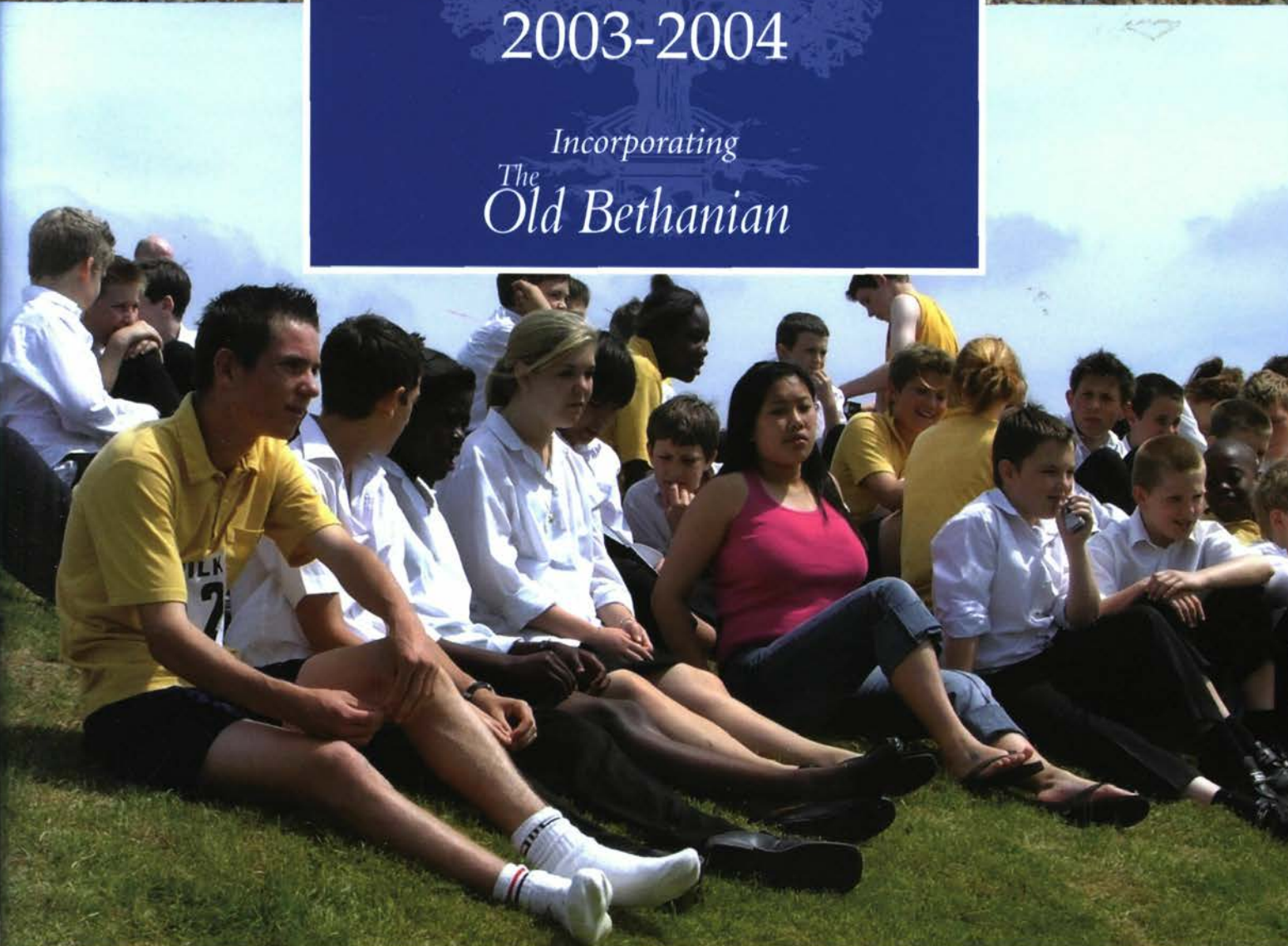


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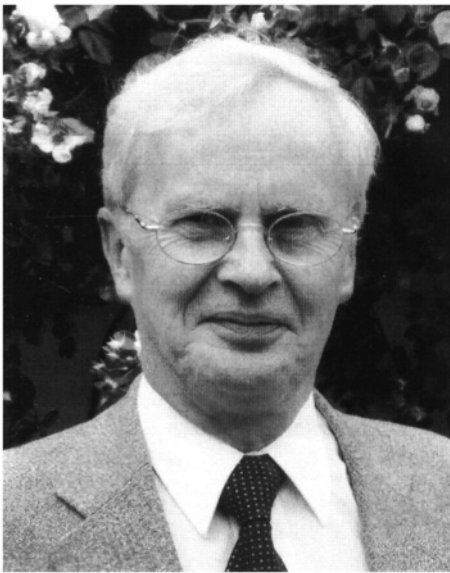
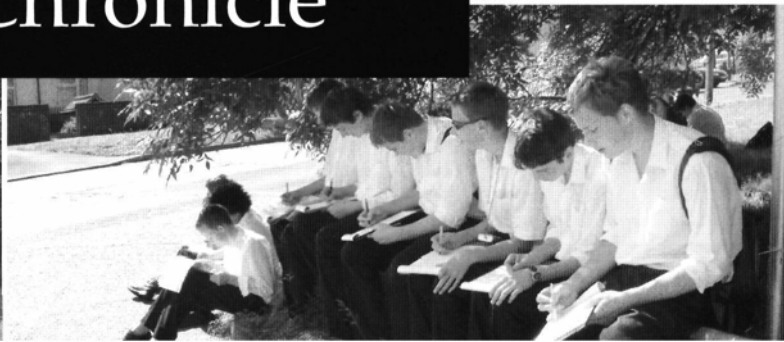
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School Chronicle



PAUL HOLMES

It is a reflection of the huge contribution that Paul Holmes made during his thirty three years as a teacher at Bethany School, and of the great affection in which he is held by the whole Bethany community, that there are so many tributes to him throughout the pages of this copy of the Bethanian Magazine. In reports on the Pengelly Society, the Sixth Form, the Boarding Houses, the Old Bethanians, Parents Day and in so many other areas, the Bethany community has been most keen to express their gratitude for Paul's lifelong service to the School where he was once, himself, a pupil.

I had the privilege of working with Paul for just six and a half of his thirty three years as a teacher at Bethany. Earlier on in my time as Headmaster, at a speech to the Old Bethanians, I likened Paul to his beloved Saab 900 car: both exhibit quality, style, reliability, longevity and are extremely refined! Paul is one of those rare teachers who make a truly historic and unique contribution to the life of the School in which they work. Like 'Mr Chips', he will be long remembered and I doubt if, in

retirement, he will be any less busy than he was during his time working here, so great will be the number of Old Bethanians and colleagues who will wish to visit him at his home in Devon.

Paul is the last to blow his own trumpet, so I know that he will be somewhat embarrassed by the words which are written about him in this Magazine. However, I hope that he will be as happy in his embarrassment as we will all have been in penning these words.

As a Head Teacher I could not have wished for a more loyal and supportive senior member of staff to work with. Each year, as the Easter term ended and we had staff positions yet to fill, Paul could sense that I was becoming ever more anxious about a potential, looming staffing crisis. When Paul dropped into my Study, as he regularly did, he would sit down with me in an almost fatherly way telling me not to worry, and to have faith that things would all work out in the end – and, of course, they always did! Paul would always give advice humbly, but that advice was full of wisdom; wisdom borne out of very

sound values, long experience and an ability to step back from an issue and look at it from the broadest perspective.

Indeed one of the most remarkable things about Paul was that he always seemed to be able to maintain a youthful enthusiasm for all areas of his work. When laptops were first introduced for teachers at Bethany, Paul protested that he was one of the strongest Luddites within the community. However, he forged ahead with his ICT skills and was soon setting a very fine example to many younger members of staff!

In short, Paul is a true gentleman, a great friend to all of us, and an outstanding all-round Schoolmaster. Those coming new into the teaching profession would do well to follow his example and Paul would be the first to stress that teaching is not a job, but a vocation and a way of life. I am only sorry that for thirty two out of his thirty three years of teaching at Bethany, Paul had to make do with very substandard teaching accommodation. For his final year at least, he was able to move into a state of the art Classroom and Department and it is only



Lady Jessel, Richard Pengelly and Paul Holmes at the opening of the Mount North Wing, 12th May 1985

fitting that the entire building should have been named after Paul. Few things, if any, have given me more pleasure during my time at Bethany than seeing the plaque unveiled on the Paul Holmes Building on Parents Day last summer.

Paul will be hugely missed by all of us here and will leave many gaps that will be impossible for anyone else to fill. However, we wish him every happiness in his retirement. We know that he will return to the School and that we will continue to benefit from his wisdom, encouragement and friendship.

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PAUL HOLMES

What's red and white and runs for over 30 years?

It never seemed to matter where on the fields I happened to be supervising my games group on a Wednesday or Saturday afternoon, or how wet and windy the weather was. Without fail, PSH, kitted out with the 'old style' horizontal scarlet and white striped rugby top would inevitably come jogging past. Down the Slope, past Three Ponds, around the Arena or across the Firs he would appear, sometimes with a cross-country group in tow or sometimes just for the love of the exercise. This commitment was typical of the philosophy he brought to every aspect of the work he did at the school, certainly as a member of staff and very probably, when he had been a boy at the place as well.

Whatever he set himself to do at Bethany, and the list of his duties was long and varied, the benefit of his pupils was always paramount and the evidence of his obvious love of the job was never far from the surface. From running the Mount as Senior Housemaster, to trying his utmost to stay awake in staff meetings, which ran on longer



Above: Paul Holmes in "The Duke of Darkness" whilst a pupil at Bethany, December 1960

than they should, he did the job with a panache many of those new to the teaching profession would be hard pushed to emulate.

I will always remember Paul as one of the most dedicated members of staff I have ever met in my twenty-five years working at Bethany and wish him all the very best in a retirement, completely devoid of bells, report writing and Art Teachers who were not always at tea duty when they should have been!

I wonder if he's reading this at the moment or out running?

P. Norgrove



Right: Paul was also involved with the Old Bethanians' Society while teaching at Bethany, as both Secretary and President. Seen here presenting the President's Bat on Reunion Day 1983.



Notes on Paul Holmes

- Paul was originally a pupil at Bethany from 1958 – 1963. He returned to teach at the school in 1971 when he started Geology as a NEW exam subject at the school. There were no 'purpose built' premises then, for his first 8 years of teaching, his lessons were held in a tiny cedar wood 'shed' – a great contrast to the high quality accommodation he experienced in his last year of teaching here. Paul later became Head of Geography and Geology for 10 years and instigated local field studies and geology field visits to Pembrokeshire, Lake District, Yorkshire, Skye.
- Paul achieved a Masters degree at Bath University and has been a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society for the past 30 years and has attended recent GA Conferences.
- Paul's final year of teaching was in our 'new' purpose built block – prior to this he taught for 25 years in the adjacent wooden huts.
- Paul has also made enormous contributions to the pastoral life of the school – he was a Housemaster for 20 years, and has been a Senior Housemaster for 15 years.
- It is highly significant that in the years approaching his retirement he did NOT slacken off. Indeed he continued to develop his teaching style embracing fully the introduction of ICT into our curriculum. In the final years of his teaching career, he became one of the most innovative teachers of ICT in his Geology and Geography teaching.
- Paul Holmes has been a consummate professional with a level of organisation and preparedness that many modern teachers today find quite frightening. It is a fitting tribute to him that our new teaching block was named in his honour.

PARENTS' AND REUNION DAY

Bethany was once again blessed with fine weather on Parents' and Reunion Day. Although the forecast looked ominous, Curtisden Green's own microcosm ensured that we were spared the showers.

Stalls and Exhibitions

The day started with all the Houses running stalls and Departments running exhibitions, giving a 'Grand Fete' feeling to the campus. There were plenty of refreshments available from Champagne Breakfasts at The Orchard to burgers at Pengelly. Old Poplars girls were selling cakes and raffling a Champagne Bucket Cake complete with a real champagne bottle. This amazing creation had been made by Mrs Forster and was entirely edible even though it looked like a real metal champagne bucket. There was plenty of entertainment from penalty shoot-out competitions to guessing the number of balloons in Mr Khan's car. The prize was an enormous Andrex puppy.

The Art Department mounted a stunning exhibition including the A level and GCSE candidates work as well as exhibits from other year groups. The Art studio was a feast of colour and showed to good effect the creative use of different mediums at Bethany and of course the students' outstanding talent. Not to be out done the Design and Technology department also had examination work of a high standard on display. The Science Department set up some 'hands on' experiments, which didn't turn anyone into a frog, which was the unfortunate result of some ill-advised fiddling in Y7 improvisations in the Drama Studio. The scenarios set for improvisation were based around the story of a boy who was turned into a frog during a chemistry lesson. Parents were also treated to a Judo display from the newly-formed Judo Club.

The Holmes Building Opening

As we all gathered on the Headmaster's Lawn for this ceremony, we were entertained by the Steel Band and the Senior Choir and Orchestra. The Headmaster welcomed our guest of honour, Professor Tony Binns, from the University of Sussex, a Geographer of note having written textbooks, been involved in the development of Teachers' Training for Geographers and worked on research in Africa. Professor Binns declared that facilities in the new Geography and Business Studies building were second to none. He was delighted to name it after Mr Paul Holmes who has taught at Bethany for 33 years. As a Geography and Geology Teacher, Paul Holmes has only had one year to enjoy his new classroom. Old Bethanians used to call his room the Rock Shop and in more recent years the maintenance crew have wondered quite how the wall of his cedar-clad classroom had not fallen down with the great weight of rock samples arranged on the shelves up to the ceiling. Paul also was



Pengelly Barbecue on Parents' and Reunion Day

Housemaster of the Mount for 22 years and Senior Housemaster for 16 years. He is a real Bethany person having also been a pupil at Bethany culminating in being the Head of School. It is the first time a building at Bethany has been named after a member of staff apart from a Headmaster but the honour could not go to a better man. His health was toasted with champagne. After excellent speeches and a presentation, a plaque was later fixed above the door.

The Leavers' Service

After the opening of the Holmes Building the leavers and their families gathered in chapel for the Leavers' Service. They themselves had chosen the hymns and organised the service. It was started and finished with a Power Point presentation of photographs taken throughout their final year. Their resident John Bailey, Albon Li, took many of the photos and Tor Harmer and Naomi Clark arranged them. The service opened to a recording of Lisa Anne Norfolk singing a number from Les Miserables. She was unfortunately unable to sing 'live' because she was suffering from tonsillitis. All leavers were presented with an engraved tankard (the boys) or wine goblet (the girls)

as a lasting memento of their years at Bethany. Gemma Blacker, Tor and Naomi had thought of amusing thumbnail sketches to be read out as they received their gifts. Rev. Simon Battersby gave the address and we sang the school hymn to a new tune by Rupert Keeling, our Director of Music. Finally, a rousing rendition of 'Jerusalem' finished a service full of fond memories of the past seven years for leavers, staff and parents alike.

Reunion Events

Old Bethanians had gathered from far and wide to mark the occasion of Paul Holmes' retirement. Many remember him with great affection as their Housemaster and teacher but there were also those who remembered him as an old school friend. The Chairman of the Old Bethanians' Society, Dr Frederick Higgs, presented Paul with a beautiful garden seat based on a design by Lutyens, the Architect famed for Castle Drogo in Devon amongst other well-known buildings and monuments. The seat was made by Mr Gwyn-Williams of Forstall Farm, who is an Old Bethanian once taught by Paul Holmes. The seat, bought by donations from staff, pupils and Old Bethanians, will have pride of place in Paul's garden in Devon where he hopes to be enjoying the sunshine next year while his colleagues are snowed under with reports and marking. Frederick Higgs and Paul Holmes both made speeches full of memories and humour, which were warmly applauded by friends old and new. The afternoon continued with OB v the School cricket match and tea on the Headmaster's Lawn. Old and current Bethanians will treasure the memory of this perfect Bethany day.

The Leavers' Ball

For the second year running the Leavers' Ball was held at High Rocks, near Tunbridge Wells. It proved to be a glittering occasion



Paper sculptures in the Art Department

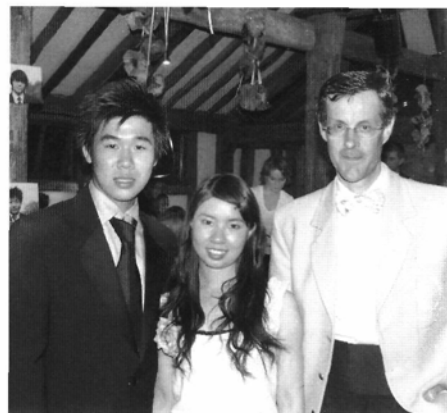


Professor Binns opens the Holmes Building with Paul Holmes (left)

with the theme 'a touch of sparkle'. As well as the leavers and their families, staff and Old Bethanians came to enjoy the party. The leavers were dressed in spectacular style and looked as glamorous and debonair as stars at the Oscars. Gemma looked gorgeous in an Indian two-piece in lush greens and yellows; 'the Lady in Red' was Emma; Tatiana glittered like a Russian princess in a heavily beaded pewter silk dress; Carolin was a vision of designer sophistication in an asymmetrical black dress; Winky and Tees were the height of chic with shoes to die for; Claire was laced into a stunning, slinky number, to mention but a few. Not to be outdone, the gentlemen also hit some high notes in fashion. Jamie Lin cut a cool character in his white tuxedo; Hal Shaw revived the eighties in his crazy colour-backed dress shirt; Mr Cullen, as Master of Ceremonies, cut a dash in hunting pink and Mr Dorey sported his new Cambridge blues

blazer, which replaced a slightly smaller, believe it or not, old one from his student days.

After a delicious three-course dinner with waiter service, the band 'Sound of the Crowd' struck up an infectious eighties beat and soon the dance floor was pulsating with young and old alike. The thought of their babies leaving the nest is bound to make some parents feel not quite as young as they were, but at the Ball they were obviously determined to show the young that there was life in them yet. The parents showed levels of stamina and energy to leave their offspring trailing in their wake. (How embarrassing!) It was well past the witching hour when the last revellers wended their weary way home. All who attended are very grateful to the Ball Committee, a mixture of staff, parents and pupils, for all their hard work in organising a night to remember.



Above: Glamorous and debonair - bright young things at the Leavers' Ball



A perfect Bethany day - Parents' and Reunion Day

HM SPEECH - SPEECH DAY 2004

Mr Riordan, Chairman, Governors, Guests, Parents, Staff and Pupils. Some weeks ago I pondered on possible themes for my speech to you today.

However, as I pondered themes, I could not get the number 7 out of my mind. You come across the number 7 in many contexts. Some of them are of fundamental importance and others totally spurious.

On a more serious note, though, 7 years in the Bible is a term generally used to denote a rather long period of time, hence the 7 years of feast and 7 years of famine in Egypt during the time of Joseph. I have been at Bethany for nearly 7 years now. At times those 7 years seem to have lasted an age but in many other ways they seem to have flown by. At the same time, some of our Upper Sixth Leavers here today have been at

Bethany School for 7 years. Indeed there are 11 genuine 'oldies' who have been with us since September 1997. They are, Tom Cullen, John Coombes, Michael Gibbs, Chris Charraudeau, Albon Li, John-Henry Saxby, Vicky Patterson, Susie Barkas, Tor Harmer, Naomi Clark and Gemma Blacker. That's some survival story!

Older ones amongst us may remember a documentary made in the late sixties called '7-Up', in which the lives of seven very different children of 7 years old were looked at. The documentary visited them in a programme called '14-Up' 7 years later and then again at 21 in a programme called '21-Up'. It was remarkable, how those young children had changed in the 7 years between the documentaries. In the same way, it has been my privilege, and that of many of my staff, to witness the transformation that has taken place in those young people over the last 7 years – and in those who have been here for a lesser period. At the same time, these young people have given so much to the life of the community here. We have worked with them, prayed with them, played with them, laughed with them and, at times, cried with them. They are part of the family here and just as it is hard for a parents to see their children leave the fold, so I have been getting very emotional at the thought of the members of our upper sixth moving on from Bethany. I hope that they will look back on the last few years as some of the best years of their lives. However, I also hope that the best years will be yet to come – the ones that you as parents and we as teachers have been preparing them for throughout these long years.

Just as the pupils have changed during their time with us, so they have, over 7 years, witnessed a remarkable amount of change at Bethany itself.

These 11 pupils will have noticed a change in the school population. There are now 25% more pupils in the School than when they arrived; 50% more girls and 15% more boarders. We have also seen the enrichment of the school community by the arrival of pupils from many and varied parts of the world. We have developed strong links with Germany. My arrival here coincided with the arrival of our first students from Taiwan, a part of the world with which we now have very strong links. We also have pupils from The Bahamas, from Vietnam and also Moldova and with reference to Moldova I would like to extend a very warm welcome to Mr Oleinic, our first Moldavian parent, who has come to see his daughter Elena collect a Prize today.

There has been change and expansion in the curriculum at Bethany. Business Studies has been introduced at GCSE. Textiles has gone from strength to strength and now has its own room and is taught to the full 'A' Level. Drama has become a compulsory subject in the lower three years of the School and 'A' level Theatre Studies, begun in

September 1997, is now a popular and highly successful subject. Religious Studies has become well established at GCSE and the 'A' Level Ethics and Philosophy, started only 2 years ago, is now a very popular option for members of our Sixth Form. Modern Dance has been introduced, both as an extra-curricular area and as a curricular subject for the junior years. Spanish was only introduced 2 years ago but the take-up of this subject at GCSE has been remarkable and Miss Romero is determined that in another year's time, it should take its place in the 'A' Level curriculum. There has been growth and diversification within the Music School, with the advent of Music Technology, a Rock School, Steel Bands and first the death and then the resurrection of the Choir. PE has been established at GCSE and as an 'A' Level subject. We have coped with a dramatic change to the whole 'A' Level framework. A



Sonia Wu from the British Council in Taipei with Bethany pupils from Taiwan.

formal PSCE has been introduced throughout Key Stage 3 and a genuine revolution has, of course, taken place in ICT. Very few schools in the country have yet to reach the stage Bethany reached 4 years ago, when the wireless network and broadband internet access and a schoolwide laptop policy was established. The School remains a national leader in this field and teaching and learning have been transformed by the use of this very powerful medium.

Huge changes indeed – and then, of course, there is the Campus itself. Since our Upper Sixth leavers arrived, our Sixth Form House, The Orchard, has been completed. When I arrived here, the Sixth Form Centre was little more than what is now a dusty locker room. We now have a proper Drama Studio, a modern and beautifully equipped Library, a Sports Centre with changing rooms that are not likely to endanger your health, together with PE classrooms and a Fitness Room. We have the very aptly named Holmes Building, housing brand new Geography and Business Studies classrooms and by next March we should have a spectacular Dining Hall complex.

I also remember the rather grim state of many of the Boarding Houses in 1997. Since then much refurbishment has taken place, so that in Kendon, for example, the 'Pit' is no longer the pits and most boarders in the School

enjoy a far higher standard of accommodation.

And then, of course, there are the teachers. Looking through lists, I was staggered to find that of the 47 full and part-time teachers who are now at Bethany, only twenty were here 7 years ago when our Upper Sixth leavers joined the School. Could it be that our Sixth Formers have greater staying power than our teachers! However, this is a particularly fitting time to pay tribute to some of our staff that are departing.

Vanessa Abbott leaves Bethany after 7 years, in which she has put Drama very firmly on the map of the School. Many of us have had the privilege to be in the audience at her outstanding GCSE and 'A' Level productions, as well as major school productions such as *Bugsy Malone* and *Grease*. These have brought joy and excitement to the audiences and have instilled a love of Drama in so many pupils. We wish her and her family all the best as they move to Philadelphia, USA.

Claire Lindsey arrived at Bethany as a Gap Graduate. She completed her Graduate Teacher Programme and her Induction year at Bethany, so we can say with conviction that she is a 'home grown product'. She has done a tremendous job in the PE Department, teaching examination courses but also games, and the Inspectors were impressed by her History teaching as well. She is able to enthuse pupils of all abilities and she has also been a much loved and very effective Assistant Housemistress in Old Poplars. We wish her all the best as she moves on to

Sibford School as a teacher of PE and Games.

Richard Ferley also spent a year as a Gap Graduate at Bethany, prior to completing his teacher training. He returned to Bethany once qualified and has made a great contribution to Key Stage 3 Geography teaching, PE examination courses and Boys Games. In addition he set up the Bethany Basketball Team and also the Junior Sports Leaders Award. Few people can claim to have had two spells as an Assistant Housemaster in The Mount, even fewer would be able to claim to have survived such an ordeal. We wish Mr Ferley every success for the future.

Mark Niles has made a tremendous contribution to the Science Department over the last few years, most recently as Head of Biology. He has also been involved in our Games Programme and coordinated the highly successful Citizenship Week for Year 9 last week. I am sure he won't miss the long daily commute from Ashford to Bethany and we wish him and his family all the best as he takes up his post as Key Stage 3 Coordinator at Norton Knatchbull School next term.

Jo Mason is also leaving us. She has done much to establish Dance at Bethany. Under her, Modern Dance lessons became part of the timetable for Years 7 and 8, she has run the Dance Club and also masterminded our very successful annual evenings of Modern Dance. In addition we have marvelled at her

choreography for School Musicals. She is going off to university to gain a Degree in Dance Teaching and I am sure she has a very bright future in this field.

Susanne Nicholson has spent the last year with us as a Teacher of English. She has thrown herself with enthusiasm into all aspects of the job and she has been a very dedicated Tutor in the Mount and has also done evening duties there, bringing a feminine and at times maternal touch into that hotbed of male hormones. She would love to stay at Bethany but has to move for family reasons. We wish her all the best as she joins her husband to teach at The Oratory School in Reading.

Gail Higgins has spent the last two years at Bethany as a part-time Teacher of German. It's no easy task taking on the teaching of a subject which you know is being phased out, but Gail has approached her work with enthusiasm, commitment and terrific professionalism. Gail will be transferring the time she spent here into the continuing growth of her very successful family business.

We have already had the opportunity to make, a very full, fitting tribute to Paul Holmes on Parents Day. I could talk to you about the changes that have taken place in the 33 years that Paul has been at Bethany as a teacher but we would all be here until breakfast tomorrow if I did. Words cannot really sum up adequately all that Paul has given to the life of the community here but we wish him every happiness and continued fine health in his retirement.

In addition to staff who are leaving, we also have a few others who are relinquishing significant posts in the School.

Tim Hart Dyke has been Housemaster of The Orchard for over 5 years. That building was largely designed by Tim. It remains a state of the art building, but above all, under his wise leadership it has been a happy home for the Upper Sixth and a very fitting preparation for them for university life. Tim and Kate and the family are moving to Horsmonden but Tim will not be taking a back seat at Bethany. Indeed he is now planning to divert even more energy into his roles as Head of Sixth Form and Head of the English Department.

Helen Dorey has been in charge of Marketing at Bethany for the last 7 years. Her responsibilities have included advertising, overseas visits, the Prospectus, Newsletters, the website, many school tours and so much more. Her spreading of the good name of Bethany has done much to contribute to the growing popularity of the School. She is now looking forward to being able to devote more of her energies to her growing teaching load, as well as continuing to support Old Poplars, propping up a cantankerous old Headmaster, and meeting the growing appetites and demands of 2 teenage boys.

However, only half of the staff employed at Bethany are teachers. I was so pleased that the

ISI Inspection team, who were here last November, recognised the huge contribution that non-teaching staff make to the life of the school. Indeed, this was frequently commented on in their report. Without such staff the community here would wither and die.

So much then has changed at Bethany over the last 7 years. Change for change sake is rarely a good thing but Bethany has always benefited from a Board of Governors which is wise, energetic and passionate about the



The Holmes Building

School. The Governors at Bethany have never been frightened of making bold decisions in order to maintain the vitality, quality and relevance of the education that is provided here. Last Thursday, the Full Governing Body met and made another, bold decision. I am therefore able to announce to you today that from September 2005, formal Saturday school at Bethany will cease. Teaching will be concentrated into a 5-day week, with the formal teaching day finishing earlier and more time available at the end of each day for a wider variety of extra-curricular activities and supervised homework.

I am very excited about these changes, the precise details of which will be relayed to you in due course. I can say, though, that I am convinced that we can do what we do now, and more, in better fashion within this new framework, making life better for staff, for boarders, for day pupils and for families. Happy days!

However, bold though decisions of Governors have been over the years, the one thing that they and I have always had uppermost in our minds is the need to safeguard and enhance the very special nature of the Bethany community that is to be found here. Indeed I was heartened when Mr Holmes relayed to me that one of our Upper Sixth leavers this year had said that they were pleased that despite its growth, Bethany still felt just like a village.

The ISI Inspection team and their report

did so much to highlight the qualities of the School community, which all of us here would deem to be so very special and important. They said:

'Pupils spoke warmly of the community of the school. Pupils behave with courtesy and consideration to each other and to adults. The relationship between staff and pupils is one of mutual respect and trust. It is indicative of the happy and secure environment in which the pupils receive their

education in the classroom and their care in the boarding houses.'

It has, then, been a very exciting 7 years during which the School has gone from strength to strength. Thank you to those of you who are Pupils – you are our inspiration. Thank you to the Staff here – you are the energy which drives everything forward. Thank you to my Governors – you provide sound judgement and the voice of wisdom. And thank you to all of you who are Parents – your support and trust in the School sustains us, and will continue to do so as we seek to maintain and enhance this very special community in the heart of the wealden countryside.

As I said on my very first Speech Day,
Quad Rectum quaere, id sequere...

We will continue to seek what is right and do it!

*N. D. B. Dorey
Headmaster, 3 July 2004*

SPEECH BY CHRISTOPHER JACKSON 1 JULY 2004

Bethany School is doing well for its pupils and we have every right to be proud of it, though we always have to try harder to give parents and pupils the value they deserve.

Success is seen on many fronts due to the efforts of the staff and the pupils, my colleagues on the Governing Body, and the loyalty and support of parents. Progress

sometimes looks easy, but for pupils and the school itself there is a lot of hard paddling going on underneath, and always difficulties to overcome. Continued success at Bethany requires continued effort and thought.

The school was formally inspected during the year and the results have been made available to everyone. It was a mammoth job. After the inspection, one of the inspectors said to me "Really, inspection results don't come much better than this". Others have said the same: so our congratulations to all involved. Music was the one key area where we did not show well, and we now have an excellent new head of music whose influence is already visible – and audible.

We have continued to improve facilities. This year the Holmes building provides four excellent new classrooms. We are due to replace the old dining room imminently with a visionary, flexible new building giving new opportunities as well as a really good dining facility. Napoleon said an army marches on its stomach, and much the same is true of pupils at school. Over the last year we have been paying a lot of attention to the quality and attractiveness of the food that is produced. I hope pupils will agree that it has improved and I hope it will get better still within the bounds of reasonable cost.

There will be tented accommodation for dining while the building work proceeds well into 2005, and I hope it is not too hard a winter!

Bethany exists to help its pupils succeed. I congratulate those who are leaving to go on to University, to further education or to start careers. For some, exactly where you will go depends on results still to come. But one thing is sure: the effort you have put into learning, to organizing your time, and in gaining the confidence that Bethany aims to impart, will continue to be of value. I wish you every success in the future.

Two weeks ago, going round the school on what I hope we shall in future call Founder's Day, seeing the exhibits, listening to the choir, attending the Leavers' Ball and seeing the confident and attractive young men and women who are leaving the school today, I thought we have good reason to be proud of our Leavers.

And I thought of our Headmaster at the same time because the Leavers this year are the first he has seen through the school from the bottom to the top. They do their parents, and the whole school great credit.

In any organisation it is the Head that sets the tone, and gives the inspiration. I wonder, incidentally, how many people know that the Headmaster is a Blue from both Oxford and Cambridge Universities. Pretty impressive. I had a tutor at Oxford who was given a marvellous Chinese scroll saying 'Maker of men!' Bethany and its parents and staff are collectively 'Makers of men ... and women' ... helping children to become whole people who can fulfil their potential.

Bethany is going from strength to strength to the benefit of its pupils, and I reckon Nick Dorey too deserves a scroll saying 'Maker of men'. In paying him tribute, I also pay tribute to the devoted and successful work of all staff: teachers, the Bursar and his staff – let's

give them a round of applause.

