



HAVE MYNDE *2002*





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# FOREWORD



Mrs Buckley, Headmistress

When Mrs Sandford wrote her foreword to the very first *Have Mynde* in 1897, she spoke about this inaugural edition appearing "in the midst of the glow and the enthusiasm of this Diamond Jubilee year." The Jubilee in question was that of Queen Victoria, the queen who had commanded in 1882 that our school should change its name from The Chester School for Girls to The Queen's School. It is a happy touch of serendipity to be asked to write my first foreword just as we are all celebrating the Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth - a satisfying coincidence which reinforces a sense of continuity both in the history of the school as well as in the history of the country.

Mrs Sandford called *Have Mynde* the "Queen's School Annual," but there was little in it which we would recognise today as resembling an annual. No illustrations, no colour, no humour. Most striking of all to modern eyes, there were no contributions at all from girls. Instead, descriptive pieces came from a governor and retired members of staff, whilst a prize of ten shillings (no small amount in those days) was offered for the best translation (into Latin, French or German) of Lord Tennyson's dedication of his poems to Queen Victoria.

This Jubilee edition of *Have Mynde* underlines how much has evolved in the intervening 105 years. Above all, it reflects the talents and achievements of Queen's girls at all levels in the school; from the artwork produced at the Lower School to the creative writing and illustrations of our senior girls. Reflected too are the wide range of activities undertaken by our pupils - sporting, musical and cultural - as well as the support and inspiration they receive from their teachers in these pursuits.



Mrs Sheedy, Deputy Head

In the 2002 edition of *Have Mynde* we also have the opportunity to celebrate the contribution to the life of the school of those members of staff who will not be returning to The Queen's School in September.

We wish a long and happy retirement to Mrs Chorley, Dr Johnson, Dr Martin and Mrs Jones. Mrs Bartai, Miss Heaney, Mrs Harrison, Mrs Musgrove and, from Nedham House, Mrs Payne, are moving on professionally. We thank all these teachers for their dedication and hard work on behalf of the school.

Finally, we must bid farewell to the editor of *Have Mynde*. Having overseen the production of the magazine for the past nine years, Mrs Griffiths is handing over the baton. She has guided the development of *Have Mynde* with her characteristic wit and wisdom and regular readers will appreciate how it has evolved and flourished under her editorship. Many thanks go to Mrs Griffiths and her editorial team for yet another attractive and stimulating edition.

Perhaps it is appropriate to end this foreword with a further Jubilee reflection. Just as we saw those millions of people marking the Queen's Golden Jubilee with concerts, church services and parades, so we should remember the approach of our own school's 125th Anniversary next year. We look forward to celebrating the occasion with the many members and friends of The Queen's School, including the readers of *Have Mynde*. Mrs Sandford would surely have approved.

## "HONOUR WISDOM"

You may be interested to know the origins of the famous Queen's School motto. It is found in a book of the Apocrypha called the "Wisdom of Solomon":-

"If your delight be then in thrones and sceptres, O ye kings of the people, HONOUR WISDOM, that ye may reign for evermore...But the multitude of the wise is the welfare of the world: and a wise king is the upholding of the people."

(Wisdom of Solomon 6, verses 21 & 24)



# FACTFILE

Name: Mrs Buckley

Age: Secret

Job: Headmistress



Mrs Buckley

## Interview with 'Mrs Buckley'.

Shaking from head to toe, we stood outside Mrs Buckley's office, arguing over who should take the brave step of knocking.

With the arrival of our new Headmistress we had decided it would be a great idea to find out her views on the school, her plans for the future and generally get to know her, but now the time had come we were having second thoughts.

Standing by her door the interview ahead seemed a lot more daunting. Fortunately, our fears were soon put to rest and the questions began....



## INTERVIEW WITH 'MRS BUCKLEY'

- Q: What was your first impression of Queen's?
- A: I remember a lot of charming, happy, smiley girls. They were all very polite and made a very positive impression on me.
- Q: Did you start planning any changes then?
- A: Inevitably you start looking at the building's appearance, at its fabric, but really I was more focused on getting to know the place.
- Q: Do you have any plans for changing the system?
- A: We are continuing development of the building; we always want to improve facilities for the girls. We are also carrying out a curriculum review from Year 7 to 13 to suggest changes. We want a curriculum for the 21st century, and this is already beginning to take shape.
- Q: Why did this school appeal to you?
- A: Queen's has a national reputation for being one of the best schools in the country.
- Q: Everyone is wondering if you have any plans to change the school uniform?
- A: We have been having consultations with Year 11 regarding the dress code for the Sixth Form. They will still dress differently to the rest of the school; I feel they are entitled to certain privileges in return for their help with duties. The uniform for the lower years has been discussed at school committee but any changes would take time to implement.
- Q: Where did you work before you came here and how did the schools compare?
- A: I was Principal of Girls at King's, Macclesfield and was head of the Sixth Form at Cheadle Hulme, a co-ed school. I think girls benefit much more from a single sex school.
- Q: What is your opinion of the new AS levels?
- A: The theory behind them is very good. Students don't specialise as early and can keep on a subject that interests them for an extra year. However, the way the system was introduced put a lot of strain on the students and I am pleased that the government has acknowledged this and has acted to improve the situation.
- Q: What was your first job?
- A: I was an assistant language teacher for French and German. I then spent two years teaching in Germany.
- Q: Did you ever consider another career?
- A: No. My mother was a language teacher and it was always what I wanted to do. Teaching is a world where people co-operate in the best interests of the pupils and every staff room is a huge repository of knowledge and wisdom. It is an immensely rewarding career.
- Q: What are your hobbies?
- A: I enjoy visiting art galleries and reading contemporary literature. I love travelling but being a linguist I find it frustrating if I visit a country where I can't speak the language!
- Q: Were you on any of the teams in school?
- A: I was on the fencing team but only the 2nd tennis team.
- Q: These questions are requests now. Do you have any pets?
- A: No, unfortunately I don't have the time to care for one.
- Q: What is your favourite colour?
- A: Blue.
- Q: What is your favourite TV programme?
- A: 'Have I Got News for You' and 'Inspector Morse'.
- Q: Do you have a favourite book?
- A: That's a tough question! Maybe 'Love in the time of cholera' by Gabriel Garcia Márquez, and I like most novels by Julian Barnes.
- Q: What do you think of the Harry Potter craze?
- A: I think any book is wonderful if it is getting children to read.
- Q: What is your favourite film?
- A: Another tough one. I think 'Casablanca'.
- Q: What music do you like to listen to?
- A: Classical music and opera.
- Q: How do you like to relax?
- A: Chatting with friends over a glass of wine.
- Q: Ketchup or Brown Sauce?
- A: Neither.
- Q: Cats or dogs?
- A: Dogs.
- Q: McDonalds or Burger King?
- A: I don't really like either.



# Staff News

## RETIREMENTS

### Mrs Marion Chorley

leaves The Queen's School after several "incarnations", the first of which began in 1966 when she came as an assistant French teacher from Southport Girls' High School. Colleagues who worked with her then remember her performance as Mole in the staff production of "Toad of Toad Hall", and the wonderful costumes she produced for French plays.

She left to have her first son in 1968, but, two babies later, she returned to a part-time post at Nedham House, and was not deterred by the arrival of son number three, who came to school with her. Nedham House girls will have fond recollections of the French Day she instigated, with a French "shop" and a special French lunch.

One of the innovative moves which she made during her time at Nedham House was the replacing of French by a Modern Languages Awareness course, which provides a much broader base for language study later on.

Marion combined her teaching at Nedham House with part-time French teaching at the Senior School, where she also taught some Latin to junior forms. Marion soon began taking groups of girls on the Bristol-Bordeaux exchange, and as Head of Modern Languages, a post to which she was appointed in 1993, she set up the present French Exchange scheme with Notre Dame La Riche School in Tours.

Marion's energetic teaching has been reinforced by numerous practical activities such as theatre visits and fieldwork trips to Boulogne with the Geography department. Her enthusiasm for her subject has inspired many girls to study languages at university.

Her love of all things French, including food and wine, has been much appreciated by her colleagues. No department "does lunch" like the Modern Languages department!

We wish Marion a long and happy retirement, and hope that she will be able to indulge herself, enjoy a new role as grandmother, and pursue her many interests.

We shall miss her kindness, support, humour, friendship and meringues!

MH

### Mrs Mornie Jones

Mornie has been an established member of The Queen's School staff for many years, first as a part-time member of the Biology department and then as a more-than-full-time member. She has played an invaluable role in the department as it has expanded; her intellectual rigour and lively teaching style helping to maintain high academic standards at every level from year 7 to year 13.

Mornie will not only be remembered for her teaching and her input into the Biology department but also for her dedication to her pupils. As a form teacher and tutor, she has been much loved by the girls in her care. She has also contributed to the life of the school by participating in adventure holidays, ski trips and many charity events.

We wish Mornie well as she moves to the south-west of England and hope that she enjoys a happy and restful retirement, with a good sprinkling of fun as well.

SW

### Dr Tina Johnson

has been a hard working, valued and supportive colleague in the Chemistry Department since 1985. She has taught, with inimitable enthusiasm, over the whole age range and has specialised in Inorganic chemistry in the Sixth Form. The department has been enhanced by her dedicated professionalism and her caring

attitude towards all her pupils. Tina will be remembered with affection by the numerous girls she has taught and encouraged to fulfil their potential, both in the subject and as individuals. In the staff room she has always been appreciated for her cheerful nature and her support of social activities both in and out of school.

We wish her a long and happy retirement.

KY

### Dr John Martin

joined the Chemistry Department in January 1999, in the middle of an academic year, taking over a full timetable covering the whole age range, including a GCSE group and critical Upper Sixth theory lessons.

John is an experienced, professional and erudite teacher over all year groups. He has made a very positive contribution to the continued interest in chemistry and the maintenance of high standards.

Both colleagues and pupils alike throughout the school will miss John's wry sense of humour.

KY

## FAREWELLS

### Mrs Lola Harrison

Lola rejoined The Queen's School staff for her second spell as a member of the Biology Department in 1996.

Although only teaching part-time, Lola has given total commitment to her pupils and to the department. All the girls, with whom she has come into contact, have benefited from her air of quiet authority and her erudition.

She has endured the thankless task of organising many second-hand uniform sales. We will all miss her cheerful support and her friendship, and wish her well as she continues her career at Yale College.

SW





## Staff Leavers May 2002

Front Row: (left - right)  
Mrs Musgrove, Mrs Bartai,  
Dr. Johnson, Mrs Harrison.

Back Row: (left - right)  
Miss Heaney, Dr. Martin,  
Mrs Chorley

Mrs E. L. Jones  
(not present in picture)

### Mrs Janice Bartai

It is with great regret that we say goodbye to Mrs Bartai, our Head of Music. She is a talented musician, who, over the years, has shared her love of music with Queen's school girls. Mrs Bartai has a tremendous sense of humour which has helped her to generate liveliness and enthusiasm in her pupils. One of her trademarks was to conduct her Choirs whilst managing to show them postcard messages saying, "Smile"! Singing and smiling, her pupils reached the finals of the Sainsbury's choir competition; they have also enhanced our cathedral visits with beautiful music on many occasions.

Mrs Bartai's love of food has occasionally rivalled her love of music and we are all envious that she is able to eat diverse and wonderful concoctions without putting on weight! Mrs Bartai's other interests include her horses and animals; we know that her new life will enable her to spend more time with them.

We wish Mrs Bartai every happiness for the future, where music will undoubtedly still play a large part in her life.

### Mrs Ann Musgrove

will be leaving this summer to take up a teaching post at Weaverham High School. Ann has proved to be a valuable member of the R.S. department during her first year of teaching at Queen's and both the staff and girls have enjoyed working with her. We wish her every success in her new post.

HM

### Mrs Pauline Heaney

In the autumn of 1986 The Queen's School's newly qualified French teacher arrived on her motor scooter and a helmet became a familiar sight in the staff cloakroom. With the helmet came the energy, enthusiasm and imagination of Pauline Heaney and the school has reaped the benefits for the last sixteen years.

Her time at The Queen's School has not aged her appearance (although she has progressed from a scooter) and she has maintained her lively teaching throughout the busy years of her two sons' infancy. The hundreds of girls who have been taught by her in that time would agree that working to achieve good results with Miss Heaney did not have to be at the expense of enjoyment. They will look back on their French lessons as having been fun as well as effective.

Pauline's main responsibility here has always been the teaching of French but she was able to indulge her love of Italian for a brief time giving lessons to sixth form non-specialists. For some years she was also assistant examinations officer. In addition she has been a key contributor to adventure holidays, ski trips, day excursions and house activities and through these has acquired a variety of skills (though some may remember that she did have some difficulty with sailing!). Her approachable, understanding nature, her dependability, common sense and straightforwardness have made her a much sought-after participant in school life in general.

As a colleague these same qualities and her constant supportiveness have made her invaluable to the modern languages department and to the staff as a whole. The school will be very much the poorer for her departure and she will be sorely missed. We are grateful to her for giving so much to the school in so many ways.

We are excited for her (and in many cases envious of her!) as she embarks with her family on their new life in France. We wish her and her family much happiness in their venture. Whilst hoping that she will come to see us if she visits Chester in the future, we assure her that she will be remembered here with great affection.

MC

## Births

OSBORNE:  
To Sarah and Colin, on  
4th April 2002,  
a son Matthew.

MORRISON:  
To Rachel and Ian, on  
20th April 2002,  
a daughter Fiona.

Congratulations from us all!



## GOVERNING BODY

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*The prizes were presented by Mrs Adele Geras, Novelist and Poet*

## YEAR 13 RESULTS 2001

### Number of subjects

Jennifer Abel-Dedman	10	Victoria Gallagher	10
Holly Lowe	9	Rachael Thompson	10
Carolyn Amos	9	Sarah Garrod	9
Catriona MacKenzie	9	Jacqueline Tsang	9
Farrah Bakr	10	Victoria Garry	10
Jennifer Mason	10	Beth Tweddle	9
Elizabeth Bransby	10	Hannah Goodwin	10
Deborah McAdam	10	Krystal Unwin	6
Emma Brown	10	Emma Graham	10
Shelley McDonald	10	Shreya Vedpathak	10
Martha Cherry	9	Adele Groom	10
Kate Mosford	10	Sian Walker	9
Claire Chisholm	10	Elise Hague	10
Claire Okell	10	Tracey Walker	8
Sophie Cookson	10	Susan Haines	10
Victoria Phipps	9	Jenny Wares	9
Ruth Cornock	9	Rachel Hewitt	10
Supriha Rao	10	Danielle Washbrook	10
Jennifer Crich	9	Reah Holmes	9
Elizabeth Rigby	9	Ruth Watson	10
Sally Crooks	10	Natalie Hutcherson	10
Alexandra Roberts	10	Johanna Weedall	10
Sian Davies	7	Charlotte Jones	10
Rujuta Roplekar	10	Laura Wilkinson	10
Georgina Denton	10	Samantha Kakati	10
Susanna Spencer	10	Anna Williams	10
Tara Dhital	9	Neha Kaushik	10
Anna Stanley	9	Abigail Wilson	6
Nicola Edwards	9	Rhiannon Kinsman	10
Holly Stephan	5	Catherine Wilson	10
Susanne Elliott	10	Laura Layfield	10
Fiona Stewart	10	Kathryn Wilson	9
Charlotte Evans	7	Kate Leyland	10
Katy Storry	9	Laura Wright	9
Grace Flavell	9	Jennifer Lister	9
Helen Thomas	10		

	A	AS		A	AS	
Sarah Al-Bachari	4	*	1	Louisa Richards	3	
Emma Jones	4			Jennifer Crooks	4	
Caroline Antlett	4	*		Anamika Saha	4	
Natalie Jones	4	*	1	Cara Cull	4	
Sophie Asbury	4			Alison Salter	4	
Charlotte Jones	4			Gemma Curtis	4	1
Sarah Bache	4	*	1	Lucinda Samuel	4	1
Reina Kawakami	4	*	1	Nicola Davies	4	
Helen Bate	4	*	1	Laura Shaw	4	1
Elizabeth Kerfoot	4	*	1	Rebecca Donovan	4	1
Catherine Blackman	4	*		Melissa Siddorn	4	
Sarah-Jane Lee	4			Sarah Dutton	4	
Ivana Bobic	4			Nyree Slater	1	
Victoria Lloyd	4	*	1	Christine Elliott	3	2
Joanna Bohdanowicz	4		1	Kate Sowerby	4	
Laura McCallum	4			Victoria Fairclough	5	
Amalie Bowen-Jones	4			Jennifer Spencer	4	*
Katharine McGerigan	4		1	Amy Furbur	4	1
Catherine Braid	5	*		Rhiannon Thomson	3	
Rachel McGimpsey	4	*		Laura Gerrard	4	
Hannah Cantle	4		1	Jessica Tilling	4	*
Kersten Morgan Bates	5	*		Bridget Graves	4	
Mary Carpenter	5	*		Tracy Tsang	4	
Adele Oldfield	2			Camilla Graves	4	
Lucinda Cartell	4		1	Andrea Vickers	4	1
Elizabeth Pawson	4			Elizabeth Halbert	5	*
Gemma Churton	4			Natalie Wheatley	5	
Sarah Proudlove	4			Lowri Harrison	4	1
Gemma Clarke	4	*	1	Lucy Williams	4	1
Sally Pym	4	*		Victoria Hayes	4	
Katherine Cowley	4		1	Georgina Wilson	4	
Shyama Ratnam	4	*	1	Sophie Wynne-Jones	4	*
Abigail Coxon	3					

	Donors			Donors	
Head Girl's Award	Nicola Blucher	Owen Jones	Prize for Service to the Neighbourhood	Nicola Blucher	Mr and Mrs Aston
Deputy Head Girl's Award	Anna Moulds	Dr and Mrs Judge	Trophy for Effort, Endeavour & Fellowship	Ruth Evans	Mr J Brotherhood
Queen Victoria's Jubilee Scholarship	Samantha Torrance	Rotary Club	The Centenary Prize for Progress	Melissa Siddorn	Mr and Mrs J B Phillips
Prize for Service to the School	Alexandra Wilcox		Prize for Contribution to School Life	Charlotte Jones	
	Elizabeth Symes		Prize for Achievement	Rebecca Donovan	Mrs Loveday Janes
	Nicola Blucher	The Guha Family	Millennium Achiever's Award	Reina Kawakami	Anon
	Anna Moulds	Lorna Ewart Prize	The Helen Parker Prize for the Best Piece of Creative Work in 'Have Mynde'	Elizabeth Halbert	UVI leavers 2000
		Donated by QSA		Kathryn Wright	Helen Parker
	Joanna Monro	Lorna Ewart Prize			
		Donated by QSA			
	Ruth Evans	Diana Beck Memorial Prize			
		Donated by QSA			
	Jessica Tilling	Diana Beck Memorial Prize			
		Donated by QSA			
Fifth Form Prize for Service to the School	Kate Leyland	Nicole Butler and Julia Copland	Prize For Public Speaking 1999	Joanna Monro	Pate Prize
				Sophia Scott	Pate Prize

Art	Nyree Slater	Randolph Caldecott Society	Geography	Katherine Cowley	Doris Metzger Memorial prize
	Camilla Graves	Randolph Caldecott Society			Donated by QSA
Biology	Lucy Williams	Brown Memorial Prize		Jessica Tilling	Doris Metzger Memorial prize
	Kersten Morgan Bates	Brown Memorial Prize			Donated by QSA
Business Studies	Alison Salter	John Thompson Memorial Prize	History	Kersten Morgan Bates	Owen Jones
	Tracy Tsang	John Thompson Memorial Prize	Home Economics	Amalie Bowen-Jones	John Thompson Memorial Prize
Chemistry	Lucy Williams	W Davies Memorial Prize	Latin	Gemma Clarke	Miss Whittham
	Victoria Fairclough	W Davies Memorial Prize	Mathematics	Victoria Fairclough	Miss Nedham
Classical Studies	Camilla Graves	Mrs C Ferris		Lucy Williams	Miss Nedham
Economics	Anamika Saha	Freemen & Guilds of the	Physics	Elizabeth Halbert	Owen Jones
		City of Chester		Victoria Lloyd	Owen Jones
English	Gemma Clarke	Sandford Memorial Prize	Religious Studies	Jennifer Spencer	Sandford Memorial Prize
French	Mary Carpenter	Madame Wozniak	Prize for Progress in	Jenna Anians	Horton Memorial Prize
German	Katharine McGettigan	E Noel Humphrey Memorial prize	Cup for Languages	Anamika Saha	Claire Bartlett Memorial Cup
Progress in German	Jennifer Crooks	E Noel Humphrey Memorial prize	and Economics		



## ANNA MARKLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Anna Markland Trophy	Ruth Evans	
The Ann Brotherhood Vocal Trophy	Ruth Evans	Mrs Ann Short
The Piano Trophy	Hannah Cantle	Miss Rona Jones
The Woodwind Trophy	Natalie Jones	Mr C Swann
The String Trophy	Elizabeth Halbert	Mr and Mrs J Jones-Pritchard
The James/Surfleet Ensemble Trophy	Katie Foster Victoria Fairclough	Mr and Mrs K James and Dr and Mrs B Surfleet
The Piano Duet Trophy	Hannah Cantle Sophie Wynne-Jones	Miss Diana Skilbeck
Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award	Emily Gibson Bridget Graves Camilla Graves Nicola Davies	Left 1999 Left 2001 Left 2001 Left 2001

## 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.)	Anna Moulds	
Shambler Cup for Badminton	Farrah Bakr Siân Walker	Mr & Mrs R G Shambler Mr & Mrs R G Shambler
Hannah Owen Award for Lacrosse (Senior)	Amalie Bowen-Jones	Hannah Owen
Hannah Owen Award for Lacrosse (Junior)	Annie Lea	Hannah Owen
Short Trophy for Tennis	Victoria Gallagher	Tania and Anina Short
Prize for Games and Gymnastics	Amalie Bowen-Jones Jennifer Crooks	Margaret Meacock Margaret Meacock Memorial Prize
Iryn Cup for Hockey (Senior)	Jennifer Crooks	Mr & Mrs L Irvin
Junior Hockey Trophy	Catriona Thomson	Mrs L Waring
House Games Cups		
Senior Hockey	Sandford	
Senior Lacrosse	Sandford	
Senior Tennis	Hastings	

