsbury's Choir of the Year competition at the Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 4th, 5th and 6th May- King's and Queen's School joint production of "My Fair Lady".

Sunday 14th May-
Chamber Choir sang at a Diocese Service at St. Asaph's Cathedral.

Wednesday 17th May-
Commemoration Service at Chester Cathedral.

Monday 10th July-
Chamber Choir singing at Choral Evensong at Chester Cathedral.

Associated Board Music Results

(grades 1- 5 are not published in Have Mynde)

Bridget Graves	Grade 6 Piano	Pass
Sarah White	Grade 7 Piano	Pass
Ruth Evans	Grade 6 Singing	Merit
Franny Allwood	Grade 8 Flute	Merit
Hannah Cantle	Grade 7 Piano	Merit
Sarah Woodcock	Grade 6 Cello	Pass
Liz Halbert	Grade 6 Singing	Merit

ANNA MARKLAND WINNERS

The String Trophy and Anna Markland Trophy- Eryl Davies

The Piano Trophy - Olivia Griffiths

The Brass Trophy - Charlotte Evans

The Woodwind Trophy (joint winners) - Katie Foster and Caroline Wells

The Vocal Trophy - Nicola Webb

The Piano Duet Trophy - Hannah Cantle and Natalie Jones

The Ensemble Trophy - Susanna Spencer, Rachel Thompson and Susan Haines

Chamber Choir

Chamber choir has enjoyed another successful year. The recruiting drive (!) has now been completed and we have ensured the continued success and future of the choir with an influx of 4th and 3rd years.

The Chamber Choir has sung in a number of events this year. The Choir has sung in both the Christmas and Spring concerts enjoying good performances in both. We have also sung in the special Millennium service in the Cathedral despite only two days practice!

On the 18th February, Chamber Choir sang choral evensong at Chester Cathedral. This will always be remembered as the service where Amanda left halfway through to go and play Lacrosse for England! Thanks must go to her for doing this!

We sang successfully in a Diocese Service in St. Asaph on the 14th May and we will be

singing in Chester again on the 10th July- we hope as many as possible of our Upper Sixth members will be able to take part.

Commemoration was another successful event- with the Chamber Choir in fine voice and rather emotional. It is the last "official" occasion for Caroline Appleton, Amanda Gemmill, Elizabeth Armstrong, Sarah Lister and Sara McIlroy who are leaving us after their A-levels. But don't worry, you know you'll all be invited back, but we'll all miss you, especially those Henri jokes, Amanda!

As we look forward to another great year, we'd like to thank Mr. Pilsbury for his continuing hard work. We'd like to let him know how much we all love being a part of "Chamber La" (as it has affectionately been known!).

Sarah Proudlove, LVI M

Senior Choir

This year has been a busy year for senior choir ranging from school concerts to entering Sainsbury's Choir of the Year competition.

We have had two school concerts at which the choir performed well and they were enjoyed by all.

The choir has sung at an old people's home at which we sang several pieces from different musicals. It was a fun evening and was certainly enjoyed by our audience who had a tendency to join in with us.

The main event for the choir this year was when we entered Sainsbury's Choir of the Year competition. This was an exciting afternoon for the choir.

Sainsbury's Choir of the Year Competition

On the 29th of April, the school senior choir were entered into the 'Sainsbury's Choir of the Year competition'. We arrived at school at 2:00pm on the day for a quick rehearsal before we left. With Mrs. Bartai's brilliant directions, which she obtained from a taxi driver when we got lost, the bus driver eventually dropped us off at the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester.

The afternoon started off with the choirs and spectators participating in a fun warm up, followed by the competition. 5 choirs performed on the day including Queen's, and when it was our turn, although we were all very nervous, we walked onto the stage confidently with 'big smiles' and sang our three pieces:- 'Nunc Dimittis' by Alan Lees, 'Peter Piper' by Frank Bridge, and 'A Nightingale sang in Berkley Square' by Michael Neaum.

The afternoon was enjoyed by all and was a very valuable experience for the choir. Thanks must go to Mrs Bartai for organising the event and and to Mrs. Lees for accompanying us.

My Fair Lady

After nine months of rehearsing and endless lectures the time finally came for us to perform on 4th, 5th and 6th May in the King's School hall. The show was a great success and was enjoyed by both the cast and audience. Special mentions must go to Sarah Proudlove (Eliza Doolittle), Mike Brotherhood (Professor Higgins), Christian Hughes (Colonel Pickering) with whom the audience were particularly impressed.

No one would have guessed the number of hours that went into perfecting the two minutes of waltzing in the ballroom scene (we believe the boys practised in their bedrooms in front of a mirror!). The chorus "eventually" became enthusiastic in their roles by the time of the performances. With respect to the costumes: better late than never!

We would all like to thank Mrs. Ruston, Mr. Ball, Mr. Higgins and Nina Gaskill with her merry troop of talented dancers for all their hard work. An extra note of thanks must go to Mr. and Mrs. Crooks for letting us take over their house for the night!

Jenny Spencer, Sarah Dutton LVI

The National Youth Choirs of Great Britain

I didn't really know what to expect when I was first offered a place in NYTC. I had heard a little about it from friends but I was filled with apprehension. As it turns out, nothing could have prepared me for the fun and games ahead!

These courses are usually held 3 times a year. People come from all over Britain from between the ages of 11 and 19. I have now been on two courses this school year – so hopefully that proves how much I enjoyed it!

My first course was held at Bruton Girls' School in Bruton, Somerset. It was a long journey but I finally arrived, knowing a grand total of 1 person! I soon settled in though, and made lots of new friends. The schedule of events was mind-boggling- full and sectional rehearsals, aural and theory lessons, singing lessons, and even the odd break here and there! We were split into male and female voice choir and also choir X and Y and female voice choir A and B and male voice choir A and B- it was all very confusing.

I have done quite a lot of choral singing before now, but nothing could have prepared me for this! Singing in a mixed voice choir of 125 people, under the direction of Mike Brewer and Deborah Catterall, was energetic and exciting, to say the least! The music

was wonderful, with a huge range, from Gibbons, to Kodaly, to African chants, to a Negro Spiritual in the style of a Caribbean calypso – something to suit everyone!

It wasn't all singing though, there was plenty of time for fun and socialising. There were lots of fun social activities from the NYTC quiz to the sticky head game (don't ask!) to the sock game (don't ask) to the all famous, NYTC cabaret and lots of sport. The last night ended with the traditional Winnie the Pooh story- with all the voices! (Winnie the Pooh is NYTC philosophy!).

The course ended with a memorable concert and lots of tears on leaving all our new-found friends. However, I was safe in the knowledge that our shared passion would bring us all together again – and so it did for a course at Easter 2000 in Harrogate Ladies' College – which I can honestly say was even better than my first course!

The NYC is a wonderful experience for anyone with choral ambition. It requires determination and unfailing enthusiasm and energy but I would recommend it to anyone, so why not go along and audition?!

Sarah Proudlove, LVI M



Chester Schools Concert Band Czech Republic – July 1999

On Thursday, July 22nd, 41 members of the CSCB assembled in a rather damp car park ready for the off. Some 29 hours and 650 miles later, we finally arrived at the Hotel Duo on the outskirts of Prague, feeling noticeably more tired and less eager to actually be there. However, once we unpacked and freshened up, we were sufficiently revived to explore Prague for the first time, ably escorted by Mr. Ross, our band manager.

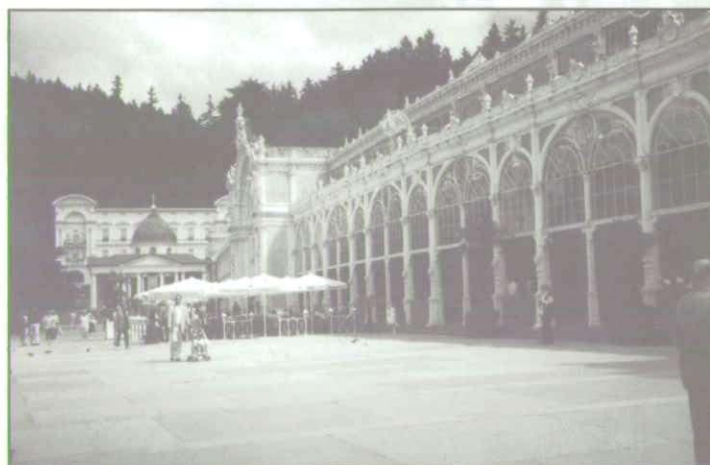
Over the next few days, we performed concerts in a variety of different venues, including a supposedly haunted castle and a Victorian Spa. These all went very well, and Mr. Lewis had his first taste of stardom, when a little old lady asked for his autograph!

On the odd occasions that we weren't performing, we had a guided tour of Prague, including the famous Charles Bridge and Astronomical Clock. We also visited a Bohemian glass-making factory, and gained an intimate knowledge of the Czech road systems, thanks to the long journeys to various concert venues.

The only dubious part of the tour was...the food. Packed lunches were provided by the hotel each day, usually consisting of a slab of unidentifiable meat sandwiched between two slices of dry bread. Most of the Band members quickly perfected the art of buying packets of Pringles!

When the time came for us to leave, we were sad that such a successful tour had come to an end but glad to be going home to a soft bed and Mum's cooking! Thanks must go to Mr. Lewis and Mr. Ross for organising the tour and to Harriet and Charlotte Lewis for giving us the opportunity to watch "George of the Jungle" at midnight!

Katie Foster, UVG



Drama

Alice in Wonderland

An evening of madcap humour and mind boggling adventures lay in store for the audiences of 'Alice in Wonderland', which was staged by the school in January. Everyone who packed into the school hall for the two fantasy filled performances was left thrilled, not only by the brilliance of the acting, but also by the at times, surreal imagination that had gone into creating the glittering costumes and make-up. The lighting glanced off sequins, shimmering thread and golden face-paint to create a strong sense of 'other worldliness', perfectly capturing the dream-like quality of this classic Lewis Carroll story. The design of these scene-stealing costumes was supervised by Mrs. Blything.

From the moment the first of the 19-strong cast stepped onto the stage, the audience was held spellbound. The girls, from LIV forms through to the UVI, all gave bravura performances, whether it was as the terrifyingly tyrannical Queen of Hearts, or the delightfully dozy Dormouse. The Cheshire Cat capered at a breathtaking pace, while the illogical ramblings of the Mad Hatter and the March Hare had spectators chortling with glee. I could go on and on heaping praise on each memorable performance; they certainly all deserved it, but sadly we don't have the space!

The centrally positioned stage enabled an in-the-round performance, which saw members of the audience being involved in the action, from holding the flamingo-headed croquet stick, to being invited to partake of a jam tart!

The performance, produced by Mr. Ainsworth, was further enlivened by songs ranging from 'Run Rabbit, Run' to 'You'll never Walk Alone', which were accompanied on the piano by the versatile Mrs. Bartai.

Donna Macfadyen gave an impressive performance as Alice, combining just the right mix of innocence and practical common sense. This was a very demanding role as she was on stage throughout most of the play. The rest of the cast in order of appearance were: Gemma Bailey, Big Sister; Hilary Tweed, White Rabbit; Christina Stanley, Mouse; Preethi Mavahalli, Dodo; Vicky Hughes, Owl; Sophie Cookson, Knave of Hearts; Chloe 'Orrrrf with his head' Southorn, with a Queen of Hearts which must have registered on the Richter scale; Sophie Wynn-Jones as the timid King of Hearts; Danielle Dykes as a scouse Fish-footman; Louisa Richards as the drunken Duchess; Sarah Proudlove displaying a beautiful singing voice as the Cheshire Cat; Sekela Mwambingu, Mad Hatter; Georgina Okell, March Hare; Tammy King, Dormouse; Fiona Birley, Soldier; Jessica Chater, Gryphon; Eleanor Stephan, Mock Turtle and Farrah Bakr, Frog-footman.

Everyone who was involved in this fun-filled play truly deserved the enthusiastic applause they received from the audiences. If you weren't able to get along, then you really did miss something special!

K. Roden

SPECIAL EVENT

Our Royal Visit

Official Opening of MacLean House by the Duchess of Gloucester, Wednesday 29 March 2000.

On this very memorable and enjoyable occasion, the Duchess toured MacLean House with great interest, talking to staff and girls. She is a delightful person and made the day very special for all concerned. Many members of the wider school community were also there to enjoy the royal visit; these included many former staff and pupils, friends, parents and invited guests. The Duchess unveiled a plaque and signed a commemorative certificate, both of which will be proudly displayed in MacLean House.



In Maclean House, talking to Removes



Signing the Commemorative Certificate

MATHEMATICS COMPETITIONS

Three girls entered the National Senior Mathematics Challenge in November, Marianne Milnes and Christina Stanley both won silver certificates, while Victoria Fairclough of the LVI did so well in achieving a gold certificate that she was invited to enter the British Mathematical Olympiad. All the LV entered the Intermediate Challenge, with the following successes: Gold Certificates – Hannah Goodwin and Charlotte Jones. Silver Certificates – Catriona Mackenzie, Anna Stanley, Elizabeth Bransby, Rachael Thompson, Laura Layfield, Victoria Gallagher, Laura Wright, Martha Cherry, Susan Haines, Anna Williams, Susanne Elliott, Elizabeth Tweddle, Jennifer Lister, Catherine Wilson, Jenny Wares, Alexandra Roberts,

Rujuta Roplekar, Nicola Edwards, Jennifer Mason, Helen Thomas. Bronze Certificates – Georgina Denton, Sarah Garrod, Jenni Abeldedman, Danielle Washbrook, Victoria Phipps, Shreya Vedpathak, Koko Murata, Kate Leyland, Shelley McDonald, Ruth Watson, Elise Hague, Neha Kaushik, Elizabeth Rigby, Claire Okell. As always, a number of girls entered the Mathematical Education on Merseyside competitions. In the Senior Challenge, Susan Haines (LVJo) won a second prize and Hannah Goodwin won a third prize. In the Challenge competition Emily Mason (LIVH) won a consolation prize with Amanda Scott (RemR) and Sarah Bransby (LIVB) winning Certificates of Merit. **I J Armstrong**

Christian Union

Christian Union has had a steady attendance this year, and we were glad to welcome some new members from the lower years.

Our meetings have covered a wide range of topics, such as worry, the Lord's banquet in heaven and Mrs Lloyd's recent meeting – "Faith – use it or lose it".

The meetings have been taken by CU members, teachers and outside speakers such as Helen Chantry and ex-pupil Jane Bellamy.

This year we were sad to see Scripture Union worker Tonia Matthews leave us, as she was a regular guest at our meetings and weekends away; we are now looking forward to meeting her replacement.

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Numbers in Quest Club started off extremely high this year, with many new first years eagerly attending our first meeting. We all got to know each other and then began to concentrate on some interesting topics, such as self esteem, and being a good Christian. We played games, performed sketches and had fun doing art work.

At the end of the Autumn term, we started to work towards a Christmas play; 'Babushka', which was performed in the school Christmas service. We all had lots of fun and laughs when rehearsing for this.

After the Christmas holiday, we returned and concentrated on the New Millennium. We talked about what it meant for each of us and made Millennium Stars, which showed our hopes and aspirations for this year.

Sadly, due to other activities in school, Quest Club has lost a few of its members; however we do have faithful Removes who return to us

As usual, the Spring Term was dominated by our weekend away at Cloverley Hall. As well as practical planning that needed to be done, Mr Armstrong led a meeting where we discussed what we hoped to achieve on the holiday.

Christian Union would welcome more new members from the lower years. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage anybody who is interested to come along next year.

I have very much enjoyed leading Christian Union this year and would like to thank all members, and especially Mrs Lloyd, for their valued help and support. **Jessica Tilling LVIS**

Quest Club

to learn something different each week. We hope to see many new faces joining us in the future!

The Christian weekend away at the end of March proved to be as enjoyable and rewarding as ever with each one of us gaining something valuable from it. We were able to watch a video of us all having lots of fun at Cloverley Hall the week after at our meeting. There were many laughs all round!!

This term, we talked about the Resurrection of Jesus. Drama and discussion took place on this topic.

Jennifer and I have greatly enjoyed leading Quest Club this year and are looking forward greatly to next year.

Many thanks must go to Jess and the other sixth formers who have taken part this year. A special thanks to Mrs Lloyd for keeping us motivated with her enthusiasm!! **Amy Furbur LVIS**

YOUNG ENTERPRISE

The Queen's School Young Enterprise Companies were again successful at the annual awards at Capenhurst on Thursday 13th April. The four companies all gained awards as follows:-

Production and Manufacturing	(Enigma)
Best Financially Managed Company	(Launch)
Deva Green Midas – Chester City Council	(Launch)
Making a Difference	(Launch)
Personnel Management	(Liquid)
The Best Company Report	(Liquid)

Eden and Launch were finalists in the Presentation Award and Eden was judged the winner. Cara Cull of Enigma won the Individual Achiever Award. Eden were chosen as Best Company overall. On Friday 19th May at Rolls Royce, Crewe, Cara Cull of the Young Enterprise company Enigma, won Best Individual Achiever at the Cheshire Strategic Board Final Presentation. Her name will go forward to the regional round to be held at the University of Lancashire at Preston.