Most of you will know that Bethany has something extremely special which it communicates to almost all of those who come here. One of the leavers said to me that although the school had grown during his time here, it still remained like a village. I was delighted to hear that because the idea of a friendly supportive 'village' is key to the governor's concept of the school.

I pay tribute to my fellow governors who work behind the scenes in ways that must be mysterious to almost everyone here. Many of them are Old Bethanians who do fantastic work. I mention particularly Roger Whitlock and Brendan Parke who have just retired from the Board. They served as governors for over thirty years, and in Brendan's case as deputy Chairman and Chairman as well. We are immensely grateful to them. Robert Harmer has been appointed Honorary Treasurer of the School, and Andrew Pengelly, Deputy Chairman.

The job of the governors is to keep the school heading in the right direction to 'survive and thrive' in a competitive world. Our aim is to provide 'an education that will equip our pupils for life in a changing world, set within the firm foundation of the Christian Faith.'

That is easier said than done, and the reward is to see our pupils become 'whole people' with a balance of qualities - with academic and sporting achievement according to their abilities, with confidence and courtesy; caring, but with a sense of adventure; qualities crucial in life which cannot all be tested in examinations.

Five years ago we said we hoped to bring about a major improvement in facilities for our pupils, preserving and building on the unique ethos of Bethany. There has been quite a transformation, though more remains to be done. Now the Headmaster is guiding a new strategic plan which we hope will bring even better results for our pupils, and I should add that two days ago the Board agreed in principle that the School would move away from formal school on Saturday.

As I said Bethany is doing really well. That is a delight, though we shall always have to try harder.

Christopher Jackson, Chairman of Governors

JAMES RIORDAN SPEECH

Headmaster, overworked and underpaid teachers, parents and guardians, young people:

Thank you for the privilege of the invitation to your School on such a glorious day. In your honour, I have come in drag, attired as a wandering jester or bard – which is what storytellers were in days of yore.

It is an honour to be present among such talented prize-winners. In a way you are all worthy of a prize: I've met several of you, heard and read the stories you have written. So I know.

A couple of years ago I wrote a novel called THE GIFT. It's about twin girls, Bee and Fee. Bee is born with the gift of running; Fee with the gift of poetry. But Fee suffers from cerebral palsy, and has to fight against

her disability in order to express her talent – just as some of you do against Nature's impediments, like dyslexia.

The idea for the book came one day when a little girl came up to me at a school, asking me to read her poem. It was beautiful, full of balance and rhythm that I could never produce. She was a natural poet. Then she shocked me: she said she'd shown her mother her poems, and her mother had torn them up, threw them into the dustbin and said she didn't want rubbish like that in this house! Maybe she feared something she didn't understand, maybe she feared losing control over her daughter. I don't know.

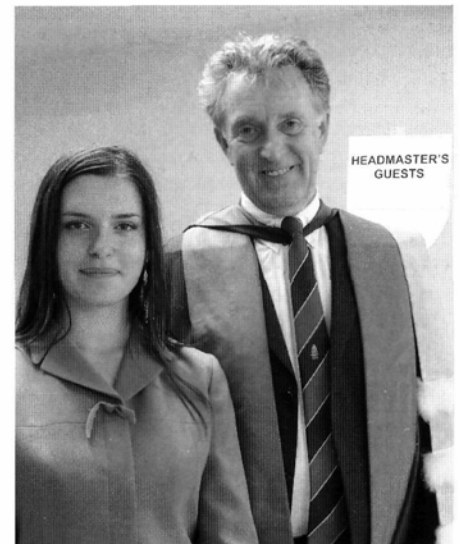
Anyway, the poems for my book were written by a young girl who herself is in a wheelchair and suffers from cerebral palsy, June Craven. May I read you an extract:

'Bee gripped the metal arms of her wheelchair and stared from her mother down to the rest of her family; she gazed about the room as if seeing people for the first time. And she smiled, a defiant, assured smile. She waited for quiet. Then, in a calm, low voice, she began. Each and every word took an enormous effort. Sometimes she stumbled. Sometimes she stuttered. Sometimes she didn't make herself clear. Yet everyone understood.'

IN MY OWN WAY

Let people know how I feel
Letting people know
People like me are still real
Now I can show
That I have a voice
I have opinions
I have a choice
We all have options.

I want people to see
I have a good time
Being who I am
And living my life
I want people to listen
To what I have to say
Being who I want to be
In my own way.



Professor Riordan, Chief Guest, who was able to chat to Elena in Russian!

Not many of you are born with the gift of poetry... or art, or maths, or a good ear for a foreign language. But all of you have the gift of storytelling. As that modest man Oscar Wilde once complained, 'Do you want to know the great drama of my life? It's that I have put my genius into my life; all I've put into my works is my talent.' You may not be geniuses, but all of you can put your talent into your writing.

Each of you is unique, and stories are a reflection of your personality: funny and romantic, bloody-thirsty and poetic, fantastic and mushy – a glimpse of the soul. Whatever you feel inside you. Each story is YOU.

So when you write be yourself, choose a style that suits you – fantasy, like J K Rowling (but don't write 766 pages!), serious issues, like Jacqueline Wilson (bullying, loneliness, being dumped, England losing – something YOU WANT TO SAY), horror (trapped in a dark cellar or a lift), like Robert Swindells and 'Goose Bumps', humour, like Gillian Crosse's Demon Headmaster – now, there's a thought...

Experience the thrill of writing and creating. The hardest bit is the very first sentence; then you can fly away on a magic carpet of your own imagination, taking you to places you never dreamed of visiting. One of my greatest surprises is when I read my books and think: 'Blimey! That's good. Too good for me. I couldn't have written that.' You surprise yourself.

Where do ideas come from? Ah well... A fly on the window pane (actually someone who drank a potion and turned into a fly); the graveyard at night – witches, zombies, ghosts, black cats; the home life of teachers (actually Dracula's handmaidens, millionaires, famous footballers/basketball stars, wrinkly old pop stars).

BEWARE! Stories and poems are magical. In the far corner of Siberia, in a walrus-skin tent, I once witnessed storytellers chanting and singing to kill the story – and it worked, five days later. But stories can turn poor students into multi-millionaires (J K Rowling earned more than the Queen last year). Best of luck.

BETHANY CHAPLAINCY

Report by the Reverend S. Battersby

Chapel at Bethany is an opportunity for staff and pupils to hear a very wide range of perspectives on Christianity. Daily Chapel is taken by many members of staff who each contribute to help us build up a much more complete picture of God than if just the Chaplain was taking the services. We are indebted to these members of staff, who give up their time to prepare talks and House Chapel services.

Special services this year have included Remembrance Day; the Carol Service; a Memorial Service and burying of ashes for an Old Bethanian (Lewis Burt); and a wonderful Confirmation Service. These special services give an opportunity for the whole school to take part and pupils with particular musical gifts use them in the service. No one will forget Joyce Chan's extraordinary performances at the Remembrance and Memorial services.

PRIZES

THE J.J. KENDON PRIZE FOR EFFORT

Year 7 J. Owusu-Afriyie
Year 8 S. Staveley
Year 9 P. Scott
Year 10 A. Saunders

Special Mentions

Year 7 A. Vale-Taylor, J. Lung, S. Bignell, S. Butler, T. Wright
Year 8 J. Ferdinands, A. Houghton-Glasier, G. Benfield, D. Wright
Year 9 N. Fitzgerald, C. Hall, S. Thomas, E. Kormawa
Year 10 S. Rye, C. Weir, K. Woodward, P. Rogers, H. Withers

THE SAMUEL KENDON MEMORIAL PRIZE

For Craft and Design

C. Kenny

THE RICHARD ASHLIN PRIZE

E. Harrison

THE TIMOTHY SEDGWICK CUP

A. Leipold

THE ROBERT COUPLAND PRIZE

A. Houghton-Glasier

THE FENECH CUP

H. Leipold

THE ADLER C.A.R.E. PRIZE

B. Dudek

THE HUNTER ESSAY PRIZE

E. Bishop

THE MCLAREN ENGLISH PRIZE

N. Clark

THE JUNIOR ESSAY PRIZE

N. Fitzgerald

THE HENRY HOWARD PUBLIC SPEAKING PRIZE

A. Gausepohl

THE STOBART PRIZE

For Business Studies

C. Kenny

YOUNG ENTERPRISE ACHIEVER OF THE YEAR

B. Blacker

THE HUMPHREY MAXWELL MEMORIAL PRIZE

For Senior Geography

V. Harmer

THE MICHAEL DALZIEL GEOGRAPHY PRIZE

For Junior Geography

A. Baldwin

THE ROGER KIMBER PRIZE FOR GEOLOGY

T. Danby

THE PHYSICS PRIZE FOR 'A' LEVEL

R. Chan

The Physics Prize for G.C.S.E.

P. Day

THE LORD STAMP MEMORIAL PRIZE

For 'A' Level Mathematics

H. Nguyen

For G.C.S.E.

P. Day

THE BIOLOGY PRIZE FOR G.C.S.E.

A. Baldwin

THE BIOLOGY PRIZE FOR 'A' LEVEL

A. Li

THE CHEMISTRY PRIZE FOR 'A' LEVEL

T. Sonic

THE CHEMISTRY PRIZE FOR G.C.S.E.

P. Lusted

THE MASON PRIZE FOR FRENCH

E. Oleinic

THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE

Junior History Prize

P. Scott

THE JAMES HALL MEMORIAL PRIZE

For Religious Studies

Year 11 J. Jones

Year 10 R. Jiskoot

Year 9 E. Kormawa

THE ROCHE PRIZE FOR DRAMA

E. Nelson

THE KILBY PRIZE FOR JUNIOR ART

F. Hulbert

THE DOUGLAS PRIZE FOR SENIOR ART

C. O

THE MICHAEL WILLIAMS PHOTOGRAPHY PRIZE

A. Li

THE BREACH PRIZE FOR INNOVATION

T. Cawte

THE STAMPER PRIZE

N. Ayres

THE MAYNARD PRIZE FOR THE BEST G.C.S.E.S

P. Cowdery

THE PRIZE FOR WOODWIND

N. Clark

THE GARDNER CUP AND PRIZE FOR GUITAR

H. Leipold

THE HALL PRIZE FOR HIGHEST MUSIC GRADE

R. Jiskoot

THE MUSIC PRIZE FOR PROGRESS

B. Green

THE FINCHAM CUP AND PRIZE FOR STRINGS

P. Wei

THE CHRISTOPHER MONEY CHORISTER'S CUP AND PRIZE

J. Chan

THE THORNTON CUP AND PRIZE

V. Harmer

THE HELEN MEMORIAL CUP AND PRIZE

L. McGrath

THE CHELMSFORD HALL CUP AND PRIZE

E. Ford

THE E.S.L. PRIZE

J. Liu

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S GOLD AWARD WINNERS

E. Baldwin

G. Blacker

N. Clark

M. Gibbs

V. Harmer

THE POWELL CUP FOR JUNIOR SPORTSMAN

M. Fenton

THE JUNIOR SPORTSWOMAN

A. Saunders

THE ROY FARQUARSON TROPHY

For Senior Sportsman

T. Danby

THE SENIOR SPORTSWOMAN

N. Clark

THE JESSEL SHIELD

Awarded to the best House of the year

Roberts House

THE ROSS TURNBULL PRIZE

N. Clark

THE WILLIAM RUZZAK MEMORIAL PRIZE

V. Harmer

The Edward Hayward Memorial Prize

G. Blacker

Chapel also takes place at weekends and we have been fortunate to have a number of visiting speakers at these services. We also use weekend services to mark the events of the church calendar, such as Harvest and Easter. This year we also celebrated the Chinese New Year by decorating the chapel with Chinese lanterns, streamers and symbols; we had the privilege of listening to a visiting speaker from the Chinese Overseas Christian Fellowship, ably translated by a member of the sixth form!

Confirmation is always a major event in the calendar. We had twenty three children following the course; twenty one of these came on the weekend retreat at Carroty Wood; and the Bishop of Maidstone, the Rt. Revd Graham Cray, a frequent visitor to Bethany, confirmed eighteen of them this summer term. It was wonderful to see so many parents, godparents, pupils and friends filling the chapel and enjoying the meal afterwards. We are particularly indebted to Mrs Julie Golding, mother of a Todmans pupil, who came twice a week to help with the Confirmation classes.

Almost every lunchtime at Bethany there is a Christian club meeting somewhere, either in a confirmation class or in a year specific club involving nearly fifty pupils in the school.

However, next year we have some major plans for these clubs:

For the first time we will have a club for every year in the lower and middle school.

The senior school will have a club and the regular film nights.

There is now a dedicated room for these which is being decorated and equipped so that the clubs can meet out of a classroom. The need for this room has been heightened by the fact that we have completely outgrown the Chaplain's house for all but planning meetings.

Fortunately the weather was kind to us this summer and the ten to twelve people attending each day could meet in the garden!

In addition we are in the final planning stages for a series of special services for the whole school. Bethany is fortunate to have such a small chapel. It means that services can be aimed at a particular age group and that for special services the atmosphere is excellent. But the whole school never meets together for worship. From next term, however, we plan to have at least one, and often two, services each term at a local church, when the whole school meets together. The first of these will be on Remembrance Day and promises to be a major event.

All in all this has been a busy first year for me as Chaplain and I am extremely grateful for the prayers and encouragement of staff, pupils, parents and governors. I wish you all God's Blessing for the year ahead.

ONE TERM AT BETHANY

On my first day at Bethany I felt very nervous, not knowing anyone and speaking only limited English. Everything

was new to me. I was not used to boarding and to the rural environment that Bethany is situated in, but I soon lost my hesitation and felt very comfortable. My teachers were very welcoming at the first meeting for new pupils and this gave me confidence. The boys in my boarding house showed me around on the first evening and introduced me to everyone so that I was quickly able to settle.

I had, from the beginning, almost no difficulties in following my lessons as most teachers spoke very clearly and explained things again if I did not understand. As far as language was concerned I had more problems in understanding the pupils than the teachers, mainly because pupils had their own language, which was very different from the English I had learned at school. The number of subjects chosen in the Sixth Form was unusual for me though having only three or four certainly helps to concentrate on areas of strength. I was very pleased to be able to choose whatever I wanted to study and I was very happy with my choice.

I am most grateful to all my teachers, though in particular to Mr Cullen, who has the rare gift of being able to teach with wit and authority simultaneously, Mr Khan who



'It's tough sleeping rough' Tom Boatwright-Smith raising money for Shelter.

taught me with 'everlasting enthusiasm' and Miss Abbott, who taught me a subject, Theatre Studies, that I had never studied before. I was particularly well cared for by my Housemaster, Mr Hollman and my EFL teacher and Tutor, Mrs Presland. Sport also gave me great enjoyment at Bethany, particularly tennis and badminton.

I enjoyed my term at Bethany and will always remember my time here. My stay not only improved my English but also helped to widen my horizons. I got to understand a different way of life and to make many new friends.

Jan Schoenfeld, Lower V1th

CHARITIES DAY

September by tradition is the month when the whole school sets off into the countryside for the annual school walk. Now each House can choose its fundraising activity and the charity they wish to support. However, walking still proved to be a popular option with the Mount, Todmans and the junior girls at Old Poplars all enjoying

beautiful weather as they walked around Bawl Water. Mr Holmes took Year 11 for a sponsored walk along the cliff tops from Folkestone to Dover.

The Upper Sixth in the Orchard were also walking, but at night around Bedgebury Forest. It was the coldest September night since the thirties but at least no one got lost.

The Lower Sixth camped out in cardboard boxes to raise money for the homeless. A speaker from the charity, Shelter spoke to them earlier in the evening before Ms Bicheno arrived with the soup kitchen. They soon discovered that cardboard and sleeping bags did not keep out the cold on such a chilly night.

Year 10 did a sponsored litter pick in the surrounding villages. The whole day was rounded off with a disco organised by the prefects.

CHARITY DAY DISCO

On 24th September a number of the Prefects organised a disco for both the Upper and Lower school. The event was put together throughout the day and the Assembly Hall looked very professional, covered in balloons, streamers and confetti.

Lee, Ed and John-Henry, who had the mammoth task of cooking three hundred burgers, sausages and chicken legs, manned the barbecues from which, thankfully, no-one contracted food poisoning. The entrants were given a card costing £5 that entitled them to a can of drink and a burger or hot dog. This changed to a lager for the Sixth form pupils.

The action kicked off at around six o'clock, with a two hour session for years Seven to Nine. The DJ was on sparkling form for the evening and the music went down very well with the crowd. A number of guests also turned up from other schools that had been invited by

pupils. The first disco ended on time for the start of the upper years session.

Shortly before eight o'clock, two Bedgebury minibuses turned up with the invited guests. The girls were very friendly and the two schools got on very well. After initial greetings between students the majority of pupils swallowed their food and headed to the dance floor. The music ranged from pop to dance to hip-hop, so every taste was catered for. All around the Hall couples danced and the atmosphere was very positive and even Mr Holmes and Miss Bicheno got in a small dance during the Titanic song!

The fun continued until ten o'clock when the disco came slowly to an end. To add to the laughter, the DJ decided to finish off with 'That's all folks' from the Looney Toons. The crowds of students slowly dispersed as students either got picked up to go home or headed back to their boarding houses. The Bedgebury buses filled up and headed back, with many a happy face within. The money raised, about £1000, went towards the Hospice in the Weald.

Ed Ewer, Upper Sixth



Out and About



YEAR 7 VISITS TO ROCHESTER AND CANTERBURY

During the year, all Year 7 pupils visit both Canterbury in March and Rochester in May as part of their studies in history and geography. Both cathedral cities offer very stimulating learning environments, and are both relatively 'safe' for closely supervised groups of pupils.

In Canterbury our morning consisted of a visit to the 'Canterbury Experience' where pupils gained a sensory perception of the Pilgrims Way story. This was followed by tours of the cathedral which never ceases to enthral due to its grandeur and sheer scale. The second part of the day was spent investigating the notion of 'change' as seen along the old city walls, ancient streets and new inner city developments. Our visit this year was 'enhanced' by witnessing an exciting police chase that occurred around our route!

The Rochester day began with a visit to the cathedral where groups of pupils followed an investigative trail, experiencing a simulation of 'life as a monk'. The cathedral crypt provided an eerie setting as fully robed monks, looking very similar to young Bethany

pupils, processed in silence to the sound of sonorous chanting. This certainly confused at least one group of American visitors. Later in the day, the fine weather provided us with stunning views from the top of Rochester castle where pupils conducted map orientation exercises and considered contrasts in the old and new Medway bridges.

Both visits were very successful as pupils learnt much from their experiences. The weather was kind, pupils were very well behaved and the staff involved felt that the many hours of preparation, organisation and risk assessments were actually fully justified.

CJF

YEAR 9 GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK.

In May, just after their exam week, all Year 9 pupils visited Bawl Water, a nearby lake created by Southern Water thirty years ago, as a conclusion to their unit of work called 'Dam it!'. This had involved studying dam schemes from around the world.

The morning visit involved extracting data from the public exhibition, a talk by the Ranger on water provision and a walk out onto the dam. Once pupils had absorbed

how the dam and lake worked our main focus was the idea of raising the dam three metres. This modification has been proposed as a means of extending Bawl Water's capacity now that water resources are increasingly under pressure in the local area and house building gathers pace.

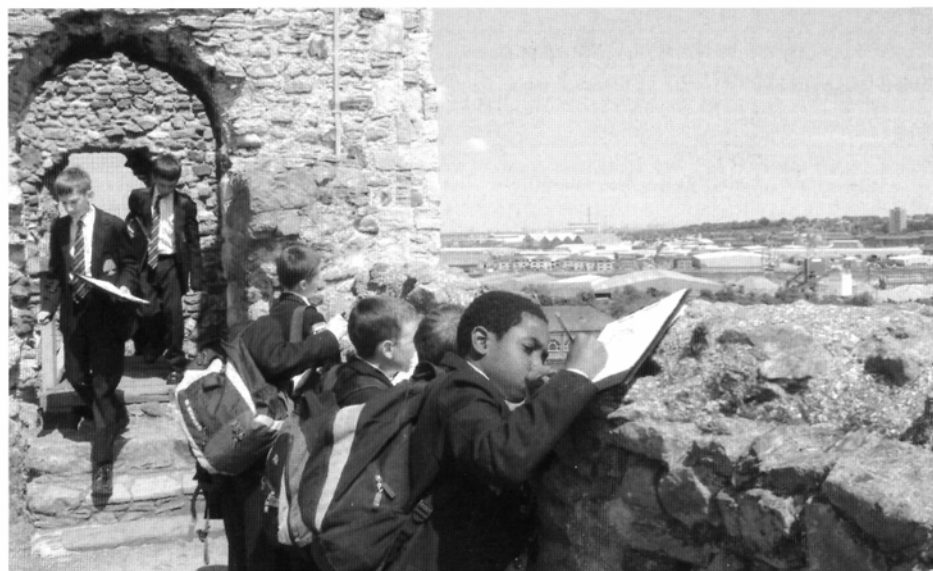
Pupils collected data, including digital images and sketches, to help them analyse the effects of such development. This was used to produce presentations and displays back at school.

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YEAR 10 GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK

The summer term is always very busy for Year 10 Geographers.

We spent all the summer term's teaching time on the GCSE Coursework, collecting and processing data for the final report folder. This involved comparative visits to Curtisden Green, Marden and Maidstone. A wide range of data was collected for analysis, the emphasis being upon 'change' in environmental quality, economic activity and land use. Pupils quickly latched on to the idea that the range of services in Curtisden Green are almost non-existent compared with those in Marden. They recorded the closing of the only shop and post office on The Green and its conversion into two private houses. They noticed a similar trend in Marden, though of course to a smaller degree, whilst there remains quite a wide variety of shops and services in Marden. The Maidstone data collection required almost a whole day out from school, in the morning visiting Shepway Estate and Tovil, both of which illustrated the growth of housing especially down on the old river quay side as well as some other very recent developments which our geographers were well able to spot. After a picnic lunch in Mote Park pupils recorded the evidence for a wide range of services in the town centre, working from the flood plain of the Medway, up the High Street to the former crossroads at the junction of Week Street and Gabriels Hill. It proved a long and concentrated day but pupils worked very well in assembling the data which was then processed into an



Year 7 on the battlements at Rochester Castle

analysis with their chosen digital images inserted as appropriate.

The accompanying images show pupils at work at these three locations.

PSH

LOWER SIXTH GEOGRAPHY URBAN FIELDWORK

In March, Year 12 Geography students visited Docklands as part of their studies on urban environments for the A/S Exam.

Work began at Waterloo where several redevelopment and renewal sites were visited on the South Bank. Immediately beneath the station it was possible to see original artisan's houses now restored as desirable residences for young professionals. Adjacent areas around Coin Street where factories had been bombed during the war had been imaginatively renewed as housing for local people to rent. Students who had previously only visited this part of the South Bank for the Tate Modern gallery were impressed at how complete a community existed here. This was followed by an intensive examination – on foot – of large areas of the Docklands scheme, from the southern end of the Isle of Dogs opposite Greenwich right through to Canary Wharf itself. A chance to ride on the Light Railway and the Jubilee Line extension, as well as to visit the shops on Canary Wharf, were unexpected bonuses, as was the concluding task, a visit to the City Airport in the Royal Docks. The accompanying image catches the Sixth Formers at the end of a long day, watching the short take-off planes within the dock basin.

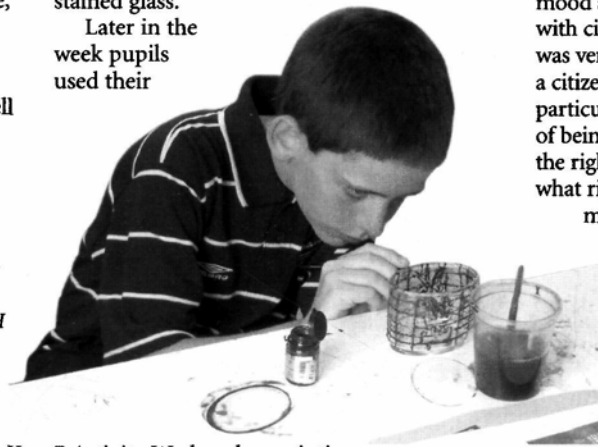


Mr Holmes and Sixth Form Geographers by the Thames

activities all based around the theme of light.

Early in the week, pupils set off to Aylesford Priory to get some information and inspiration about the use of light in art. Groups were able to walk around the beautiful grounds, play games on the green, have lunch by the lakes and even throw their own pot in the Friars pottery. The main focus of the day was exploring the many beautiful chapels to see the use of stained glass.

Later in the week pupils used their



Year 7 Activity Week – glass painting

research from the priory to help them design and paint their own stained glass candleholders. They also used their inspiration to put together musical composition, poetry and a group collage.

On the last day of Activities week we set off to the school chapel for a special service that reflected the week's theme. The stained glass holders looked amazing as we walked up the candlelit aisles. After chapel it was time to decorate the cakes that pupils had made in the Firs kitchen on the previous afternoon. The cakes were unveiled at a surprise party, which proved a fitting end to a fun-filled week.

ACTIVITY WEEK ON CITIZENSHIP Extracts from Callum Brewster's prize-winning Diary on Year 9

Monday 28th June

Mr Khan started the day off by giving us a talk. The project was about citizens and citizenship. After that Mr Khan went into a major teaching mood and we had a talk about everything to do with citizenship. It sounds boring but overall it was very interesting. The first thing I learnt was a citizen is a person who is a member of a particular country and who has rights because of being born there, or because of being given the right. At this point I was trying to think what rights I had, but I could not think of many. Mr Khan went through them though, so I am a bit of an expert on them now. There are five main categories they are put in, they are: According to law, Freedom, Human rights, rights to vote and welfare state.

Tuesday 29th June

Dear Diary, Mr Niles started the day off by showing us some short videos

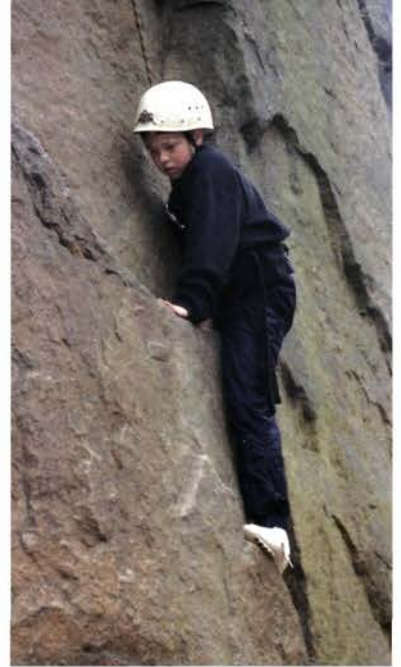
YEAR 7 ACTIVITY WEEK

Year 7 Activity Week was packed full of crafts, quizzes and creativity. Pupils from Year 7 completed a variety of

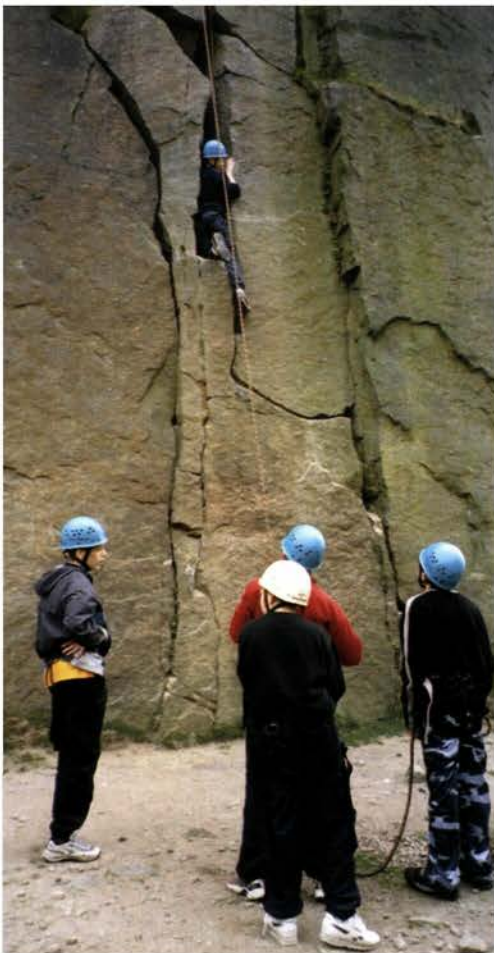
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Year 9 at Bewl Water





This year Year 8 went to an outdoor pursuit centre in Yorkshire for Activities Week. They went rock climbing, fell walking, canoeing and orienteering.



on the subject of, 'everyone is different but everyone is a citizen'.

After that we had a man come in to school to talk about the Holocaust. He started off introducing us to it, by telling us some details about it. He then made us sit in groups of about 20 and made us look at some pictures and answer the questions about it. One of the pictures was of a lady sitting on a Jew only bench with her face in her lap. The questions were; 'who is this lady' and 'why was the picture taken.' For the first question our group decided she was a Jew. For the second question my group decided the Germans had taken the picture to make the Jews feel different, isolated, embarrassed and ashamed of who they were. We learnt that the Nazis used stereotypes to separate people and that Jews lived all over the world not just in Germany. By 1932 six million Jews were unemployed. I also learnt that it was not just the small group of Nazis that were against the Jew but many of the normal people supported them and helped them. The Nazis started to make laws up to make people think Jews were less important than them. By 1938 the Jews were not allowed to be doctors and had to have a big J stamped on their passport and to top it off were not allowed to own businesses and were not allowed to go to the cinema, beaches or holiday resorts. The Germans that were not Jews were allowed to take anything off the Jews; they could even kick them out their house if they wanted it.

When the Nazis had banned the Jews from practically everything they came up with a solution called 'The final solution'. The final solution was to get all the Jews together and gas them to kill them. The Jews did not know they were being taken to be gassed because they were told something else. When the Jews had been gassed the Germans took any artificial limbs off them so they could use them again, they also checked for anything precious the Jews were hiding. They did not stop there. they even cut their hair off and used it as rope. They then took the bodies to a place where they burnt them to destroy the evidence. Over all, the Germans counted 11 million Jews who were captured but 6 million of them were killed and only 5 million of them survived.

In the common room after lunch a new visitor was talking. His name was Rudi Oppenheimer and he was 72 years old. We learnt very quickly, that he was a survivor of the holocaust. He spoke to us about his life as a Jew and what went on in it. It started off when he was a young boy of about five. His parents were both born in Germany as Jews so he automatically became a Jew. They lived in Berlin as a happy family. When Rudi's family could not take living in Germany anymore they went to London to live there. Their dad had to stay as he could not leave his job. Rudi and Paul were told it was a holiday and they would be coming back soon. They knew this was a lie because they were made to attend school there and on their holidays they did not have to. After living in England for 6 months they had to move to the Netherlands to live with their father. They had to learn Dutch as well. When he went to school he could speak fluent Dutch and so did not tell his friends he

was a German Jew. Under German occupation, Rudi could only stay at the school for a little while because he had to stop going because of new laws made to stop the Jew doing things. Then another law came out, which was all Jews had to move to Amsterdam and live there. In the end they still had to move to Amsterdam and Rudi said it was the worst time of his life. The Jews could hardly do anything because there were so many laws against them. The Nazis then came every week and read out a list of names and took those Jews off in trucks. What no one knew except for the Germans was that those Jews who were taken were not going to work but were going to be gassed and killed. Soon if a German saw a Jew on the street, he would take them on the truck to be gassed. Rudi's family got to stay longer than most people because of the English passport in their family. It also meant that they were not taken to be gassed but taken on a three hour journey to a camp. The camp was a nice camp compared with other camps they could have been put in. Everyone in the camp were Jewish except the guards. Trucks came every week to collect people in the camp but no one knew it was because they were going to be gassed. Soon their dad's parents got taken but they still wrote to Rudi's family, but suddenly that stopped shortly after they left the camp. People kept on getting taken on the trucks until only about nine families were left which included Rudi's family. After seven months at this camp these nine family's were taken away on a 15 hour journey by train and found themselves miles away in another train station. With the camp being so dirty, a disease got into it. The disease was called typhoid. Many of the Jews in the camp were taken ill and many died. Rudi's mum got it and lived two weeks longer but then died. And shortly after that, his dad got it and he too died.

The British were fighting the Germans but the Germans could not hold them back anymore so the Germans said the British could take over the camp. The Germans took a few Jews with them though but Rudi's family got to stay. The British took them by train for 11 days and were told to steal food from the German homes. Germans soon got planes to fly over the train and bombed it. From then on the Jews on the train spent their time looking out for planes. When they saw a plane coming they jumped off the train and ran in to the bushes. The Germans backed off and Russian armed forces came and got them. Everyone was very ill including Rudi and his brother who were both in comas.