## DESTINATIONS FOR YEAR 13, 2001

Name	Course	Destination	Name	Course	Destination
Sarah Al-Bachari	Medicine	Liverpool	Charlotte Jones	International Management/French	Sheffield
Caroline Antlett	Biological Sciences	Oxford (Magdalen)	Reina Kawakami	Medicine	King's College, London
Sophie Asbury	Accounting	Liverpool (2002)	Elizabeth Kerfoot	Management (Marketing)	UMIST
Sarah Bache	Medicine	Sheffield	Sarah-Jane Lee	French/Business Studies	Sheffield
Helen Bate	Medicine	Bristol	Victoria Lloyd	Medicine	Sheffield
Catherine Blackman	Veterinary Medicine	Royal Veterinary College	Laura McCallum	Animal Science	Nottingham
Ivana Bobic	Art Foundation	St Martin's, London	Katharine McGertigan	Modern European Studies	Nottingham
Joanna Bohdanowicz	Management, IT & Language	York	Rachel McGimpsey	Law	Bristol (2002)
Amalie Bowen-Jones	Marine Geography	Cardiff	Kersten Morgan Bates	Medicine	Imperial College, London
Catherine Braid	Natural Sciences	Bath (2002)	Adele Oldfield	Temporary Employment	London
Hannah Cantle	International Management/German	UMIST	Elizabeth Pawson	Economics	York
Mary Carpenter	Veterinary Medicine	Royal Veterinary College	Sarah Proudlove	Modern European Languages/Music	Durham
Lucinda Cattell	English Language & Literature	Liverpool	Sally Pym	Business Administration	Bath
Gemma Churton	Foundation Art	West Cheshire College	Shyama Ratnam	Medicine	UCL, London
Gemma Clarke	History	Durham	Louisa Richards	International Hospitality Management	Leeds (2002)
Katherine Cowley	Social History	Lancaster	Anamika Saha	Social Anthropology & French	Aberdeen
Abigail Coxon	Special Effects	South Bank	Alison Salter	Geography	Manchester
Jennifer Crooks	Physiotherapy	Sheffield Hallam	Lucinda Samuel	Equine & Agricultural Management	Royal Agricultural College (2002)
Cara Cull	Forensic Science & Criminology	Central Lancashire	Laura Shaw	Medicine	Leeds
Gemma Curtis	Zoology	Liverpool	Melissa Siddorn	Dentistry	Sheffield
Nicola Davies	Medicine	Cardiff	Nyree Slater	Foundation Art	West Cheshire College
Rebecca Donovan	Ancient History & Archaeology	Newcastle	Kate Sowerby	Business Information Systems	Nottingham Trent
Sarah Dutton	Primary Education (English)	Canterbury Christ Church	Jennifer Spencer	Theology & Religious Studies	Cambridge
Christine Elliott	Cultural Studies	East London	Rhiannon Thomson	Foundation Art	Emmanuel (2002)
Victoria Fairclough	Natural Sciences	Cambridge (Queens')	Jessica Tilling	Social Psychology	West Cheshire College
Amy Furbur	Theology	Durham	Tracy Tsang	Human Resource Management	Loughborough
Laura Gerrard	Culture, Media & Communication	Lancaster	Andrea Vickers	Biology/ Management Studies	Leeds
Bridget Graves	Land Management	Reading	Natalie Wheatley	Philosophy	Durham
Camilla Graves	Architectural Studies	Bath	Lucy Williams	Natural Sciences	Cambridge (Sidney Sussex)
Elizabeth Halbert	Natural Sciences	Cambridge (Girton)+Choral Scholarship	Georgina Wilson	Medicine	Imperial College, London
Lowri Harrison	Medicine	Sheffield	Sophie Wynne-Jones	Foundation Art	West Cheshire College
Victoria Hayes	Economics/German	Leeds			
Emma Jones	Law	UMIST			
Natalie Jones	Medical Molecular Biology	Cardiff			

## LEAVERS FROM 2000 WHO RE-APPLIED

Caroline Evans	Modern Languages	Sheffield
Joy Roberts	Broadcast Technology	Liverpool John Moores
Lowri Tan	Chemical Engineering with French	Bath
Madeleine Troy	History	UCL, London

# Tennis

## SUMMER 2001

This season, our tennis teams have once again excelled themselves! Successes have been, as in keeping with tradition, numerous, and, in keeping with that tradition, the teams' progression have given the PE staff that bit extra to do - what with fixing dates and venues for the next rounds. With the new astro courts, there has been more scope for players to practise on different surfaces.

The U12s have approached their tennis with limitless enthusiasm and commitment, with Mrs Moore and myself having to halve the lunch hour, in order to get only 4 players per court! Their skills have become more noticeable as the term has progressed and they have shown themselves to be a talented year. They have played some matches which have been undertaken with determination and an attitude of which they should be proud. They will, no doubt, grow to be an unstoppable year and I wish them luck in the years to come.

The U13s have had another successful season and are proving themselves as very skilled young players. They have enjoyed friendly matches against teams such as Neston, Tarporley and St. Gregory's, from which their talents and playing experience can only grow. They won their Chester and District tournament and reached the finals in the Cheshire Doubles, where they met tough opposition in Stockport Grammar school, and finished in second place. In the HSBC tournament, they were overall Cheshire Champions and they then went on to reach the third round within the North West where they lost to Our Lady's Chetwynde School.

The U15s have shown considerable depth and strength to their game, with the teams consisting of a wide variety of players. They won their Chester and District tournament and reached the finals of the Cheshire Doubles tournament where they convincingly beat Bishop Heber, thereby becoming Cheshire Champions.

The U15A squad have had a brilliant term, winning all of their friendly matches and becoming Cheshire Champions in their HSBC competition and progressing to the Regional Finals. Here they met Kirkham Grammar School, unfortunately losing on game count back, 25 games to 32.

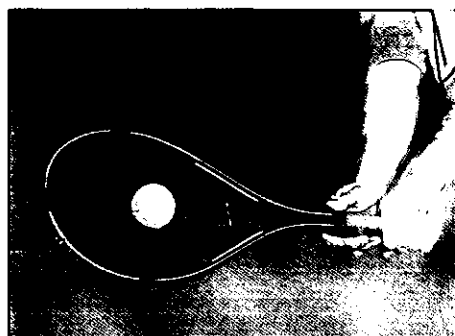
The U15B team have played many friendly matches and have had good victories over Neston and Tarporley.

The U15C team were also entered into the HSBC tournament. They beat Heber and St. Gregory's but lost to The Grange school, thus finishing in 2nd position.

The U19s have also had an enjoyable season. Although their enthusiasm was somewhat more hidden than that of the Removes, we managed some fantastic achievements. We reached the finals of the Senior Cheshire Doubles, which were held at Weaverham High School. After managing to find our way there, we performed brilliantly, finishing second by only 3 games after a game count back on the whole day! We also won our Chester and District tournament, beating Bishop Heber, Tarporley, Abbeygate and Queens Park High. With regards to the Aberdare cup, an A and a B team was entered. The B team reached the second round, where they faced strong opposition in the form of Howells. The A team progressed one stage further, reaching the third round, but also fell victim to an incredibly talented Howells team!

The U19 team also had a fun-filled friendly against The King's School. As you can imagine, we looked forward to the match but were slightly anxious about the standard of the opposition. With Emma Jenkins recruited to make up the numbers, we had some hilarious moments and the matches were enjoyed by all!

With the weather being as kind as it has, girls from every single year group have taken part in the tennis season. I have seen such enthusiasm from all age groups, and I hope that that will continue



in the years to come. I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to this tennis season. You have all shown tremendous talent and commitment and I think the results speak for themselves. The standard of tennis throughout the school has, once again, been excellent.

I would like to say a huge thank you to Miss Huck and Mrs Moore for their organisation, support, encouragement and commitment. They have spent hours on the road, ferrying the teams all over the county.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as Captain, and the best of luck goes to Laura Wilkinson. I hope she enjoys her term as much as I have.

### Jo Monro, Tennis Captain

Senior tennis colours were awarded to:

**Anna Moulds**

Junior tennis colours were awarded to:

**Emma Jenkins  
Emma Swe  
Elaine Radcliffe  
Catriona Thompson  
Mary Pritchard  
Sarah Ayton  
Lucy Swe  
Jessica Crowther**



# Athletics - Summer 2001

Despite the lack of an athletics track at school last year, students did remarkably well in their events this year. Practice for the 800 metres meant 10 lengths of the 80-metre sprint track that was on the far side of the field! Unfortunately, it did mean that we were not able to complete 5 star awards this year and, more importantly, we were not able to hold our annual Inter-house Sports Day. It is amazing how many people really did miss this event.

We competed as usual in the Track and Field Cup (formerly known as the TSB meeting) at Wrexham in May and were invited to the Cheshire Cup Final at Helsby in June. However, the inevitable rain meant that this had to be postponed and we were not able to make the re-scheduled date of July 12th.

The Chester and District minors (year 7) Athletics Championships were held in Wrexham in June and Queens finished in joint second position with Bishop Heber. Upton were the winners. Individual results were as follows:

Gokcen Yuksek	1st in hurdles
Sophie Okell	2nd in discus
Abi Okell	2nd in long jump
Philippa Johnstone	3rd in high jump
Lauren Rivers	4th in 100 metres

These girls all went on to represent the District at the Cheshire Championships, held in Macclesfield, and Gokcen was 1st in the 70 metres hurdles. In the older age group Amelia Papadopoulos, Naomi Knight, Beth Greenhouse,

Sarah Flood, Eryl Davies, Laura Bestow and Joanna Monro all represented the District at the Junior, Intermediate and Senior Cheshire Championships held in Hanley, Stoke on Trent in June. The main Chester and District event was held just before the end of the summer term in a cold, wet and windy Wrexham: -

## OVERALL RESULTS: -

Year 8 -	runners up
Year 9 -	4th
Year 10/11 -	runners up

Individual results and certificates are as follows:

## Year 10/11

Annie Lea	1st in 300 metres, 2nd in relay
Laura Bestow	1st in 1500 metres
Chloe Southorn	2nd in 300 metres, 2nd in relay, 3rd in discus
Georgie Okell	2nd in triple jump
Heather Rees	3rd in high jump
Lucy Greaves	3rd in hurdles
Jenny Milburn	3rd in 100 metres, 2nd in relay

Alex Wilcox	2nd in 1500 metres
Charlotte Laine	5th in 800 metres
Laura Wilkinson	2nd in hurdles, 2nd in long jump and 2nd in relay
Natalie Hutcheson	2nd in 100 metre and 2nd in relay

## Year 9

Nicola Webb	1st in 100 metres and 3rd in discus
Beth Greenhouse	1st in hurdles
Sarah Bransby	3rd in 800 metres

## Year 8

Amanda Scott	1st in 100 metres, 2nd in relay
Eryl Davies	2nd in 1500 metres
Lucy Swe	2nd in hurdles
Catriona Boyd	2nd in long jump
Rosie Sawyer	3rd in high jump
Amelia Papadopoulos	2nd in relay
Jessica Corbett	2nd in relay
Sarah Flood	2nd in relay

Congratulations to all girls who competed. You all played your part in winning points for your school. Thank you also to Julia Krause, Jo Monro and Natalie Kapur for keeping up with the results in the recorders' box all day.

We shall now look forward to next season and having our running track back again.

## Athletics Colours

Annie Lea
Laura Bestow
Chloe Southorn
Georgie Okell
Heather Rees
Lucy Greaves

## Certificate of Merit

Jenny Milburn
Charlotte Laine

## Athlete of the Year Trophy

Laura Bestow
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# Rounders2001

Rounders must be one of the most popular activities we do at school. Hoards of you turn up to practice and it is a big headache for staff to select teams of only 9 for matches and tournaments.

This term there has only been time for 3 friendly fixtures against Tarporley, Moreton Hall and Packwood Haugh. The Under-15 team did get the chance to play against the England squad in a series of friendlies held at the Hartford High School. Emma Jenkins, who recently made it into the ENGLAND squad, was allowed to play us for a bit-but we still lost. However, everyone learned a lot.

Chester and District Tournament results were as follows:

Under-15	team were runners up
Under-13	team were runners up
Under-12	team were winners

# CRICKET

Cricket Club has been attended mainly by a group of dedicated lower sixth formers. We play by rules that are unique to The Queen's School, partly due to the fact that we play in the gym and not outside.

Many a fine batswoman has been caught out by one of Mr Armstrong's wonderful one-handed catches off the wall! Our enthusiasm does tend to outweigh our skill, so many thanks go to Mr Armstrong for putting up with us and trying to turn us all into Nasser Hussains of the future.

**Rachael Thompson 12J**



# HOCKEY 2001-2002

The 1st team has benefited from a lively and enthusiastic new coach this season and their hard work and commitment has been rewarded with success. They have become indoor county champions as well as Chester and District indoor and outdoor champions. The extent of their dedication was shown as they turned up amidst wind, rain and hail for a match at West Kirby.

The end of the spring term brought some of the less serious tournaments of the year. Having discovered that netball really isn't our forte, we finished eventual winners of the hockey section at the Ellesmere College tournament (although the most popular part of the day proved to be the roast dinner). The Cheadle Hulme tournament, however, posed a much stiffer challenge, involving some of the best teams in the north-west. Unfortunately we were knocked out by a strong Kirkham A-team which consisted of several England players. This meant, much to everyone's disappointment, that we didn't win any Easter eggs (not that we go to tournaments just for the food!). The team has really gelled this season, with many players being brought into the team from lower down the school, showing great promise for next year's 1st XI.



Under 16 Hockey Squad

The spring term was a quiet one for the 2nd XI, although fantastic results earlier in the season against teams King William's College and Stockport, showed some of the talent available for next year's 1st team.

The U16s are developing into a strong team, showing great promise for the future. They have worked hard to achieve some brilliant results this season, playing well against strong sides such as Stockport, Heber and Upton. They narrowly missed out on qualifying for the Cheshire Indoor finals, eventually being beaten by Tytherington on goal difference. This season has seen much improvement amongst the U15 squad, following a slightly unsteady start. The team has played really well in some difficult matches against Stockport and Kirkham, and played outstandingly to finish as runners-up to Heber in the Chester and District indoor tournament, losing 2-1 after a heavily contested final. The U14s have had a very successful season. Excellent teamwork has helped them to win both indoor and outdoor Chester and District titles as well as both indoor and outdoor Cheshire finals.

The U13s have benefited from enthusiastic coaching from Kate Leyland and Mrs Morrison this season. They have had some tough matches against opposition such as Bradford and St Mary's College. Queen's entered the Cheshire mini hockey tournament in January, playing well to reach the quarter finals. They beat Mini Panthers in the group stages. This was an excellent result as Mini Panthers were

the eventual winners, and Queen's were the only side to beat them during the course of the tournament. The team look set to continue improving next season. This season has seen an impressive turnout at all the U12 practices, and the benefits of this commitment have been evident. The team remained unbeaten during the Spring term, winning both matches against St Mary's College, and, most notably, have won their first two eleven-a-side matches against West Kirby and Bradford.

All that remains to be said is to thank Miss Huck and Mrs Moore for their continued support throughout the season, even in the most adverse weather conditions. Thanks must also go to the first team coach Sarah 'Haggis' Chalmers, along with her extensive hat collection, who has helped immensely in the improvement of the team throughout the season, and Simon Anderson for his dedicated work with the U12s. I would like to wish Sally the best of luck for next season. I'm sure she'll make a brilliant Captain, and, who knows, maybe they'll even have enough defenders to allow her to play in her normal position!

**JULIA KRAUSE, HOCKEY CAPTAIN**



Under 12 Hockey Squad

There has been an impressive number of players selected to represent the county this season:

Lucy Swe, Elizabeth McGimpsey and Joanna Wynne have been selected at U14 level. Catherine Forshaw, Emma Swe, Sara Kagan and Laura Spencer at U15 level. Catriona Thomson, Hilary Tweed, Emma Jenkins and Eloise Wood at U16 level, Nicola Blucher, Sally Crooks and Kate Leyland at U18 level.

Additionally, Lucy Swe was selected for the U14 North Development Squad, Catherine Forshaw for the U16 squad, and Ruth Evans for the Welsh U18 team. Lucy and Catherine were also chosen to participate in the England Assessment programme. These are all excellent achievements.

This season, Senior Hockey Colours were awarded to Anna Moulds, Nicola Blucher, Faye Jones, Ruth Evans, Jo Monro and Julia Krause.

Junior colours were awarded to Sara Kagan, Emily Williams, Emma Swe, Rachel Bernie and Elizabeth Garry, with Emily Mason, Alice Mason, Laura Spencer, Emily Makower, Laurie Charlesworth and Kate Meredith receiving Certificates of Commendation.



# Lacrosse

*All Squads this year have remained enthusiastic throughout and this can be seen in various successes. Congratulations to players selected for regional teams.*



'Building Bridges' Lacrosse with Queen's & Brookfield (Year 7)

U12's are continuing to train very hard and are developing skilful players. Their teamwork had been shown against Queen Margarets and Packwood Haugh in which we congratulate them for their two consecutive wins.

The U13 squad is developing well. They have trained very hard and look set to become a great asset to forthcoming teams.

After beating tough opposition of Liverpool College and Belvedere in the winter term, the U15's were set for their two major fixtures this term, the National Schools Tournament in Berkhamsted and the Northern Schools Tournament held at Liverpool College. Their commitment and team spirit instigated and enhanced by Mrs. Waring, was very strong on both occasions. As a result, they had a draw and two successful wins in Berkhamsted and played very well at the muddy Liverpool College tournament in which they drew against the finalists Harrogate Ladies.

The 1st team's major fixture was also the National Schools Tournament held 5hrs away in Berkhamsted. With only one previous match as practice (which we narrowly lost and had one player sent off) we were fortunate to pull together as a team. We won 4 out of our 6 matches but were unlucky as we marginally missed out on the semi finals. Despite this, and the bouts of hail, a great day was had by all, especially on the coach journeys there and back, when re-enacting Popstars! We await Sophia's video recording of this with apprehension!

We won our last school match ever against Queen Margarets. It was a great game to end on as we all played our best against this tough opposition winning 8-6. I must also mention the essential team bonding which went on on our lacrosse night out. A night which was very much enjoyed by all.

**Sophie Muskett,**  
*Lacrosse Captain*

## PLAYERS SELECTED

### CHESHIRE A

Jo Monro  
Loretta Mills  
Sophie Muskett  
Mary Pritchard  
Elaine Radcliffe  
Ruth Evans

### CHESHIRE B

Lucy Heffer  
Abi Wilson  
Annie Lea  
Catriona Thompson

### NORTH OF ENGLAND

Ruth Evans  
Jo Monro  
Elaine Radcliffe

### ENGLAND U19 RESERVE

Ruth Evans



**SENIOR LACROSSE COLOURS**  
Sophie Muskett  
Sophia Scott  
Jo Monro  
Jenna Anians  
Abi Wilson

Lucy Heffer  
Loretta Mills  
Anna Moulds  
Sarah Woodcock  
Ruth Evans  
Alex Wilcox

**JUNIOR LACROSSE COLOURS**  
Laura Charlesworth  
Joanna Reid  
Rachel Bernie  
Sara Kagan

**JUNIOR CERTIFICATES OF COMMENDATION**  
Victoria Tudor-Jones  
Elizabeth Garry  
Emily Williams  
Alice Mason  
Emily Mason

## U15 LACROSSE REPORT

At the beginning of this year we were all painfully aware of our 'successes' last season. We decided to design and have manufactured some distinguishable items of PE kit. The fluorescent socks and 'Barbie' pink bandannas made by Mrs Sayers were definitely the classiest part of our attire! I think we were about the only team that could be seen in a blizzard!

Throughout the year the squad has become closer and we have begun to play as a unit. Sally and Jess, from year 9, have played in the U15 squad this year and have proven themselves to be great assets. Our squad's standard of play has risen beyond all expectations. Equipped with new knowledge of the game, constant practice time and lots of fitness training we have gained confidence to utilise new tactics and develop them to suit our players. Several squad members were fortunate

to be invited to attend the North West Regional Performance Centre and returned with helpful hints to further improve our play.

It has been a tough season and the weather has not been kind to us. It has however been an extremely rewarding time. We have all experienced the benefit of working hard and playing hard. We have learnt to recognise the strengths we have and how to capitalise upon them to our best advantage. We have worked to targets and schedules for our individual fitness and appreciated the need for us all to fulfil the contracts we made to each other at the start of the season. Despite the moans very early on Saturday mornings we have enjoyed our time together, had great fun and transformed our results in the process.

During the season Izzy has found time to practise her art, but unfortunately it was on

our faces, and her goalie chants proved to distract us rather than the opposition! Alice has almost perfected her falling diversions, whilst Charlotte is still overcoming her fear of finding maggots in packs of raisins! Vicky TJ is now our official bodyguard as she proved she could do the job at the Northern Counties! We managed to keep warm, even in torrential rain, by dancing the hokey-cokey! We have had a loyal band of parent supporters whom we thank. Our number one supporter has been our mascot, 'The Beast' (a huge teddy bear – nearly as big as Annie!) wearing full PE kit including the bandanna and socks.

Finally, a word of advice for those girls who will be coached by Mrs Waring next year: bring everything from sub-cream to waterproofs because the practices are never (and we mean never) cancelled.





# Running Club

The Running Club is available every lunchtime to all age groups and all abilities. The numbers vary depending on the weather conditions and time of year. It provides an opportunity for the girls to get some exercise and generally improve their level of fitness. Some are working on their physical challenge for the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

There are added attractions: we run so quickly we even meet Roman soldiers coming back!

Everyone is most welcome to travel through time with us ...

**J O'Donnell**

# Gym Club

**Holly Flynn-Piercy 10J**

When Mrs Moore first asked Sarah, Kay and myself to assist at Gym Club I was slightly apprehensive but thought it would be a challenge. From the beginning it seemed year 7 had limitless energy and enthusiasm and were eager to improve their gymnastics by working towards different levels of the Baga Award Scheme.

This enthusiasm was infectious and Sarah, Kay and myself soon found ourselves looking forward to Tuesday lunchtimes and Gym Club.

As the weeks progressed a great atmosphere was created, the interest increased and on many occasions there weren't enough mats to go round! Congratulations must go to all those girls who achieved an award in recognition of their hard work and commitment.

Thanks must go to the year 8 and 9 pupils who also regularly attended and willingly took responsibility for year 7 when needed. Thanks must also go to Mrs Moore for her help and continued support throughout the running of Gym Club this year.

# Badminton

This was a regular feature of the Autumn and Spring Terms. Every Wednesday at 12.30, an eager band of Year 7s, or should we say 7L, waited innocently outside the gym for the few helpful Year 10s to arrive and set everything up for them! Towards the end of the Spring Term though they finally got the hang of setting up the nets and posts correctly (well, not quite!) and would have them up and ready before 12.30!

