

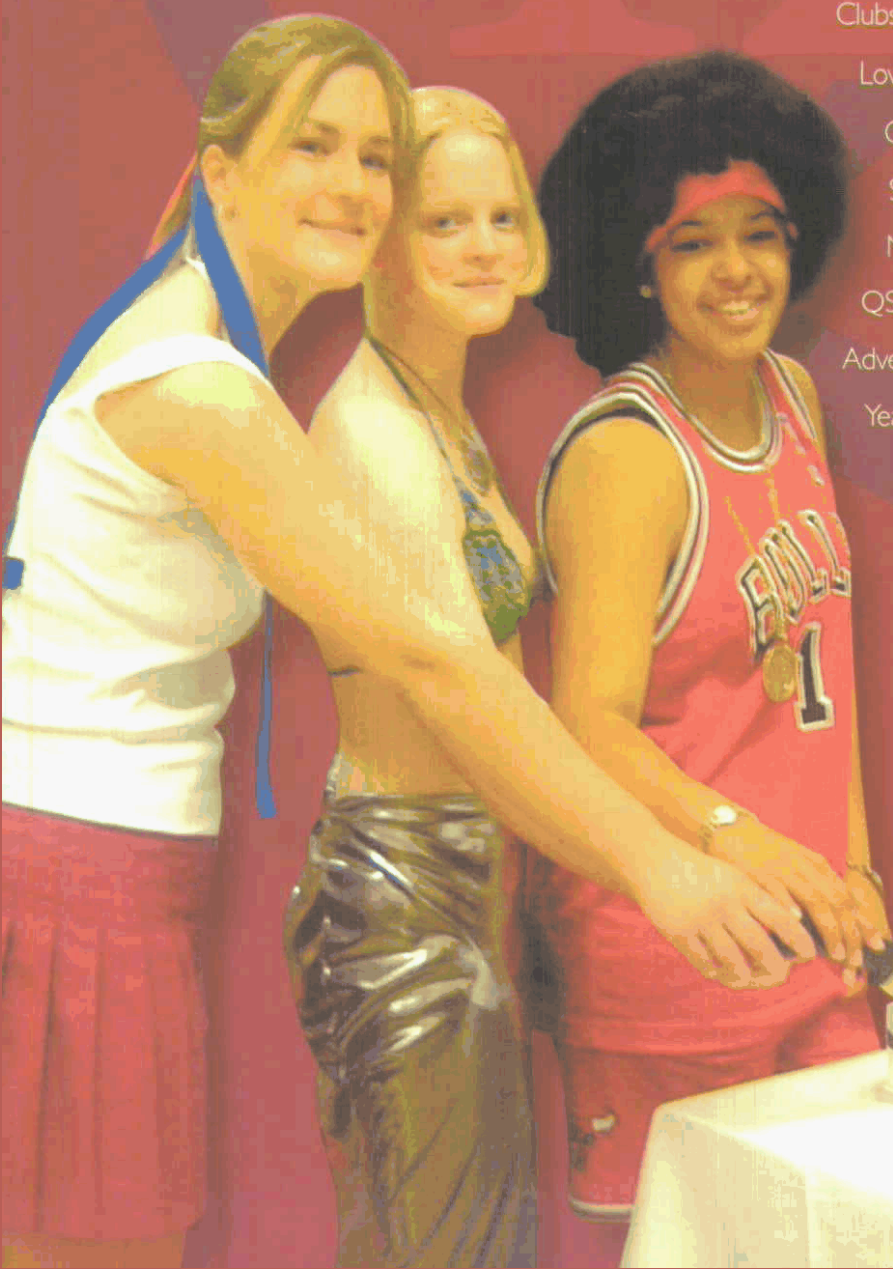
HAVE MYNDE 2003



CELEBRATING **125** YEARS OF THE QUEEN'S SCHOOL

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FOREWORD



Mrs Buckley, Headmistress

This year is a proud and momentous one for The Queen's School. For this is the year in which we celebrate the 125th anniversary of the foundation of our school.

Some 8,000 girls have been able to benefit from a Queen's School education since that day in 1878 when the school first opened its doors to the young women of Chester and the surrounding area. The initial promise of the school's earliest scholars – two of whom gained places at Cambridge – has been built upon by those who have followed in their footsteps. Many former pupils have enjoyed distinguished careers in the arts and education, as well as in medicine, the professions and the Church. Others have put their talents at the service of the communities in which they live, both professionally and in a voluntary capacity. Could our founders, that group of men and women who invested such energy and faith in our future, ever have envisaged how the fledgling school they created would grow and develop to become what it is today – one of the top girls' schools in the country?

Just as our school has flourished and developed beyond the imagination of its founders, so too has the journal created to record its successes – our school magazine, *Have Mynde*.

Since its first edition was published in 1897 *Have Mynde* has mirrored the growth of the school, enabling it to reflect in its pages the energy and imagination which underpin the achievements of Queen's girls and their teachers.

Originally written by teaching staff and governors, the magazine is now designed and edited by a team of senior pupils and has developed into a lively record of the talents of our girls. This year's magazine, under the editorship of Mrs Chadwick, is bigger and brighter than ever before, with even more colour pages to demonstrate the outstanding quality of the art work produced in both Lower and Senior schools.



Mrs Sheedy, Deputy Head

Have Mynde is only able to offer a flavour of the huge range of extra-curricular opportunities which are available to the girls as part of their educational experience at Queen's – activities perhaps quite beyond the imagination of our Victorian predecessors. Accounts of exchange visits to Germany and France, the triumphs of our skiing team and outward-bound activities in Wales give a taste of the many activities available to 21st century pupils beyond the classroom. Reports from clubs and societies such as Debating Club, CCF and Amnesty International, together with others outlining a wide variety of sporting, dramatic and musical events throughout the school, all help to complete the picture of a school buzzing with ideas and activity.

Congratulations must go to Mrs Chadwick and her committee on producing a sparkling and compelling anniversary edition of *Have Mynde* – an edition which confirms the magazine's place at the heart of our long tradition of excellence.

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Diploma in Careers Education & Guidance

Chemistry

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CChem MRSC PGCE

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CChem MRSC PGCE

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Open University Dip Eur Hum

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Newcastle PGCE

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BA Open University

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Cert Mus Ed London Dip Mus Tech

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Pianoforte

Miss R Jones GMus (Hons) RNCM LRAM ARCM FLCM

Violin and Viola

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ARMCM Dip Ed
Mrs J Van Ingen ATCL ORAM
A Rushforth

Woodwind

Mrs E Dutch BA Bristol ARCM
GC Macey ATCL
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Brass

N A Helleur

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Adv Dip Curriculum Studies
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Miss J Huck BA (Hons) Nonington College Kent PGCE

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C V Cook BSc (Hons) Wales PGCE
Mrs P Moate BSc (Hons) Nottingham PGCE
Mrs P Steventon BSc (Hons) Exeter PGCE
Mrs K Hill BSc (Hons) PhD London PGCE

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Speech and Drama

Mrs A Mistry LGSM ALAM

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Admissions	Mrs F J Taylor
Secretary	
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Catering Manager	
Network Manager	P R Foster MCSE
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	Mrs T Powell (Chemistry)
	Mr D L Capstick (Physics)
	J A Beynon (DT)
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College of Education
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Mrs D G Heron B Ed
St Katherine's College, Liverpool
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Classroom Assistant: Mrs J Hancox
Childcare Supervisor (for after school supervision)
Miss M Simpson
Childcare Assistant (for after school supervision)
Mrs C Fearon

Ancillary Staff

Grounds/Maintenance	P Lilley
Swimming Pool/Maintenance	M Chambers
Administrative Assistants	Mrs K Hoare BA
	Mrs D Parry

Prize List 2001 - 2002

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

YEAR 11 RESULTS 2002 GCSE Grades A*-C

Number of subjects

Emma Addinsell	9	Victoria Suter	9
Stephanie Nolf	9	Lucy Greaves	9
Archana Anandaram	9	Anna Sznerch	9
Georgina Okell	9	Laura Harris	9
Elizabeth Archard	9	Catriona Thomson	9
Jennifer Owens	8	Kate Harrison	9
Sophia Berry	9	Joanna Trett	8
Elizabeth Perkins	9	Sophie Hedgecoe	9
Laura Bestow	9	Amber Trivass	9
Libby Preston	7	Sophie Holmes	8
Jenny Bland	9	Hilary Tweed	9
Mary Pritchard	9	Emma Jenkins	9
Sarah Bone	8	Elizabeth Tyson	9
Elaine Radcliffe	9	Rioghna Jessup	9
Cassandra Campbell	9	Biba Wahi	9
Heather Rees	9	Charlotte Laine	9
Ruth Carpenter	9	Francesca Walter	9
Sarah Rivers	9	Annie Lea	9
Michelle Chau	8	Michelle Watkin	9
Claire Schiller	9	Joanna Lumb	9
Alexandra Clarke	9	Caroline Wells	9
Laura Selley	9	Angela Manning	7
Philippa Cook	9	Deborah Whitaker	8
Sarah Shaw	9	Kate Martin	9
Sarah Coxon	9	Alexandra Williams	9
Caroline Shingfield	9	Fiona Middleton	9
Rosemary Croft	9	Eirlys Williams	9
Jennifer Simpson	9	Jennifer Milburn	9
Keri Davies	9	Kendal Williams-McKean	9
Eleanor Smith	9	Catherine Milner	9
Danielle Dykes	5	Eloise Wood	6
Chloe Southorn	9	Chloe Woodcock	9
Rachel Evered	9		

YEAR 13 RESULTS 2002 A and AS

Number of subjects

** Prize for outstanding achievement at A level*

Jenna Anians	4	1	Laura Fields	4	1	*
Natalie Kapur	4	1	Jane Neale	4	1	*
Clare Archibald	4	1	Katie Foster	4	1	
Julia Krause	4	1	*	Ruth Roberts	5	*
Suzy Armitage	4	1		Hannah Furzeman	4	1
Victoria Lamb	4	1	*	Sarah Roberts	4	1
Claire Bates	4	1	*	Lisa Gertson	4	1
Sofia Lisowski	4	1		Katherine Salter	4	1
Hannah Beech	4	1		Faekah Gohar	4	1
Erin Malam	4	1	*	Sophia Scott	4	1
Nicola Blucher	4	1	*	Natalie Goharriz	4	2
Emma Martin	4	1	*	Ramya Srinivasan	5	*
Eleanor Brotherhood	4	1		Amy Greensill	4	
Preethi Mavahalli	4	1	*	Elizabeth Symes	4	1
Sarah Cauldwell	4	1		Dionne Hancocks	4	1
Camelia Melody	4	1		Samantha Torrance	4	1
Rachel Chapman	5		*	Kate Harvey	4	1
Loretta Mills	4	1		Sarah Watson	4	1
Rachel Chater	4	1	*	Emma Hearle	3	2
Alexandra Millward-Hopkins	4	1	*	Alexandra Wilcox	5	*
Elizabeth Coakley	4	1		Eleanor Heath	4	1
Jennifer Milner	4	1		Emma Willis	4	1
Louise Davies	4	1		Lucy Heffer	4	1
Victoria Morgan	4	1		Abigail Wilson	3	2
Jenna Dodd	4	1		Laura Johnson	4	1
Anna Moulds	4	1		Sarah Woodcock	4	1
Ruth Evans	4		*	Faye Jones	4	1
Sophie Muskett	5		*			

AWARDS AND PRIZES

Head Girl's Award	Kate Leyland	Donors	Trophy for Effort,	Rachel Hewitt	Mr Brotherhood
Deputy Head Girl's Award	Reah Holmes	Owen Jones	Endeavour and		
	Ruth Watson	Dr and Mrs Judge	Fellowship		
Queen Victoria's Jubilee Scholarship	Elizabeth Bransby	Rotary Club	The Centenary Prize for Progress	Loretta Mills	Mr and Mrs J B Phillips
Prize for Service to the School	Susan Haines		Prize for contribution to school life	Sarah Watson	Mr and Mrs J B Phillips
	Ruth Evans	Diana Beck Memorial Prize donated by QSA	Prize for Achievement	Anna Moulds	Mrs Loveday Jones
	Alexandra Wilcox	Lorna Ewart Prize Donated by QSA	Faekah Gohar		Anon
	Abigail Wilson	The Guha Family	Samantha Torrance		Anon
Fifth Form Prize for Service to the School	Joanna Lumb	Nicole Butler and Julia Copland	Millennium	Beth Tweddle	UVI leavers 2000
Prize for Service to the Neighbourhood	Anna Sznerch	Nicole Butler and Julia Copland	Achiever's Award		
	Ruth Watson	Mr and Mrs Aston	Prize For Public Speaking 2001	Sophia Berry	Pate Prize
				Sarah Shaw	Pate Prize
				Chloe Southorn	Pate Prize

SUBJECT PRIZES

Art	Rachel Chater	Randolph Caldecott Society	Geography	Julia Krause	Doris Metzger Memorial prize donated by QSA
Biology	Nicola Blucher	Brown Memorial Prize		Katherine Salter	Doris Metzger Memorial prize donated by QSA
	Eleanor Heath	Brown Memorial Prize			Owen Jones
Business Studies	Ramya Srinivasan	Brown Memorial Prize		Elizabeth Symes	John Thompson Memorial Prize
Chemistry	Jenna Anians	John Thompson Memorial Prize	History	Claire Bates	Miss Nedham
	Nicola Blucher	W Davies Memorial Prize	Home Economics	Alexandra Wilcox	Owen Jones
	Eleanor Heath	W Davies Memorial Prize	Mathematics	Rachel Chapman	Owen Jones
Classical Studies	Alexandra Wilcox	W Davies Memorial Prize	Physics	Ramya Srinivasan	Owen Jones
Economics	Laura Fields	Mrs C Ferris		Alexandra Wilcox	Owen Jones
	Nicola Blucher	John Thompson Memorial Prize	Religious Studies	Alexandra Milward-Hopkins	Sandford Memorial Prize
	Elizabeth Symes	John Thompson Memorial Prize	Prize for Progress in English	Hannah Furzeman	Horton Memorial Prize
English	Samantha Torrance	John Thompson Memorial Prize			
French	Kate Harvey	Sandford Memorial Prize	Cup for Languages and Economics	Samantha Torrance	Claire Bartlett Memorial Cup
Modern Languages	Alexandra Wilcox	Madame Wozniak			
	Emma Hearle	Madame Wozniak			

ANNA MARKLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Anna Markland Trophy	Katie Foster	
The Ann Brotherhood Vocal Trophy	Ruth Evans	Mrs Ann Short
Junior Vocal Trophy	Angharad Lyddon	
The Piano Trophy	Joanna Reid	Miss Rona Jones
The Woodwind Trophy	Katie Foster	Mr C Swann
The String Trophy	Eryl Davies	Mr and Mrs J Jones-Pritchard
The James/Surfleet Ensemble Trophy	Katie Foster Susan Haines Rachael Thompson	Mr and Mrs K James and Dr and Mrs B Surfleet
The Piano Duet Trophy	Alexandra Magee Amy Underhill	Miss Skilbeck
Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award	Penelope Dixon Victoria Fairclough Laura Johnson Katharine Salter Ramya Scrinivasan Alexandra Wilcox	left 2000 left 2001 left 2002 left 2002 left 2002 left 2002

SPORTS AWARDS

Moore Cup	Kate Leyland	
<i>(awarded to the girl who has most frequently represented the school as a member of the first teams in Hockey, Lacrosse and Tennis.)</i>		
Hannah Owen Award for Lacrosse (Senior)	Loretta Mills	Hannah Owen
Hannah Owen Award for Lacrosse (Junior)	Laura Charlesworth	Hannah Owen
Short Trophy for Tennis	Emma Jenkins	Tania and Anina Short
Prize for Games and Gymnastics	Anna Moulds	Margaret Meacock Memorial Prize
Irvin Cup for Hockey (senior)	Nicola Blucher	Mr & Mrs L Irvin
Junior Hockey Trophy	Sara Kagan	Mrs L Waring
House Games Cups		
Senior Hockey	Thompson	
Senior Lacrosse	Sandford	
Senior Athletics	Westminster	

DESTINATIONS FOR YEAR 13, 2002

Name	Course	Destination			
Jenna Anians	English Literature	Newcastle	Erin Malam	American & Latin American Studies	Manchester - 2003
Clare Archibald	American Studies/English	Birmingham			GAP - Brazil, 2002
Suzy Armitage	Communication	Cardiff	Emma Martin	Combined Social Sciences	Durham
Claire Bates	History	Royal Holloway	Preethi Mavahalli	Medicine	Oxford (Keble) & Choral Scholarship
Hannah Beech	Biomedical Science	Sheffield	Camelia Melody	American Studies	Manchester
Nicola Blucher	Medicine	Oxford (Queen's)	Loretta Mills	Economics	Newcastle
Eleanor Brotherhood	Art Foundation	Manchester Metropolitan	Alex Millward-Hopkins	Modern Languages	Oxford (Lincoln)
Sarah Cauldwell	Leisure Management	Manchester	Jennifer Milner	Applying for English/ American Studies (2003)	
Rachel Chapman	Natural Sciences	Durham	Joanna Monro	Applying for Business Studies (2003)	
Rachel Chater	Art Foundation	Leith School of Art, Edinburgh	Victoria Morgan	Business Studies	Chester
Elizabeth Coakley	Biological & Medical Sciences	Liverpool	Anna Moulds	American Studies/English	Birmingham - 2003
Louise Davies	Business Management	Coventry			GAP - New Zealand, 2002
Jenna Dodd	French/German	Manchester	Sophie Muskett	Chemistry	Oxford (Keble) - 2003
Ruth Evans	Geology	Oxford (St Edmund Hall) & Choral Scholarship			Art Foundation
Laura Fields	Politics	School of Oriental & African Studies		Camberwell School of Art - 2002	
Katie Foster	Bioveterinary Science	Liverpool	Jane Neale	English	Leeds
Hannah Furzeman	Human Resource Management & Sociology	Keele	Ruth Roberts	Engineering	Warwick - 2003
Lisa Gertson	Geography	Sheffield			Year in Industry - 2002 (Shell)
Fackah Gohar	Medicine	Birmingham	Sarah Roberts	Modern European Languages	Leeds
Natalie Goharriz	Music	Goldsmith's, London	Katherine Salter	Environmental Sciences Yr in USA	East Anglia
Amy Greensill	Applying for 2003		Sophia Scott	Applying for Sociology (2003)	
Dionne Hancocks	Combined Honours (Arts)	Liverpool	Ramya Srinivasan	Medical Sciences	Cambridge (Trinity Hall)
Kate Harvey	Medicine	Imperial College, London	Elizabeth Symes	Law	Oxford (Pembroke) - 2003
Emma Hearle	Modern Languages	Sheffield	Samantha Torrance	International Economics	Nottingham - 2003
Eleanor Heath	Re-applying for Medicine (Oxford)				GAP - China, 2002
Lucy Heffer	Geography	Leeds	Sarah Watson	Management Studies/Psychology	Leeds
Laura Johnson	History	Leeds	Alexandra Wilcox	Natural Sciences	Durham
Faye Jones	French Studies	Nottingham	Emma Willis	Biological Sciences	Oxford (St Catherine's)
Natalie Kapur	American Studies	Leicester	Abigail Wilson	Re-applying for History/Politics (2003)	
Julia Krause	Geography	Bristol	Sarah Woodcock	English	University College, London
Victoria Lamb	Combined Honours (Arts)	Liverpool			
Sofia Lisowski	Applying for 2003 after GAP - S America				

LEAVERS FROM 2000 WHO RE-APPLIED

Amalie Bowen-Jones	Hospitality Business Management	University of Wales Institute, Cardiff
Cara Cull	Biomedical Sciences	Durham
Christine Elliott	Primary Teaching (English)	Chester
Louisa Richards	Hospitality Business Management	Leeds Metropolitan

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS

From early in the school year the 125 committee of representatives from all sections of the Queen's School, past and present, met under the able leadership of Governor Susan Seys-Llewellyn to plan celebrations for the school's 125th anniversary in 2003.