When they were better they went to the Netherlands. They did not have to stay for long in the camp. Soon they came to England to live. He also got a British passport at the age of 21.

Wednesday 30th June

Sister Natalie and her son Jonathan Stevens, spoke to the year group on Health and Hygiene and First Aid.

Thursday 1st July

Eagle Heights visit

They had eagles, hawks, owls and other cute

and ugly looking birds. There were not just birds there, but in another part of the building there were reptiles. They had lizards, snakes, tortoises and even alligators. They also had other random animals like small creatures that looked like mere cats. When we had looked at all the animals and birds, which took about one and a half hours we knew everything about each of the birds. We slowly moved over to the place where the flying display was going to take place and waited till it started. It started on time; the first bird to come out was the Bald Eagle. He told us about it while it hopped and flew around. The bird was very big and was not bald. We were told it was a good hunter and ate large fish mostly, like salmon. The eagle had large claws to pluck the slippery fish from the water. It also had a large beak to rip the fish open quickly because the longer it took to eat the fish the more likely it was for it to be nicked from the eagle.

After the eagle, we got to see a much smaller bird which was also a bird of prey. This bird was very quick and swift flyer. The man showed us how quick it was by spinning some meat around him on a piece of string and showed us how the bird moved swiftly down and caught the meat in its claws. We then got shown another bird of prey which was also very small. The bird hovered in the air waiting to spot some food, then it dived and grabbed it. The man was feeding it dead chicks. The next bird was a bit bigger and was a bird of prey as well.

The next bird was another small bird that was a scavenger. The bird made a very loud screech and would not stop pestering the man with the food. It did not fly much but it ran on the ground. The man also told us it would go into holes in the ground and eat eggs and things which were in them. He then demonstrated this by chucking some meat into a pipe and letting the bird go in after it. He told us a story about the second world war when the soldiers came out with their food these birds would wait for them and then nick it from them.

The last bird was very big and was the second biggest bird in the centre. It was a vulture and was very ugly. It had a wing span of about nine feet and when it flew it looked very clumsy. It spent most of its time in the air just gliding around. The man told us they could see the same type of vulture as them, 30 miles away. They had to have good eyesight because they needed to see when another vulture dropped out of the sky, because then they knew that vulture had seen food on the ground. The birds ate dead meat that had been killed by other animals or just died. The vultures would dig their heads into the carcass to get to the nice juicy meat inside. We were told these birds had very bad habits. He told us they would eat so much meat that they would be too heavy to fly, so they would just have to sit around digesting it. If a predator like a hyena came they would have to get away very fast so they did not get eaten, they would even run really fast and take off or if they were too heavy for that, they would be sick so all the food came up and then take off. He then told us the hyenas would not try and get the birds after that



because they had nice warm meat which they ate from the vultures sick. He told us the vultures had huge beaks so they could rip out all the meat and eat it quickly.

The Year 9's had a talk on drugs in the afternoon

Callum Brewster, Year 9

LOWER SIXTH ACTIVITIES WEEK

During the week the Lower Sixth have taken part in a range of activities. On the Monday we got stuck into planning for our future by filling in our UCAS forms and writing our personal statements. We also had a very valuable talk on interview technique, which lasted for about an hour.

On Tuesday morning we set off in a coach for Stratford and the relaxing part of the week. After a long coach journey we arrived at the youth hostel on the outskirts of the town, dumped off our bags and prepared to go into the popular town of Stratford, home of William Shakespeare. We had an hour or so to look around the town and then made our way to Pizza Hut where we had supper. When our stomachs were full we made our way to the RSC theatre across the street to watch *King Lear*. Being one of the longest plays ever (four hours...) some people managed to drift off to sleep but not for long. Storms and battles woke them up with a fright. After the play, a mad, drunk woman attacked Tom Boatwright and John Sanders and then we returned to the youth hostel.

On Wednesday morning we woke up far too early, got our bags packed, had breakfast and got on the coach for Alton Towers. Upon arriving at 10 am we were given our tickets

and let loose in the theme park. Everyone had fun on rides like Oblivion (a vertical drop) and Air (a new type of roller coaster.) The queues were quite long but it was definitely worth the wait. We returned to school late that evening.

On Thursday we had a few guest speakers talk to us, including two old boys, Jon Ayres and Alex Hayward, talking about university life, courses they had chosen and why. They

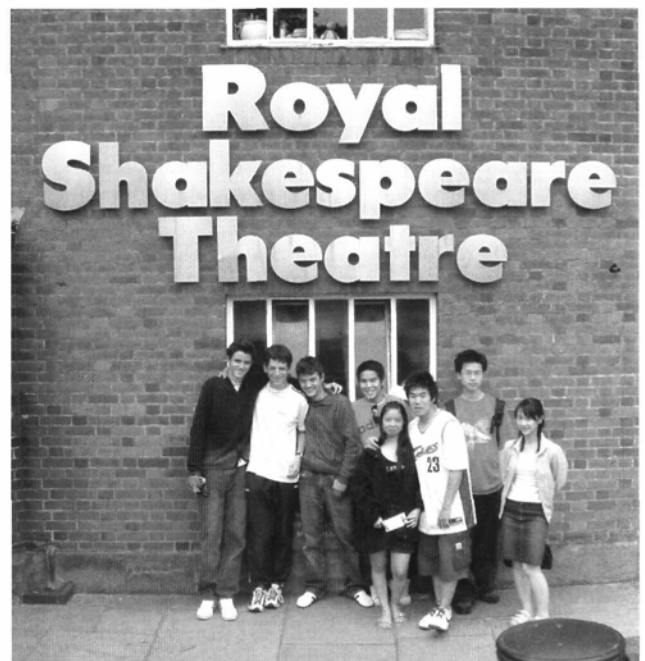
both spoke well and it was good to hear from people who had recent experience. We also had a speaker from World Challenge talk to us about taking a Gap Year. With the use of a slide show and some often improvised cue cards around we learned about the benefits of taking a Gap Year. On Thursday the group split up as the Prefects began their training. This involved activities such as self-evaluation, team working and logic exercises. Prefects' training continued on the Friday with some more active team building exercises, like twenty questions and bridge building. The other sixth formers had a talk on drugs and got to practise interviews to help them

secure jobs or university places if they get called for interview next term.

All in all, Activities Week was enjoyable for most because of the range of different activities, which stopped us getting bored. It also will help us next year when choosing our courses and making decisions about our future. My thanks go to all the staff that helped to make this possible.

Ben Blacker, Lower Sixth

Top and below: *The Lower Sixth at Stratford during Activities Week*





Staff News



KEITH BROWN

The post of Director of Music in any Independent School is a complex and demanding one. The Director is expected to be an expert in the classroom in all aspects of music, whilst at the same time laying on a huge array of extra curricular activities and keeping a large team of peripatetic teachers happy!

Keith brought his considerable musical skills, his unending patience, his enthusiasm and his general bonhomie to all aspects of the post and these qualities, coupled with his deep Christian faith, enabled him to make a very unique contribution to the musical life of the School. Those pupils and staff who were associated with his Year 7 Activity Weeks, in which he produced musicals from scratch, will remember the miracles he achieved with 'Rats' and 'Smike'. Our double production of 'Grease' and the outstanding performances of 'Bugsy Malone' could never have taken place without Keith's skilful and patient musical direction.

The Bethany Steel Band was Keith's idea and it was he who organised the fundraising to enable the kit to be purchased. It is a testament to his foresight and his enthusiasm for this form of music making that our top Steel Band Group is now invited to Prep Schools on an annual basis, to run workshops for their pupils.

Few of us who attended his many, informal Chamber Concerts will forget the warm and

supportive atmosphere he created, which enabled even those who had only been learning an instrument for a few terms to play with confidence and the assurance that they would be given a suitable ovation at the end of their piece. It is also particularly fitting that many of the most glowing comments on Keith's leadership of the Music Department come from his peripatetic music teachers. They felt welcomed and valued at all times in the Department and there was a genuine sense of team spirit in the Music School. Keith was strongly supported throughout his three years by his wife Katherine, who was always present at Concerts and was prepared to stay on long after the end of the performances to help with the clearing of the Music School or the Assembly Hall.

Keith will be much missed at Bethany. He is now Director of Music at Beechwood Sacred Heart School and we know that he is already making a very positive impact on their musical programme there. NDBD

MARJORIE HADAWAY

Marjorie has worked at Bethany for the astonishing period of thirty-five years and will therefore have seen four Headmasters at the school. She came initially to work in the kitchens under the cook and Housekeeper, Miss Mannering, when people like George and

Dorothy Richards and Madelaine Blunt were on the staff. As she lived down at Combourne, where her husband Robert worked on the farm, she did not have far to travel to work. She had considerable skills in the catering line, especially cake making, as her father had been a baker in Cranbrook. However it will probably be in the cleaning work that she has been particularly valued, in the Chapel, where brass, floors and furniture have shone under her polishing as well as in The Mount. Here she virtually 'kept house' for Paul Holmes, cleaning the main building from top to bottom, polishing the front door brass daily and seeing that there were fresh flowers in the front hall as often as possible. She was an invaluable help in the numerous functions that occurred in The Mount, Old Bethanian gatherings, Staff and V11th form dinners as well as the annual House Christmas party. Her husband soon joined her to work in the garden where his skill with plants rapidly became apparent and enabled Mount entertaining to be extended to the garden. In recent years Marjorie and Robert have enjoyed their own house and 'new' garden in Cranbrook where she will now have more time to enjoy her grandchildren and a wide circle of friends. We wish them both well and a happy retirement. PSH

VANESSA ABBOTT

Vanessa Abbott has been teaching Drama at Bethany for the last 7 years. She has really put the subject on the map as a curriculum subject having started GCSE Drama and A level Theatre Studies. All Year 9 pupils have a specialised Drama lesson having spent the junior years doing Drama with their English teacher. The introduction of Drama into the curriculum has allowed students to productively use their talents with many going on to take related courses at university or college. Vanessa has shown great skill and



Keith Brown



Marjorie Hadaway with her husband



Vanessa Abbott



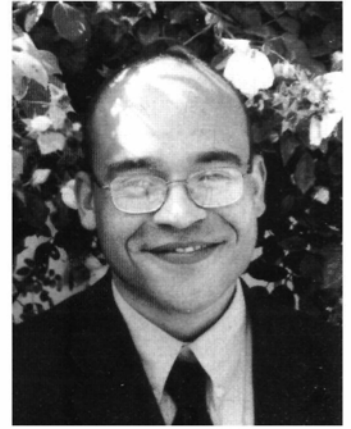
Richard Ferley



Claire Lindsey



Susanne Nicholson



Mark Niles

dedication enabling her students to produce work of a very high standard throughout the years. From Ibsen's 'The Doll's House', through John Osbourne's 'Look Back in Anger', Dario Fo's 'Can't Pay, Won't Pay', Sharman MacDonald's 'When I was a girl I used to scream and shout' to this year's performance of 'Bouncers' to name but a few, the audience have been treated to powerful, humorous, spell-binding performances. I am not sure whether I laugh or cry more while watching but I am sure that these are the most consistently professional school performances I have ever seen. Apart from the great scripts mentioned above, the students have also performed their own devised dramas with equal impact. Thinking back over the years, I remember home-grown masterpieces such as 'The Island' which explored social isolation, 'Against all odds' which examined the power of love to conquer all, and a drama based on the theme of Icarus which looked at celebrities who, metaphorically speaking, flew too high and burnt their wings. I'm sure all her students will want to thank her for her inspiration over the years.

With all this effort going into Drama on the curriculum, it would not have been surprising if Vanessa had left the extra-curricular productions to others but this has not been the case. She has been in the forefront of a great team in the major productions staged at Bethany over her time with us. Together with John Cullen, Jo Mason, Robert Fitzgerald, Keith Brown and Amanda Startin, she has produced 'Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat', a senior and junior production of 'Grease' and 'Bugsy Malone'. These big productions require a huge amount of energy and planning and a large team of staff to make sure everything is 'alright on the night'. Although completely exhausting, these major productions are very exciting and will be remembered for ever by the students and staff involved. In between major productions Bethany has developed a tradition of cabaret performances such as 'C'est la vie', 'Dr Livingstone I presume' and 'The Old Bull and Bush'. Although these are mainly generated by the students, they still require a large staff input from the Drama and Music Departments.

Just thinking about all that has happened in Drama during these last seven years, makes me feel quite exhausted. We wish Vanessa a slightly more restful time as she travels with her family

to live in the United States. We promise that all her hard work and inspiration will not go to waste. Drama is definitely on the map and is here to stay. Her replacement Helen Harvey and all the rest of the 'luvies' here at Bethany will keep up the good work.

Helen Dorey

RICHARD FERLEY

Richard first came to Bethany as a GAP year student following his Degree Course at the University of Worcester to get a 'taster' of what life would be like as a teacher. He took up the position of Assistant Housemaster in The Mount and made such an impression that he was invited back following his course to become a fully qualified teacher. He quickly made an impact in the P.E. Department by not only contributing to the existing curriculum and provision of opportunities but by adding so much more. He and Claire Lindsey introduced the popular Junior Sports Leaders Course, which culminated in a residential course in the Easter Holiday period. He reinvigorated the Senior Boys Basketball team joining leagues and cup competitions, which I know was particularly popular with our overseas students. Richard's own personal enjoyment of hockey has taken the sport on to a new level. His enthusiasm and commitment has been responsible for the advancement of the game in the school. It is a pity that the profits of his hard work will not be seen as there is no one experienced enough on the staff to go on where he has left. Similar things can be said for his love of cricket, as a very accomplished performer in the 'Strollers Cricket Team' his influence will be sorely missed. The time he spent in the winter cricket nets, particularly with the junior members of the school, paid off in the Under 13 X1 recording an unbeaten season under his direction. The last major task he had at school was to organise the Prep. School Sixes, which he did very successfully, gaining much admiration and appreciation from other schools. Richard has come a long way in his short time here and I hope the experience he has gained will prove valuable to his future career in sport. I shall miss both Claire and Richard in the Games Department, they have been ever-willing to do everything asked and made it a friendly working environment.

PGM

CLAIRE LINDSEY

As well as her sterling work within the P.E. and history departments Claire Lindsey was also a terrific Assistant Housemistress at Old Poplars during her three years at Bethany. Her calm approach quelled many a situation and the professional manner in which she carried out her duties was exemplary.

The girls in Old Poplars wanted to mark Claire's departure by presenting her with a gift that she could enjoy for many years, they clubbed together and were delighted to be able to present her with a high quality digital camera on her last day.

Claire will be missed at Old Poplars by girls and staff alike. It should be mentioned that she is the longest serving Assistant Housemistress, she managed to beat the 'two year itch' and stay for an action packed three years. She has been a reliable friend to us all and every girl who knew Claire during her time at Old Poplars will expect to be bridesmaids when Miss Lindsey names the day!

As Claire takes up her new position we wish her masses of good luck and hope she keeps in touch.

FH

Mrs Johnson made a presentation to Claire at the staff End of Year Party and praised her for a number of qualities by which she has enriched the life of many pupils. She started life at Bethany as Richard Ferley's girl friend but was soon persuaded to return with him as the Assistant in Old Poplars, where the girls quickly learned to trust and respect her. However the Games Department also had good cause to rejoice at her return as her expertise in hockey shone from the start. Her willing involvement with teams and fixtures soon persuaded her to train as a PE teacher on the graduate training scheme. Here she maintained the highest standards in her paper work and essays and her confidence as a teacher grew quickly, so that netball and tennis also became part of her PE timetable. She trained the 2nd V11 netball for their fixtures in the inter-schools' League and was responsible for school tennis fixtures, where she has increased the number of teams being coached. As if this wasn't a full enough programme, Claire has also helped with Duke of Edinburgh expeditions so that she has been committed to some kind of school activity every weekend in the summer term. It's not

surprising therefore that she has been appointed as Head of girls' games at Sibford School and we have been fortunate indeed to benefit from her skills, enthusiasms and hard work over the last three years.

FMJ

MRS SUSANNE NICHOLSON

Susanne Nicholson joined Bethany to teach English to Years 7-12 and to be a tutor and an Assistant in The Mount. Not afraid of hard work, she quickly established herself in the classroom as professional in her approach to the subject and as someone who was always keen to get the best out of the pupils that she taught. She was very organised in her teaching, had a good rapport with students of all years and spent many hours of her time supporting those who needed it. This included providing extra lessons and working through her lunch times as the summer examinations approached. She was also very receptive to new ideas and keen to share the experience she had gained from working in other schools. Susanne was also an Assistant in The Mount and was responsible for the House one evening a week. In this role she has been much valued for the care and support she has provided for the boarders in the House and for her positive approach to the Year 8 pupils who she tutored. The School and English Department will certainly miss her and we are grateful to her for the help, support and advice she has given during the course of this year. We hope she will be very happy returning to Reading.

THD

MARK NILES

Mark arrived at Bethany School two years ago and has taught both Biology and Chemistry. In his second year at the school he took over the running of the Biology Department and introduced a range of strategies to improve the coursework at AS and A2 Biology. Outside the laboratory his achievements included winning the 'beep' test on red nose day and coordinating Kiplings games house despite them narrowly coming second or third in most house events. He will be missed as a tutor in the Mount where he has carried out his responsibilities conscientiously and has organised the citizenship week during Activities Week over the past two years. In addition, his enthusiasm for sport and personal fitness has led him to run a number of teams,



Christine Morrow and Sue Bicheno

particularly rugby and football. He returns to teach in Ashford at the school where he himself was a pupil, so that he can spend more time with his family.

AKL

JO MASON

What a surprise (what a delightful, pleasant surprise!) when Jo made her very first appearance at Bethany. The time was about 3.30 p.m. on a Thursday afternoon and the place was the Common Room in The Mount.

All the chairs had been placed neatly under the work areas and the last scrap of litter carefully concealed. Then, clutching a large, ghetto-blasters type sound system, Miss Mason appeared. She was about to begin the first-ever Dance Club...

This club soon became a roaring success with growing numbers and all sorts of unlikely people taking part. At one time Mr Ferley used to go and watch – though the purpose of his attendance was never completely understood!

Support for this activity was such that Jo soon became a part-time teacher as well with Dance having a timetabled slot for Years 7 and 8. Then came the Evenings of Dance when Jo's Girls (and, in no time at all, Jo's Boys as well) performed to a packed Assembly Hall. Her central role in "Joseph", "Dr Livingstone, I Presume", "Grease", "Westenders", "Bugsy Malone" and Red Nose Day variety events caused her influence to spread throughout the School. Who could possibly forget the older girls in such performances as "Moulin Rouge"? And what about the entire 1st XV springing delicately

across the stage dressed as fairies? All and more was attributable to Jo.

We wish her all the best now that she has gone to Winchester to study for a degree in Performing Arts.

JMC

GAIL HIGGINS

It is with regret that we say goodbye to Gail who has been with us for the past two years, teaching German part-time. She came to Bethany knowing that German was to be phased out with the introduction of Spanish. However, she maintained her enthusiasm and dedication to the end, combining her teaching with her very busy role in the family business. We wish her all the very best as she returns full-time to the business.

MMS

NEW FACES

September 2003 saw the arrival of eight new staff.

Sue Bicheno

Our new Pastoral Deputy Head came to us from Royal High School, Bath where she was Head of Boarding and director of Extra Curricular Activities. Her teaching background is in Mathematics and Games both of which she teaches at Bethany. She is a Real Tennis player, having represented Great Britain in both Singles and Doubles at World Championships in the past. Unfortunately she injured her Achilles tendon while playing this year and had to spend several months in plaster. Her electric buggy became a familiar sight on campus. However she never stopped smiling.

Simon Battersby

Our new Chaplain was originally a Business Development Manager for Abbey National before training at Oxford for ordination. He was a parish curate before coming to Bethany. He married Holly, who is also a priest, in August and so we now have two members of the clergy in No. 1 Providence Cottages.

Anna Braybrook

As Head of Religious Studies at Bethany she has shown great enthusiasm for her subject and care for her charges. She previously taught at Homewood School and took her degree at Exeter University.

Christine Morrow

Christine has added youth and fashion as well as enthusiasm for her subject to the Mathematics Department. She came to Bethany from Queen's University Belfast where she took her degree and Post Graduate Certificate in Education.

Hilary McArdle

She joined us from Beneden School as a member of the Dyslexia Learning Department. Originally a scientist, she took a Hornby diploma in Special Learning Difficulties. Unfortunately, she has had to take time off because of illness but we look forward to her returning after Christmas when her treatment is finished.

Susanne Nicholson

Susanne joined the English Department from the closing North Foreland Lodge where she



New Staff: Mike Thomas, David Paine, The Rev'd Simon Battersby, Anna Braybrook, Susanne Nicholson and Hilary McArdle

was a Housemistress and Special Needs Co-ordinator as well as an English teacher. She has also been an Assistant Housemistress in the Mount where the boys appreciated her motherly touch.

David Paine

David has joined the PE Department having taken his degree and PGCE at Loughborough University. He is also the live in Assistant Housemaster at the Mount.

Mike Thomas

Mike has joined the Science Department and is the live in Assistant Housemaster at Kendon. He comes from Zimbabwe where he taught at Howard High School in Mashonaland Province. He has an MSc from the University of Zimbabwe following taking a degree in Cuba.

NEWS FROM THE GREEN

Congratulations to Paul Kelly, husband of Anne Kelly, Art teacher and Head of PSHCE, who received a Chair at the London School of Economics in March, 2004. He is now Professor of Political Theory in the Government Department there, having previously held research and teaching posts at the University of Chicago, University College London and the University of Wales at Swansea. He is author editor and co-editor of a number of books including *British Political Science* (Blackwell PSA, 2000) *Multiculturalism Reconsidered* (Polity 2002) *Political Thinkers* (Oxford 2002) and *Liberalism* (Polity 2004) and numerous articles and book chapters on political ethics and ethical issues in public policy, constitutionalism, justice, and multiculturalism. He is currently working on three books including a biography of Jeremy Bentham, and study of the modern state and a student introduction to political ideas. His media work includes occasional contributions to BBC Radio 4 Today Programme and appearances on Radio 3, Sky News and CBC Radio and Television in Canada.

Staff children seem to be growing up rapidly with Thomas Healy starting primary school in Goudhurst last September along with James Hart Dyke. To visit the Healy's in an evening and see hung on the kitchen dresser three little rucsacks with packed lunch boxes ready for the following morning makes one aware of the passage of time! To see Tim Hart Dyke driving off in his convertible with elder daughter Laura down to Harpers Farm for the daily exercise of her pony is to appreciate how quickly the children grow up! The Khan family have enjoyed a more settled existence after the emergencies of last summer holidays and Oliver and Joshua have enjoyed their new garden 'play house' and a surprise trip to Paris Eurodisney in May.

Phil and Amanda Marriott had to make a surprise move from their oast home next to The Firs, when the governors decided to sell the oast. High maintenance costs and increasing house prices in the area determined the governors to buy several cheaper properties in nearby Staplehurst for

staff. Accordingly Phil and Amanda moved into Rondo, behind Old Poplars, Phil Crafter moved from Pengelly into one of the Staplehurst houses and Richard Ferley and Claire Lindsey into the other. Back on the Green we were delighted to discover that the oast was bought by new Bethany parents, Mr and Mrs Wright, so that their sons, Daniel and Thomas, had just a short morning's walk over the Green to their school. The Wrights set about considerable improvements to the oast, a new cowl was hoisted onto place atop the roundel and several lengths of hedge-laying made their boundaries very smart.

Meadow View, halfway down Worms Hill, became home to our new Pastoral Deputy, Sue Bicheno. Ms Bicheno has taken over Rosemary Murrell's post of Senior Mistress, as well as Paul Holmes' role as Senior Housemaster, in September. Ms Bicheno proved a lively member of the Green whose love of 'real' tennis found her still playing as part of the national team. Sadly an awkward turn in a critical match in the October half term saw her sustain a leg injury, so that her 'disabled person's buggy' became a familiar sight around



Anne and Paul Kelly at the Leavers' Ball

the campus. During the Spring term, staff and colleagues were shocked to learn of Hilary McArdle's hospitalisation with cancer. Luckily she fought a strong fight and returned to teach in the summer, not before our welcoming back Rosemary Murrells as a 'relief teacher'. Hilary goes for a further course of chemotherapy in the Autumn and we wish her well with this.

In March we were thrilled to learn of Simon Battersby's engagement to Holly and their marriage in the school Chapel on 14th August. Simon has made a strong beginning to his ministry here on The Green as our new Chaplain, no easy task in following Colin Rookwood, and we look forward to Simon and Holly starting life together in Providence Cottage. Colin Rookwood meanwhile has been kept busy in his retirement, as a locum at Horsmonden during their inter-regnum, but his wife, Carol, retired from her Head Teacher's job in July.

Several staff departures from the Green saddened us. Ray Richards, our catering manager for twenty-two years departed in November, moving down to his home on Romney Marsh with a somewhat less stressful job of managing the catering for one of the Marsh pubs. His cheery smile and loyal support of activities on the Bethany campus, particularly the Strollers and

the Old Bethanians cricket will be much missed. Tim and Kate Hart Dyke with their children Laura, Anna and James moved from The Orchard, their home for the last five years, to their new home in Horsmonden. Laura starts school in Year 7 at Bethany in September, one of the factors in their decision. Their five years in the new Sixth Form house added immeasurably to the community life on The Green, not just the additional staff children seen on campus but their participation in some of the activities of the sixth formers. The atmosphere of a real home that the family have created in The Orchard has been much enjoyed by the Sixth formers moving there for their final year at Bethany. We wish them a happy family life in their new home nearby.

The Phoebe Douglas Memorial Garden, given to the school by the Old Bethanians Society some seven years ago, in memory of a former Head of Art who had been widely respected in the locality and by many previous pupils, extended its role in two directions. In October the ashes of Lewis Burt, OB, former Governor of the school were scattered in the garden after a Thanksgiving Service in the Chapel. The school, having received two such requests in the last twelve months, judged this to be an appropriate use of the garden and it will clearly widen its significance for our community. Mr Allen, keen to start a horticultural club at Bethany, agreed to use the garden as the base for the clubs activities. In return, he will maintain the garden with student labour and occasional help from the Estate Team so that its long term future seems assured. It already appears that pupils will begin to see the garden as part of their campus to be used and enjoyed by them.

On another campus note, July 2004, saw the rather alarming felling of seven trees at the top of the School Woods. For some while now negotiations have been going to build a hard-surface playground for pupils to use in their free time, at breaks, after school and at weekends. FOBS and the OBS have already raised significant funds towards this but the tree felling was precipitated by another need, that of extending the network to the furthest buildings on the campus at the end of The Mount path. Exciting though the prospect of a new 'play area' is for pupils, it is worth realising that the woodland itself will undergo considerable re-instatement as part of this project, enabling more use of another valuable part of The Green.

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Thomas Healy and Phil Johnson at the staff summer bash

Literary

Hunter Essay Prize Winner

CLIMBING

Emily Bishop – Lower Sixth

I was woken suddenly, as every morning, to the sound of the gong. "How did I get here?" I thought to myself. "Being woken to go climbing by a drill sergeant with a gong and an attitude problem." Three weeks ago I would never have dared to think that in case the words escaped my head and were on my lips. Things are different now, I don't care what happens to me. It's not about me anymore. "How did it get like this?" I found myself shouting.

It is the year 2052 and a lot has changed in the last fifty years. It all started with McDonald's buying out Burger King to become one of the biggest restaurants in the world. Other major fast food chains began to fall too. KFC was one of the first followed by many others.

Then something strange started to happen – McDonald's started buying supermarkets and retail stores and within eight years McDonald's had nearly taken over everything. By 2015 there was almost no healthy food left. A mother's idea of providing vegetables with her children's meal was giving them ketchup!

You could say this is ridiculous. That is what everyone thought at the time – until it was too late. Like the majority of people in this country, we felt this was the time for government intervention. Of course, being politicians, they told us it would be sorted. Then, of course, by the time the problem was recognised by the government, it was too late.

75% of people were overweight and half of those were obese. "How could this have happened?" I hear you say and, honestly, I don't know. The fact is that we humans cannot control ourselves and we will gorge until there is nothing left.

As I said before, the government interfered. They couldn't have left it any later! They decided that the fastest way to get rid of the fast food industry was to throw the MD of McDonald's into jail. He was accused of the manslaughter of hundreds of people who had died of diseases linked with poor diet.

The government started subsidising fruit and veg. so much that they became cheaper than the fast foods. The government also banned television because it was thought that sitting around watching television caused people to gain weight. They sent out leaflets and posters and made personal visits to schools, colleges and workplaces stressing the importance of exercise. By 2030 there was a lot of pressure put on people to do sport at least three times a week. Gym. Memberships were subsidised and equipment such as tennis rackets were almost free.

But all that is almost normal compared with what happened next! The Prime Minister, Martin Anderson, took to climbing in a big way. Leaflets and banners cried out, "Climbing is good for all-round fitness" and "Begin climbing".

Although there was all this pressure on people to lose weight, the campaign didn't actually work. The numbers of people who were obese hadn't actually risen but it hadn't fallen either. To solve this problem Anderson went to the extreme, he forced exercise upon the nation.

By 2049 it was illegal for people not to go to the gym. Then, this wasn't

good enough for Anderson so he hired ex-drill sergeants shipped from the U.S. to wake up the nation in what he called "Early bird sessions". But there was nothing chirpy about these sessions.

"GONG!" That's the second gong of the morning. I better hurry up. I've got to be up and dressed to go climbing in ten minutes – like every day. Today, like every other day, I was woken by the sound of the gong. I got dressed and joined the parade of marching, lifeless humans off to go climbing for an hour. Only this way could I please the sergeant and, thereby, increase my salary. Oh, yes. That's correct. The motto nowadays is "The higher you climb, the higher your bank balance".

So that, unfortunately, is what the world has become. Humans couldn't control themselves and, as a result, we now live in a society in which everyone must climb before work. So just think before you lift that hamburger to your lips or start munching on those chips. You may find yourself forced to climb like me, and the rest of my countrymen, just for devouring that burger and fries.

Hunter Essay Prize – Second Prize

WHICH DO YOU THINK PROVIDES THE BASIS FOR A MORE FULFILLING LIFE, THE CITY OR THE COUNTRYSIDE?

Michael Biddulph – Lower Sixth

On first reading this question I wasn't really sure what makes for a fulfilling life. There are so many factors involved as people of different ages and social backgrounds are seeking different goals in life. I am in a privileged position because I have lived in both types of location; urban and rural. So I have decided that the best way of forming my own opinion is by going down memory lane and revisiting some of the places I have lived.

I was born in the North Devon Hospital in 1986. My first home was located in a Devonshire hamlet which consisted of eight houses and was called Hannaford. I moved from here when I was just three years old so my memories are very vague. It was, however, a great place to live. It was extremely remote and there were no shops for miles around. This fact did not affect me but it must have been a problem for my parents.

I moved to Ealing, in the suburbs of London. This was a drastic change as I had never been to a city before. Apparently the first thing I said on my arrival was, "Where's all the grass?" I used to complain that I wasn't allowed to go out and play because, of course, I didn't realise the dangers that are present in the city. I went to the local primary school when I was old enough and loved the interaction with other children. I had missed out on this when I lived in the North Devon hamlet.

One memory that has stuck with me throughout my life is my mum taking my brother and me out to get our Saturday sweets and being bought a plastic animal each week. I think this was my mum's way of helping us with the move. I realise now that this must have been very strange for my parents. My mum, especially, had lived in Devon for so many years and didn't at all like the urban jungle we had moved to!

While I was growing up in Ealing we still had all of our relatives and family connections in Devon. This provided the excuse for my parents to

visit Devon every holiday. To my horror, this was a drive of about four hours. The journeys were painful for me as I was prone to getting easily bored and to fidgeting. But I loved every minute of the time once we arrived. It was such a change from Ealing. I especially loved my grandparents' house as it was really remote with woods and a stream. It was great there. I learned how to shoot and how to build fires and dens. All of which were experiences that my peers in London had not been able to enjoy. One of my happiest memories of visiting my grandparents' house was the dam I made in the stream with my dad and brother. To my delight this dam was still holding back the flow of water half a year later.