Everybody had great fun and at times it provided a great stress reliever. Thanks must go to Mr Armstrong for giving up his lunchtime to supervise everyone and to help us all improve our skills. (It was a shame we never managed to hit him though).\*

**Brina Marks 10J and Sarah Bransby 10P**

*\*It wasn't through lack of trying! - I Armstrong.*

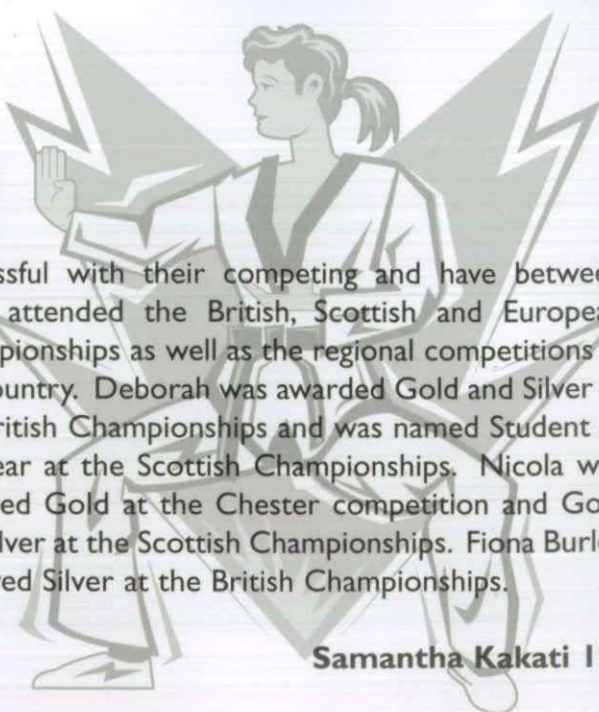
# Taekwondo

This year has seen a swelling in numbers at taekwondo with a number of girls dedicated enough to opt for extra training sessions outside school. Everyone who attended for a grading has successfully been promoted to the next Kup. Well done to all girls who have worked so hard during the year and learnt theory in Korean.

Particular congratulations to those who have competed over the last twelve months; Deborah Wynn, Nicola Stratford, Fiona Burley and Emma Hayes. Deborah, Nicola, Emma and Fiona were very

successful with their competing and have between them attended the British, Scottish and European Championships as well as the regional competitions in the country. Deborah was awarded Gold and Silver at the British Championships and was named Student of the year at the Scottish Championships. Nicola was awarded Gold at the Chester competition and Gold and Silver at the Scottish Championships. Fiona Burley achieved Silver at the British Championships.

**Samantha Kakati 12J**





# CROSS COUNTRY 2001-2002

## Chester & District Results

Twelve girls were selected to compete for the District in the Cheshire Championships held at Halton in January.

Laura Bestow and Jemima Cope were both selected to represent the County and they competed in a three-counties event in February.

Laura also went to the National Championships in Chelmsford, Essex.

## Minor Girls

1st	Jemima Cope
2nd	Nicola Pether
4th	Emily Fozard
6th	Eleanor Trimble
10th	Megan Preston
13th	Katie Minshall
14th	Eleanor Sayers
21st	Hannah Baker
29th	Vicky Wignall

## Junior Girls

7th	Catriona Boyd
11th	Holly Lamont
28th	Eleanor McCubbine
36th	Victoria Clarke

## Intermediate Girls

1st	Laura Bestow
4th	Laura Evans

## Senior Girls

3rd	Alexandra Wilcox
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## House Captains Report

All four House Captains were pleased to be elected but the early enthusiasm to show off our new shiny badges soon wore off as we discovered all the duties we had to take on.

A regular duty is collecting the house-points every Monday lunch time, although the eagerness of the Year 7s seems to be waning!

One of our first tasks was to organise teams for Year 7 Lacrosse, Junior Lacrosse and Senior Hockey inter-house matches. Very few volunteers came forward until we pointed out that anyone playing would miss lessons. This tactic worked for the lower years but not for the VI formers who were snowed under with work for the new AS levels.

We had great fun organising the Year 7 General Knowledge Quiz. We thought we had it all sorted but with two days to go we realised there were still a lot of finishing touches needed. Nevertheless, we pulled it off with success and a great time was had by all.

Forthcoming events include inter-house summer sports competitions, the main event being Sports Day. You have NO IDEA the difficulty we have in trying to convince people that running 1500 metres is good for them! Especially the Lower VI ... and NO! it is not going to be the special event set aside for the House Captains! We will find someone to do it - so BEWARE!

*Rachel Hewitt*

## RESULTS

### Year 7 Lacrosse

1st. Hastings 2nd. Westminster 3rd.  
Thompson 4th. Sandford.

### Junior Lacrosse

1st. Hastings 2nd. Sandford 3rd.  
Thompson 4th. Westminster.

### Senior Lacrosse

1st. Sandford 2nd. Thompson 3rd.  
Hastings 4th. Westminster.

### Junior Hockey

1st. Hastings 2nd. Westminster 3rd.  
Sandford 4th. Thompson.

### Senior Hockey

1st. Thompson 2nd. Sandford 3rd.  
Hastings 4th. Westminster.

### Cross Country

1st. Hastings 2nd. Thompson 3rd.  
Westminster 4th. Sandford

### Year 7 Quiz

Won by Hastings



# THE ANNA MARKLAND Music Festival

The annual Anna Markland Music Festival took place on 16th March at Queen's. There were many entries, ranging from Year 7 performers right through to the sixth form. A high standard of musicianship was displayed throughout the day, and the festival was enjoyed by everyone. Well done to everyone who took part, especially Katie Foster, who won the Anna Markland Trophy for best overall performance.

## ASSOCIATED BOARD EXAMINATION RESULTS

(Grades 1-5 are not published  
in *Have Mynde*)

<b>Ruth Evans</b> Grade 8	Singing Distinction
<b>Rachael Thompson</b> Grade 8	Saxophone Merit
<b>Olivia Griffiths</b> Grade 7	Piano Pass
<b>Abigail Gleek</b> Grade 7	Flute Merit
<b>Lucy Williams</b> Grade 7	Violin Pass
<b>Rachael Thompson</b> Grade 6	Piano Distinction
<b>Sarah Bennion</b> Grade 6	Flute Pass
<b>Ruth Carpenter</b> Grade 6	Piano Pass

## WINNERS

### Piano

Years 7 & 8 - Stephanie Pipe  
*Minuetto - Dussek*

Years 9 & 10 - Olivia Griffiths  
*Nalada - Fibich*

Years 9 & 10 and Winner of Piano  
Trophy - Joanna Reid  
*Nocturne in C sharp minor - Chopin*

Senior - Ruth Carpenter

Modulations - Elaine Radcliffe  
*Mazurka in A minor - Chopin*

### Woodwind / Brass

Years 7 & 8 - Abi Okell (Flute)  
*Andante in C - Mozart*

Years 9 & 10 - Sarah Bennion (Flute)

Senior & Winner of Anna Markland  
Trophy - Katie Foster (Clarinet)  
*Adagio from Clarinet Concerto*

### Strings

Years 7 & 8 - Alys Davies (Cello)  
*Sonata - Brevai*

Years 9 & 10 and Winner of String  
Trophy - Eryl Davies (Violin)  
*Allemande - Bach*

Senior - Ruth Evans (Double Bass)  
*Adagio - Guinguene*

### Vocal

Years 7 & 8 - Angharad Lyddon  
*Alma del cora - Caldara*

Years 9 & 10 - Nicola Webb  
*As if I never said goodbye - Webber*

Senior and Winner of Vocal Trophy -  
Ruth Evans  
*Dido's Lament - Purcell*

### Ensemble

Katie Foster, Rachael Thompson and  
Susan Haines (Wind Trio)  
*2 Divertimento - Mozart*

### Piano Duet

Amy Underhill and Alex Magee  
*Spanish Dance - Mozowski*



# Chamber Choir

The choir's usual timetable of musical commitments this year included school Christmas and Commemoration services and the Christmas concert. The choir's contribution was appreciated and enjoyed by all those who attended these events. Several members of the choir became stars of the small screen when they took part in BBC TV recordings in early December. We were also asked to sing for Evensong services at Chester and St. Asaph Cathedrals, and these were again attended by appreciative congregations.

Congratulations must go to Ruth Evans and Preethi Mavahalli for their success in gaining choral scholarships at Oxford University. We will be sorry to say goodbye to all members of Year 13 who leave us this year, and we wish them well in the future.

Thanks are due to Mr Pilsbury for his patience and endless supply of dreadful musical jokes, which, with the well-practised cries of "Is there another copy?" and "We'll carry on singing until you look up!", help to keep us entertained even during the most tedious lunchtime psalm singing!

Susan Haines 12M

## Senior Choir Charity Concert

Just before October half term holiday, Senior Choir were invited to sing at the 'Raise A Note for Cancer Concert' at the Gateway Theatre in Chester. All money raised from the sale of tickets went towards cancer research.

There were several other local schools performing with us, including The King's School, Hammond, Birkenhead School and Birkenhead High School.

Each school also had to enter a soloist, and these competed for tickets to a classical concert of their choice, as well as £500 for their school. We put forward Holly Lowe, who played the harp superbly. However, the standard of performance was incredibly high, and nobody wanted the difficult job of adjudicator, who was actually Mr Edward Warren, Senior Tutor of conducting at the Royal Northern College of Music. In the end, Stephanie Oade from Birkenhead took the prize. But, we all had fun. Senior Choir sang their renowned Beatles medley, accompanied by Mr Viney on guitar, a last minute substitute pianist, and Dan Mounter from King's on the drums. Thank you!

The King's School performed scenes from West Side Story, with Victoria Gallagher (formerly of Queen's) and Robert Gifford as Maria and Tony. Hammond performed songs and dances from 'Guys and Dolls' as the finale to a marvellous evening.

Over £4000 was raised at this event, and thanks must go to Mrs Bartai for her continued support and encouragement. (And Mr Viney, although he has moved on!)

Alex Clarke 11B



## SENIOR CHOIR REPORT

In the Autumn Term, Senior Choir was well attended by many girls from Year 10 and above. The main events that the choir was involved in were the end of term Cathedral Service and the Commemoration Service, along with participation in the Christmas Concert. These events were well attended and enjoyed by all.

Thanks and best wishes to Mrs Bartai for her continued support to the choir.

Rhiannon Kinsman 12J

# The Boyfriend

In May, the latest joint King's and Queen's School Musical, 'The Boyfriend', was played to a full audience. The plot was fairly representative of Sandy Wilson's musical romances. When the pupils of an exclusive all-girl's school in France attend a ball, all eyes are on Polly Browne, and speculation is rife as to who will be her partner. Polly herself has meanwhile invented a boyfriend, and suddenly realises she will have to produce one to be her partner. She chances to meet a messenger, and pretends she is a poor serving girl, so that he is not mesmerised by her wealth and position. In fact it transpires that the messenger boy is in fact the son of a nobleman and himself already in possession of

a large fortune. The conclusion is inevitable; love blossoms amid songs and music redolent of romance and a happy ending.

As is usual with the King's and Queen's School productions, the standard was very high with excellent performances from the leading characters - Victoria Gallagher and Kieran Shanahan. They were ably supported by a talented cast from both schools with particularly stunning performances from Year 13 girls, Claire Bates and Katie Foster.

Sophie Cookson



## AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL



In October we started a branch of the humanitarian organisation Amnesty International in school. We hold meetings every Monday and have a high weekly attendance. In order to raise awareness of our group we conducted several assemblies to highlight the many breaches of human rights throughout the world. One of our assembly speakers was Claire Simmons from the Chester branch of Amnesty, who spoke on the founding of Amnesty International.

Over Christmas we had a very successful campaign sending Christmas cards to prisoners all around the world. During the spring term we collected over £100 worth of copper and silver coins which were then placed into the shape of the Amnesty logo. We have had many responses to our letter writing campaigns, but probably the most successful was to our petition, which we sent to Christine Russell M.P. for Chester on the Anti-Terrorism Legislation.

We also invited Elaine Jones from an Asylum Seeker's Drop-In Centre in Wrexham to come into school one lunchtime, to talk about her experiences with Refugees. Many pupils and teachers alike attended this talk.

We would like to thank all the people who made our appeal such a success. They are enabling Amnesty to continue its work freeing prisoners of conscience, banning torture and fighting to protect the human rights of innocent people all over the world.

**The Amnesty Group**

### Friday Club

Friday Club, as its name suggests, is a club held on Friday mornings to befriend patients at the West Cheshire Hospital. Volunteers are from the LVI forms and when this year's session started in September the volunteers outnumbered the patients.

Now, six months later, it is the other way round. We seem to have attracted more patients.

The role of the volunteers is to talk to patients if they feel like talking, or often we just join in a game of cards or snooker. Recently it seems to have turned into a badminton club which is great fun for everyone and the standard of play is often very high - at least from the patients!

The volunteers all agree it is a very rewarding experience.

**Rachel Hewitt, 12C**

### DRAMA CLUB

At the beginning of the term, an eager group of sixth formers, assembled in the hall to take Remove and second year drama group. Faced with the reality of half an hour with the wild untamed first year the numbers rapidly decreased! Alex Wilcox, Abi Wilson, Emma Willis and the two of us were left to handle them all! This was not an easy task.

We have however enjoyed a successful year of running drama club, with the highlight being a comical performance of Scrooge. Both the groups also performed dances to well-known pop songs.

We hope that drama club will continue to be a success in the coming year and be attended by as many enthusiastic new removes.

*By Jenny Milner LAM & Jane Neale LAM*



# QUEST CLUB

Quest Club has been well attended this year by girls from Years 7 and 8. We began with following the life of Simon Peter ... until meetings developed into hasty, last minute rehearsals for the Christmas play.

Despite problems with props and drama queens, it was all right on the day. The next term was spent discussing the requirements for being a good spiritual fruit, and ended with the usual party featuring a lot of games and even more food! Thanks go to Miss Woodland and Mrs Musgrove for organising the meetings this year.

Susanne Elliott, 12M

## Young Enterprise

In early September, two Young Enterprise companies formed with much enthusiasm. (and because we needed something to put on our dwindling UCAS forms!) These companies were named :-



### RAINBOW and DIVINE

Everybody thought it would be constant fun and games.....little did they know the work it entailed!

After allocating all the jobs, each company decided on products, with DIVINE's being fleece scarves, silk scarves, pencil cases and photo frames... which couldn't stand up!! After consideration (and competition from a certain rival company!),

DIVINE's photo frames were discontinued which resulted in RAINBOW breathing a huge sigh of relief and finally deciding upon hand decorated glasses, cards, box sets and photo frames with stands... RAINBOW decided not to make their own photo frames and resorted to turning to the great Swedish institution, IKEA, for some help!

Both companies held weekly meetings which started off well but then soon faded out into dwindling attendance from company members and cries of, "What meeting?!" in the common room!

RAINBOW and DIVINE participated in many trade fairs with the most successful being the Christmas Trade Fair at the Chester Cathedral and some unsuccessful trade fairs (to say the least) where DIVINE somehow managed to make a loss!

In March, a presentation had to be prepared and this led to both the companies qualifying to the next round resulting in RAINBOW winning



1 award and DIVINE winning 5 awards! To sum up, Young Enterprise may seem difficult and time consuming but it is definitely worthwhile to participate in and these experiences (too many to account for!) should not be missed out on given the chance, as they provide us with some great memories of our year in the Lower Sixth common room!

RAINBOW and DIVINE thank Mrs. Cracknell for her lasting help, support and patience with Young Enterprise and finally, I would like to wish the best of luck to all the forthcoming Young Enterprise companies.....I'm sure you won't need it!!!

Jacqueline Tsang 12R  
Managing Director - Rainbow

## CHRISTIAN UNION

In the beginning there was a biscuit tin sitting alone, uncared for, in the H.E. room. One not-so-very special Monday afternoon, the C.U. members, feeling rather peckish, started to get the biscuits. As time moved on, the number of biscuits diminished until saint Donna devised the BISCUIT ROTA. Once the tummies were satisfied, the conversation turned to Christian topics.

The Christian Union has had a most enjoyable year, with double the number of members of last year. Meetings have included Mrs Griffiths telling of her conversion to Christianity, 3 students from Cliffe College on Standing Up for God, Mary Pritchard on Faith and the Year 10 production of "Pearly Gates."

We have also been working through the Alpha course and one occasion our difficult questions were answered by Paul North, the Schools Christian Worker, who has had a number of successful (and not so successful) haircuts including an attempt at a goatee beard. We hope that everyone enjoyed our assembly on The Parable of the Good Punk Rocker as much as we did.

Less serious activities have included visits to the Bowling Alley and Laser Quest. We are looking forward to next year. New members from Year 9 and above are always welcome. You don't have to be a regular church-goer but enjoying eating biscuits helps!



Donna MacFadyen, Joanna Reid,  
Tammy King, Annie Sayers,  
Laura Spencer, Zara Tait, Fiona Burley



# MATHEMATICS COMPETITIONS

Queen's girls have again returned excellent results in the local and national competitions that have been entered. In the UK Senior Challenge Alex Wilcox came 73rd. in the country with a superb score of 108 out of 125. Her invitation to participate in the next round was matched by Joanna Reid (10J) in the corresponding Intermediate Challenge. We are awaiting Joanna's result as we go to press.

Full results are:-

## SENIOR COMPETITION:

<b>Gold Certificate:</b>	<i>Alex Wilcox</i>
<b>Silver Certificates:</b>	<i>Hannah Goodwin</i>
	<i>Rachel Chapman</i>
	<i>Susan Haines</i>
	<i>Ruth Roberts</i>
<b>Bronze Certificates:</b>	<i>Jenny Mason</i>
	<i>Rachel Hewitt</i>
	<i>Georgina Denton</i>

## INTERMEDIATE COMPETITION:

<b>Gold Certificates:</b>	<i>Joanna Reid, Abi Gleek, Stephanie Hughes</i>
<b>Silver Certificates:</b>	<i>Jessica Gosney, Sophie Patrick, Carolyn Telford,</i>
	<i>Victoria McCubbine, Kathryn Wright,</i>
	<i>Laura Evans, Kay Morris, Kate Meredith,</i>
	<i>Gemma Ball, Rachel Bernie, Mary Ankers,</i>
	<i>Fiona Britton</i>
<b>Bronze Certificates:</b>	<i>Sarah Bransby, Lisa Hallam, Nazmin Noor,</i>
	<i>Laura Woodcock, Tamanique King, Alice Mason,</i>
	<i>Annabel Sayers, Donna MacFadyen,</i>
	<i>Korina Holmes, Andrea Stephani, Emma Swe,</i>
	<i>Anna Anderson, Helen Fitton, Elizabeth Garry,</i>
	<i>Sarah Bennion, Brina Marks</i>

In the Mathematical Education on Merseyside Challenge Competition, five girls were awarded prizes. They are:

*Helen Jones (8W), Nicola Mollett (8M), Emma Peters (8W), Eleanor Sayers (7L) and Louise Stride (8C).*

Congratulations to all these girls on their excellent achievement.

I J Armstrong

## YEAR 7 MATHS DAY AT THE CATALYST MUSEUM

## STOP PRESS - Latest results Latest Results Junior Mathematical Challenge (Year 8)

### Gold Certificates:

Sarah Dillamore  
Oluseum Famoriyo  
Elizabeth Gleek  
Sian Griffiths  
Rosie Leech  
Louise Stride  
Becky Wilson

### Silver Certificates:

Alexandra Baker  
Rachel Perry  
Jessica Denton  
Emma Peters  
Megan Dhital  
Lauren Phillips  
Claire Haddad  
Jessica Rimmer

Harriet Houslby  
Sarah Warburton  
Helen Jones  
Laura Whiteley  
Abby Lowry  
Georgia Whiteoak  
Abi Okell  
Gokcen Yuksek

### Bronze Certificates:

Sarah Archard  
Sophie Ledham  
Victoria Clarke  
Angharad Lyddon  
Holly Clough  
Kate McGeorge  
Briony Crew  
Emma Menkin

Sarah Davies  
Sophie Okell  
Rebecca Howlett  
Lauren Rivers  
Philippa Johnstone  
Nicki-Jayne Russell  
Amy Jones  
Emily Walter  
Holly Lamont  
Lucy Woodside



# Those with Responsibility

## Head Girl & Deputies (left - right)



Ruth WATSON (Deputy Head Girl)

Kate LEYLAND (Head Girl)

Reah HOLMES (Deputy Head Girl)

## Prefects (left - right)



### BACK ROW

Neha KAUSHIK, Caroline CARTER

### FRONT ROW

Susan HAINES, Rhiannon KINSMAN,  
Samantha KAKATI

## Sports Captains (left - right)



Sally CROOKS (Hockey)

Laura WILKINSON (Tennis)

Victoria GARRY (Lacrosse)

## 'Have Mynde' Committee (left - right)



### FRONT ROW

Rachael THOMPSON, Rachel HEWITT,  
Katie STORRY, Sophie COOKSON

### BACK ROW

Victoria GARRY, Georgina DENTON, Charlotte JONES,  
Anna WILLIAMS, Jacqueline TSANG, Kathryn WILSON



# Creative

## In the Rainforest

Down, deep in the rainforest  
The water droplets race to the ground  
The sun creeps and peeps through the leaves  
The birds chirp and sing  
In the lost rainforest.

Down, deep in the rainforest  
Tropical frogs hop and jump about  
Lurking in the darkness are secrets  
Growing out of the screeches  
Of the forgotten parrots  
In the forbidden rainforest.

Down, deep in the rainforest  
No longer is it tropical  
No longer is it forbidden  
Mad, clawing, raging chainsaws  
Attacking the forever growing trees  
On the open plain.

Heather Elrick, 7B

## *The spiders with long and spindly legs*

They're hairy and scary and their legs look like pegs,  
They're horrible and big and frighten me out of my wits,  
They run fast and terrify me almost to bits.

They hide in their holes,  
And can camouflage with the coal,  
They live in our bath,  
And crawl up our path.

I scream when I see one and come over all cold,  
"It's time to grow up," so often I'm told,  
So the next time I see one of those eight legged creatures,  
I will try to consider its best looking features.

Holly Gooderham, 7B

## Floating with the Stars

Irresistible folds of blank numbness gather around me, and  
I drift into incomprehensible space between time and reality,  
Gone is the responsibility and routine, and the remarkable is  
welcomed with open arms.

Floating with the stars, I gather memories and arrange thoughts.  
Swirling patterns of lazy summer days and the scent of new  
blossom glide past. Lifted by fairies I fly.

Entranced by their secrets as they whisper in my ear.  
Clouds reach out to me and envelop me in their trust.  
Butterflies fasten bows in y hair, and long strings of  
daisies round my neck.

I pleat the sunbeams, and collect the glittering pearls  
from the bottom of the sea.  
I design snowflakes and send them tumbling.  
I dive with the waterfall, and wash in the morning dew.  
I slide on a rainbow, and land yawning, wishing  
it would never end.

Abi Gleek, 10J

## BLACK

**Black** is the graveyard, black brings fright,  
**Black** scares the little children all through the night.  
**Black** is terror, and nasty dreams,  
**Black** is silence, and black prompts screams.  
**Black** is the winter tree, stripped of its leaves,  
**Black** is the widow that weeps as she grieves.  
**Black** is the panther, taking mighty strides,  
**Black** may conceal anything that hides.  
**Black** sends shivers and makes your skin creep,  
**Black** brings rest and sends you to sleep.  
**Black** are the stripes on a zebra's back,  
**Black** kills white, and white kills black.

Jessica Rimmer, 8W



# Writing

## The Mime of the Ancient Mariner

There was an Ancient Mariner,  
He stoppeth one of three,  
'If you cross my palm then I will move  
My gloved hand' quoth he.