A special 125 logo was designed to be used on school stationery for the year and this formed the basis of the design for a commemorative badge, which was given to all members of the school. On 9th May the sixth form held a glittering 125th anniversary ball in a marquee at the school and on 11th May the Queen's School Association organised a lively and successful Jazz Brunch with an authentic American brunch to the accompaniment of music from the popular Wall City Jazz Band.

The Commemoration Service in the cathedral on Wednesday, 14th May, gave the whole school the opportunity to give thanks to the school's founders for their original creation and vision. On 16th May the senior school celebrated with a barbecue in the top garden and a special 125th anniversary cake.

125th anniversary mementoes, in the form of a calendar and a print of the school, were also on offer this year. Members of the 125 committee enjoyed delving into the school archives, under the guidance of the school's archivist, Mrs Carol Ferris, searching for original photographs for the calendar. We particularly liked the first photograph of pupils with Miss Holdich in 1878, cricket on the field in 1912 (with cows), and the 75th anniversary pageant in 1953, the coronation year.

During the year sixth formers and other members of the 125 History group have enjoyed researching 125 years of the Queen's School on topics ranging from E. A. Ould's architecture, boarding at the Queen's School, uniform through the years, to the Queen's school during the Second World War.

Our research demonstrated the importance of Have Mynde as a fascinating and important historical source. Findings from this, the archives and reminiscences of former staff and pupils helped us to put together a small anniversary display in the reception area.

SOME REMINISCENCES

On Boarding

'There were termly and weekly boarders. On Sundays termly boarders went to Matins in the Cathedral and also Evensong at 6.30 p.m..

We sat somewhere near the cloister door, which was draughty and cold in winter. I well remember there was a strange rustling noise when the people in front of us moved from a sitting to a kneeling position. We later discovered they wore brown paper waist coats to keep out the cold'.

Marie Christopherson

Boarder 1923 to 1930

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF THE QUEEN'S SCHOOL



OF THE QUEEN'S SCHOOL

Miss Morris was in charge of the boarders but the day to day running was done by Miss Dickie, quite a formidable character. Anyone at school in the early war years will have memories of the mountain of sticky buns which she presided over each break.

We were allowed two buns, price a halfpenny each, and woe betide anyone who was extra hungry and tried to rejoin the queue, she always knew who had been round'.

Margo Lumb
Boarder 1941

ON THE SECOND WORLD WAR

'For a short time we shared the school with St. Edmund's College, Liverpool. We used it in the morning; they in the afternoon. We had orange boxes for books. Girls were billeted in Sealand Road, not satisfactory.

Their Headmistress stayed in Liverpool; their deputy was in charge in Chester. Girls knitted scarves, gloves, rugs to send to the Forces'.

Connie Baxter

ON LIFE AS A TEACHER & PUPIL

'I was a pupil at the school during the 75th anniversary and a teacher at the 100th anniversary.

At the 75th Anniversary all the pupils were given the opportunity to dress up and perform a play in the Quadrangle which was great fun. For the 100th Anniversary a special commemoration service was held in the Cathedral and a dinner was held at the Grosvenor Hotel.

Carole Ferris



THE QUEEN'S SCHOOL: A Short History

On 1st May 1878, 'the loveliest spring day', according to the school's first headmistress, Miss Constance Holdich, the Chester School for Girls opened at 100 Watergate Flags on the corner of City Walls Road and Watergate Street. On the first day there were only sixteen pupils, aged eight to sixteen, a single teacher, Miss Holdich, and the fees were £6 to £10 a year, depending on age.

The school was an immediate success and quickly outgrew its rented accommodation. In 1881 a purpose-built school was commissioned on land previously occupied by the city gaol on the City Walls Road, next to the Royal Infirmary. The land was offered to the school by the Duke of Westminster, who also donated £500 towards the £3,800 cost of the new building.

The architect was Edward A. Ould, a pupil of the famous Chester architect, John Douglas. The foundation stone was laid by the Duke on 6th March 1882 and the school was officially re-opened on 7th March 1883. By then the school had become The Queen's School, following Queen Victoria's permission in February 1882, in response to a request by the Duke of Westminster.

What are the staff at the QUEEN'S SCHOOL really like???

The Have Mynde Committee decided they wanted to find out what the staff at the Queen's School were really like- their hopes, their dreams, their aspirations for the future!

Choosing a representative sample our roving Year 11 reporters set off on their mission... they decided to interview Mrs. Selby(Geography), Mrs. Griffiths (Classics) and Mr. McKenna (Religious Studies). Here is what they found...

How long have you been at the Queen's School?

MS: Since 1977

LG: Since 1992

IM: 6 months

What surprised you the most when you first arrived?

MS: The sophisticated girls in the Sixth Form!

LG: I thought what a nice, friendly, normal school!

IM: What a wonderful atmosphere the school had.

What has been your funniest moment at the Queen's School?

MS: Being on a fieldwork trip with Mrs. Rowland, hugging rocks!

LG: Too many to number but one of them... I was dressed up as Charon, the ferry man, doing charades about Greek mythology, wearing a black gown and punting a boat with a window pole... Mrs. Sheedy came in with a load of visiting parents and the whole class erupted...!!

IM: Shipwrecked!

What do you enjoy most about the Queen's school?

MS: The enthusiasm of the girls.

LG: That goes without saying...the girls of course!

IM: People actually want to learn!

What has been the most dramatic change during your time here?

MS: The increase in the numbers of pupils but of course the physical changes too.

LG: The use of technology!

IM: I have only been here 6 months but the building work to the main entrance is the most obvious.

What would you change if you were able...?

MS: More Geography!

LG: Wow, well if I had power for the day I would make everybody have one day off whenever they wanted to take it, they could choose what to do and have a jolly good time. I would also increase the profile of Classics of course!

IM: I would make the school more accessible for disabled people.



When you were a child what did you want to be?

- MS: Certainly not a teacher!
Perhaps an Egyptologist or an archaeologist.
- LG: I wanted to be the Astronomer Royal, but unfortunately that plan failed as I was not very good at Maths!
- IM: An astronaut, an architect, Spiderman....

Where do you see yourself in ten years' time?

- MS: Relaxing with books and going on lots of holidays- out of school term time of course!
- LG: Probably the other side of the world. What I want to do really is to have a mega series of gap years as I did not have them earlier on in life.
- IM: Australia.... Or here?

What is your favourite book?

- MS: 'Bel Canto'. It is a book about a hostage situation. Also I liked the book and film of 'Chocolat'.
- LG: This is going to be a huge surprise to you but my favourite book is actually the Bible- that is a conversation stopper isn't it?
- I have found it really useful throughout my life and it really works for me and for lots of people.
- IM: The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy or Crime and Punishment.



(L-R) Mrs Selby, Mr McKenna, Mrs Griffiths

What film did you last see at the cinema?

- MS: Harry Potter! But I think I prefer the books.
- LG: Stuart Little 2 with my children!
- IM: The Lord of the Rings- the Two Towers, but it was not as good as the first one.

What is your dream sandwich filling?

- MS: Avocado and bacon on brown bread.
- LG: I really like Greek things.... Olives, humus, taramasalata... I would probably have a monster Greek sandwich!!
- IM: Ham and jam! Not really, maybe sausage, bacon, egg, mushroom- anything with lots of meat!!!

How do you eat your Crème egg?

- MS: Bite off the top then eat the middle.
- LG: I think that there is a deep psychological meaning to this! I bite out the middle bit and then suck the filling out.
- IM: Poached. No, boiled with toast soldiers!

If you went on 'Stars in your Eyes' who would you be?

- MS: Ella Fitzgerald
- LG: Someone very glamorous.... The blonde one from Abba!
- IM: That is difficult! I think I would have to be a 1970's Elton John!

These interviews were carried out by Emily Williams, Tamanique King, Abigail Gleek, Lisa Hallam, Carolyn Telford and Ceri-Lyn Humphreys. (All from Year 11)

Staff News

Karen Roden

Karen will be sorely missed when she leaves the Queen's School. She is moving to a full-time position at Abbeygate College and will be very much involved in drama there. Abbeygate is very fortunate to be gaining such an effective teacher. Karen came to Queen's in 1999 from a background in journalism and public relations, a background which contributed so much to her commitment as a teacher and as a colleague. Outside the classroom, Karen has organised 'X-Press yourself', a short creative writing magazine: she has been editor of Queen's Speech and she has been a member of the staff/governors JCC and staffroom committee, where her no nonsense approach always gave conviction to her views. Inside the classroom she has been a successful practitioner: examination results in her classes have been high and she has been a powerful motivating force in the lives of her students. Her lessons have been stimulating and her concern and interest in every single girl is apparent. Karen's contribution to Queen's has been total and we wish her well. RA

Margaret Hemming

Margaret Hemming joined the school in 1975 and spent the first three years of her career here teaching French throughout the school, including A level work as well as weekly visits to Nedham House, where we shared the French classes – singing, practising little plays in corners and cupboards, writing stories which the girls loved to illustrate and running the "French Shop". Her love of music led her to join in lots of activities with the music department in school, but her claim to fame in this area was her performance of "I am the Very Model of a Modern Lady Dominic" to a more or less familiar Gilbert and Sullivan tune, which formed part of the school's centenary celebrations, with Margaret in the role of its first headmistress.

We don't usually associate her with PE, but she did once accompany a lacrosse team to the USA, probably attracted by the fact that they stayed at the Waldorf Astoria in New York. So helpful was she on this trip that she actually managed to forget and leave four girls at the top of the Empire State Building! Fortunately they knew where they were and found her!

In 1978 Margaret went to teach in Birmingham and then went back into academic life to do an MA, indulging her great love of literature in her study of Mauriac. She visited her friends at school in the summer of 1983 and agreed to come back, by now ready to buy a house and a bicycle. Since that time she has been a loyal, enthusiastic member of the modern languages department, taught hundreds of girls, learned to drive (although for some considerable time she could only turn left and had to come to school by a rather complicated route), got married, accompanied further school trips (without losing girls or staying in luxury hotels) and been a dedicated and valued teacher and form tutor. Her great interest in literature has inspired her A level students but her passion for literacy and communication has been appreciated by girls at all levels in the school.

Apart from her teaching, Margaret has been the school's first publicity officer, a founder member of the marketing committee, working on the prospectus, and our first teacher observer on the governing body. She has always worked for the good of the school and has been totally committed to the welfare of her pupils and her colleagues.

All things French interest her, but a special enthusiasm for French (and any other) food deserves a mention. We have sat over lunch sometimes in the holidays until tea, and in at least one restaurant we were surrounded by waiters putting the chairs on the tables! The long gossips, the chats about books and music, the support and friendship, the laughing, the loyalty and the food will all be long remembered and, I hope, continued. We say "au revoir" with much gratitude, respect and affection. PM

Fiona Kay

Although Fiona has only been a member of the Biology Department for one year, we feel that we are losing a friend. She quickly established herself as a valued member of the team and her input and professional approach have been much appreciated. Pupils too will miss the clarity and rigour of her teaching. We wish her well in her new post. SW

Julie Woods

Mrs. Woods joined the Queen's School in September 2000 as Head of ICT. In her time at the school she has implemented the European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL) and introduced GCSE examinations. Many girls have benefited from this and have their certificates to prove it. Mrs. Woods has also encouraged many members of staff, including non-teaching and technophobes, in many aspects of ICT and some have even gained an ECDL certificate. This is a great credit to her skill and expertise in teaching.

As many of you know she joined the school as Miss Bartle and in February of this year became Mrs. Woods. She will be leaving the school this summer to take up a new post as Head of ICT at the Grange and we wish her every success in the future.

JL

Lesley Waring

Mrs. Waring came to the Queen's School in 1984 so she has seen many year groups developing their sporting skills. Lacrosse, in particular has been her passion and she has spent many hours coaching our school teams to the high standard seen today.

Lesley moved over to part-time teaching on the birth of her son and continued part-time when her daughter was born. In the year 2000 Lesley's aptitude as an excellent teacher of all age groups was demonstrated when she took on the role of Key Stage One PE teacher at Sandford House, whilst still keeping contact with the Senior School through Lacrosse teams and her teaching of years ten and eleven.

The highlight of Lesley's career must have come in March 2000 when Queen's first lacrosse squad won at the National Schools' Championships and went on to compete at Finals Day in Milton Keynes.

We wish Lesley every happiness for the future wherever life may lead.

CM

Mrs. Sue Salter

School secretaries are a special breed of person. They are the first contact that many visitors will have with the school and as such must be warm and welcoming; they have to be totally unflappable to cope with the

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constant demands on their time from staff, pupils and the ever-ringing telephone and they must be super efficient to deal with the huge volume of work that is the norm in every school office.

In Mrs. Sue Salter, the school was fortunate to have a school secretary who exemplified all these qualities and many more.

Mrs. Salter joined the Queen's School in January 1989, having been appointed by Miss Farra. She came to the school at a time when technology was beginning to change and there were new skills to master, but as the total professional she is, Mrs. Salter was undaunted and quickly adapted to the new ways.

Although she herself had been educated at Wirral Grammar for Girls, where she had been a near contemporary of Miss Skilbeck, Mrs. Salter was fiercely loyal to the Queen's School, regarding all those she had to deal with on a daily basis as part of the Queen's School family. Above all she worked hard to ensure that the "family" was a happy and harmonious one.

Mrs. Salter always took great enjoyment in her work. Even at the end of her career she declared that she still found the same pleasure in typing a letter well as she had when she first qualified and the quality of her work reflected the pride she took in everything that she did.

We miss Mrs. Salter's warmth and kindness, but above all we miss her ability to defuse the most tense situation with a quick quip and a laugh. We wish her and Graham a long, enjoyable and relaxing retirement and many happy days with their grandchildren.

CB

Jo Roberts

Jo Roberts joined the Queen's School in 1993 to teach history part-time. She soon became full-time when the department was going through a period of staff illness.

Jo is a gifted teacher and has been an invaluable colleague in the history department. She has instilled a love of history into her pupils and has inspired many to continue with this subject. Many will remember her interesting lessons on the mysteries of history from bog bodies to the



(L-R) Julie Woods, Margaret Hemming, Karen Roden

Lusitania. She also encouraged lively participation in medieval 'soap' stories, balloon debates and plays. Above all she will be remembered by her Key Stage 3 pupils for her coloured chalk diagrams of the medieval village complete with woolly sheep.

As well as conveying her enthusiasm for her subject, through her patience and encouragement she enabled her students to achieve their potential in examinations. It is fitting that, having taught about Louis XIV's France for so long, in her last year here she took a group of sixth formers to Versailles to study the symbolism of the Sun King.

Jo was also willing to give up her time to accompany other school visits; she accompanied several year 8 adventure holidays, intrepidly undertaking white-water rafting and abseiling. This year she braved the ski slopes with the sixth form for the first time. Many will have fond memories of Jo as their form tutor. She got to know and understand

each girl as an individual, helping them through friendship and other difficulties, putting her counselling skills to good effect here, as in her PSE lessons. She has also been a popular and sociable member of the staff room and will be sorely missed by staff and girls alike. She is now returning to her roots in Yorkshire, where her husband has a new job, and we wish her well in her new post at Hull Grammar School, and in this exciting new phase of her life.

PT

NOTE FROM THE NEW EDITOR

When I agreed to take on the job of being editor of *Have Mynde* I had no idea of the task ahead of me. I can only describe the process of compiling the magazine as similar to that of pregnancy and childbirth! The process seemed to take almost as long as pregnancy and was almost as painful as childbirth!

Thanks must go to all staff and pupils who have contributed to this edition and I apologise for any omissions - not enough space! I must also thank the previous editor Mrs. Griffiths who has been the fountain of all wisdom regarding the magazine and has put up with my endless silly questions. Also I must thank my wonderful *Have Mynde* committee, we have learned together! I must especially thank my student editor, Eirlys Williams and her sixth form team of Sophia Berry, Laura Bestow, Phillippa Cook, Laura Harris and Sarah Garrod. I must also thank our inspirational year 11 reporters whose dedication has been amazing- I hope that they have enjoyed the experience so much that they want to continue to contribute next year.

However, any mistakes which remain are mine and I hope you will be forgiving as this is my first year as Editor and I still have a lot to learn!

Gaynor Chadwick





HOCKEY REPORT 2003

Yet again, the Queen's School hockey teams began the season in the traditional style of losing to Altrincham Grammar School, with the exception of the under 13s. The season could therefore only get better.

The 1st XI have been victorious in a high percentage of their fixtures beating a touring team from The Isle of Man and Sir John Deanes, to name just two. They took part in the Chester and District tournament and beat tough opposition in the form of Tarporley, Bishops High, Bishop Heber and Upton, scoring a total of 12 goals, to become eventual winners. This valiant success, we thought, could not be bettered! On Saturday 12th October the 1st team had another competition-the county section of the National Schools Hockey Tournament. Queen's beat Lymm, West Kirby and drew with Upton to represent Cheshire for the first time in three years. Blackpool was the venue for the north semi-finals where we had close matches against experienced competition and ended up as joint third. Our victories continued where the 1st XI qualified for the Cheshire finals of both the indoor and outdoor Cheshire county competitions.

The second half of the season began successfully with both the first and second teams beating Cheadle Hulme School convincingly. The 1st XI then took part in the Cheshire County Final for both indoor and outdoor and was successful in both, eventually coming third. The Ellesmere Tournament was perhaps the most enjoyable event of the season with not only good food and netball, but also a medal for the first team who won the hockey section with just nine players!

The under 16 team have shown great enthusiasm throughout the season leading them to victory in the Chester and District tournament and coming runners up in the Cheshire county qualifier. The under 15 team are looking very promising for next season as they won the indoor Chester and District tournament and beat tough opposition in the form of West Kirby.

Their most recent victory was against Abbeygate College whom they beat 5-2. The under 14 team beat Stockport and came runners up in the indoor Cheshire County Qualifier. They also won their section of the outdoor Cheshire County Qualifier and have yet to play the final. In addition they won the Chester and District Tournament; this bodes well for the future.

Success continued in the lower years with the under 13s also beating Stockport, St Edward's and Bradford. They came runners up in the Cheshire Mini Tournament after facing strong opponents and won the Packwood Tournament by beating the home team in the final.

Year 7 have only had a few matches and have had mixed results, they beat Abbeygate 5-1 and Bradford 2-0.

Finally I'd like to thank Mrs Moore, Miss Huck and Sarah Chalmers for their constant help, support and encouragement during my term in office. Also thanks must go to Mrs Reboul and Simon Anderson for their dedication to the lower years. I wish Hilary the best of luck for next year and hope that the school continues to gain outstanding results.

Sally Crooks

SENIOR HOCKEY COLOURS WERE AWARDED TO:

Sally Crooks
Kate Leyland
Susanne Elliott
Vicky Garry

JUNIOR HOCKEY COLOURS WERE AWARDED TO:

Catherine Forshaw
Holly Westwood
Sophie Salisbury
Vicky Wilkinson
Amy Underhill
Joanne Wynne
Lucy Swe

COUNTY SQUADS

UNDER 14:

Sally Meekins
Jemima Cope
Hannah Sissons
Lucy Woodside

UNDER 15:

Catherine Forshaw
Lucy Swe
Joanne Wynne

UNDER 16:

Sara Kagen
Laura Spencer

UNDER 21:

Catriona Thomson
Hilary Tweed

NORTH DEVELOPMENT SQUAD:

Sally Meekins

NORTH UNDER 16 SQUAD:

Catherine Forshaw
Lucy Swe

Tennis Report 2002-2003

The Queen's School tennis teams have excelled this year. Many titles have been won by the girls this season and an exceptional standard of play has been seen in all age groups.