When I was eight, my family moved to Amersham. This was a hard move for me as it meant leaving all my friends and starting again. However, after a year, I began to settle down and to enjoy the perks of living in Amersham a little more. It was quieter than Ealing with a slower pace of life. I can still remember as clearly as the day it happened playing in the school playing ground and hearing a great commotion near the school gates. When I arrived at the gate and enquired what the fuss was about, a boy in my class explained that they had just seen a London taxi. I found this hilarious seeing that every other car on the road in London is a taxi. When I reached the age of about twelve and my interests grew the fact of being on the edge of the London railway line helped greatly.

One disadvantage of living in an area like Amersham is the schooling system. In Buckinghamshire the eleven plus is still in operation. The local state high school which I attended from Year 7 to 11, was a school put on special measures as it was so bad. This is certainly one of the drawbacks of living in a green belt area where grammar schools get better with steady funding but state schools slowly get worse.

This was one of the factors which caused me to move to Curtisden Green to become a member of the Sixth Form at Bethany. Having been thrust back into a rural environment I have discovered that there is not much else to do than focus on my work. Activities for young people are scarce. Now that I am older and have experienced living in urban areas, it came as quite a culture shock to my system to end up in a remote part of Kent!

Yes, I am young and find it hard to define the true meaning of a "fulfilling life" but I have lived at both ends of the scale and I believe this gives me a more rounded view of where I would rather grow up and raise a family of my own. My conclusion is that I have most enjoyed my time living in Amersham. That is the place I regard as home. It is rural enough to go on walks and to experience the joys of country life but also close enough to London and other urban areas to keep me busy. I should add, though, that the fact of having experienced the two extremes of environment has helped to round me as a personality and to broaden my outlook on life.

Winner of C.A.R.E. Essay Competition

THE BIRTHDAY THAT WENT TERRIBLY WRONG

Ben Dudek - Year 10

The thought was ricocheting off each side of his brittle skull. He lay on his bed with his mind scarred by not being able to banish the thought of his girlfriend, not knowing whether to sense pain, hatred or anxiety. It felt as if he was having a dagger plunged into his heart over and over again. A feeling that seemed to paralyse him.

"Tom?" his father bellowed.

Tom's life had been turned upside down and his father was calling him for breakfast. What timing!

"Come downstairs. It's time for breakfast."

"I'll be down soon." Tom sighed audibly.

"Come now!" his father demanded.

"I'm busy," Tom retorted.

"I don't care if you're busy. Come now. Your bus is going to be here in four minutes." Tom stumbled down the stairs, pulling on his torn shirt hurriedly. He looked like a tramp who had been sleeping in a muddy ditch.

"Why are you so dirty? You know Mr Shearer will dissect you if he sees you looking like that," his dad growled.

"I got attacked by the ugly slug monster," Tom mumbled.

"Come on, Tom. Don't joke around with me. I don't have time. I've got to go to work you know."

"Sorry," Tom said sarcastically. "It's not as if it's a life or death situation."

Tom was a sixteen year old boy who went to St. Marylebone Secondary School in North London. He was about five foot six with blond hair and blue eyes. His best

friend had been Jack, up until the time that he had seen him with Cassandra. Jack's mother was in South Africa but Jack wasn't allowed to go because it was the middle of term.

Tom shovelled a few pieces of freshly buttered toast into his mouth and swung his bag recklessly over his shoulder and stepped out of the door.

"Forgetting something, Tom?"

Tom looked back.

"You're not wearing any trousers." Tom looked round worriedly. Had anyone seen him? He sped back into the house, pulled his trousers up so high that he looked like Mr Bean and catapulted himself out the door, sprinting towards the oncoming bus.

As Tom got onto the bus, he saw her sitting there, three seats from the back on the right looking as beautiful as ever. As he walked down the bus people muttered, "Hi, Tom" as he passed. Then, when Tom got to the back of the bus, Jack came into view. Jack was sitting next to Cassandra by the window.

"Hi, Tom," Jack said.

"Hi, Jack," Tom growled.

"Do you want to sit next to me, Cassandra?" asked Tom.

"Yeh, yeh, but I've got to talk to you about something," she said nervously. Tom wondered if she was trying to change the subject.

By this time they were just pulling into the school grounds and by the time Cassandra had got up to speak to Tom, it was time to get off the bus.

As soon as Tom stepped off the bus he felt his adrenalin kick in. He felt his body jerk towards Jack and he couldn't help himself throwing a devastating punch at Jack's jaw.

"What are you doing, Tom?" he gurgled as copious amounts of blood were pouring into his mouth. But Tom didn't listen. He just kept jabbing as if he had supernatural powers in his biceps.

Jack was a much bigger built person than Tom, but that didn't seem to scare Tom the tiniest bit. Jack pushed Tom really hard sending him plummeting towards the back wall. He felt dozens of cuts on his back as his head crunched against the wall and then it all went black. He woke up in the hospital.

The next thing Tom saw was Cassandra's face looking down at him.

"Why?" he said softly to her. "Why are you going to dump me?"

She looked at him as if he was joking. "What are you talking about?"

"I saw you with Jack outside the cinema."

"That was because we were organising a secret cinema birthday party for you."

"Then why were you sitting next to Jack in the bus?"

"He was saving the seat for you."

Tom pulled the hospital bed covers over his face in disbelief ...

My First Day at Bethany School

Funmi Odumosu - Year 7

My first day I woke up late so I was late for breakfast. When I came back Miss told me to tidy up my room. We had registration then I went to Todmans. Some teachers were there. They gave us prep folders and talked to us for a while.

After that we had to go to stationery to get everything we needed. My first lesson I think was English. The teacher's name was Mr Cullen. He was very funny. By the end of the day I was so tired because I had never had nine lessons before. My guardian came and met me and I went to tea.

Later we went down the House where we watched television and then we started prep. During prep Miss gave me the prep rules. Prep finished at 7.30 pm. I watched T.V. and went to bed at 8.45 pm.

The Best Thing that has Happened at Bethany

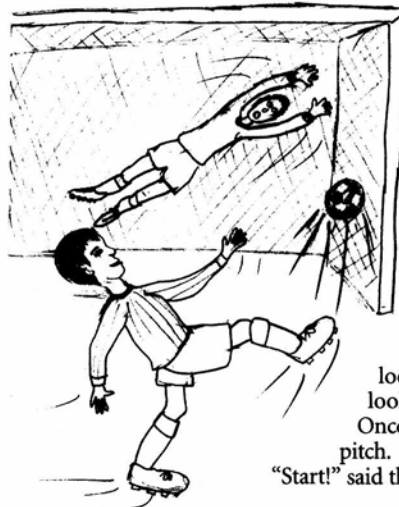
Sebastian Bignell - Year 7

The best thing that has happened so far at Bethany was when I was in a football match against St. Ronan's. I knew I was playing against some friends from my previous school (Horsmonden).

When we arrived at their school it looked like the school from Harry Potter. It looked really posh.

Once we had got changed we jogged out onto the pitch. We warmed up and chose our positions.

"Start!" said the ref. and he blew his whistle.



They kicked off but they lost position straight away. It was a boring first half and nobody had scored. I so wanted to win this game and as soon as we kicked off for the second half, I decided to try and take on the other team.

I started my run at the half way line, got passed six players and SCORED!

It was the best goal I have ever scored in my life and after that I got another two. And guess who was man of the match ... ME!

The Best Thing that has Happened at Bethany

Guy Wilczek – Year 7

The best thing that has happened so far was playing Sutton Valence at football. We won eleven nil in the end. We were playing excellently. I didn't score but my friend, Baz, scored a hat-trick. It was such fun.

During this game my team mate booted the ball really hard right into my privates. It really hurt. I came off for the rest of the match. It was pain I have never had before although I did manage to come back on for extra time but that was only for about thirty seconds.

While I was off I saw Sebastian Bignell score two goals. He was man of the match. He was outstanding. We played really well, the lot of us and we were all very proud.

That was the third match we'd won in a row.

My First Year at Bethany

Thomas Pope – Year 7

On my first day at this place
I saw my new best friend's face.
In my first week at this school
I met someone called Thomas Newell.
He is cool, so unlike me
But I keep going happily.
Sometimes I feel so so sad
'Cos people make the teachers think I'm bad.

My First Day at Bethany

Salam Lamptey – Year 7

My first day at Bethany was one that will not be forgotten. I started the day missing my breakfast because I overslept. My dormitory mates did not wake me up so I was left behind. As I ran through the school I did not know where I was and I got lost.

Then, as I walked down the Mount Path, I felt that I needed the loo. I turned round to see a big black dog coming towards me. I quickly gathered all my strength and ran as fast as my legs would carry me.

When I got back to the House after being chased by a dog I felt exhausted (and I still needed the loo!) Next I remember that I did not know the door code. So that day was certainly my worst. I hope there won't be another like that!

My First Term at Bethany

Alex Golding – Year 7

My first term at Bethany School was a great term for me because of meeting new people and doing sports I'd never done before. For example rugby – even though I've never been very good at it. But I did get into a football team for the first time ever. I was in the 'C' team and the first match I had was away at some school but I can't remember its name. We lost four nil which put a bit of a downside on the match but we went on to play more and won more than we lost.

I found my football talent in left defence. At the end of the season I was moved into the 'B's which I believe to be an accomplishment.

Hopefully next season I'll get into the 'A's which I'd like a lot.

Starting at Bethany

Tom Haydon – Year 7

When I first came here to Bethany it was a bit of a shock to the system. There seemed to be a lot of prep but I soon got used to it. It turned into a habit. So now I hardly think of it as a chore.

The days seemed long and the sport was fun. Wednesday was probably the best day of the week until I started CDT Club and then Friday was the best.

My First Year at Bethany

James Lung – Year 7

My first year at Bethany School was very good. The school was nice, the food was good and the people were friendly. I remember the first day

that I stepped into Todmans. It was dark and everybody was in bed.

The first teacher I saw was Miss Saunders. She settled me into Room 2. My roommates were Josh and Charlie. Their faces were friendly. That night I couldn't sleep because I couldn't wait for tomorrow.

The next day I was still in my own clothes whilst other people were in uniform but the day after that I got my uniform and got on with my favourite lessons.

My First Lesson at Bethany School

Charles Turner – Year 7

My first lesson at Bethany School was English with Mr Cullen. All I can remember was that we got split up into three groups according to the entrance exam. I can remember that the first English prep was to correct Jim's letter that we had written in class.

My First Night at Bethany

Matthew Stockley – Year 7

On my first night at Todmans I was really excited but at the same time I felt very anxious. When I first got to Todmans I had my full uniform on and I was carrying my extremely heavy tuck box and my dad was carrying my very awkward trunk.

The First Term at Bethany

David Rider – Year 7

One of the things I remember most about the first term is the school walk. It started with my group going the right way as we should but the other groups went the wrong way. Finally we were all back on track.

Later we stopped for lunch, then carried on. The problem was we were running a bit late so we took a short cut and managed to finish first. The worst bit was the short cut was really muddy. But we finally made it.

My First Day at Bethany

Tom Newell – Year 7

My first day at Bethany was extremely frightening for me because of all the tall people. At my old school I was one of the biggest pupils. But even more frightening than the tall people was Mr and Mrs Johnson. These "monsters" were going to be my Heads of House for two whole years.

When I left the House I was off to my first lesson, English with Mr Cullen. I imagined Mr Cullen would be really tall, old and with a brown beard. He would walk around the classroom smoking his pipe. But as I pleasantly found out he was quite the opposite.

As soon as I got home I sat down and watched TV with my just as tired twin, Alex.

My First Term at Bethany

Hector Lindars – Year 7

I like Bethany because it is really fun and it has lots of different activities to do. I like CDT Club and Science Club. I also like the trips that we go on.

I like Games and CDT because CDT is creative and Games lets you get to know new types of sports.

I went to the Todmans barbecue. It was fun but when we went to play football it started to rain.

The Silent Predator

James Lees – Year 8

The grass rustled with the steady movement
Of power
A power to wield life and death

Its unsuspecting prey
Waiting to be swallowed by the eternal darkness
That takes us all

His striped fur glistened in the sun
His heart beat slowed to a *minimum*
As he crawled closer to his meal

His whole body rippled with muscular
Superiority

His adrenalin starting to pump round his body
The thrill of the hunt flowing through him

He sprang
And got what he came for
The delicate body of the deer went limp beneath his almighty
Claws

Its neck ripped open
Reddening the earth

The silent predator
Excelled at his skill
For

A tiger has no remorse because he understands
One basic principle
He kills for food
Not for sport

Seven Hours till the Next Scam

Jack Vaughan – Year 8

Ms Ward and Ms Forster were sitting in their luxury mansion wallowing in the fruits of their last victim. As they sat by their heated swimming pool enjoying the view they were carefully choosing their next victim. They searched high and low to find an elderly, lonely and vulnerable person, preferably a lady, for their next attack. Eventually, in the depths of the borrowed library records, they found an old lady called Mrs Hua. Her husband is now deceased and she lives at “Olive Tree Cottage” on the outskirts of a small mining village in Cornwall. This village was situated right next to the sea and is called Pendeen.

The two scammers packed their bags and set off on their long voyage to the far west of England, to the rugged Cornish coast. All they needed was a couple of expensive “business-like” suits and a clipboard with a lot of paper. They got into their Lotus Elite and set off. They would take it in turns to drive as they had to go all the way from their small Yorkshire village of Malham to Cornwall. They set off at midnight so they could avoid any congestion.

When they arrived, they rented a medium-sized bungalow called “Sunset Cottage”. They had directions but they were a bit hazy. Luckily for them Ms Ward had lived in Cornwall for three years prior to this occasion, so she knew roughly where the village was.

They arrived at 11a.m. and soon unpacked and walked around the local area to get a feeling of the village. Just before they returned to their house they went to see “Olive Tree Cottage”. By now it was dark, just as they had planned. The cottage was very isolated and on the edge of a high cliff. When they returned to the cottage, they ordered an Indian meal and a glass of red wine each. After this they went to bed.

In the morning they were awoken by a cockerel crowing in the nearby farmyard. The sun was streaming in through the yellow curtains. They got dressed and made themselves up to look like very rich, businesslike ladies. They had false identities. Ms Forster became Mrs Spears and Ms Ward became Ms Lopez. They set off with haste to “Olive Tree Cottage”.

The door knocker was black and rusty and in the shape of a lion’s head. When they pulled it back it made a horrible screeching noise as the rust had rusted its hinges. As it hit the green wooden door bits of paint flew off in every direction. It was quite obvious that she didn’t get many visitors.

They heard some footsteps before a very elderly lady opened the door. She had put the chain across so they couldn’t get a very good view of her. Then they told her that they were from her solicitors. Being old and vulnerable she let them in. As soon as they entered the house a musty smell came over them which nearly made Ms Ward choke. The decorations in the hall were old and out of fashion, so were the clothes she wore.

She invited them into the sitting room which was also badly decorated and there was a huge crack going right across the ceiling. She offered them a cup of tea which they gladly accepted. As they sat down on the old squeaky leather sofa, they notices that in the far corner of the room there was an ancient wireless radio. She had no T.V. In the centre of the ceiling there wax a glass chandelier. It was obvious that Ms Hua had electricity but it looked as if she didn’t like to use it as there were candles

everywhere. Ms Hua entered the room with a trolley full of scones and tea. Ms Ward and Ms Forster’s eyes widened at the sight of this tray full of food.

After devouring all the food they got down to business. They had already built up a strong relationship in the time they had been there. She trusted Ms Ward and Ms Forster. If only she knew what was really happening! They got out their red clipboard and started to sell her the idea that she needed to make a new will. She didn’t really know what they wre talking about so she agreed. They got her signature and promised that they would take good care of her papers and place her will at the top of their agenda. They left in a hurry, got into their Lotus and sped away throwing gravel up behind them.

As soon as they got back to their cottage they started work on the will. After making sure that all of Ms Hua’s property was left to themselves, they set off back to “Olive Tree Cottage”. Their plan was to replace the old will with the new one. They would ask to look at her old will and then swap them around. They soon arrived at the old green door of “Olive Tree Cottage” and Ms Hua opened the door gingerly again but when she saw Ms Ward (Ms Lopez) and Ms Forster (Mrs Spears) she soon let them in. They were invited into the sitting room again and, once again, she asked if they would like some tea. This time they said they’d rather not because they wanted to get away as soon as possible. They got the old will, swapped it around, got into their Lotus and hurried away.

After their eleven hour drive they reached their luxury mansion. As they drove up the gravel driveway they realised that they would now have to wait for Ms Hua to die. Ms Ward, being impatient, didn’t want to wait.

During the night Ms Ward got into the Lotus and sped away into the cold dark night. Her plan was to kill Ms Hua! As she reached “Olive Tree Cottage” she didn’t realise that the whole house was surrounded by police. Ms Hua had called them because of the suspicious behaviour of her two visitors earlier on in the day.

As she was speeding towards “Olive Tree Cottage” Ms Ward suddenly saw the police cars but it was too late. Slithering on the gravel, she eventually stopped right in the middle of the police. Before she could do anything she was surrounded and taken for questioning.

The next morning Ms Ward contacted Ms Forster explaining that old Ms Hua was now dead. Evidently the shock of recent events was too much for her weak heart. She also told her friend and fellow scammer that she herself was now in a cell in Penzance and would need to be bailed out. All that Ms, Forster did was to book herself a long holiday in Spain whilst the dust settled. She never heard from Ms Ward again. Their scamming days were over with Ms Forster taking all the loot and Ms Ward going to prison for five years.

The £1,000,000 CD Burning Scam

Richard Wells – Year 8

It was a sunny morning in Tunbridge Wells and Mr Saunders was looking in HMV for some CDs. “Everything is so ridiculously expensive,” he said under his breath. “And this is the only place close to me. If only there was some way that I could get CDs really cheaply.” Danny, who was standing in the corner of the shop, overheard him and it gave him an idea.

Danny went up to the man and said, “Hey, mate. What if I could sell you CDs at less than half the normal price?”

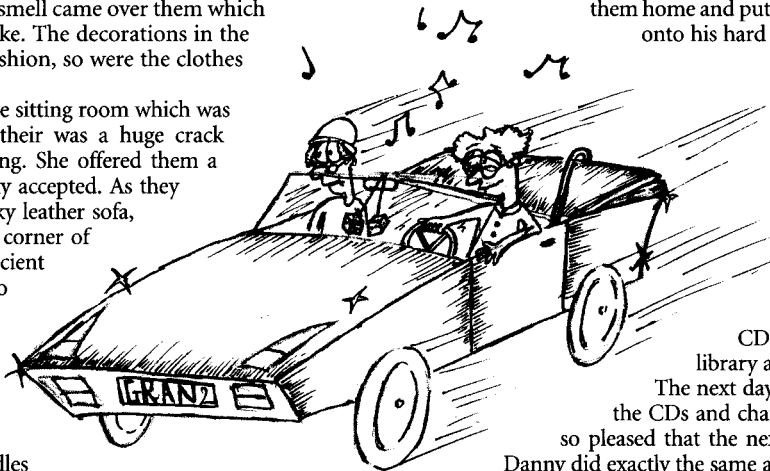
“Yeah, that would be great,” Mr Saunders replied.

Danny gave him his card and asked him to call him with what CDs he wanted. The next day Mr Saunders gave him a list. Danny went off to the record library and rented out all the CDs mentioned. Then he took them home and put them on his computer copying them all onto his hard drive. The next day he went into HMV

and bought ten blank audio CDs. He then took these home and copied all the music onto them.

Next he went on the Internet and typed in www.cdcovers.cc.com. Then downloaded into photo paper to make it look authentic each of the CD covers for the appropriate CD. The he cut out the picture and slipped it inside the cover. He then did the same for the back of all of the CDs. He returned the original CDs to the library and went to sleep.

The next day he went to see Mr Saunders, gave him the CDs and charged him £4.50 each. Mr Saunders was so pleased that the next day he gave Danny another list and Danny did exactly the same again.



The next day Danny came back with the CDs as before. This time, though, it wasn't just Mr Saunders. Someone was standing next to him. "Thanks a lot for the CDs," Mr Saunders said. Then the stranger spoke.

"Any chance that I'll be able to get some of these?"

"Sure," Danny replied and both men then gave him a list.

Danny did the same again and the next day there was a small crowd in Mr Saunders' garden. They all had lists. Danny went through the whole process again and again, each time charging £4.50 and each time he returned there were more people waiting.

It was now three weeks since Danny had sold the first CD and by now he had his own little stall and the people just kept coming and coming. Danny had become very successful locally so he thought he would take the next step. He put his own website on the Internet and advertised his CDs. He got a very positive response. Then he put his own ordering service on the Internet, hired some friends to help him with the scam and he was soon selling millions of CDs worldwide.

Ten years later Danny, the boy who sold those CDs to Mr Saunders, is the owner of Harrods, his own fast food chain and six different houses. The police never found out and it is fair to say that Danny lived happily ever after.

The Fish Tank Scam

Michael Spencer – Year 8

One day Mrs Smith wanted to get rid of her fish tank because all of her fish had refused to listen to her (one of them even spat water in her eye!) I knew this was a job I could make a lot of money out of.

I drove to her house and asked her if she would like me to remove them but it would cost her. She said this was no problem (but then she is quite rich). I charged her £15 for the removal of the tank, £5 for the removal of the fish food, £15 for the removal of the pump and £20 for labour. £70 just for moving some fish wasn't bad at all. I poured the tank water and the fish in a large plastic bag and tied a knot in it so that nothing would come out.

Then I drove to my enormous mansion which I have bought with all the money I have made from my many scams. I filled the bath and put the fish in there. Then I went to see Mr Black further along the street who, I happened to know, wanted some fish. I then drove to Mr Black's house and asked how soon he would like some fish delivered. He said, "Tomorrow."

The next morning I delivered the fish to Mr Black's house lying to him that they were a very rare tropical species on the brink of extinction. He believed me (but then he is the most gullible man anyone could possibly meet). He thanked me for the fish and even exclaimed how lucky he was to have a salesman who sells him something he actually wants!

I told him how much he owed me. £15 for the tank, £15 for the fish, £20 for the labour, plus £5 for the fish food and £15 for the pump. Then I lied to him that the water in the tank was organic water and that would cost another £10. He believed me and, therefore, I made £80 out of him.

Altogether I got £150 out of this scam, which makes it one of my more successful scams. After all, all I did was to remove fish from one house to another!

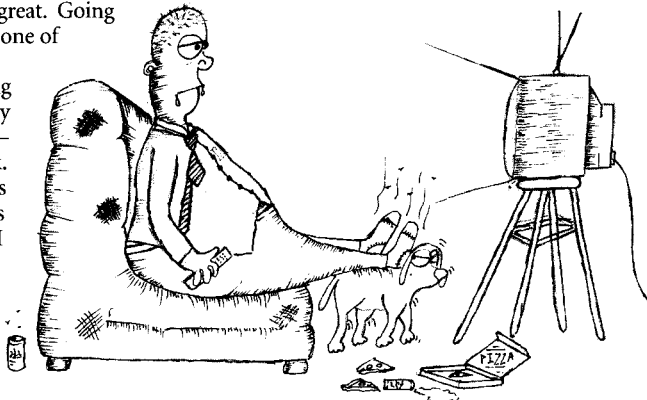
Phil's Guide to Holiday Blobbing

Philip Scott – Year 9

I woke and realised it was the first day of the holidays. The first day of rest and recharge. Great! My first lie-in in a long time was great. Going downstairs at ten or eleven o'clock is one of the best feelings I've ever had.

The autumn term had been so long and it felt like it would never end. Day in, day out doing the same thing – wake, breakfast, school, homework. Tea, T.V. sleep. Knowing the holidays are near I can break free from this routine and do what I want, when I want. So, what shall I do?

What great ideas can I think of to do this holiday? I could watch T.V. or play on my computer or just eat. I think I'll



do all three. But before I start I must get ready. First find the food. When I say food I mean the chocolate, crisps, biscuits that everybody needs. Not the greens which we are force-fed. Also I need drink. Litres of pop and any fizzy drink I can get my hands on.

Once I have all this I will need somewhere to keep them. Preferably cool and in the shade away from the windows. After the collecting and preparing of food, I will need to find what to watch. Out with the Radio Times! What to watch? I could watch cartoons and more cartoons or a film. But what type? Action, comedy, thriller or, of course, romance (in your dreams!)

After deciding what you want to watch you need the final item – communications. This can come in many forms such as your mobile or a nearby phone. Of course, you must check that you can reach it before you begin watching. Once you have checked you have all you need. You can now begin the art of sitting around doing nothing but eating, drinking, watching T.V. and sleeping.

One last word, always have a back-up plan like football or a walk because you cannot sit around all day.

Seventeen Oranges

Sarah Thomas – Year 9

We were all standing in a line. The atmosphere was very tense. A man dressed in a khaki suit came out from what looked like a derelict shack hidden behind one of the chambers. He walked along stopping at every man individually, looking at us from top to bottom. Then he scribbled on a sheet in a language which none of us could understand. It was really nerve racking. It was a cold winter's morning and the dew from the grass was soaking into our canvas shoes and making our feet wet and cold.

During our captivity we had been tortured in many different ways, each more terrible than the last. Everyone was dreading what was going to happen next. Then our captors pushed us roughly into the large barn directly in front of us.

"Get inside!" yelled the uniformed man. "We will shoot anyone who does not obey us."

We could tell the man meant every word that he was saying.

The moment I was pushed into the room I knew this was not going to be good. In front of us was a tatty plastic table and set upon it were some oranges, seventeen to be exact.

"Sir down!" yelled the man. Before we could respond we were pushed into the chairs behind us.

"One of these oranges is poisonous. So one of you unlucky people is not going to leave this room alive."

The man then yelled, "Eat! We haven't got all day!"

I took a bite of mine. The sourness of the orange sucked away any saliva left in my mouth. But that is all it did. Next to me, however, a man began spluttering. Orange fragments were flying everywhere.

I can't describe what happened next. It is too gruesome and ghastly to recall. What I can tell you is that from that day to this I have never been able to look at an orange without remembering his face.

My Opinion of the Globe Theatre

Natasha Fitzgerald – Year 9

The Year 9 visit to the Globe Theatre was extremely enjoyable. This theatre is in London facing the Thames. It is built to look exactly as a theatre would be in Shakespeare's time. I was surprised at how large the theatre was and the vastness of the space inside.

From the outside it is circular with wooden beams and a thatched roof as it would have been in Elizabethan times. Today's modern thatch is sealed for safety reasons.

Inside the theatre is like a large circular ball almost with a square stage in the centre at one end. There are three or four levels of seats gradually rising from the ground. In the centre there is a wide space for standing. People in this part of the theatre would have been called groundlings in Shakespeare's time.

The seating in the theatre is not modern by any means. It consists of hard, wooden, square-backed benches.

Leaning against the stage enabled you to have the best view and being that close up

was thrilling. You could almost feel the actors' emotions by being so incredibly close which was brilliant.

The actual performance was good. Either side of the stage were two large pillars which were painted so that they looked like marble. One of the interesting facts that I noticed whilst watching "Romeo and Juliet" was that there was no dramatic effect gained from the lighting. Special effects weren't used, as these would not have been available in Elizabethan times. Part of the theatre was open and the sky was viewable but as night time drew in you hardly realised the change in the light outside.

Another speciality of the performance was the entering and exiting of the characters. New characters entered before other characters had left which made the action of the play flow more naturally.

A Shakespearean Experience

Chelsea Williams – Year 9

When I signed up to go to the Globe and Mrs Nicholson said that we would be having a Shakespearean-style audience experience, I didn't realise that she actually meant it! But she did and whether you were sitting or standing within five minutes of the show starting, your body hurt all over.

However, the show itself did not let you down. There was a great atmosphere in the theatre. Everyone laughed. Some people even shed a tear during this love epic. Even though there were no special effects, it was still a good evening out.

I think it's very hard for a modern day audience to understand but, as they say, less is more. One thing I was concentrating on a lot was the pillars. So, just in case anyone else didn't quite realise, they were in fact wooden and just painted with a very realistic marble pattern.

A Trip to The Globe

Sion Griffith-Payne – Year 9

When we first arrived at the Globe Theatre there were many people dying to get it and chatting loudly. The stewards were very helpful and friendly and ready to point you in the right direction.

As I stepped into the building I realised that it was almost entirely constructed of wood and the roof over the seating areas was thatched. There was no roof in the centre of the building above the standing area which gave the whole place natural lighting for a reasonable amount of the time.

The stage came right out into the body of the theatre giving the impression that you were right there involved in the action. Also there was no barrier between the audience and the actors and people even rested their hands on the stage. This all allows for greater audience involvement.

When it did eventually get dark there were many lights situated around the inside of the wooden structure. If you were lucky enough to be seated the chairs were very hard but you could buy cushions for more comfort. Between each scene there was no pause or break, the scenes just carried on into each other.

Today, in modern theatres, things are very different. First the whole building is made mainly of breezeblocks and bricks. There is also electrical lighting which has different colours and effects. Also the ceiling is closed in and heaters usually warm the place. The stage is usually apart from the audience, separating the audience and the actors. There are also lots of pieces of scenery and stage settings. The seats in modern theatres are usually large and luxurious. Also to change a scene they often fade off the lights which makes it feel like time has passed.

There were also differences in the acting. In the Globe there was often more than one thing going on at the same time. But, in the modern theatre, whoever is on the stage is the centre of attention. Also they tend to have microphones in modern theatres so you can hear the change of tone in their voices. But in the Globe they have to shout all the time so everyone can hear. Also in the Globe they have to pretend that they are in a certain environment whereas there is no need for this in a modern theatre because there is scenery.

My Report on The Globe

Abigail Lemar – Year 9

On Thursday when I went to the Globe I began to understand what it was like in Elizabethan times. The theatre was very different then from what it is now. For one thing the layout of the Globe is different. In a modern theatre there would be no space for people to stand. Everyone gets a seat and the seats have more room and they are a lot more comfortable! The Globe is in the shape of a circle with seats around the sides. There are different levels of seats and, in Elizabethan times, the higher you were in these seats the more money you had.

When I first knew that some of us would stand felt sure that I would be an unlucky one but when I saw my ticket I realised that I had a seat.

However, when I got to the Globe and sat down I thought that standing wouldn't be all that bad. The seats were hard and very uncomfortable. I used my coat to sit on but that didn't stop my legs from falling asleep. In a modern theatre this would be different. Even though the seats may not be spacious at least they would be cushioned! In the Globe the seats were quite cramped. A big group of us trying to sit in one row was not such a good idea. Especially when someone sitting in front of you is very tall which is what happened to me!

The poor people who had to stand did have a bit of room though which would have stopped them from getting led ache. They also had a pretty good view and there were some who were right up close actually touching the stage. In a modern theatre everyone would sit and no one would stand.

The play itself was different too. In a modern theatre there would be black outs, different lighting and different scenery but in the Globe it all stayed the same. In fact the lighting didn't change even as night came. It felt like it wasn't getting darker at all. The lights must have been getting lighter as night was becoming darker.

What I liked about the play was the way they used the stage at the end of each scene. There wasn't one time during the whole play when there was no one on the stage. They would end each scene as the next one began.

I thought that the acting part of Juliet was all right but could have been a bit more moving like it is in the film. She needed to convince the audience that she really was in love with Romeo.

I learned that the theatre was quite different then from what it is now and I'm glad it's changed. Knowing what the seats are like I would certainly want to stand another time.

Globe Theatre

Ben Laughlin – Year 9

Once we pulled up to the theatre it was huge. It was not what I expected at all. The thatched roof was good and once I stepped inside it was even better. The place was massive. There were three floors. One floor for standing and the other three were hard wood seats. At first I felt sorry that I had got a standing ticket but I think I got a better view than the other people.

It was very authentic inside with all the wooden beams. The stage was quite big. It had two pillars around the outside and in the middle at the back was a big balcony. Quite a lot of the things were painted to look like marble which I thought looked real. Once the play was starting the Globe was packed full of people.

When the actors came out everyone went dead silent. The actors made a few funny jokes. Most of the people from Bethany didn't understand them but they laughed anyway to make it look as if they had got it. The actors were very good and there were even a few male characters dressed up as females. It made the play seem even more funny when the male nurse tried to put on a female voice.

In the play it was very clever how they positioned everyone on stage. When the people entered they came in through a side door and then walked around a pillar before coming out onto the main stage.