Wherefore hast thou stopped me?  
Thou artist of the mime?  
I have no patience for beggars  
Why dost thou waste my time?

The man, he crossed the mariner's hand  
And tried to leave the scene.  
The mariner though, he grabbed his hand,  
For to perform the mime he was keen.

The mariner began to perform his mime.  
The story it told was obscure.  
The man was held by the mariner's eye  
So the mime he must endure.

The mariner showed an opening door  
And the mariner stepped through.  
The house he entered was made of air,  
The wind around him blew.

The mime it ended and the mariner sighed,  
The audience did not applaud.  
For he was a rubbish mime artist,  
The people were thoroughly bored.

'Why dost thou mime when thou art  
rubbish?' The man of the mariner asked.  
'I am held by a curse of many years  
That for the future is destined to last.  
I was upon a sailing boat  
That upon the rocks did crash  
'Twas my fault that sailing boat  
Upon the rocks did crash.

I steered the boat into the rocks  
Because I was watching a bird,  
And that bird too did hit the rocks  
'Twas stupid and all concurred.

I was told to leave the ship  
I was told to leave the town  
I was given gloves and a stripy shirt,  
Fear not! I did not frown.

I learned the trade of miming,  
And money began to make,  
But then learned another man's tale  
And saw my punishment was a mistake.

This man was also a mariner ancient  
Who had a bird shot and killed,  
'Twas his fault that I crashed my boat  
And the position as mime artist filled.

This man he told me his story  
'Twas a tale of woe and scorn.  
A sadder and a wiser man  
I rose the morrow morn.

Because I was sadder and wiser,  
I became worse at miming.  
Making less money and having less fun  
I'm dreadful at comic timing.'

The man moved on and the mariner left,  
The moral of the tale,  
To keep away from street entertainers  
Unless in life you wish to fail.

Abigail Wilson, Year 13

## I Know You're There

I know you're there,  
I can hear you.  
A whisper in the wind.  
Silent words,  
Yet everything is true.  
You know I have sinned.

I know you're there,  
I can taste you.  
A bitterness in the air.  
You're not happy,  
But what can I do?  
This shame I must bear.

I know you're there,  
I can feel you.  
You place hate inside my skin.  
I know the answer,  
To the question 'who?'  
But how, for you were my kin.

I know you're there,  
I can smell you.  
Your musk aroma follows me.  
I didn't stop,  
And think it through.  
I'm trapped, never to be free.

I know you're there,  
I can see you,  
In my dreams, but yet so clear.  
It was evil,  
And yet I knew,  
So your ghost shall remain  
with me here.

Olly Famoriyo 8C

## Laughter

Laughter knows no boundaries,  
It spreads through creed and race,  
Making children happy,  
As it spreads from face to face.

Laughter hides away,  
Whenever you are sad,  
But rushes out from hiding,  
When you once more are glad.

Laughter is infectious,  
With its giggles, hoots and roars,  
However poor or wealthy you are,  
Pray that laughter is always yours.

Grace Melsher 8M



# Creative

Hot red, blood red  
Colour of my nose red  
Hot and spicy  
Raw and feisty.

It colours the flowers, the poppies and roses  
And even the newborn's fat little toes  
Postman Pat's van is a cheeky bright red  
And so is the coverlet on top of the bed.

But sometimes it's quiet, as when the sun sets  
And when our Romeo as a new love begets.

And finally, then, on the day that I wed  
What else shall I wear but a deep colour red?

Philippa Johnstone 8W

## Diary of a Lost Girl

You wore bright red shoes  
With Spanish heels,  
Not proper black ones  
Like the other mothers.  
Inappropriate, frivolous,  
Curls in your hair.  
Children stared as we  
Walked to school.

Click click staccato steps.  
But then, in the dance hall,  
from the back,  
I knew they were your shoes  
for dancing in, for following  
a tango.

Diary

## Art

Watch out Monet and Van  
Gogh too,  
Because you're all history,  
And I'm really new.  
Move over your pallets  
And make room for me  
Just look at my artwork,  
And then you'll see.  
A fine use of colours,  
A vivid imagination,  
All of my artwork is a magical  
creation.  
Portraits and landscapes are  
always my thing,  
The blue velvet sky,  
And the birds' graceful wings.  
The attractive flowers,  
Of every colour,  
Which disappear in autumn,  
And appear in summer.

Red, violets every colour I use,  
There's just so much variety,  
It's so hard to choose.  
A grey sky on a winter's day,  
The white sweet lambs for the  
month of May.  
The burgundy robes of a queen  
and-king,  
The breasted robins that  
cheerfully sing.  
The golden sun sets the break of  
dawn,  
The blood red roses with its  
prickly thorns.  
The sparkling stars which are  
suspended up high,  
The white, fluffy clouds in the  
pale blue sky.  
These inspirations that do me a  
favour,  
Make me put my pen to paper.

Priya Gandham 7B

Like fire cast from a diamond ring,  
Eyes glimmer at you on the floor within.  
Polka dots on dresses twirled  
Edges and the bottom curved  
On like passing smiles.  
Then I was unashamed.

Like the gramophone  
I remain  
A permanent record  
Of those days.  
Memories played back  
Your younger ways trapped,  
And Darling, I would have  
Danced with you  
But I never had the luck. ...

Laura Harris 11G



# Writing

## ANGER

Anger is something from inside,  
A feeling that no person can hide.  
A build-up of red, surging through my brain,  
And all bad experiences I seem to regain.

Then I snap and it comes as a shout,  
And I start to let all my feelings out.  
Then everyone around me is in a bad mood,  
And I start to feel that I should have been good.

*Angharad Lyddon 8M*

## Zodiac

Night time has come  
The grey clouds block my view,  
All I can see is grey and black,  
With a little hint of blue.  
Patiently I wait staring at the sky,  
A miracle, the wind has come and blown the sky alive.  
There's Taurus, Cancer and Capricorn  
And constellations I can't name.  
Aries, Libra, Gemini, happily playing a game.  
Virgo approaches Sagittarius and asks him for a kiss,  
Because once again the sky's transformed into a  
shining, shimmering bliss.

*Stephanie Kynaston 7L*

## The Goldilocks Rap

A girl went into the woods one day,  
You should have seen her lockets sway,  
Her mum had told her not to go,  
But this bad girl had just said "NO".

She spied a cottage in the wood,  
And thought "Ah Ha" there could be food.  
(I know this line does not rhyme,  
It's not as if it is a crime,  
Keeping the rhythm can be rather tricky,  
So you can stop taking the Mickey!)

She rings on the bell, the house is empty,  
So she sneaks in to find food a-plenty.  
Figures that this meal could be brunch,  
Sits down to eat it and starts to munch.

She leans back on the chair so small,  
And finds out she's too heavy and tall.  
The chair starts to topple and wobble and creak,  
She falls to the ground with a shout and a shriek.  
She runs upstairs and finds three beds,  
Lies down on one to catch some zeds.

The bears come back from their trek,  
To find their house is in a wreck.  
The food is gone, the chair is broke,  
Was someone having an awful joke?

They go upstairs their hearts a-throbba  
And fast asleep they find the robber.  
She wakes up with a terrible fright,  
Which must indeed serve her right!

*Stephanie Edwards 7L*

# Creative Writing

## Aurora

Soft, strong, black-clawed paws  
Pad stealthily through the snow  
Mind-rebelling no nature laws  
For him, you watch white against white go.

Roses, mint leaves, light of the night  
He walks on, doesn't bother to notice

Aurora, natural light  
It kneels down to kiss

The snow, its body stretched by its home  
Can hardly be seen, a shadow, a space  
It does not sleep, though it lies there alone  
A detail, a pattern, a delicate lace.  
Silence unbounded, echoes on ice hills  
The sky darkens, the snow lifts  
And builds a shape. It kills  
A seal on the ice drifts

It paces, hypnotic, ice like knives  
As its mind, it doesn't care  
A slip, it slides, it dives  
Under the nearly liquid water  
Polar bear

*Harriet Houlsby 8C*

## Donor

London, five p.m., a Friday, Valentine's Day  
And I'm following your heart  
Although I know it's cold, detached and lost to us  
I cannot let it go.

Sheeting rain,  
The mirror reflected our life together, fractured  
By the scornful screech of wheels,  
And shards of gleaming glass  
Exploded from deep within the arteries of the car.  
They say it's only seven years' bad luck - how  
wrong they are.

Outside the hospital my search is stopped,  
abruptly, frozen  
Like a rose dipped in liquid nitrogen.  
I witness your heart return, concealed,  
Murmuring reassuringly in someone else,  
Get into their car and drive off.

Friends have scorned my anomie,  
Think this "phase" of grief won't last.  
But I will continue following....February the  
fourteenth.  
What better day to look after my husband's  
heart?

*Laura Harris 11G*

## Fin d'Arabesque

The curtains raise, so do our heads and slowly so  
does one arm. Sugar and spice and all things nice are  
delicately lined up in a row. I feel like a great china  
doll being puppeteered by our ballet teacher whose  
lips had gone tight at the thought of me messing up  
the perfect performance of her students.

Three dancers turn with one arm slightly tilted in the  
air and tiptoe to the front of the stage. I make my  
first move. Three steps forward and one to the side.  
Gracefully and slowly I bend forward to the floor on  
my left, bringing one leg up behind me. Another girl  
mirrors me. I keep the pose for a few seconds and  
then return to my upright position.

I twist and swiftly glide forward to the front of the  
stage. I whirl while balancing on one toe, faster and  
faster. I can feel disaster drawing nearer as I gather  
yet more speed. Suddenly, I lose my balance and fall  
flat on my face. I feel like a newly polished mirror that  
had just been smashed into tiny, sharp pieces. But the  
harp keeps on playing and the lights keep on shining.  
No one cares. I am hurt in more than one way.

My tutor is looking at me as if I am a perfidious thief  
who had just committed the most abysmal crime  
known to ballet. She quickly looks away, for the music  
has stopped and I am the only one left on the stage.

I slowly get up. I stand on one toe, lift up one leg and  
start to spin. Faster and faster until... someone  
passes me flowers. I stop and the crowd roars. My  
teacher actually smiles. All because, finally, fin  
d'arabesque.

*Charlotte Wall 8M*



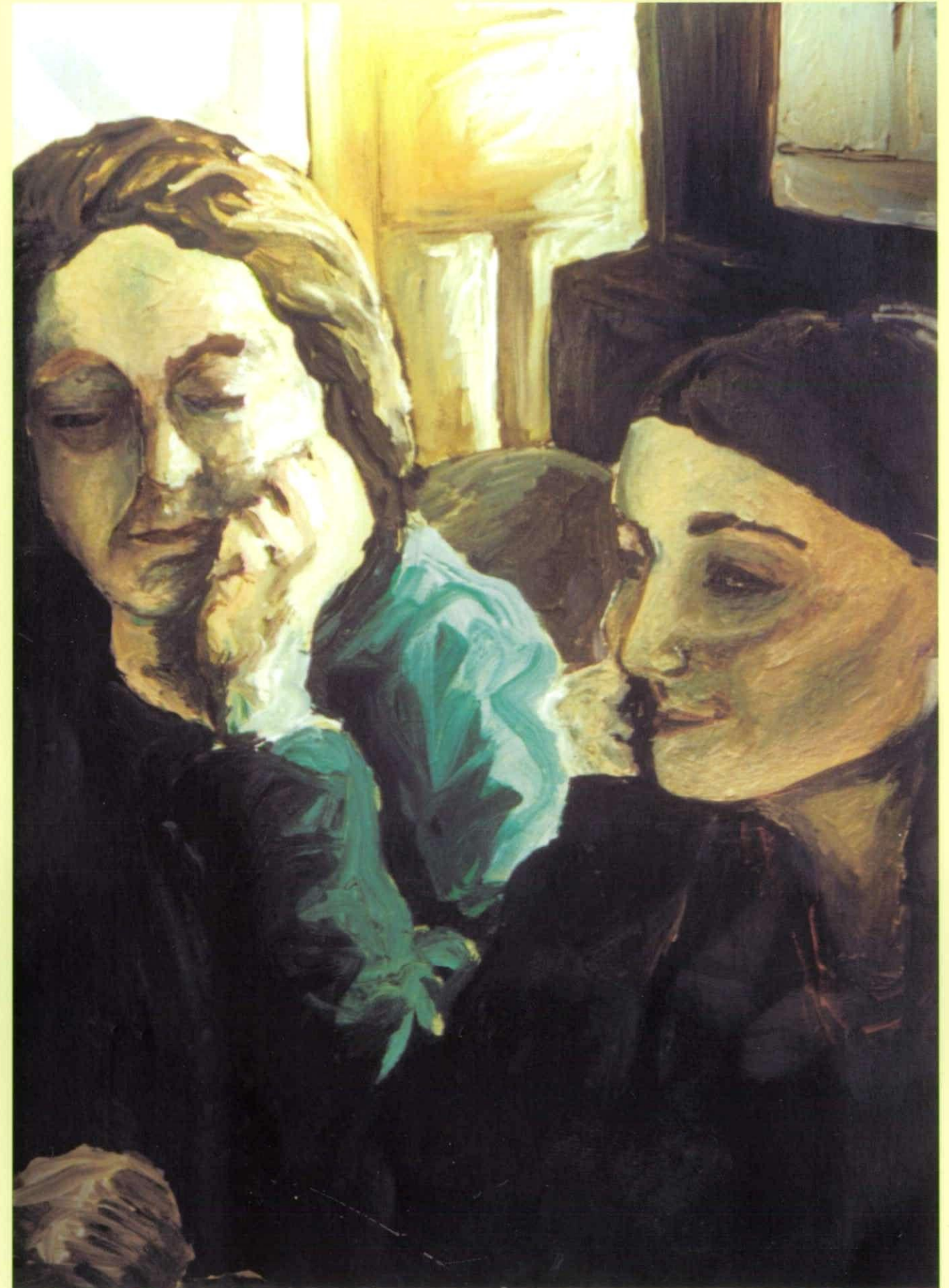
# *After Picasso*

**Right:**  
Sophie Muskett  
Year 13

**Below:**  
Eleanor Brotherhood  
Year 13



## A' LEVEL ART WORK

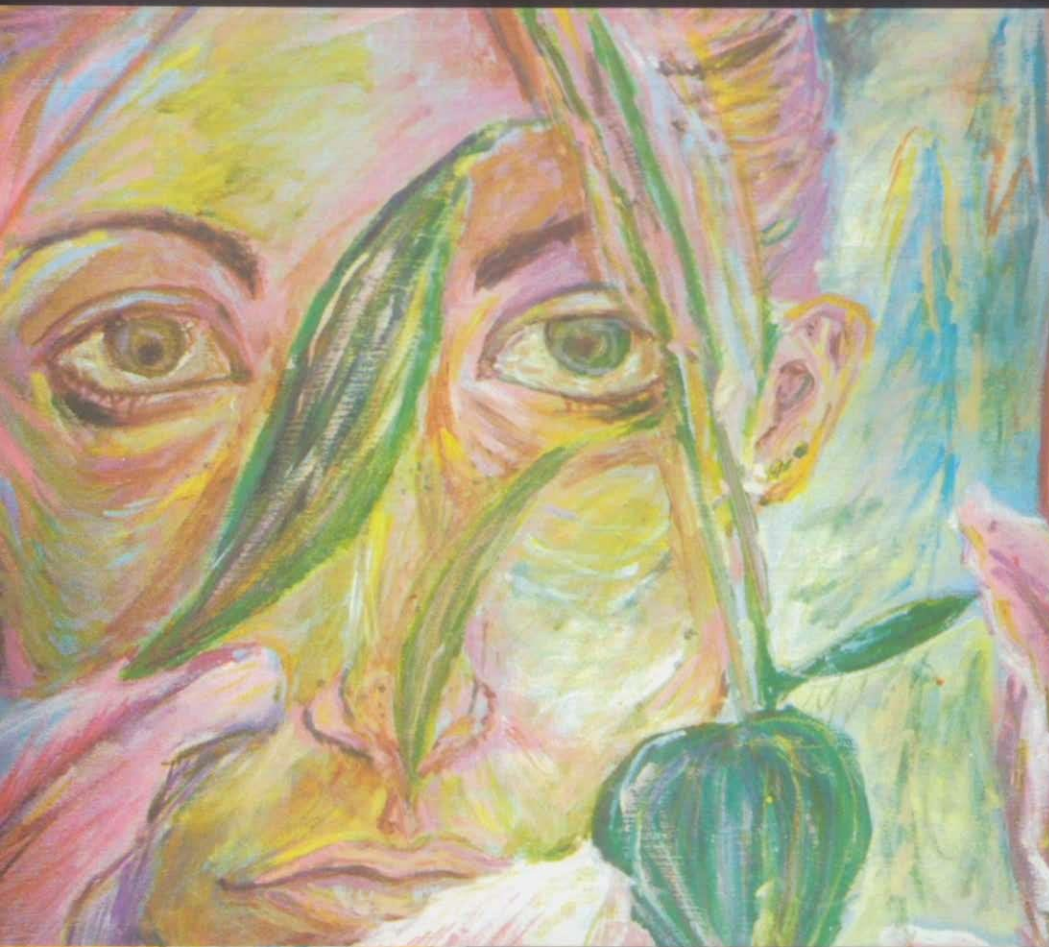


By Sofia Lisowski, Year 13



# GCSE ART WORK

Sophie Hedgecoe, Beth Archard, Cassandra Campbell, Rachel Evered, Rosie Croft





# Creative Writing

## 8:15 CANTERBURY TALES

The 8:15 London to Canterbury is the train I catch daily to take me to the offices at which I work. It happened that one morning I noticed that the people in my carriage were the same ones as had been there the day before. I struck up a conversation with one of them and discovered that like me they caught this train every day and returned on the 5:30 Canterbury to London same as me.

There was a missionary of the Red Cross. He had been to Afghanistan, America, Africa and loads of other places. He was waiting for a new position and went daily to the Red Cross offices.

There was a nun and her priest. Daily they left their holy house to "tend to their flock" by running a soup kitchen which gave food to the homeless.

There was a salesman who went daily to his place of work (I never found out where).

There was a scholar of Oxford who went daily to lecture at the college.

There was a tavern owner who went to see this inn ("The Frenchman"). It was thanks to him that these tales were told. There was a carpenter who went daily to ply his trade. There was a baker who also went to conduct his trade. He and the carpenter were always quarrelling.

There was a divorcee of Bath. She had divorced five husbands and had just started the proceedings on the sixth. When asked why she was doing so she replied, "He has been reading sexist literature." (she was a fierce feminist).

There was a cook. He came with a hangover in the morning and came home drunk.

There was a laboratory assistant who clearly thought nothing of his employers.

The contest came into being on the return journey when the tavern owner remarked that he was bored and so suggested a story telling contest. To this we all agreed (except for the cook who was too drunk to care). And so the 8:15 Canterbury Tales were born.

*Katherine Brown 8C*



# LOWER SCHOOL NEWS 2002

*Our report this year will take a slightly different format. Rather than detailing events as they occur during the school year, we will be focusing upon the differing aspects and issues related to our school life.*

## CURRICULUM

The most significant change this year has been to the infra-structure of the teaching staff. From September 2001, the Lower School staff have comprised seven full-time class teachers and five part-time teachers for specific subject areas within Key Stage One and Two. Mrs Williams became the Class Teacher for Class Six. This has meant that the Head of the Lower School is now able to adopt an overview of academic and pastoral issues.



In Nedham House, September also saw the introduction of curriculum co-ordinators for English and Mathematics. Miss Paice and Mrs Williams adopted these respective roles and began to teach their subjects to both Year Five and Year Six. This will greatly increase the development of the girls' learning, as continuity will be assured in these two important years.

Developments have already been taking place under the initiative of Miss Paice and Mrs Williams. We have held a Mathematics and English Week, during which the school focussed upon the influences of the respective subjects on every aspect of our lives. During Mathematics Week all lessons were conducted with a bias towards mathematics, for example number and shape spelling, number stories and syllabic forms of poetry in English and significant numbers on RE, compass bearings in PE. For an Assembly, we were visited by a member of the Total Fitness Club, who entertained and educated us into the amount of Mathematics he uses within his everyday life. There was also a variety of challenges and 'brain busters' to keep the school on their toes.

During English Week fun with words, both spoken and written, reinforced the concept that English is a living language that should provide a challenge but always pleasure, enjoyment and pride in our rich heritage across the subject-range. Staff devised imaginative ways to give additional

emphasis within their subjects. Hunting for Proverb, Idiom and Anagram Partners together with an Authors' Quiz, Guess How Many Lines in a Book, Raffle and Class Guests were on-going events. Mrs Diana Harker, authoress and grandmother of Sophie Ridley (Class 5) talked to Class 5 about her new book in the making and brought her 1940's Dolls' House to inspire the girls in their creative writing.

In addition to these events, we have also begun a closer working relationship with the poet Dennis Carter. Dennis has been a familiar face in the school for some time, but from September, he has become our 'poet-in-residence' for want of a better word. He will now visit the school every term. During the three visits he will have a lesson / workshop with Classes Four to Six and will concentrate on Performance, Poetry, and the understanding and writing of poetry.

During his 'English Week' visit, he led workshops with each class, using selected extracts from 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', which were shared at the plenary session. He talked to the girls about his work as poet and author at Assembly before working with Class 4 on Kennings. This year, he also conducted a Parents' Workshop session one evening, during which he outlined his connections with the school and offered parents and some staff the opportunity to try writing poetry based on a framework, a technique frequently used with the girls.

Also introduced this year has been an additional Parents' Evening in the Spring Term for Nedham House parents, ensuring that we have a further formal meeting to discuss the girls' progress. In order to facilitate these meetings, parents will now receive a record card, rather than a report, that indicates their daughter's attainment and effort grades over the previous one and a half terms. We have also asked the girls to write their own comments, to decide in which subjects they feel they excel, or have to work harder and in which aspects they would like to improve more strongly.



The record cards are still at a developmental stage and the structure of our parents' evening meetings will be refined in light of feedback from parents and staff.

Since 1992, when Mrs Brady was Head of Nedham House, there have been awards made to the girls at the end of each term and the academic year. Over the years, a number of girls and staff have made extremely kind donations of cups / trophies, to remember their time at the school but also to help us recognise the wide range of skills and abilities present within the school. Since September 2001, we now have sufficient cups to reflect this range and have developed the system of certificate and trophy awards. At the end of each term, certain girls are awarded certificates and the trophies / cups are awarded at the end of each academic year.

In July 2001, the school said goodbye to Miss Skilbeck who had been headmistress at The Queen's School since 1989. Since her arrival at The Queen's School her influence on the Lower School was great. It was under her leadership that a number of developments took place. The infrastructure of the two houses has been linked, both departments now work a full week and building developments initiated within her time will be underway soon. Miss Skilbeck's original junior training was often reflected in her interest in the work and extra-curricular activities that took place in the Lower School. She enjoyed taking assemblies in Nedham House where she would watch the development of future Senior School pupils with great interest. Miss Skilbeck was always ready to assist teaching staff, and she will be remembered fondly for her ability to relate to the personal issues that govern our lives. Her help within this area was always received most gratefully.