The under 13 team players have been very enthusiastic this term enabling two teams to be entered into the HSBC competition. The A team played well in the HSBC tournament and beat Tarporley but were unfortunate to

lose against Lymm in the first stages of the competition. Success was continued in the regional knockout stages when Queen's beat Offerton and Hulme Grammar to reach the North-West semi-finals. This was played at South Ribble Tennis Centre very late on in the season. Queen's were unfortunate to lose to Kirkham Grammar School.

The B team mirrored this success by becoming overall winners of their league by beating Bishops, Malbank and then The Grange in the Cheshire Final.

Success was continued in the Chester and District tournament in which the under 15 team were joint winners. In the Cheshire Intermediate Doubles competition the girls beat Christleton, The Grange, Lymm and Wilmslow to reach the final where they met Stockport who they beat convincingly to become eventual winners. These girls have achieved an incredible amount this year and I hope they continue this success in the HSBC regional finals. Best of luck to all involved.

Congratulations must go to Emma Swe, Lucy Swe, Sarah Ayton, Laurie Charlesworth, Stephanie Hughes, Lisa Hallam, Sally Ashton, Sara Kagan, Lizzie Garry and Becky Heath.

Unfortunately, due to a short, exam packed summer term no friendlies were played but the under 19 team excelled in the few matches they did play. The team played exceptionally well to beat King's and Tarporley in the Chester and District tournament to become eventual winners. They also played well in the Cheshire Senior Doubles competition. The girls beat tough opposition, The Grange, Sir John Deane's and Wilmslow to gain the title. Congratulations to Kate Leyland, Anna Moulds, Ellie Heath, Elise Hague, Sally Crooks and Laura Wilkinson.

At this point we should also congratulate Lucy Swe who finished third in the under 15 Cheshire Singles Championships (the Okell Cup). Lucy beat girls from Tarporley, Cransley, Lymm, St Nicholas and Fallibroome to finish in third place. Well done.

Congratulations must go to Hannah Sissons, Nicki-Jane Russell, Amy Jones, Nicola Pether, Laura Whiteley, Philippa Johnstone, Katie Johnson, Hannah Clark, Sally Meekins, Emma Thompson, Emma Menkin and Lottie Mather.

The under 15 team have progressed fantastically this season. The girls have achieved many titles but most notably have not suffered one defeat all year.

With such a strong and enthusiastic group, 2 teams were entered into the HSBC tournament. The A team beat Lymm, Bishops Heber, Wilmslow and The Grange to reach the finals against Fallibroome. This was won convincingly 5 matches to one to make the girls Cheshire champions.



Notably the greatest achievement of the year has been in the Aberdare Cup. Emma Jenkins, Lucy Swe, Anna Moulds and Kate Leyland beat Caldys Grange, The Grange and Rydal to reach the Regional Finals. They met Shrewsbury High School in the finals, a very high standard of play was seen and the team won by 4 matches to 0.

Therefore the girls got through to the National Finals at Queenswood School. A loss against Bromley in the first round of the finals meant that Queen's qualified for the plate event. A convincing victory over Trent College took the girls through to the second round where they faced a strong team from Wycombe Abbey School. A very close match ended in a loss for Queen's. Congratulations must go to Kate, Lucy, Emma S and Emma J.

I'd finally like to thank everybody involved in the tennis team this year. The standard of play has been very high and enthusiasm at practices and during matches has been fantastic. Thanks must go to Mrs Moore and Miss Huck who have put a great deal of time and effort into the progression and successes of the squad this season.

TENNIS COLOURS 2002

SENIOR

Kate Leyland
Laura Wilkinson
Ellie Heath
Elise Hague
Sally Crooks

JUNIOR

Stephanie Hughes
Lisa Hallam
Laurie Charlesworth

CERTIFICATES OF COMMENDATION

Elizabeth Garry
Sara Kagan

Lacrosse Season 2002-2003

We started our lacrosse season with an early practice for the teams on the first day of the autumn term. This season has seen some changes, with Miss Aldcroft taking over as the new 1st team coach and the U15s merging with the 2nd Squad. This season has seen some notable success for all teams. Several girls must be congratulated on their selection for the county and North teams. Laurie Charlesworth and Hilary Tweed were selected for the Cheshire B team and Annie Lea, Catriona Thomson and Elaine Radcliffe were selected for the Cheshire A team. Elaine, Annie and Catriona were further selected for the North of England squad. Elaine Radcliffe must be congratulated on winning a place on the England C Squad after attending trials in February, beating a lot of stiff competition. We have been lucky with the weather this season, meaning we have played many teams, including Casterton, Belvedere and Packwood Haugh to name just three.



was enjoyed by all partly due to the ice-cream, doughnuts and shopping, as well as the fact Queen's won 4 out of their 5 matches beating Croham Hurst, Berkhamsted 2nds, Cheltenham and Westonbirt. Two of these we won after first conceding a goal. We were unlucky to lose to LEH and so did not qualify for the finals day. The team must be congratulated on their motivation and high quality of lacrosse throughout the day.

The 2nds have also had a good season, beating Belvedere 6-3 and Withington 8-5. They also achieved a good result against the Moreton Hall second team. The U13 Squad has shown they are developing into a strong side, beating Liverpool College 12-2, as well as Withington 4-0. They played extremely well

against Penwortham, winning 12-7. The U12s have shown great promise for the future seasons in beating Moreton Hall 5-0 in their very first match. They have also beaten Withington this season and came 3rd in the U12 tournament at Moreton Hall, beating Moreton Hall and drawing with Bolton.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as captain and I'd like to thank the 1st team for all their support, as well as the squads and teachers for their help throughout the season. Thanks must go to Mrs Moore, Miss Aldcroft and also to the dedicated parents who support us on a regular basis. Finally, I'd like to wish Elaine and the squads good luck for next season.

Vicki Garry

The 1st team made a good start to the season in beating Liverpool College 11-0. Further highlights for the team have included competing in the Queen Margaret's tournament in December in very cold conditions, where we reached the semi-finals, beating Casterton and Bolton and drawing with Withington and Queen Margaret's, so reaching the semi finals where we lost to a strong Harrogate Ladies side. Finally, beating Moreton Hall 3-2 has been one of the high-points of the season after years of embarrassing defeats. The National Schools Tournament, in which the first team played,

ATHLETICS 2002

It was good to have our athletics track back in operation again with students keen to improve their times in all track events after a lapse of 2 years in some cases. Sports day was wonderful, a lovely hot day with everyone taking part, including the staff!

Well done to all competitors and helpers. We took part in the Track and Field Cup as usual at Wrexham in May, and although we did not qualify for the Cheshire Schools Cup finals, there were some impressive results.

The Chester and District Minors (Year 7) Championship was held at Wrexham in June and Queen's WON THE OVERALL Championship with Upton in 2nd place (for once) and Christleton in 3rd place. Individual results were as follows:

Jemima Cope	1st in 200 metres
Ellie Sayers	1st in 1500 metres
Laura Thompson	1st in Javelin
Megan Preston	2nd in 800 metres
Emily Fozard	2nd in 1500 metres
Kate Johnson	2nd in Shot
Emma Shore	2nd in High Jump
Sally Meekins	3rd in Hurdles

These girls went on to represent the District at the Cheshire Championships, held at Macclesfield on July 1st.

Laura Thompson was 1st in Javelin
Emma Shore was 1st in High Jump
Jemima Cope was 4th in 200 metres

Girls in the Junior and Intermediate age groups competed for the District at the Cheshire Championships in June, again at Macclesfield. Nicola Webb was 2nd in the Inter Girls' 100 metres, Laura Bestow was 3rd in the Inter Girls' 800 metres and Beth Greenhouse was 4th in the Inter Girls' 80 metres hurdles.

Amanda Scott, Catriona Boyd, Gökçen Yuksek and Lucy Swe were also selected to represent Chester and District.

We entered a local competition run by West Cheshire Athletics Club this year. It was held at Bishops High School for years 7-10 and we were competing against Neston, Whitby, Christleton, Queens Park High and Bishops. Queen's was the winning girls' team.



The main Chester and District event was held at the end of the summer term at Wrexham. Overall results were as follows:

Year 8	Runners-up
Year 9	WINNERS
Year 10/11	Fourth

Individual Results and certificates were as follows:

YEAR 8:

Lauren Rivers	1st in 100 metres and 1st in relay
Abi Okell	2nd in long jump and 1st in relay
Claire Haddad	2nd in high jump
Emma Peters	3rd in Javelin
Gokcen Yuksek	3rd in hurdles
Sian Griffiths	1st in relay
Sophie Ledsham	1st in relay

YEAR 9:

Catriona Boyd	1st in hurdles, 1st in long jump and 1st in relay
Jessica Corbett	2nd in Javelin, 3rd in hurdles and 1st in relay
Amanda Scott	2nd in 100 metres and 1st in relay
Eryl Davies	2nd in 1500 metres
Lucy James	3rd in Shot
Elizabeth McGimpsey	1st in relay

YEAR 10/11:

Laura Bestow	1st in 800 metres in a new Chester and District record of 2.26minutes.
Annie Lea	2nd in 300 metres
Stephanie Hughes	2nd in Shot
Sarah Bransby	3rd in Javelin
Victoria Tudor-Jones	3rd in high jump

Congratulations to all competitors on such outstanding results.

Athletics colours:

Beth Greenhouse
Elizabeth Garry
Nicola Webb

Certificates of Commendation:

Laura Evans
Laurie Charlesworth
Sarah Bransby
Victoria Tudor-Jones
Joanna Reid
Charlotte Cook
Athlete of the Year:
Nicola Webb

CROSS COUNTRY

After early preparation in the shape of the Inter House cross-country event in school, teams were selected for the Chester and District meeting held at Christleton High School last October.

Laura Bestow won the senior event and the following girls finished in the top 20 in their age group, qualifying for the Cheshire Championships:

Emily Teare, Stephanie Blackwell, Kate Bestow, Sophie Billingham, Helen Kelly, Helen King, Emily Fozard,

Jemima Cope, Nicola Pether, Eleanor Sayers, Katie Minseull, Eryl Davies, Catriona Boyd, Amanda Scott, Joanna Reid, Erica Coward, Laura Wilkinson, Ruth Watson and Victoria Garry.

The Queen's School won each of the 4 age groups in the team event, which is a great achievement. Well done to all competitors. Emily Teare and Laura Bestow both represented Cheshire in a 3 counties event and Laura ran in the English Schools competition in Brighton.



Gym Club

The gym club got off to a highly commendable start this year, with lots of budding year sevens and a couple of appearances from girls in other years. We were soon off to work and all began to look forward to Tuesday lunchtimes.

We all began trying to reach our goals on various parts of apparatus. Before long, the 'Open Day' came up and we were all asked whether we would like to come along and do some gym with Beth Tweddle. After that, we started working towards our B.A.G.A awards, as we were all on different levels; the work of Kay, Briony and Holly was greatly appreciated. We would like to say a huge thanks to them and Mrs. Moore who made gym club a success this year. (Catherine Barnard)

ROUNDERS

The amendment to the rules, which came into force last year, has been thoroughly approved by all teams over the past two years. You can now score a rounder by hitting the ball and getting to second base, and the Queen's School teams have used this to advantage - especially in the Chester and District Tournaments:

- Under 15 Team**were runners up
- Under 14 Team**were runners up
- Under 12 Team**reached the semi-finals

Friendlies were played against Moreton Hall, Abbeygate and Christleton and our own inter-house competitions, held in year groups, were all hotly contested.

Congratulations must go to Emma Jenkins, Catriona Thompson and Sophie Hedgecoe on their selection for the England under 17 and under 18 squads for the 2003 season.

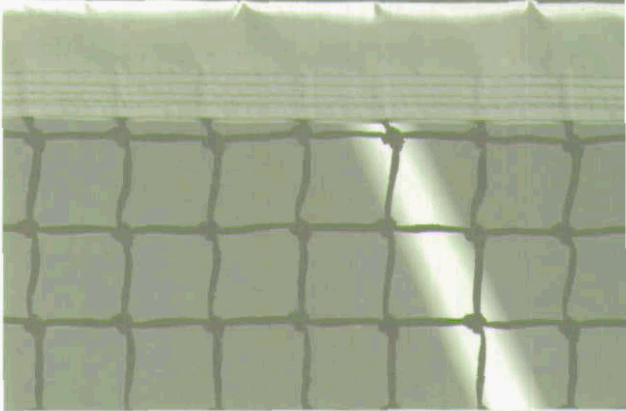
SWIMMING

Swimming club has been very well attended by years 7-9 this season. We spent a lot of time practising our starts, turns, finishes and relays in all strokes in preparation for the annual match against Rydal Penrhos. This is a very friendly event with the highlight of the evening being tea at Rydal. Last year's result was a win for Queen's; this year the tables were turned and Rydal were the overall winners.



Badminton

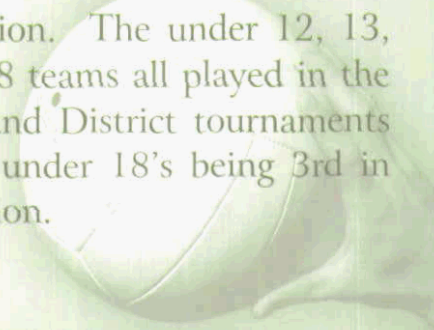
Due to the production of "Rats" occupying many Year 7 and 8s, attendance was quite low in the Autumn Term but after Christmas the usual high numbers returned and great improvement has been shown ever since. Everyone has had great fun trying to improve their skills and as the Spring Term progressed, there has been a significant decrease in the number of aimless swipes by everyone! Thanks must go to Mr Armstrong for giving up his Monday lunch times to help us improve our technique and to re-thread the nets when the cords had come out!



NETBALL

All age groups have enjoyed netball club this year and it has been nice to see the 6th form taking part alongside years 8 and 9. We have played friendlies against Bishops High, Catholic High School, Queen's Park High School, Rydal Penrhos and Tarporley High.

The under 12 team played in the Packwood Haugh invitation tournament and finished 3rd in their section. The under 12, 13, 14 and 18 teams all played in the Chester and District tournaments with the under 18's being 3rd in their section.



Ski Team

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The Team

Laura Wilkinson,
Emily Makower,
Victoria Tudor-Jones,
Emily Hughes,
Donna MacFadyen,
Georgie Okell,
Abigail Okell,
Lucy Campbell-Woodward
and Imogen Lomax.

Top Row: (left - right) Lucy Campbell-Woodward, Victoria Tudor-Jones, Laura Wilkinson, Georgie Okell, Donna MacFadyen
Bottom Row: (left - right) Emily Makower, Abigail Okell, Emily Hughes (absent) Imogen Lomax

COMPETITIONS AND RANKING

English Finals, Swadlingcote - 2nd U19A, 4th U16B (Overall Second)

British Qualifier, Hillend, Edinburgh - 2nd U19A, 9th U16B

Flaine, France, Women Team Combined Results - 14th U19A, 23rd U16B

Flaine, France - Parallel Slalom Knockout - U19A Second Round, U16B First Round

British School Girls Slalom, SCGB Challenge Cup - 3rd U19A

GIRLS' ACHIEVEMENTS

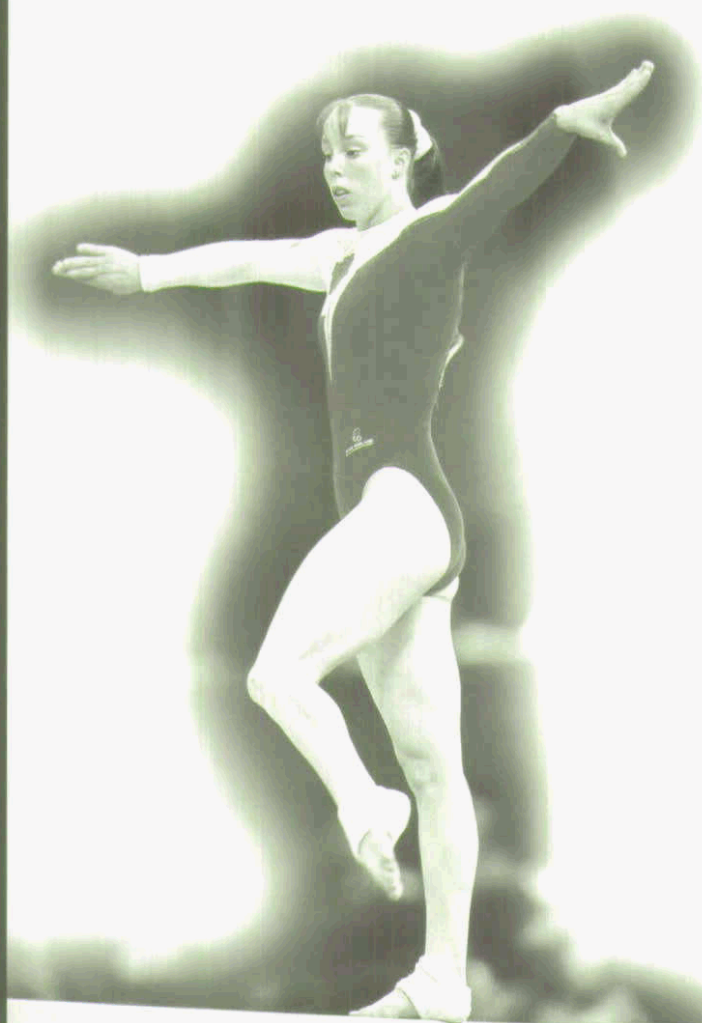
Three girls were invited to go to a ski camp in Norway. From here Emily Makower, Victoria Tudor-Jones and Abigail Okell were further selected to represent England School Ski Association in the World School Girls.

The Queen's School's very own Superstar!

Beth Tweddle has become a name recognised, world-wide, with incredible sporting achievement in gymnastics. This sixth former from Bunbury has not only shown that she can compete along side the world's most prestigious gymnasts and stand out as a supreme competitor, but can also manage to balance this intense lifestyle with her education at The Queen's School.

The school has long supported and recognised the success of Beth, which reached a sensational peak last summer when Beth gained a gold medal on the asymmetric bars and two silver medals for her overall and team performances at the Manchester Commonwealth Games. Also last year, she won a bronze medal in the European Championships and took the Senior British Title.

More recently Beth was presented with the OCS Young Sportsperson of the Year Award, and closer to home she was the receiver of The Queen's School Millennium Achiever's Award 2002. So in this, her final year at the school, we interviewed Beth to give a small insight into the remarkable lifestyle she leads through hard work and determination...and always with a smile on her face.



Q) So Beth, firstly the subject on all Year 13's minds at the moment, A-levels! Which subjects will you be sitting this summer?

A) Biology, Physics and General Studies.

Q) Which university do you hope to go to, and what to study?

A) I am not sure yet. I have offers from America ! I want to study Physics!

Q) Which international event are you currently working towards?

A) The World Championships in California in August.

Q) Did you feel very close to the gymnastic team in the Commonwealth Games?

A) The team is very close, we spent a couple of months together prior to the Games so we know each other very well. I have a great group of friends both in the gym and away from the gym!

Q) Do you have a regular eating and diet plan or are you allowed to pig out?!

A) I have to be careful what I eat especially coming up to major internationals, but I don't have a specific diet plan.