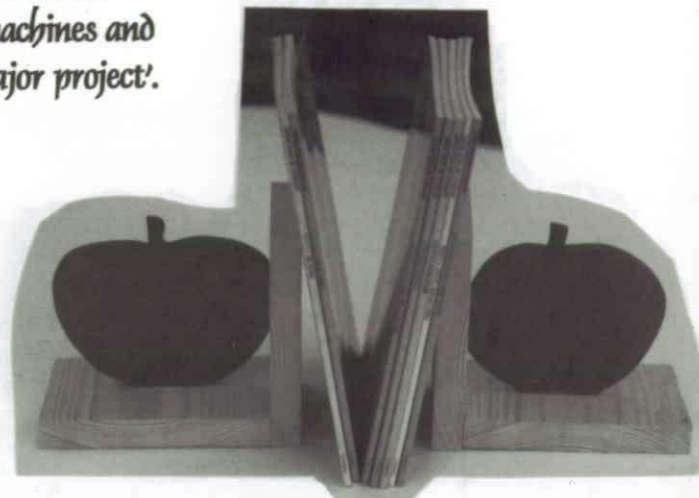
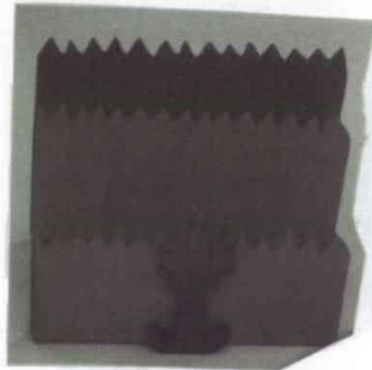
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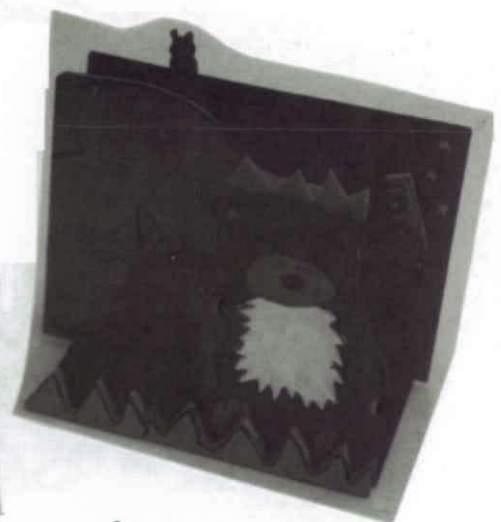
Design Technology has seen the use of new machines and techniques this year, enabling girls to produce practical work much faster and of a better quality.



- REMOVES have designed and made some very colourful and functional Novelty Gifts using both machines and hand tools, as their first 'major project'.



- LIV have designed and made a 'moisture sensor' Which indicates by way of an LED when a pot plant Needs watering. Using the vacuum former to Produce the casing has improved the quality and Aesthetics of the product.



- UTV have recently completed their Mechanisms Project, to produce some colourful, humorous and Functional moving displays very successfully.



A Phoenix

Like a fire blazing away its fury,
Like a god demanding praise,
Like a magician casting spells,
Through the everlasting days.

Like an organ it booms out songs,
Like a baby it has time to spend,
Like a lion protecting its territory,
Its bright life will never end.

Like Methuselah it's old,
Like Job it's very wise,
Like James Bond in his film,
Its Tomorrow Never Dies.

Elinor Crich RJ



Alone

See your reflection in mysterious water,
Hear your echo in isolated corners
Smell the aroma in your immediate circle,
Feel your existence in time and space,
Taste your character in your presence.

Korina Holmes LIVHI



Cats

Creatures from the past,
All luminous dazzling eyes,
Tearing teeth for prey,
Superstition, as they say.

Paws

Pouncing is done with these,
Amazingly active motions,
Washing utensils for
Sticky mouths after fish.

Wild

Wonderful wild cats,
Immaculate silky fur.
Leaping for food, and
Destroying the catch.

Rioghnaigh Jessup UIVC

Blue

Blue is the colour of a tropical ocean,
A cloudless sky,
A hazy dream.

Blue is the colour of a lonely heart,
A soulful sound,
A tinted glass.

Blue is the colour of deliberate pain,
A moonlit night,
Flashing lights.

Blue is the colour of an awkward
silence,
A life long dream,
A fun filled party.

Sophia Berry UIVC



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Blood and Flowers

The raw red sun crawls up
the bill,
And spills over the temple sides,
Once more the steps are awash
with blood,
The fruit of many lives.

The people who shed it are
long gone,
Disappeared without a trace,
Their deity's statue awaits
them still,
A hungry smile on his face.

The streets and ball courts
are empty now,
And the houses only shells,
Their owners have gone to
meet their Gods,
In heavens or fiery bells.

The splendid temple,
Their pride and joy,
waiting for offerings,
Of fruit and flowers and
human hearts,
And many pretty things.

But the priests don't come;
they are no more,
It is a mystery,
The Aztecs are gone leaving
only blood,
And flowers; their final legacy.

Laura Bestow UIVC



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Early Morning Sounds in the City

Raised voices of couples in the high-rise flats.
The howling of stray dogs and the mewing of stray cats.
A drunken man tottering home to his wife.
Early workers content with their busy life.
Ambulances rushing to aid the sick.
A man with a dog and a walking stick.
Police cars blaring out an alarm.
A homeless lady who means no harm.
Shop-fronts opening ready for the day.
An active jogger running her worries away.
All these noises I will hear
Nearly every day in the year!

Jessica Gosney L1VB

Good Morning, Angel May

There's an angel by the bar stand at the Old Clockhouse Cafe,
sitting chatting on a high stool like he's been there every day.
He hasn't got a halo or a mop of golden hair,
but he's sitting on that bar stool and it's clear he doesn't care.
Parked outside a silver chariot with a long black leather seat.
Its name is Harley Davidson and he thinks it's rather neat.
He's a sort of strolling angel on his blazing crimson wings.
But he sounds just like a chainsaw
when he starts to sing.
He's untouchable. In temptation
when he can "try this stuff for free".
"No thank you," is his firm reply.
"I keep myself for me."
He's got a leather robe and an angel's face
but he doesn't learn his psalms or bother to say grace.
There's a tattoo on his left arm
the sort you're meant to see.
His motto in this life is
"Be good; be bad; just be."

Laura Harris U1VB

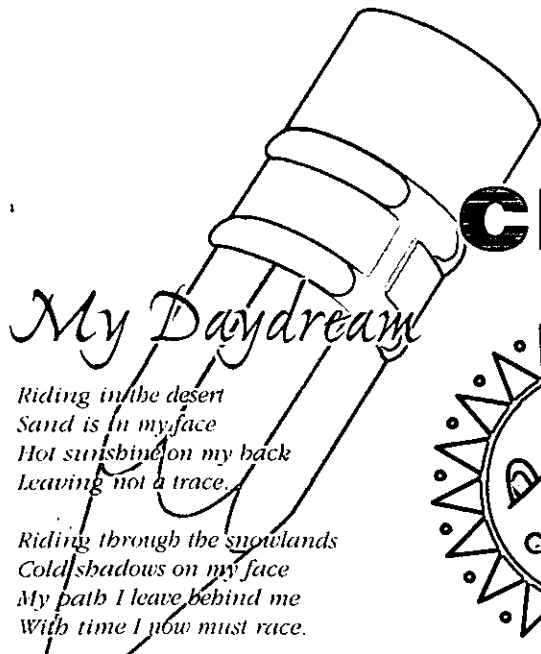
The Escape

Susan couldn't bear to see her Grandmother like this. The oxygen tank. The pipes. The pale, lifeless figure lying on the bed that she knew so well to be her Grandmother and yet, it wasn't. Maybe in appearance, but not in heart and mind. This Grandmother lying in the plain hospital bed was not the bubbly, warm, cuddly woman she used to spend Sundays with. Susan could just think about the pain and the suffering that her Grandmother was going through.

It was a week or two later when Susan, after coming through the front door after school, heard her mother crying. She knew in her heart what had happened. Racing upstairs, her heart in her throat, she ran into her mother's room.

"Oh Suzie," whispered her mother, "Gran died this morning." Susan could feel the lump in her throat rising, and when the floods of tears came, she found she couldn't control them. "It's for the best," her mother soothed. "Sometimes it's better for people who are in a lot of pain to escape. She'll be in a better place." Susan thought about this and knew it was true. She was sure that many people in her Grandmother's situation would want to escape.

Sarah Bone U1VC



My Daydream

Riding in the desert
Sand is in my face
Hot sun shining on my back
Leaving not a trace.

Riding through the snowlands
Cold shadows on my face
My path I leave behind me
With time I now must race.

Riding through my homeland
The journey nearly done
Familiar ground now underfoot
Homewards now I come.

The world is rushing by me
The past, I do not care,
For I am going forward
And soon I will be there.

The power of the horse's hooves
Takes me on and on
Until that sudden moment
When my favourite daydream's gone.

Gwawr Davies RR

Hope

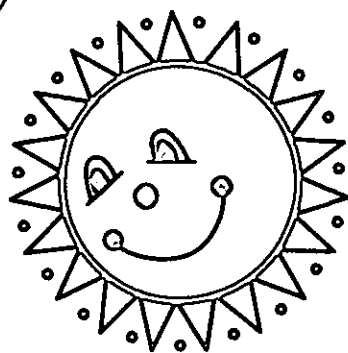
Hope is a star shining bright,
It keeps the world going right.
Hope melts winter into spring,
And makes the birds start to sing.
Hope is joyful and kind,
It never leaves you far behind.

Hope can put a smile on your face,
When you're filled with shame and disgrace.
Hope is like a kite,
Hope is graceful in its flight.
When you're feeling tired and alone,
Hope is there to bring you home.

When you're feeling dizzy and sick,
Hope will heal your sickness quick.
When your life is going through sharp bends
Hope is there to make amends.
When things aren't going your way,
Hope is there to make your day.

When you're troubled with worries and strife,
Hope is there to save your life.
When the world is going wrong,
Hope is there to keep you strong.
And when you're lost and trapped,
Hope is there to bring you back.

Jennifer Boules LIV B



Colours of a Rainbow

Red is the colour of Valentine's Day.
Orange is the colour of sunburnt clay.
Yellow is the colour of the mid sun's ray.
Green is the colour where the cows lay.
Blue is the colour of the shimmering bay.
Indigo is the colour of blossom of May.
Violet is the colour of the wings on a fay.

Keri Davies UIVC



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Views on life

Life is a mad rush,
Just a whisper, barely audible,
The speed of a car rushing by,
The flow of the wind

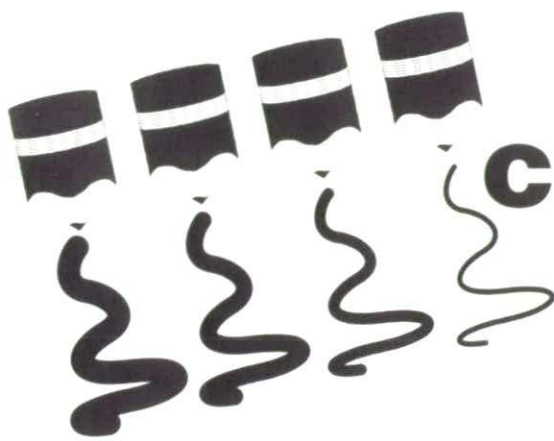
Life is too exaggerated,
A bad actor,
Ranting and raving,
To an unimpressed audience.

Life goes by too quickly,
A bullet in a gun,
Shooting out to the horizon,
Then a death.

That's all life is,
Just a fleck in the history of the world.
Life begins every day
And dies out every day.

It may seem long,
It may seem continuous,
But, at the end of the day,
Life's too short.

Hannah Burns RS



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Kitamal song - Go away evil

*She walked up the road, her hair braided in pink sugar beads,
At three foot high planted goldenrod, silver-weed, and cinnamon seeds.
She rode ol' Butterbean each day a mile,
She began with a smile that turned to a frown,
She dreamt him a whiplash then dreamt herself a crown,
As she took the lone road to Kisember.*

*She was short, it was long,
She was right, he was wrong,
Yet heads he won, tails she lost,
Whatever he did, it was at her cost.
Took her away to Kisember.*

*He smelt of sweet white wine and peppermint drops,
Sat to smoke his fat cigar on a hard tin soap-box,
He fiddled with dried knucklebones, played ebony guitar,
Bought cotton all day, just like his Pa.
She should have known but her mind was gone,
He was the handsomest man in Avagaro town.
He watched the dirt track to Kisember.*

*Gossip will be truth, so the truth is a con,
All loves one, but one loves none,
Heads he'll be right, tails she'll be wrong,
But she'll keep her head up, sing that still same song.
All her life in Kisember.*

*Each day he came to whisper soft nothings in her ear,
His future was bright and breezy-hers was never clear,
They sang his praises in Kisember, sang his praises there.
No longer could she hope for better-salt tears and bottled strife.
No longer could she hope for better; she was tied to him for life.
They sang his praises in Kisember, for nothing could she pray,
Forever sweet Kisember, on this, their wedding day.*

Laura Harris UIVP



Life

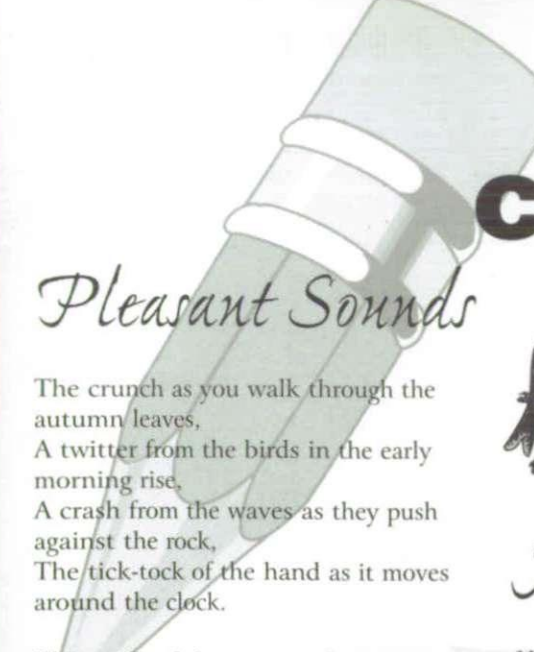
**'What is the meaning of life ?'
Is what I have always asked.
Why are we born and why do
we die ?
It's funny how all these questions
begin with why,**

**Death is such a sad thing ,
People mourning and crying with
sadness.
If we are going to die , then why
are we born?
Is it just to see our loved
ones mourn ?**

**Why are people not coloured
the same ?
Is it because God ran out of paint?
Why is her hair black when mine
is brown ?
Is it because I live in the country and
she in the town?**

**Soon the time will come ,
when I have to go
Up to the heavens where
clouds do flow.
Though for now there will be no
worries and no strife,
For I am still waiting to find the
meaning of life!**

Hannah Blaikie LIVH



Pleasant Sounds

The crunch as you walk through the autumn leaves,
A twitter from the birds in the early morning rise,
A crash from the waves as they push against the rock,
The tick-tock of the hand as it moves around the clock.

The swish of the trees as they move about in the wind,
The gulp as you swallow your last mouthful of food,
The cock-a-doodle-doo as you wake from your sleep,
The sigh as you finish your day, and fall in a heap!

Sarah Ayton LIVB

Memories

The old woman sits by the window. She looks out; the day is sunny. She remembers the hot summers she spent with her family on the beach in Blackpool, and at the fair. She remembers the excitement Tom was always in and how mother had to threaten to leave him behind if he didn't calm down.

The sunlight beams against the window, and she remembers the donkey rides on the beach, and the beach hut they used to change in. She always rode the special white donkey called May.

It's a Sunday and outside a man is washing his car. He splashes the water and the sound reminds her of the waves crashing against the shore, and she remembers Betty, Tom, Sally, Penny, Richard, Edward and herself running down into the sea. It was always freezing, so father would give a shilling to the first person to swim.

Then the sun moves. The window is in the shade. She remembers the nights on the town, and the visit to the fair, with the carousel and coconut shy.

She's tired. Her eyes start to drop and she remembers the train journey home, and then she sleeps.

Beth Greenhouse LIVHI

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My Mind

My mind is a whole new world,
it sounds like bees buzzing about,
whenever I have to think.

When I'm happy, the sun comes out,
and brightens up my day,
but when I'm sad the clouds come over,
it's dark and gloomy and rain is pouring on my face.

But when I'm angry, I feel myself going red inside,
but I try and keep it in, well I do most of the time.

And when I get embarrassed, I go bright red,
and my cheeks are getting hotter every time,
my whole body wants me to stop going bright red,
but I just can't help it.

When I'm cheerful I can laugh forever
till the sun goes down,
and when it does my mind sees a purple sky,
with a full moon and millions of stars,
and it tells me that I need to switch off my mind.