English Trip to The Globe

Bruce Evans – Year 9

Last Thursday Year 9 went to The Globe Theatre to see "Romeo and Juliet". It took an hour or so to get there and was quite a fun bus journey. We soon arrived and 9B and 9C1 joined together and 9C2 and 9A joined together so we had two separate groups. We then made our way to the theatre.

When we arrived we were given tickets. Sadly I got a standing ticket. This was really bad because standing for a long time can be quite tiring but I got on with it. The show started very quickly. The acting was pretty good and the play was entertaining. I found the whole play funnier than I expected and that made the trip much better.

Review of "Romeo and Juliet"

Jamie Milligan – Year 9

I thought that the play we went to see was really good, especially the acting. I thought it was very good the way they expressed their emotions. It was very clear what emotion they were trying to express in their character.

They did not have many props at all and if they did they were able to carry them very easily so that they could change scenes quickly. There was no scenery because in Shakespeare's day they would not have had the materials to build scenery and to get it on and off the stage quickly.

There was a very good atmosphere at the beginning if the play as

everyone wanted it to start. Lots of people were standing because you could see and hear better.

The Globe Theatre is very beautiful and it is very like the Globe they would have had in Shakespeare's time. They have managed to rebuild and recreate it really well.

Globe Review

James Farmer – Year 9

The thought of going to see "Romeo and Juliet" doesn't really appeal to many children of the age of fourteen, in fact it didn't appeal to me – until we arrived. The Globe Theatre I discovered is probably one of the best theatres I have ever been to. Then when I found out that I would be standing in the yard I thought that would be very annoying but it was actually probably the best position you could be in because you could see every single detail of the play.

The play itself was very well done because even though most of the time you couldn't understand what they were saying you were still able to understand what was happening in a scene because of the way it was acted. The play was also well done when it came to Romeo and Juliet expressing their love for each other because they always exaggerated their feelings. For instance when they were kissing the mask and Romeo kept throwing it back to Juliet. Even though it was exaggerated and funny it still showed how much they loved each other.

My favourite part of the play had to be the two fights between Mercutio and Tybalt and between Romeo and Tybalt. I thought these were good. They were also the turning points of the play. The fight between Mercutio and Tybalt was supposed to be a bit of a play fight but it ended up with Mercutio being killed. Whereas the fight between Tybalt and Romeo was full blooded to the death and really brought out the hatred the two families had for each other.

It was a romance but it also had laughter and action and I would recommend it to anyone.

My Opinion of The Globe

Abigail Jackson – Year 9

When I saw the production of "Romeo and Juliet" at The Globe Theatre in London my overall opinion was that it was very good. The main change which I would have made would be the actress who played the part of Juliet. I didn't think of her as the right person for the part. I didn't think that her love for Romeo was convincing. When Juliet didn't have a line to say, she didn't look very comfortable on stage and, to me, that suggested she was not playing the part properly.

The lighting in the Globe was very simple. They took into considerations that in Shakespearean times they would not have had fancy light changes (they wouldn't have had any lighting full stop!) As well as the lighting being convincing they also had an area where people could stand, just like in Shakespeare's time, and the seats were very hard not the comfortable, cushioned seats that you get in theatres today.

I thought that the costumes they used were very authentic. If I had chosen the costumes I would have used the same ideas which they had.

The scenery was also simple and stayed the same throughout. They had very few props the same as would have been the case in Elizabethan times.

I wouldn't go to the Globe theatre again to see "Romeo and Juliet", I would prefer to go to a modern theatre and see the production sitting in a comfortable seat and not have to stand.

A Great Evening Out

Greg Whitaker – Year 9

There was great excitement on Thursday as at the end of the day we were off to London to The Globe Theatre. We changed, gobbled down our tea and got straight on the coach. The journey didn't seem too bad on the way there and we soon arrived not knowing what to expect. We had been shown a model of the Globe Theatre so we knew what shape it was but we didn't expect it to be that big or that crowded. There is no doubt that it was popular. We had arrived about 7.20 with only ten minutes to wait until the performance started so we basically went straight in.

Some of us were allocated seats while others were given groundling tickets which meant they had to stand. I was lucky and got a seat but they were still awfully uncomfortable. My bottom was completely numb by the end of the two and a half hours. They were just wood though you could buy cushions to make the seats softer.

The stage was very plain. Basically it was just a stage with two huge painted pillars at either end and enough room for the actors to walk round them. There was a balcony at the back of the stage with red velvet curtains and the seats were positioned in a circle around the front and



sides. The centre of the theatre was open air and the groundlings would get wet if it rained. The whole theatre was made of wood and it had a thatched roof.

My first impressions when the actors walked on the stage was of their flamboyant costumes and their strange language. It was very hard to grasp every word they said but I could still work out most of what they were saying.

Nature

Siggy Golan – Year 10

I love to hear the wind whisper so soft
surrounding my spirit, my soul and my mind.
It blends with a mist from the depths of the sea
And the two become one with nature and me.

I watch the stars

In their beauty and grace –

A dazzling fire suspended in space.

Watch the waves rolling
determined and strong
filling my heart with a heavenly song.

Ah, the song of the valley
is beckoning me.

My REFUGE

and strength, in the midst of the sea.

The Flickering of a Candle

Alex Swain – Year 10

Flickering in the wind,

I see your light is dimming.

Do you remember when we laughed and grinned

In summer days of swimming?

Our lives were full of joy back then,

Our days empty of fears.

Now there's nothing else around

But concerns and rivers of tears.

Your life is like a candle,

Once it burned so bright.

But now it's going out, my love,

To miss the prime of life.

So now your flame is fading,

Your light is going out.

I'll say goodbye for now, my dear.

We'll meet again – no doubt.

Surfing the Silk Wave

Chris Perry – Year 10

Amongst the great silk blanket creases emerge

Larger and larger and larger they form.

They begin to fold over forming a barrel shape

Peeling odd down the line carrying such power and grace.

Man made a board to tame the waves
To conquer towering might.
You paddle along and jump to your feet
And control the majestic beast.

Snake turning your way adding the occasional slash
Popping aerials when there's a chance.
You tuck in the tube and get covered by the wave.
You're having the ride of your life.

But then suddenly the wave shuts you out
Slamming you down into the deep.
As you hit the coral below
You are reminded that wave is boss.

Silence

Nicholas Tyrrell – Year 10

The age old sound of darkness.
A mirage of voice.
An echo of nothingness,
And the shutting of the senses.

A break;
A rupture in the darkness
By a single din disturbing the gloom of void,
Reverberating off the walls and floors as it goes.

Suddenly, silence once again.
The gloom forms once again,
As the room falls into darkness of sound,
Where noise does fear to tread.

The Rainbow

Anna Saunders – Year 10

The rain is pouring upon the hill
Then, all of a sudden, all is still.
The curtains open up above
And light comes down – as if a dove.

Far and near this hope is felt
As the colours dance then melt.
First red then yellow and orange and
blue
Joined together as if with glue.

From left to right the colours sing
Loud and bright upon a wing.
The end's in sight beneath the sky –
The only place where treasure will lie.

I Hate Writing Poems

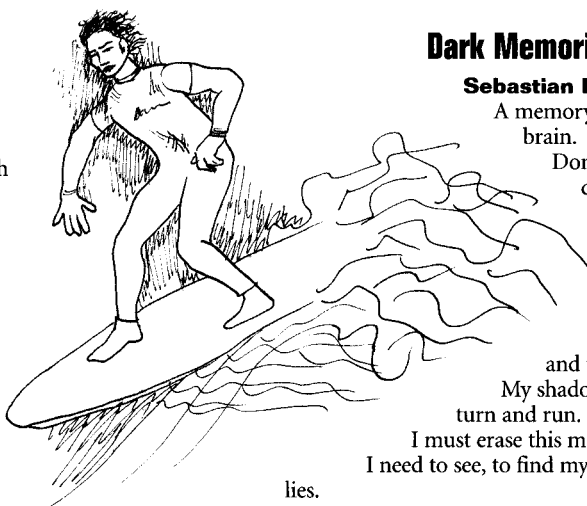
Georgie Bishop – Year 10

I hate writing poems
They're really hard work.
Our teacher makes us.
It's really absurd.

I try and I try
to make the words flow.
I can never do it.
You have a go.

It isn't so easy
unless you're clever
To think up a poem.
It takes for ever!

But now that I've moaned
and complained some more,
I've made up this poem
And I'm not so sure.



Dark Memories

Sebastian Rye – Year 10

A memory – it's lurking in the fathoms of my
brain.

Don't want to think about it 'cause it's
driving me insane.

I think I'm getting paranoid. I
don't know who to trust.

I've got to get this sorted and I've
got to get it sussed.

These dark clouds are descending
and they're blocking out the sun.

My shadow's getting shorter now. I want to
turn and run.

I must erase this memory, create a good disguise.

I need to see, to find my strength and change from living

lies.

A War Without ...

Fran Newman – Year 10

Opposed to the peace
Victories were led.
The people stood by this
But the true meaning fled.

Blackened their thoughts
Of remorse they once felt.
Regretting the sorrow
And the hurt that it dealt.

They fought for their rights
Their right to be free.

They fought for their freedom
But no freedom's to be.

Hunting

Ben Dudek – Year 10

His golden fleece and shadowy stripes,
Camouflaged into the grassland.

The hunted moves left and right, so innocent yet so aware.

The deadly creature scopes the enemy with his eagle-like eyes.

His athletic legs push the adrenalin propelling him forward.

Like a train he heads towards the victim at frightening speed.

His claws wrap around the unsuspecting beast,

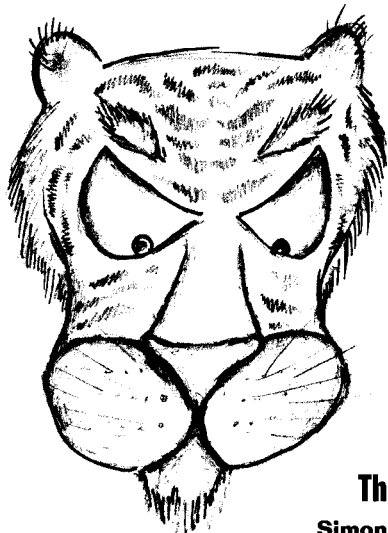
Piercing its skin with no chance for escape.

The flesh opens up as a fresh river of thick creamy blood rolls
down its back.

Like a leaking ship the client crashes to the ground.

He tears it apart dissecting every succulent part of its body,

Cracking every bone with his sharp eating implements.



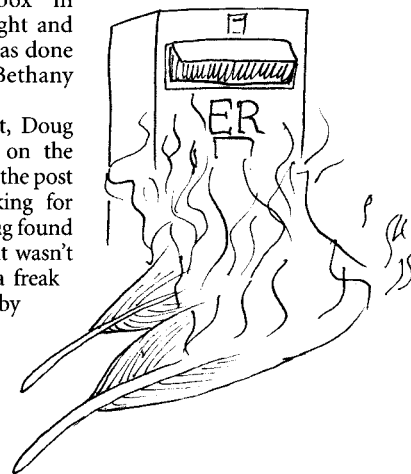
Things are Seldom as They Seem

Simon Tyas – Year 11

Today our village post box in
Curtisden Green was set alight and
the people nearby believed it was done
by young vandals from Bethany
School.

The local bobby on the beat, Doug
Steinbeck, has been knocking on the
doors of village residents close to the post
box. After many hours of asking for
eyewitnesses to the incident, Doug found
out, much to his surprise, that it wasn't
young vandals after all. It was a freak
accident involving a young lad by
the name of Sam Harris, an
elderly gentleman calling
himself Mr Holmes and a
pigeon.

One poor old lady
witnessed it all. She said she
saw Mr Holmes throwing a



bottle which, she thought, looked like a half empty bottle of Sambuka. At this point Sam, unaware of the bottle hurling in his direction, flicked a lighted cigarette end in the air. This caught the liquid in the bottle alight which, in turn, doused a poor defenceless pigeon which then nose-dived and fell into the post box. This resulted in the letters catching fire.

Things are seldom as they seem!

My Island

Samuel Berman – Year 11

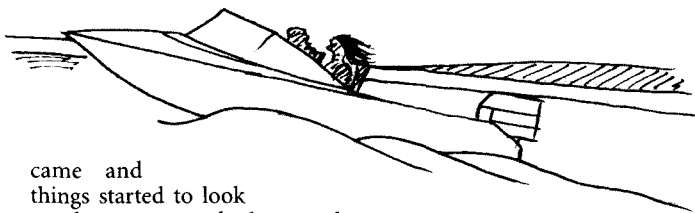
All my life I have lived on an island. I don't have any other experiences apart from being totally surrounded by sea. I am only fifteen so I haven't been around for very long but I have had a huge impact on my island.

My island is surrounded by many others of its type. They are all rich in vegetation and they have a warm climate. There are only thirty people living on my island including a shop assistant, a couple of families and my friends. It's very important to have friends because without them life would be difficult. For many years I have watched the island deteriorate due to lack of money. We sell sugar cane to large companies but they aren't greatly in need of our products.

On my sixteenth birthday my family gave me a canoe that my father had made for me. It was an excellent present. That night I had a dream, a dream that I could save the village. I dreamt that we could hire boats out and give tours of the sugar cane fields and also take people to the coral reef.

The next day I told my father and he thought that it would be great to introduce tourism to our island. My dad and I sat for hours discussing the possibilities and came to the conclusion that we should start to advertise as many things as we could on the nearby islands.

To start with my father hired a large boat every other day to bring tourists to our sugar cane fields. Every month more and more people



came and things started to look good. We soon had enough money to hire the boat for more days of the week. By the end of the first year we had enough money to buy jet skis and other boats. We also bought a digital camera to take photos of the jet skis, a boat on the white sand of the beach and the clear blue water. With these we made pamphlets. We started to change the island completely. People were coming to the sugar cane fields in growing numbers to see what we had to offer and, whilst they were here, they were paying to use our facilities.

The year to follow was going to be the island's big year. We had made so much money that we were able to hire the boat seven days a week, we set up huts on the beach and invested in gift shops, a visitors' centre and an ice cream parlour.

Every day became very busy. We had almost turned my island into a holiday resort. There were so many new faces. I hadn't seen so many people in my life! There were at least two to three hundred people arriving each and every day to use the beaches and boats.

My father and I had really revolutionised the island. Things were perfect. We were very rich and had everything we ever wanted. One day I went out on the charter boat to pick up the next boatload of middle and upper class visitors. I filled every seat and then offered these people refreshments. Then, as I turned around, my eyes were struck by the most beautiful girl I have ever seen. My heart almost stopped. I asked her if she wanted a drink, she complimented me on the boat and we started to talk. I was so nervous. No girl had ever made my heart beat slow and fast at the same time. I knew it was love at first sight.

She came back to my island many times to see me and we became very close. Every year she would return with her family. By this time we were both twenty and I asked her to stay. When she agreed I was overwhelmed and our love for each other grew and grew. She helped me run the business and she was so like a wife that I decided to propose.

Eight years later and we are still together with two children, one aged four and the other is ten months. My father passed away so I took over the business entirely. I am now the owner of a chain of small hotels on this and many of the nearby islands. I have fulfilled my family's dream that I should be rich in life and happily married.

I suppose that I have island life to thank.

Wind Victims

Jon-Michael Jiskoot – Lower Sixth

Branches stripped of foliage and flower
Torn by the wind's sheer power.
These leaves dancing on invisible ice
Ascending to heaven towards the stars and moon.

Winds cause the change of sea,
A cool, refreshing westward breeze.
Calm, glossy, elegant, a sea of ewase.
A change of pace in the wind
Gusting, howling, blowing wind.
A turning, treacherous, turbulent surface.
A sea no longer at ease
But a dangerous place to be.

Spinning, turning, humming,
The wind farms move simultaneously.
They change with the wind.
The generators hum, the blades spin, the pillars turn.

They are all victims of the wind's will.

The Beginning of the End

Rachel Smyth – Lower Sixth

Along the corridor,
down the stairs,
round the corner,
we were almost there.

Second on the right
as we were told.
A knock on the door,
a welcome in.
My first day was about to begin.

As we stood surveying all around,
a welcome face we suddenly found.
Entering in and sitting down,
turning round and introducing ourselves
the butterflies past, a sigh of relief.
The big accomplishment was now complete.

And then it started,
the beginning of the end
as it surely was.
For now, five years on,
I look back and remember
my first day at Bethany.

Memories

Nicola Ayres – Lower Sixth

The starting of a new school seems like the scariest thing but starting at Bethany was not that kind of experience. Even my first day was eventful. From meeting new people to touring the School. Old Poplars was to be my base for the next few years.

Me and my friend, Abby, did the Bethany tour together on that first day. One clear memory that I have of that day was that everyone recognised me as "Robyn's sister" or "Jon's sister" and from Year 7 onwards I became known as "Little Ayres".

Then, before I knew it almost, time flew past. Now I shall soon be entering my last year at Bethany School. Who knows where I will end up? But I'm sure Bethany will always be remembered.

The Boy ...

Michael Biddulph – Lower Sixth

The boy was chilling with a mate,
having a debate at an accelerated rate
when a question sprung up, "What you doing?"
The boy had a think and realised he was fleeing.
"Fleeing from what?" the mate did ask.
"Failure," he answered, "I'm living behind a mask."

Four seasons have passed
since that question was asked.
Everything has changed –
including the mask.

The boy's perspective on life has altered
things holding him back catapulted
personality jolted, negative friendships halted.
He now holds his head high,
no more he lives behind that lie
that enslaved him for all those years.
So many tears, self sneers,
Comparisons with peers.

No longer does he have to talk, talk, talk
as he's found a new walk
when his life faced a fork
in the road.

A new tone has arrived in his life
that has replaced all the pain and the strife.
The name of his Saviour is that of his Maker
Jesus Christ the creator.

Mirror, Mirror on the Wall, What's the Truth Behind it All?

Abby-Jane Hunt – Lower Sixth

As Jenny stood before her oval, pine mirror she felt a sense of comfort, a sense of happiness, but above all a sense of success.

This time last year, the image staring back at her wouldn't have been that of a thirty-inched waist slender legged individual with piercing blue eyes and a healthy glow in her cheeks that complemented her curly brown hair. In fact, it would have been the complete opposite.

For when Jenny used to look into that same oval pine mirror it wasn't herself gazing back – it was her worst nightmare. A nightmare in the form of a far, bad featured, plain-looking teenager that blocked Jenny's vision and made her incapable of seeing herself as she truly was. A nightmare that began her downward spiral.

In fact Jenny couldn't even remember exactly when it was that she began to eat less. She couldn't even remember when she first started losing weight so dramatically. For Jenny it wasn't about how good she would feel after dropping a jean size. It was about trying to fight the creature she saw every time she caught a glimpse of herself in a mirror. The creature that her so called "friends" and classmates at school had created.

Whenever Jenny heard a whisper in the classroom, a snigger in the lunch hall or saw her best friends with their multiple boyfriends – she knew immediately that it was down to her inadequacy. The fact that something wasn't quite right about the way she looked. For Jenny, the way to fix this was to miss out breakfast and then just to have a salad for lunch. The only problem was, Jenny didn't even know she was doing it.

As the months passed Jenny's whole life seemed to crumble around her. As a person she had changed. She was withdrawn, unhappy and alone. Then something happened. Someone came along and this someone alone had the power to break through Jenny's insecurities and, what's more, to defeat the monster in the mirror.

As Jenny's relationship with her new-found friend grew, her confidence blossomed. The smallest of comments, the occasional compliments and the basic foundation of trust in her new relationship gave Jenny something she'd never had in the past. Her previous peers hadn't stopped to think of the effect that a single comment here and there could actually have on a person. They hadn't thought that perhaps some people are more self-conscious than others – but her new friend did.

So as Jenny now stands before her oval pine mirror, her nightmare is no longer present. Odd comments from several individuals had ruined years of Jenny's life by inventing a complex that had unnecessarily come into existence. Now it was different though. Jenny was content with who she was. She was happy and, most of all, she was proud. Her heart, once crushed and broken, was now complete.

A Brave New World "Why do writers provide us with visions of the future?"

Henry Leipold – Upper Sixth

The future has always intrigued people from earliest times. The past is already known, the present is being lived and the only thing left to wonder about is what the next few hours or days hold – what the future holds. It is this mystery of the future, the unknown, that has captured the imagination of so many writers. They can write about whatever their imagination can create and they can always play off some of the strongest human emotions. People always hope that the future will be better, or as good as their life at the moment. If this hope is either fulfilled or destroyed it can bring up the extreme emotions of despair and joy. These emotions can be used in a novel either to bring reality or depth to a character so the reader can relate to the novel or to add excitement or suspense to a story.

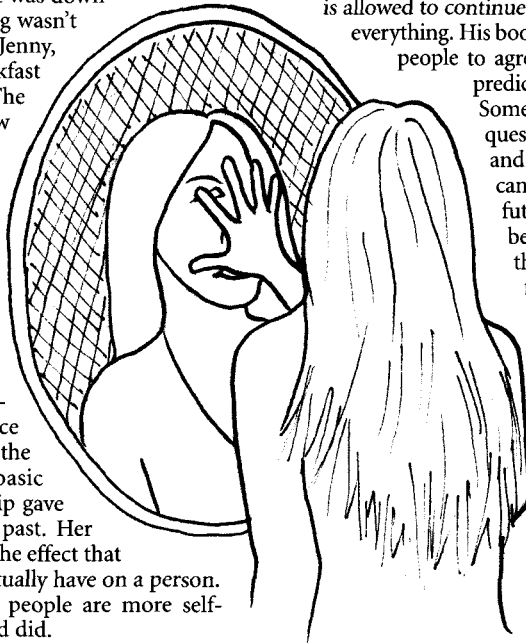
Writers provide visions of the future because of the creative freedom it gives them. No one knows what the future is like so they can take their stories wherever they want them to go. George Lucas created his "Star Wars" films from stories of adventures in a galaxy far far away. The "Doctor Who" stories and H. G. Wells' "Time Machine" and "The War of the Worlds" all showed visions of the future, and people enjoyed the stories as there was no reason to say that one day the future would not be like that. The future meant people could escape to relax and imagine a better or worse world than they are in already. This can give comfort.

This creative freedom means that novelists can go to extremes showing the end of the world or the destruction of democracy either by aliens not yet discovered or machines not yet made. These situations create suspense and fear and can allow the writer really to test their writing skills. The story can go anywhere, so the visions of the future can be used to instil wonder, fear and excitement in the reader and can create any number of strange characters.

There are other reasons why writers create visions of the future. If someone has a particular message or fear they can show this through writing about what they believe could happen of their fear is allowed to continue. The novel, then, can express people's views and feelings not only about what the world could be like, but also what they do not like about it at the moment. Huxley is an example of this – he had a dislike of America's growing power and he believed it to be corrupt and corrupting. His novel, "Brave New World" is his views on what will happen if America is allowed to continue to grow in power and to create assembly lines for everything. His book spread his views and probably convinced a lot of people to agree with him. No one wants a future like Huxley predicted.

Some people will write about the future because the question interests them. No one can predict the future and so the questions of where we are going and why can inspire some writers to show their beliefs in the future. Others do it to inspire people to work for a better future by warning that what they write will be the future unless ... Others might write about the future because they believe they have had visions of the future by means of telepathy or, perhaps, from God.

The future will always intrigue people as long as the future is a question and we believe that we have the power to change it. It will continue to inspire and interest readers and writers alike, as the possibilities are endless. Expressing visions of the future is a way of putting forward your views and ideas and no one can say that they won't one day exist. The ability to believe that we are in control of our own futures is what gives each person their own power, and will continue to be used in people's books and imaginations until proved otherwise.





Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme



This past year has been yet another memorable one for new participants in the award with 13 Gold, 15 Silver and 25 Bronze taking part.

SILVER QUALIFYING EXPEDITION IN THE PEAK DISTRICT (SEPTEMBER)

The Silver saw 15 students in three groups set off for the Peak District in September to complete their qualifying expedition. It was a very testing time for all the groups with very poor visibility on the Pennine landscape. They had to be on top form with navigation especially on Kinder Scout, which was particularly bad. It was good to see the previous training sessions paying off with all the groups finishing the Three Day Expedition.

REPORT BY JACK JONES AND SAM STUTCHBURY

Day 1

We began our walk on the Pennine Way. As we walked, we noticed many marshes and

streams. We walked across stone slabs because of the wetness of the ground. The path was quite flat and we could see quite far ahead of us. We were high up and we noticed a distinct, chilly breeze. Jack

While walking we came across some wrecked aeroplanes and some amazing views. We kept walking and eventually met up with Mr Dorey and the other groups at the campsite.

Sam

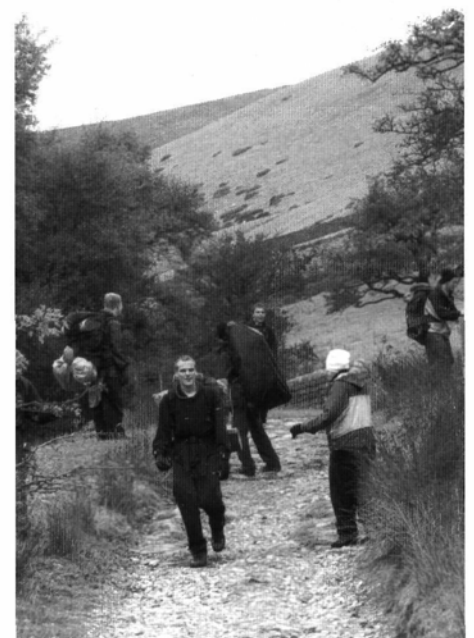
Day 2

I began navigating by a local reservoir. We began hiking up hill noticing many stone walls built by Romans, during the occupation. We were very high up in the hills where there was a lot of mist. The weather was rainy, windy and misty. Quite cold!

Jack

Day 3

The morning started off very cold and frosty. The sun was shining however and the day gradually became much hotter. We soon found ourselves walking up very steep hills.



No, we aren't lost!

The area was very clear, grassy and with sheep to be seen. We could soon see the whole valley, which was a stunning view. Jack

We started our walk today by climbing one of the biggest hills we had to climb on the whole expedition. After 45 minutes of almost vertical climbing, we reached the top and had a long break waiting for the others to catch up with us. We met with the group and started walking down the other side of the hill, when James began to run and tripped and landed in a ditch. Once we reached the bottom, we met the minibus and had lunch. We then started walking again, this time through a wood where we could not see anything. We finally came to a river where we had a quick break before heading up one more hill to arrive at the campsite.

Sam

Day 4

Today we woke up at around 8.00 am happy that it was the last day and that in a few hours we'd be back in civilization!

Sam



Time to leave the Peak District



Taking in the view – Snowdonia

GOLD TRAINING IN NORTH WALES (OCTOBER)

This year was especially kind in terms of weather for those involved in Gold training with a trip to our usual base at Plas-y-Brenin in North Wales. Once settled in it was time to plan for the duration of our stay starting with a night navigation and overnight camp in the hills around Snowdonia. It was a very interesting exercise for most of the students making their way through the Mountains in total darkness to find a suitable place to camp for the night. The next day was spent practicing compass and map work with a session on emergency procedures this continuing for two more days before the journey back south.

Day 1

After a long eight hour journey, we arrived at Plas-y-Brenin and settled into the cottage. After a good meal we set off for a night hike. I started map reading but as it was dark it was a new experience. We used pacing to work out the distances. Ben had a few problems finding our campsite, which was a 3 km hike away. After pitching our tents we

had a poor night's sleep as four people tried to cram into the tent.

Phillip Cowdery

Day 2

The next day we woke up and found ourselves between two tarns! Our tent was a little cozy but nice and warm. We set off after our packs were loaded up. We started with an easy stroll then there it was, the Mother of all Hills. We went up a near vertical scree slope. Once we got to the top, the weather started to come in and we had to go round the hill instead of over it. It was tough traversing the hill with the rain coming down hard. We didn't get lost as we had a good map-reader, Jamie. So we arrived back at the lodge all safe and well for a shower and nice bacon butties.

Ben Leggatt

Day 3

We were woken up by a person with a flash camera being thoroughly annoying. Breakfast was nice but we had to gobble it quickly as we had to be dropped off at 10.00am. The first stage of the walk was easy and quite boring. The second stage was far more interesting as we had to cross a scree slope that contained giant boulders and huge holes.

We found snow and I fell through a hole. For the rest of the walk we were jumping in puddles.

Peter Michell

BRONZE PRACTICE EXPEDITION ON THE SOUTH DOWNS (NOVEMBER)

Our Bronze programme started with a practice expedition on the South Downs at Alfriston in November also included for the weekend was a session on basic first aid and team building. They continued training with a second practice at Sevenoaks in May, finishing with a qualifying expedition on the North Downs in Surrey in June which everyone completed successfully.



Wet Windy Wales



Our Great Leader - PJ



Posing on Boxhill

DIARY BY JAMES APPEGARTH

Day 1

We arrived at Black Boys Youth Hostel. We were shown around and had to pitch our tents in the dark. We put our tent up the quickest and were eating burgers and beans while everyone else were still pitching their tents. The rain on the tent kept me awake. There was an owl which kept me entertained.

Day 2

I woke up first and waited for the others to wake up. When we were all up, we cooked breakfast, eggs and bacon. We packed our day bags and went into the hostel to watch the England v Australia Rugby World Cup Final. It was 14-14 at full time. This meant we had to go into extra time. It was the last few minutes and Johnny Wilkinson scored a drop goal!

We then set off on the South Down Way. It started off with a very steep climb up to the top. This took all the energy out of us. The top was cold and rainy but fun. We were walking on the top of a big ridge with a good view each side. When it came to my turn to map read, I enjoyed it and learnt loads. We got back tired out and cleared up all the things. We planned our route for tomorrow. I am really looking forward to tomorrow.

GOLD TRAINING ON THE NORTH DOWNS (JANUARY)

Gold got off to a good start in the New Year with a weekend on the North Downs in January testing kit as well as map and compass work. It turned out to be a precursor for what was in store for them weather wise when they did their qualifying venture at Easter.

GOLD EXPEDITION IN THE LAKE DISTRICT (APRIL)

Two groups travelled to the Lake District during the Easter break. Both groups found the conditions especially tough. Strong winds with sleet and driving rain was a particular problem on the higher sections of

Extracts from the Gold Expedition reports

When we arrived we found it to be raining and very cold, so on went all the waterproofs, hats and gloves. From here we headed up the hill into the wilds for four days. This had to be the hardest part of the hike for me, the slow agonizing climb up the hill on moving stones, with the wind and rain in my face'

Ben Leggatt

'We took a break with Mr. Johnson and he was very happy with our progress so far. We had lunch looking across the valley. After lunch we started walking again but soon Jamie discovered that he was missing his roll mat. Instantaneously Jamie and Mike dropped their packs and went off to find the rogue roll mat. After about ten to fifteen minutes they returned unfortunately with nothing and so it was going to be three 'hard' nights for Jamie then.'

Michael Biddulph



Bottoms up! Well, noodles up!

the route with one pupil blown face first into a bog on day two of the four day venture. He showed great tenacity carrying on to complete it with help and encouragement from the rest of the group. The panel assessor was very impressed with the huge effort they put in and was highly complementary on their attitude and behaviour.

'When we awoke on the second day, it was raining, a lot. This is not the most encouraging thing to wake up to. It was also pitch black! It was here we encountered our first problem of the day. All our torches were outside in our bags. Ben Leggatt decided to venture into the wet darkness and retrieve his head torch. While I waited in the dark of our tent, I heard muffled noises. I held my breath and wondered if perhaps Ben had been consumed by some evil night-

dwelling creature found only in Cumbria and was even now being slowly digested while the creature advanced slowly towards our tent. As it turns out it was only Ben searching through his bag for his torch which he subsequently found.'

Simon Hughes

'We finally packed everything up, checked the surrounding area for litter and headed down



Walking in the Lakes

a bumpy, stone-ridden path that led us to the farm house by the corner of the lake. We proceeded to tell stories and jokes. Jamie's Mum had bought us all Mars Bars. I didn't really like Mars Bars before D of E, now I hate them but I felt they kept me alive in some way... About an hour later the weather turned horrible. Rain, rain, rain everywhere. We couldn't stop it. I was map reading and I couldn't see the map because my glasses were covered in rain. Luckily we were down in the valley at this time but we thought to ourselves, 'If it's like this here, what is it going to be like up there?'

Michael Biddulph

'At this point I would like to describe the weather. Weather in Cumbria is apparently not like normal weather which follows normal rules like not raining upwards. In this valley we had entered, it rained from every direction. Most of the time the wind was fast enough to carry the rain into your face at a fair speed, enough to blind you if you were foolish enough to look up. As I had decided not to wear gloves so that I could hold the map, my hands were stung raw by this whipping rain. This continual rain somewhat abated and was replaced by its older brother. Hail!'