Q) How many hours do you train in a week?

A) When I'm at home it's 25 to 30 hours, but at Lilleshall National Centre with the National Squad it's 30 to 33 hours.

Q) Can you see yourself still participating in gymnastics after you have ended your professional career?

A) I'm not sure yet. I will definitely have a break but may go back and do a bit of coaching.

Q) You appear to be a relatively shy person. Does all the media attention bother you?

A) At first I found it hard, I was very shy, but I've got used to it.

Q) Is there one goal that you ultimately hope to achieve in your career?

A) My ultimate goal is to attend the Olympic Games in 2004.

Q) That all sounds like an incredibly intense lifestyle, so what is your ideal 'day off'?

A) A lazy day! First a lie in, and then either spending the day with family or chilling out with friends at the cinema or shopping, as I don't get the opportunity to see them that much.

(Interviewed by Sarah Garrod, Year 13)



Music 2002/2003

*The Music department this year have been very busy organising extra-curricular activities.
On offer to girls this year...*

***Junior Choir/ Senior Choir/ Chamber Choir • Reed / Junior flute / Senior flute ensembles
Junior / String / Senior Orchestra • Junior Jazz band / Senior Jazz band***

*In addition to this our busy music teachers have somehow found time to organise a production of
'Rats', the Christmas concert and the spring 'Cabaret' concert!*

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Jazz BAND

Jazz band are the new sensation of the Queen's School. With singers, sax, drums, basses, guitars, flutes and pianists the jazzy beat is vibing through the school.

Firstly there is Mrs Jones who set up Jazz Band. Then there is Georgi Okell on the drums, Korina Holmes on the bass guitar, Izzy Richards on the guitar, Laura Spencer, Caroline Wells, Rachel Thompson, Charlotte Elliott and Sarah Warburton on the saxophones, Ruth Carpenter on piano, Olivia Griffiths and Abi Okell on flute and Sarah Bennion, Hollie Shelbourne and Chiara Lisowski as the singers.

Jazz Band appeared at the Christmas concert when they performed a lively rendition of 'Merry Christmas Everyone' when Mr Pilsbury joined in with the jingle bells. The cabaret evening was also a success with a special 'commitments megamix' and a debut performance from Mr McKenna (sigh!)

Jazz Band has been thoroughly enjoyed by the band and hopefully you. Thanks go to Mr Macey and Mr Jones for stepping in to help out and of course Mrs Jones for all her hard work.

Charlotte Elliott (Year 11)

CABARET EVENING

This year Queen's has seen the introduction of a new entertainment evening in place of the usual Spring Concert, in the form of the Cabaret evening. Whilst everyone was very excited about the event, many people were nervous about how it would be received by the audience. There was no reason to worry and it turned out to be a wonderfully successful evening. A fun evening of light entertainment including singing from both the Junior and Senior choirs, dancing ranging from ballet to cheerleading, and drama pieces performed by the Sixth Form. Also the appearance of a certain male RS teacher, singing such delights as Mustang Sally and Midnight Hour, was the icing on the cake for both the girls and the audience.

There was a great deal of hard work that went in to making the evening the huge success it was. Thanks must go to Mrs. Jones and Mr. Pilsbury and of course all the girls who took part! We hope this is the first in a long run of Cabaret evenings at The Queen's School!

Liz Tane (Year 11)

THE ANNA MARKLAND Music Festival

ANNA MARKLAND FESTIVAL WINNERS 2003.

Class Winners

Class	Class Name	Winners
1	Piano 7&8	Joanna Gould 8M
2	Piano 9&10	Olivia Griffiths 10M Amy Underhill 10M
3	Senior Piano	Ruth Carpenter 12A
4	Woodwind 7&8 Brass 7&8	Catherine Barnard 7L Charlotte Meara 7W
5	Woodwind and Brass 9&10	Olivia Griffiths 10M
6	Senior Woodwind	Sara Kagan 11s
7	Strings 7&8	Alys Davies 8G
8	Strings 9&10	Amber Carter 10M
9	Senior Strings	Holly Lowe 13Y
10	Vocal 7&8	Dhivya Prasad 8C
11	Vocal 9&10	Lucy James 10M
12	Senior Vocal	Ceri-Lyn Humphries 11
13	Open Ensemble	Caroline Wells 12H Rachael Thompson 13S Susan Haines 13
14	Piano Duet	Amy Underhill 10M Stephanie Pipe 8G

Cup Winners

The Piano Trophy -	Amy Underhill 10M
The String Trophy -	Holly Lowe 13Y
The Swann Woodwind Trophy -	Sara Kagan
The Gill Church Brass Cup -	Charlotte Meara 7W
The Ann Brotherhood Vocal Trophy -	Lucy James 10M
The Junior Vocal Trophy -	Dhivya Prasad 8C
The James Surfleet Open Ensemble Trophy -	Caroline Wells 12h, Rachael Thompson 13S and Susan Haines 13.
The Piano Duet Cup -	Amy Underhill 10M and Stephanie Pipe 8G
Highly commended performance -	Amy Underhill 10M
The Anna Markland Cup for the outstanding performance of the festival -	Holly Lowe 13Y.

Many congratulations to all girls who took part.

Chamber Choir

The Chamber Choir have enjoyed a successful and busy year. We have sung Evensong at Chester Cathedral. We also performed a dazzling concert by candlelight in the chapel at Eaton Hall, the home of the Duke of Westminster - the concert was in aid of Cancer research. In the Summer holidays, the choir will be singing in the chorus line of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' along with members of the Royal Northern College of Music. The Chamber Choir also performed at the Christmas and Commemoration services at the Cathedral.

Congratulations must go to Susan Haines who has won a choral scholarship to Cambridge University. The choir have recently welcomed some new members from year 9 in preparation for the departure of our Year 13's. Thanks must go to Mr. Pilsbury for his continued encouragement throughout the year.

Caroline Wells (Year 12)

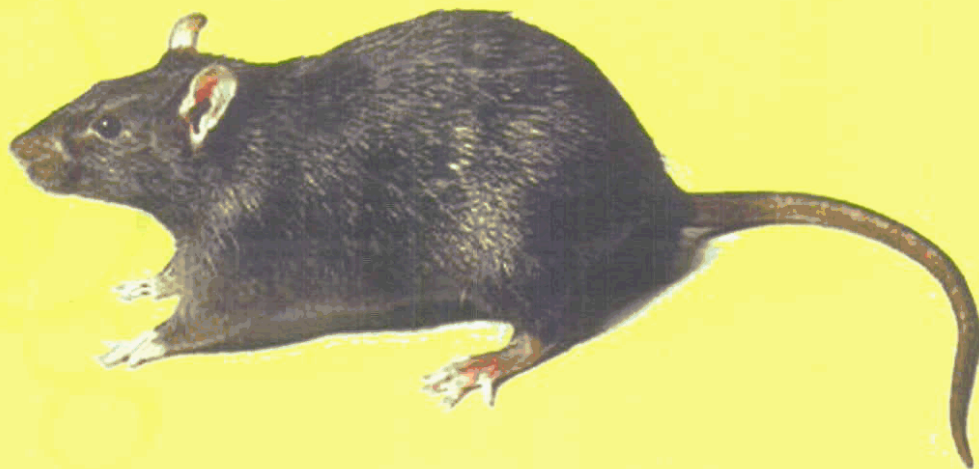




Rats

the musical

Imagine the traditional tale of 'The Pied Piper of Hamelin' jazzed up and set to music and you're not even half way to picturing this year's first musical production: Rats, the rock-n-roll extravaganza! Directed by Mrs Jones, a cast of girls from Years 7 and 8 became the Pied Piper, the villagers of Hamelin and of course the dirty, noisy, smelly rats themselves. The entire production was conducted in song, with musical narrators to fill in the gaps. The music varied from swinging solos to rousing chorus numbers, the mournful lament of a child who got left behind to the Chief Rat's rap. The girls were extremely confident and really looked as though they enjoyed every minute of it. AS music students accompanied the girls, so the audience heard both ends of the musical spectrum. Two separate performances on the 13th and 15th of November saw changes in the lead roles so that even more talented girls could take part, and both nights went down a storm. Thanks must truly go to Mrs Jones for her dedication to the musical, practising with the girls at lunchtimes and after school to complete the rehearsals in only two months!



Positions of Responsibility

Head Girl & Deputies (left - right)



Lucy GREAVES (Deputy Head Girl)
Anna SZNERCH (Head Girl)
Caroline WELLS (Deputy Head Girl)

Prefects (left - right)



Elaine RADCLIFFE
Catriona THOMSON
(Absent: Hilary TWEED)

Sports Captains (left - right)



BACK ROW
Sarah BENNION, Abi GLEEK, Lisa HALLAM,
Tammy KING, Emily WILLIAMS,
Laurie CHARLESWORTH, Carly TELFORD,
Ceri Lyn HUMPHREYS

FRONT ROW
Sophia BERRY, Laura HARRIS, Eirlys WILLIAMS
Phillipa COOK, Laura BESTOW, Sarah GARROD

House Captains (left - right)



Phillipa COOK, Stephanie NOLF,
Biba WAHI, Sarah BONE



'Have Mynde' Committee (left - right)

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Creative Writing

Father

Eyes that were once full of fire, now distant and dim.
Hair once jet black and robust, now grey silk and limp.
Skin once young and fresh, now shrivelled and papery thin.

Youthfulness has faded and listlessness sets in.
All that is left now are Parkinson shakes and rarely a grin
Through thin purple-stained lips, once bright with haemoglobin.

You and I walked together,
My hand clasped around your index finger.
I was your child and you were my world.
Watching over me, protecting me, as I like a leaf unfurled.

Now your eyes have forgotten me, who is this stranger in front of me.
But your soul and mine will always know each other,
For these ties of flesh and blood will bind us forever.

Dhivya Prasad 8C

Africa in Poverty

I sit alone by the parched well,
Watching the sun slip over the horizon,
A whole day gone,
Lain to rest with bygone days
That lie amid the dust of the path
Twirling around my feet.
The path of life is dark,
As dark as the night
Which encompasses my senses.
Dark is the poverty which engulfs my youthful days.

Ming-May Chung and Amy Harris 7C

The End

The last soldier stands in a bloody field of devastation.
The last child cries into a precarious abyss of death.
The last green leaf in a nuclear winter of eternity.
The last fragment of colour in an ailing world of despair.
The last breath of poisonous air in sterile land of dust.
The last dream of a new beginning in a shattered life of desire.
And... the last petal falls.

Sophie Penley 9C

GRANDAD

On summer's evenings you will find him by the lake,
Sitting in his favourite spot preparing his bait.
He could tempt the fish with mussels or maggots plump
And white,
And he sits there expectantly until evenings turn to night.

My Grandad has a trumpet and plays it in a bar.
He also has a clarinet and lets me strum on his guitar.
At Christmas you'll find him busking in the Chester streets,
He enjoys the Christmas merriment and shares the jazzy beat.

My Grandad loves his motorbike and rides it at a pace,
When he was a little younger, around circuits he would race.
He looks mysterious as he rides away in the summer sun,
I love him because he's action packed and always lots of fun.

Sophie Roberts 8C

Creative Writing

Graffiti

The wall served as his backdrop,
Partially blocking the dispersing grey stream
And filling the landscape with a more vibrant,
Ambitious option.

He sat, slumped against the bricks flicking a lighter
And scraping his trodden heel over the gravel.

As the light began to yield to the impending dark,
Names and inscriptions shone out from the wall.
Years and dates arranged themselves in Chronological order,

Telling a disjointed story of anger and love,
Viewed as something vulgar with spray cans
And brushes.

Late at night, the men came equipped in their
Stained overalls,
And set to work carefully with council's turpentine,
Scrubbing off the images set in stone.
The workers turned the words to a sanitised grey,
And rumbled to each other, dragging on their fags
As they drove away.

He watched their departure in silence,
As he shook the primed canister in his hand.

Emily Meara 9C

WORLD WAR II

**CONSTANT SHUDDERING,
EARTH AND SOIL TRICKLES
FROM THE ROOF OF THE SHELTER.**

**MOANING MINNIE WAILS AGAIN,
WARNING OF THE GERMAN BOMBERS.**

**PEOPLE QUIVER AND SHOUT,
RUN AND RUN FOREVER.**

**'SHELTER HERE!' PEOPLE CRY,
NOT LONG BEFORE THE
ENGINE CUTS OUT ABOVE.**

**PEOPLE AND HOUSES FALL,
CRIPPLED AND DEAD.**

THE WAR IS ON.

HANNAH DONALD 7C

The sins of fellow men - Holocaust poem

A rush of adrenaline hit,
Like a blow striking the eternal heart
Of nations, now saddened
By the sins of fellow men.
The tears of Einstein fell-
All his dreams shattered by
The destruction and merciless power
Of his experiment, used for evil intent.
The rain pouring in showers,
Brought the blanket of grey waste
And endless pain, that hit

The unfortunate souls who'd made haste
The gas continued to permeate,
Like a smothering dream, it choked
All left under the bleak, molten
Sky, now coloured the black of death.
Murmurs of chatter of fear
And all bereaved, sat to contemplate
The plentiful gardens, now made desolate
By the sins of fellow men.

Nicki - Jayne Russell, 9C

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Creative Writing

Dylan and I

*Outside the "Dylan Thomas theatre", now the haunt of the "causeless" youth,
Dylan is still thinking. Recently, I joined him.*

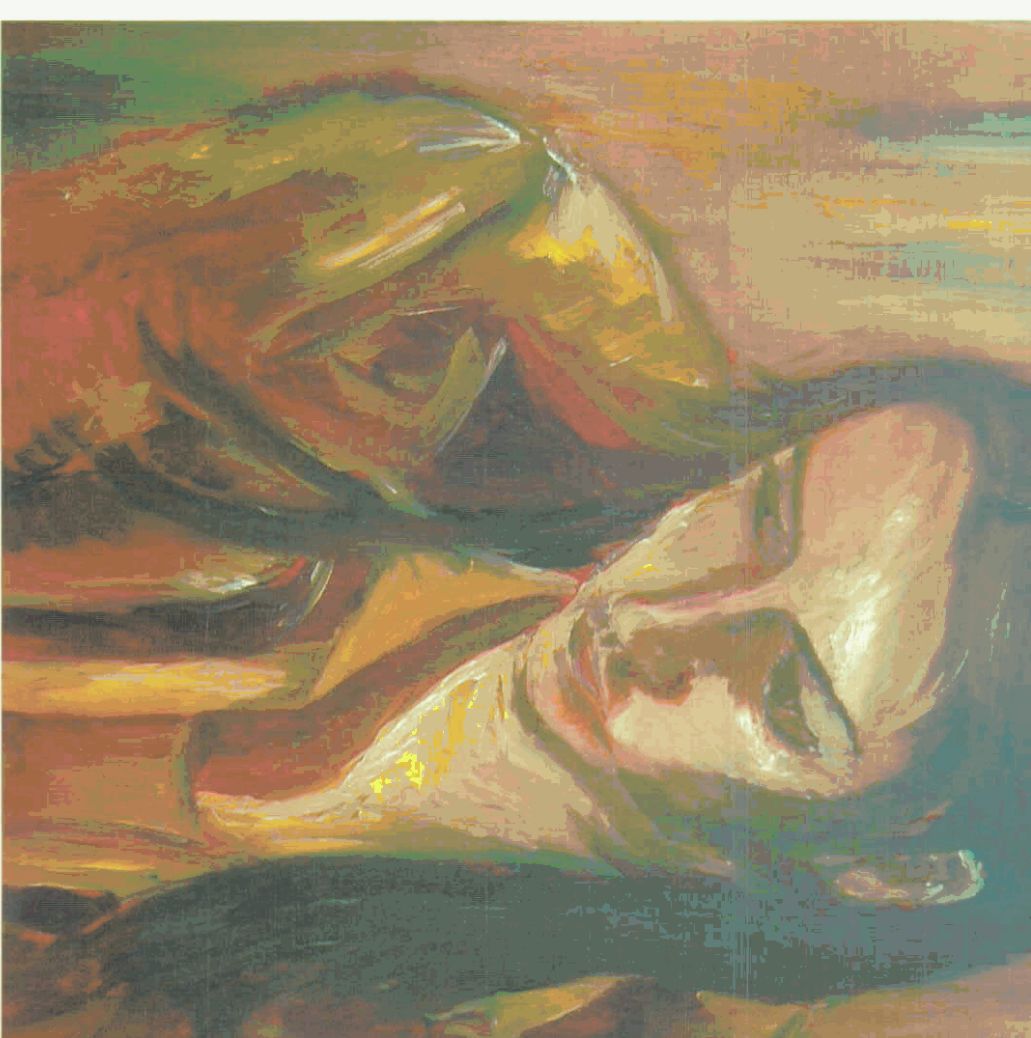
There he was, slouched, like me, against cold,
Hard brick, back again, still thirty-nine years old.
Muted, scruffy, disappointed,
Thrust from his painted plaster, transpired.
His faded, frescoed theatre wall
Has been turned to YHA. Among ruins, I answer his call
As he looks on for Brown's Hotel, a hostel
For the vorticose illusions of his shaken soul.
Running in his veins, the black-bitter beer
Of twenty years is still flowing here:
The ichor of the god. Chthonian-cool
He's still defying each rigid rule
As he invites me in, into his brain, his brain.
Deep, deep, deep. Am I insane?
No meek Malkovitch here: Heartless.
The sky is raining pitch like coal: Starless.
It is here among the black pained parables
The artist learnt as a boy in chapel
From a black-bound bible, I will
Hit the foundations of a dark, satanic mill.
I have hit it, social worker - signed, "hopeless, dissolute
will never wield welsh, will be illiterate".
I, like Dylan, still unwilling to give up drink
Will never conform, nor be unwilling to think.

Laura Harris, 12 H



Year 7 Paintings based on the work of Henri Matisse

Year 7 Oil Pastel Designs based on the work of Henri Matisse



GCSE ART WORK by Hannah Blaikie, Sioned Jones, Kate Meredith & Donna MacFadyen



Creative Writing

The Garden

I am cascading along in the ever peaceful garden; I am in a jungle mass of Fuschia roses embedded in soil that looks like rotten bark, gritty and rough. It is silent and still. Running through the long, spearmint green grass, I twitch agitatedly as nettles as fiendish as devils reach out creepily to grab and sting my legs like a wasp jumping onto my rose pink skin, giving me a doctor's injection then flying away, cackling. The grey paving stones lie like gravestones, the colour of menacing clouds with evergreen moss like a miniature forest discreetly creeping over them like ivy creeping up an unsuspecting house. In the middle, a birdbath stands taking pride of place and spying like a secret undercover agent over the rest of the garden. Its basin is bone dry like the plains of a dusty desert, but suddenly, I look up, a drip of solitary water grabs my hair. The birdbath slowly fills up like a dehydrated lake being smothered in water. I run away and take shelter under a tent- a tree, like a refugee in a camp.

Catherine Barnard 7L



Winter

Winter has blown a
Chilling blanket over us

The spindly fingers of the shrivelled trees
have shed their leaves
and become naked.

The streets and towns resemble
black and white
vintage photographs.
All colour has been
washed away,
there seems to be
no life left at all.

The stillness is broken,
only by the
smoke from the chimneys,
like ghostly shapes
dancing against the night sky.

Stars like glistening diamonds
pierce tiny windows of light
into the dark blanket of winter.

Tabatha Leggett 7L

The Dunes

Falling on the far-off sea like fool's gold-dust, a
thousand droplets of sun fly down like a swarm of bees
from the cloud cloaked sky, their glow reaching for
miles, making the sea glitter like a tear-filled eye.