In September 2001, we welcomed Mrs Buckley to the school. Mrs Buckley has already shown that she is keen to take up the reins from Miss Skilbeck and push forward with plans for the



future development of the site. The girls enjoy her visits to Tuesday Assemblies and we look forward to working closer as the year progresses.

Other personnel stories included the birth of Benjamin Shearlock in May and the great help given to Class Six from Mrs Cornock and Mrs Bradley in covering Mrs Shearlock's absence. We were delighted to welcome back Mrs Lindop from her extended maternity leave and have enjoyed seeing little Tom from time to time. Mrs Williams became a permanent full-time class teacher in September and is enjoying the challenge of Class Five and Class Six Mathematics and Science.

## HOUSES AND SPORTS

At the start of the academic year, Nedham House's new House Captains are elected. Our House Captains this year are:-

Eagles  
Kestrels  
Merlins  
Ospreys  
Francesca Whiteoak  
Catherine Barnard  
Kate Bernie  
Hannah Donald  
Anna McGeorge  
Emily Brotherhood  
Amy Dougherty  
Frances Simpson

Since Mrs Brady introduced the house system in 1993, there has been friendly rivalry, capturing the competitive and lively enthusiasm of the girls. Most emphasis is placed on the sporting rivalry and we have had our fair share of exciting matches. The results for the wide range of activities this year was as follows: -



**Sports' Day June 2001**  
Winning House

Merlins

**Rounders July 2001**  
Winning House

Eagles

**Tennis July 2001**  
Winning House

Eagles

**Individual Winner**

Katie Johnson

**Short Tennis**

Vicky Wignall

**Cross Country October 2001**  
Winning House

Eagles



**Individual Cup**

Emily Brotherhood

**Netball November 2001**  
Winning House

Eagles

**Swimming February 2002**  
Winning House

Eagles

**Individual Cup**

Harriet Lewis

**Hockey March 2002**  
Winning House

Ospreys

Both Sports' Days went extremely well. In Sandford House, Mrs Waring undertook the organisation of the event assisted by the teaching staff and Senior School girls and watched by enthusiastic parents. There was a teacher's race that provided interesting entertainment for the crowds, as well as the annual parents' race. In Nedham House, we were also assisted by Senior School girls, many of whom had attended the school in years past. Merlins house romped to victory but it was a happy and enthusiastic event enjoyed by all.

Sports continue to be a very popular activity for the girls and our various teams have had some noticeable successes:

**June 2001** Year 5 swimming team won Chester & District relay gala beating girls who were a year older.

**June 2001** Katie Johnson won A.J.I.S. U11 high jump.

**June 2001** Katie Johnson and Bridget Trevor-Jones reached the semi-finals of the A.J.I.S. Tennis Tournament.

**November 2001** At the A.J.I.S. Swimming Gala at Newcastle-under-Lyme, the Under 10 freestyle relay and medley relay teams were placed first and second respectively, and the Under 11 freestyle relay and medley relay teams came second and third in their finals.

**March 2002** Our first team finished third in the Cheshire Mini Hockey Tournament.

Last year we introduced a short Judo course to the girls as part of the extra-curricular activities. This proved to be very popular and continues to be enjoyed by girls from Classes Three to Six. Our tennis coaching continued during the summer under the very capable direction of Jo Banks. We were very sorry to have to bid her good bye this year, as she has chosen to retire. We welcomed her to Assembly one day when she presented the school with a cup for the girl who showed most promise within the tennis coaching sessions.

## LOWER SCHOOL GROUNDS

As mentioned previously, our site is ready for further development. We have been fortunate to have grown a playground with a wonderful new set of playground equipment. In order to fit in this play area we had to remove the Rose Garden and this was a very tricky decision to make. Many past pupils fondly remember the Rose Garden; they can recall running around the paths during playtimes and watching the progress of the roses during the spring and summer. Although this may be a rather sad loss, it is our aim to replace the 'garden' feel in another area of the grounds.

The area behind the hall was once known as Mr Charter's garden and before that was an area tended by Nedham House girls during activity sessions. It is our aim to reinstate the garden, using the resources of present parents, staff, girls and governors. Dr Laine, our affiliated governor, is chairing a committee that is working on the development and they have made considerable moves already. The girls of Nedham House had a challenge designed by Miss Chowen (Head of Nedham House, 1973-1980), in which they drew annotated designs of a garden plan. Work will soon be underway to clear a large area, a *tabula rasa* if you will, from which further growth can be made. We look forward to watching the changes.

We were also very grateful to have had substantial changes to the front of the site, opening up the drives and extending the parking area, thus reducing the frustrating congestion during peak hours. We are also looking forward to significant changes to the building. A link corridor will join Sandford and Nedham House and a new Library, ICT room, and Science / Art / DT room will be built. Planning permission has now been granted.



## OUTINGS AND VISITS

Last year's Class Six went to Boreatton Park at the end of June. This PGL activity holiday provided kayaking, fencing, archery, abseiling, horse riding, bivouac building and swimming, as well as other evening fun activities. The weather was very good but not so hot as to keep them awake at night - it was the chatting that did that! The highlight was trapeze - leaping from a bird table on a 30-foot pole hands outstretched to grasp a trapeze swing.

This year, Miss Paice took the present Class Six to see the dress rehearsal for the Senior School Play, *The Tempest*. They enjoyed seeing the variety of costumes and were enraptured by the wide-ranging acting talents of the senior girls. Miss Paice was delighted to see some ex-Nedham House girls in prime acting roles.





Class Five has had a very busy time with school trips. Last year's girls visited Moreton Hall in June, spending the day steeped in Tudor history when they toured the house and grounds and then spent the afternoon studying costumes, Tudor artefacts and herbs and spices.

They also spent a morning touring the new Total Fitness buildings as part of a Geography and English study. They had been studying brownfield sites and land changes. Also they took the opportunity to design a series of poster advertisements, which were subsequently displayed at Total Fitness.

In February, they also performed a Class Assembly for their parents, giving them the opportunity to share their performance poetry prepared with Dennis Carter and the Class Assembly with the theme of doors.

This year's Class Five took a trip to Stanley Palace for an afternoon of Twelfth Night Tudor activities, as part of their History Unit. Stanley Palace gave the perfect atmosphere in which to work, producing some jester masks, as well as orange and clove pomanders and herb sachets. Enthusiastic volunteer parents joined in to make this a memorable activity.

Class Four went to Llangollen last year starting with a trip to the Victorian schoolroom. As the weather was kind to them they ate lunch by the river and then went on a steam train journey returning to Llangollen by the horse drawn canal boat. They also visited the Marks & Spencer store in Chester as part of a Numeracy Project. They spent the morning measuring aisle widths, comparing package shapes and adding up shopping bills.



In May, Classes Two and Three had a fun-packed day at Erddig, finding out what life 'below stairs' would have been like for Victorian servants. They were all dressed for the part and after watching a video about the history of Erddig and the Yorke family, they were divided into groups and taught how to make beds, wash, iron, scrub, lay a table and make lemonade, bread and butter. It was a very busy and enjoyable visit and the only calamity of the

day, was when Miss Morgan discovered on the bus going home, that the bread dough the girls had made, had spectacularly erupted over the contents of her bag!

Reception and Class One had planned to visit Tatton Park for their trip, but unfortunately due to the foot and mouth scare, this had to be cancelled. Instead they spent a day at Chester Zoo. After carefully disinfecting their shoes, each group played 'follow their leader' around the Zoo. An 'undercover' lunch was followed by the climax of the visit, a supervised 'hands on' session - a snake for Reception and hissing cockroaches and giant snails for Class One! At the end of the day, everyone went home with tired feet but many exciting tales to tell.

Miss Morgan had her own exciting trip, to Uganda in the African continent. While she was there, she visited Butta Primary School. This is the school that Sandford House girls supported with their last Sponsored Swim and Obstacle Course. Miss Morgan was given a wonderful welcome by the staff and the



children and was treated to songs, poetry and carefully rehearsed speeches! The atlases and the seventy-two desks which were bought with the money we raised, have had a huge impact on the school. Before the arrival of the desks, most of the children had no alternative but to try and do their work sitting on the dirt floor. The school was also very grateful for the all the pencils, rubbers and crayons which our girls and their families donated. Many of the children there had never seen coloured crayons before and so you can imagine how excited they were.

The girls really enjoyed hearing about Miss Morgan's visit and seeing her photographs. Having this link with an African school has really helped to bring home to them, how fortunate they are compared to many. The girls are all very keen to continue this relationship and our next target will be to try and raise some desperately needed funds for Butta Secondary School.

## EVENTS

In June, Class Six took part in a 1940s day. They came to school dressed in appropriate clothing, sporting pigtailed and ribbons as well as shorts, caps and ties. Dennis Carter came to visit in May, and organised a series of workshops based around our grounds. We had free verse from Class Five, haikus from Class

Four and Class Six completed work based on Gerald Manley Hopkins' journal. Class Six girls were also able to experience a French breakfast, courtesy of Mrs Carpenter, as part of their Modern Language Awareness course. This is the first time for some years that this has been



organised and the girls certainly enjoyed 'ordering' croissants, both chocolate and butter, and French bread in their ever-increasing French.

After many years of Book Fairs, we decided to undertake this event using Scholastic. It was organised and run by Miss Paice with a band of loyal parents to whom we are most grateful. This event was held during the Curriculum Presentation Evenings, thus yielding a huge commission of £1,036.97, which went towards upgrading teaching resources and class libraries. A Bookmark Design competition was also held for all Lower School girls and the 'shop' was based in the newly named Annexe.

The biennial Autumn Fayre took place in October and we were delighted to note the strong contribution from Lower School parents towards the event. We are always most grateful for their support.

The Lower School Open Morning was very successful this year, with a large number of visitors and some interesting activities taking place. We were most grateful to our present parents and pupils who gave of their time to talk to visitors and show them around the site.

Both Houses celebrated their 'birthdays' in different ways. At the start of the summer term last year, Sandford House celebrated their 21st birthday with cakes and an afternoon of jokes, tricks and fun, provided by a children's entertainer.



Nedham House's 54th Birthday had a slight mathematical theme as it coincided with Mathematics Week. Own clothes had a mathematical twist; parallel lines, stars,



numbers and other mathematical concepts were in abundance. Our birthday cake was cut by the youngest and oldest girls in the school and proved to be a delicious end to the day.

## MUSIC AND PERFORMANCE

In July, Nedham House girls and staff were treated to two musical experiences. In school, we were able to experience Tudor music courtesy of Robert and Andrea Oliver. We joined in with the original Tudor version of Three Blind Mice, and various classes played pre-prepared ensemble Tudor tunes in workshop sessions. Two days later we travelled to Birkenhead to listen to Crispian Steel-Perkins demonstrate a wide variety of brass instruments, including a valveless trumpet that relied on lip movement for different notes.



Nedham House Summer Concert took place in June and we enjoyed a whole school performance of a welcome chant written by Class Five. Every girl in the school was involved and performed with her class a variety of recorder playing, class songs with accompanying percussion and a few solo performances from members of our Class Six.

The Sandford House Play this year was a musical rendition of the classic tale, Cinderella. Class Two were very enthusiastic singers and Class Three gave some wonderful acting and dancing performances. It was a very colourful and enjoyable performance and I am sure that the girls will treasure their videos for many years to come!

Throughout the year Sandford House have held a number of Class Assemblies. Reception acted the story of 'The Three Bears' as part of their assembly about 'Families'. They told us about their own families and how our school is like one big family. They also enjoyed reciting relevant rhymes such as, 'Here are Grandma's Glasses!'

During the Spring Term, Class One studied some aspects of Aboriginal art, which acted as stimulus for their assembly on 'Australia'. They produced their own 'hand signatures' and painted a variety of Australian animals, showing the bones on the outside! Animals also featured in the re-telling of the dreamtime story of 'Tiddalick', the frog who drank everyone's water. With the valuable help of Mrs Waring, the girls brought their assembly to an end with a wonderful dance presentation, accompanied by traditional Aboriginal music.

Class Two had been studying 'gravity' in their



science lessons and in their assembly they told us about Galileo and Newton and demonstrated some of the experiments they have done, to show how things fall. We also heard about man's dream of flying and were given a very entertaining rendition of the song, 'Those Magnificent Men in their Flying Machines'

Both Nedham and Sandford House Harvest Festivals went well. In Nedham House our theme was GIFTS, and we listened to a series of playlets from Class Six, and Class Five entertained us with a portrayal of the earth as a table upon which the gifts of the earth were placed. Combined with poetry, readings, songs and prayers led by Class Four, this proved to be a thoughtful and entertaining performance. Harvest gifts were distributed and any monetary gifts were combined and given to Save the Family in Plas Bellin.

In Sandford House, the Harvest Service was based on TREES. The children discovered that trees are not just there to make our world more beautiful, but they also provide animals with homes and food and us with fruit, wood and paper. As usual, the girls brought in harvest baskets and these were later shared between several local charities around Chester. Our thanks go to Mrs Green for organising the distribution.

Our Christmas Productions were well received by all our visitors and parents. In Sandford House, Class Three acted out the Christmas story helped by a host of angels from Reception, who gave us a beautiful rendition of 'Away in a Manger'. Class One, wearing snowman hats recited, 'There's a Snowman In My Freezer' and Class Two, dressed in their pyjamas, sang 'Roll on Christmas Day'.



Mrs Holmes wrote 'Starlit Journeys' for Nedham House girls. She selected a variety of songs and music to complement the script that gave Class Six the opportunity to become rapping wise men and entourage. Class Five girls were the shepherds visiting the baby and entertaining us with two beautiful songs. Class Four girls were a range of animals deciding upon gifts that might be brought to the newborn king and proving that they are going to be a group of strong and confident singers.

We have been pleased to welcome the Nedham House orchestra to our Lower School Assemblies on a few occasions. It has given them the opportunity of 'performing' more often and allows the younger pupils to learn a little more about the instruments that they may choose to play later on in life.

## CHARITY AND FUNDRAISING

During the year there have been a number of large-scale fundraising activities, often involving 'Own Clothes Days' in support of a national charity. Jeans for Genes, Look Loud Day, Children in Need were just a few of the occasions when the girls could relax from wearing school uniform and dress in what appeared to be another uniform - jeans. Barnardo's offered girls the opportunity to look after an egg for a week,



(hard-boiled), to give it a name after decorating it and being sponsored for not allowing it to become broken. A group of Class Six and Class Four girls organised a Blue Peter Bring and Buy sale, raising money for the Wheel Help Appeal.

In Nedham House our small group fundraising, co-ordinated by Mrs Williams, continues to provide the girls with opportunities to take responsibility for planning, organising and completing an activity. A wide variety of local, national and international charities have been supported in this way.

At this time of the year, I am given the opportunity to thank Mr Lilley and Mr Chambers for their continued work towards maintaining the grounds and buildings at the Lower School as well as the swimming pool and I thank them for their efforts.

The weather has been slightly kinder to us this year, and this has benefited our keen maintenance staff. Mrs Bills and her team have maintained a cheerful and committed approach to providing our lunches, as well as supplementing our usual diet with special menu days, looked forward to with great interest by the children. They have shown willingness to listen to new ideas and implement changes.

As always, Mrs Hoare and Mrs Parry have been an invaluable help to the staff and me, remaining focussed and committed at very busy times, supporting the work of teachers and girls and establishing good communication systems between the staff and parents. Our peripatetic music teachers have been a valuable resource



and we look forward to their company at different times during the week as well as hearing the development of children's playing in assemblies and concerts.

I would like to thank Miss Morgan and all the teaching staff within the Lower School for their continued professional approach to their teaching and their enthusiasm for the subject areas taught.

This year has seen more changes to the structure of the curriculum and the working day. They have coped well and continue to strive to experiment with new methods of teaching.

I am always impressed by the knowledge and learning taking place within the classrooms and gratified to see such splendid examples of children's work on the school notice boards.

I would like to take the opportunity of thanking all the girls in the Lower School for a tremendous amount of enthusiasm and hard work that we all witness daily.

Our school day is often filled with humour and a sense of enjoyment, for which staff are always thankful. The girls can lead very busy lives out of school, attending their own activities and pursuing individual interests and yet they manage to cope very well with a large workload at times. They are a credit to their school and to their parents.

*Miss J. D. Dewhurst*





## GIFTS to the SCHOOL

### Sandford House

*Class Three leavers* - a new bench for the front of the school

*Mrs Davies (Christina and Tori's mum)* - computer photo paper

*Mr Marks and Brina* - books for the library

*Mrs Logan* - models of a dragon, griffin, phoenix and unicorn (House emblems)

*Miss Skilbeck* - Garden seat for grounds (shared with Nedham House)

### Nedham House 2001

**March** *Mrs Shearlock*  
Cup for Research & Presentation

**April** *Mr Williams*  
Art books, Large roll of tracing paper

**May** *Mrs Bills*  
Bun tins for cookery, beans bags, record of Christmas Carols, Costumes

**May** *Mrs Salter and Caroline*  
Uniform for school funds

**June** *Ms Tillinger and Faye Woodcock*  
A4 Card envelopes

**June** *Mr and Mrs Brotherhood and Emily*  
Books for Class 5 Library

**July** *Jo Banks*  
Tennis Cup for Progress

**July** *Miss Skilbeck*  
Garden seat for the grounds, Selected photographs, books for Class 5 Library

**July** *Mrs Leggett and Tabatha*  
Photographs of the Class Five Trip

**July** *Mr and Mrs Edwards and Stephanie*  
The Edwards Cup

**July** *Dr Laine*  
Television and stand, Large map of the world, set of Oxford Children's Encyclopedias.

**July** *Parents and girls of Class Six (2000-2001)*  
£450 towards School Funds - Garden development

**July** *Mr and Mrs Macdonald and Ffion*  
Large Clip Frame

**July** *Mr and Mrs Prestwich and Tamara*  
Sports' Equipment

**July** *Mrs Bernie and Kate*  
Photographs of Class Five trip

**July** *Mrs Rodger and Gillian*  
Photographs of Class Five trip

**September** *Mrs Woodside and Philippa*  
Willow Pattern China Teapot (Art Department)

**September** *Mr and Mrs Williams and Hannah*  
Computer and keyboard, monitor, printer and games

**September** *Alice Walter and Mr Parry*  
(her grandfather)  
Sports' photograph

**September** *Mrs Harker and Sophie Ridley*  
(her granddaughter)  
Book written and signed by Mrs Harker

**October** *Mr and Mrs Mackay and Poppy*  
Books for class Library, Pudsey Bear, Roman History Teaching Material, Tudor History Teaching Materials

**October** *Cheryl Laverick*  
Box file for Class five

**November** *Mrs Kennedy & Hattie*  
Book for Class Five Library

**December** *Mrs Kenworthy and Annabel*  
Costume for Mary (Xmas)

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**January** *Mrs Barnard and Catherine and Siobhan*  
Index to Eyewitness Guides

**January** *Mrs Ridley and Sophie*  
Costume for drama

**February** *Mr & Mrs Mackay and Poppy*  
Sports' photograph of Class 5 labels for House Points' Board





## Reception

### The Snow Queen



Gerda went to the  
ice palace to find  
Kay. She cried  
because he was  
frozen.

Devon O'Dwyer, Age 5



Lucy Simpson, Age 4



### Happy birthday

Merlin the magician came  
for school's birthday.  
He gave Lauren a balloon  
It was a dog.

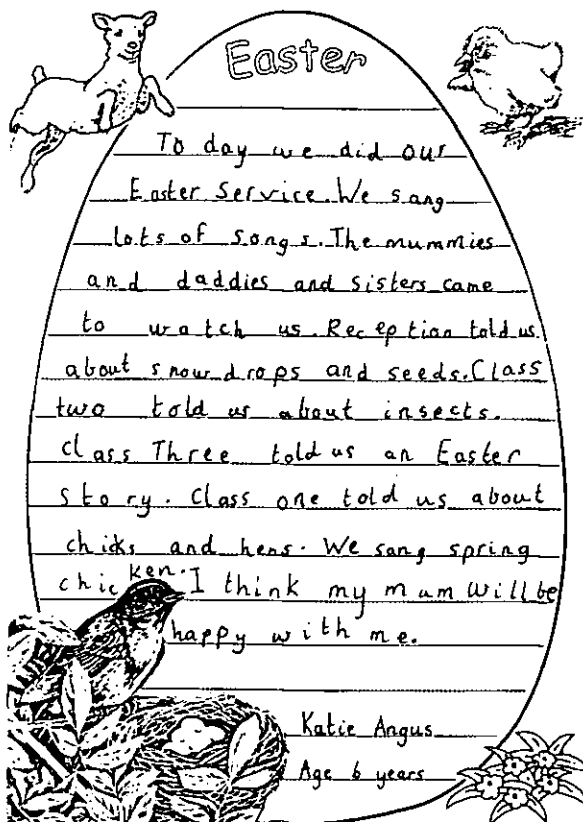




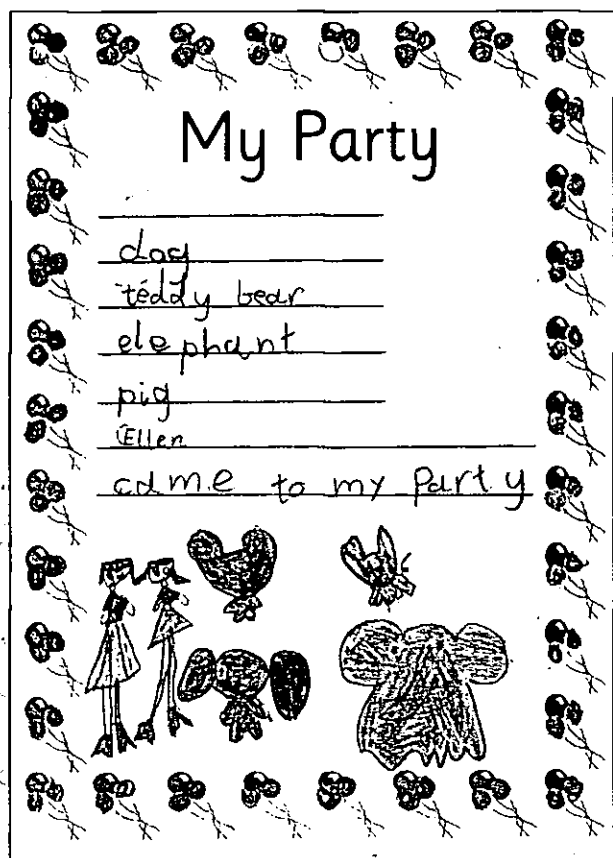
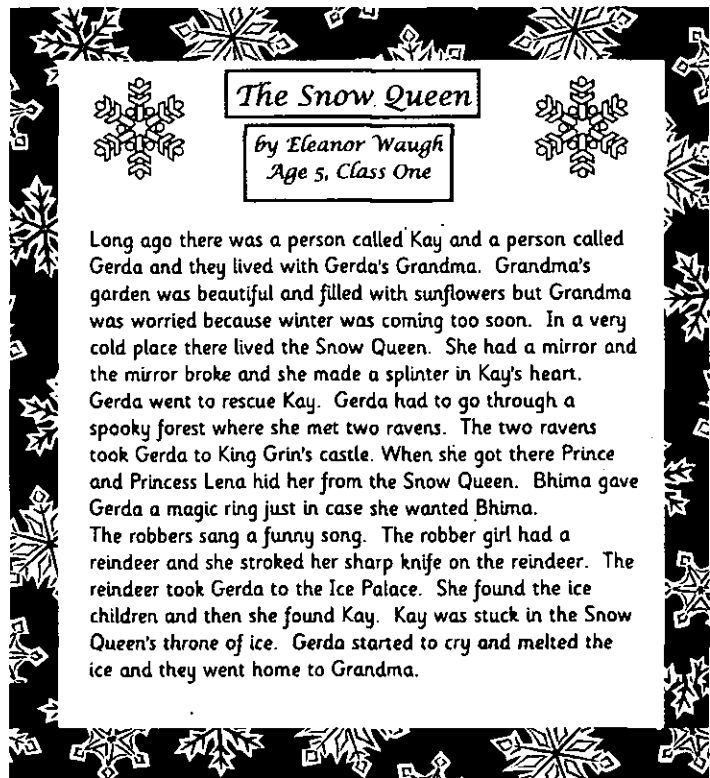
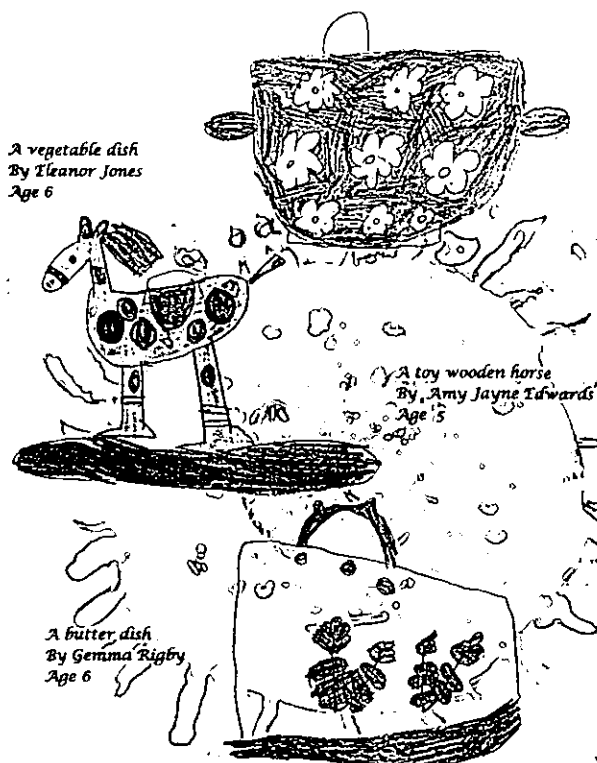
# Sandford House

# Creative

## Class One



Class One looked at objects from the Victorian era.