Simon Hughes

'Civilization as we knew it was gone. The next few hours were some of the worst I had experienced, ever! 60 mph winds, hail, fog, mist, rain. Well it could have been rain but it was hitting us so hard it felt like ice. We crawled up the valley side to the top. We tried to walk but we just kept on getting blown over. The tarn was so choppy it looked like the sea. Once on top everything started to die down a bit. That's when Boatwright fell in the mud.'

Michael Biddulph

'As we came to the end of the lake our spirits lifted and we hoped never to see another lake again. Sadly hope did not last long on this epic quest, as in the second we went round the corner, we spotted another lake. At this point we saw our campsite. After walking towards it for what seemed far too long (to be honest a minute would have been too long

for me at this point), we arrived. The day was done and as we slumped down next to a tree, trying to prepare ourselves for the process of putting up tents, we looked at each other and knew that while we had won this battle, the war was far from over.'

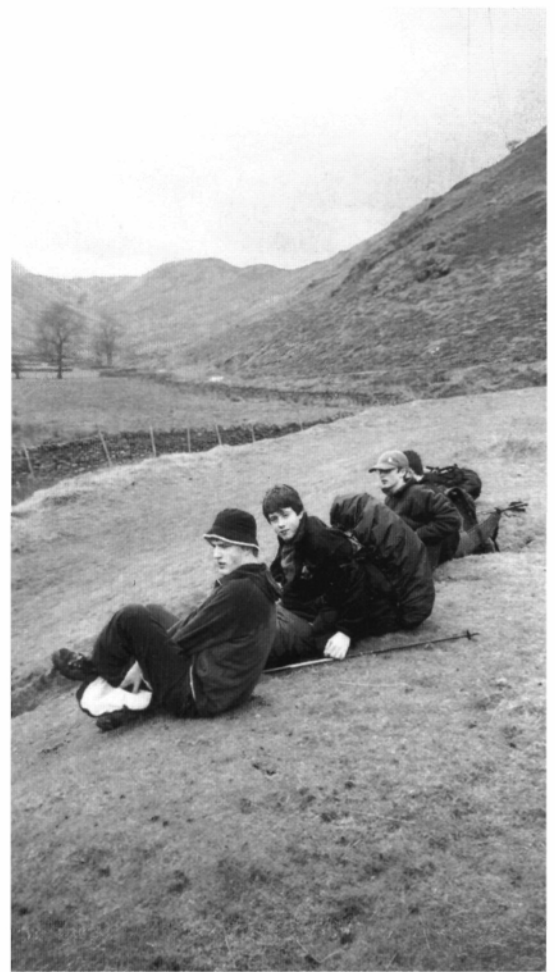
Simon Hughes

'Day three started well. It was cold but there were not any dark clouds that I could see. Once we were on the right route (after a false start) we went at a good pace and we crossed fields with sheep and then went into a forest. The forest was very quiet and we only met one person... The hill seemed to just go on and on. It was very tiring. But eventually we got to the top and had a good view of the whole lake and the town we were approaching. The weather got very warm and so we decided to have a break next to a river and take in the sun, as we weren't sure whether we would see any more sun for the rest of the week. It eventually started raining again when we got to the gate of the campsite. So after a day of sun, we had to put the tents up in the rain.'

Ben Kyte

Day 4

'This error cost us dearly and, as we had no idea that we had gone wrong, we continued up the wrong side of the valley. This valley had a steep gradual path that felt like it went on for days. When we finally came to the top, we could not work out where we were and made a vote to climb a waterfall (this was a path) which was very slippery and dangerous. Then Fergus took a look at the map and due to his amazing map skills he managed to deduce where we were. We had come roughly 3 kms off course and knew we would have to retrace our steps to our last correct location. This news did not go down well with the rest of the group. Toby was almost on his knees in dismay and Tom was lagging behind with



A well-earned rest

frustration and tiredness... Once we had tracked back to our last known location, we found the footbridge over the river which we had been following three hours before. At this point we felt our biggest low. We were hungry and had no more food and our water bottles were almost empty... Due to our incredible team spirit we got to the top of this colossal mountain but on the way up it started to hail. It was hailing hard and the wind accelerated it making it feel like glass beads battering your face ears and hands. We had tried many times to phone the teachers to tell them that we had gone wrong and were late but the mountains meant we had no reception which was frustrating. But then to our relief we saw Mick, our external assessor, and his dog, Mouse, who greeted us affectionately. We walked the last leg with Mick. There was a pub where Mick had parked his car, which was our last resting place before we finished with the easy 4 kms to the end. We crawled over the finish line where Mick shook our hands and said we had passed. This was the hardest four days of my life but I was glad it was all over.'

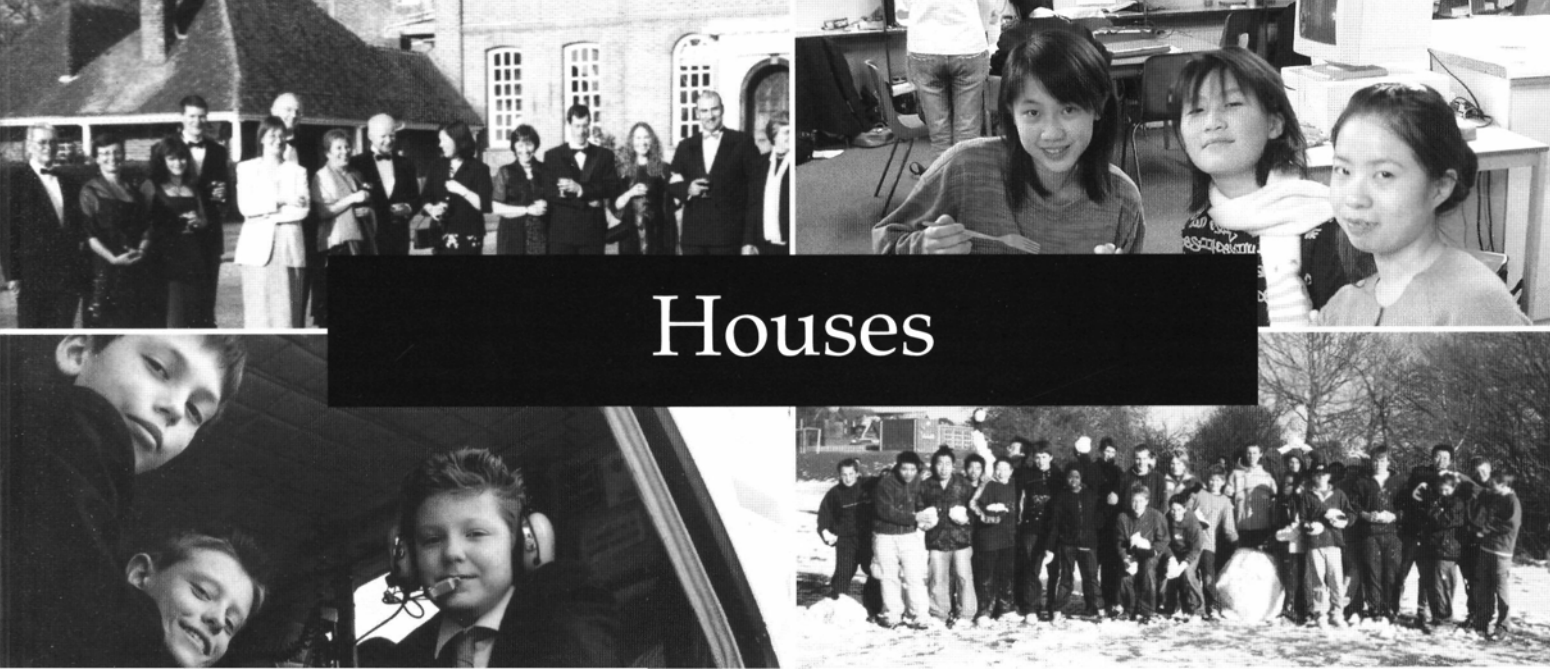
Michael Biddulph

The expedition year finished in July with a week in Dorset practicing for Silver.

My appreciation and thanks to all staff for time and help in making the Award so successful at Bethany.



The end of the day



Houses

TODMANS

The Autumn Term this year kick started with a majority of boys being new pupils. Our first event, the sponsored walk, raised £1700 of which £600 went to Kent Air Ambulance and £200 went to Oasis, a Third World charity supported by the school. The rest was spent on a new television with a Game Cube and an X Box with games for the House. We also had our first school disco on the Charity Day, after our walk round Bewl Water, but many boys were just too tired to do much dancing though the barbecue was much appreciated. In the Spring Term Judo Club started and many boys joined. We also had football on Friday nights with our Australian gap student, which was fun. In the summer term we were able to swim most evenings as well as play football on The Firs pitch.

The short Summer Term seemed to race by. We had a book fair in the library with lots of new books to read and buy. Year 8 went to Portsmouth to see the HMS Victory and the Mary Rose and year 7 went to Rochester Castle. Everyone had a good time. After half

term, the first gold and silver trophies were awarded in Judo Club and this inspired its members. But like all good things it came to an end and exams came and went leaving the happy and not so happy behind. Just after the exams James Riordan, an author came to speak to us about writing and also signed his books that we had bought. Our sixes cricket team had a good season even though some matches have been rained off. They won two matches and drew one.

All in all I think we have had a good year. We have also seen the emergence of talented sports men such as Joshua Owusu-Afriyie who has made the A teams in Football, Rugby, Hockey and Cricket as well as being involved in athletics. Apart from a couple of bumps along the way, this year has been great!

George Benfield, Year Eight

Some individual comments included – ‘One of our Sunday trips was Paintballing where we were divided into teams and had the chance of being the player of the day;’ ‘The best Sunday outing was to Thorpe Park

because we could go round the Park without the teachers and go on all the fun rides and amusements.’

‘The House Christmas outing was great fun, we got to buy some drinks and sweets as well as seeing the new movie ‘Swat’. ‘Activities week, the last week of the summer term, allowed us to have later bedtimes, to watch more movies, to do lots more swimming and to go to the woods to play ‘Manhunt’. It was also good because we made a sponge cake which tasted really nice’. ‘I was smaller than I am now and did not have a lot of friends. Now I have some good friends and I get on well with my dorm-mates. I have a tuck box where I keep my food and I like to phone home at least once a week. The summer is best because we are able to go to bed later. Now I am bigger... ‘When I first came to England I thought everyone was a bit weird but gradually I noticed that everyone had a unique personality that made them interesting. School was a bit difficult because the Maths system was different for me and there were lots of games lessons. Now I’ve made lots of friends and I’m used to the system.’ ‘It has been fun being a boarder because you are always with your friends. Although some people were homesick, they soon got over it and the year has flown by.’

OLD POPLARS REPORT

Year 2004 has been an exhilarating year for Old Poplars from a variety of charity events, a trip to the London Palladium to see ‘Chitty Chitty Bang Bang’, cake stalls, raffles and house barbecues. House events that involve all the girls, a time where the girls can feel part of something, is a time for fun.

It all started off in the Autumn Term with, of course the traditional sponsored walk around Bewl Water undertaken by the girls from Year Seven to Nine. This was a chance for them to raise money for a charity called James House Hospice, which helps the families of children with terminal illnesses. The senior girls of the house took part in other events, the Lower Sixth successfully slept out in cardboard boxes for the night while the Year Eleven girls enjoyed a more challenging trek along the coast at Folkstone.



Todmans' cheque for Kent Air Ambulance

Year Ten took to the local community and, in some cases, collected litter along the way. By the end of charities day we managed to raise a fair amount for our chosen charities and of course a little something for the house.

Dance and drama are known to be popular amongst the girls of Old Poplars. That is why at the end of the Autumn Term many of the girls from the younger year groups took part in a thrilling dance show and of course we all went along to support them. There was also a most enjoyable drama performance, entitled "Blood Brothers" which involved members of Year 11 including, yet again a significant number of girls from Old Poplars.

Our house has a tradition for celebrating in style the end of the long Autumn term, as well as the onset of the festive season, and this year was no different. On December 13th we were lucky enough to be taken to see "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" as a stage production at the London Palladium. Our journey was hampered by traffic jams but we were afforded the added bonus of enjoying the lights on Regent Street and were only a few minutes late! We all enjoyed the show and our homeward journey was virtually trouble free with lots of sweets and treats being handed out to make us even sweeter!! Sixth form monitors were taken to the 'Rusty Pelican' restaurant in Tunbridge Well for a 'taste of Mexico', a lovely grown-up evening to reward us for our first busy term as House Monitors.

Spring Term in Old Poplars is not thought to be one of the busiest times of the year, socially in any case! The highlight for the junior girls was an opportunity to 'strut their stuff' at a Valentines Day disco in aid of Furiba, one of the Young Enterprise groups from Bethany. The disco was much enjoyed although it is possible that too much competition was on display! Another momentous event that occurred in the spring term was the GCSE drama performances. Several members of Year 11 took part and happily the girls from Old Poplars went along to support the girls and were all treated to an evening of top class drama.

The summer term is such a busy time, final preparations for exams, sitting exams, sports day and of course not forgetting Parent's Day. Every year Old Poplars is lucky enough to have a house barbecue, which includes boarders and day girls. A fun time in the evening sun, eating and vigorous bounding about on the now 'regular' bouncy castle, a chance for us girls to chill out and have a fine time and this year was no exception. As always our house barbecue is a



Having a Wylde time selling cakes for Old Poplars



Healys galore!



Time for a takeaway

way for the younger girls, tutors and housestaff to say a very big thank you to the 'wonderful' house monitors who have kept the house running so smoothly all year and this is no easy task! So come on, girls, let's take a bow; Rachel, Abby, Nicola, Joyce, Stephanie, Coei and Emily – weren't we great!

Parents' Day this year was a great success for Old Poplars. As usual girls set up camp in the Art School for the famous cake stall. We also had a raffle for an amazing cake made by Mrs Forster in the shape of a champagne ice bucket containing a real bottle of champagne. The cake stall was a huge success, the delicious cakes gave us a total of £150. WOW! The raffle money came to a staggering £350, the money total reflects how much hard work is put into Parents Day, and it is fair to say Old Poplars did themselves proud.

There are certain people who ensure that Old Poplars runs smoothly while we are

getting on with the business of learning and socialising and these people thoroughly deserve to be mentioned and thanked. Jean Relf, our trusty cleaner, never fails to be cheerful and patient and deserves to be sainted for putting up with us all! Matron, Mrs Clark soldiers on when we are difficult and ensures we look clean and smart! We have also been lucky to have Reg Clarke as our House Buddy this year. A House Buddy is a member of the Maintenance Department who has responsibility for the little jobs in each House. Reg was always smiling and cheerful and we did appreciate all those little jobs he did to keep Old Pops shipshape. Sadly, Reg has now left Bethany and has been replaced by Ian.

Our wonderful tutors work so hard with us to ensure that we are getting the best out of life at Bethany, that we are grateful for your support and commitment. We make a special mention of Mrs MacArdle, and we hope she gets better soon and is soon fighting fit and ready to face us again, really soon.

Miss Lindsey is off! Leaving Bethany, after three very loyal years of service and what a star she has been! She has been a friendly face, a keen listener of our problems as well as a kind person. She will be missed in Old Poplars and will go down in the history books as a great Assistant Housemistress. We wish her well in her new school and hope she will keep in touch. Good luck Miss Lindsey!

Lastly our thanks go to Mr. and Mrs Healy. They work hard for all of us girls and have the unenviable job of ensuring we 'behave' and adhere to school and house rules. Even at our tender age, we can comprehend that their role is no easy task! Thank you and enjoy a very well-earned rest in Ireland with your families.

Nicola Ayres and Emily Bishop, Lower Sixth

THE MOUNT

This year in the Mount has been an eventful one and surely one that many people will remember. At the beginning of the year the Mount welcomed some new boarders into the house including new year eight and nine boarders, plus sixth formers who would take on the task of monitoring in the house. We also welcomed Mr Paine as Assistant Housemaster and Mrs Nicholson as a Non-Resident Assistant. Mr Allen continued to do duty on Wednesday afternoons.

At the start of the term Mr Khan arranged a barbecue in his garden to welcome the new boarders and as a way of introducing himself and his family to the Mount. The weather was kind and boarders quickly settled into each other's company, as well as into the Khan clan of Oliver and Joshua.

With everyone settling into the Mount, the first term went quite quickly. It included activities such as the School Walk where the Mount, Todmans and Old Poplars walked around Bewl Water in order to raise house funds. Congratulations to Nathan Burnham for being top fundraiser! The Mount also had a Christmas Party, which included a Chinese meal (sweet and sour turkey!), and we were entertained by shows put on by the staff and the boarders. It was an excellent party with funny sketches and some scary ones. Mr



'Snow School'

Khan led us in singing carols; if only we sang so well in chapel! We also said good bye to Mr MacSmith, an Australian gap student, who had taken the Mount for various after school activities such as football and for a good bye present the whole house put in some money and we bought him an England Rugby shirt (not rubbing it in or anything like that!).

Soon the Christmas holidays were upon us. When we came back we were pleasantly surprised to find a new widescreen TV with a DVD and surround sound that had been bought with the money from the school walk. We also found a new set of sofas for us to relax on, and a play station for the games room.

During the first part of the Easter Term there was a massive amount of snow that meant that all the roads were closed and a large proportion of the teachers and the day pupils couldn't get into school. This meant that the boarders had a snow day, which meant that they had the day off!

During this day there were activities provided by staff that could get in, which included cricket, art and ICT. After lunch we watched a Pay per View movie from Sky, then Mr Khan and Mrs Paine took us for a walk, where we circled around the orchards and the farms near the school. We finished it off by having a snowball fight with the Year 10s from Kendon and Pengelly where we won by knocking down their snowman! When we got back we settled to another movie, went to bed and prayed for more snow! It was a great day in which we all had a great time (probably better than if we had a normal school day).

The Mount junior pupils have also been invited to many discos that have been both in school and out. They have been to a Bedgebury junior disco where they were the only boys school there, so a great time was had! They have also had discos in school held by the school's Young Enterprise Company 'Furiba' that included a Valentines Disco and

a Disco celebrating the end of the Key Stage 3 exams. Fun was had at both.

We have been fortunate because there have been the Australian Gap Students here to take us on after school activities such as football and recently swimming. They have been much appreciated and there has been a big attendance at all the activities that they put on for the Mount each Week. We will be sad when they go. Thanks also to our house staff for all the swims and football games they have supervised.

We, as monitors, have also had our fun this term. In groups of four we were wined and dined by Mr and Mrs Khan (thank you – the food was yummy!), in the company of Mr Holmes and Mr Allen. Then in late June we had our own barbecue where Asa showed off just what a fine 'Frisbee' player he is, by spending half the evening trying to retrieve it from a bank of brambles! Oh, and we also went to the 'Rusty Pelican' for our Christmas meal to gorge ourselves on hot Mexican food.

The boarders have generally behaved well all year and the house has benefited from their good behaviour by Mr Khan generously ordering Pay per View movies from Sky and building up the new house DVD library that has been purchased for the Mount. Funny how our Housemaster seemed to get more generous as we behaved ourselves! In addition our kitchen has been extended and we now have a dishwasher, though the year 10 pupils have not always emptied it when supposed to... We have also appreciated the new showers that the school installed over summer 2003.

Towards the end of the summer term pupils set up three stalls at Parents' Day, which generated over £200 for house funds. The stalls were a penalty shoot-out, a car washing service and a guess the number of balloons in Mr Khan's car game. Special mention to Simon Hunter, who kept goal for the entire morning, yet was only beaten on three consecutive occasions, three times, for

people to win prizes.

The end of term was celebrated with an extravaganza evening, where boarders split into two teams and played a football match. This was followed by a barbecue with our Housemaster playing chef, and an inflatable gladiator game in the garden. All had much fun and it was a good way to end the term.

The year in the house has been really enjoyable and it has been good spending it with junior pupils. I'd like to wish several of the house staff the best of luck as they leave us, Mrs Nicholson, Mr Ferley and Mr Niles. And to all the boys leaving the Mount; good luck to you too.

Ben Kite, Lower Sixth

PENGELLY

After a somewhat hectic year Pengelly's spirit still lives strong, it has had its ups and down throughout the year mostly thanks to the year 10's who tried their very best to irritate each and everyone in the house. In the autumn term it was a very chaotic start for the new monitors in the house, as they had to settle into their new roles and deal with the most challenging year 10's Pengelly has ever seen, which proved a lot harder than expected. We also had a few new members in the house; the first was Mr Williams, the new assistant to the house replacing Mr Crafter. Mr Williams had a great deal to take on at the beginning, as he did not know the ropes and the various routines. This was used to the pupils' advantages as many new rules were suddenly made up e.g. later bed times due to long running television programmes. After a few months Mr Williams was joined by a very helpful companion. This companion loved hiding pupils' clothes and pulling matron around on walks. It has a silver coat and blue eyes and its name is Casper. A dog by the way! Casper quickly learned to jump the gate and was regularly found up at school.

The second new arrival that created a stir was Luke Hunter. After the first few weeks



Tucking in – in Pengelly

Luke was offered his first Pengelly position. Luke jumped at this, his job being 'dishwasher monitor'. Luke never missed a night, his dedication was excellent. Luke settled into the sixth-form very well indeed.

Finally the Christmas holidays came around after a very long term, but before the holiday the annual Christmas party took place. Now this is always a very memorable evening and a key date in the Pengelly calendar. The night started by the annual awards which went to Milton Cato, Anton Page-Rudez and Richard Marney. After the feast and various words of thanks, entertaining sketches were performed by all members of Pengelly, a very poor effort was put forward by the sixth-form. Our organisation was not efficient. Finally the night ended with a film and some lager, which resulted in the year 10's having an early night!

The Christmas holidays ended quickly and we were back to school in no time to start a New Year. Most of the sixth-form were working hard due to exams and did not have much time for play apart from Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays when most of the house went to play indoor football. This was taken by Lindsey and Fiona our gap year students from Australia, this allowed the Pengelly football talent to grow and prepare us for the big match in the summer term.

Pancake Day came eventually. This was organised by Mrs Norman, Matron and Bess; it was not as big as last year's event as it was not advertised as much but it still went down well with the Pengelly members. Many pupils walked away with pancakes swimming in various sauces. The rest of the term was

relatively placid, with most people looking forward to the summer term.

Finally the summer came and the nights got lighter and exams grow ever closer but everybody's minds were on the Pengelly vs. Kendon football match which is held annually and is the biggest fixture in the Bethany calendar. Even though everyone's mind was on the game there was still some time for revision which most pupils were trying hard at.

At last the match came in the 4th week of term, the team was sorted out by Fergus Murray and Dominic Best. We had a relatively

weak side compared to previous years. Kendon did have a very strong team and were favourites to win. The table stood with Pengelly on top by 2 wins to Kendon's miserable 1 win. The usual crowd turned up to give their support which made the match even tenser. The team was confident with Dominic as captain and Fergus as house captain.

The game started well but it was a very close match right up until the final minutes. In the end Kendon could not keep up their strong defence as Dominic and Fergus kept battering them with runs. Finally a sweetly struck strike by the house captain meant Pengelly were ahead and the game was ours. The game finished Pengelly 1 Kendon 0. In total 3 victories to Pengelly and only 1 to Kendon. Well done everyone.

Altogether it was a good year, I would like to thank Bess and Matron for their hard work throughout the year and to Mr and Mrs Norman for looking after and running tucks shop, which without them Pengelly would starve. Last but not least a big thank you to all the tutors and other members of the house who have made it such a successful year.

Fergus Murray, Head of House, Lower Sixth

KENDON

Well we're here again, the end of another wonderful year; so much to talk about so little space! Where shall we begin?

The newest members of the Kendon house have all settled in extremely well. Including our new assistant house master Mr Thomas (Mr T). The year began with a shock with return of Judas (Mr Brown) after a year

at the rival house Pengelly. Two members also entered Kendon Sixth Form, Michael Biddulph (Biddy) and Jonathon Sanders (Ouch! man). They have fitted into the Kendon life superbly.

We had a number of exchange students come to stay at our house. Jan, Pablo, and Marc all arrived from Germany and all picked up the language and our customs at an astonishing rate. Jan (Mr Whippy) became Bethany's finest student and made us all look rather bad, so we were not too sad to see the back of him. Pablo (Latino brother) became the quickest ever student to be asked to leave, he survived just half a term. Marc arrived in the summer term; he got on with everyone in the house and has been an enjoyable character.

This year's annual Kendon vs. Pengelly derby match was as always a fast flowing grudge match. We came out with high spirits and wearing £3 pound white t-shirts with our names on, with everyone looking good and Mike especially good with his crop top! With some beautiful football being played by the Kendon defence including Mike Biddulph, Chris Hall and David Booth. The match was even, but as we were awarded a corner the ball came out to the edge of the box where Head of house Chris Hall hit a superb shot into the top left hand corner. Everyone jumped up from Kendon and Pengelly were distraught, but as we turned round we saw the biased ref blowing his whistle and saying no goal!! We were shocked.

As half term approached Mr T came over for his massive speech, he said to pass the ball!! Some cracking advice!! The second half followed as the first and we were looking at extra time, so we made a tactical substitute as we brought on Mike Blacker to face his brother, as Mike Biddulph was flowing to much and he could not afford another card. But then out of know where the opposite captain Fergus Murray managed a scuffed shot the was intended to be a cross and somehow went just wide, but then to our disgust again there was the controversial ref blowing his whistle again for the wrong reason as he gave a goal. We were shocked!! The full time whistle went and we lost again some of us almost cried including Mike, Chris, David and Bertie.

Finally some words from Mr T "Time to go to your rooms," Goodbye from us.



Little Normans are the Pengelly mascots



Kendon Pride The annual Pengelly v. Kendon football match



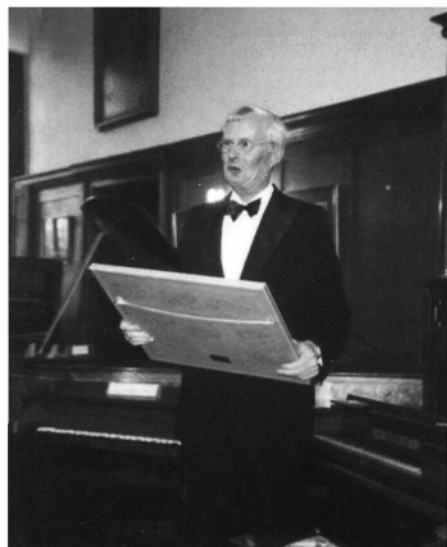
A glittering assemblage around the stately Holmes!

HOUSE STAFF

Gathering at Finchcocks

As term time seems far too busy to attempt any kind of gathering or celebration, House staff agreed a date at the end of the Easter holidays when suitably relaxed and re-energised after the break, they could meet together. Accordingly on Saturday 24th April, House staff and their spouses, the Headmaster and Helen Dorey, and Sue Bicheno, Pastoral Deputy, assembled at Finchcocks to celebrate with Paul Holmes the approaching end of his years at Bethany. Katrina and Richard Burnett welcomed us all to Finchcocks at six o'clock with a glass of wine, a summary of the history of the house and the opportunity to wander through the gardens and the house. The weather was warm and sunny so most admired the borders and wall garden area outside first. So smart did everyone look in dinner jackets and long evening gowns that Mrs Burnett was persuaded to take photographs of such an historic event. Several wives commented on their inability to get their husbands to dress up that a photographic record was seen as essential!

We then assembled in the hall, where Richard Burnett gave one of his magical lecture demonstrations of a dozen or so of the pianos in the Finchcock's collection.



"Why it's a picture of me!"

There were a few surprises in the sound they produced including some Turkish martial music and a barrel organ rendering of the national anthem. At the conclusion of the recital as colleagues were about to make their way to dinner, Anthony Khan leapt to his feet and with some appropriate words made a presentation to Paul on behalf of the whole House team. For once Paul seemed lost for words as a specially commissioned watercolour by local artist, John Hanson, emerged from the wrapping paper. It showed a variety of Bethany scenes, including The Mount, The Firs and the Chapel.

Dinner in the cellar restaurant consisted of very traditional English fare – Finchcocks fish pie and Boeuf Bourguigonne followed by Sherry trifle and treacle pudding with custard! Several ladies were seen to attempt a second helping of the teacle... The wines were French, a few words from Paul, several toasts and liqueurs completed a magical evening as John Small arrived to take the party home.

HMD

HOUSE REFURBISHMENTS

Eighteen months ago, the Governors took the brave decision to spend a significant amount of money on bringing the appearance and the domestic facilities of the boarding houses up to date. House staff were



Excellent vintage in the old cellars

invited to submit ideas of what needed to be done and how they would like to see the improvements implemented. Although it seemed as if they might be producing a 'wish list' that no Bursar could ever countenance, their practical experience of childrens' needs and parents' perception of what a boarding house should look like, meant that their schemes were eminently practical. John and Sue Small set the project rolling by establishing costs and once an over-all cost had been budgeted for and granted by the Governors, work began. Over the last eighteen months or so the following improvements have therefore occurred –

The Mount

New showers and new washbasins in the bathroom, enlarged kitchen with new units, marble-style work surface with dishwasher and new floor covering, new beds throughout the house and two trial swipe-card locks for V1th formers.

Pengelly

Shower, cubicle and basin units all replaced in downstairs and upstairs bathrooms as well as new flooring, stair wells, corridors and bedrooms repainted, recarpeted and recurtained, new beds throughout, one washbasin area converted to a study area, new carpets, curtains, sofas and other furniture in the television room and new lockers for school bags and books in the entrance hall.

Todmans

New beds throughout, new porch over the back door for dry storage of shoes and bags, skateboard box, tuck box rack built in the improved entrance lobby.

Kendon

All three corridors have been re-equipped with up to date washbasins, with appropriate floor covering, new carpets and curtains throughout the dormitory area, new painting and re-staining of wooden doors, new beds throughout, double-glazing of windows completed, new carpet, painting and lighting in The Pit and during the recent summer holidays a completely new upstairs bathroom, in line with other houses.

Old Poplars

Bathrooms upstairs and down were refurbished with new showers, aquamarine paint and curtains, for showers and windows, sporting a whale design in blues and aquamarine. Carpets in the corridors now match the lilac painted walls and spot lights have brightened up dark areas. September saw the re-carpeting of the hall and common room including new floor covering on the kitchen area. New sofas and armchairs completed the new look.

The Orchard

Being new did not need a refurbishment though the new conservatory on the orchard side provided over-flow day pupil space as well as a games room, which most other houses now enjoy.

PSH



Sixth Form



THE ORCHARD

The Orchard continues to be an excellent faculty for breeding healthy young students and for preparing them for entry into society (to put it nicely!) The year started with the leadership course undertaken by all the prefects. This proved to be a treacherous and devilishly devised week of hard work, training and a fair degree of fun for the prefects and staff alike and took place in the HOLIDAYS... Ahhhh! The School Prefects were given training to cope with a wide variety of very different school situations they were likely to face during their year in office. The course also enabled them to come together and work as a team and to build on their experiences from the end of the previous year. The praise of the OFSTED inspectors for the way the Prefects went about their duties is a reflection on the value of the course and on the standards the Prefects regularly manage to achieve.

The Orchard has benefited this year from a new extension, a 5x 9 metre conservatory which is used as a games room, a climbing frame (by Tom Cullen) and a valuable extra room for events and for meetings. It can also be used for its intended purpose as a work room for the U6 day boys and girls.

The academic emphasis has inevitably been very much on the AVCE coursework, the AS and the A2 courses, particularly in A2 when the students have been applying to universities, attending open days and interviews and successfully gaining places. The support of teaching staff has greatly helped to achieve this and on behalf of the Upper Sixth I would like to thank them for their excellent work. "Keep up the good work."

The Orchard has been involved in many charity

events. The Upper Sixth were involved in a ten mile midnight walk through Bedgebury Forest and providing a barbecue and a disco for the whole school the following night. The money raised went to Guide Dogs for the Blind and Cancer Research.

The social life of the sixth formers is also very important. The year began with a theatre trip to London to see *Bombay Dreams*, a show much enjoyed by all who attended. Since then the Theatre Club, the English Department and Theatre Studies Department have organised numerous trips to the theatre for sixth form. A visit to Bedgebury School for a quiz and pizza night was also much enjoyed. Christmas parties and cinema outings, Chinese takeaway evenings, eighteenth



Oxbridge candidates

birthday outings, Tesco runs, and other diversions have also taken place. Very many thanks to the staff who have helped us to escape the confines of Bethany by organising these events.