Past that far, almost fairy-tale sight lies Scotland, hills
rise and fall like waves until the all-conquering sea
drowns them. Charcoal hills, their burnt-black foliage
darkly contrasting with the clump of houses that cluster
on the far edge of the sea, pyramid point hills, their
sharp summits piercing the sky like a flame through a
log; midnight hills, their deep black hearts glowing ebony
in the mass of night sky that is their soil; living hills, their
black the black of space without sunlight, of a fire
without fuel.

Just on the edge of human sight, the vague outline of
what could be an island, or perhaps just another piece of
England, or perhaps again just a figment of the
imagination. Its misted, obscured shape is almost visible,
leaving no trail when it is lost once more to the Chinese
clouds.

Harriet Housby, 9C

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Creative Writing

Night to Day

Night falls like a stone
During the night the cats prowl
Morn rose like thick smoke.

Alicia Clarke 71

A poem in the style of T.S Eliot The Ballad Of A Knight

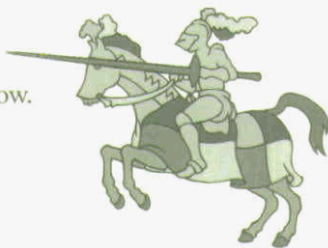
Macabre in its twilight,
The moon-knight battles its foes.
Travels the highway like an abandoned hitchhiker,
Unknown in which way it goes.

The clouds drift high and low,
Whispering about the world below.

The unforgiving roar of the wind lion,
Echoes through the motionless maze of thorough fares.
Fighting the mignons of darkness,
Dancing their repugnant dance.
Like ballerinas in their delicacy.
Swift and subtle like the swords of Hector and Lysander.

The clouds drift high and low,
Whispering about the world below.

Vicky Wignall 8C



Barbed is She

Barbed is she
Who lives upon her hill
Who weaves her own ways
And speaks to whom she will.

Her hair flows down
In thick chestnut strands
And her eyes are reflections
Of far-off distant lands.

Her voice is of the birds
That fly high above the sea.
Her world is of dreams
For in dreams we are free.

Her small house is nothing
Short of a shack.
But not an ounce of comfort
Does that little space lack.

Inside, from every homely crack,
Golden sand falls.
And the sun's faint ways
Are painted on the walls.

She drinks only of the water
Collecting in scattered pools.
Blades of broken rock and dreams
Are her only tools

That she uses to dig up
Memories of the past,
And watches her loneliness slowly sail by
Set up high, upon a mast.

And from inside her shell-fragmented dream
She hears echoes of the sea
And her sand-encrusted smile
Holds their key.

To an immense world
Of sweet-smelling brine
Where faces are tinged
With a salty wet shine.

And in that world
She is free
But in this world
Barbed is she.

Lucy Campbell-Woodward 90

Creative Writing

Story of a Biro

The Biro
That cheap,
Flimsy,
Good for nothing,
Freebee
That comes with the junk mail.

It just lies there
Behind a desk
Where it was flung
When it dried out.

Its chewed edges,
Sharp nib,
Crude appearance
Gathered dust on the cracked plastic

No one knows it's there
And when it's found
By someone who heard it cry.....

It's binned.

Charlotte Wall 90



My Mother's a Stranger

- A Fictional Account

Fire burning in my mind,
Too many questions,
Answers to find.
My life is deceit,
Stops my heart's pounding beat.
Somebody I thought loved me,
Kept this secret,
Since I was three!
Somebody just walked right in,
Threw my history in the bin.
My mother wasn't true,
My father was a lie.
A stranger just says 'You are mine'
'You share my blood and my enzymes!'
But she means nothing to me.....

Charlotte Lowe 8C

Love's Religion

In joint genuflection, we acknowledge this deity,
Though formless, and unproven
We prostrate at its altar
This supernatural entity, our love.

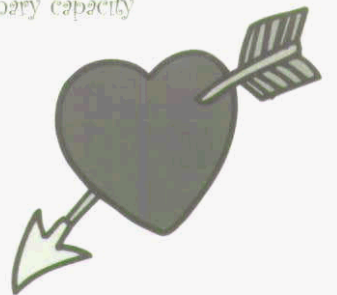
Its testament pretentious sentiment
Our temple ourselves, oh we are proud
Of conceiving such a notion,
All-transcending unselfish self-worship.

We have laboured over seeking it
Yet now we deny it, Love found us
And we are powerless before it
They are told, and we often tell ourselves.

Are we born again? For we have ascended
Above monotheistic religion
Our dual existence our saviour, our sacrifice
Are we crucified in risking broken hearts?

No, I worship myself for canonizing you
And rejoice in my self-delusionary capacity
I chose to risk myself for us
And so I pray.

Cas Campbell 12H



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Charities

The Queen's School Celebrates Red Nose Day 2003

9C's charity week, which began on 10th of March, was in aid of the renowned Comic Relief. Throughout the week an ever-replenishing supply of sweets was laid out on benches, while we waited for the "break-time" rush of buyers. To boost our sales, Mr. Armstrong presented an assembly on the good work of Comic Relief, using speakers from our form. On Friday, we concluded the fund raising by wearing our own clothes and "mad hair". Chester had sold out of red spray cans by the end of the week! At lunchtime we held a fiercely fought match of "Shipwreck". The teachers performed dismally but at least the rope held out! Year 8's swung their way to victory and a tub of Maltesers.

The week was enormous fun and Mrs. Carter's enthusiasm and red hair were an inspiration to everybody.

We were delighted to raise over £800 for Comic Relief.

Emily Meara (9C)

Queen's Girls lend a helping hand

Girls participate in many different activities outside of school, many of them charitable. Here are just a few that display that Queen's Girls really do lend a helping hand!

I spend Saturday mornings looking after disabled children at Barnados. I really enjoy interacting with the children and forming a special bond with them.

Lisa Hallam

Monday evenings used to be boring, not now! I spend them playing football, getting covered in glitter and glue with the Wistaton cub group.

Kay Morris

On Monday evenings I help with the children at Brownies which I always enjoy, even though the kids are a bit mad!

Christina Churchman

For a couple of hours every Saturday morning I go to a nursing home and talk to the people who live there. At the end of the day I find this really rewarding and worthwhile.

Becky Coward

I have been going every week for an hour to read material that is sent in by visually impaired clients onto tapes and CDs. I find it very rewarding and the thank you notes prove that it really makes a difference.

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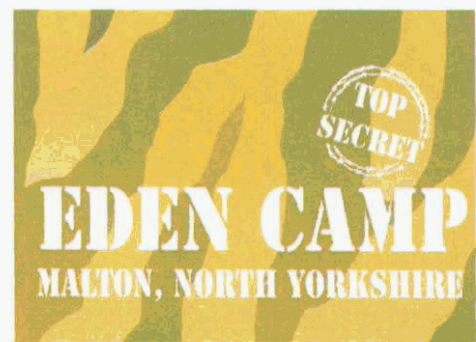
WHO: YEAR 11 HISTORY GROUPS, PLUS SOME H.E. 6TH FORMERS.

WHERE: EDEN CAMP

WHAT: A WORLD WAR TWO PRISONER OF WAR CAMP,
NOW A THEMED MUSEUM OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR.

WHEN: 17TH SEPTEMBER 2002

WHY: TO HELP WITH OUR COURSEWORK ON WOMEN IN THE WAR.



At 8.00 o'clock on a Tuesday morning we were all sitting in a coach ready to take us to Eden Camp. We didn't really know what to expect, and were not very happy at the time we had to get up. After a good two and a half hours on the coach, we finally arrived.



We went round the huts that were relevant to our coursework, taking notes on women in WW2. As the morning went on, we were finding more and more information about women in the war, though it was hard to find anything suitable to lean on to write it down! One of the most popular 'exhibits' turned out to be the two men repairing the spitfire, which several people found enthralling. A friend and I had fun playing a game in which you had to press a button to guess the amount of food people were allowed each week on ration, getting all of the answers wrong, only to turn round and find it was written on the wall behind us!

We went into the puppet show, which some people were very sceptical about to start with. But, it soon turned out to be one of the highlights of the day, as it had everyone in stitches. The front row didn't find it quite so amusing, but they were in water pistol firing range, much to the delight of everyone else.

The most important part of the day, lunch, was eaten in a mess hut! In the afternoon you could see more huts, go on the assault course, look at the air raid shelters, or, my activity of choice, eat fudge!. I really enjoyed the day and would like to thank all of the teachers who organised it and put up with our noise level on the coach.



Lisa Hallam 11J

Year 7 Mathematics Visit to Catalyst Museum

On 6 November 2002 we went to the Catalyst museum in Widnes. This was a great day out for all year 7 with lots of fun and challenging mathematics puzzles to complete.

There were three floors to this museum.

- The ground floor was full of hands-on exhibits.
- The first floor contained interesting information to help us complete a maths trail.
- The top floor was the observatory, where we completed the trail. This was reached by a trip in a glass lift. We discovered that the walls of the observatory were made of glass so that we could see all around.

This enjoyable day out would certainly not have been complete without a trip to the gift shop!

Gillian Rodger 7W

Out & About

The French Exchange 2002-03

The annual French exchange to 'Notre Dame la Riche' school in Tours with The King's School has continued this year and proved to be a resounding success. Students spent ten days with a French family with the aim of improving their French, as well as learning about French culture. The highlight of the visit was the journey from Paris to Tours when we managed to pick up an Italian stowaway at the airport; she in fact remained unnoticed by staff until we were forty minutes from Paris! The excuse made was that no one believed that we could pick up an extra student!

English students spent 4 days at the *collège* or *lycée*, with some students boarding at the school until the start of their holidays. Activities were organised for English students during school time including biology field work on an island in the Loire, and for those at the lycée writing an edition of the weekly newspaper '*La fenêtre*'. We were also taken on a walking sightseeing tour of Tours for our last half-day. The usual trip to Futuroscope in Poitiers was also greatly enjoyed. Then students were left to spend the remaining time with their partners and families, and experience a little of '*la vie française*'. The exchange is a great scheme and incredibly beneficial to all girls studying French at GCSE or AS level. All you need to have a



successful trip is a mind open to French life and the courage to try and speak at every opportunity! Thanks must go to Mr and Mrs Anderson for giving up their time to organise such an enjoyable exchange, and for devising that brilliant awards presentation on the way home!

by Sophia Berry

German EXchange

After awaiting the arrival of our German exchange partners for several weeks, we nervously awaited for their arrival at Manchester Airport last April. A good time was had by all in England and in August 6 girls and Mrs. Maddox left for the return trip to Fulda, Germany. Andrea definitely won the prize for the biggest suitcase but we were all equally as excited.

After a terrifying journey on what must have been the world's smallest commercial plane, we finally arrived in

Frankfurt. We split up and were taken to the houses of our exchange partners. German houses are laid out differently to English ones, as Jen discovered when she spent ten days sleeping in the basement!

We spent the next ten days bowling, playing mini-golf and shopping (the Germans claimed to be shopaholics – we proved them wrong!) We all met up for a tour of Fulda, given by perhaps the only person in Fulda who did not speak fluent English, much to the annoyance of Mrs. Maddocks, who had to constantly correct him.

We spent the last 3 days of our stay at school- in August!! We thought that was bad enough until we found out that school started at eight! Despite this we all had a wonderful experience in Germany, our German improved and we learnt a lot about German culture.

Thanks must go to Mrs. Maddocks for organising the exchange and for her constant support during the trip.

by Jenny Mason and Emma Graham



Silver Duke of Edinburgh – Expedition

Early May 2002 – birds singing, trees swaying, summer just around the corner. The only other sounds are...

"Who likes short shorts? Donna likes short shorts!"

I can almost hear the earth trembling in fear: The Year 10's. On the Duke of Edinburgh Expedition. Singing.

The girls were met by ankle deep sludge that seeped into their boots, endless hills of knee scraping heather, and head high nettles that ensured no one escaped from being stung...

We set out in high spirits – our singing almost in tune, our hair immaculate and our feet completely painless. Three days later, and we had trudged over 30 miles of rolling hills and were now exhausted beyond pain.



However, the Duke of Edinburgh didn't just morph us into what our caveman ancestors must have looked like – it was fun too.

We learnt things about ourselves we never thought possible; we sang, cried, screamed, laughed, sat and refused to move, fell out, made up and had experiences none of us will ever forget.

Although at the time it felt like our feet would never forgive us, and our TVs, phones and high heels would never be part of our lives again, we survived.

So thanks Roy, Dave, Phil and Barry. We didn't mean the things we said, we were just very jealous of your absence of pain. We couldn't have done it without you, and now we realise that you were actually trying to help.

(Carly Telford IIP)

Gold Duke of Edinburgh – Expedition

A group of intrepid fifth and sixth formers set out in August to complete their gold expedition in Snowdonia. Each group had to complete a 50 mile trek over 4 days sleeping in a tent and carrying all their kit on their backs! We had to endure blisters and sunburn and we began to question the reasoning behind the Duke of Edinburgh scheme! However, we enjoyed glorious weather, stunning scenery and a spectacular night under a full moon. Those who completed the award felt an amazing sense of pride in their ability to work as a team under pressure and to survive in far from ideal conditions. Those four days were certainly character building and made us appreciate our creature comforts!

(Sophia Berry Year 12)

SKI TRIP TO AMERICA

The holiday involved skiing at two resorts Loon Mountain and Bretton Woods on the North East side of America in New Hampshire. We started at Loon Mountain where the beginners conquered 'little sis', the advanced skiers practised synchronised skiing and the snowboarders fell in love with their instructor. A few snowboarders did manage to make it down Loon's massive half pipe. The first few days ended with one hospital visit and everybody managing to balance on their skis or boards.

At Bretton Woods where the beginners began to conquer blue slopes, the snowboarders managed to get off the chairlifts and the advanced skiers were horrified at the lack of blacks but they still had the half pipe and jumps. The funniest moment must have been seeing an advanced skier ski backwards into a pylon, she was further humiliated as she couldn't get back up on to her feet.

After a hard day on the slopes we were able to relax back at the hotel. I mean who could resist a hot tub outside in the snow, or the warm indoor pool after a hard day skiing. Yet if this wasn't your thing, you could beat Dr Woodward at pool, or Mr McKenna at air hockey. Don't be fooled into thinking that we went a week without shopping. On the last day, we visited a shopping outlet then we made our way to Boston. We were greeted by great big sky scrapers and yellow taxi cabs. At Quincy Market we found great shops including Abercrombie and Finch and Victoria's Secrets. After spending all our parents' money we were dragged back to the coach to go to the airport. We were all upset about leaving America but that did not last long as guess who was on our plane? – none other than Justin Timberlake! We didn't just meet one celebrity, we also met B*witched and the Harlem Globe Trotters! This ski trip can be best described as eventful but great fun! I mean what could be better than

watching the teachers dance, listening to Mr McKenna sing karaoke and watching Dr Woodward trying to stop on his skis (although he did manage it in the end). Thanks must go to Miss Huck, Mrs Steventon, Miss Culshaw, Mr McKenna, Dr Woodward and especially Mrs O'Donnell who put up with us for a whole week.

Emily Williams (Year 11)



The Debating Society

Both the senior and junior debating societies were started by Mrs Griffiths in September, to help foster intellectual discussion among girls, and have thrived ever since. The senior society is supported by sixth form students who have spent the year honing their technique and the art of rebuttal in increasingly heated and well researched debates. Topics which have been selected as motions for the senior society have included the discontinuation of AS levels, fox hunting, GM crops, political assassinations, public autopsies and an armed bobby on the beat. The group have chosen increasingly to argue on current affairs and interests. It was also hoped that the society would provide a larger range of debaters to make

up a team for the annual English Speaking Union, Mace debating competition. Sophia Berry and Laura Harris were picked to represent the school and won the local heats to go through to the regional finals, which were held at Queen's in February. The home team only just failed to go through to the national stages of competition against older and more experienced opposition!

Junior debate has been equally well attended by girls in the lower years eager to express their opinions on such divisive motions as single sex education and same sex marriage.

However both groups put their efforts into the staff student debate before the Easter holidays.

Christian Union Report

CU have once again experienced a very eventful year. The faithful biscuit box has been present at all our meetings, however Nicola and Briony are waiting for the year 11's to leave so that they can get some. Back in the autumn term, Mrs Griffiths, Miss Woodland and Mrs. Marshall led meetings which were enjoyed by all. Ruth Armstrong also took meetings questioning eternal life and our relationship with God. As our Christmas social we all trundled down to Megabowl and had a fantastic time. Last term the Dean

of Chester came into school to share his 'out of body' experience with us and we spent a lot of the

term planning our annual weekend away. This year 40 girls, 6 teachers and Jenny (our leader) travelled to Llangollen Youth Hostel and had an amazing weekend. Our theme was light and we all took part in drama, music, art and dance workshops. How can we ever forget Mrs. Marshall's sketch or the uncanny impressions of Miss Woodland!!

We are looking forward to next year and hope to see lots of new faces from year 9. We are sad to see Suzanne Elliott leave as she embarks on a gap year and then goes on to university. Many thanks to Mr. Armstrong, Paul North and Mr. McKenna for their help and organisation throughout the year.

Annie Sayers IIP



MATHEMATICS COMPETITIONS

UK Senior Mathematical Challenge:

Silver Certificates were won by Lizzie Bransby and Hannah Goodwin, with **Bronze Certificates** awarded to Susan Haines, Alex Simpson, Georgina Denton, Jenny Mason and Rachel Hewitt. All these girls are in Year 13.

UK Intermediate Mathematical Challenge: (Year 10)

Gold Certificates: Sarah Bernie and Eryl Davies.

Silver Certificates: Sarah Froom, Angel Wong, Sophie Salisbury, Kelly Siegel, Rachel Bestow, Charlotte Penrhyn-Jones, Elizabeth McGimpsey.

Bronze Certificates: Gwawr Davies, Laura Evans, Elizabeth Tane, Josie Mayer, Lucy Swe, Louise Trimble, Catherine Forshaw, Elizabeth French, Melissa Ithell, Victoria Wilkinson.

Mathematical Education on Merseyside

Senior Challenge: Oluseun Famoriyo (year 9) won a third prize.

All these girls have done very well to achieve these awards - well done to you all.

I J Armstrong

The Amnesty International Group

Amnesty International is an international charity that aims to promote knowledge of human rights and fight for their protection around the world. However Amnesty International often catches public attention for its work on the release of prisoners of conscience and its ongoing mission to eradicate the death penalty.

As a founding member of the society, Amnesty caught my attention because of its attempts to rectify the widespread abuses of women's human rights under the Taliban regime in Afghanistan. The group we have set up at school and affiliated to the youth and student office of Amnesty has been active for two years. The main body of the group's work has been as part of national and international letter writing campaigns for prisoners of conscience. For the past two years we have taken part in a scheme to send Christmas cards to prisoners of conscience and those on death row around the world. The response to these cards has been very inspiring to our burgeoning activist tendencies. A Togolese journalist and long time prisoner of conscience who we wrote to was finally released after Christmas, in part due to the pressure placed on the Togo government by the thousands of individuals writing on his behalf. This ties in with a fundamental Amnesty principle of the importance of individual efforts. "Many snowflakes help to make an avalanche." We also used other tactics such as petitions, postcards and urgent actions to carry out the charity's work. With responses from Christine Russell MP for Chester and Jack Straw we feel that our views are being successfully put forward.