Christina Churchman LIVB



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Murder of the Horse Chestnut

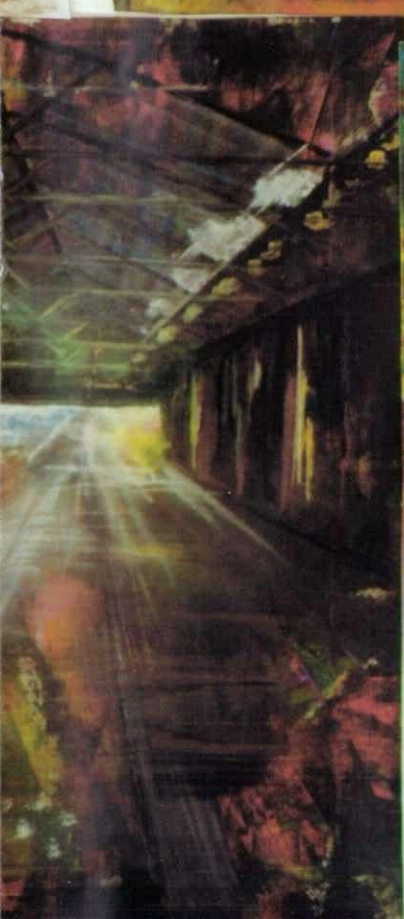
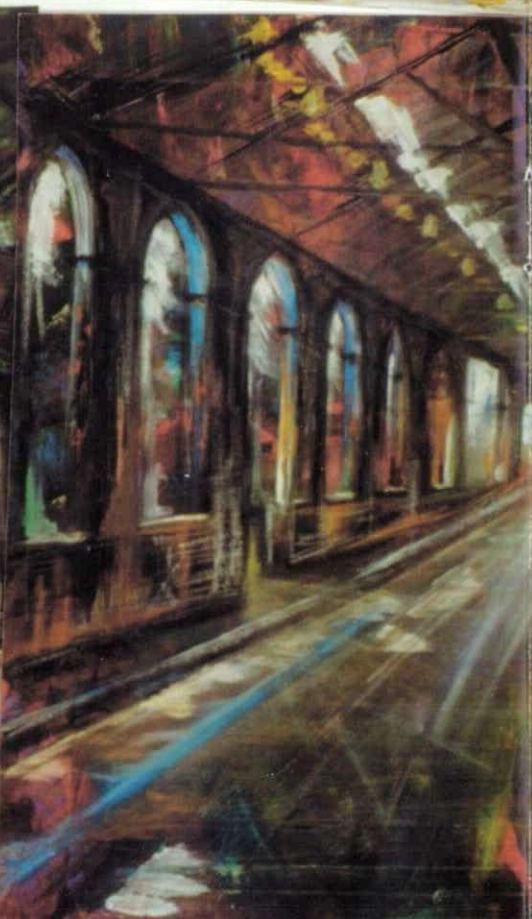
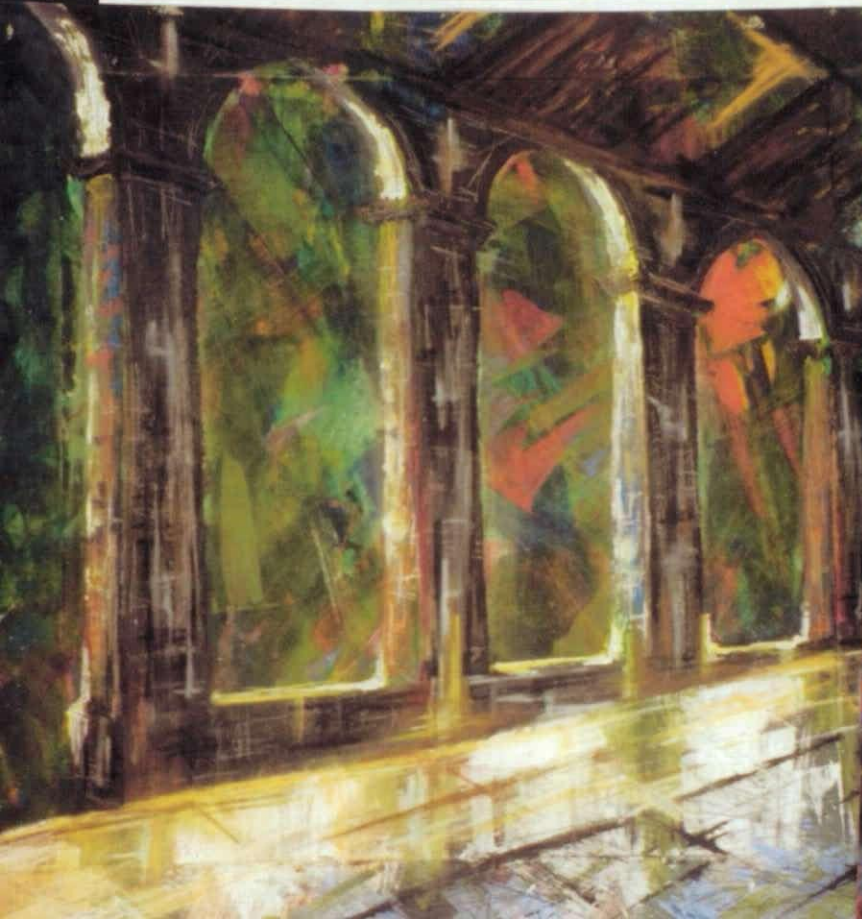
The tree, whose rusty
arbours cool,
With a single axe's breath
is felled,
No longer guards the
rippling pool,
Her fallen conkers are
unshelled,
Their cases on the floor
discarded.
Glorious tints and hues are
now dull shades,
The rotten limbs soon are
sharded,
From about the corpse, dust
cascades.

If the tree cried out in pain,
Would this destruction fast
be stalled?
And would the council think
again?
And other trees, would they
too fall?

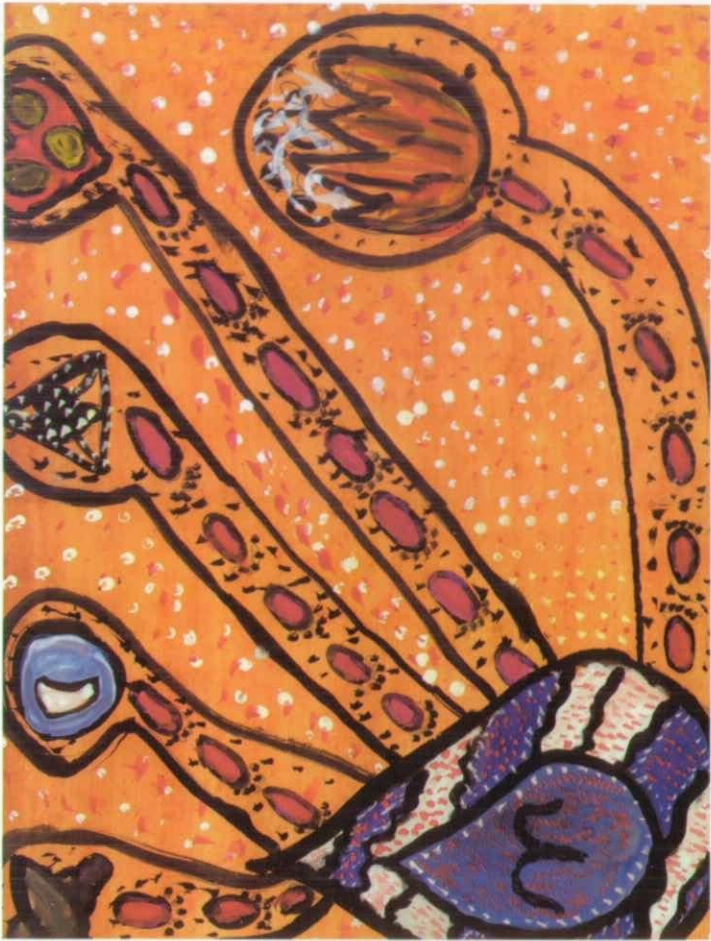
Cassie Campbell UIVC

A Level Work on Station Buildings

by Fran Allwood
and Jill Hawkins



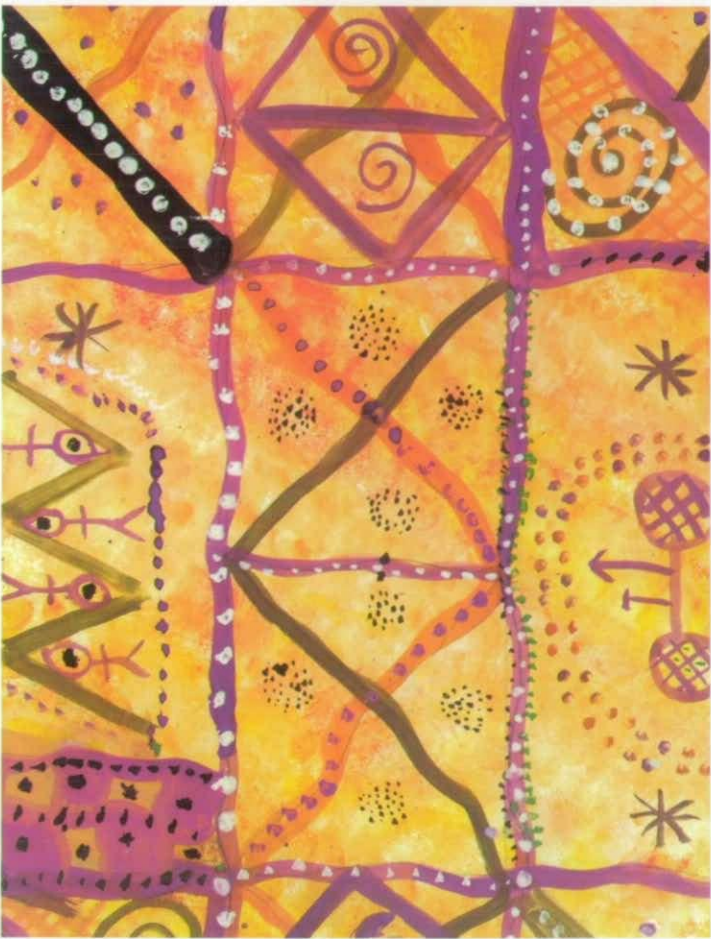
Removes Aboriginal Paintings



Eleanor McCubbine RJ



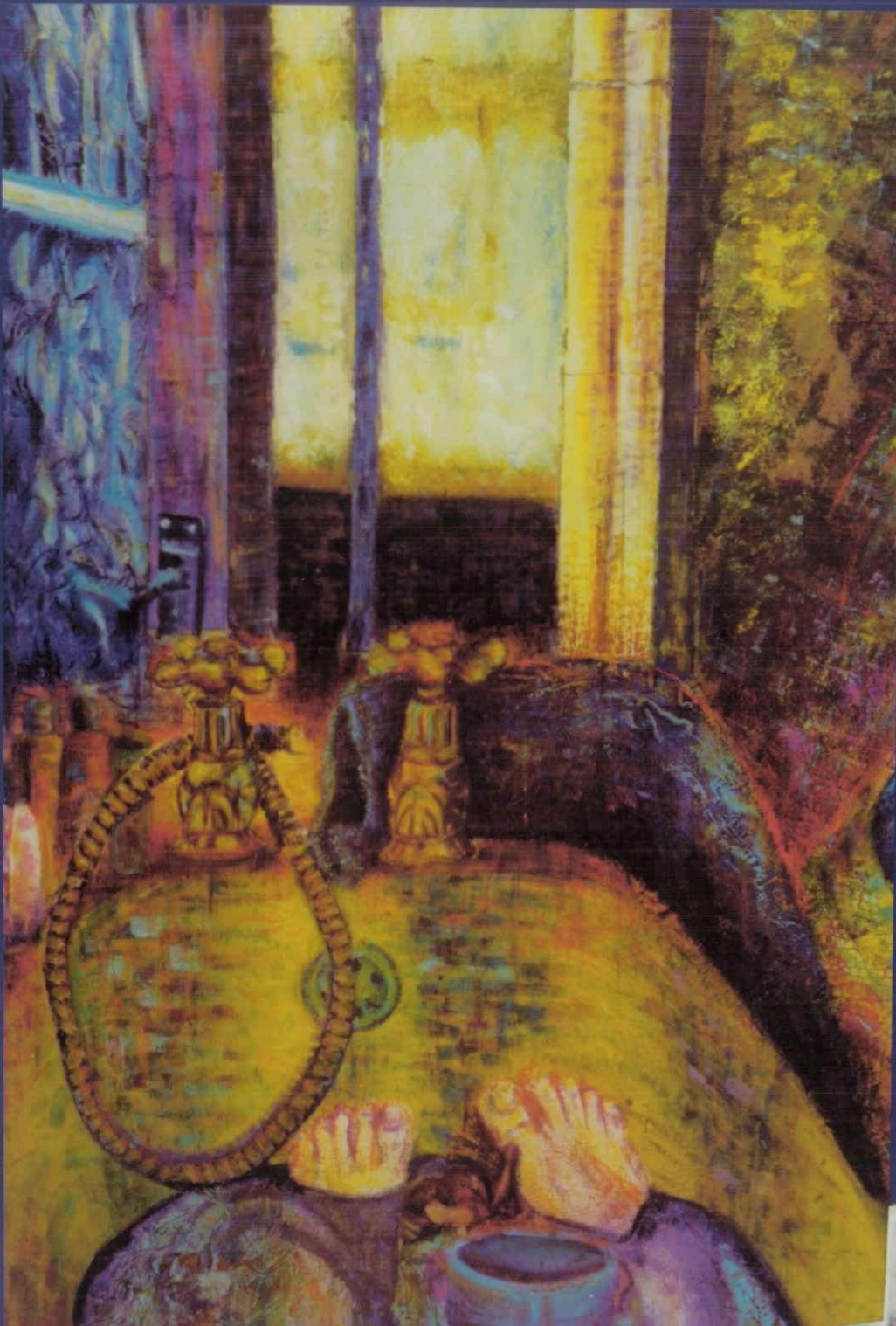
Josie Mayer RJ



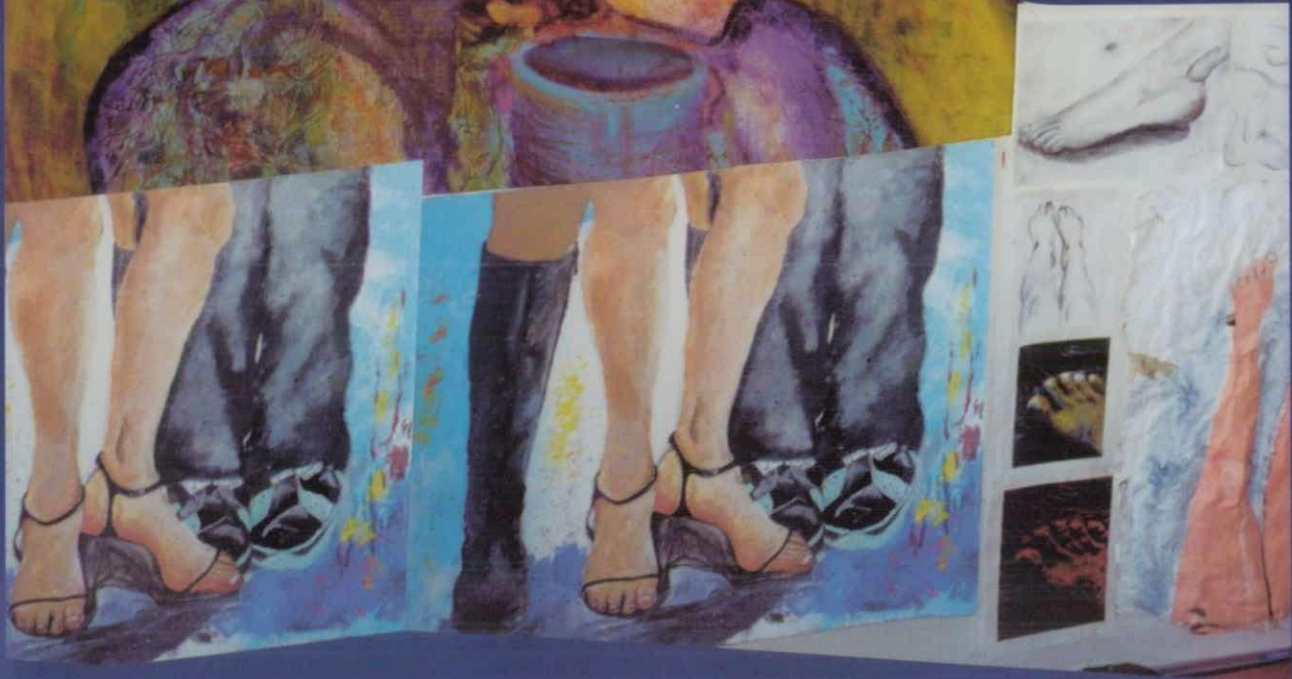
Caroline Salter RS



Elizabeth McGimpsey RR



'The Bath'
by Anna-Marie Perry
UVIH



Legs & Feet
by Eleanor
Brotherhood UVM



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Wall of Death

The growl of the avalanche reverberated round the valley, growing in power and might as it bore down on the two skiers. Shielding her eyes from the sun, Julie looked up. A muddy white tidal wave of snow was cascading down the mountain, approaching the skiers at breakneck speed. The trees that stood in its path were snapped as easily as matchsticks, hardly slowing the avalanche down at all.

The colour drained from Julie's face, leaving her ashen. Her eyes took on a desperate, haunted look, as she took in the might of her predator. She had never been so utterly terrified in her entire life; she was absolutely defenceless, like a rabbit caught in the headlights of an oncoming car. The torrent of snow was getting closer and closer, louder and louder, and was now almost upon them. Julie's heart was hammering against her ribs, she felt weak and shaky, and still the avalanche kept on coming.

Suddenly, her brother Paul screamed, "You know what we have to do now; turn away from the avalanche, facing down the mountainside, and when it hits you, make swimming motions with your arms!"

This was their only chance of survival, to get carried down the mountain with the avalanche, and force their way to the surface by "swimming".



Julie swallowed and turned away from the avalanche. This was even more terrifying than facing it; because she couldn't see it, she didn't know when it was going to strike. All that she was aware of was the booming sound filling her ears, her body, her mind. She wanted to scream; she couldn't stand it anymore – and then the final blow came. The sea of ice crashed down on top of the skiers as they frantically flailed with their arms, and Julie was knocked into oblivion.

Some time later there was a movement under the snow. Julie twitched her arm and groaned. Where was she? There was a suffocating blanket wrapped around her and she was cold – very cold. Then it all came flooding back to her in a nauseating wave. She tried to move her arms, but they were trapped in the snow, as was the rest of her body. Her left arm was in agony, but that was nothing compared to the surge of panic that was welling up inside her. Julie didn't like small spaces at the best of times, but this was terrible. How was she going to get out? Blackness descended on her as, once more, she passed out.

When Julie came to, she was aware of a disturbance above her. Then a hand broke through the wall of her cocoon and grasped her arm. An acute spasm of pain shot up her arm, forcing her to cry out. Within minutes, Julie was above ground, taking deep gulps of the air, which tasted wonderful after the confines of her underground prison. A bearded man, her rescuer, was looking at her with a concerned expression in his eyes. Julie smiled weakly.

"I'm fine," she reassured him, "but what about my brother? Is he alright?" The man shook his head sadly, "I'm sorry," he said quietly.

Julie felt stunned as she realised the enormity of what had happened. She had miraculously managed to survive the avalanche, but her brother, by some cruel twist of fate, had not been so lucky.

Rachael Thompson LVJo



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Grand-père

Il est immortalisé dans mes rêves,
Une image sur la cheminée,
L'esprit de mon passé est-il,
Mon enfance il y a longtemps,
Le jeune homme saisi en photo,
Graduellement il est devenu
frêle et âgé,
Mais derrière les lunettes et les
cheveux gris,
L'esprit d'un homme jeune
réside encore.

Kate Harrison UIVC

Paradise

I dive into the pristine waters,
The warmth washing my
entire body,
Engulfing me in an instant.
It is as if I have entered
another world.
A world away from my people.
A world which is tranquil, yet busy.
Which is serene, yet lively.
A world where vivid colours
change rapidly,
Like a kaleidoscope before my eyes.
A world where the dazzling
scenery changes
At the blink of an eye.
A world where countless
species exist,
Undiscovered,
Untouched,
Unharméd.
A world which is being destroyed
at a tremendous rate,
By none other than ourselves.