The Upper Sixth and their habitat, The Orchard

For the Upper Sixth the year ends with Leavers' Day. For the third year running Mrs Presland and Mrs Hart Dyke provided a delicious champagne breakfast feast, which was much enjoyed by the Upper Sixth leavers, and parents alike. The breakfasters were treated to bucks fizz, croissants, home made pancakes and much more. Later that morning a memorable Leavers' Service was held in chapel. It was mainly constructed by one or two of the leavers themselves and included an excellent PowerPoint by Tor Harmer. The crowning touch was the annual Leavers' Ball held at High Rocks. The event consisted of a three-course meal and dancing to 'The Sound of the Crowd,' an excellent youthful three-piece band, who played eighties hits. The Ball continued until the early hours of the morning and a good time was had by all the parents, students, staff and Old Bethanians there. It proved a very fitting and memorable way to end our time at Bethany.

The Orchard, I'm sure will be missed by all who are leaving and we wish it and Mr and Mrs Hart Dyke, who are leaving the House after 5 1/2 years, all the very best in the future. Mr Hart Dyke will still be Head of Sixth Form and Head of the English Department at Bethany but he can now enjoy a few more early nights. Mrs Presland will be the Housemistress of the Orchard next year.

Robert Grant, Upper Sixth

PENGELLY SOCIETY

Electons at the beginning of the Autumn term saw thirty-five V1th formers join eight adults as members of this lecture society. Our meetings about once a month began with John Hare, from Benenden, describing his expedition across the Sahara. This three-month trek, sponsored by the Royal Geographical Society and which won him the Society's Victoria medal, was by camel from Lake Chad to Tripoli, the reverse of the normal route. The lack of food for the camels was their greatest challenge rather than the lack of water and their determination not to use mobile phones made accurate navigation even more critical. Members were on the edge of their seats as much from the narrative as from Mr Hare's exceptional slides. Anne Widdecombe, member of Parliament for Maidstone, held members' attention but for somewhat different reasons! Miss Widdecombe refused to be drawn on her relationship with the



Glamorous girls at the Leavers' Ball

prospective new leader of the Tory party, Michael Howard, but was more than willing to list the failings of the present government and therefore to explain what the priorities of a new Conservative government might be. Several V1th formers tried to draw Miss Widdecombe, with her determined views, into debate but were astonished at her grasp of detail on every topic.

Our last speaker of the Autumn term gave us a rare insight into the challenges of living a normal life whilst being without sight. Frank Elgood's guide dog sat patiently as his master demonstrated a range of mechanical aids that he had available and, as he talked and responded to our questions, it was difficult to realise that he had no sight at all.

Iain Green, a wildlife photographer, had the most amazing collection of photographs at the first Spring term lecture and gave members a remarkable record of the life of an extended family of tigers on the Deccan plateau of India. Many of these were in his calendar, copies of which he had brought along for every member. Professor Alexander McCall Smith, in comparison, made his unique writing skills sound an everyday

ability. However this popular writer of fiction gave us a fascinating insight into the origin of some of the characters in his Botswana's No 1 Detective agency series and amused members by threatening to put some of them into his next book! Mike Trueman as the Overseas Director of World Challenge shared his lifetime's experiences of climbing in some of the World's most difficult terrains. His accounts of many of the climbs on Everest, including his own successful one at fifty years of age, held members in disbelief at what prompted people to attempt a challenge from which one in ten died. It seemed a fitting end to a challenging set of speakers, but more was to come!

The beginning of the Summer term saw members gathered to celebrate the 200th meeting of the Society with a formal dinner in the school dining hall. The caterers laid on a silver service, four course dinner and members looked the part in their smart dinner jackets or stunning long dresses. Cameras flashed as we took images to remember this unique event, whilst our Patron, Andrew Pengelly, and the founder,



Anne Widdecombe at Pengelly Society



The 200th Pengelly Society meeting

Christian Lanzer, joined other invited guests for pre-dinner drinks. During the meal a former secretary, Tom Masters, read some amusing extracts from the minute book and after the meal, Mr Holmes, who has arranged the speakers for our meetings over the last sixteen years, gave a personal insight into the origins of the school, his own boyhood days at Bethany, the founding of the Society in 1971, as well as some of the more memorable meetings of the Society. Members had no hesitation in responding to the toasts of Kenneth Pengelly and the Society and many hoped this marked the beginning of a new Bethany tradition.

Henry Leipold, Secretary, Upper Sixth

YOUNG ENTERPRISE ANNUAL REPORT 'Furiba' 2003/4

Furiba has been involved in a range of products throughout the year with great success most of the time. Our first product in the Autumn Term was selling hot chocolate at the tuck shop during break times. The accounts for this proved hard but a small amount of profit was made over a few weeks, which gave us more funding towards our main Christmas product. We wanted to get a product out for the Christmas market but it would be difficult as we left ourselves a little short of time to do so.

Two weeks before the end of term we set out to sell our thirty Christmas hampers. Advertising for the product had been minimal and we hoped to sell the majority of hampers at a school event. Our sales team organised for a stall to be set up at the event, selling the hampers to parents and teachers. It met with some success and the hampers that weren't sold at the event were sold afterwards to teachers and parents. We even sold one over the Internet. However, we realised we were fortunate to have a captive market at Bethany and resolved to plan our future marketing campaigns much more carefully.

After the sales of the hampers and the hot chocolate, we came back to the Spring Term with around a fifty pounds profit, in addition to the original £500 that shareholders had

invested. Research into further products was carried out and we came up with the idea of running a junior disco with a Valentines theme. This had been done in the past by Young Enterprise groups and had been quite successful. The disco took a lot of planning. We knew that this time we couldn't leave it until the last minute, as we had with the hampers.

With the help of Mr Khan and his previous experience of such events, a spider diagram was drawn up of jobs that had to be done for the event to be a success. Departments were allocated jobs, but because of the spread of jobs people often found themselves doing jobs in other areas. For example on the night of the event all of the boarders carried out the supervision of the disco regardless of their department. The first disco was our biggest success with two hundred people attending it, generating a turnover of over £1000 as we also sold food and drink.

There were several reasons for it being a success. Our sales department did very well in inviting schools well in advance; over half those that attended the disco were from other schools. The organisation of the food and drinks was also done well and the event was well-thought out, for example there was coffee and sandwiches for visiting staff in the library.

The marketing department had done reasonably well advertising the disco so the houses came to know about it well in advance. In all honesty the amount of planning required to host such an event was far greater than any of us had imagined.

After the success of the first disco in the spring term we decided to do one more in the summer, with a Hawaiian theme, before we closed the accounts and paid back our shareholders. This would get our annual total revenue (we hoped) well above two thousand pounds. This disco was also a success, but not quite as successful as the last disco we had, as this time only one hundred people attended!

We then ended the year by producing our final accounts; paying off our outstanding

debts and holding an annual general meeting on the 22nd June to pay our shareholders back their original stake plus a generous dividend of 50%.

The year has had its ups and downs, the company has not always worked well together and occasionally certain areas of the company failed at the tasks they were set. For example posters were not always up in time to be effective. However we have managed to secure a substantial profit and came second in the regional competition, which involved setting up a trade stand, putting together a ten page company report and giving a presentation.

Without doubt a valuable year that has given the business studies pupils among us a valuable insight into the challenges a real business faces. I would certainly commend the scheme to future lower sixth pupils. Many thanks to Mr Khan, our link teacher, for his cajoling and advice, and to Mr Allen for his help with the accounts.

*Ben Blacker
Managing Director*

Teacher's Note

Furiba were a company for whom things perhaps did not come naturally. However, through determination and hard work they managed to secure a remarkable revenue of over £2000, a profit in excess of £700, and came a very close second in the Young Enterprise Regional competition, held in May at Ashford Business Point. Weekly meetings were held on Friday afternoons but in truth members of the company put in far more time than that. I would like to particularly commend Ben Blacker, who survived the re-elections in January to remain Managing Director for the entire year. Ben worked hard at his leadership skills and rightly deserved the award of Young Enterprise Achiever of the Year, presented at Speech Day.

Mr A. Khan, Link Teacher

En-route to Disneyland



Three Hong Kong Minnies, Disneyland Paris

Upper Sixth Leavers 2004



EMMA BALDWIN

French, History, Business Studies
 French Prize, Silver D of E, Prefect,
 Head of Kiplings Games House
 1st XI Hockey, 2nd VII Netball,
 Senior Rounders
*Southampton University
 French*



SUSANNAH BARKAS

Biology AS, Textiles, Art,
 Theatre Studies
 DLS Creative Writing Prize,
 Bronze D of E
 1st XI Hockey, 1st VII Netball,
 Senior Rounders
Gap Year, Textiles Degree 2005



SARAH (SALLY) BARWICK

Geography, Business Studies, Biology
 Prefect,
 Old Poplars House Monitor
 1st XI Hockey, 2nd VII Netball
 Currently gaining nursing experience
 with a view to taking a Nursing Degree



GEMMA BLACKER

Business Studies, French, English
 Gold D of E
 Head of School, Prefect
 1st XI Hockey, 1st VII Netball,
 Senior Rounders
*Sussex University
 Anthropology and Cultural Studies*



PIPPA BLACKMAN

AVCE Business Studies, PE
 Head of Roberts Games House
 1st VII Netball, 1st XI Hockey,
 Senior Rounders
*Brighton University
 Physical Education*



TRISTAN CAWTE

PE, ICT, CDT, Geography
 Silver D of E
 Todmans House Monitor
 Football, Rugby
*Portsmouth,
 Marine Sports Technology*



RYAN CHAN

Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics
1st team Basketball
*Imperial College,
Mechanical Engineering*



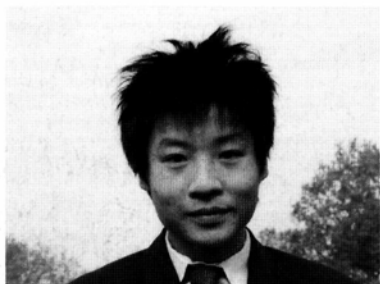
WINKY CHAN

Business Studies, Mathematics,
Art, Chinese
Old Poplars House Monitor
*Nottingham University
Psychology*



CHRIS CHARRAUDEAU

French, Business Studies,
Ethics and Philosophy
Head of Kendon House
1st XV Rugby



RICKY CHUI

Mathematics, Business Studies,
Computing
House Monitor
1st Team Basketball
*Hull University
Business and Management*



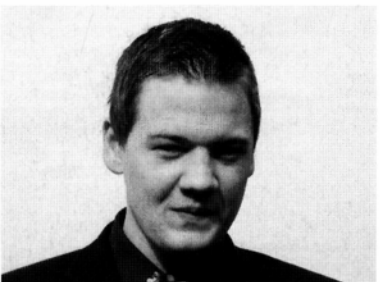
NAOMI CLARK

History, English, Ethics and Philosophy
History Prize, Music Prize
Deputy Head of School, Prefect
Captain 1st XI Hockey, 1st VII Netball,
Senior Rounders
*Keele University
Law*



ALBERT CONSTANTIN

AVCE Business Studies, Art
Mount House Monitor
Rugby, Football
*London Institute
Product Design*



JOHN COOMBES

Geography, Religious Studies, English
Stamper Prize
Todmans House Monitor
1st XV Rugby, Captain 3rd XI Football
*King Alfred's
English Primary Teaching*



JAMES CRAWSHAW

Business Studies AVCE, Mathematics
Business Studies Award
Prefect, Pengelly House Monitor
*Coventry University,
Motor Sport Engineering*



THOMAS CULLEN

Business Studies, CDT, ICT
Bronze D of E, Young Enterprise Award
Kendon and Mount House Monitor
1st XV Rugby, Captain 2nd XI Football,
Captain 1st XI Hockey
*Oxford Brookes,
Marketing and Retail Management*



CLAIRE DAWSON

Business Studies AVCE, Geography
Old Poplars House Monitor,
Head of Speakers Games House
Cross Country Cup for 3 years running
1st VII Netball, 1st XI Hockey,
Senior Rounders
*Oxford Brookes
Business and Marketing Management*



SIMON DOWLAND

Chemistry, Biology, Maths, Physics AS
Chemistry Prize
Prefect, House Monitor
1st XV Rugby, 1st XI Football,
1st Team Basketball
*Imperial College London
Chemistry*



THOMAS DOWLAND

Maths, Physics, Chemistry
Mount House Monitor
Football
*Imperial College London
Mechanical Engineering*



ANDREW GAUSEPOHL

Chemistry, Biology, Physics
Public Speaking Awards
Todmans and Pengelly House Monitor
Rugby, Football, Hockey, Basketball
*Surrey University
Economics*



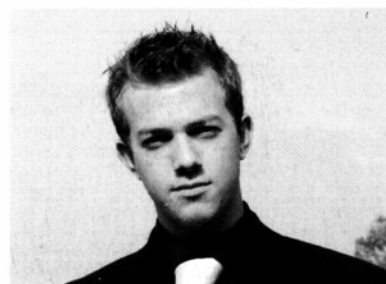
MICHAEL GIBBS

CDT, ICT, Geography
Prefect
1st XV Rugby, 2nd XI Football
*Plymouth University
Architecture*



EDWARD GOVAN

AVCE Business Studies, English,
History
Rugby, Football, Hockey, Badminton,
Basketball, Athletics, Tennis
*Portsmouth University
Business Studies*



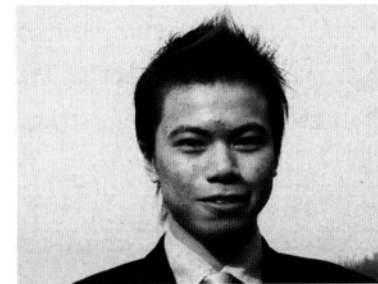
ROBERT GRANT

Physics, Art, CDT, Textiles
Robert Ashlin Award
Deputy Head of School, Prefect, Head
of Orchard House, Head of Pengelly
House
Rugby, Football, Badminton, Swimming
*Dundee University
Architecture*



VICTORIA HARMER

Geography, Ethics and Philosophy, ICT
Geography Prize, Thornton Prize,
William Ruzzak Prize, Gold D of E,
Prefect, Old Poplars Monitor
1st XI Hockey, 2nd VII Netball, Senior
Rounders
*Southampton University,
Geography after gap year*



NICHOLAS HO

Art and Design, Mathematics, Biology
Kendon House Monitor
Squash Team
*Southampton University
Business Management*



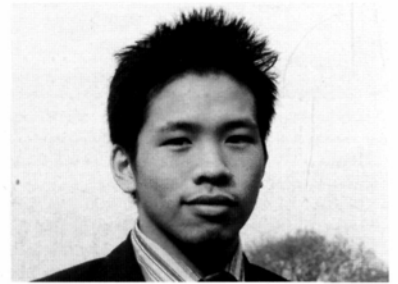
CHRIS KENNY

CDT, Business Studies, Biology AS,
Geography AS
DT Innovation Award, Gold D of E,
Young Enterprise Award
Prefect, Kendon House Monitor
1st XV Rugby, 2nd XI Football
*Oxford Brookes,
Business and Management*



HENRY LEIPOLD

English, Biology, History
Richard Ashlin Prize, Senior History
Prize, RS Prize, Young Enterprise Award
Prefect, Todmans House Monitor, Ball
Committee Member
Judo Team Captain
*St Andrew's University
Ancient History and Archeology*



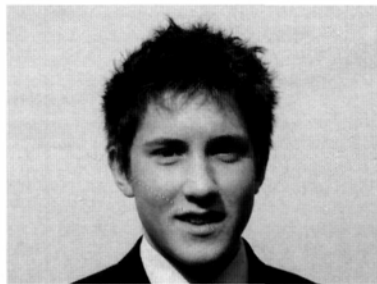
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Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology,
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Young Enterprise Award
Prefect, Head of Todmans House,
Kendon House Monitor
2nd XI Football
*University College London
Biochemistry*



JAMIE LIN

Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics
Silver D of E, Mathematics Prize
Prefect, Head of The Mount
1st Team Basketball
*Birmingham University
Chemistry and Management*



MATTHEW MARSHALL

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Geography, French
Timothy Sedgewick Cup
Prefect, House Monitor
*Hertfordshire University
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ELENA OLEINIC

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Ethics and Philosophy AS
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Prefect
Netball
*Exeter University
Business Management and
European Studies*



ROBIN PACKER

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*Royal Holloway
Geology*



VICTORIA PATTERSON

History, Business Studies, English
Gold D of E, Music Prize for Progress
1st XI Hockey
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1st VII Netball, 1st XI Hockey, Senior
Rounders Team Captain
*Leeds College of Art and Design
Fashion Design*



TOM ROBINSON

Art, Theatre Studies, CDT
Rugby, Football, Basketball



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ICT, Business Studies AVCE
Prefect,
Roberts Games House Captain
2nd XV Rugby Captain, 1st XI Hockey
*Oxford Brookes
Business and Management*



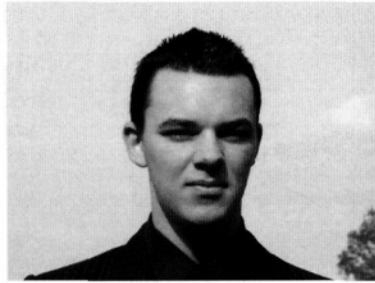
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Art, Textiles, Theatre Studies, English
House Monitor
1st XV Rugby, 3rd XI Football
*Canterbury Christ Church
Art and Psychology*



TATIANA SONIC

AVCE Business Studies, Chemistry,
Mathematics, French
Young Enterprise Award
Prefect, Old Poplars and
Todmans House Monitor
Netball
*Oxford Brasenose College
Economics and Management*



JOSH STEEPLES

Art, Theatre Studies, Textiles,
GCSE Photography
Todmans and Pengelly House Monitor
Rugby, Football, Swimming, Athletics
De Montford University



BEN THOMPSON

Business Studies, History, ICT, Ethics
and Philosophy
Hunter essay prize
House Monitor
Tennis, Badminton, Basketball,
Cricket, Rugby, Hockey
*London Goldsmiths
Computing and Information Systems*



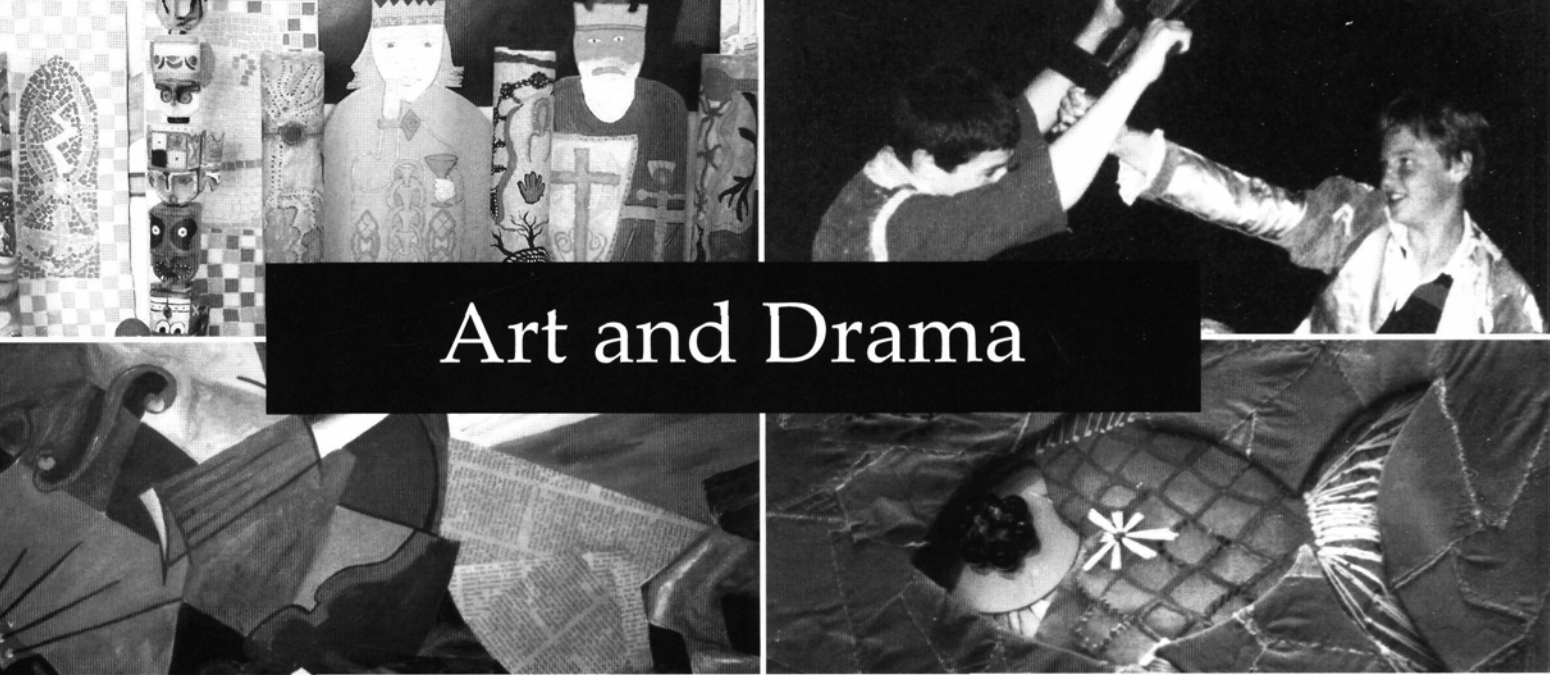
LEE WEBB

AVCE Business Studies, ICT
2nd XI Football



TEES WONG (TAI YING)

Business Studies, ICT, Mathematics,
Chinese
Mathematics Prize
Prefect, Old Poplars House Monitor
Netball
*Manchester University
Management Studies*



Art and Drama

A DRAMA OUTING –

'His Dark Materials'

As we pulled out of Bethany Drive, my friend Rachel and I began discussing what we expected the play to be like. I had already read the books and enjoyed them but I was unsure whether the play would do them justice. My main thought was whether it would look 'real' as the story itself is very imaginative, or could easily be made to look that way. However, I have to say the play was better than I imagined it would be. The problem of realism was overcome by the use of these fantastic sets that would come out of the floor or down from the ceiling!

The thing I found most surprising about the play was the age of the actors. Instead of children being cast to play Lyra and Will, the actors were adults! This was bizarre at first but the parts were so well acted it didn't take much time to get used to it.

Talking to people afterwards it came to my attention how many people found it difficult to follow; as I had already read the books, I knew what was happening throughout. When I looked back upon the play I realise that perhaps it was a bit like trying to cram as much story as possible into two hours. I don't understand why they decided to split the trilogy into two plays instead of just having three plays of the same length.

Overall I was very pleasantly surprised with the play and I hope that Mr Hart Dyke will take us to see the sequel.

Emily Bishop, Lower Sixth

ART AND DESIGN

The numbers opting to study the subject to GCSE Level and beyond continue to grow and this year we have seen some extremely talented students at the top of the School.

The addition of A/S Textiles has enhanced the scope of what pupils can achieve and we have had to find new accommodation to house



this rapidly expanding aspect of the subject.

The Junior Years groups have also been very busy and much of their work could be seen at the recent Parents Day Exhibition.

Year 10 spent a day at Kew Gardens researching natural forms. Year 11 visited the National Portrait Gallery. Textiles and Photography students have been to Paris to see the photographs of Sophie Calle and 'Architectures non Standard' at the Pompidou Centre. Former Bethany pupils Ben Edwards and Sophie de Vries, currently studying Photography and Textiles at University have returned to discuss their work. Other visits have been made to see the work of Ann Sutton, Ossie Clark and Vivienne Westwood and Vicky Danville, Arts officer at KCC, has been to the School to talk about her work in textiles. The photographers have also visited Foredown Tower, a *Camera Obscura* in Brighton.

Left and below: Art exhibition on Parents' and Reunion day



Art and Pottery Club have continued to thrive and we are indebted to Mrs Sian Newman for making Craft Club another popular Friday afternoon option.

DRAMA

The winter term was, as usual, a frantic period of activity in the drama department as rehearsals for *Westenders*, Bethany's review of all that is great in the West End came to a head. Both nights were sell-out performances but, as ever, the gala night on Friday was really special. Guests dined on excellent cuisine and sipped wine while entertained by songs including 'I'll do anything' from *Oliver* performed by Georgie Bishop and Alex Leipold, 'Consider Yourself' by Brooke O' Halloran and Polly Startin and two songs from *Annie* sung by Elfriede Kormawa and Bianca Green. Lisa Anne Norfolk also delighted the audience with a number from *Les Misérables*. Dance numbers included a cappella/dance version of 'Hey Big Spender' from the musical *Fosse* performed by Abby Jackson and co. and two numbers from *Chicago*, 'Cell Block Tango' and 'All That Jazz'. The evening's entertainment was punctuated by scenes from *Blood Brothers* which gripped the audience as it led them through the events until the dramatic final scene when Mickey, played by Hal Shaw and Eddie played by Tom Kirkby die together in a hail of bullets, after living their lives unaware of the fact that they are twin brothers. Eddie's adoptive mother was played by Nichola Hughes Mickey's mother was played with real authenticity and emotion by Sophie Nowne and the role of the narrator was shared between Harry Turpin and Nick Tyrrell. A spectacular number from the musical *Mama Mia* led by Charlie and Frankie Sheldrake rounded off the evening. Miss Mason and myself were extremely proud of all who took part and were especially grateful to William Lester and Aaron Sidwell for running the sound and lighting so professionally. We would also like to thank Mrs Startin (co-choreographer and co-director) and Mrs Bailey (food and drink) again for making the gala evening the sumptuous affair that it was.

Georgie Bishop, who has played a huge part in dance and drama productions since joining Bethany said this about the show:

"Last December, the drama and dance department decided to do something a bit different. Instead of the normal choreographed dance routines, Miss Mason, Miss Abbott and Mrs Startin put on 'Westenders'. This show was a mixture of allsorts from the musicals, ranging from *Blood Brothers* to *Chicago*. Solo performances set the standard for an amazing show, which was then met again by the dancing. An a cappella version of 'Hey big spender' and other big show numbers were tremendously put together by Miss

Mason and her team of dancers. Meanwhile Miss Abbott was also busy working the drama side of the show. A shortened version of *Blood Brothers* was cleverly weaved in between the numbers. And, of course, we could never forget the work Miss Startin did for us. From the costumes to the choreography, Miss Startin was a vital key into ensuring the show was a success. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and with the meal that was received by the audience on the Friday night, it was unforgettable!"

The winter term was also a busy time for the Upper Sixth Theatre Studies group as they prepared their devised piece. The students must work entirely independently to create a half-an-hour long piece of theatre based on a piece of stimulus provided by the teacher. This was an article written in 1910 about an early version of a Robot constructed by an American inventor. The final piece, performed in the round, was an exploration of a world where humans and robots lived side by side but where the robots found our human ways too violent and disturbing to tolerate.

Year 11 GCSE Drama began work on their assessed performances as soon as the spring term began. This time there were three plays being rehearsed simultaneously in the Drama studio although I began relocating one of the groups each lesson to various alternative venues as they gained in confidence and became more independent.

The three plays were *Billy Liar*, *Out Of Their Heads* and *Bouncers* (1990's remix), spanning a wide range of theatre forms. *Billy*

Liar is an early piece of 'kitchen sink drama' exploring the new issues of the generation gap and youth culture that began to create divides in families in the 1950s. *Out Of Their Heads* is a hard-hitting piece and fast moving piece of Theatre-in-Education dealing with the drug culture and requiring some imaginative staging. *Bouncers* is a genre in its own right. Four performers take the audience through a night out in a typical British city where "the beer is pricey, the music pulsating, the atmosphere is intoxicating". Each actor plays a range of characters encountered on the journey including drunken girls and even drunker Scousers!

The examiner was treated to an evening of high quality entertainment. Two set changes were needed between the plays and these were achieved at high speed. I expect all who took part to achieve very high marks for this aspect of their exam and I hope that they will remember the experience with fondness as well as with amazement at the amount of hard work and commitment that is needed to make a production work.

As the GCSE groups prepared for performance the AS and A2 Theatre Studies groups were also deep into rehearsals for their practical assessments. The AS group were tackling Jim Cartwright's *The Rise and Fall of Little Voice* which required a complex set and a hugely complicated sound script. The A2 group's task for Unit 5 was to use the experience they had gained during the course to edit and direct a play in order to draw out their own interpretation of its themes. The play I chose was *The Trestle at Pope Lick Creek* by Naomi Wallace but was renamed *The Crossing* by the group as part of the process of interpretation.

The two productions were shown on the same night a few weeks into the summer term to a visiting examiner and were a real testament to the high levels of dedication and commitment each group had for their work. Both required highly disciplined performances requiring a range of skills including some fantastic singing in *Little Voice*. *The Crossing* was a meticulously crafted piece of theatre. Many audience members expressed amazement at the standard achieved by the groups.

As the year draws to a close yet more drama is being rehearsed for presentation in activities week. Mr Cullen and his merry bunch of year nines are preparing a double bill: *Melon City*, followed by an original version of *Romeo and Juliet* scripted by Mr Cullen himself and featuring the Bursar among other less well-known members of the cast. Auditions have also been held for the Christmas production of *Little Shop of Horrors* and rehearsals led by the new Head of Drama, Miss Harvey, will begin in earnest in September.