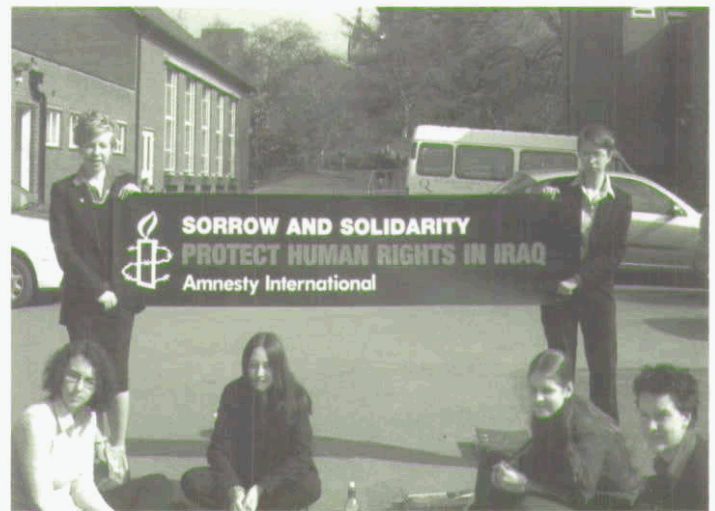
Over the past terms we have also organised open lectures at lunchtimes with guest Amnesty speakers; this year we invited Amnesty's death penalty coordinator into school. Maria Gillespie the Chester Amnesty group coordinator and a prisoner of conscience in South America was a guest speaker for a PSE session as well. With the onslaught of conflict in the Gulf in March the group tried to make a non political stand against human

rights violations in war during an assembly and a vigil for the people of Iraq held in the quad.

Our work as members of Amnesty International has been both rewarding and varied this year, and arguments over the legal status of war in Iraq, the prisoners in Camp X-ray and Israeli operations in Palestine have shown us the continued relevance of our work in the community.

We would welcome any new members to join us next term, as we hope the group's successes will outlive our time at the school.

by Sophia Berry



CCF: ARMY SECTION

This year has been an eventful year marking the start of what promises to be a fun filled and action packed future for many new recruits in the Army section, in particular for the large number of girls who have recently joined the contingent.

Many events undertaken have included the Remembrance Day Parade last November, a Signals Cadre in Warrington, and numerous training and range firing weekends. More recently the Biennial review took place allowing the contingent to be displayed in its finest glory and enabling each cadet to show their drill and fieldcraft skills to the visiting Officer. The Swynnerton Training Programme at Easter provided the contingent with another chance to put these skills into action and senior cadets have also been allowed to experience the exhilaration of parachuting!

Further opportunities have arisen for cadets to further their 'career' in the cadet force and receive qualifications and promotions through embarking upon a BTEC Diploma in Public Services, a Method of Instruction Cadre and Leadership Course held at Nescliffe and Frimley Park.

We have continued to gear all training including teamwork skills and battlefield tactics towards the annual camp, which is to be held at Wathgill this

July. The contingent is also looking forward to our first social dinner evening this summer, which will look to increase the profile of the Chester Combined Cadet Force by giving the opportunity for past and present officers and cadets to pass on their knowledge in true military tradition.

Tamanique King (Year 11)

CCF: RAF SECTION

This year at RAF has seen the influx of a number of new cadets and successes have been achieved in all fields. Recruits, part one, part two and cadre exams have been passed, promotions gained and many activities undertaken. We have taken part in gliding, leadership courses, shooting, parachuting, night exercises and flying. We entered a team in the annual ground training competition and clearly showed our high standards in drill, shooting, first aid etc finishing a pleasing seventh overall. We have also recently had our biennial review, which highlighted clearly our strong sense of teamwork and showcased the skills we have obtained. Our annual summer camp is nearing and we wish all those attending a fantastic time.

Laura Layfield (Year 13)



Curriculum

Class Five Activity Day at the Senior School.

Much closer liaison with our Senior School staff – visits to both sites.
Performance Poetry in English Week with Dennis Carter includes Class Three.

Class Six undertake 1940s Activity Day.

Combined lesson of Poetry with Class Six and Class Three.

After School Supervision begins for all Lower School girls.

English Week includes a session of Performance Poetry for all of Key Stage Two with our poet-in-residence Dennis Carter.

Nedham House Report Cards include Individual Targets for girls.

Houses and Sports

Judo Club goes from strength to strength.

Judo Players of the Week awarded in Lower School Assemblies.

Inter House matches in Netball, Swimming, Rounders, Hockey, Cross-Country.

Inter House Rounders won by Eagles.

Nedham House Sports Day Trophy won by Eagles.

Tennis coaching for Key Stage Two.

Continued enthusiastic participation in AJIS Tournaments.

Sandford House Sports Day was cancelled because of rain.

Individual Cross Country cup won by Siobhan Barnard.

A Year in of the Low



The Lower School Site

New Dining Room tables help us to create more space.

Early Stages of the Friendship Garden are developed adjacent to the Playground Equipment.

Each class in Key Stage Two is allocated a raised Garden plot to develop during the year.

A new pond is built to prepare for the loss of our original.



Events

Sandford House Birthday with Merlin the Magician.

Garden Party raises £2,750 for our Friendship Garden.

Birds of Prey display for all ages.

Mrs Bills retires and Mrs Smethurst becomes our new chef.

The new hamster 'Pearl' arrives at Sandford House.

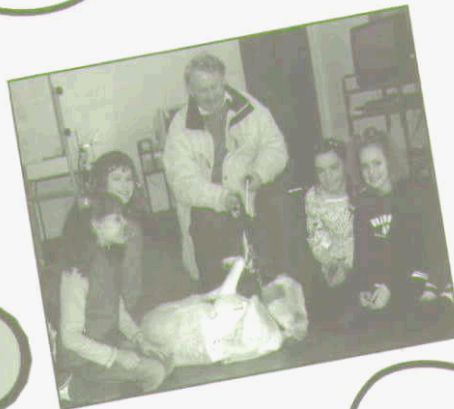
Scholastic Bookfair raises £883.19 in commission for the Lower School.

Annual Open Morning for all of the Lower School.

Christmas Party and Karaoke for Sandford House and Nedham House respectively.

Nedham House Birthday begins with an assembly of poetry.

New Catering Committee is formed, with two elected members from each class.



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Music and Performance

Sandford House Play of Dick Whittington.

Nedham House Summer Concert.

'Spheres Circles Rings and Things' – a Christmas at Nedham House.

Class Assemblies in Sandford House.

Sandford House Easter Service.

Harvest Festivals take place for both Houses.

Class Five and Class Six participate in workshops for the Chester Mystery Plays.

Sandford House Nativity.

Nedham House Choir Sing in the Cathedral

Class Concerts in Nedham House.

Display of Stringed Instruments from teachers.

Outings and Visits

Class Six to Waterstones to visit Kevin Crossley-Holland

Class Six Residential Trip to Borreaton Park

Reception and Class One Trip to Tatton Park

New baseball caps for the Summer Term

Class Two and Three trip to Chirk Castle

Class Five have a Tudor Christmas at the Grosvenor Museum.

Visits from Representatives of NSPCC and Barnardos

Class Four Trip to Ironbridge

Class Three trip to the Grosvenor Museum



Nedham House Gifts 2002 - 2003

July 2002	Kate Bernie	Book for the Library
July 2002	Georgia and Frankie Whiteoak	Photo album containing photographs taken in World War Two by their grandfather.
July 2002	Mr & Mrs Williams & Charlotte	Clematis plant for the garden
July 2002	Class 6 Parents and Leavers	Cheque for the Friendship Garden
Sept 2002	Mrs Minshull & Alicia	Plant for Class 5 Herb Garden
Sept 2002	Mrs Roberts and Sarah-Louise	Plant for Class 5 Herb Garden
Oct 2002	Mrs Holmes	A pair of pictures
Oct 2002	Mrs Clarke and Amy	Books for class libraries
Oct 2002	Mrs Tedstone	English and Science Text Books
Nov 2002	Mrs Williams, Hannah & Emma	Knitting needles
Nov 2002	Dr Laine	Games for After School Supervision
Nov 2002	Miss Paice	Christmas Tree for Hall
Dec 2002	Mrs Segrave and Alexandra	Mary Costume
Dec 2002	Mrs Miller and Charlotte	Costumes
Jan 2003	Miss Skilbeck	Calendars
Jan 2003	Ellie Silcock	Book for Class 5 library
Jan 2003	Mrs Williams	Books for Reference Library
Feb 2003	Mr & Mrs Shadbolt	Photographic quality paper

Sandford House Gifts 2002 - 2003

Class 3 leavers	-	a 'Friendship Seat' for the new garden
Elinor Edwards	-	a book for the library
Emily Kelly & family	-	a selection of books for class libraries
Mr Terry & Boeing Pudent Sound Community Fund	-	Playground equipment
Mr. Robinson & Jennifer Mrs Williams Mrs Tomlinson	-	Plants for Sandford House playground
Profit from sale of Christmas Play Video organised by Mrs Witter	-	C.D. & Tape Player

Charity Fundraising

Nedham House

Small Group fundraising for the Year from April 2002 – March 2003 totalled £977.30

Save the Family – Harvest	£293.40
Save the Family – Christmas	£165.78
Children in Need	£292.75
Royal British Legion	£65.68
CARE – Animal Rescue	£32.25
MENCAP	£624.81
Comic Relief	£127.02
Children with Leukaemia	£1197.15



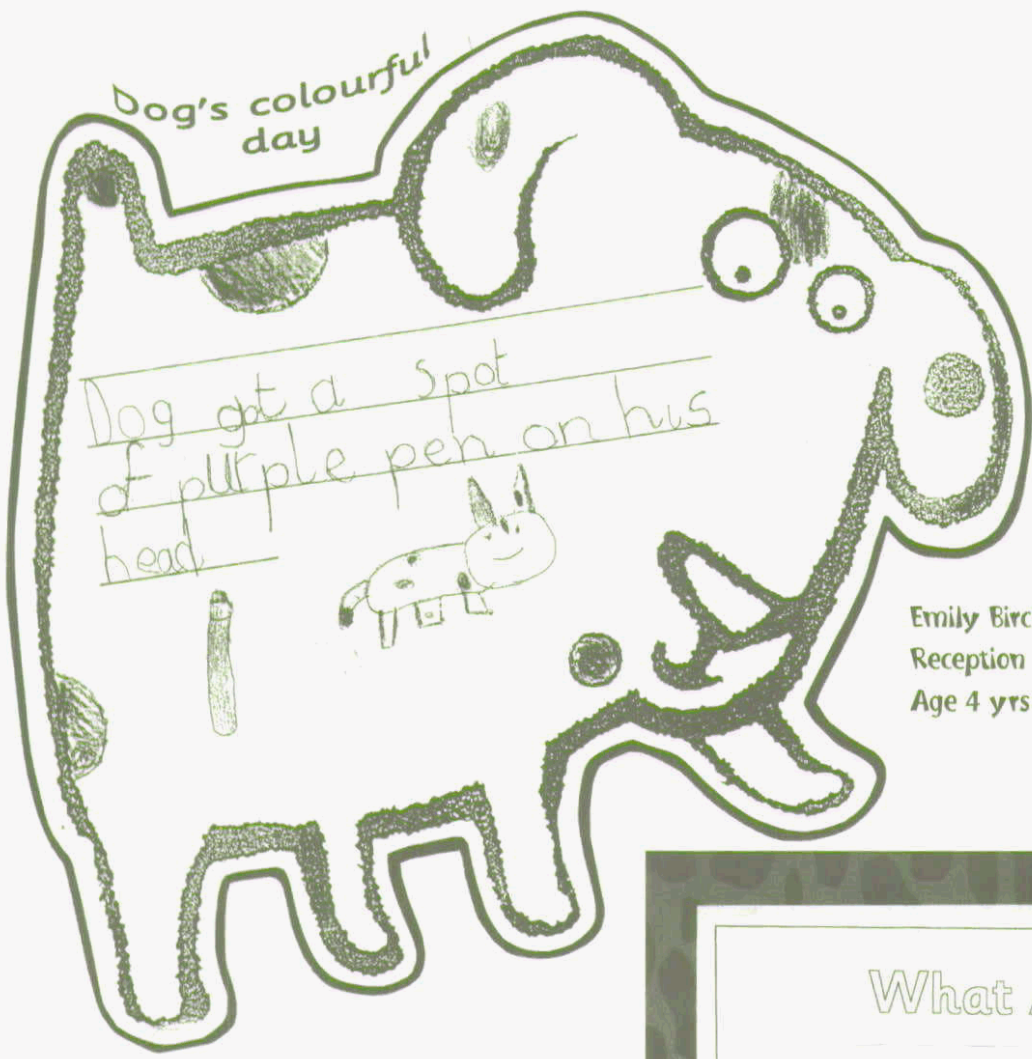
Sandford House gifts to charity

A total of £2,723 was raised this year. It was distributed to the following charities.

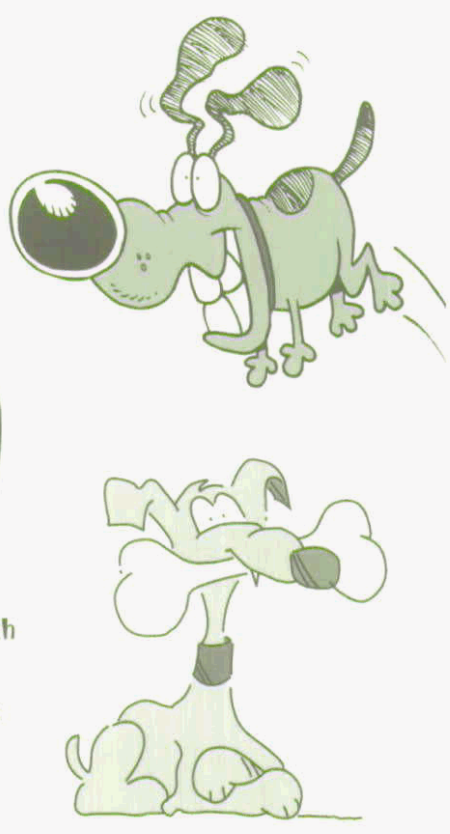
£1,750	-	<i>Sponsored Swim and Obstacle Race in aid of Butta Secondary School in Uganda</i>
£154 each to	-	<i>The Hospice of the Good Shepherd Hope House Children's Hospice</i>
£145	-	<i>Children in Need</i>
£95	-	<i>Jeans for Genes</i>
£50 each to	-	<i>Cystic Fibrosis Meningitis Research Fund Unicef Chester Area Animal Rescue Butta Primary School, Uganda</i>
£25 each to	-	<i>Sight Savers P.D.S.A National Childbirth Trust European Children's Trust Help the Aged Leprosy Mission Childline</i>



The children also supported 'Poppy Day' and the Christmas Shoebox Appeal and presented several local charities with harvest gifts.



Emily Birch
Reception
Age 4 yrs



Robyn McNally
Reception
Age 5 yrs

What Am I ?

I am brown
I eat bananas
I have a long tail
I can climb trees

by Robyn

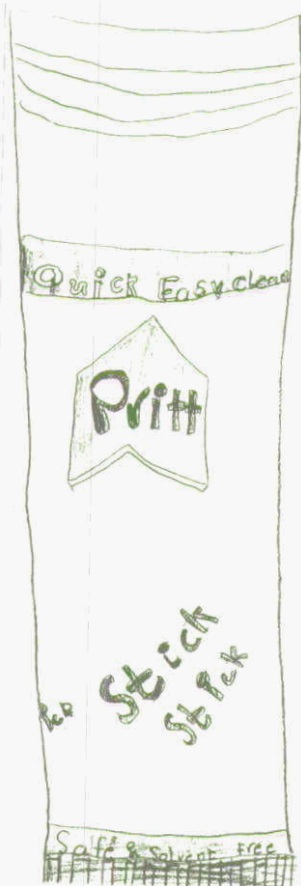
A drawing of a brown monkey standing between two trees.

a monkey

Sandford House

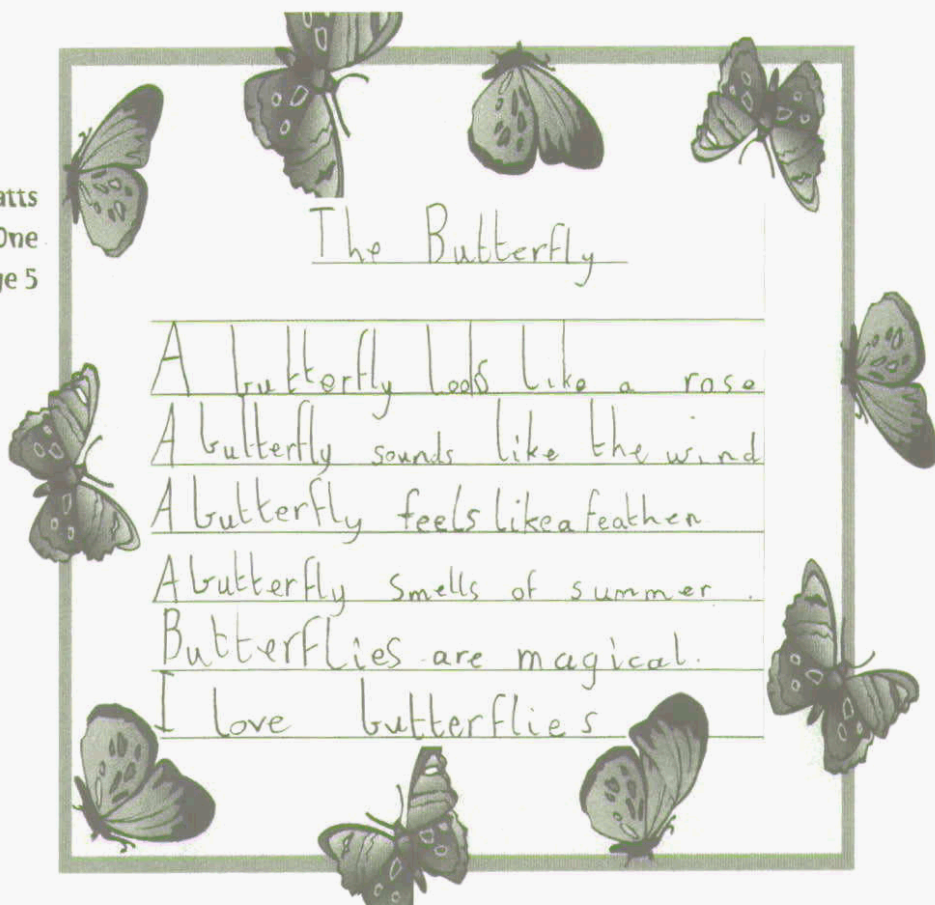
Class One

Creative

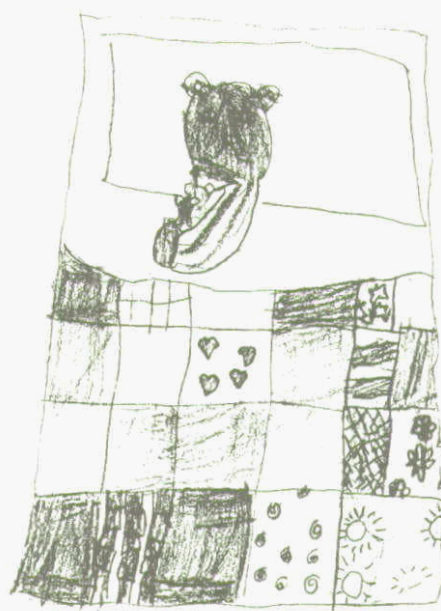


'Pritt Stick'
by Zoe Sourtter
Age 6

Holly Watts
Class One
Age 5



'Biscuit Tin'
by Millie Dean
Age 5



'Sweet Tin'
by Lucy Hargreaves
Age 5

Sandford House

Class Two

Creative

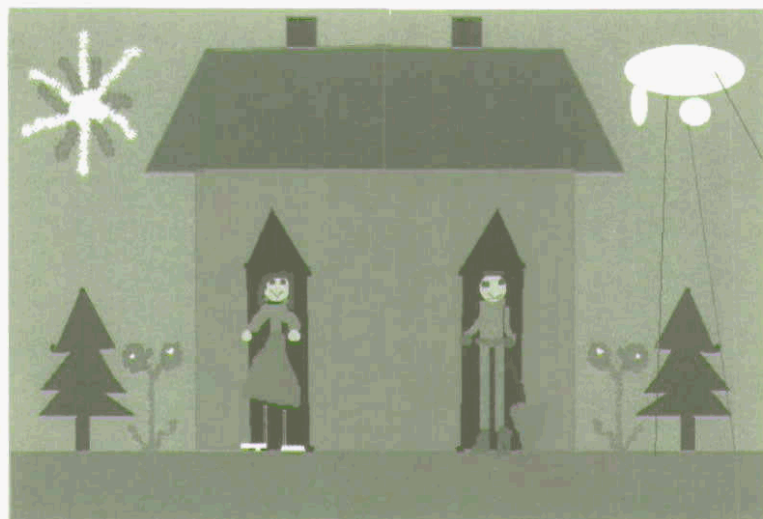


Sweet sunshine shines on the soily shoots.
 Purple passion peep out and show their pretty purple petals.
 Ready roots (w)riggle beneath the rosy seeds.
 Incredible icicles descend.
 New nests near our nature path.
 Greedy goldiey geese gallop and gobble.
 Treasures of golden and glimmering white flowers grow.
 Incredible spring features invade the soft soil.
 Mice move around the meadows and gather make tracks.
 Easter bunnies entertain every Easter thing.