Reah Holmes LVB

The Beast

Lurking in the shadows of the labyrinth is the man-eating beast, the minotaur. He snores so loudly it scares you out of your wits. His body is human and monster, his head monster and his body human. The horns reach up high, ready to gouge out your insides and rip you in half. His nails are as long as a metre, sharp and pointy. His dark blue eyes as big as plates sadly gaze into nowhere. His ears flop down near his mouth, sticky and hairy. His life is awful. He is crowded into a small place, pushed further in with walls. No way out of the smelly, dirty lair. The only excitement in his life is when his sister, Ariadne, comes to visit him. His sad gloomy face turns into a face full of hope and joy. It turns from ugly to handsome. He livens up and runs around in happiness. When she's not there he just curls up like a baby and falls asleep, sometimes for weeks. But when he smells an Athenian enter the labyrinth, he awakens, ready to eat- ready to kill, he sits, with drool dribbling out of his mouth, waiting for his next fight, his next meal. When the victim arrives in his smelly lair he dives, his horns digging into the victim's flesh, killing instantly. Then he licks the blood and starts to eat from the feet upwards, because the head is the best bit. When he finishes, he waits for more. If no more comes he curls up and goes back to sleep, dreaming of freedom. He then turns into being sad again.

Laurie Charlesworth LIVHI



The Caretaker



The short, dark figure, known as the caretaker, was dressed in an old, brown jacket with black, scuffed boots.

Like a rat, he scurried around the hallways, looking out for traps. And like a creature looking for food, he glanced around bins and behind cupboards.

His broom was his only companion, as wherever it went, the lonely creature followed. He was shy and secretive, looking for dark corners, not just for rubbish, but also for a hideout from the rest of the terrifying world.

This job was perfect for him. He was alone, quiet, out of trouble and out of the way of other people. It was just him and his broom.

Like a fox he emerged from the dark, empty school, carefully looking into the deserted streets. Was the coast clear? He briskly walked in the shadows of the shops and houses, being careful not to be spotted by the passers-by.

It was almost like he was escaping from this terrible place. He was petrified as a group of teenagers passed him dressed in bright, colourful clothing and talking loudly. The lonely creature began to walk faster and faster; he could feel his shoulder rubbing against the shop walls as he hid from the monsters that passed him. Suddenly, the man came to a halt and looked around cautiously. He strode up some stairs to his left and into his den. He was safe. Soon he would return to his mission at the old school and become a nervous creature once more.

Laura Evans LIVHI

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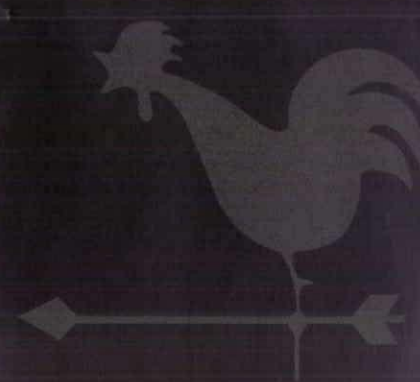
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Pleasant Sounds

Once I sat and thought
about things,
I thought about sound.
I thought about how much
sound doesn't mean to me,
I thought how much it should
mean to us.
I thought about people
Who can't hear a word,
Or even believe in dreams.
I thought hard and long
about sounds,
The sweet twitter of birds,
The sound of a phone ringing,
The beep of a stop watch timing,
The cry of a baby,
The squeak of a mouse,
The scrape of a carpenter
shaving his wood.
The tingle of a bell,
The laugh of a happy person,
Speaking.....
I suppose it means their world
is dark,
Our world is bright,
We take it for granted,
We shouldn't.....

Aradhana Bhaskar LIVB





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The Kingdom-by-Night

The forest is still. The moon shines its blank face down on a silent world.
 The slumbering spruces have put on their silver moonlight nightcaps.
 The river meanders quietly through the fields, so as not to disturb the sleeping Kingdom.
 But who is the King of the Kingdom - by - night? Man rules the busy world of cars and computers and crowded office blocks. But what happens when the sun goes down?
 The world stops and sleeps. Everything is still. A shadow of dreariness passes over and time as we know rests until morning.
 But who is there to guard the Kingdom - by - night?
 Who watches over the sleeping world?
 The barn owl.
 Like a silver cloud just gliding by. Just a pure white feather on a soft breeze.
 Delicate. Innocent. Pure.
 The owl looks upon the peaceful forest it has the world to itself as long as we stay sleeping.
 Just the river the trees, the moon and the owl.
 But suddenly, the owl is not alone. A rustle in the dead leaves below says there is another creature present.
 The barn owl is still now. You can just see the wings trembling in anxiety as the bird hovers, waiting for the right moment.
 Suddenly, there is a flash in the moonlight, of white feathers and steely talons. The owl drops like a bomb. Powerful. Deadly. Silent. So is this the King of Kingdom - by - night?

Joanna Reid LIVH

The Keeper of Secrets

Eyes like stars
 The doorway to unknown depths,
 An opening to uncharted territory
 Our key to a soul.

A myriad of colours to be picked,
 Of ever changing feelings
 A key to expressions.
 The keeper of secrets.

Victoria Suter UIVC.



The Victim

Call me a freak,
 Call me sad,
 Call me a loser,
 It won't make me mad.

Tell them I smell,
 Tell them I'm sad,
 Tell them I like school,
 It won't make me mad.

Say I have no friends,
 say I'm sad,
 Say I watch "Teletubbies",
 It won't make me mad.

Call me a swot,
 Tell them I'm sad,
 Say I like school,
 It won't make me mad.

Because only I know the truth,
 So it won't make me mad,
 No it won't make me mad.

Fiona Britton LIVHL

Lower School News 2000

Once again the time has come to report on the events and successes that have occurred in the Lower School. This year, Miss Morgan and I have decided to amalgamate the reports in order to further cement the developments within the whole of the Lower School. The start of the Winter Term 1999 witnessed the changing of form names to herald the start of the unity between the two departments.

	PAST NAMES	NEW	
Mrs Arkley	Class One	Reception	(- Key Stage One)
Mrs Heron	Class Two	Class One	- Key Stage One
Mrs Thomas	Class Three	Class Two	- Key Stage One
Miss Morgan	Class Four	Class Three	- Key Stage Two
Mrs Lindop	Form One	Class Four	- Key Stage Two
Miss Paice	Form Two	Class Five	- Key Stage Two
Miss Dewhurst	Form Three	Class Six	- Key Stage Two

Throughout this report, the Summer Term events will be recounted using the former names, to remind past pupils of their involvement within the school.

Before the start of the Summer Term, a group of girls, parents and staff attended a performance of 'Hobson's Choice', a ballet performed by the Birmingham Royal Ballet at the Empire Theatre Liverpool. My thanks to Miss Paice for having organised this event, together with the workshop prior to the event that prepared the girls, when a member of the B.R.B. visited school.

The start of the Summer Term 1999 heralded Sandford House's 20th Birthday. The annual celebration was marked by the arrival in the afternoon of Merlin the Magician, who charmed and entertained both girls and staff alike.

In Nedham House, Class Five girls were able to study Tudor replica artefacts contained in the Tudor Table and Tudor Toys loan boxes from the Grosvenor Museum. Subsequently, they visited the museum at the start of May to develop their work further in a 'hands on' History session that included costumes, documents and artefacts, some original. Included in the walk to the museum, they carried out map work and noted architectural details.

The following day, the Nedham House girls and staff walked to the Cathedral for the Commemoration Service. The weather was very wet and those girls who had heeded the cries of, 'Remember your pac-a-macs!' were able to remain dry and righteous! In the same week that Form Three took their Standard Assessment Tests, Form One went on a trip to Chirk Castle, to take part and act in the Young National Trust Theatre performance of 'The Wonder of the World', which was set

in 1853, during the Crimean War.

Within the following weeks, Forms One and Two and Class Four Sandford House undertook the optional End of Year Assessment Tests. These have been providing staff with an excellent opportunity to gauge girls' standards against national tests and they have enabled us to plan our curriculum more effectively.

During the term, Sandford House classes took turns to practise and prepare class assemblies. Class Four (Miss Morgan's class) chose WATER as their theme and through songs, poetry and drama, they illustrated how vital water is to our world and how we all need to conserve our supplies. Mrs Thomas has been working hard to research to history of Sandford and Nedham House and, during their own assembly, Class Three told the story to their parents and the rest of the school. Some girls dressed as the Latham family who built the houses and moved here in 1861. They tried to show how different life was in those days: horses and carriages, maids and coachmen - not cars, computers or dishwashers.

Reception (Mrs Arkley's class) chose to present the topic of summer. Everyone learnt a poem about the biggest flowers growing in gardens and some made sunflower hats. After hearing the popular fable about the wind and the sun, we were reminded of the Sun's strength and its dangers. The final thought about Summer was for people who suffer because it is Summer nearly all the time.

Following their History work on 'Britain Since the 1930s', many members of Form Three took part in an 'evacuation night', when they were boarded out in a 'billet' they had never been to before. Everybody entered into the spirit of things, singing



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along to 'White Cliffs of Dover' and responding appropriately when their names were called. We were delighted when Mrs Magee (Alexandra's mother) arrived in 'authentic' 1940s dress, together with gas mask case and a strict attitude.

The second half of the Summer Term was an extremely short five weeks, leaving little time for taking breath. Sandford House held their summer trips. Classes 1 and 2 went to Tatton Park. A tractor took them to a pond where they found tiny creatures they'd never seen before, including water boatmen, leeches and a gnat larvae. After exploring the adventure playground they were ready for a picnic, followed by a pleasant walk to Home Farm. Amongst the variety of animals seen were several litters of piglets, the most attractive being only five days old.

Classes 3 and 4 visited Erddig where they were hoping to discover more about the Victorians. The day began with a film about the Yorke family, who lived at Erddig during the Victorian period. The children were then dressed up as servants and the rest of the day was spent learning how to launder clothes, bake bread, make lemonade, clean rooms and lay a table correctly.

At the start of June, Sandford House held their Sports' Day. The weather was its usual temperamental self but the event carried on and the enthusiasm and good sportsmanship of the girls, made it a most enjoyable occasion.

The annual Teddy Bear's picnic took place the following day, when new members of Class One (the new Reception class) were able to visit the school together with their teddy bears for added comfort.

In Nedham House, Form Two spent the day at Little Moreton Hall where they participated in group activities involving Tudor costumes, herbs and spices and pottery. A tour of the house was included.

As part of their Art lessons, Form Three walked to the canal with Mrs Meredith and Mrs Gowers to sketch the canal boats. A week later, they all dressed up in suitable clothes to take part in 'The Homefront' organised by Theatre Clwyd. This day included watching a marvellous play called 'Flora's War' as well as having a singsong and a drama session. Both girls and staff ensured that their packed lunches were as authentic as possible, so there were a few egg sandwiches and, yes, there were no bananas.

Nedham House Summer Concert took place in June. The concert started with the whole school singing together, a rousing welcome for our visitors. We then heard a selection of talented players perform on their own instruments. Our choir performed a selection of both unison and part-songs that greatly impressed the audience. Each class had prepared a repertoire of pieces that reflected the work they had been studying through the year. Our grand finale came from the orchestra. A great success for Mrs Holmes, Miss Jones and all our instrumentalist teachers.

On the penultimate weekend, Form Three together with Mrs Tottey, Miss Dewhurst and their respective husbands drove off to Boreatton Park for a long weekend of intense activity. From the moment the coach arrived, girls and staff indulged in an orgy of singing, eating, running, swimming, shouting, climbing, abseiling, mud flinging, water fighting, rifle shooting, quad biking and a small amount of sleeping. Everybody had a truly great time and we arrived back at school on the following Monday exhausted but still smiling - just.

Nedham House Sports' Day went very well, with the help of Mrs Tottey's organisation and sterling work from all teaching staff as well as members of the sixth form. The weather was perfect - sun shining but not too hot. The victorious team was Merlins. Alex Baker and her big brother won the adult/child egg and spoon race!

The Sandford House Play this year was 'The Pied Piper', performed by Class Four with Emily Brotherhood in the leading role. There were dancing rats, singing villagers and an excellent choir provided by Class Three.

The last Fun Afternoon was held at the start of July, ably organised by Form Three. The weather was very kind, allowing many games to take place outside on the lawn. Some of the games were most intriguing, and all participants thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Since the Nedham House Entrance Examination has been phased out, the vast majority of girls transferring from Sandford House are already 'at home' with the Nedham House girls. This coming summer, there will be a Nedham House whole school trip, destination to be a surprise.



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Charity Fund-Raising Sandford House

We would like to thank our children and parents for their generous support of our charity fundraising. This year we have raised a total of £2,494.80. Donations were sent to the following charities

Kosovo Appeal	£1 850
(Sponsored Swim)	
Maelor Hospital Shooting Star Appeal	£89.80
Hospice of the Good Shepherd	£67
Claire House Hospice	£67
Hope House Hospice	£50
Cystic Fibrosis Trust	£50
National Childbirth Trust	£50
P.D.S.A.	£50
Barnardo's	£50
European Children's Trust	£50
UNICEF	£50
Children in Need	£46
DEBRA	£25

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Small Group Fundraising	
Total	614.96

Whole School Events	
Children In Need	95.15
Children's Society	80.35
Royal British Legion Appeal	50.82
Wrexham Maelor Hospital Shooting Star Appeal	206.60
UNICEF	101.06

The Autumn Term saw the start of our new names. Class Four (Nedham House) felt no change at all, but staff in Nedham House worked hard to ensure that directions, letters, displays and other labels had been converted. The girls became used to the new system very quickly and so ably assisted in reminding staff when they had 'said the wrong name'.

Both Harvest Festivals went very well. In Nedham House, the festival fell on National Poetry Day and so Class Five centred their contribution on poems written about fruit and vegetables. Some astute observations led to insightful poetry that was recited against the backdrop of their still life Artwork. The border of the display was created when the girls were in Form One, the previous term. In Sandford House, the girls explored the origin of our wide variety of food and told us many interesting facts. Particularly fascinating was the revelation from Class Two, that the banana is a giant herb! Both Miss Morgan and I thank the parents and girls who helped to distribute the beautiful gifts from both festivals.

Pat Laiolo from Barnardos visited Sandford House to talk to the girls about the work that is undertaken within the charity. Afterwards the girls presented her with a cheque for £50 from our weekly collection.

On the same day, Nedham House was pleased to have a visit from the poet, Brian Morse, who conducted a series of Poetry Workshops in Classes 4, 5 and 6. These were great fun and quite inspiring. We all had the opportunity to hear some of the work when we gathered for a selection of readings from the girls in the final session of the day.

The whole of the Lower School joined together one Thursday morning for an assembly. Miss Morgan conducted the assembly and Nedham House staff were able to listen for the first time to the birthday song that is sung to birthday girls.

In November, Mrs Meredith organised a photographic competition for Nedham House pupils. We had a superb array of photographs and were pleased to welcome Jerry Lockley from 'The Chronicle' as judge. Whilst many other prizes were awarded, our overall winner was Frances Simpson (Class Four).

Classes Four and Five visited Bishop's High School one Friday afternoon for a presentation called 'Jaguar'. The author of the book described her journey down the Amazon River, accompanied by vivid backdrops and sound effects.

Our annual Bookland Fair, organised by Miss Paice, was very successful. Girls and parents were able to purchase from a wide range of books, enabling the school to 'earn' a commission of £147.61.

The Christmas Plays at the Lower School began with Nedham House's production of 'Mrs Claus to the Rescue'. Class Four did extremely well with a limited number of rehearsals due to the arrival of the inspection team. Although Mrs Lindop was unfortunately unwell, her preparation and rehearsals meant that the show could go on, as it did in tremendous style. My thanks to Mrs Holmes for her invaluable contribution to the musical element of the play.

Sandford House nativity, as usual, proved a very popular event. Class Three gave an excellent rendition of the Christmas Story and, thanks to Mrs Arkley and Mrs Carder, the other classes performed their carols beautifully.

In Nedham House, our term ended with a 'barn dance' when Mo Waddington came to teach the girls a variety of communal dances. In Sandford House, the Christmas Party had the theme of 'A Bug's Life' and I was delighted to see members of staff buzzing around disguised as bees.

As usual, on the last day of term, Nedham House joined with the rest of the school for the annual Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, during which the Nedham House choir sang two pieces 'Gwyl Y Babin' and 'The Way it Should Be'. My thanks go to Miss Jones for her hard work and dedication in achieving such a high standard with the choir.

At the start of the new Millennium, Nedham House girls and staff joined the Senior School to celebrate the event at the cathedral and to watch a marvellous display of fireworks on the field. We welcomed four Swedish students to the Lower School, who spent two days observing lessons and joining in activities. The Cheshire Fire Brigade came to visit Class Five to show them a safety video and to let them experience a smoke tent. In the same month, Class

Five decided to adopt a donkey (called Dinky) that lives at the Birmingham Animal Sanctuary. Class Five also became affiliate members of the RSPB Young Ornithologists' Club. Members of Class Six were all successful in their Entrance Examination to the Senior School, being offered places for September 2000. We are all very proud of their achievements.

In January, Sandford House visited the Gateway theatre to see 'The Phoenix and the Carpet'. It was a most enjoyable performance and it provided the children with inspiration for further creative work back in school.

This year, Nedham House's 52nd Birthday was celebrated in a quiet but formal manner. Class Six conducted the morning assembly, telling their younger colleagues a little about the history of their school. Class Five had a visit from Mrs Ridley (mother of Sophie in Class Three) who talked about Tudor costumes and life in a Tudor village. She brought in a hand made replica of a Tudor merchant girl's outfit that she had made herself. Mr Ridley had made a pair of shoes and all items had been meticulously researched for detail and authenticity.

In February, Mr Charters retired from the maintenance and care of the swimming pool. He has given a great deal of his time and commitment to a very demanding job and we are most grateful for his loyal support and hard work throughout the years. We welcome Mr Chambers, who has now joined the ancillary staff to take over Mr Charters' duties, as well as to assist in the maintenance and care of the grounds.