# Sandford House

## Class Two



# Creative

## How to make a snowman

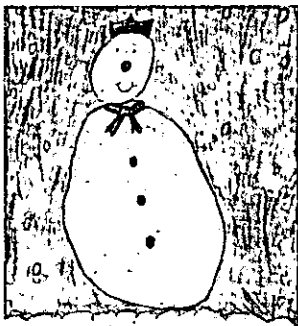
You will need -

Snow  
An orange hat



A scarf  
Red buttons  
A tomato  
Coal

- 1 Roll some snow into a ball.
- 2 Then make a smaller ball for the head and put it on the other ball.
- 3 Get your scarf, a chequered scarf, and put it round the neck.
- 4 Get the coal and put it on the eye places.
- 5 Then get the orange hat and put it on the head.
- 6 Get the tomato and put it in the nose place.
- 7 Then get the red buttons and put them down the chest.
- 8 Now look at it and admire it, it is wonderful.



Emily Kelly,  
Age 6

This is how your snowman will look.

## The Snow Queen



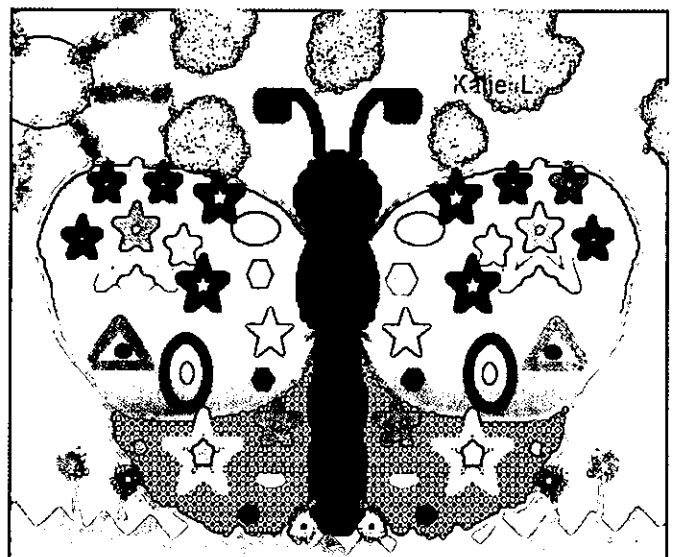
My report is about the costume worn by the Snow Queen. The colour was silver, a shiny and sparkly sort of silver. When the Snow Queen moved, the costume shimmered and was sparkly. The Snow Queen's dress shimmered and sparkled in the light and she had a big spiky collar and the same with the cuffs. The Snow Queen had a sharp spiky crown on her head. She wore sparkly shiny shoes. I would like to wear this costume at a fancy dress party.

Lizzie

### A leaf's adventure

I'm green and I am the same colour as a tree. Now I am yellow like a lemon. Now I am red like an apple. Now I am brown like a dog. I am falling. I am crackling. I am crunchy. Now I am on the ground it is different from high above. No floating. No more seeing my friends. No more fun.

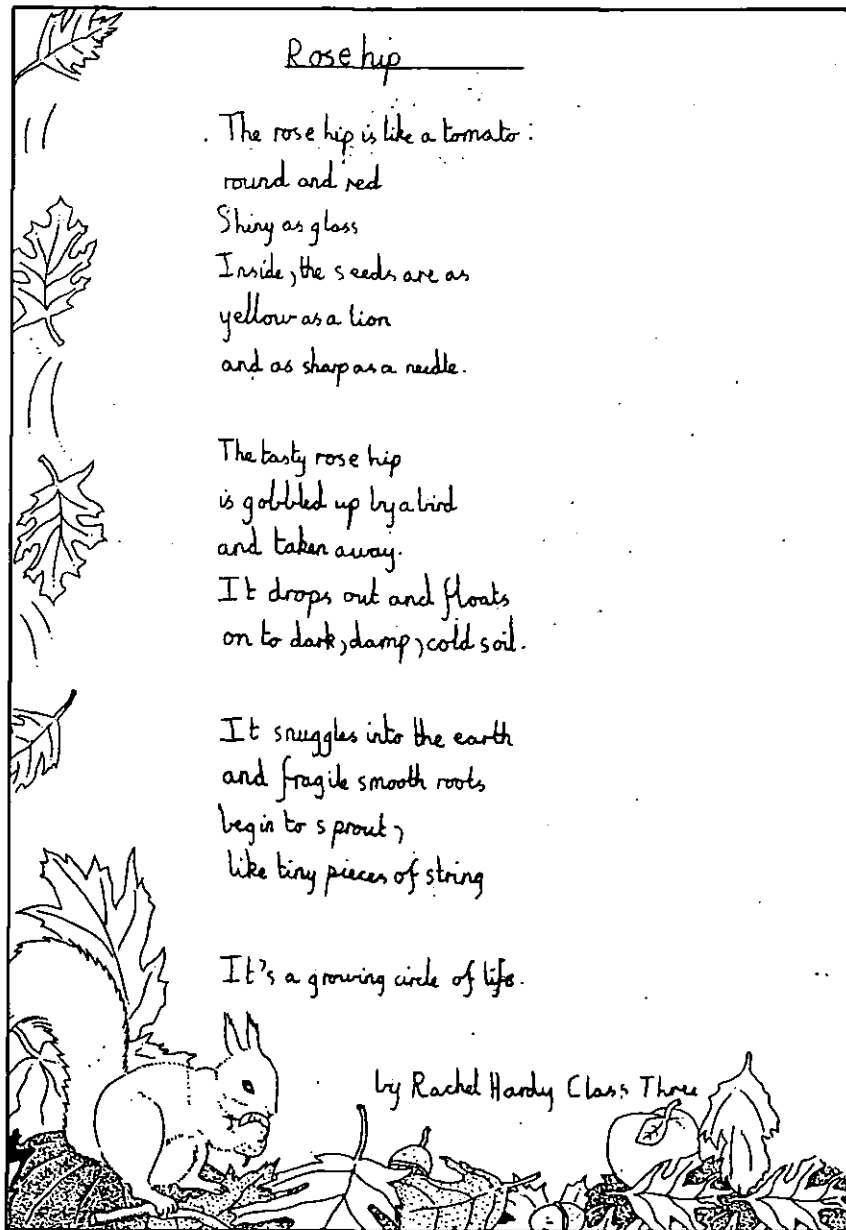
Vicky Gerrard, Age 6



Katie Longson, Age 6



## Class Three



### Rose hip

The rose hip is like a tomato:  
round and red  
Shiny as glass  
Inside, the seeds are as  
yellow as a lion  
and as sharp as a needle.

The tasty rose hip  
is gobbled up by a bird  
and taken away.  
It drops out and floats  
on to dark, damp, cold soil.

It snuggles into the earth  
and fragile smooth roots  
begin to sprout,  
like tiny pieces of string

It's a growing circle of life.

by Rachel Hardy Class Three

Rachel Hardy

## I ASKED THE LITTLE BOY WHO CAN NOT SEE

I asked the little boy who can not see,  
"And what is colour like?"  
"Why pink," said he,  
"Is a marshmallow whisper,  
And black is a cold, dark cave.  
Green is the sound of goblins  
Gossiping in the long grass.  
And white is soft blanket of lace,  
Gold is the warmth of sunshine at dawn  
And Red is a big, juicy, red pepper in my mouth  
Blue is a wave crashing against the shore  
And yellow is a sour, juicy lemon.  
Navy is dark, boring and lonely  
And bronze is a song without words  
Turquoise is the sound of pebbles' laughter  
And purple is a hollow groan".

Phillippa Jones, Age 7

## Our Easter Service

At our Easter Service, I didn't feel very nervous.  
After the first song 'Welcome', I had to save Sophie  
from sitting down too soon!

I was Narrator Four and I had to tell everyone about  
Jesus riding a donkey into Jerusalem.  
We then played our recorders, in the hymn  
'We Have A King Who Rides A Donkey'.  
The notes we used were, A, G, E, D, B, D, C and F.  
Reception talked about seeds and snowdrops and Class  
One sang a song called 'Spring Chicken'. Class Two did  
about roots and insects.

Their song was called 'Dewdrops and Green Grass'.  
They also did a funny poem called 'Creepy Crawly  
Caterpillar'. Our class poem was called  
'Recipe for Spring'.

We made lots of beautiful snowdrops and daffodils in  
our art lessons to go on the board behind us. I could  
see Mummy and Gran Gran in the audience. It was a  
very happy service and will be a lovely memory.

Tori Davies, Age 8

## The Fairground

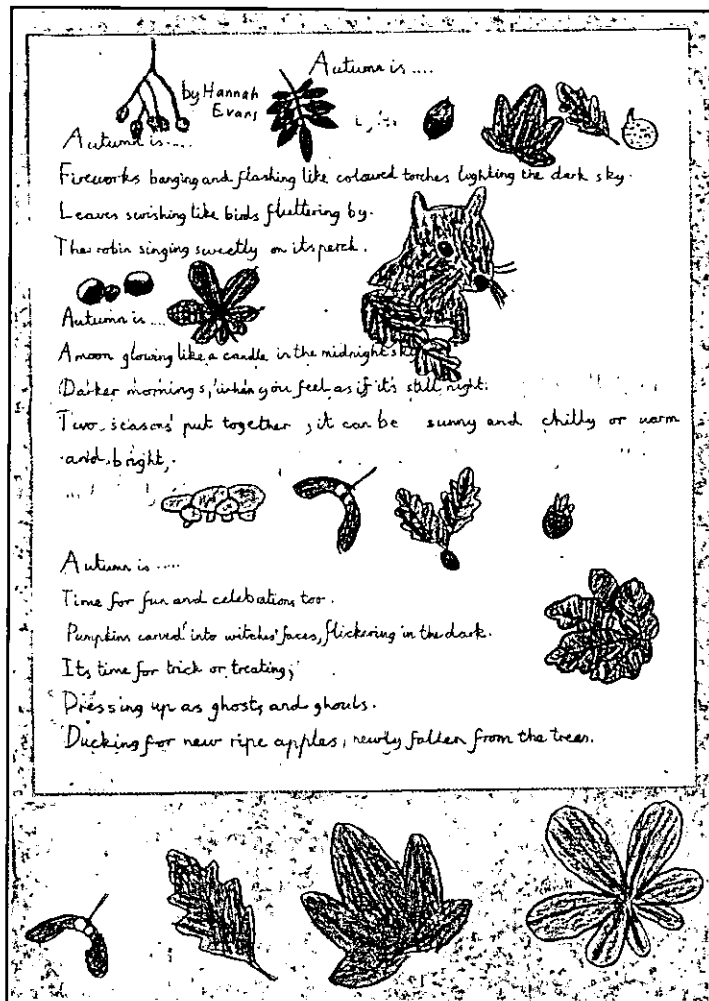
Pretty lights glisten in the evening sky as the sun  
slowly slips behind the fairground. Music softly fills  
the air as the rides start to move and the children  
begin to giggle with glee. A girl holding a waving,  
swaying pink balloon, watches in amazement the  
joyful people on the bright colourful rides.

The lights get brighter and shimmer like a moonlit pond  
and the cries of laughter echo around the fairground.  
An autumn chill fills the air and children's faces are  
filled with joy as they fly down the helter skelter like  
galloping horses. Others secretly talk and whisper  
together as they eat pink, fluffy candyfloss and sugary  
sweet, sticky, toffee apples.

Alicia Logan, Age 8

# NEDHAM Creative

## CLASS FOUR

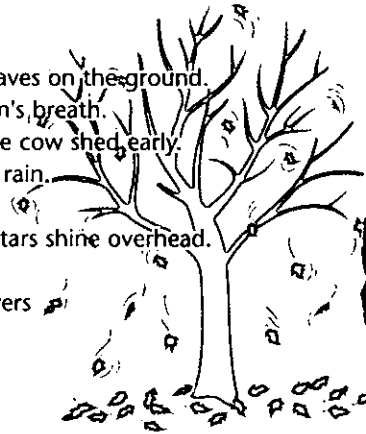


### Autumn is...

The crunching carpet of colourful leaves on the ground.  
The autumn mist swirling like dragon's breath.  
Cows plodding across the field to the cow shed early.  
Little mirrors made out of glistening rain.

Then comes Bonfire Night, blazing stars shine overhead.  
And light up the whole town. Bang!  
A beautiful firework bursts and showers  
Tiny silver stars across the night sky.

Ayesha Jones



### candle

The candle is a soldier standing to attention.  
A slim pillar, straight and tall.  
The strong stem of a flower with a bud on top.  
Its flame glows like an amber moon.  
The bright light fills the darkened room  
As it dances like a ballerina on stage.

The melted wax erupts like a volcano.  
Rain slithering down your window pane,  
Sad tears trickling down a child's face.  
One large puff and the flame goes out.  
Smoke sweeps upwards in wisps and curls.  
The light is gone, the room is dark again.  
Only a smell lingers, like burning wood.

Hannah Evans

### The Riverside

As I look up  
Tousled geese fly  
In a skein overhead,  
Amongst puffy white clouds  
Soft as swan's down.

An elegant swan  
Glides gracefully by  
Over the mirrored water  
With six tiny cygnets  
Struggling to keep up  
Following behind.

On the riverbank  
Reeds and bulrushes sway.  
And share secrets.  
A fisherman settles down  
Besides a precariously  
placed willow.  
In the distance  
The golden harvest fields  
Are ready to gather.  
Green hills like emeralds  
Rising in to the sky  
Villages nestled in between.

All so calm.

Sophie Donald

## CHURCH CANDLE

Sitting in a pew looking all around  
I see a candle burning bright  
Like a lighthouse with its beacon light.  
It is tall and cylindrical  
Like the columns in the church.  
It is standing to attention  
As a soldier on parade.  
It is melting with age  
Like an ice lolly in the sun.  
As the liquid wax runs down  
Like raindrops on a window pane  
The smooth sides become wrinkled.

Then the wax cools down  
Turning into a frozen stream.  
Its flame shines out brightly  
Like the everlasting sun,  
Flickering in the breeze  
As a twinkling star,  
When the hymns have all been sung  
It is blown out.  
Like a knight has slain a dragon.

Sarah Burgess

### The Letter R

It can be a high fancy boot  
It can be a shot gun shoot  
It can be a slide. Wheee!  
It can be a skateboard ramp  
Jump up and lift your knee!

Abby Miller



# NEDHAM Creative

## CLASS FIVE



### Busy Bin

*Busy Bin lives in Dustbinville, with all the other Busy Bins. He is very helpful and spends all his day picking up rubbish and making Britain a better place to live.*

*Busy Bin is a huge dustbin with straw for arms, legs and neck. He has eleven eyes, Ribena cartons for shoes and a QRA 2000 gas mask. He also has an umbrella made from a dustbin lid and an old stick. He also says, "Could children and adults help me by putting their rubbish in the nearest bin?"*

*Amy Fotherby*

### The Broken Spider

Lurking in the depths of an average family home.  
Exploring the red, comfortable and carpeted floor.  
Scurrying along and looking for anyone there.  
Who's that up there? A dark shadow hovering above.  
Need some cover, but it's too late, the foot has spoken.  
I lay with my blood camouflaged against the red floor,  
I counted my legs again and again, there were six.  
I lay on my back, two legs missing, crying for help.

**Cheryl Laverick**

### Helping Hands

Hands to wipe away a tear,  
Hands to hold when I'm in fear.  
Hands to clap,  
Hands to click,  
Hands to stroke my pet dog.  
Hands to help me lift a log,  
Hands to stir,  
Hands to paint,  
Hands to cook my mum a cake.  
Hands to put it in the oven to bake,  
Hands to sew,

Hands to knit,  
Hands to hold when I am sad.  
Hands to wave when I'm glad,  
Hands to tickle,  
Hands to soothe,  
Hands to hold a knife and fork,  
Hands to help people talk,  
Hands are helpful in every way,  
Hands help, heal, make and play.  
We use our hands every day.

**Charlotte Miller**

### Pottersnikes

A child Pottersnike has four arms, two legs, two large ears and one small ear. They like to eat low-growing plants and fine grass. When they get older, they grow twelve more arms and the middle ear grows to become level with its neighbours. Adults Pottersnikes like to eat big plants and very long grass.

The Pottersnike is a cousin to the Bottersnike, and, unlike the Bottersnike, Pottersnikes like tidiness. They live for about seventy to eighty years. Pottersnikes are busy animals. They are very tidy especially taking pride in their homes.

Pottersnikes live in circular holes in the earth. They like to live near lakes and rivers. On hot, sunny days the children Pottersnikes like to swim in the water. Sometimes, Pottersnikes wash their dishes in the lakes and rivers. At any sign of messiness, Pottersnikes will tidy it. They may even build a new hole.

Between two and four Pottersnikes live in each hole. In the winter, they roll a big stone in front of the entrance of their hole and they hibernate. As soon as they start to feel the cold coming in from outside, they wake up. The Pottersnikes remove the big stone and they are free again. Pottersnikes do not catch any diseases as they have skins that repel them.

**Nicola Canfield**



That was the hand  
That was the hand,  
That waved goodbye,  
Held the gun  
And hoped not to die.

That was the hand,  
That came from above,  
Helped me through  
And seemed like a dove.

That was the hand,  
That made the peace,  
Helped the world  
And every beast

**Poppy Mackay**

# NEDHAM Creative

## CLASS SIX

### The Great Sky Battle

Sun bursts a horrific beam of light,  
Charging through,  
Bedridden clouds,  
To reach the enterprise  
Of ruling sky.  
Clouds fight back,  
Dissolving absorbent sun,  
Into a mass of darkness.  
All light seems to be lost,  
For eternity.  
Sun is mad,  
He scrutinises cloud,

Menacingly, great harm,  
And intention meant.  
Cloud suddenly  
Retaliates,  
Torturing sun,  
Raining, unnecessarily,  
On top of him.  
They will not and  
Cannot grant their peace

Catherine Barnard

### Jack Frost

Creeping and snaking,  
Slinking through cruel snow and ice,  
Cold feet, freezing ponds,  
Icicles shiver and falling,  
Sad breath is frozen; Jack Frost

Hannah Donald

### UNICORN RECIPE

Take four icicles  
Mould them on a pure white structure  
Take the head of Arab mare  
Add a church spire  
Positioned on its forehead  
Broomstick bristles make  
A dazzling mane and tail  
Diamonds for hooves  
Sapphires for eyes  
Then add character,  
Cheeky but kind  
Keep in the warmth of the sun for  
twenty-five days  
Freeze for a week  
Then give her freedom to wander.

ANNABEL KENTWORTHY

### FOOTBALL

**A professional football player explains why he likes playing football.**



*There is something about the sweet-smelling, well-trampled turf beneath your feet. You can smell the sweat dribbling down from your flaming-red forehead to your chin, and then down the front of your t-shirt, warming your already over-heated chest.*

*The thrill of hurtling down the wing, the ball at your feet, the pounding of the opposition thundering behind you. The thump of the opposition crashing in to you, winding you and knocking you down. There is the taste of bitter, foul-tasting earth in your mouth, which you spit out as quickly as possible.*

*These, however, are nothing compared to every footballer's ultimate feeling, the sudden adrenalin rush as they draw back their foot and thump the ball as hard as possible in to the back of the already over-worked net.*

*Even feeling your body burning like a furnace, and the aches and pains from bad tackles, it's all worth it for that moment.*

Helen King  
Class 6



### What a Joy

What a joy it is...  
Passing an exam,  
Learning how to ride a bike,  
Making new friends.

What a joy it is...  
Having your favourite team,  
Manchester United winning  
the league,  
Going on holiday.

What a joy it is...  
At Christmas time,

Decorating the tree,  
Being the one who puts the  
angel on top.  
What a joy it is...  
When it is your birthday,  
Opening your presents,  
Finding a treat inside.

What a joy it is...  
Seeing your grandparents,  
After a long period of time,  
Giving them a big hug,  
Telling them what your week  
has been like.

Anna McGeorge

### THE VELVET WATERFALL

Silky cascades fall,  
Tumbling down jagged  
boulders, Mingling with  
rainbows,

That are suspended above,  
In the peaceful morning air.