Harriet



by Harriet Logan Age 7



Weather house by Alice Jones Age 7 Class Two

Class Two
 The Queen's School
 Chester
 27th March

Dear Grandma and Grandad

I hope you are feeling well.

Today we did our Easter Service. My part was about a red squirrel in scrambled twigs. We sang a song about Spring. It was fun! I wish you could have seen it.

Mummy and Daddy were watching me and Amber. There was a big audience. I coloured a picture with a squirrel on it.

I can't wait to see you next time. I love you.

Love from

Abigail.



by Abigail Prothero Age 7

Red Nose Day

Today is Red Nose Day. We have each raised enough money to buy a child ten meals. Two pounds would buy a pair of pyjamas for a child.

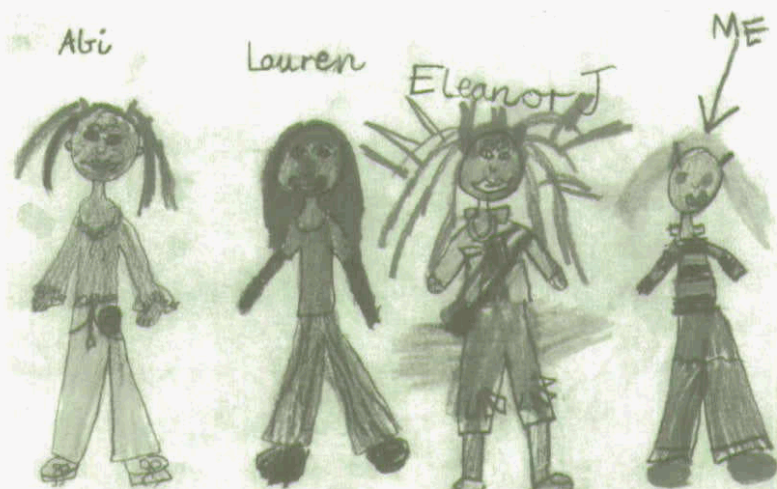
Red Nose Day is a bad hair day and you are meant to look silly.

We are telling jokes that will be funny. The best joker will get a prize.

Everybody is groovy.

By Annabel Harriman Class Two age six

Picture of Red Nose Day by Cordelia Philpotts age 6



Sandford House

Class Three

Creative

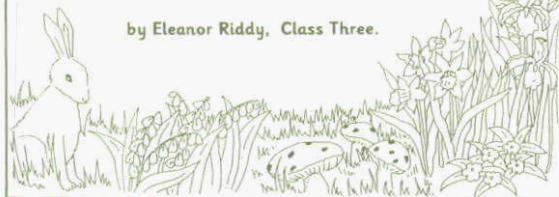
Signs of Spring

Crispy pink bulbs sparkle.
Rabbits search for juicy grass.
Rainbow butterflies glisten.
Bees buzz like radiators
under the shimmering sun.
New buds on trees have replaced
torn and tattered leaves,
now lying like a tramp's coat,
among the stones.

Hyacinths bloom
pillows of feathered lace.
Perfume fills the air.
Leaf arms open
to the sun's rippling beams.
High up in the tall trees,
birds are building twig nests,
lined with fluffy grey, cloud feathers.

In the fields, far and wide,
secrets and promises are kept.
Cotton balls skip and leap and baa.
Listen, listen. What can you hear?
The rippling water as
silver fish dive
and broken leaves crackling,
as a clumsy hedgehog trips.

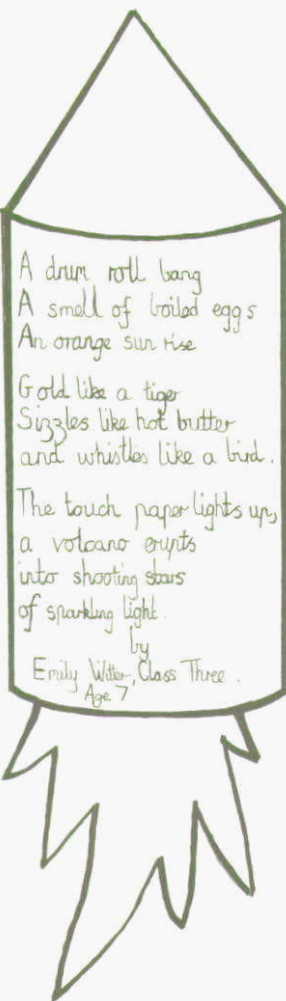
by Eleanor Riddy, Class Three.



Great Aunt Maisie

Great Aunt Maisie has eyes like a cat's,
Hair like telephone wire
And teeth the colour of a dirty sun.
She has a skirt as checked as a tapestry,
A jumper as clean as a sunny sky,
And knees as knobbly as twigs.
Her back-pack is as fat and mudd as a pig's tummy,
And her hands are like pink spiders.
She has spectacles like square moons
And her shoes are like mini mountains.
Yes, she's a weird and wonderful sight
But I can't stop loving her, try as I might!

Kara Chin Class Three, Age 8

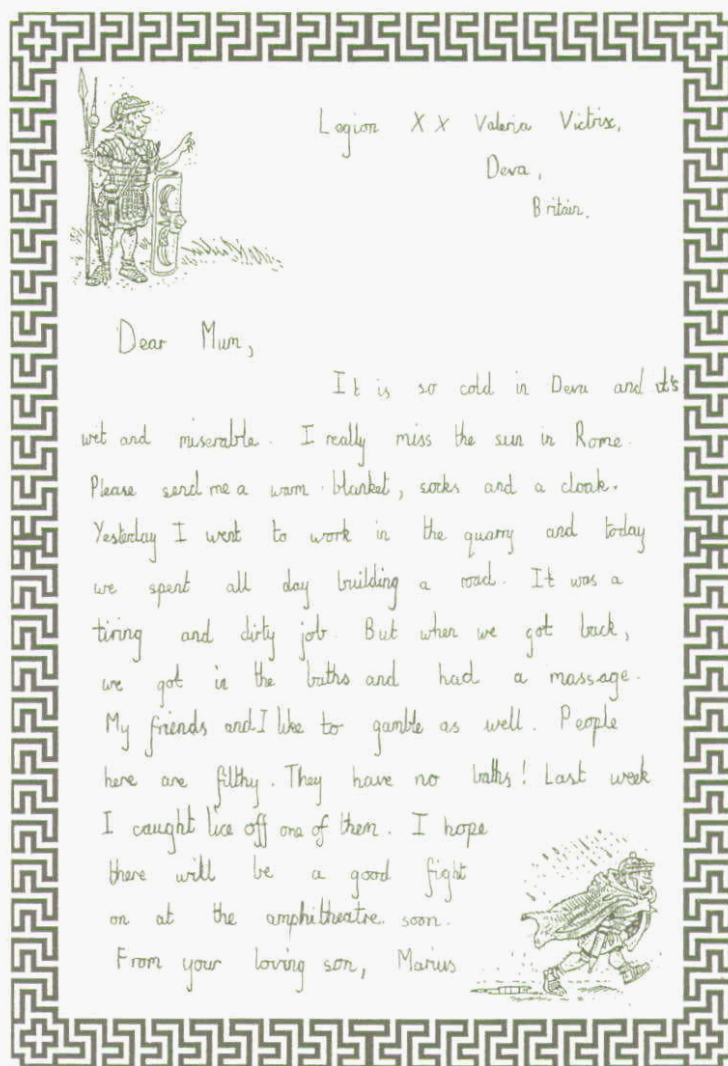


A drum roll bang
A small of boiled eggs
An orange sun rise

Gold like a tiger
Sizzles like hot butter
and whistles like a bird.

The touch paper lights up,
a volcano erupts
into shooting stars
of sparkling light.

by
Emily Witter, Class Three,
Age 7



Legion XX Valeria Victrix,
Dura,
Britain.



Dear Mum,

It is so cold in Dura and it's
wet and miserable. I really miss the sun in Rome.
Please send me a warm blanket, socks and a cloak.
Yesterday I went to work in the quarry and today
we spent all day building a road. It was a
tiring and dirty job. But when we got back,
we got in the baths and had a massage.
My friends and I like to gamble as well. People
here are filthy. They have no baths! Last week
I caught lice off one of them. I hope
there will be a good fight
on at the amphitheatre soon.
From your loving son, Marius



by Meredith Benson, Class Three

class four

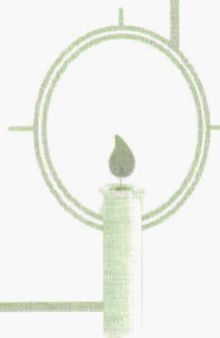
A Candle

A warm glow
From a candle so bright,
Burning slowly,
To light up the night.

A flickering flame
Above the melting wax,
Which slides silently
Down the long column.

Yellow
Like a full moon on a clear night.
Dancing, swaying, playing,
Flowing, fading . . . gone.

By
Sophie Louise Hull
Class 4



Senses

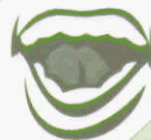


I clasped my beloved mug, the blue one with dolphins on it, and as the warm hot chocolate slipped down my throat, it reminded me of a time I went to Scotland.

I was walking along a coastal path, when I could hear the sound of Bagpipes. I could see at the top of the coastal path about five bagpipers. I could then taste the homemade shortbreads, I could also smell the fresh haggis.

As I looked over the edge of the coastal path, I could see gigantic waves crashing against the cragged rocks. I turned back and started to walk back down the coastal path. I saw a purple layer of heather covering the grass. A thistle just pricked my hand, painfully. I sipped some more of my hot chocolate and said to myself that would be a day I would never forget.

By Charlotte White
Class 4



Whisper of the open moon

Flowing, smelling the breeze,
The spirit comes to life,
Arising when the flame is lit
From an open window.
See a flicker of light.

I remember a whisper of
the open moon.
A star of happiness,
Or maybe doom.
The lingering smoke from fire.

I see an orange shadow,
On books, on water,
On posters on the wall.
Oh look, the shadows are growing!
The light slowly fading away.

By Mishia Leggett

Class 4

Let me introduce myself . . . My name is Alice Pepper. I have been on this island since our plane was hijacked and went crashing into the waves. I managed to survive but no one else did. But I think some of the animals survived as well. This island is full of rocky mountains, clear blue lakes, dark, muddy swamps and the stags, turtles, otters and other animals which are really cute, but I am lonely and I have nothing to eat or drink. I am bored, upset, empty and dehydrated. I have nowhere to sleep, soundly and sorrow-fully. When a ship sails into sight I will jump and wave my red, woolly and soft-checked hat about in the air to attract the sailors attention. I can't wait. Good-bye. Alice Pepper.

(Phillippa Jones)

Phillippa Jones
Class 4

Glubber

Glubbers live in Glubland where they are all friends with each other. Glubbers like to eat ice - cream and chocolate and they like to drink fizzy drinks.

Glubbers have brown hair that sticks out and they have a lilac head with two royal blue eyes and a shocking pink nose. Their mouths are silver and nearly always smiling. Their triangular body is a dark purple and their arms are bright orange. The short stubby legs are scarlet red.

Glubbers have a lot of annoying habits such as waving their arms around, pulling hair, jumping on top of people and many more. They don't make friends with any other animals because of all their annoying habits. Glubbers hate animals with two arms because they get teased for having four. They also don't like things with curly hair.

By Claire Alexander Class 5

Poppy Field

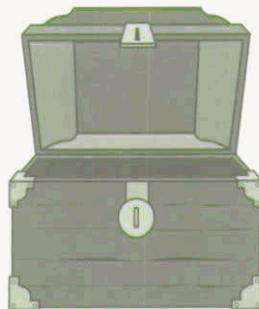
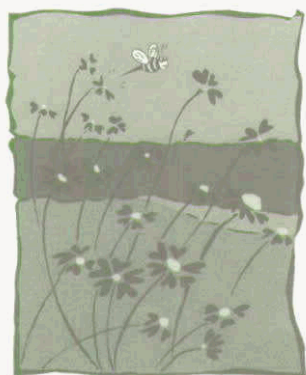
It was so silent that I heard...
The poppies sing as they danced in the wind.
It was so peaceful that I felt...
The wind whistle as it brushed past my face.

It was so still that I heard...
The soft snores of a nearby lazy poppy.
It was so calm that I sensed...
The poppies smile at the sun.

It was so quiet that I absorbed...
The warm rays of the sun.
It was so serene that I felt...
The peace of the poppies.

It was so tranquil that I wished...
I could stay standing,
In the midst of the poppy field forever.

By Melissa Bates and
Harriah Williams Class 6



I shall put in my box

I shall put in my box;
All the secrets I have had,
All the tears I have shed,
All the words I have spoken.

I shall put in my box;
My best friend,
My best times,
My best achievement.

I shall put in my box;
The wonder of the world
The unimaginable planets
The unbelievable universe.

I shall do what in my box?
I shall play football in my box,
I shall swim in my box,
And I will enjoy my box.

By Alice Plews Class 6

Beyond my Lair

Beyond my lair is a grove of death
Where instead of vines, murders flourish.

Behind my lair is a river of blood
Where it constantly flows and ever floods.

Beside my lair is a smouldering wood
Where once were trees but now are ashes.

Above my lair are clouds of smoke
Where once were sun and rain, but now just gases.

And IN my lair is me
And once you see me, you see nothing else !

by Sophie Ridley
Class 6

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The 2002 Annual General Meeting was held in the main school on Saturday June 29th when the new Chairman, Margaret Yorke, formally welcomed our new President, Mrs Buckley and thanked her for her support and interest in the Association throughout the past year. We were pleased that our new Vice-President, Miss Skilbeck and all three of our other Honorary Vice-Presidents – Miss Baxter, Miss Farrar and Miss Edwards were also present. A very special effort had been made to attend by 1960 and 1962 leavers, as well as a group of 'Golden Jubilee Girls,' who started school in 1952.

After the formal business, a delicious lunch followed, giving time for our members to catch up with each other's news.

The London / Oxford Branch 2002 meeting was held in Oxford on a very wet Saturday May 18th. The 20 people, who gathered for lunch, were delighted to welcome Mrs. Buckley as guest of honour and, as always, were very pleased that Elinor Edwards and Sue Seys-Llewellyn were also able to attend. The 2003 London gathering of the QSA is planned for May 17th at the Wallace Collection.

It has been quite a busy social year. The 10th Michaelmas Supper was held at the beginning of September 2002 and it was pleasing that more QSA members attended this year, as well as the usual school leavers. During the supper, the VIth Form leavers presented the school with a beautiful watercolour of the front of the School

building. Fortunately, Mrs Lloyd, who was unable to attend the AGM, joined us so we were able to wish her happiness in her retirement. On behalf of the many past pupils who enjoyed her inspirational teaching, we presented her with a gold locket on which Mrs. Lloyd wishes to have the words 'Honour Wisdom' engraved, to remind her of the happy time she spent at The Queen's School.

In March 2003, we had another successful Spring Lunch. This year it was held at the Chester Racecourse on a perfect, hot, sunny day. After an excellent meal, Len Morgan entertained us, with more nostalgic pictures of old Chester.

At the time of going to press, we are busy organising the Jazz Brunch on Sunday May 11th, to celebrate the School's 125th anniversary. Requests for tickets are still trickling in so we hope it will be an enjoyable experience for everybody.

The Association's AGM, will be held on Saturday June 21st in the main School at 2.30pm. The short business session will be followed by the dedication of a large, eight foot long bench in memory of Marjorie Miln. We hope this can be sited in the school's garden and we thank everybody who donated so generously. A champagne and strawberry tea will then be served.

News of Past Pupils

Gaynor Bartagnon (*Wentworth 1949-57*)

Has been living in France for the last thirty years. During this time she has worked for the OECD and UNESCO. Having retired early in 1998, Gaynor moved, with her husband, from Paris and have settled in Normandy. They have two children and two grandchildren.

Salena Bealing (*Leggett 1985-87*)

Is now living in Warrington, having recently moved to accommodate the new addition to the family (see Births below). She is currently working part-time as a Finance Manager in the local Primary Care Trust, trying hard to balance work and motherhood. She is still in touch with Caroline George (Lukes) and Susan Wynne (Moyes).

Valerie Berry (*Labrum 1953-60*)

Having retired in 1995, after 31 years as a NHS clinical psychologist, she returned to working life as a part-time lecturer at Llandrillo College. Her contract this year includes "outreach" at a local comprehensive school, teaching AS Psychology. At the first lesson 34 eager pupils turned up! She looks forward to meeting other 1960 school-leavers again at the QSA AGM in the summer. Friends are welcome to contact her by e-mail: berryonline@btinternet.com

Dr. Gill(ian) Breese (*1966-72*)

Gill is now working as a full time Principal on General Practice in Kirkham, Lancashire, on the Fylde Coast. Her daughter Chlöe is now eighteen and studying Law, Political Science and Humanities at the University of Cape Town, South Africa. Her e-mail address is breesedoc@aol.com

Alexandra Burdge (*Phillips left 1980*)

Is Director of Change Management with M&G at Chelmsford and with her husband Richard and Thomas (4) was very busy on the local committee for the Jubilee celebrations last year.

Shelagh Cross (*Roberts 1944-51*)

Celebrated her 70th birthday in September 2002 and was delighted that two of her dear friends from Queen's School days were able to join the family party which included her husband David, three sons and daughters-in-law, five granddaughters and one grandson. Her friends were Mary Brown (Walling) and Olga Jennings (Bibby). Mary now lives on Vancouver Island, Canada. Shelagh asks if there is anyone who joined the Queen's School in 1944 living in the Oxford, Witney area as she would love to meet up with them.

Elizabeth (Liz) Garratt (*Stewart 1956-66*)

Writes to say that she will be moving back to the Chester area, from Cambridgeshire, in March and hopes to meet with old and new friends and to renew her acquaintance with the School.

Cynthia Gerrard (1946-51)

Reading Connie Baxter's memories of the School during the war made her think. "I remember how as a child, when living in Sealand Road, many of the neighbours were asked to take in evacuees (all girls) from Liverpool. They all attended The Queen's School. Our girl was called Dorothy who kept in touch with us over the years. The last time was to say goodbye as she was moving to the U.S.A."