The Lower School Open Morning took place in March, when we opened our doors to prospective parents and girls. Nedham House girls in Classes Five and Six joined in orchestra practice and gym displays, as well as a Tudor dance. Soon after the Open Morning was World Book Day. Nedham House girls took part in a Fancy Dress event, literary style, when they came to school dressed as a famous book character. The author, David Clayton, visited us and conducted a series of workshops with each class.

Nedham House annual Class Solo Concerts took place in the last week of the Easter Term. Every girl had the opportunity to perform either a solo or an ensemble piece, watched by their parents and other visitors.

Class One Assembly took place in March, centred on the topic of TIME. As well as being a valuable learning experience, the girls and Mrs Heron had a lot of fun. They particularly enjoyed retelling the story of 'Mr Squelch', who decided to turn his life upside down by living during the night and sleeping during the daytime.

Throughout the year, we have seen great successes, a few changes and have enjoyed participating in many varied events. Mrs Scarr Hall has left for maternity leave and we welcome Mr McEwen to teach Modern Language Awareness. Mrs Raby, our violin teacher will be leaving at the end of this term and we wish her well. Mrs Van Ingen will be taking her place and we welcome her to the Lower School.

My thanks go to all the teaching staff throughout the Lower School for their professional hard work and dedication throughout this busy year. I also thank Miss Morgan for her commitment to the continuing development of the Lower School, especially Sandford House (Key Stage One); the support she gives to Sandford House staff and to me as well is invaluable. Mrs Hoare has worked extremely hard since her arrival as Administrative Assistant at the Lower School. All staff are most grateful for her cheerful, calm and diligent manner that allows the school to run smoothly.

The Lower School site has been well maintained, thanks to the work of Mr Lilley and Mr Chambers as well as the cleaning by Mrs Davies and Mrs Dunbabin. Mrs Bills and the Sodexo catering team have worked very hard, providing us with sustenance for our working days. Finally, I would like to thank all the girls at the Lower School; they are a happy, cheerful and diligent crowd who make teaching so worthwhile.



Kindergarten, 1903

Gifts to Sandford House

A book about Finland

Tabatha Leggett

A Book of Christmas Poems

Miss F. Osborn

Tape recorder and

Selection of tapes and Books

Class Four Leavers

Gifts to Nedham House

Faye Woodcock

Books for Class Libraries

(Classes 4 + 5)

Dr Whiteoak, Georgia and Frankie

Items for the Costume Room

Dr Laine and Charlotte (LIVs)

Techno Encyclopaedias

Mrs Baker

Aerial photograph of Lower School Area

Form 3 Leavers and Parents

£240 towards the Playground

Equipment

Harriet Kaufman

Hockey Stick

Ffion and Mrs Macdonald

Book for Class 5

Mr and Mrs Goodwin and Victoria

Whole School Photograph for archives

Mary Byrom

Book for Class Library

Mrs Paice

A pair of binoculars

Mrs Bills

Fairy Costume + assorted pictures, charts, maps and calendars

Mr and Mrs Randall + Charlotte

Design Technology materials

Clair Davies

Christmas Decorations

Miss Skilbeck

Book for Nedham House Library

Mrs Holmes

Calendar

QSPA

Funds for the Playground Equipment

Senior School English

Department

Books for Nedham House Library ('ALICE')

Elizabeth Gleek

Costumes for Drama

Mrs Bills

Assorted pictures, charts, maps and calendars

Gardner Merchant/Sodexo

Overalls for Art Department + notice board

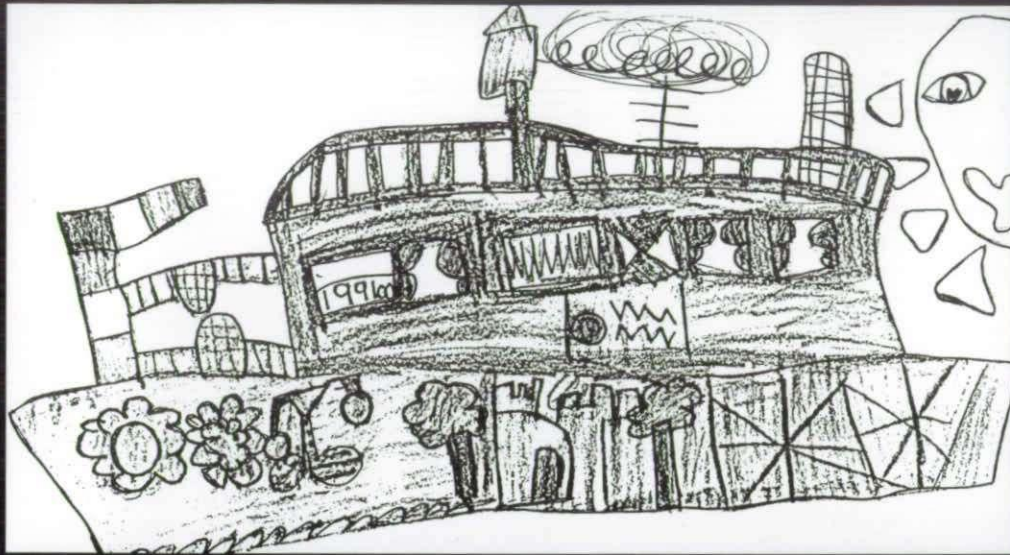
Mrs Le Brocq and Laura

Costumes for Drama

Mrs Mather and Charlotte

Plants for the Garden

Sandford



The Barge Home.

A barge home is on a river or a canal.

They are decorated with roses, castles and patterns.

In the old days the horse walked along the towpath and pulled it along.

Inside the Barge is very pretty and has beds that fold up during the day.

You can cook in galley, it is very small.

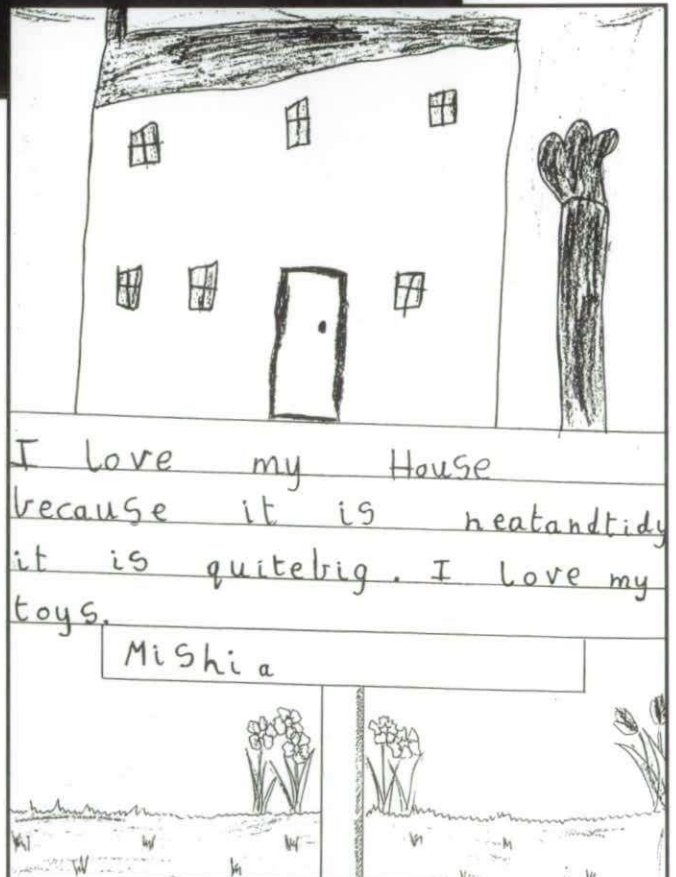
By Jennifer Robinson Aged 5 years, Class 1



This is Granny Price. She is ninety years old. Her face is a crinkled as an old bat's wing. She has got quite chubby arms and her hair is like white sheep's wool. Her nose is as round as the button of my coat. You can hardly ever see her ears as they are covered with her big, round, red earrings. Granny Price has very knobbly elbows

and the biggest chin I have ever seen. She has crunched eyes just like a mole. She is very funny and loves telling jokes. She used to be an artist and is very good at drawing.

Philippa Reynolds
Age 7 Class 3



Mishia Leggett Age 5 Class 1

of flowers round cook's head. Then they went to the phoenix company temple. It was Christmas and the children were hanging stockings by the fireplace. They wanted some trinkets for Miss Peasemarsch's stall and they hadn't got any so they had to go all the way to India. A Maharani had a bodyguard and he had a sword and the Maharani listened to the story about the phoenix then she gave them some jewels. On the carpet they travelled to the bazaar and Miss Biddle was horrible and she wanted the carpet. An old-man was at the sweet stall and he had a stick and Robert wanted a toffee apple. So the man climbed up the step ladder and it wobbled and Shrimp didn't want a toffee apple she wanted two toffee apples and they went home on the carpet. Then the carpet went off on a journey of its own and brought back lots of Persian kittens and the kittens were hungry so a cow gave them some milk. A cat burglar came to escape from the police. The children took him to a tropical island and the cat burglar married the cook and they all lived happily ever after.

PET SHOP DREAM

By Julia Byrom
Aged 5, Class 1

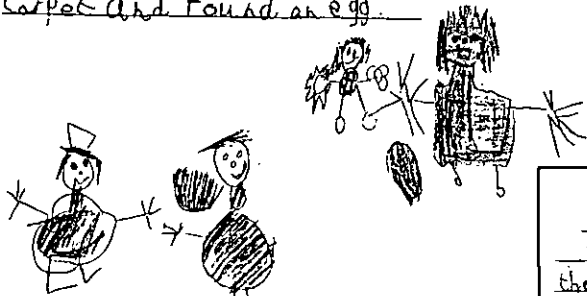
1. I will try to eat my greens.
2. I will not watch so much television.
3. I will get up earlier.
4. I will try and do my work quicker.
5. I will try not to bounce on my bed because my Mum said that the bed will go through the ceiling!
6. I will try not to get my shoes muddy.
7. I will try not to get so excited when Alice stays the night.
8. I will try not to eat so much chocolate.

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CREATIVE WRITING

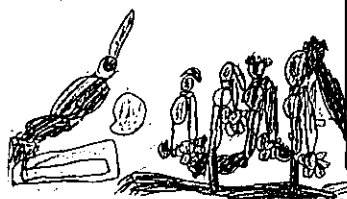
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1. The girls unrolled the carpet and found an egg.



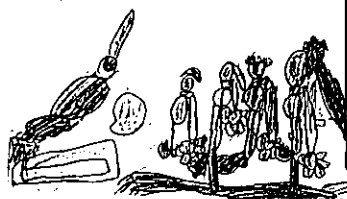
2. The boys threw the egg to each other.

Siân Dooley
Aged 4



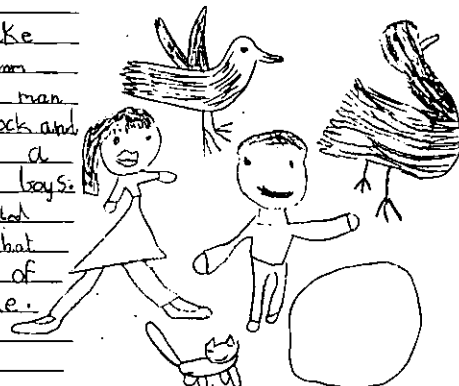
3. The egg fell in the fire. The phoenix flew out.

Stephanie Terry
Aged 5



Laura Bateson
Aged 5

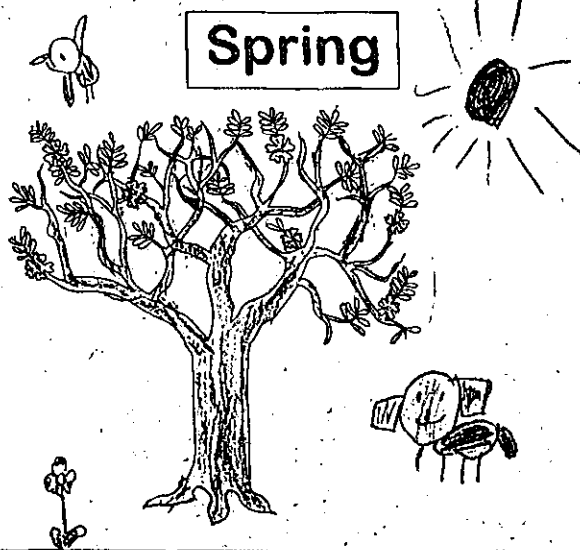
The pancake ran away from the mother, the man, the cat, the cock and the duck and a cow and 7 boys. Big Pig picked him up and that was the end of the pancake.



Kara Chin
Aged 5

Kate Enevoldson
Aged 5

Spring

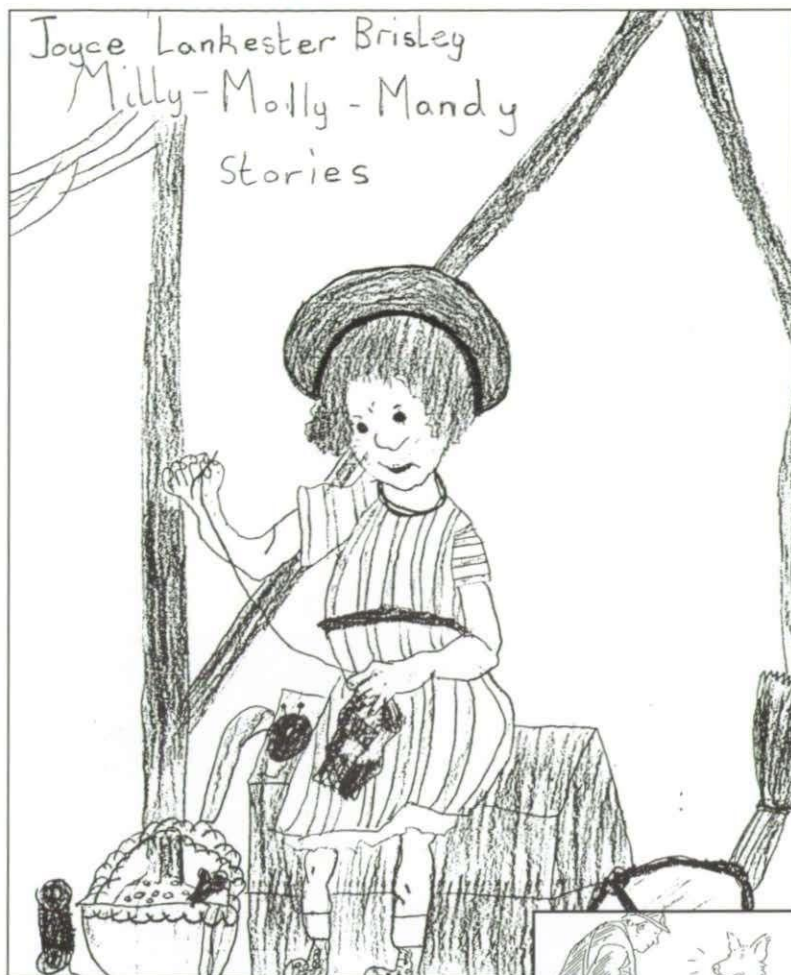


In Spring lambs are born. Birds are beginning to show on the trees. Daffodils are growing.

I wish to go to see the penguins at the South Pole.

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Eleanor Riddy
Aged 4



Book Cover Study
Eleanor Tedstone
Aged 7, Class 3

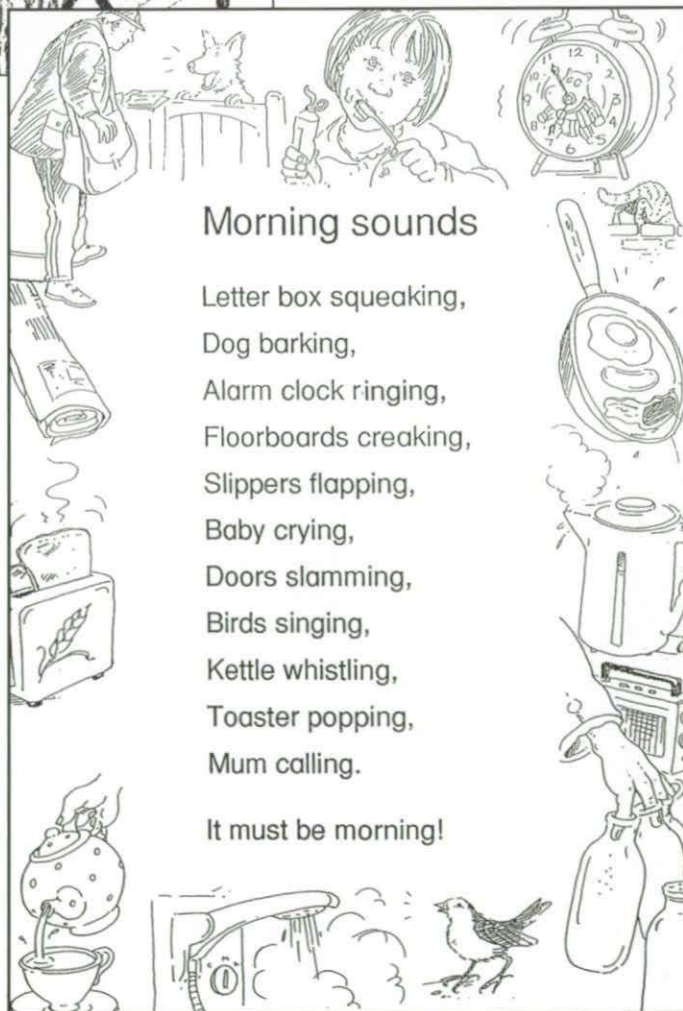


Francesa Butcher
Aged 8, Class 3

Food

I love the taste of wormy spaghetti that wriggles in your mouth, jelly that is shiny and wobbles on your plate, munchy scrumptious, sweet apples, noisy and nutritious green sticks of celery, lovely plums, juicy and luscious, refreshing and tasty mints, crispy, crunchy, fat chips and sizzling sausages in a pan.

Hattie Kennedy Age 8 Class 3.