Ming-May Chung



# OUT & ABOUT

## Duke of Edinburgh Awards

### Gold Award

A very enthusiastic Year 12 produced some of the highest numbers of participants in recent years. Our dedication was shown by few dropouts and most girls eagerly looking forward to the final expedition.

We learnt a lot from training and route planning but this was soon forgotten when one group, when faced with a cliff decided against finding a way around it, and instead decided to climb it. Their progress was soon halted by frantic instructors' whistles and the laughing observers in the car park below.

Another group walked straight into a bog when trying to find the quickest route through. They changed their trousers but five minutes later did exactly the same thing again.

The lead weight of the rucksacks was soon forgotten as we got walking but this had its disadvantages as one particular person sat on a wall, forgot about her rucksack, and fell over backwards because of the weight!

The art of boiling water is slowly being perfected, after it took Rachael one hour to boil a small pan of water.

We have recently received details of our final expedition, which is to be in North Wales at the end of August. We are all busy planning our route and unfortunately it seems that days 1,2 and 4 are about 25km long, with day 3 about 10km!

Thanks must go to Dave and Mrs Moore for their help and support throughout all the trouble we have caused rearranging dates around our exams. Also thanks to the instructors Phil O, Barry, Mitch, Phil W, Sophie and to Roy for all his hours spent in the minibus.

As well as the expedition we are all busy doing activities to complete our physical, service and skills sections of the award. Many girls are also looking forward to residential courses this summer.

**Lizzie Bransby 12M**  
**Ruth Watson 12Y**

### Silver Exploration – July 2002

Silsden in North Yorkshire was the launching point for 7 LV girls last July, at the start of their Duke of Edinburgh Award Silver Exploration, which was authorised through our local Open Award Centre. This was a unique alternative venture made possible because of the Foot & Mouth Disease restrictions in place over many parts of the countryside.

The girls' home for 4 days was the Bradford D of E 47 ft canal barge 'Out and About', based on the Leeds/Liverpool canal. The theme to be explored, in a series of individual projects, was 'An artistic interpretation of the Leeds/Liverpool canal, using a variety of recording techniques'.

For the majority of girls, life on the canal was a new experience, prepared for during a practice weekend on the Shropshire Union canal, and one to which they quickly adapted and enjoyed.



The skipper was Lewis Rees (school administrator), accompanied by 1st mate Phil Overmire (one of our local Open Award assessors), Miss Skilbeck as President of the Boat Museum Society kindly assessed the individual projects.

Over the course of the long weekend, the girls covered 34 miles of the canal, visiting the famous Bingley Five Rise locks to the east, and reaching the

attractive Dales village of Gargrave to the west. In between they passed through some of the beautiful scenery of the Yorkshire Dales National Park.

Their days were variously taken up with working on and collecting information for their individual projects, and updating their Exploration diaries. They also helped to look after and manoeuvre the barge, and were totally self-sufficient in the galley! Although the walking was along the canal towpath, an extended amount still had to be done to comply with the rules of the Exploration, and in between the girls operated all the many swing bridges and locks along this part of the canal.

Congratulations to all the participants - Sophia Berry, Cassie Campbell, Lucy Greaves, Charlotte Laine, Heather Rees, Laura Selley, Anna Sznerch and thanks to all who contributed to the success of this one-off venture.

### Bronze Award Holders' Achieved 2001-2002

Fiona Britton, Laura Evans, Abigail Gleeck, Beth Greenhouse, Brina Marks, Kay Morris, Emily Williams, Tammy King, Alice Mason, Emily Mason, Victoria McCubbine, Nicola Webb, Sarah Ayton, Sarah Bransby, Stephanie Hughes.



# OUT & ABOUT

## ECUADOR 2001



The first week was spent collecting provisions and mountain trekking; this part of the expedition was our least favourite. We spent the first few days camping in rain and snow and acclimatising to the atmosphere, which was much higher up than we had ever been before (after walking about 10 metres we were out of breath). Many people got altitude sickness and we were badly dehydrated (I would recommend drinking about 4 million gallons of water a day!), so we waited until everyone was feeling better before we climbed our highest peak.

This first week was very tough. Emma really suffered and had to be taken down off the mountain because she was unable to breathe properly. However, she quickly recovered and looking back we were pleased to have achieved something as difficult as climbing a mountain, with huge rucksacks on our backs, in such poor conditions.

When we left the National Park we were taken to a hacienda, which is similar to a guesthouse except that it had a thatched roof and horses and cows wandering around the courtyard. We were looked after brilliantly by the locals, who cooked for us every night, and we jumped at the chance to have our first shower in six days (if you don't count the ice-cold waterfall we washed under up the mountain). We spent one day horse riding on the mountains, which was amazing, and we got to see some beautiful scenery. After our mountain phase we returned to Quito and stayed in a hostel before catching a bus to our next destination, a primary school in the mountains. This was our project phase, and we refurbished a run-down school so that the classrooms no longer had dull interiors or smashed glass. We fixed the roof and the kitchen, which was previously very unhygienic, and painted the outside of the school with flags and maps.

On the last day of our project phase the local children came to the school to thank us and put on a lovely dance for us to watch. This was highly emotive and made us all realise how privileged we all are, since the children were all so happy and positive despite the fact that their standard of living was appalling compared to ours.

After this phase we journeyed to the jungle. This week was truly breathtaking, since we spent the week swinging in hammocks on the banks of the Amazon river, sleeping in bamboo huts and swimming with pink dolphins. Every day we went on long jungle treks, and every evening we ate delicious meals - one day we even ate a piranha, which our guide caught when we attempted piranha fishing.

We finished the month white-water rafting, shopping at a local market for gifts and visiting the Equator. The whole experience has made a huge impact on our lives; it has given us a taste of another culture and augmented our desire to travel. I would recommend this kind of expedition to anyone because it is such a great opportunity to get out and see the world, whilst at the same time making new friends and becoming more independent.

I hope the Kenya trip is just as successful and that everyone going has the best experience of their lives - I'm pretty confident that they will and I wish them all well.

**Libby Coakley 13T**





# "TAKE YOUR DAUGHTER TO WORK"

## SOME YEAR 9 EXPERIENCES

### MY DAY AS A CRECHE ASSISTANT BY ALICIA CHATWIN

As I entered the 'baby room', a huge smile appeared on my face at the sight of two little cuties (these of course being Dylan and Daniel! They were so tiny and at the moment in time were playing on the baby mat surrounded by a gazillion toys!

My first job was to entertain them! Now, what better way of doing this is there, than pulling a few funny faces! They certainly liked this; by the end of the game I had left little Daniel grinning for Britain! We had plenty of fun showing Daniel how to paint!

He became so incredibly messy that he had to have a long long bath! Secondly, I took the three babies in prams out to the playground with the assistance of a very nice lady called Kelly, who was very helpful!

By the time we had reached the outdoor world, Dylan and Daniel had fallen into the land of nod!

So next after a little walk, we proceeded to the 'night room' where we put the two little angels into their cots. I was quite amazed, but pleased, to see that some of the cots had heart monitors to keep a regular check of the babies' heart rates!

I thoroughly enjoyed my time at the creche. There were no parts to my day that I disliked. The experiences I encountered were harder than I expected, but well worth it when I saw the smiles on the babies' faces! Going to work was a lot different from going to school because there was no timetable, so I never knew what to expect! I am looking forward to visiting the creche again in the near future!

### MY DAY EXPERIENCING THE OTHER SIDE OF SCHOOL

#### What did I like about the day?

Registering late pupils-I saw the pupils, talked to them and had feedback on the school.

LSU - Learning support unit. Children who are on the verge of permanent exclusion due to lack of work, attitude towards work, and incidents around school. I enjoyed helping the children. They looked up to me as an authority figure but as we were of similar ages we connected and I felt that I could help them with their work as we were on the same wavelength.

#### What did I dislike about the day?

Substituting a Year 8 English lesson. The children behaved so differently than we do at Queen's. The children were noisy, made no attempt to do the work and made life very difficult for the teachers. With lessons like this, I'm not surprised how tired my mother is at the end of the day. Yes! Did you do some teaching of them? No, as I was not qualified.

My day at Halton High School was exciting and invigorating - a worthwhile experience.

By Anna Davies



# OUT & ABOUT

## SKI TRIP 2002

On Thursday February 8th about 20 lower 6th girls rolled up at school at 1am in the morning to get the coach to Heathrow airport. Following a 3-month countdown to the trip we were all excited and enthusiastic to get going, despite the fact that we had a 24-hour journey ahead of us.

Having travelled by coach and plane, we eventually arrived at our hotel in Quebec, where no one could fail to notice that it was extremely cold. We were all worn out but soon recovered after a good night's sleep, ready for our first day of skiing.

Those of us who had not skied before soon learnt that there is much more to the sport than simply allowing gravity to take you down the hill. It was an eventful day for all groups. Mrs Hoyle was stranded after falling over, and the intermediate group found themselves on a black run, and ended up sliding, rather than skiing down the slopes. However, things gradually improved as we grew in confidence, and by the end of the day most of the beginners' group braved the nursery slope, only to confirm fears that skiing can be rather painful.

We skied for the following 4 days, as well as venturing out into Quebec in the evenings. On the first evening we saw a real-live game of ice hockey, between an American team and the local Quebec club, the Citadelles. We soon picked up the rules, being that there are virtually none, and enjoyed the game, especially in the interval when the peewee teams came on. On the second evening we visited a traditional Canadian sugar shack, serving unusual dishes, (roast pork fat anyone?). Most enjoyable of all was the Ice Park, the Canadian equivalent of Alton Towers with rides consisting of ice slides, toboggans and rafting down frozen slopes. On the fourth day, we visited the town of Quebec in the morning, where we were able to see the sights, and also go shopping! That night was spent on the slopes, night skiing. The final evening in Quebec was spent at a disco, which other schools also attended. The next day we were all sad to be leaving Quebec although looking forward to Toronto and the Niagara Falls.

An internal flight took us to Toronto, where we headed straight for Niagara, and our second hotel. The bus journey passed quickly, due to the musical contribution provided by Ace of Base, which everyone naturally loved.

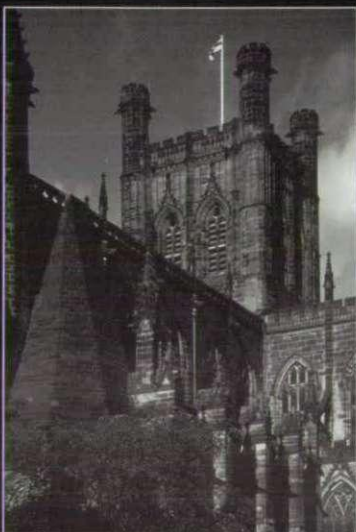


The falls themselves surpassed all expectations and most of us used at least a whole film in taking photographs. That evening there was another shopping opportunity, at the Niagara outlet village where we all managed to pick up designer labels at bargain prices.

The final day in Canada for most was spent in visiting the CN tower, the world's tallest tower, and our favourite activity of all, you guessed it, more shopping. The day passed quickly and before we knew it we were on our way home. Our homeward journey was a solemn one, although all were glad that the week had passed without too many catastrophes, apart from of course Emma's concussion, Kathryn's torn ligaments, Anna's thumb, a certain person scalding herself after making the coffee machine explode and Fiona's bag going missing for 48 hours!

Our thanks must go to Mrs O'Donnell, Mrs Roberts, Mrs Leigh and Mrs Hoyle for making the holiday so enjoyable, and of course to Fred, the ski force rep. whose impeccable organisation skills had everything running perfectly!

*Vicki Garry 12J & Helen Thomas 12R*



## YEAR 7 CHESTER CATHEDRAL HISTORY VISIT

In the spring term Year 7 visited Chester Cathedral as part of their history studies on monasteries and were shown a different cathedral to the one they knew from school services. Under the guidance of the Education Officer, Judy Davies, an ex-Queen's School girl herself, they discovered what St. Werburgh's Abbey was like before Henry VIII dissolved the monasteries. Year 7 were suitably impressed as their comments show.

*'I hadn't realised how big it was because in the service I had only been in the nave. I enjoyed seeing the statue of the elephant ... I certainly couldn't have done it.'*

*I liked the design and structure of the shrine which used to enclose the relics of St. Werburgh ... Coming to the cathedral has made me more interested in history.'*

*I enjoyed looking at the elephant in the quire and all the amazing sculptures. The cathedral looked very impressive as well as the misericords. I'm not sure I could cope with standing up for all eight services so the misericords would definitely come in handy! The canopies were extremely elaborate and I'm sure they would be very helpful to a cold monk at 2 o'clock in the morning. I thought the painted ceilings were very beautiful.'*

*'Everyone had a really good time and no-one went home without finding out something they didn't know before.'*

*Emily Fozard, Heather Elrick,  
Clair Davies and Kate Johnson 7B*



# MY EXPERIENCE AT Zandra Rhodes

My first day at Zandra Rhodes was incredibly nerve-wracking. I was told to sit down and look at Zandra's past works by the scariest woman I have ever met.

At first I couldn't believe how simple it was, but as the weeks progressed I found it challenging trying to produce ideas and patterns that Zandra would approve of.

My final pieces were, a design on a T-shirt and a design on a square of material that will be going up with other students' work at the new "Fashion and Textiles Museum" that Zandra will be opening shortly in Bermondsey, London. I was asked to stay on a bit longer to put my designs onto some scarves that would be sold under Zandra's name.

So, is work experience just something to put on your UCAS form? Absolutely not, it helped me in so many other ways. It taught me to be independent, travelling around London with my 'A-Z'.

It made me realise that the final results can be a lot better if they are not rushed (an important lesson for me, as my art teachers would tell you) and I met some great people, including the lady that scared the life out of me on my first day, the fantastic Zandra Rhodes. It was a fantastic experience, that I am so glad I have done, one I would recommend to anyone.

**By Eleanor Brotherhood, 13C**

## CCF CADETS

### RAF

The RAF section was inundated with new recruits in September and their enthusiasm has remained throughout the year. We had such a strong female representation this year that we actually ran out of skirts!

Activities during the year have included nite-exercises, camp craft and shooting. Many cadets have completed proficiency exams and all have learnt new skills such as leadership and teamwork. Some cadets went on the Army visit to Sandhurst; others have had the opportunity to go flying and gliding, of whom many have completed various levels of gliding proficiency. We are all looking forward to summer camp this year, in RAF Halton, and also to the prospect of a parachute jump in September.

Our thanks must go to Wing Cdr Ball, Flt Lt Hindley and the RAF liaison officers for their continued support throughout the year.

### ARMY

The army section this year has had a very busy and eventful year with many excursions and events. All those who went on summer camp thoroughly enjoyed their stay, and most cadets are looking forward to this year's camp in Nesscliff, Cumbria. In preparation for this many of us went on a training weekend at Swynnerton training camp. The weekend was hard going, but nevertheless enjoyable.

Weekly activities this year have included weapons drills and command tasks and leadership skills have been ever improving. Some cadets have now completed their M of I course after a year's training.

Thanks must go to all of the officers, the SSI and the RSM for their continuing commitment and dedication to the section.

**Cpl Helen Thomas 12R, J Cpl Vicki Garry 12J, Cdt Sam Kakati 12R, Lance Cpl Tammy King 10S**

## YEAR 9 HISTORY VISIT TO IRONBRIDGE

In the Autumn Term, as a part of their study of the Industrial Revolution, year 9 visited Ironbridge and Blists Hill, a World Heritage site.

Here we saw the original furnace where Abraham Darby developed his revolutionary process of smelting iron using coke, and we learnt more about the importance of this development in the Coalbrookdale Museum of Iron, where girls operated models and marvelled at the ingenuity of the Victorians.

The iron bridge itself never fails to impress with its elegant structure spanning the River Severn but the highlight of the day was the visit to Blists Hill.

The girls enjoyed exploring its Victorian shops, school and doctor's surgery as well as watching candle-making and cobbling. Traditional sweets and buns proved appealing but we left thankful for the advances in modern dentistry.





# Sense Trek to Bhutan, Autumn 2001

I was lying in bed recovering from 'flu in January when I finally decided to send off an application form to Sense, to take part in their sponsored trek to Bhutan later that year. I had been considering doing a sponsored trek for some time, and decided now was the time to take the plunge. Why Bhutan? Probably because out of all the trips the charity offered, it was the country I knew the least about. A tiny Buddhist kingdom in the Himalayas, Bhutan effectively shut itself off from the outside world until the 1970's, and even since then has only allowed a limited number of visitors each year, and those always under the supervision of a local guide. Why Sense? It was the adopted charity of the law firm where I had been working for the past two years, and over that time I had been touched as I learnt about its valuable work on behalf of deaf/blind people, helping them out of their isolated world.

Once I had been accepted on to the trek, the daunting task of raising a minimum of £3,000 lay ahead. I was very lucky to be in a position where family, friends, and corporate sponsors all proved to be overwhelmingly generous. I eventually raised over £3,500, which included a very generous donation from the Queen's School Association.

So I found myself at Heathrow Airport at the end of September, part of a group of seven, all of whom were similarly excited and nervous. We flew first to Kathmandu, where we spent a couple of days caught up in a frantic way of life which provided a strange contrast with the peaceful but persuasive co-existence of the Hindu and Buddhist religions, before flying on to Bhutan.

I suppose we all expected Bhutan to be very similar to Nepal: possibly a little remote, but otherwise with few differences. At that stage we were unprepared for the vastly different way of life that we were to experience.

We flew to Bhutan in one of the country's two tiny aeroplanes, into the airport positioned by necessity in the only place in Bhutan with enough flat land to accommodate it. We were then to spend a couple of days acclimatising in Paro. In any case, this gave us the chance to experience some of the Bhutanese lifestyle before moving on. In particular, we were struck by the presence of the Buddhist religion in every aspect of life in Bhutan. Coming from an increasingly secular Western world, it was strange to find a country where boys are still commonly sent away, little more than toddlers, to train as monks, and where religion dictates almost all aspects of life.

Being such a small group, we were also very lucky to be invited into a family's harvest celebration in their home. Every family has such a celebration, spending days preparing the house before asking local monks to play music at the ceremony, to which the family also invited all their family and friends. The display, put on in a house where the people own almost nothing, was amazingly ornate and beautiful. The hospitality of the people, as everywhere in Bhutan, was also very touching, although we were less grateful when they pressed us to try their butter tea - literally tea churned with butter, a treat for them on special occasions, but something which we all politely struggled to drink!

A couple of days later, we were ready to start the trek. Never had the basic bedrooms and bathrooms at our hostel looked so inviting, especially looking outside at the gentle but persistent drizzle! However, we set off, initially through a muddy forest, carefully stepping from rock to rock, whilst locals showed us up, easily overtaking us, even with their heavy loads.

In the first couple of days, we passed a few houses, but the track which we followed was inaccessible except by foot, and we soon saw how Bhutan had gained its reputation for being so remote. However, everyone we did meet was fascinated by our western faces, and pressed tea and food on us - all very welcome as we were trekking for upwards of eight hours a day.

On the third day, we rose above the tree line, and with the persistent cloud temporarily clearing we caught our first glimpse of the spectacular Himalayan ranges. We camped that night at a site known for its scenery; in particular, when daylight came we had been promised spectacular views of Jhomolhari, a holy mountain to the Buddhists. However, we woke to thick cloud - sightseeing was impossible and our guides looked concerned. The fourth day was, in any case, expected to be our hardest day, as we climbed to over 5,000m, and that was even without the expected snow which started in the middle of the morning. This gradually got harder until eventually we found ourselves in near blizzard conditions as we approached our summit. We were all feeling the effects of altitude, not helped by the cold and wet. However, the sense of camaraderie which built up in the tough conditions, both between the group members and with our local guides, was incredible. Later that evening we all agreed that we had surpassed our own expectations of ourselves - the guides, also taken by surprise by the snow, said that these were the worst conditions in which they had ever done this trek. My photos of that day record a complete "white-out" - there is a sudden switch from lush vegetation to a landscape covered in snow - which help recall the great sense of achievement we all felt at the end of the day. Our guides, themselves wet through, hungry and with no change of clothes, gave yet another display of Bhutanese hospitality, first cooking us dinner (a typical spread of four different curries and soup which seemed to magic up from nowhere on a daily basis!) and then building a fire to dry our wet belongings.

After the struggle of the fourth day, we were delighted on waking up the next morning, to find bright sunshine. As everything was wet, we agreed to walk the final three days worth of the trek in two days, and for those two days the weather was perfect, revealing spectacular and incredible scenery previously hidden by the cloud. The sense of enormity of the landscape was amazing: as we started our descent, our route opened up into a wide valley. There we met a family of nomads - yak herders who live in tents and follow their yaks to different land depending upon the time of year. The nomads had two daughters who were fascinated by the blonde hair of some of our group - they had never seen this before.

We eventually made it back to our starting point, each of us touched by our experiences and unable to believe we had been away for only a week. We struggled to readjust to the rudimentary roads and vehicles we encountered - although this was nothing compared to our shock on returning to the hectic lifestyle in Kathmandu.

After a couple of days of sightseeing and shopping it was time for us to return home. Despite our exhaustion, the flight home gave time for some reflections on our experiences. Personally, I came away having made some fantastic new friends, and also with perhaps a slightly changed perspective of life. We had travelled to the other side of the world and encountered an entirely foreign culture, which, although simple was rich in history, religion and tradition. I feel privileged to have had a glimpse of this hidden kingdom.

Sarah Jones



# The Queen's School Association 2001-2002

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## Marjorie Miln (née Hack) The Queen's School 1949 - 1963

Marjorie's sudden death on 16th June 2001 stunned and greatly saddened all who knew her. Its effect on the AGM, held exactly two weeks later, was palpable.

Head Girl during her last year at school, Marjorie was awarded an Open Scholarship by Royal Holloway College where she read French. Following a year at Hughes Hall, Cambridge she taught at Manchester High School, briefly at The Queen's School and latterly at The Hammond School, Chester, retiring in July 2000.

Marjorie was elected to the QSA Committee at the 1974 AGM and served two 3-year terms as Secretary ('76-'82) and two as Chairman ('88 - '94) and at her death was completing another two years as Chairman. Her dedication to the Association, her meticulous preparations, enthusiasm and generous participation in its

activities were characteristic of Marjorie's high standards in all she undertook.

Marjorie lived a full life: home-making and support for her family were paramount; she was a successful and sympathetic teacher; her commitment to Chester Cathedral and its activities, membership of Chester Music Society Choir occupied some of her leisure time but The Queen's School (involvement for many years as a parent) and QSA took a major part.

The most important facet of Marjorie's life was her steadfast Christian faith which was referred to at her funeral service in Chester Cathedral. Many representatives of The Queen's School community, QSA and Hammond School joined family and friends to mourn Marjorie's death and give thanks for her life. A significant contribution to the service was made by 'The

Queen's School Chamber Choir who sang 'In Paradisum' from the Fauré Requiem.