Jo Gibson (Reid 1947-53)

Writes, that she continues her long friendship with Marian Crowley (Turnell) and they visit each other annually. In 2002, they both moved houses to be nearer children and grandchildren. Marian now lives near Taunton, Somerset and Jo lives near Beverley in the East Riding of Yorkshire. Thus, they both have two new areas to explore! She also meets up with Brenda Partington (Wheeldon) every year. Last summer, whilst on holiday in Fowey, Cornwall Jo 'bumped' into Jenny Entwistle (Ray) and had a pleasant couple of hours together, basking in warm sunshine, catching up with news. She is in contact with Audrey Sumner (Ainscough) who has recently re-married, having been a widow for many years, and is extremely happy. Jo's daughter, Kate, finds it absolutely amazing that her mother is still in contact with so many friends from over 50 years ago.

Judith Gregory (Astle 1950-57)

She writes that although she went to the Liverpool College of Art after leaving school it was the beginning and end of her art career as she left to take over the family business when her mother became ill. However, perhaps Mrs. Bates (Miss Ashworth) will be interested to learn that she has produced a son John Granville Gregory (35) whose paintings are becoming increasingly admired around the world. He paints in the classical style and his modern reworkings of Caravaggio's 'Doubting Thomas' and 'Entombment' are hanging in St. Phillip's Church, Alderley Edge. John's paintings are entitled 'Still Doubting' and 'Why' and people travel from miles around to view them. Judith is now retired and living in Anglesey in the winter and Paros, Greece in the summer.

Georgina Jones-Pritchard (1984 - 98)

Graduated from Magdalen College, Oxford in 2001 with a 2.1 in Experimental Psychology. She spent several months in Germany improving her German and worked as a volunteer at the Commonwealth Games in Manchester. Moved to London last August and is currently working in Product Management at Warner Music. She is still in touch with many friends from Queen's and would love to meet up with anyone living in London. Her e-mail address is georgina.jones-pritchard @warnermusic.com

Jean Laycock (Ballard 1946-52)

Writes that she enjoyed the reunion in 1997 but has only kept in touch with a few contemporaries living in Chester. She spent most of her life as a language teacher (French, German and English as a foreign language). Whilst living in Holland in the 60's she was appointed the first headmistress of the International School of Amsterdam, an initiative of local businessmen, and which now has over 800 pupils and an international reputation. In recent years she trained as a Counsellor and Hypnotherapist and is now working at a doctor's surgery in Slough and in private practice. She now lives in Buckinghamshire and would be happy to hear from any former classmates who live in the London area.

Margaret Lewis (Woods 1958-65)

Her two children graduated in July 2002 - Rhiannon in German and French from Warwick, and now works for a French firm in London - Huw with a first in Physics and meteorology from Edinburgh, and now doing a PhD in mountain meteorology at Leeds University. Both are continuing with their musical interests. She states that the web site Friends Reunited has turned up some familiar names and interesting news from QS.

Sally Melling (Davies 1949-56)

Has set off on another sailing trip, crossing the Atlantic to Trinidad. The plan is to go through the Panama Canal and out into the Pacific visiting the Galapagos and Marguesas Islands and then to head back to Chile.

Rachel Oldroyd (Carter 1988-95)

On leaving school, Rachel worked for a year as a pre-university trainee at ICI in Runcorn, before studying for a BSc Computer Science degree at UCL in London. On graduating, she joined PricewaterhouseCoopers as an IT Consultant, working on client sites around the UK and Europe for various telecom companies. The rat race did not agree with her, and after three years, she left PwC Consulting (which was just about to become IBM). On November 2002 she joined a small company based in Henley-on-Thames as an Oracle Developer, to train to become an Oracle database Administrator. She is still living in Chiswick in London, with many ex-Queenie's in the vicinity. She married in December 2002 (see MARRIAGES) with Helen Emery, Rachel Hobcroft and Lynsay Taffe as her beautiful bridesmaids.

Marianne O'Shea (Phillips left 1976)

Is a Paediatric Oncology Consultant at the Princess Margaret Hospital for Children in Perth, W. Australia. She has been made Associate Professor by Perth University for her research into palliative care and is also lecturing to the New Zealand Health Board. Her husband Anthony and children Liam (8) and Caitlin (7) are also keeping her busy.

Rachel Phillips - Choudbury (Phillips left 1977)

Life is hectic looking after Benjamin (5) and twins Sophia and Moya (2) as well as working part-time as a Consultant Radiologist (M.R.I.) at the Churchill Hospital, Oxford. Her husband Robin works at the John Radcliffe Infirmary.

Patricia Rankin (1969-75)

Is now a full Professor of physics at the University of Colorado, Boulder, U.S.A. In January 2002 she became director of Baker Hall - a residential academic programme at the University for freshmen interested in the sciences. Freshmen in the programme get to take their introductory science courses in small groups rather than large classes and are encouraged to become active in scientific research. She switched her research focus from particle physics when she was awarded a \$3.5M grant from the National Science Foundation to work on improving the environment for women faculty members in the sciences and engineering. Much of her time is now spent developing workshops to improve faculty management skills.

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BIRTHS

Bealing	To Salena (Leggett 1985-87) a daughter, Rebecca Frances on 29th August 2001 a sister for Sam who is now 3
Holland	Clare (Witter 1978-88), a daughter, Caroline Margaret on 31st March 2003, a sister for Isobel
Thomas	to Sarah (Davies left 1988) and Andrew, a daughter Madeleine Rose on 19th June 2002
Wess	To Jennifer Mary (1972-81) and Mark Spurdens, twins, Katherine Elizabeth and William John on 23rd May 1999
Bright	To Sue and Adam on 1st May 2003 a son, Benjamin.

MARRIAGES

Carter	Rachel (left 1995) to Simon Oldroyd, on December 6th 2002, in Wrenbury Hall near Nantwich
Dent	Sarah (1997) to Steven Gorman, on May 4th 2002
Short	Tania, (left 1995) to Benjamin Percy, on August 31st 2002

DEATHS

Callaway	Ruth, (staff) on December 2nd 2002, Head of English 1963-88
Keates	Audrey Mary (staff) on October 29th 2002 in a London nursing home, Head of Art 1948-55
Sedgewick	Ruth (née Hinde): On December 7th 2002, Head of German 1958-82
Storarr	Pauline Mary (left 1946) on 27th April 2002

Una Scaletta (Frost 1954- 68)

Is living in Sicily and relates her experiences of Mount Etna's recent eruption and the havoc the black sand makes when it settles around their homes. She says the dramatic film footage on the news has severely damaged the tourist industry and begs us not to be put off visiting the beautiful island. She wishes to relate a "strange encounter" she had while representing St. George's Anglican Church Taormina at the Archdeaconry Synod. When one of the speakers was unable to come, a hasty visit to the Anglican Centre in Rome was organised. Bishop Richard Garrard and his secretary talked to them about their work and after a glass of wine, they were invited to wander around. As she passed the secretary's open door, she couldn't help but notice the screen saver on her computer – "Honour Wisdom". She asked if the words were chosen for any particular reason and the secretary turned out to be Geraldine Yeats, a few years her senior at school!

Rebecca Solheim (Hart 1978-85)

Has her own (small) business as an academic editor. After Durham University and working in London, she and her Norwegian husband spent four years in the Netherlands and five years in Italy, before recently moving to Stockholm, Sweden with their two small boys, Jakob (6) and Isaac (4). She also gives news of her younger sisters: Sophie Hart (1982 – 1987) is a teacher at the British School in Cairo, Egypt; and Charlotte Hart (1984-1987) works for PricewaterhouseCoopers in London.

Tina Waterman-Roberts (Roberts 1956-66)

Tina changed jobs in 2002 leaving HE lecturing (with some relief) for a part-time post working on a Lottery funded project to support voluntary groups in Test Valley. This leaves time for voluntary work at Romsey Hospital and on Hampshire Education Appeal Panel. She made contact with Jan Riley (Nicholson, 1956-66) in summer 2002 when on holiday and enjoyed talking over school days and whatever happened to....

Anna Unett (Dawson 1973 – 88)

Anna now has two boys – William aged 2 and Henry born in November (see Births). She will be returning to work in May at Walker, Smith and Way having been promoted to "associate solicitor" while on maternity leave. She would be very happy to speak to anyone thinking of law as a career.

Gaynor Walls (1956 – 63)

Spent four years in Vienna where she graduated with a doctorate in Viennese dialect. Since 1976 she has been teaching German in the South of England and is now Head of Modern languages at a large comprehensive school in Kent

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Remembering Mrs Ruth Sedgewick (Miss Hinde. German teacher 1958-82)

"Miss Hinde" was a lovely lady and an excellent German teacher. German students of my vintage will remember being invited to her house after A levels. She asked us to tell of our dreams for the future and she said, "When I retire I would like to live in a little cottage in North Wales and grow roses"; she achieved her dream! A mutual friend who lived near her in Eglwysbach remembers fondly an occasion when she welcomed a visiting German choir in German, English and fluent Welsh!

Val Berry (Labrum 1953-60)

The Queen's School Association Celebrates too

At the QSA centenary celebrations in 1997, I remember Miss Farra questioning, in her toast to the Association, why the year was so important. She asked, "Why is the 100th year any more significant than the 99th or the 101st?"

Likewise, why are we celebrating the School's 125th anniversary this year?

For me – now I am older, it makes me focus on memories of my school days – and the gratitude I have for the skills and disciplines that were developed during my time at Queen's.

25 years ago, I happened to be Treasurer of the Association when it was the School's Centenary. How well I remember the wonderful dinner we had at the Grosvenor Hotel to celebrate the event and how well it was supported by past pupils and past and present staff. I didn't really appreciate the importance of the Association in those days. I had a young family to care for and a career to pursue. Only now, on my retirement, do I realise the value and uniqueness of The Queen's School Association and how much we owe to Mrs. Sandford, Headmistress of the school from 1887-1903 and the founder of our past pupils network.

How I would have loved to have known Mrs. Sandford.

It was in 1897 that Mrs. Sandford, who had been Headmistress for ten years, initiated The Queen's School Union of Past and Present Pupils. This organisation has not only survived for all these years but has grown in strength and purpose.

I remember a portrait of Mrs. Sandford, hanging in the Hall – an elderly lady smiling down at us but I knew nothing about her: I didn't realise that it was her forward thinking and vision that nurtured the ethos that no girl would be disadvantaged and refused entry to the school on the grounds of social or financial standing. This thinking was most unusual at the time when such distinctions were accepted as normal.

Mrs. Sandford had married a man who was an inspector of schools and had written many pamphlets on labour and education. Clearly, his liberal thinking must have influenced her attitude. One of Mrs. Sandford's first tasks as headmistress was to introduce a formal register where all pupils and staff were logged. This makes interesting reading and in the first register the pupils' parents include an army officer; brewer; civil engineer; clergyman; commercial traveller; doctor; farmer; florist; 'gentleman'; an Irish land-owner; linen-draper; school master; ship's captain; solicitor and village nurse. The granddaughter of William Ewart Gladstone was received on equal terms with girls from quite humble homes – a real 'social mix', so much encouraged by educationalists today.

She was active in the community and was respected for the contribution she made to the development of education in the city. In addition to her competence she had a gentle, homely manner and an empathy that enabled her to relate to her pupils in a caring, helpful way.

Sadly, in 1903, she died unexpectedly, after an operation, aged only 64. The funeral service was held at Holy Trinity Church in Watergate Street (now the Guildhall) attended by a huge congregation. One of her friends wrote in *Have Mynde* 1903, "She was unmistakeably above us all. She had an authority in life and speech which was not 'that of the scribes' and she used her power not to humiliate us, but to lift us up."

We celebrate the centenary of her death this year.

Mrs. Sandford left us with a wonderful legacy. As well as founding what is now The Queen's School Association, she also introduced the first publication of the School Journal in the same year – 1897 – in time to celebrate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. She called the publication "*Have Mynde*"

During Mrs. Sandford's leadership, she established a culture of endowments and ways of assisting pupils who were unable to continue their education due to financial constraints. I, like many other pupils who have passed through the school, would not have had the opportunity to experience the privileges of attending The Queen's School if this ethos had not developed.

Today, just as a century ago, there is a great need to continue this investment in potential excellence. The Queen's School Association is committed to do its utmost to assist in this quest.

Margaret Yorke (Longman 1950-57)

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In Have Mynde, last year Ann Lewis (née Woods) wrote that she had met a lady who had been evacuated to the Queen's School. Since reading about Connie Baxter's account of the wartime years, this friend, Olwen Owen has written some of her memories at the Queen's School.

I was one of the St. Edmund's College girls who were evacuated to the Queen's School.

I do not think this was because air raid shelters had not been constructed. All Liverpool Schools were closed at this time and the children evacuated from the city. We were not told of our destinations in advance!

We had been told to report as usual to our school which was situated in the Princes Park area – at that time a pleasant suburb of Liverpool. We were then walked in a two by two crocodile a considerable distance to the Central Station. We then embarked on a strange train journey which took us to the outskirts of Manchester before arriving at Chester station. We understood later that the reason for this odd route was to make way for troop trains.

On arrival at Chester we were again taken in a two by two crocodile across the city to the Queen's School. Here we were welcomed by mugs of cold water! We were naturally tired, hungry and feeling very homesick.

Soon we were off again but by now in smaller groups in the charge of one of our teachers and a 'Billeting Officer'. We had been promised that, as far as possible, sisters would be kept together. As I had a younger sister we were promised the first house offering to take two. We set off for Raymond Street where the first house offered to take us both. The rather elderly couple were very kind but after two weeks there, family circumstances meant they were unable to keep us. We had already become friendly with a Queen's School girl who lived nearby in Raymond Street. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Venables gave us a warm and welcoming home. We remain friends of Mary after 62 years – and through her, in touch with her brother, Harry. The Venables family still have butchers' shops in Chester.

Mrs. Venables coped with a busy family home and business. She had to provide us with lunch before we left for school at 1.00pm, when Mary was leaving the Queen's School for home and her lunch. It was a difficult time for many including our teachers. Some of our girls lived in humble homes, many without bathrooms which was strange for them. Mrs. Venables was distressed to realise that some of our girls were living in a 'house of ill repute' and she soon reported this fact which led to them being removed!

The fact that Chester was a garrison city meant that the streets were full of soldiers most of the time. As this was thought to be undesirable, our girls were forbidden to go within the City Walls without our 'landladies'. As my sister and I were among a small group of Welsh girls we had special permission to cross the city on a Sunday in order to attend service and Sunday School at the Welsh Church in St. John Street. Here we were made welcome and I still treasure a friendship made there.

As mentioned in Connie Baxter's article we could only use the school during the afternoons. Those of us in the fifth and sixth forms also had morning lessons elsewhere. The Cathedral Crypt was used and I remember lessons in a church in Watergate Street. Games lessons were also fitted in with Queen's School. We had to cross the railway bridge to reach the sports fields over the river. This bridge was patrolled by an armed guard which was slightly intimidating!

There were many difficulties which we overcame. Perhaps it seems strange that Chester was chosen as a 'Place of Safety'. It was a busy Garrison City and we could even see the anti-aircraft barrage balloons over Liverpool from some higher areas. By the following Easter we had all returned to Liverpool – before the dreadful blitz started. Many of us were to experience the air raids which devastated our city, many were to be conscripted into the forces (in my case to the Women's Land Army).

During the Spring of each year we have an 'Old Girls' re-union at Liverpool Cathedral which includes a special evensong in the Lady Chapel. The 'Evacuees' are fewer each year but we have a special bond.

For me there is another bond – with the Venables family who gave us a home during difficult days. The Queen's School remains a vivid memory.

Olwen Owen

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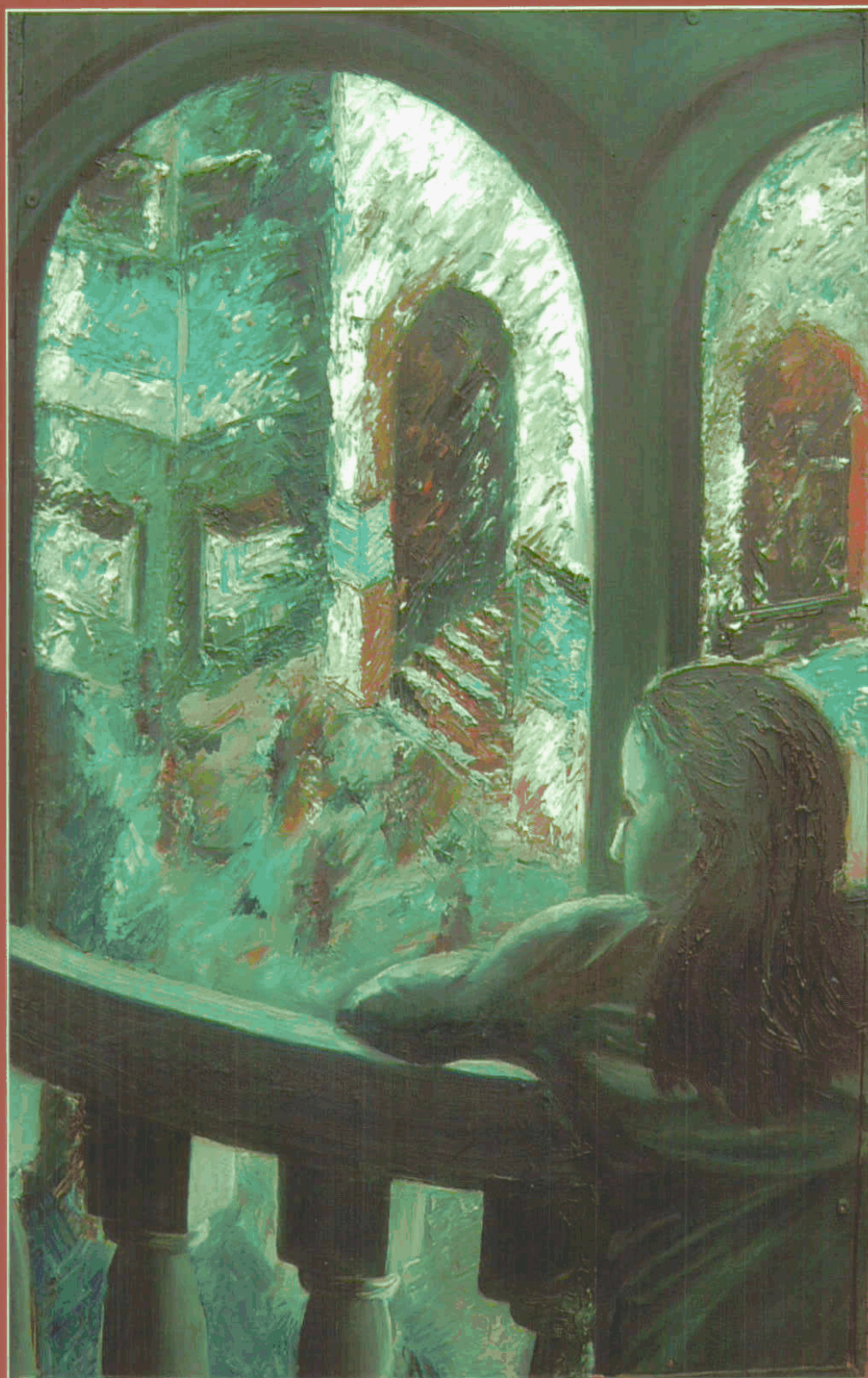
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*The Queen's School wishes Year 13 good luck
as they begin their new lives!*





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