CREATIVITY

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The Riverside

I lay on the bank by the river and watched the twirling smoke come from the farmhouse chimney looking like a large grey snake ascending into the air. The field next to me was filled with sheep and lambs grazing contentedly, for it was Spring. Looking up into the beautiful blue sky, I saw the white fluffy clouds floating like angels in white frocks, and birds soaring, dipping and diving like daredevil pilots in aeroplanes. On the grassy bank pretty flowers nodded their heads in the warm breeze, a shy mallard was taking a walk near the river side. Ripples stirred in the water as fish darted away from predators. Lily pads showed off their silky petals like proud peacocks. I felt relaxed as I heard the birds singing like a school choir and the water lapping against the bank. I fell asleep, suddenly I woke up to a strange screech. What was it? It was the screech of a bird being killed by a fox. The sky was dark, it must be late! I scrambled to my feet and headed home.

Sing-Yun Lee, Class 4

Quietly

Quietly the petals float along the breeze,
Quietly the leaves fall down from the trees.
Quietly the tiger stalks among the grass,
Quietly the bats dart and flit as they pass.
Quietest of all is the rising smoke,
Covering the fields in a hazy cloak.

Hannah Donald, Class 4



Brightly

Brightly a candle flickers in the darkness,
Brightly a torch beam cuts through the night,
Brightly a fire spreads through the forest,
Brightly a lamp flashes from a lighthouse,
Brightly the stars gleam and shine.
Bright is the moon- but brightest of all
Is the sun shining down on our world.

Ming-May, Class 4

The Summerside Brook

I sat on the bank of the brook, taking in the beauty of the crisp, spring morning. A small group of snowdrops were politely bowing their heads beside me and I gazed in wonder at their pure whiteness. Golden daffodils by their side, trumpeted into the breezy air. Then, a frog caught my eye, its slimy back shimmering in the sun. Moorhens darted through the reeds and waterlilies on the side of the brook. I then caught a glimpse of a brown rabbit hopping across the ground with light, bouncy springs before disappearing down a hole. I tossed a pebble and watched it skim over the water. Then I realised that there were dark clouds hovering overhead and I felt the first raindrops land on my hand. I looked once more at the brook, then turned slowly away to go home.

Catherine Barnard, Class 4

The Banana

It lay in the shiny crystal bowl.
 All bright yellow and plump.
 Little brown dents appeared on the skin,
 Like craters on the moon.
 Suspended from the rest of the bunch.
 All flown in from another country, full of sun.
 As i peeled away the bright yellow skin,
 An aroma arose from deep within.
 There it lay, a sandy crescent on my plate,
 And as I took the first bite, I couldn't believe it.
 It tasted like sugary sunshine, and melted in
 my mouth.

Dhivya Prasad, Class 5

A Kenning

She's a...
 Mischief Maker,
 Toy breaker,
 Nose picker,
 Lolly licker,
 Loud screamer,
 Deep dreamer,
 Sickly smile
 Now run a mile,
 Stress maker,
 Neck acher,
 Sticky sweets,
 All over the car seats,
 A big blister
 She's a.....
 Little sister.

Lucy Campbell Woodward
 Class 6



Ten Things in Martin Luther King's pocket

His wallet with a few dollars for a sandwich.
 A photograph of his wife and his four children.
 A used bus ticket from his last journey on a bus for black people
 The diary in which he described that things were going
 from bad to worse.
 A charm for good luck from his mother.
 A rosary which he prayed on each day.
 A small compact bible which he read all the time.
 A reminder of his mentor - Mohandas Gandhi.
 His handkerchief with his initials - Dr. MLK
 And his speech which started 'I have a dream.'

Dhivya Prasad class 5.

Sadness

The colour is grey like a dull, dark day,
 It tastes like bitter herbs,
 It smells like the scent of danger,
 It looks like a dusty, lonely waterfall,
 It sounds like the cries of people on board a
 sinking ship,
 The feeling is like a thousand knives
 coming towards my body.

By Faye Woodcock



Loneliness

My loneliness is as blue as coldness,
 It tastes like sour milk,
 It smells like smoke from a crackling fire,
 It looks like an empty desert,
 It sounds like the howling wind,
 It feels as if my body is hollow inside.

By Faye Woodcock

Class 5

Nedham *creative*

The Pineapple

You sit on the summit of the fruit mountain in the crystal bowl like a king,

A green leaved-crown sits upon your golden body.

Everyone thinks that you're rough and mean, but

From the outside they do judge.

But, I know, on the inside you are sweet, soft and gentle.

You remind me of a short, fat stubby palm tree,

And you smell exotic and friendly.

You taste sour and remind me of summer holidays,

And early mornings.

Your shell is like a honey-comb.

Your inside is like the sun shining brightly.

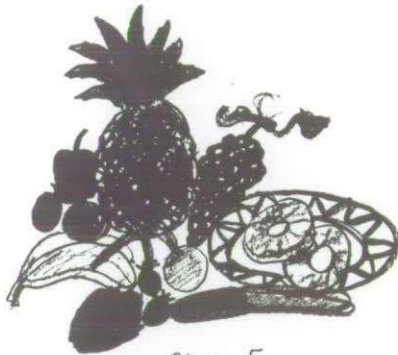
You taste tropical and refreshingly cold.

You smell woody, like pine and trees.

You sit there arrogant and proud,

On top of the fruit in the sparkling bowl.

By Ffion Macdonald



Class 5

The Sorrows and Joys of Autumn

The first sorrow of Autumn is,
The early nights and dark misty mornings,
A layer of frost on your bedroom window.
An autumn morning that is ice cold,
And dew drops on the grass in your garden.

The first joy of Autumn is,
Sweet smelling apple pie that wafts past your nose on a Sunday afternoon,
And the sound of crisp, rustling leaves under your feet.
The red squirrels gathering nuts for the winter,
And the sound of clanging conkers as they fall from the trees.

The second sorrow of Autumn is,
A frosty air that catches your breath,
A slippery path that leads to your door.
The mist that pokes through the trees,
A sign that Jack Frost is here again.

The second joy of Autumn is,
Children going trick-or-treating,
And the smell of a crackling fire on Bonfire Night,
The taste of toffee apples trickling down your throat,
And the musty smell of the dressing-up box when you dress up for Halloween.

Charlotte Mather Class 6



The Street Beggar

Rainy day,
Dirty street,
Mangy mongrel
At his feet.
Holes in jeans,
Old grey hat,
Box in doorway where he sat.

Worn out shoes,
No socks,
Tattered coat,
Matted locks.
"Spare some change?"
"No way!"
"My dog needs to eat today."

Passers by,
Don't see,
"Pence please,
For a cup of tea?"
Hurried paces,
Turned faces
"No-one wants to look at me!"

Alice Flint Class 6



TEN THINGS FOUND IN NEPTUNE'S POCKET.

A selection of beautiful shells,
A golden crown detailed with fish.

A number of shrimps,
A jar of salty sea water,
A tub of wet sand from the depths of the sea.

A snapping crab,
A mini-mermaid with flowing red hair,
Chunks of rock from under water caves.

Multi-coloured coral,
A sleeping seahorse snoring happily.

By Meghan Potts



Class 5

EXAMINATION

NERVES

My nerves are building up inside me,
What will happen when I go in?
Will my pencil snap or anything?
Will I go wrong on everything?

I feel as if I'm going to faint,
Or knock myself unconscious,
Even break an arm or two,
Or am I just going bonkers?

Everyone else seems to be OK,
Or is it just me being silly?
Does two add two equal three?
Does the world have somewhere called 'Chilly'?

Georgina Whiteoak Class 6

THE WATCH

As I crouch in the soft, freshly cut grass, a rush of excitement goes through me. The smell of grass fills my nose and lungs. I can hear the last bird song gradually dying away, and all the other animals are silent. Everything is calm and still. The wind has died away with the sunlight. Everything is quiet except the eerie 'buzz' of flies above my head.

Suddenly a small, brown moth flies into my face and makes me jump. The light fades, as the sun goes down, casting beams of deep red and orange across the sky. A small click catches my attention, and I start to take a closer watch of the old barn. I know, about now, the visitors will be huddled up, in the space in the high loft, cramped together like peas in a pod.

Then, at that moment, a black shape zooms past, then another, then another. This is what I have been waiting for. Silently, one swoops over my head and darts away. Thin membranes of skin flap vigorously. It resembles a flying mouse, and I can hear now the chitter-chattering of

my target. I know what they are flying out of now. It is a tiny crack in the brick, crumbling, rough and brown. It looks as if it will crumble into dust if you touch it, then blow away at the slightest breeze.

Amazingly, quickly, one stranger swoops down to catch a fly. Then I notice they are all doing it. Swooping, catching, like it is organised chaos. As they all fly around in circles hundreds of them, never bumping into each other. For what seems like minutes, but is actually hours, I watch them. Each and every movement noted until at last, gradually each animal glides into a crack in the wall.

The last thing I hear is a tiny squeak, as the last bat disappears into the crevice.

Abbie-Lee Jefferson Class 6

OUT & ABOUT

1999 ADVENTURE HOLIDAY



*A*fter we'd finally got off the coach (the 24 hour journey was not the best part of the holiday) we went for a swim in the lake. We spent most of the time in the water kayaking, windsurfing, sailing and best of all rafting. I think the best memorable part of the holiday was the bivouac.

A day walking and a night under the stars! We had some interesting entertainment aswell. A talent contest and a night where we dressed the male instructors in our clothes. Being the highlights.

We were sad to leave at the end of the week. It was one of the best holidays I've been on.

Sophia Berry UIVC



Ironbridge

On 28 September, UIV accompanied by six members of staff visited Ironbridge as a part of their History course on the Industrial Revolution. They were suitably impressed by the iron bridge itself over the River Severn and studied the development of the iron industry at Coalbrookdale with the help of a modern exhibition and Abraham Darby's original furnace. After a picnic lunch at Blists Hill savoured the delights of Victorian shopping before the coach journey back to school.

P A Tolley.



OUT & ABOUT

TOURS EXCHANGE 1999-2000

One Saturday morning of the Easter holidays, 20 nervous girls, who still should have been in bed, assembled at King's school, awaiting 10 days of French family life. However, the trip did not get off to a good start, when severe traffic problems meant that we were 2 minutes late for check in at Waterloo. We thought we would have to set up camp at Waterloo - if only we had spent 40 minutes instead of 45 at the service station! After two and a half hours of 'discussion' with Eurostar personnel, we were re-routed and found places on the train to Paris. This train was in turn delayed when someone decided to jump out into the french countryside! This meant we were even shorter of time and we had 30 minutes in which to cross Paris, carrying all our heavy luggage, up and down steps. We missed our



train again, by a matter of minutes. However, this time the porter was the kindest imaginable. He re-routed a train and we all squashed in small sleeper cars.

At 1:30 in the morning, we finally met our host families on an otherwise deserted platform. The rest of the exchange was not as eventful, but we still faced many challenges in our daily routine. We were glad to experience French life, food and language as well the attractions around Tours. It was a memorable experience, for which we have Mrs Chorley, Mr and Mrs Shannon to thank.

Elise Hague and Jenny Mason

Catalyst Museum

For Geography the Removes went to the Catalyst museum by the River Mersey. We all enjoyed the hands - on activities such as making magnets and floating soap holders. We learnt about everyday chemicals and about recycling. Overall we had an enjoyable and interesting trip.

Vicky Wilkinson and Jessica Crowther

Cloverley Hall 31st March - 2nd April 2000

Cloverley Hall, our new destination, proved to be the perfect setting for our fun packed weekend.

Anina and Gareth, our speakers for the weekend made sure we all learnt something by giving us an alternative approach to the message of the gospel. Drama, music, dance, and art workshops followed on the theme of God's unconditional love for everybody and the importance of sharing the message.

The 'Wide Game' was as popular as ever, this year with a fairy tale theme. Everyone enjoyed seeing Miss Woodland and Mrs Barnes as the witches and especially the 'two Andreas' who dressed as the two ugly sisters.

Following last years successful Saturday night entertainment, we enjoyed sketches; Mr Armstrong's punctuation machine, Jess and Helen's

alternative mastermind, and an extremely messy act from Amy and Jen, along with lots of campfire songs from Laura and Liz!

As always, midnight feasts were planned, pillow fights took place and far too much was eaten by all!

When we left on Sunday afternoon everyone came away having benefitted from the weekend. Those who were not Christians being given the opportunity to reflect on what was said, and for those of us who are it proved an uplifting chance to worship with friends.

Many thanks must go to all the teachers and sixth formers who gave up their valuable time and especially to Mrs Lloyd for her dedicated hard work and enthusiasm. We are really looking forward to next year!!!!.....

Amy Furbur and Jennifer Spencer LVIS

OUT & ABOUT

Ski Trip

During half term, a group of LVI girls travelled to Quebec in Canada with Mrs Rowland, Mrs Steventon and Miss Huck for a peaceful week of skiing, or so we thought!

The nice peaceful week skiing down picturesque mountains with beautiful scenery turned into a week of activities, singing and dare I say delays!

The trip started well with us all packed up with our clothes and all the food that we could carry. After thoroughly confusing the air stewards by swapping seats so that the vegetarian meals went to the wrong people, we discovered that poor Lucy had to sit next to the teachers all the way to Canada.

A well deserved moose hat Lucy! When we arrived we collected the bags, some of which was wet to Adele's horror as most of her wardrobe had been packed, walked straight through customs, apart from Jenny and her chicken sandwich. As we waited for our coach to arrive, we all piled on our hats and scarves and as we waited became very hot as yes, the airport was air conditioned!

Despite the fact that we were all extremely tired, we arrived at the Minolta Tower restaurant and witnessed one of the best views in the world, Niagara Falls lit up at night. The falls are lit up by massive laser beams that are different colours.

Next morning we wandered around the Falls and Sarah Dutton started the first of many roles of film, or was it the second?

We travelled back to Toronto and flew to Montreal. From Montreal we went to Quebec. This is when we discovered our talent for singing. This was very boring but Miss Huck did seem to give us a detailed discription of Sly.

The next morning we we were ready for our first day of skiing. We arrived at Stoneham, our first ski resort. We split into groups; those who'd never skied before, those who could ski and those who thought that they could ski! And off we went for a day's skiing.

At the end of the day it became apparent that the ski instructor for the first group was rather gorgeous as Sarah made it obvious by falling off the ski lift because she was looking at him! Not surprisingly the next day, some girls, okay yes it was me, discovered that really we couldn't ski as

well as the first of our group and shock horror moved down a group. The rest of the holiday was spent visiting many places such as Quebec city and the snow park, which was Water world at -20°C.

Here we discovered that we had a mental age of five! One event stays firmly in the mind when I think of the snow park as Liz Halbert and Mrs Rowland collided at the bottom of a very steep slope, which was very amusing!

We moved on to Mont Sainte Anne, our second ski resort. Here there were more slopes but unfortunately no young, attractive ski instructors. Never mind as we knew that there would be snow borders to look at! One evening we went to watch an ice hockey match between Quebec Ramparts and Moncton Wildcats. As you can imagine without knowing the rules we had to rely on other entertainment! Many roles of film was used and many sore throats were gained!

Other activities apart from skiing we excelled at e.g shopping! We also went to a disco and it seemed that everywhere a Queen's School girl went boys were sure to follow!

One the last night, or so we thought, we visited the Sugar Shack. A meal was provided with the option of trying everything with syrup. The more sensible amongst us saved the maple syrup for the pancakes but others had it with everything and believe me they regretted it! Entertainment was also provided at the Shack and Miss Huck joined in wholeheartedly!

On our way home we visited the Biodome which was fantastic. After this we headed for Montreal Airport. Unfortunately due to Toronto Airport being closed we prolonged our stay by two days. After many fretful hours being spent by the staff we managed to get a flight home. On the way back to Manchester we took a detour via Copenhagen. Postcards were bought and sent and funny guys with clogs on were laughed at. We finally arrived home late but no worse for our travels and slept soundly for two days, except Sarah Bache who true to deputy head girl style went back to school the following day!

We would all like to say a massive thank you to Mrs Rowland, Mrs Steventon and Miss Huck for keeping their cool and sense of Humour throughout the week and giving us one of the best holidays of our lives. Oh and one last thing, can we go next year?

REMOVES VISIT TO CHESTER ZOO

On Thursday 25 May, the Removes went on a trip to Chester Zoological Gardens. Despite the bad weather we had an enjoyable time. During the course of the day we saw many animals including: monkeys (our favourites!), elephants, reptiles, camels, orang-utans, and plenty of colourful fish in the aquarium! At around 11.45 many moans and groans were heard, including a few rumbling tummies! After finally persuading Miss Woodland, we stopped for lunch. The hailstones and the rain decided to join us for some sandwiches. After our "enjoyable lunch", we set off for another area of the zoo! As soon as the work was finished, a swarm of Queen's School girls headed straight for the shop entrance! Many cute cuddly toys and plenty of candy were bought. All in all, we had an enjoyable day! We would like to say a special thank you to all the teachers who accompanied us: Miss Woodland, Mrs Jones, Mrs Swift, Mrs Harrison, Mrs Barnes and Miss Riggot! **THANK YOU!**

Alicia Chatwin and Laura Elliott RS

THE QUEEN'S SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Queen's School Parents' Association exists to further the interests of the school and of its pupils, to raise money and other resources, to support school activities by means of social functions or other suitable events and to promote good relations among parents, and between them and the Staff and Governors of the School. All parents are automatically members while they have a daughter in the school, and also all members of staff while they are employed by the school. The Association is run by a committee of 15 elected members and 4 ex-officio members - these being the Headmistress and another member of staff nominated by his/her colleagues, and 2 Parent Representative Governors. Committee members are parents from both Lower and Senior Schools and are elected at the Annual General Meeting held in the Spring Term - usually 5 new members each year. There can also be up to 3 co-opted members. The officers, consisting of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, are elected annually by the Committee from among its own elected members. Committee members are elected for a period of three years, but are eligible for re-election.