We remember Marjorie with great affection and gratitude and offer our condolences to Roger who supported her at many QSA events, their family Andrew, Philippa (who attended the Queen's School) and James and to her sister Rowena Young, also a member of the QSA.

Marjorie has left us an example of loyalty and service. Our positive response to the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century, so that the aims of the QSA may continue to be fulfilled, would be a fitting tribute.

**Elinor Edwards**  
Vice-President QSA

# The Queen's School Association NEWS

On June 30th 2001, Miss Skilbeck, our President, chaired our Annual General Meeting for her last time and commenced the meeting by asking all present to remember Marjorie Miln with a minute's silence. Her sudden death, only days before the meeting, had stunned us all and her support to the Q.S.A. will be sadly missed.

Miss Skilbeck gave a special welcome to our three Vice Presidents, especially Connie Baxter, who had made a good recovery after a fall earlier in the year.

In her Report, she announced the continuing successes, in both 'A' level results and GCSE, achieved by the girls from the previous year but commented on the difficulties encountered by the introduction of the new Curriculum 2000. Its aim, to broaden the pupils' Sixth Form Studies, has resulted in less time to participate in extra curricular and out of school activities. Miss Skilbeck also outlined the plans to alter accommodation in Nedham House and to provide areas for science, computers, a library and administration. Art facilities were also to be improved. It was hoped that the History Department at the Senior School could be moved to 12, Stanley Place and to upgrade Science, Staff and Administration facilities.

There had been numerous sporting successes and the many musical activities and concerts had raised money for several charities. The School Choirs had sung at Evensong in both Chester and St. Asaph Cathedrals.

Hilarie McNae, in her role as Representative Governor of the Association, reported that her most important task had been her involvement in the replacement for Miss Skilbeck. There had been some excellent candidates and Mrs. Buckley, currently Principal of the Girls' Division of King's Macclesfield, had been appointed. Hilarie has been appointed Vice-Chairman of Governors, and acknowledges this great honour.

Wearing her other hat, Hilarie as our Treasurer, accounted for the year's financial transactions. She said that many members, who had paid a Life Subscription many years ago, had very generously contributed extra donations to the running of the Association, which were very gratefully received. However, this had meant that there had been a reduction in contributions to the Memorial Fund and she hoped members would consider donating to the Memorial Fund this coming year, where extra funds are badly needed.

Hilarie also asked members to consider raising the Bursary to £1,250 each year and stated that this would still only pay for part of one term's fees. This was agreed. She also explained that as a result of the introduction of the 25 year subscription, more money was being received, which needed to be administered by a skilled financial expert.

Margaret Yorke was elected as Chairman and Judy Davies as Membership Secretary. The other 8 Committee members were re-elected enbloc.

Finally, a presentation of Life membership to English Heritage was given to Miss Skilbeck to mark her retirement. In appreciation of the 12 years support she has given to the QSA, Stephanie Worden presented Mrs Prince with a silver fruit bowl and Mrs Barnes was given a hand-tied bouquet of flowers. Susan Seys-Llewellyn thanked Mary Burgess, who was retiring from the Committee, for all the hard work she had done for the Association. Beautiful flowers, arranged once again by Joan Roberts, were presented to all the ladies.

A delicious lunch followed the AGM.

The new academic year began with the Annual Michaelmas Supper which was well attended once again. Next year will be its 10th Anniversary, so please support it if you can. The function is not only for school leavers and we would love to see more QSA members at the event on Friday 6th September. It is great value for only £7.50.

At the time of going to press, we are looking forward to the London Meeting which will be held in Oxford this year on Saturday May 18th 2002 at the Oxford Centre. Susan Benson who revived the London and Oxford Branches of the QSA in 1989 has handed over the organisation of the London meetings to Barbara Rajkumar (Rushton) and we thank her very much for organising so many interesting venues for those members living in the South. Our A.G.M. will take place in the Main School on Saturday June 29th when we will be welcoming Mrs. Buckley as our new President and Miss Skilbeck as a new Vice President. We will also be marking the retirement of Mrs. Lloyd who will be remembered by many past pupils, for her sincerity and empathy, when teaching Religious Education.

All of our members should have received a copy of the new Newsletter, "The Queen's Speech" which is published by the School. Mrs. Buckley would like to send a copy to QSA members each term in order to keep them in touch with School activities. If you haven't received a copy with an application form, please contact the School Secretary.

## **Mrs Lloyd**

Mrs Lloyd is the epitome of good teaching and her departure will mean a very real loss to the School. Her recognition that teaching should be a vocation, not a mere job, made itself felt - all her pupils knew that Mrs. Lloyd's concern was for their total well-being as well as for their academic performance. She was never a stern disciplinarian, but nonetheless won over the most anarchic students by her kind patience and indefatigable enthusiasm. Even during the GCSE and A-level years, when pressure was on to race through our syllabus in time for the exams, she managed to impress upon us still the pleasure of learning for learning's sake. Always interested in her students' ideas, however noisy and opinionated, she frequently stimulated discussion in her lessons. Debates guided by Mrs. Lloyd, which often spilled over of their own accord into break-time, rarely left anyone apathetic or unquestioning.

Those of us who were taught by Mrs. Lloyd, both during lessons and through the many extra-curricular activities with which she was involved, are privileged. On behalf of all her former pupils, I wish her a very happy retirement.

**Elizabeth Brooks (née Barrow)**



# NEWS of Past Pupils

**Moirá Bartlett** (*Porter left in the 60's*) has the exciting job of Governor of the female centre at Durham Prison. She gave up her music teaching career whilst Head of Department at Stokesley Comprehensive School due to a degenerative ailment which affected her hands. Moira would be very happy to hear from any of her friends and can be contacted by Email [howard@howard02.demon.co.uk](mailto:howard@howard02.demon.co.uk) or by telephone at weekends on 0116 259 3747

**Edna Bassett** (*Ball 1945-57*) writes with news from her New Zealand pen-pal, of Miss Betty Bruce, who taught for 12 months on an exchange from New Zealand, at the Queen's School, in the early 50's. Edna began writing when Miss Bruce returned home with addresses of girls from Chester who wanted pen-pals. Miss Bruce attended a recent school reunion where she met up with Edna's pen-pal and talked at length about her stay in Chester. She is in good health and sends her best wishes to any old girls and staff who remember her.

**Connie Baxter** (*1923-33 and staff 1938-74*) has recently had another stay in hospital after a fall in her home. She is currently staying in a nursing home and would like to thank all who sent her cards, flowers, gifts and good wishes for her speedy recovery.

**Margaret (Mig) Bennett** (*Jones 1957 - 71*) has recently made contact with one or two contemporaries from the leavers of 1971 via the web and asks anyone interested in e-mail to contact her on [bvhouse@waitrose.com](mailto:bvhouse@waitrose.com). She is still living in East Sussex, working for Relate and doing some research, project based work for Cambridge Examinations syndicate and other educational bodies, mainly in literacy but also some science.

**Kathryn Bishop** (*Lawson 1989 - 1996*) graduated from the University of Warwick in June 2000 with a 2.1 in BA (Hons) Education and Psychology and then spent a year working as a full time youth worker for a church in Coventry. In December 2001 she married Christopher, who she met at university, and is currently temping in Coventry prior to starting a PGCE in September of this year.

**Mary Blane** (*Milton 1932 - 44*) writes that her eldest grandchild, Peter, has been offered a place at St. Edmund Hall, Oxford in September 2002 to read Physics and her youngest, Sarah has passed the entrance exam for Leicester Grammar School, where she will join her elder brother in September 2002.

**Ann Bond** (*Avery 1938 - 1949*) toured North America last year en route to a family wedding in California, for which she played the organ. She has recently taken up the post of organist and choirmaster at Christ Church, Carnforth, a leading Anglo-Catholic Church in Blackburn diocese which has given a welcome opportunity for some really interesting organ playing. She recalls playing the organ for the Commemoration Service just before going to Cambridge in 1949, as Organ Scholar of Girton College. She asks "Might I be able to do this again at some future date?" As well as all the organ playing she still enjoys fell-walking and Scottish dancing and is thinking of learning Classical Greek. Last year, she had her 70th birthday party in Portugal with her son and daughter and their respective sons, both aged 2.

**Elizabeth Brooks** (*Barrow left 1997*) was awarded a BA First Class Honours in Classics at Newnham College, Cambridge in June 2001

**Mary Burgess** (*Ham left 1963*) completed her training and was licensed as a Church of England Lay Reader. She is currently studying for an MTh in Applied Theology at Chester College.

**Janet Burley** (*Sweeney 1959 - 66*) has recently been appointed as a Governor at Dyson Perrins Church of England High school, Malvern where she taught and where her sons, Simon (15) and Nicholas (13)

attend. Last November she spent a weekend with Chris Bithell in London (lots of reminiscing!)

**Alison Carter** (*1975 - 82*) says she has finally 'escaped' (after 16 years) as a government ecologist and returned to being a student. She is studying for Diplomas in both Horticulture and Garden Design and finds the change a brilliant tonic but states "it remains to be seen what happens after the course finishes in July as I may then begin to regret resigning from a job paying a decent monthly salary!"

**Violet Diallo** (*Gumbleton 1947-61*) received the M.B.E. for service to the country of Mali where she lives.

**Sue Elphick** (*Beaufoy 1949-54*) has been honoured with an MBE for her charitable services given to the Countess of Chester Hospital.

**Sue Glass** (*Gray 1961 - 69*) has been running her own Architectural practice since 1987 on a "not-quite-full-time" basis while her family was growing up. Her husband George and she have three sons. Jonathon who is 21 and in his final year at Cambridge reading Engineering; Simon who is 19 and reading Chemical Engineering at UMIST and Oliver who is 16 and in the Lower Vith at Wellington College, Berkshire. He also plans to become an engineer. They have an adopted son in the north of India and visited him in 1999 when celebrating their Silver Wedding. They had a very exciting and enjoyable trip - fell in love with India and would love to return there.

**Sheila Griffiths** (*Ferguson 1917-39*) who died this year (see deaths) was, apparently, the last hereditary chieftain of the Ferguson clan.

**Jill Harper** (*Jervis 1946 - 55*) tells of a reunion lunch at Broxton Hall Hotel on 13th October 2001, by 15 1955 leavers. The initiative stemmed from the Centenary Lunch when there wasn't sufficient time to catch up on all the news! Two came over from Canada having only discovered they were neighbours at the Centenary Lunch. It is hoped to repeat the exercise in 2005 when it will be 50 (sshhhh) years since they left school. Any leads to more of these young ladies would be appreciated by Jill. Please contact her on Tel: 01948 860193; e-mail: [southbarn@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:southbarn@ukonline.co.uk)

**Hartley J M** (*1962-1972*) is a Senior Lecturer in International History and Political Science at the London School of Economics. She is married with 2 children.

**Margaret Ireland** (*Kelly 1952-65*) is enjoying her new special responsibility teaching position as a Pastoral Leader in a Comprehensive School in Birkenhead. She says it is demanding of time, energy and patience but has its rewards. (Certainly not for the fainthearted!!)

**Clair Johnson** (*De Keyser 1966-73*) Clair writes that she was divorced in 1997 and moved house on New Year's Day 2001. She has 3 daughters, Sophie (23) who has a degree in 3 Dimensional Design Tablewear; Laura (21) works as a Beauty therapist in Mold and Rachael (16) still at school in Ruthin. She has her own business producing soft furnishings made to measure.

**Margaret Lewis** (*Woods 1958 - 65*) tells of how she discovered, when talking to a fellow hotel guest on holiday in Barra, Western Isles (formerly Outer Hebrides), that she had been evacuated from Liverpool to a school in Chester! It was the Queen's School! They shared memories of the Queen's School during the war and during the 60's. She had some interesting tales to tell of being boarded with Q.S. families and attending lessons for half a day whilst the Chester girls attended during the other half.

Jacqueline Maguire (*Clinton 1966-1973*) writes that she is working towards an MSc in Learning Disability Studies at Birmingham University and would love to hear from fellow members who work in this field.

Jane Meadowcroft (*Aldred 1962-1971*) has recently become Advisor for CITB after being Head of Science for 10 years in Suffolk. She is married with 2 children and numerous pets. On her recent visit to Chester she didn't think it had changed at all.

Sally Melling (*Davies 1949 - 56*) writes that she and her husband, John (ex-King School boy) sailed in 1999/2000, in their boat 'Taraki', as far south as 'Buenas Aires'. They then left 'Taraki' in La Plata and spent 6 weeks trekking in Patagonia. In 2001 they set off for Greenland but, due to engine trouble, had to turn round and sail for Ireland spending 33 days at sea. They have decided to head off south again this year but plans are not yet finalised!

Pamela Miller (*Cooper 1942 - 47*) who lives in New York, visited Chester last July with her daughter and had great pleasure showing her around the school, pointing out where the air-raid shelters were. They loved all of Chester, especially the Walls and the Rows and the large pedestrian area. This visit was followed by a cruise to Scandinavia, the Baltic and Russia - and to her 'dream' - the Hermitage.

Pat Mitchell (*Brown 1947 - 54*) enjoyed a two weeks National Trust working holiday in 2001 with her husband, on Lindisfarne. They acted as room stewards in the castle each day and are booked to go again in 2002. She says "Some think it is not a 'proper' holiday, but we disagree!" She is also realising a childhood ambition to continue tap dancing lessons, after a gap of 58 years!!

Julian Morgan (*Bamfield 1949 - 55*) has settled in Shropshire after her husband's retirement. She has enjoyed 28 years as a Foreign Service wife serving twice in China, Yugoslavia, South Africa, Sierra Leone and the Phillipines which "gave scope for some language learning"! She has 2 sons and 3 grandsons and is currently Chairman of Ludlow Bench and High Sheriff in nomination for 2003/4.

Barbara Newbury (*Cuzner 1942 - 52*) writes that since her daughter has moved from Hong Kong to Manhattan, she and her husband now visit New York instead to see their first grandchild. She finds New York very different from Hong Kong and was there in October 2001 after the devastation of September 11th. However, by January 2002 they found life was more cheerful and livelier. They continued to Washington, Connecticut for a short visit, and enjoyed walking, in the beautiful countryside, covered in snow which was "deep & crisp & even".

Helen Pantony (*1984 - 96*) gained an MSc from Nottingham University in occupational psychology and is now working in London for a large firm of Occupational Psychologists which she is enjoying very much!

Veronica Patrick (*Davies 1965 - 78*) now has three children - Hannah (5), Grace (3) and Edward (born September 01) and enjoying life in Colwyn Bay. As well as looking after the children, Veronica marks exams in Business English for Pitman Qualifications.

Brenda Partington (*Wheeldon 1944 - 55*) has met up, in the last year, with Marian Crowley (Turnell left 1954); Jo Gibson (Reid 1954); Angela Brown (Mullock 1954) and her sister Diana.

Mary Roosevelt (*left in 1957*) writes that she loves retirement and doing everything she has always enjoyed - exploring successful aspects of educating children, reading, travelling, and entertaining friends. Her house remodel is complete and her new 'efficient' garage is NOT for her car but houses her 'office'!

Pauline Smith (*Atherton 1949 - 54*) is trying to arrange a reunion for her year. Please ring her direct on 01492 549418 if you wish to join her.

Kathleen Stockwell (*Swarbrick 1942-47*) writes to say that she has made contact with another QSA member - Bridget Penny who only lives a few miles away - via the Newsletter. They had a very nostalgic time and Kathleen says it is the first time she has met a QSA member living in Dorset!

Jane Todd (*1963-72*) emigrated to Brisbane, Australia in 1989 - loves the casual-lifestyle and great weather. Has worked for Qantas Airways for the last 10 years as a customer services agent, building on her experience as a flight attendant for British Airways (1975-1981). She is returning to University this year to study (part-time) for a post graduate certificate in writing, editing and publishing with a view to becoming a copy editor, hopefully on a full-time basis.

Eileen Unsworth (*Darwin 1959 - 1965*) is working hard as a supply and part-time music teacher in Staffordshire. Her daughter (Cathy, 16) is now at Sixth Fork College in Fenton and is intent on being a teacher also!

Ruth Waring (*Williams 1978-83*) is married to Graham and has a 4 year old son, Matthew. She works as Transport Manager for a large academic publishing company and lives in Leamington Spa.

Emma de Winter (*Francis 1975-85*) has recently moved to Christleton with her husband and three children. Both the new house and garden need a lot of work but they feel very settled and happy there. Their eldest daughter, Sophie, has just moved to Nedham House from Sandford and is enjoying life there, very much. Emma is involved with the parents committee at the Firs where, Louisa and Hems, the two youngest children attend. She would welcome news from any of her contemporaries on: dewinteremma@aol.com

Margaret Yorke (*Longman 1950-57*) is enjoying retirement but finding her role on the Board of CLS Care (they own 43 homes for older people in Cheshire and Wigan) is taking a great deal of time. She is also researching into the history of Boughton and would be grateful if any members have any photographs or memories to share. In May, she is going to visit Mary Gabl (Crimes) in Austria where Mary has lived for nearly 40 years.

## SHIRLEY HAYES

Our very sincere thanks to Shirley who will have served on the Queen's School Committee for 40 years this year. We are indebted to her for her help in collating the membership on disc and for encouraging so many past pupils to join the QSA.

## Where Are They Now?

(Approximate year of leaving school is given where known)

Miss R S Brown.....	(1987) Maidenhead
Mrs Alexandra Burgde Ware.....	
Mrs Beatrice Dolby.....	(1960) Oxford
Miss R Dutton.....	(1916) Cambridge
Mrs Carol Firmstone.....	(1993) Accrington
Miss Emma Flaherty.....	(1995) Lower Whitley
Mrs Christine Forster.....	Bedford
Miss Griffiths.....	Southsea
Miss Alex Kirk.....	Tarporley
Miss Catherine Lawson.....	(1994) Northwich
Miss Victoria Miller.....	(1972) Haslemere
Mrs. S Nightingale.....	(1987) Tarporley
Mrs Margaret Pert.....	(1920) Bournemouth
Mrs Lindsey Stent Vettese.....	(1989) Surbiton
Rena Trebocka.....	(1998)
Miss Joan Wise.....	(1927) Eastbourne BN21 1EF



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## BIRTHS

Patrick  
Tomlinson

To Veronica (Davies 1965 - 78) a son, Edward Allan Peter on September 12th 2001  
To Susan (Shaw 1976-83) and Paul, a son James Montgomery in March 2000

## MARRIAGES

Barrow  
Fernandes

Elizabeth (left 1998) to Christopher Brooks on July 14th 2001  
Justine (1975-89) to Roderick Binns on 29th December 2001

## DEATHS

Basset  
Christie  
Collin  
Compton  
Griffiths  
Hughes  
Miln  
Noble  
O'Neil  
Taylor  
Tolliday  
Whitwell  
Wilkins

Edith Marie (James 1931-36) on February 17th 2002  
Joan (left 1930) three years ago  
Dilys Marion (Hardy 1930 - 42) on 12th November 2001  
Doris (Cobden 1926-32) in April 2001  
Sheila (Ferguson 1917-39) on 10th February 2001  
Nancy Elizabeth (left 1924) on May 12th 2001  
Marjorie (Hack 1949-63) on 16th June 2001  
Pauline (left in the 30's) died April 2001  
Pamela (Heilbrun left 1948) on 26th September 2001  
Ann (Grace left 1957) on December 18th 2001  
Joy (staff) on October 13th 2001  
Muriel (Corbet - 1920's) on Saturday 22nd December 2001  
Helen 'Bobbie' in September 1994

## Wartime Memories

By **Connie Baxter** - *Old Girl; member of Staff; Vice President of QSA (she taught there during the war)*

1. The school was shared by 250 girls from St. Edmund's College, Liverpool, for 6 months while air-raid shelters were being constructed at the school in Liverpool. The Queen's School already had 3 shelters - 2 on the playing fields near to the Roodee (Race-course) and one in the back garden which was used by the kindergarten. The school facilities were shared - Q.S used the school facilities in the morning and had games and leisure activities in the afternoon. The Liverpool girls had the programme in reverse. Many of the St. Edmund's girls lived in houses in Sealand Road.
2. No girls were allowed into the school without their gas-masks - they were sent home if they forgot them!
3. The playing fields were made available to members of the armed forces for cricket and tennis.
4. A Queen's School Division was formed of the nursing cadets in the St. John Ambulance Brigade.
5. A nightly fire-watching service by members of the staff was instituted to guard the School's buildings against the risk of fire from incendiary bombs.
6. The beautiful shrubbery on the slope to the railway had to be cut down to ensure the railway line was not subject to any sabotage.
7. All the girls were encouraged to knit numerous mittens, scarves, squares for rugs etc.
8. There was a shortage of tennis balls so they were very precious - but Dunlop would reinflate old balls and recover them.
9. A German Jewish refugee - girl came to live with one of the pupils throughout the war.
10. The historic iron railings from the old city gaol which surrounded the front garden of the school were removed for melting down for munitions in spite of vigorous protest.

### FROM THE EDITOR

Many thanks to all the students, staff, parents and friends of the school who have supported and contributed to "Have Mynde" over the past nine years. A special thanks must go to my Sixth Form editorial committees - we have shared a great deal of fun, original ideas - and hard work! I have very much enjoyed my time as editor, and wish my successor, Mrs Chadwick, a happy, creative and fulfilling time as she launches the next exciting issue of ... "HAVE MYNDE"!

**E M L Griffiths**



# Year 13 Hopes & Aspirations

I hope to live my life to the full and enjoy every minute of being a student.

**Hannah Furzeman**

My hopes and dreams ... Ask me after August 15th

**Julia Kraine**

Hello girls, remember me, I'm the girl you thought I'd never be, the girl with all the ECDL fears, went to Queen's School for seven whole years – that's me, my name's Jenna – Superstar

**Jenna Anians**

I've really enjoyed my life in the sixth form. A word of advice, however, for the ruffians that will soon be embarking on their 2 year slot – you might want to get a stereo that works and about 30 more chairs so we aren't all sitting on the same one.

Hopes for the future – I would like to be famous and preferably be on ER.

**Elizabeth Coakley**

My life in the 6th Form has been really enjoyable. The stress and agony from the work has all been far outweighed by the friendships and experiences we've been through together.

**Rachel Chapman**



Life in the 6th Form has been great. There's nothing I'd change except for the amount of work!! Really looking forward to having a year off to recover next year, as well as seeing the world. The thing I'll miss most is seeing my friends every day. I hope we'll stay as close as we are now forever.

**Elizabeth Symes**

The teachers have been really helpful and friendly. I have really enjoyed the common room and can't believe how I got through five years without "study periods". Hopefully I will become a world travelling anthropologist, obviously with a gorgeous husband and celebrity lifestyle in LA!

**Emma Martin**

I really enjoyed life in the 6th form – rewarding despite the stress. Hopefully the book I started to write on the ski trip will be published and made into a film starring Ruth Evans, narrated by Rachel Chapman and directed by Preethi Mavahalli. Failing this I plan to live in New York with my wads of cash.

**Abi Wilson**







by Katy Storry, Year 12