Over the last couple of years we have held a number of events which have not only raised money for the school, enabling them to provide the extras not covered by the fees - the 'icing on the cake' - but have also been great fun. The Autumn Market and the Lower School Garden Party, held in alternative years, always prove tremendously popular, particularly with the girls, as well as being good money raisers. We have for several years now held an Annual Ball in the Autumn Term, for which tickets are always in great demand. We held a delightful musical evening at the Long Room, Eaton Hall last year, which we hope to be able to repeat with a different programme next year. We have also held a series of coffee mornings over the last two years which have proved very successful, not just for fund-raising, but also for getting

parents together and promoting friendships. Another extremely popular event is our annual Sausage Sizzle held in September for new Removes and their parents. This is not a fund-raising event but is held simply to allow the girls to get together on an informal basis and for the parents to meet.

Every year we hold a meeting with the Governors at which we raise various items of concern to parents, and we have found this to be a valuable point of contact. Matters raised this year were:-

- a) Road safety
- b) Stair safety
- c) Communications
- d) Monthly direct debits for School fees
- e) School meals

Over the last 2 years the funds we have raised have provided money to help refurbish MacLean House and provided the computers for the new language room. The Lower School now has a video camera, tripod and accessories, an exotic range of percussion instruments in Sandford House, and Nedham House will soon have new playground equipment, thanks to the Parents' Association's fund-raising. Over the last year we have provided the Senior School with a computer driven sewing machine, a skeleton, stage lighting and a tenor saxophone. I am sure that all departments will soon be supplying us with another 'wish list' to fuel our next round of fund-raising - so keep reading the School Newsletter for details of our events, and come along to enjoy yourselves and help us to raise even more money for our daughters

Elaine Dutton, QSPA Chairman

Friends of The Queen's School

Since Have Mynde was published last year, I am delighted to announce the formation of the 'Friends of The Queen's School'. Parents may have been members of the Parents' Association throughout their daughter's time at the School. Daughters are able to belong to The Queen's School Association, some mothers are Old Girls themselves, but for the majority of parents, that is the end of their connection. The 'Friends of The Queen's School' enables them to retain a link. It also enables former Governors, members of Staff and anyone with an interest in the school to continue their association.

For a modest joining fee of Five Pounds, members receive Newsletters containing news of the girls' achievements, whether that is in sport, music or the academic scene. Letters are sent giving information about forthcoming events within the school or events that are being run by The Parents' Association.

We have recently held a Cheese and Wine Evening for Parents of this year's Upper VI Leavers, which was very enjoyable, and we will be holding other events in the future.

We currently have some fifty members of the 'Friends' and as word is spreading of our existence, others are joining. If anyone is interested in joining or requires any further information, please write to me c/o The Queen's School.

Angela Mounsey, Chairman

The Queen's School Association

The Committee for 1999 – 2000



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1957-64

Judith Fernandes (Durrant)

1951-56

Lesley Hardy (Cooke)

1964-77

Shirley Hayes

1947-54

Jenny Lloyd (Dutton)

1957-64

Jacqueline Maguire (Clinton)

1966-73

Susan O'Gorman (Mills)

1957-64

Veronica Patrick (Davies)

1965-78

Ann Short (Brotherhood)

1954-61

Carole Wilkinson (Holme)

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1945-52

Assistant Secretary

Mary Simmons (Williams)

1935-41

QSA News

The 1999 Annual General Meeting on June 26th was held at the main School, members gathered for coffee beforehand. Among those present was a group who were celebrating reaching 60, and several members who left in the 1920s and 1930s.

Miss Skilbeck reported excellent GCSE and A level results, Queen's was the top school in Cheshire. There had been many sporting achievements during the year including the ski team coming third in the English Schools' Championship. There had been a production of *Iolanthe* and "Awake the Voice", the carol discovered during QSA archive research, had been performed at the School's Spring Concert. Mr Peter Roberts had been appointed Chairman of the Board of Governors, after the sad death of Mr Alex Bruce. MacLean House was unofficially opened with a piper leading the Sixth Form into the building. Appeal events were continuing.

As QSA Representative Governor Hilarie McNae stressed the importance of the Millennium Bursary Appeal since the Assisted Places Scheme had been abolished. As Treasurer she reported that the QSA Exhibition, £1,000 a year for a Sixth-former, had been taken up starting in September 1999 for two years. The accounts had been audited this year and would be in future.

She was elected Treasurer for another 3-year term of office.

Nicky Griffin resigned from the Committee.

Kate Jackson (left 1995) gave a short talk on her forthcoming trip to Zanzibar, under the auspices of HELP (Humanitarian and Educational Long Term Projects).

After the meeting members looked around MacLean House.



The first event of the year was the Annual Michaelmas Supper held on 10th September 1999, to which we invite all the current UVith form leavers. All other QSA members and current teaching staff are invited. We encourage all members to come, then the leavers can meet a cross-section of us and feel welcomed to the Association. We invite those who left 3 or 4 years ago and their contemporaries who left in the UV or LVI, as we hope that this is another stage at which they might like to meet up with their contemporaries and that the current leavers will find it helpful to meet those starting their first jobs. This time the Michaelmas Supper was attended by about 65 people. Most of those present were 1999 leavers and they thoroughly enjoyed themselves, staying much later than usual (see photograph). The meal is always much appreciated and it is a very enjoyable meeting. Next year's Michaelmas Supper will be on September 8th 2000. Do come!

In May the Oxford /Cambridge branch held a lunch at the Globe Theatre in London. About 15 people travelled down from the Chester area. By all accounts it was a very enjoyable day, with

most of the party watching the performance of Julius Caesar in the afternoon.

The Oxford Lunch will be held at St Hugh's College, Banbury Road, Oxford, on Saturday 30th September 2000, at 12.30 for 1.00pm.

MacLean House is now in use and the new library has been fitted with ash-wood shelves and cabinets. The QSA has purchased the glass-fronted display cabinet as part of our memorial for Miss MacLean. A copy of the portrait of Miss MacLean which hangs in the Hall has also been bought and both the items will have plaques attached showing that the QSA gave them in Miss MacLean's memory.

For Miss Pope's memorial we are purchasing a mobile library unit and clocks for the library (particularly suitable as she was librarian for many years). The unit will also have a plaque showing that we gave it in Miss Pope's memory.

At the Committee meeting in September Jacqueline Maguire was co-opted onto the committee.

We are starting to collect the detailed information necessary for a database for giving advice on subjects, universities and careers. A form was sent out with the newsletter, copies available from the secretary.

Please note that there are now two subscriptions: annual (£5) and 25 year (£100). If there were sufficient demand from the membership the life sub would be reconsidered, but would have to be set at a realistic level (approximately £400). We are, of course, honouring our commitment to those who have already paid life subscriptions, but would be very grateful to any life member who makes a donation to our running costs. Annual members must pay an annual subscription in order to receive the next Newsletter. If they do not do so their names will be kept on file but we will not post to them.

WHAT IS THE QSA?

It has been felt that some people may not know what the Queen's School Association is and does.

So here is a short description:

The Queen's School Association is the Old Girls Association. It was founded 102 years ago, in the same year that Have Mynde was started.

Its aims are:

- 1) To unite former pupils of all generations with each other and the school in helpful fellowship.
- 2) To cooperate and assist the School and the Governors from time to time in the promotion of any scheme which the Association considers to be in the interests of the Queen's School and of its past and present pupils.
- 3) To assist in preserving the traditions of the School.
- 4) To represent members in the sphere of charity, by advising the Trustees of the Queen's School Association Trust Fund on the administering of the said Fund, which must be used for the educational benefit of present and past pupils.

Some of the things the QSA does:

Organize social events for old girls.
Raise money for bursaries and memorials.
Sell and distribute Have Mynde.
Produce an annual newsletter and contribute to Have Mynde.
Deal with address enquiries and send cards on special occasions.
Help at open days, autumn market, careers evenings.
Act as unofficial PR people for the School.

Every year the QSA gives:

4 prizes
A Sixth-form bursary (£1000 pa)
The Michaelmas Supper for new leavers

Recently the QSA has:

Organized Miss MacLean's Memorial Service and her obituary,
Given one of our 'one-off' grants to a '95 Queen's School leaver towards a voluntary service effort in Zanzibar (see article).

This year the QSA has given the School the gifts in memory of Miss MacLean and Miss Pope mentioned above and has earmarked £1,000 for a Millennium gift to the School.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

The following Life members' mail was returned in January 2000:

A G Bebb (Maddocks approx 1925)
June Bibby (Arnell 1947-1954)
Louise Burgess (Howard 1975-1982)
Jane Cronin (Clark 1968-1975)
Dorothy Johnstone-Hogg (1935-1942)
Margaret Goebel (Pirrie 1931-1938)
Agnes Gold (Crowe 1917-1920)
Anne Horton (1965-1979)
A Philips (left 1980)
Christine Smith (Jones 1944-1955)

ZANZIBAR TRIP

By Kate Jackson (left in 1995)

Last summer, instead of taking up a 9-5 office job, compiling sheet after sheet of data and stuffing thousands of envelopes, I chose to spend my summer soaking up the tropical sunshine, swimming in the clear blue Indian ocean and relaxing on the golden beaches of Zanzibar. There was just one drawback-we had to build a nursery school classroom during our stay.



The volunteer project was part of an ongoing commitment to improving facilities in developing countries, through H.E.L.P.-a charity based at Edinburgh University. Every summer, H.E.L.P., Humanitarian and Educational Long-Term Projects, sends teams of students out to work in classrooms, on building sites and with environmental projects in over thirteen developing countries. The charity was set up in 1990 and is run entirely by students.

Our challenge was to build a nursery school classroom and storeroom with just £2,000. We arrived at Bwejuu, a small rural village on the east coast of the island, in July and soon realised



'fundi' Mr Rai-we knew exactly how much cement was needed for the floor, where to get the cheapest roof timber and how to say "40g of nails" in the local language.

There were ten of us in all: six girls and four boys and, although we did not know each other at all before the trip, we all became great friends. We quickly settled into a routine which involved



starting work at 8.00am, coming home for lunch at 12.00 pm and returning for a couple more hours of work at 3.00 pm. It was hard work at first, particularly due to the intense heat, and after the first week, we were all suffering from cuts, bruises and aching limbs. But we always had fun at work, especially in the mornings when the children were allowed out of their lessons to help out on the site. Dressed in their neat little blue uniforms, they would race bare-footed to deposit paint-pots full of sand to the builders or clamber up to the well and happily pump all the water we needed. They clambered into the wheelbarrow to be raced across the playground, demanded we plaster them in sun cream and babbled their newly learned English at us.

We employed four builders to construct the classroom, while we carried out the menial tasks, like fetching water, mixing cement and shifting coral rocks to where they were needed to build the walls. The entire building took four weeks to complete, starting with filling the foundations with bucket loads of sand, to putting on the corrugated iron sheets on the roof. The room did not have electricity, plumbing or even any windows-when the rain pours in, the children simply move to the other side of the room-but the new classroom would mean another teacher could be appointed and another 30 children could be given a head start in their education.

The project was funded entirely through voluntary contributions. Before the trip, we spent several months applying for sponsorship from various companies, organising nightclub events and taking collecting tins around Edinburgh's pubs to raise money. Every single penny raised went towards the building of

the school, and without the kindness of our friends and families, our sponsors and all the people who dipped into their drinking money to support H.E.L.P, the project could not have been completed. I had a fantastic time in Zanzibar and really enjoyed working on the project, and would like to add to my personal thanks to the Queen's School Association for their support and generous donation of £150. And I'm sure all the children who are now enjoying their first lessons in their new classroom would also send a great big 'ah sante sana' to the QSA for their contribution.

A tribute Susan Oldfield (Hughes 5/1/46-27/6/99, at school 1957-1964)

By Judy Davies (Jones 1957-1964)

Sue and I met when we were eleven years old, over 40 years ago, and we became best friends on the day we met. We were inseparable for the whole of our school career; we did everything together, we sat together, went bell-ringing together, sang in the school choir together, skipped games lessons together and got into trouble for that, we gossiped incessantly, frequently about boys, and knew each other as well as it is possible to know another person. We even taught together in the same school for a while.

There are so many memories. When I came to visit Sue just over two weeks ago we were talking about the time she broke her nose on my front door. She was looking at a particularly handsome soldier in full uniform at the time and she tripped up the step! She also managed to break a bus window with a lacrosse stick one day, not an easy thing to do as bus windows are very tough! Sue was always there, to listen, to sympathise, to support, to confide in. She was the perfect friend. I don't think we ever had a real argument.

When Sue married John and went to live in Germany we often did not see each other or even speak on the phone for many months. But when we met up again it was just as though we had never been apart, immediately slipping into the old easy friendship that we had enjoyed for so long.

Sue adored John, Jan and David, she lived for them and whilst she talked openly about her cancer she was determined to beat it. She fought courageously right to the end. Two weeks ago we were talking about going on holiday together next year. We all wish that could have happened. There will never be another friend for me like Sue, she is at peace now but I will miss her terribly.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Susan Alcock (Woodcock 1940-1946) wrote that she meets Pat Grenfell from time to time, who still lives in Bristol. They have both recently done an Open University course on the Rise of Scientific Europe (1500-1800), which was very interesting. They are both doctors, now retired from the NHS and both have grandchildren about whom they compare notes.

Joan Alsop (Phillips 1941-1950) writes that last April she and her husband Keith celebrated their Ruby Wedding with a large tea party for their family and friends. It was a great reunion which they thoroughly enjoyed. Sadly Shirley Shaw (McMillan), her chief bridesmaid, was not able to come because of a family wedding and neither could Susan Salter, Miss Skilbeck's secretary, Susan is her cousin and was also a bridesmaid. They see a lot of their grandchildren, hard work and a great joy!

Katharine Ames (Healey 1975-1982) is currently, happily, a full-time mother to Emilia Beth who was born on 5 December 1997.,

Gillian Anchel (Foster 1955-1962), who lives in Ontario, writes that she wishes that some QSA events took place in July or August, since that is when she is free to travel, as she works for a school board. Her middle child, Tara, is now a teacher of 8-9 year olds near Bath, so her visits are now more frequent. She came to Chester with her daughter in March 1998 and showed her her old house and of course the Queen's School, which she found still very much as she remembered.

Pauline Baker (Williams 1944-1950) writes that her Natural Therapy Centre is thriving, she practices the Bowen Technique and quotes one patient as saying "If this had happened in the desert 2000 years ago it would have been pronounced a miracle!" Recently she has been diagnosed with Coeliac Disease, which means no more gluten (French bread, crumpets, Christmas pudding etc.) but despite this it has resulted in a weight gain, however that hasn't stopped her from doing things. Pauline would love to hear from anyone interested in the Bowen technique, or from any other Coeliacs.

Susan Barnes (Johnston 1972-1979), having spent nine years as a G P in County Durham, is now a full time mum to Sarah (3), Lucy (1) and Robert (born on 28th November '99).

Marie Bassett (James 1931-1936) was secretary of the local operatic society for 25 years, also taking an active part in its annual stage productions. For many years now she has been the President, attending weekly rehearsals etc. Other activities include keep fit and line dancing. She attends functions at the local Methodist church of which she is a member. She enjoys theatre, crosswords, reading and shopping. All this has kept her going since the loss of her beloved husband two years ago. She remembers:

Miss Jameson	Her form mistress in 1931.
Miss Trubshaw	History
Miss Hicks	Outstanding English literature mistress.
Miss Bardsley	Latin
Miss Wilkinson	Gym and Games, which were wonderful.
Connie Baxter	A very kind Vllth former to a mere eleven year old.

She has often wondered what has happened to other Remove form girls of 1931. She remembers: Muriel Conway, Joan Hollingsworth, Brenda Sabine, Miriam Morgan, Joan Hardy, Barbara Stone, Alison Kemp, Marion Steen, Anna Drout, Margaret Pirrie and Mary Rees.

Susan Benson (1945-1952) writes "it was good (and very encouraging) to see so many, 64, at the Globe Lunch in May '99. I do hope this year's Oxford Lunch on 30th September will also be well supported. Don't forget to reply to Mary Simmons by 31st August if you wish to attend. I wonder if anyone is interested in organising similar events further north, e.g. Yorkshire? The meetings could then rotate on a three yearly basis which might be better than just alternating London and Oxford."

Valerie Berry (Labrum 1953-1960) worked for 31 years as an NHS clinical psychologist until she retired, due to ill health, in 1995. Retirement activities included taking a catering course and working as a TV extra (including five episodes of Coronation Street). In October '99 she re-emerged from retirement to work as a part-time lecturer in psychology at Llandrillo College.

Katie Blackburn (1988-1995) graduated in June 1998 from Sheffield Hallam University with a 2:1 BSc. (Hons) Degree in Physiotherapy. Initially she worked in Sheffield for seven months and has now moved back home to live with her parents, enabling her to save for her planned trip around the world with a friend, leaving September 2000 for approximately twelve months. At

present she is working at Arrow Park Hospital as a physiotherapist. She is continuing with her sailing, racing in north Wales, Cowes and Ireland.

Audrey Blane (Milton 1932-1944) writes that she has completed Stage 1 Text Processing RSA and hopes to do Stage 2 in 2000. Her grandson David has won a music scholarship at Leicester Grammar School Prep, her grandson Peter is at Wolverhampton Grammar School, and granddaughter Katy is at Northampton High School.

Donna Bloy (1975-1982) has worked for nearly six years at the Camping and Caravan Club, where she looks after the foreign network of campsites in mainland Europe, having previously worked for Eurocamp in Knutsford, Cheshire. She married Michael Curran in 1996 and they have just had a son, Henry. She returned to work soon after maternity leave and they are all looking forward to continuing her site visits in France 'en famille' next summer! If any present pupils want advice or information about the travel industry, she would be very happy to speak to them. If any old QS girls living in Warwickshire would like to meet up, she would love to hear from them through QSA.

Rachel Bochenski (1989-1996) has a 2:1 in Philosophy from Bristol and started a 2-year course at Chester College of Law in September.

Ann Bond (Avery 1939-1949) wrote that her husband died last year, but she has welcomed her first grandchildren. She is in touch with many of her year via Margo Lumb. In 1997 she wrote a book about the harpsicord, (which she hopes reached the school library)! Harpsicord and organ recital work, teaching, Adult Education and writing for various professional periodicals, involve a busy timetable.

Eleanor Bromilow (1994-1996) has a First in Oceanography from Southampton and is now working as a trainee accountant.

Pippa Bruce (1993-1999) has been teaching in Nepal (voluntary service) from September to December 1999. She is planning to travel around the world in January to June / July 2000. In October 2000 she will be going to Edinburgh University.

Helen Budworth (1989-1996) changed her university course after one year and is now studying Genetics, she has one year to go and is enjoying it immensely. She hopes to continue with a post-graduate course.

Lucinda Cawley (1984-1994) graduated in 1998 from the University of Leeds with a 2:1 Hons Degree in History and Philosophy of Science with Classics. She then completed a T.E.E.L. Teaching English as a Foreign Language) course and went to Taiwan teaching English for six months, during this time she travelled throughout Taiwan, the Philippines and Hong Kong. On returning to the UK she worked at an international students' camp, again teaching English (at Sherbourne School for Girls). During this time she was accepted at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine to do an MSc in Health Promotion Sciences, which she will complete in September 2000.

Dee Cooper (Dartnall 1957-1964) has recently begun living on her own after 25 years of marriage. She has two sons: Matthew is an arboriculturalist and now works in Macclesfield after a year in Norway and three years in New Zealand. Simon has just graduated from St Andrew's University with a First in Genetics. He is now working near London on a short-term contract. Dee is in her ninth year as Headteacher at Vernon Infant School in Poynton and loves working with young children. In her spare time she sings with various different choirs and loves the opportunities music gives her to travel and meet people. She would be happy if anyone from the 1957 vintage of QSA would like to get in touch.

Anne de Reybekill (staff 1972-1977) is enjoying a year's study leave based in Chester following 13 1/2 years with Interserve in Pakistan. She is doing a variety of short courses related to her pastoral/personnel support role, plus a counseling qualification and expects to return to Pakistan in August 2000 to continue her job there for at least the coming two years. Then she hopes to continue in Pakistan.

Alison Dixon (Adley 1980-1992), her husband Simon and son, Jack moved in summer 1999 to an old farm, which she hopes to convert to a childrens' day nursery, opening in early 2000.

Linda Edmondson (1973-1980) and her husband Neil (see 'Marriages') have had a busy year domestically, with quite a bit of decorating and gardening left to do. However they still found time for fell walking, cross-country skiing and the like. In October she travelled to New York with the Northern Festival Choir and sang in 'Elijah' and the 'Dream of Gerontius'. The performances were very rewarding and there was plenty of time for sightseeing and visiting the wonderful art galleries too.

Rosalind Edwards (Griffiths 1953-1960) writes that the group of 6 in her year who met at the Centenary Lunch has since kept in touch and are hoping to meet again at the June 2000 AGM. Some of them met at the Globe lunch last year.

Elizabeth Evans (1988-1995) graduated in 1999 from Leicester University with a 2:1 BSc Hons in Combined Science. She is currently on CIDESCO (top international course) for Beauty Therapy, on sponsorship at Champneys International College of Health and Beauty. She wants to go into the managerial/selling and buying side of the industry, hopefully abroad, and hopes to start her own business eventually.

Judith Fernandes (Durrant 1951-1956) writes that Justine (1977-1990) is a now fully qualified architect, member of RIBA, and is working for a practice in Islington. A factory conversion project she was involved in was short-listed in a national competition in 1999. She had an interesting day filming and appeared on TV on Easter Sunday, talking about her design. She enjoyed a grand presentation dinner where the guest speaker was Sir Richard Rogers. She hopes to work in Chile next year.

Margery Haley (Davenport 1937-1943) did nurse training at the Royal Liverpool Children's Hospital and after qualifying worked there and at Maelor Hospital, Wrexham. Later she worked in Occupational Health at a factory for twelve years.

Shirley Hayes (1947-1954) writes "After ten years I have at last managed to pay a visit to the Holy Land. In November 1999 I visited Jerusalem and its region for six days, this included many long walks, a trip to Bethlehem and one to the Dead Sea and Jericho. We then spent four days in Galilee, which was more restful and utterly beautiful.

Margaret Hobbs (Venables 1936-1949) retired from infant teaching eight years ago. She still belongs to a voluntary scheme whereby she has taught Asian ladies English at home for 30 years.

Victoria Holmes (1989-1996) has just completed three "brilliant" years at Durham. Starting in September 1999 she is doing an MA in Archive Studies and Record Management at Liverpool University, meanwhile spending 3 weeks in Africa.

Sarah Hudspith (1954-1965) writes "We run an international, alternative boarding school. I am here because of Miss Maggs, former headmistress of the Junior School. She opened the doors of LPS (Luethi-Peterson Camps) to two girls every summer. In 1960 I went with Katy Dixon! For nearly 40 years my life has had to do with this tiny, farming village in the Swiss Alps. Now my eighteen year-old daughter is applying to Chester College. Our lives run in circles"

Hilary Hutchins (Turnell 1939-1947) celebrated her 'three score years and ten' with a flight in a hot air balloon last May. She is in touch with Myra Smithies (nee Hilditch) in Toronto. She and Walter celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 17th August 1999.

Veronica Ierston (Solloway 1965-1971) and her husband John are delighted to announce the official adoption of Ian (4) and John jr. (2) who arrived with them in March '99. Life will never be the same again, they are pleased to say! In her capacity as Head of Instrumental Studies at the King's School, Veronica continues to teach the piano and flute part time and is in demand as a singer, both solo and with local amateur and professional groups.

Sarah Inman (Knight 1968-1981) has returned from over 7 years in Singapore, after the birth of her daughter. She and her husband are running their own company in Hertfordshire.

Margaret Ireland (Kelly 1951-1965) asked if anyone remembers Margaret Bryson (Nedham House 1955-1958, senior school until 1960 when she left for Howells, Denbigh). She is vice principal of Eschol Park High School, N.S.W., Australia and now plays for N.S.W. Veterans' Hockey Team. Both of her daughters are equally talented in sporting activities: Pippa has a hockey scholarship at the university of Louisville, Kentucky, USA, and Becky is playing hockey in the Australian Junior World Cup next year. Margaret Bryson would love to hear from anyone who remembers her (address from Margaret Ireland) or who might visit N.S.W.

Diana Irlen (Partington 1952-1965). After many years abroad 'following the flag', she is enjoying life back in England. Following his retirement from the army, her husband Peter, now works for a charity in London. She teaches a reception class in a church school in Colchester and is Key Stage 1 leader. Their children are busy in a variety of walks of life, Nick is doing a Law conversion course in London, Charles is a civil engineer and is now married to Claire, Richard is teaching at Wolverhampton and Alexandra is at Nottingham Trent. She wrote that it was lovely to meet so many people at the Globe Lunch, the first Old Girls' meeting she has been able to go to since leaving school!

Catherine Jones (Lace 1962-1975) is continuing with her writing career. Her last book "Sisters In Arms" was short-listed for the Parker novel of the year. She didn't win but was presented with a beautiful Parker pen and had the pleasure of seeing the viewers of the Big Breakfast pick it as the one they most wanted to read. Her latest book "Going Solo" is due out in April 2000.

Marjorie Jones (1928-1935) wrote that in her old age she is grateful for a very good grounding at Queen's, "we even learnt some grammar!" she wrote.

Jacque Kelly (1987-1994) graduated in computer science, 2:1, from Royal Holloway College London in 1997, then joined LSI Logic (a semiconductor company) working in the IT department supporting SAP. In June '99 she was transferred to Colorado Springs, USA.

Heather Kerswell (Batty 1952-1962) has been Chief Executive of Mole Valley District Council in Surrey. It is a fascinating job, looking after 80,000 residents, 450 staff and 41 councillors. The council is also "hung", i.e. no political control overall, which adds to the interest. Her main hobby at the moment is riding, which she took up in middle age. She enjoys doing the local dressage, especially dressage to music, but has not competed for the last year as she has been on a young horse (and at this moment has a broken wrist!). She also sings in a small choir. Elder son George is now 24, has just finished his M.Sc. at Sheffield and is looking for a job in the outdoor leisure field. Younger son Harry, 20, has a huge bass voice and is in his second year at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama. Husband Roger is now definitely retired,

after six years as the verger of Guildford Cathedral.

Jane Leventis (Fearnall 1984-1991) is at North West University Chicago, where her husband, Christo, is studying for MBA. They live at Evanston, overlooking the lake, 5 minutes walk from college. Jane is starting an MA in January and hopes to do some rowing on the lake. They all spent Christmas at Christo's parents' home in Barbados.

Ann McClaughlin (Williams 1947-1959) is still working as a physiotherapist, running her practice in Ealing. She also sits as a magistrate on the local Bench. Miss Christopherson keeps her in touch with Queen's School news.

Clare McLannahan (1994-1996) has a 2:2 in Archaeology from The University of Wales, Lampeter and began working on excavations for Suffolk County Council Archaeology Unit. At University she played hockey for the 1st XI and was club secretary for 2 years.

Hilarie McNae, our Treasurer, has recently been appointed Vice-President of the Freeman and Guilds of the City of Chester. The first woman to hold this office in Chester and only the second in the country!

Jacqueline Maguire (Clinton 1966-1973) had an accident in August 1999, which has resulted in a long period of time off work and also has prevented her from attending QSA Executive Committee Meetings. She is hoping to be accepted to do a masters degree in September 2000. She is very active with several groups; politically and socially. She would love to hear from any Old Girls who were at school with her.

Patricia Mitchell (Brown 1947-1954) writes "Do keep up the good work". She has enjoyed the Centenary luncheon, Oxford lunch and Globe lunch, but unfortunately won't be able to go to Oxford this year. With her husband she visited China in 1998 (if they were not very good with chopsticks they certainly are now!) and they took a leisurely trip on the Norwegian coastal boat in 1999, becoming members of the Royal and Ancient Polar Bear Club (which necessitates a visit to Hammerfest, the most northerly town in the world). In Tromso they watched the sun set at 12.15 am only to rise a few minutes later - a wonderful experience.

Barbara Newbury (Cuzner 1942-1952) writes that, with her daughter still living in Hong Kong, last Easter she and her husband toured around Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong. They made the return journey to Beijing by train. It was a fascinating experience, they found the train most comfortable and with their own food and fruit juices eaten "picnic style", they thoroughly enjoyed the 30-hour journey. Chinese mainland trains arrive and depart on time!! Later in the year they returned to Hong Kong via Singapore enjoying the "Night Safari". They witnessed "The Turn Of The Century" in London on the Embankment, the fireworks were fantastic! And so they look forward to a new century with all its surprises (good ones for you all, she hopes)!

Elizabeth Palfrey (Walker 1965-1978) is now a Chartered Chemical Engineer and is the Senior Engineer at WRC (Water Research Centre) in Swindon. She also promotes and sells their process modelling software packages to the water industry. During National Science Week she promotes chemical engineering in the local schools.

Joanne Pepitt (Judge 1977-1984) gained a BSc Hons in Health Studies in September 1999 at the Royal College of Nursing, after five years part time study, during which she worked full-time and had two children.

Helen Pritchard (Winder 1979-1986) was appointed in September 1999 as head teacher of Saint Paul's Primary School Isycoed, a small village between Wrexham and Chester.

Kathryn Rhodes (1974-1981) has moved from a Headship to working as an advisor/ inspector in the London borough of Tower Hamlets.

Anne Samuel (Davies 1956-1969) is continuing to work as a freelance book designer for many of the well-known publishers, specialising in the children's trade and educational books. Anna is due to go to university in October 2000, whilst Kate is just starting her GCSE courses. Anne would love to hear from any old girls in the Bristol area.

Sally Skelland (1993-1995) has completed a Law degree at Sheffield and has started at the Law College in Christleton.

Julia Skilton (1985-1995) has a 2:2 in Nursing Studies (BSc Hons RN) from Kings College London and is working as a Nurse Consultant with Reed Nursing Personnel at Hammersmith Hospital.

Jane Smellie (Aston 1973-1987) became a mother recently (see 'Births') and shortly afterwards decided to buy the practice in Whitchurch of which she was already a director. The final details will hopefully be resolved by the end of January and 'Jane Smellie Opticians Ltd' will be born! "You can do anything once you've become a mother!!" she wrote.

Camilla Smith (1988-1995) graduated in 1998 from Newcastle upon Tyne with a 2:1 in Genetics. Last year she did a diploma in Law and she is presently doing her LPC at the College of Law, London. In June she is travelling for nine months before starting with Taylor Joynson Garrett, a city law firm, where she hopes to qualify in biotechnology/patent law.

Dorothy Spriggs (Cox left in 1939) and her husband are now retired and enjoying life in Brightlingsea. They have a 33ft ketch and sail across to Holland and France during the summer, and like to ski in the winter. Their two sons live, with their families, on opposite sides of the world, so they are able to enjoy visits to Canada and the Far East. Their son in Canada has two sons who attend a French immersion school where, at five and seven, they're taught and are entirely fluent in French. Their elder son's children, aged eleven and thirteen, enjoy term-time at Ardingly College in West Suffolk. Dorothy works voluntarily for the local hospice and belongs to the women's club Altrusa International.

Kathleen Stockwell (Swarbrick 1942-1947) writes that having entered her seventh decade, she needs a fairly quiet life in Dorset, since retiring from teaching. The family takes up a good deal of her time: three sons and their children. The eldest lives in New York, which has given her and her husband an opportunity to taste the American way of life.

Ruth Taylor (1989-1996) has just spent a wonderful year in France. This year she is in the 4th year at Kings College London.

Jennifer Westcott (1989-1996) has two more years to go of her English degree at St Martin's, Lancaster, having spent a year in the USA as an au pair near Chicago.

Alison Williamson (Owen 1953-1964) had a superb trip from Perth, Scotland to Perth Western Australia to visit her elder daughter. Her two younger children are back in the old territory. Katherine is working at Alder Hey, and Robert studying Geology and Geophysics at Liverpool University, so there are plenty of excuses to come down to Chester.

Births

Barnes
Bealing
Bloy
Choudhury
Dixon
Gledhill

Inman
Patrick

Shearer
Smellie
Wynne

To Susan (Johnston 1972-1979) a son Robert, in November 1999.
To Selena (Legget 1985-1987) and Chris, a son Samuel George, in October 1999.
To Donna (1975-1982) and Michael, a son Henry, in September 1999.
to Rachel (Phillips 1964-1977) and Robin, a son Benjamin, in January 1999.
to Alison (Adley 1980-1992) and Simon, a son Jack, in December 1998.
to Karen (Scholefield) and David a son, Matthew James, a brother for Hannah and Laura, in October 1998.
to Sarah Louise (Knight 1968-1981) a daughter in March 1998.
to Veronica (Davies 1965-1978) and Allen, a daughter Grace, a sister for Hannah, in February 1999.
to Gillian (Richards) and David a son, Jonathan, a brother for Daniel, aged 2 years.
to Jane (Aston 1973-1987) a son, Fraser Gordon in January 1999.
to Susan (Moyes 1980-1987) and Michael, a daughter, Zara Myfanwy in September 1998.

Marriages

Coombes
Edmondson
Fearnall
Johnston
Leggett
Platt
Potts
Short
Wylde

Karenn (1963-1970) to Ian Galer on July 4th 1997.
Linda (1973-1980) to Neil Hindle in February 1999.
Jane (1984-1991) to Christo Leventis on September 5th 1998.
Sue (1969-1976) formerly Burns, to Peter Wilder on January 2nd 1998.
Selena (1985-1987) to Chris Bealing on April 29th 1995.
Jane (1972-1979) to Patrick Lee in July 1998.
Caroline (1978-1991) to Ronan Lavelle on October 16th 1999.
Anina (1985-1994) to Gareth Thomas on July 3rd 1998.
Kathryn (1984-1991) to Roger Bradbury.

Deaths

Buttling
Dawson
Dickinson
Huxley
Hyde
Miln
Oldfield
Power
Sivell

Margaret (Dann left 1938) in February 2000.
Dora (Ward 1920-1926) on April 2nd 1999.
(Staff 1960-1965) in February 2000
Priscilla (Evans 1938-1944) in May 1999.
Marion (Kinsey) on August 15th 1999.
Elsie Coutts (1920s) in June 1999.
Sue (Hughes 1956-1964) on June 27th 1999.
Doreen (Brittan 1902-)
Sheila (Cryer 1941-1947) on October 13th 1999.



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UVI Leavers: Hopes and Aspirations

I hope to go to Birmingham to study history and then do a post-graduate degree in journalism. I then plan to go travelling-particularly to Thailand and China. When I return I hope to get a job working on a fashion magazine-ideally 'Vogue'!
Rachel Paxon

Next year I'm taking a gap year during which time I hope to travel to South America. In September 2001 I am aiming to go to Durham University to read Natural Sciences.
Lucy Leyland

Next year I hope to read English at Oxford, where I expect my passion for rugby to flourish!!!! In the future I'd like to be the next Julie Andrews and bring musicals back to the big screen.
Elizabeth Armstrong

Next year I am hoping to be in Birmingham studying Sports and Exercise Sciences. In the future I am going to travel to far off places and meet many different people.
Nicola Caper



I hope to study Town and Country Planning at the Edinburgh College of Art and hope to become an urban designer.
Gemma Bailey

Ock Aye The Noo! I'm going to Edinburgh to study various social sciences. This will hopefully lead to a chance meeting with Prince William, having a huge wedding and many features in the Hello magazine.
Sarah Lister

This September I hope to start at medical school which has been my dream for as long as I can remember. I have an offer for a place at Leicester University and I am sure that I will make it!
Sekela Mwambingu

After my A-levels I hope to study History at University next year, either at Durham or Nottingham. I haven't yet decided on a future career, but I would like to work with people.
Ruth Armstrong

I have decided to take a gap year, in which I shall complete a ski-instructor course in Mammoth, California. For the remainder of this year, I shall try and find work experience in either advertising or website design. After my year out, I hope to go to university to read History.
Madeleine Troy

I am taking a year out during which I will gain work experience as a "runner" for a television/production company. After the year out I will go to university to study professional broadcasting. In the long term I would like to live in London and work for the BBC. (I also want to be a Blue Peter presenter and marry Pacey of Dawson's Creek.)
Joy Roberts

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"Rachel", by Anna-Marie Perry, UVIHm