Callum Golds (A. Montague) and Oscar Mead (A. Capulet) tangle in Year 9's short version of "Romeo and Juliet"

VA

Below: J. Ferdinands, Year 8

Middle: A. Lemar, Year 9

Bottom: J. Mycock, Year 10



Top: N. Dawes, Year 11
Above: C. O., Lower 6th





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C. O., Lower 6th

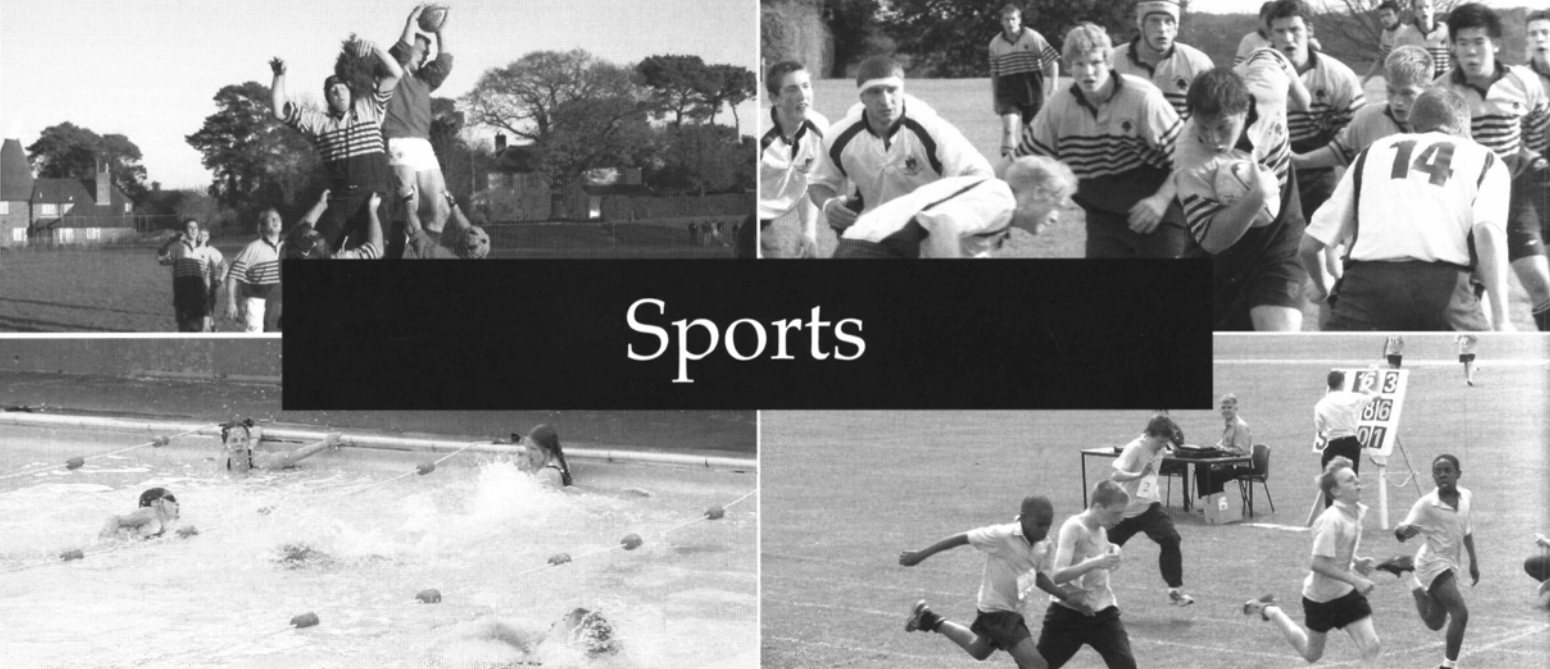
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N. Ho, Upper 6th

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D. Smith, Upper 6th



Top: A. Li, Upper 6th
Above: J. Steeples, Upper 6th





Sports

RUGBY

1ST XV

Played	Won	Lost	For	Against
8	3	5	122	185

It has been a difficult season with a delayed start due to the hard pitches. Consequently no fixtures were played at home before Half Term. The first game against King's Rochester was surprising in the fact that we were 10-3 in the lead for a large portion of the match until inexperience led to two consecutive 'sin bins'. This led us to play for twenty minutes with fourteen players, consequently losing the game 27-10. Cranbrook 2nd XV proved

we were not really ready for the contact element of the game and their experience of match play told. We were to lose 20-18 in a closely contested game. The biggest win of the season was a 50-5 against St Bedes when we showed a real dominance in the forwards and excellent direction at fly-half by Tom Danby with his boot. Sutton Valence, with their newly-acquired Sixth Form players, was a strong unit and whilst we competed very well up front, they had just too much pace around the outsiders. We were to score the last try of the game due to a period of forward dominance. Skinners were magnanimous enough to put out a side that was competitive and ensured a tight match, which we lost 12-10. The most memorable aspect of the game against Haberdasher's was

the referee being injured and my having to take over. I hoped that it was not unduly influential as we then went ahead to win 6-5. It proved to be an emotional affair occurring on the day after Anthony Clarke's tragic accident and I was not sure how the team would perform against St Lawrence College. To their credit the team played their best rugby of the season to win 13-11. I am sure Anthony would have been proud of them. The last game of the season against Duke of York's is always the most difficult and this one proved no exception. We were never really in a position to contest the result but there were times when we did string together several phases of play and one led to a try by Mark MacSmith, which seemed a fitting end to the season. Tom Robinson had a difficult



1ST XV RUGBY

BACK ROW: Luke Debnam, Tom Danby, Christopher Kenny, Simon Dowland, Dave Smith, John Coombes, Chris Charraudeau, Joseph Cheung.
FRONT ROW: Dominic Best, James Mackinnon, Ben Legatt, Tom Robinson (Captain), Thomas Cullen, Ben Blacker, Michael Biddulph.

start to the season as Captain due to injury but his influence grew as the season unfolded. Mark MacSmith proved an invaluable Deputy and he kept the side together in Tom's absence. Chris Charraudeau, Simon Dowland, Tom Cullen, Chris Kenny, Tom Danby, Ben Blacker and Joseph Cheung were particularly influential in the team's success. New boys Luke Debnam, who should be congratulated on his selection for Kent, Jamie Mackinnon, Dominic Best and Ben Leggett all gained valuable experience for the future. It is credit to the school that pupils are given the opportunity to play at any time in their development. David Smith, John-Henry Saxbury, Michael Gibbs have taken their opportunity later in their Bethany sporting life and many others would do well to follow their example rather than hiding their talents.

SQUAD: M. Gibbs, S. Dowland, T. Cullen, C. Kenny, C. Charraudeau, D. Smith, J-H. Saxby, T. Robinson, J. Mackinnon, T. Danby, B. Blacker, J. Cheung, L. Debnam, D. Best, B. Leggett, M. Biddulph, M. MacSmith, J. Coombes.
PGM

JUNIOR COLTS XV

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Against
6	1	4	1	122	108

Taking the Junior Colts results at face value, it would seem that they had a largely unsuccessful season, but if one takes a closer look at the points for and against columns the story becomes clearer. In fact the Junior Colts had a hugely successful season in terms of their performances, and the four losses they incurred to Cranbrook, King's Rochester, St Bedes and Sutton Valence were all by the margin of just one point, in games that could have quite easily gone either way.

The basis of the team's early success was the forwards' domination of the opposition, with Nathan Burnham and Callum Brewster leading the charge well. As the season progressed Callum moved in to the centres and this gave a far more solid feel to the whole of the team. William Lenanton developed well through the season at fly-half,



1st XV against Kent College

and his performance at St Lawrence in particular demonstrated that he has the potential to become a more than useful player in this position.

With thirty boys in the Junior Colts squad there was keen competition throughout the season for places, particularly in the forwards, where Tom Herman, Jonathan Holyhead, Richard Allen, and Stephen Mogan all fought well to secure themselves places for the final few games of the season.

At their best the team played some excellent rugby, with strong and direct running, good handling and aggressive tackling, highlighted best by the consistently good performances of Phil Scott at full-back. If it had not been for the odd lapse in concentration at important times in some of their games they could quite possibly have achieved an unbeaten season.

This excellent season was finished off with a thrilling game against Duke of York's, where the Junior Colts tied the game with the final play. James Farmer captained the side well and finished as top try scorer with twelve tries, but the whole squad should be pleased with a good season's efforts.

SQUAD: J. Farmer (Captain), N. Burnham, (Vice-captain), C. Golds, O. Mead, F. Harrison, T. Wooding-Jones, R. Allen, E. Ford, J. Holyhead, T. Herman, B. Evans, G. Warr, C. Brewster, S. Morgan, T. Felton-Smith, T. Tabor, J. Milligan, W. Lenanton, P. Scott, G. Whittaker, H. McTrusty, L. Pritchard, S. Griffith-Payne, T. Heath.

RJF

ANTHONY CLARKE MEMORIAL MATCH

Everyone associated with Bethany was shocked to hear of the death of Anthony Clarke last Autumn Term. He had only left Bethany as a pupil that summer and was tragically killed in a car crash. That accident left two local families bereaved at a time when they were expecting to watch their children starting their lives as young adults. Two school communities, Bethany and Bedgebury, had to grieve the loss their former pupils and extend their heartfelt sympathy to their families.

A year later, the Old Bethanians held a Memorial Match for Anthony Clarke. This seemed fitting as Rugby was a passion for



Left and above: Colts XV against Sevenoaks

him. Phil Marriot wrote this tribute to Anthony in the programme.

'So much has been said about Anthony Clarke that I do not know where to start. It is a testimony of their respect for him that many of the players today have travelled such long distances to be in this game. I would like to see this game as a celebration of his life and Bethany Rugby. It really was not that difficult to get the glittering array of Rugby talent here before you to commit themselves once they

knew what the occasion was for. Anthony typified what Bethany Rugby is all about; commitment, passion for the game and a determination to do their best whatever the circumstances. I have always called it the 'Bethany Spirit' and he had it in barrel loads. I will never forget the rugby tour to Venice and his leadership on the field. Although against much larger and often more physical players, I seem to remember him playing every single minute of all three games and always

demanding greater efforts to ensure the three victories the team achieved. When I first heard of the accident I went into denial and then shock. We were playing St Lawrence College on that afternoon and I would have cancelled the game if the opposition had not already left. The game typified all that one would expect of a Bethany Team and yes, we did win.'

The team lists read like a Hall of Fame to anyone associated with Bethany Rugby.

Ollie Rogers
James Stubbs
Steve Long
Mark Chandler
Stuart Miller
Alex Pemble
John Barnes
Tom Humphries
Alex Stevenson
David Thomas
Richard Fenech
Nigel Jenner
Chris Mitchell
Chris McArdle
Daniel Miller
Richard Stubbs
Reserve
Steve Belsham

Guy Raithby-Veall
Henry Harland
Jake Helm
David Paine
Chris Hughes
Charlie Harding
Anthony Lucas
Ross Andrew
Ollie Latty
Nick Watmough
Edwin Streeton-Smith
David Williams
Tom Robinson
George Bright
Chris Veall

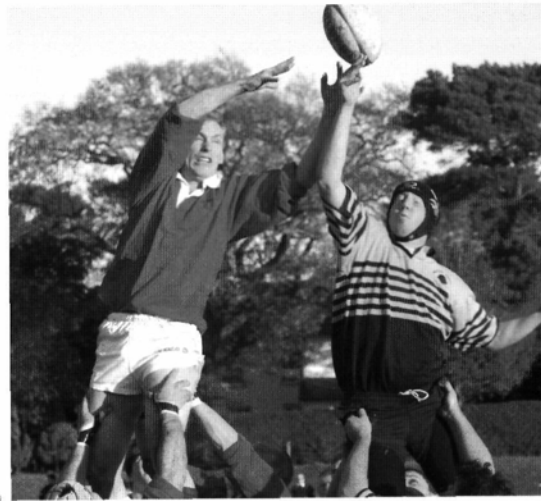


Above: Anthony Clarke

Right: Chris Veall getting a little touch during the Memorial Match

Far right: Text book kicking from Charlie Harding

Below: The good, the bad and lots of ugly





1ST XI FOOTBALL

BACK ROW: *Matthew Dawson, Dominic Best, Tom de Vries, Jack Haydon, Josh Steeples.*
 FRONT ROW: *David Booth, Nick Dawes, Chris Hall, Tom Danby (Captain), Freddy Florry, Tom Robinson, Tristan Cawte.*

FOOTBALL

1ST XI

Played	Won	Lost	drawn
9	3	5	1

This was always going to be a tough year for the 1st team, with five of the starting line-up being Year Eleven pupils and only two experienced Upper Sixth players. The season has only produced two wins but five losses. However only one of these losses was a one-sided contest, the others often came from a lack of experience and physical presence that will be developed with age.

The season began with a hard fought battle at Sutton Valence. Although the team lost 2-1, they fought back from being 1-0 down and the game could have swung either way. The next match, against Ewell Castle, was called off and we ran up against Brighton College in the Worth Cup the following week. With a weakened squad containing no Year 11 pupils we lost 4-0. The following week the side lost narrowly to St John's but bounced back from defeat with a convincing victory away at Eastbourne College, which finished 3-0. The next fixture against a strong Cranleigh team showed a real fighting spirit within the squad. After being 2-0 down, an inspired substitution bringing on Tom Robinson lifted the squad. Tom subsequently provided a last minute equaliser to huge applause and relief from his team-mates, ending the match 2-2. A hard-fought match against Box Hill could have swung either way with the lead changing throughout the match. Bethany managed to reply each time

Box Hill scored and ended up winning 4-3. The following two matches were disappointing with loses against fitter, more physical teams from Sevenoaks and Kings Canterbury. A frustrating afternoon away to Christ Hospital saw fixtures being cancelled due to a road accident leaving the teams to ponder what might have been whilst sitting on a coach for four hours. The final match of the season brought Ursuline College to Bethany. The team played extremely well scoring three times within the first half. A very physical Ursuline were able to score twice early on in the second half, which provided a very tense last few minutes of the season. Bethany held out and finished victorious, the end result being 3-2.

HALF COLOURS: T. Danby, Captain, J. Steeples, T. Cawte.

SQUAD: F. Florry, T. Cawte, C. Hall, D. Booth, J. Steeples, T. Danby, D. Best, M. Dawson, T. deVries, J. Haydon, N. Dawes, T. Robinson.

DP

2ND XI

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Against
8	3	4	1	13	15

The 2nd Team has had one of their most successful seasons in recent history. They began the season with a good 3-2 win over Sutton Valence, and they have also had good wins over St John's Leatherhead and Box Hill. The season has been characterised by a 'never say die' attitude, shown not least against Kings Canterbury, when from 2-0 down, we scored two goals in the last ten minutes to

secure a hard fought draw. Tom Cullen has captained the side well, and Michael Gibbs and Chris Kenny supported him throughout the season. The award for player of the season has to go to Hal Shaw, who produced a number of excellent performances in goal, providing the team with an excellent last line of defence.

SQUAD: Hal Shaw, Philip Day, Lee Webb, Simon Dowland, Joseph Cheung, Ben Blacker, Chris Kenny, Michael Gibbs, Tom Cullen, Jack Jones, Albon Li, Luke Wilkinson, Hamish Startin, Edward Ewer, Chris Lines.

RJF

3RD XI

Played	Lost	Won	For	Against
5	4	1	2	20

The team this year played with real heart, despite being out-played in several of the matches; they consistently maintained their efforts up until the final whistle even when they were on the end of some one-sided score lines. They were led well on the field by the captain, John Coombes, who epitomised the model of leading from the front and he was well supported by his fellow sixth form colleagues. Andrew Gausepohl had an excellent season in goal and, but for his efforts, the scores would have been more one-sided. That said, the team was not devoid of skilful players, as far as Third teams go, we were blessed this year with some players who I am sure will progress into the 'upper' teams next year. The main problem has been that the Thirds have lacked the physical size and speed to beat some of the sides we have played this year.

Though the results have been a little disappointing, the spirit has been good and they have enjoyed their matches and training, which is, after all, what the Third Eleven is all about.

SQUAD: A. Gausepohl, M. Biddulph, J. Coombes, F. Murray, B. Chambers, J. Dobson, P. Dawson, J. Jiskoot, D. Smith, W. Lester, M. Cheung.

SDB

COLTS XI

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Against
6	1	3	2	16	16

GAME ONE VS. BRIGHTON COLLEGE
The same group of Bethany players lost this corresponding fixture at under-14 level last year by eleven goals to one. Given that calamitous result, the Colts could easily have been forgiven for accepting defeat before even getting on the coach. But they didn't. Far from rolling over, they fought for their very lives from the kick off, absorbing tremendous pressure before taking an unexpected lead, twenty minutes into the game, with a Rowan Trafford 30 yard rocket. Just three minutes after going ahead, Bethany's elation was short-lived as Brighton were awarded a contentious penalty. 1-1 the score at half time. Brighton, fresh from a mauling from their coach at half time, upped their game. Bethany then switched off to allow Brighton to score three times without reply in ten minutes. Could last year's score line be returning to haunt them? Not a bit of it; this team were made of sterner stuff. Super sub Wilson found the bottom corner with a well-taken drive, and when Storey was upended in the box, Phillips duly converted the penalty to bring the score to 3-4. Now the pressure was on Brighton, and it began to tell as wave upon wave of Bethany attacks brought them ever nearer to an equaliser. Only the Brighton goalkeeper will know how he kept out three point blank shots in the space of as many minutes, but with the seconds ticking away it looked at last as if the scores would be levelled. A cross came over from the right, eluding the goalkeeper. Chow had an empty net at his mercy, but kicked at thin air! Fenton was following up, hands went on top of heads and gasps bellowed as the ball went inches past the wrong side of the post. The final whistle went, Brighton were relieved, Bethany distraught at having come so close.

GAME TWO VS. ST. JOHN'S LEATHERHEAD
The Colts produced a really determined performance against more than useful opposition, who took the lead early into the second half. Simon Hunter then produced a string of fine saves in goal to keep the Colts in the match. Bethany refused to accept defeat, and got their reward, a great equalising goal by Charles Chow. This was only second time a junior team from Bethany has got a result in this fixture; a tremendous achievement.

GAME THREE VS. SUTTON VALENCE

Virtually the entire first half consisted of chances for Bethany's strikers, but unfortunately Michael Fenton had not laced up his scoring boots! Incredibly Bethany found themselves only 1-0 up at half time; it could have been half a dozen. Sutton Valence realised this and, throwing caution to the wind took chances in defence to attack quite freely, scoring four times to Bethany's further two, thanks regrettably to some shaky defending and goalkeeping. Trafford, Phillips and Wilson were the scorers.

GAME FOUR VS. SEVENOAKS
The same groups of boys lost 7-0 at under-14 level last season, but three of the 4 goals scored by the opposition were down to some 'schoolboy errors' in defence. Rowan Trafford did well to score both of Bethany's goals, the first a thumping header from a set piece that had been practised in training. Nick Wilson and Sam Hodson both made determined debuts.

GAME FIVE VS. KING'S CANTERBURY 5th XI
A victory was long overdue, and so the formation changed to wing backs in order to strengthen the team down the middle. Patrick 'Viera' Townsend came in to make a tremendous debut just in front of the defenders. The new formation seemed to have done the trick, as Bethany took the lead through Lewis Phillips just two minutes into the game. However, they then allowed King's to come back into the game. From holding a lead they found themselves 3-1 down at half time. The response was sensational. All out attack, complete domination, great possession football and two goals from Rohan Fry and Charles Chow put them in a strong position to win the game. In the final minute Rowan Trafford was unceremoniously fouled from behind when about to shoot, surely a penalty? Alas the strong appeals were rejected and the Colts were left waiting for that elusive victory.

GAME SIX VS. BOX HILL
At last, it all came together. Box Hill's sole threat came from a lanky French striker but the three Bethany centre backs, in particular Michael Blacker, marshalled him so well that he was substituted early in the second half. Jamie West, now a regular in the team, showed what strides he has made this season, whilst Simon Hunter, in goal, marshalled his defence well and showed excellent communication skills. Yet again the Colts scored from a set piece, Charles Chow crashing a header in from 15 yards. Karl Storey produced a sublime finish from fully 30 yards, yet perhaps the sweetest moment was left to the very end. Aaron Sidwell was released by a midfielder with an intelligent pass. As an overlapping wing back on the right, he found himself in space. Advancing beyond the opposition back four he put an inch perfect cross onto the head of Lewis 'Scholes' Phillips, who was not going to miss from 10 yards. A wonderful flowing goal capped a magnificent performance.

The final two games were cancelled, which was a shame as the Colts were becoming a

formidable outfit. Congratulations to Karl Storey, Rowan Trafford and Michael Fenton who made debuts for the 1st XI in the last game of the season. It seems remarkable that at the end of the season the Colts had only won one fixture. Without exception they worked well in training and the B squad deserve a mention for providing such tough opposition in practice matches. Well done, to all.

SCORERS:

Phillips	5
Trafford	4
Chow	3
Wilson	2
Storey	1
Fry	1

SQUAD: M. Blacker, C. Chow, M. Fenton, R. Fry, S. Hodson, S. Hunter, A. Lamptey, J. McConnochie, L. Phillips, A. Sidwell, K. Storey, R. Trafford, J. West, N. Wilson.

AAK

JUNIOR COLTS

Played	Won	Lost
5	1	4

Although the final statistics are less than flattering, there were some good performances scattered through the term, the highlight being the 5 - 1 demolition of Sutton Valence.

Several players have shown considerable potential for the future, but none more so than James Farmer in goal whose command of the job and athleticism made him a regular man of the match. Others have also shown that with time and effort they will develop into good Colts players next season among them William Lenanton as an attacking midfielder, Angus Todd on the wing, David Copeland at left back and Nathan Burnham up front.

SQUAD: C. Brewster, N. Burnham, C. Bush, B. Evans, J. Farmer, T. Felton-Smith, S. Griffith-Payne, T. Heath, T. Herman, T. Hutchings, W. Lenanton, S. Mogan, P. Scott, A. Todd, G. Whitaker

PN

CRICKET

1ST XI

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
8	1	4	3

This year the Summer Term's cricket programme was somewhat curtailed by the weather, five matches in total were lost to the weather. That said though the season has been a reasonably successful one, not in terms of the results but more in the individual performances of the players. I have to say that with no upper sixth form players in the squad I did not expect to see the team win or even draw any matches. However I have been surprised each time the boys have played this year; they have consistently played at a level beyond my predictions. This came about not as a result of the established players performances so much as the efforts

of the Year Eleven and newer players. The lower end of the batting order has at times shown real courage and grit when they have had to bat for a draw against hostile and accurate bowling. For this they have earned my respect. I am looking forward to the 2005 season with some interest I believe that the team will be very competitive next year.

The Duke of York's Military School

(40 over match, Home)

Lost by 8 wickets.
D. Booth 21
D. Booth 2-21

Having been put into bat the first team got away to the worst of starts losing Tom Danby in the first over of the match. The loss of one of our leading batsmen so early set the tone for the match. With only two players making double figure in the innings we were way short of a competitive score. The innings closed with the team only making 59 runs off the bat. The total with extras achieved was 86.

In the field we fared better, we took an early wicket but despite some good bowling from Freddie Florry and David Booth the opposition batsmen reached 87 for only two wickets.

Cranbrook School 2nd XI

(Timed match, Away)

Match drawn.
H. Shaw 20
J. Dobson 5-22
D. Booth 2-32

Cranbrook batted first and put on a modest total of 120 mainly due to an excellent performance from the Bethany bowlers with James Dobson leading the attack.

In reply, our batting was once again somewhat fragile with the order being swept away in fairly short order up until Hal Shaw, Dominic Best, Fergus Murray and the lower order came in. They hung on in for a creditable draw with the fearsome Ollie Reynolds (Kent U17 bowler and brother of Old Bethanian Tom) steaming in at them.

Battle Abbey (35 overs, Home)

Won by 46 runs
D. Booth 35
E. Florry 4-12

Bethany won the toss and batted first. The batsmen again did not fair well only four players managed double figures in the whole innings, which was a worry considering the quality of the Battle Abbey bowling attack. However the team managed a total of 117 all out.

Things improved in the field with Freddie Florry finding some form with the ball. He cut through the batsmen with an excellent display of bowling, getting his four wickets in only three overs. In the end our attack proved to be too good for the opposition batsmen and Bethany won at a canter.

Harvey Grammar School

(Timed match, Home)

Match drawn.
E. Florry 45 not out
F. Murray 5-43

Harvey Grammar batted first and looked to be going along well at 72 for 1 until the Bethany skipper called for Fergus Murray to bowl. Many, including the coach, were surprised at this bold move. Fergus who had not bowled before in a match put in a great performance, bowling straight and getting a little swing he claimed 5 wickets for 43 runs. Batting on after tea, the Harvey Grammar batsmen managed 151 before they were bowled out.

In reply, Bethany got off to a slow start but in reality were never given enough time sensibly to chase the runs in the time left after Harvey batted beyond the tea interval. In the end we finished 96 for 3. A solid batting performance.

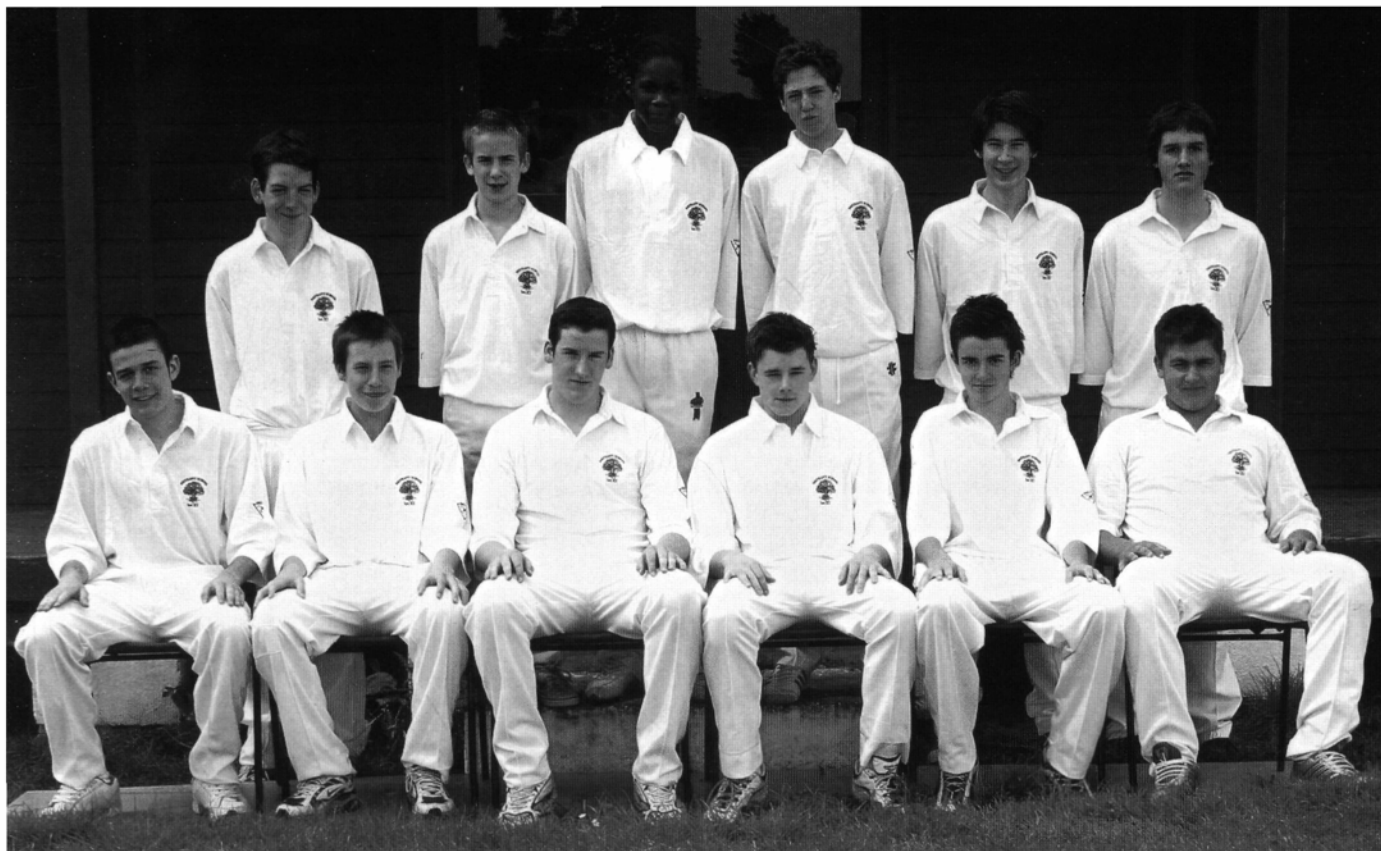
Skinners School

(35 overs, Home)

Lost by 7 wickets.
T. Danby 55
F. Florry 2-14

Batting first turned out to be a mistake, Skinners made inroads into our batsmen right from the start and didn't let Bethany into the game. The only batsman to make double figures was Tom Danby with a good looking 56. The other batsmen all did their best to support him but in the end the innings was wrapped up by some excellent bowling by the Skinners attack.

Bethany bowled well in general but dropped some important catches that allowed the opposition to cruise home in 18 overs with seven wickets in hand.



1ST XI CRICKET

BACK ROW: Luke Hunter, Luke McGrath, Dominic Best, Bertie Chambers, Alex Marks, David Booth.
FRONT ROW: Hal Shaw, Freddie Florry, Chris Hall, Tom Danby, James Dobson, Hamish Startin.

CRICKET WEEK

Old Boys

Cricket week began with real gusto and in line with tradition, the school allowed the Old Boys to bat first. This turned out to be a bruising experience, despite picking up the wicket of Ray Richards in the first few overs. The Old Boys amassed a score of 235 for 5 before tea. Tim Golds and George Bright led the Old boys batting with 66 and 81 retired respectively. The performance of the Old Boys was excellent and a credit in a lot of ways to the school's good sporting history. The only bowler to enjoy any real success was Freddie Florry who finished with figures of 4-48.

Batting proved to be an easier task than the first team had expected and at last the batting line up came up trumps. Almost all of the batsmen played a part in supporting Chris Hall who played a real captain's innings scoring 81. Even last minute substitute Toby Elliot-Poxon who is not known for his cricketing ability did his bit getting a run from the few balls he survived! In the end the First Eleven lost the match despite getting 180 runs their highest score of the year.

XL Club

As a member of the XL Club I always look forward to the visit of my playing colleagues. The Forty Club players give up time to play matches in schools throughout the Summer in an attempt to educate children in the right attitudes and approaches to cricket. The games are usually highly supported and our boys always look forward to the challenge. This year turned out to be an excellent match. Following their bruising defeat last year the XL Club were looking for revenge. They batted well and set a challenging target of 214-6 declared. The match saw son bowling to father. David Booth had the opportunity to bowl at his dad but was unable to take his wicket. The wickets were shared around but James Dobson took 3-34, in what was a fair bowling and fielding performance.

In reply the Bethany team showed some grit, they lost Freddie Florry to an excellent piece of wicket keeping, he was stumped for a duck. Soon after, the other opener, David Booth lost his wicket for two runs. What then happened was a real treat to watch. Tom Danby and Chris Hall both played beautifully and scored half centuries set up the chance for the lower order batsmen to play for the draw. Hal Shaw, Dominic Best and Fergus Murray then set about seeing the side home to a well earned draw.

MCC

In the years that I have run the First Eleven this match always causes me the most worry, the MCC always field a strong side and play hard. As a result the chances of our team's weaknesses being exposed publicly are always high. As it turned out I need not have worried overly. As has happened in past years the school side raised their game on the day.

The MCC batted first and set a very competitive score of 185 for 7 declared. The Bethany bowling attack was at its best, all of the bowlers bowled a consistent line and

length. It was this that in the main led to the modest total set by the MCC. Wickets were shared around; David Booth, Hamish Startin and James Dobson took two wickets each and Freddie Florry took one, though he was probably the pick of the bowlers on the day.

Bethany's reply got off to the best of starts, with Freddie Florry and David Booth leading the way with 65 and 50 respectively. At the commencement of the last twenty overs it looked like Bethany were on for the first victory against the MCC in the history of the matches here. Unfortunately the wily bowling of the opposition attack however caused real problems for the batsmen and when Freddie and David finally perished, the other batters really could do little to stay up with the scoring rate. As a result our next few batsmen lost their wickets to rash shots. In the end though the game finished a draw with Bethany finishing up with 159-5. Overall a good performance. If one other batsman had got a start the result may well have been so different.

In closing, the team have again been a credit to the school; they have played with real heart and have been very sporting on and off of the field. The captain Chris Hall has led by example and has been impressive as a result. He has not had the strongest of teams and this can be very difficult for a captain, he and his teammates have not let this worry them and they have pulled together when there has been a need.

Prep School Six-a-side Tournament

This event is run on the Thursday of cricket week every year; we invite seven prep schools to take part in an annual tournament that includes a Bethany U13 side. This year saw; Yardley Court, Sevenoaks, Dulwich College, Bickley Park, Marlborough House and St Michael's Otford. I have to say that the standard of the teams' play and sportsmanship was of the highest quality and I was left marvelling at the ability of some of the teams and players present. In fact, even with our two Sussex County players, Edward Davies and Freddie Florry in the side, the opposition outclassed us. Despite some determined effort by the Bethany team they could only manage sixth place. In the end Yardley Court won the top spot after comfortably beating Dulwich College Prep School in the final. Sevenoaks retained the Plate. The day was a huge success; many parents of the visiting schools attended and commented on the picturesque location and quality of the day. Let us hope that we can encourage some of those talented individuals to choose Bethany in year nine.

The success of the day was in no small part due to the members of staff that helped out umpiring and through the excellent work of Richard Ferley who organised the whole day. To those people I give thanks. I will personally miss Richards efforts, expertise and assistance next year.

Lastly I must thank the efforts of the staff running teams for me this term and in particular personal thanks should go to Ray Richards for his efforts putting together the Old Boys' Team.

BATTING AVERAGES

Name	Games	Inns	Runs	N/O	Avg	50	100	Ducks
Hall	8	8	162	1	23.14	2	0	1
Booth	8	8	157	0	19.63	1	0	0
Danby	8	8	152	1	21.71	2	0	1
Florry	8	8	127	1	18.14	1	0	1
Best	5	5	50	2	16.67	0	0	1
Shaw	5	5	36	0	7.2	0	0	1
Murray	6	5	35	2	11.67	0	0	1
L. Hunter	6	4	25	1	8.33	0	0	0
Dobson	7	5	23	1	5.75	0	0	2
Chambers	4	4	21	2	10.5	0	0	0
Startin	5	4	18	0	4.5	0	0	1
Withers	2	2	7	1	7	0	0	0
S.Hunter	1	1	2	0	2	0	0	0
McGrath	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Elliot-Poxon	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Marks	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	3

BOWLING AVERAGES

Name	Overs	Runs	Wkts	5WH	Econ	S-R	Ave
Florry	72	215	13	0	2.99	33.23	16.54
Dobson	49	232	12	1	4.73	24.5	19.33
Booth	79	333	10	0	4.22	47.4	33.3
Murray	11	61	5	1	5.55	13.2	12.2
Startin	10	28	3	0	2.8	20	9.33
L. Hunter	10.4	69	2	0	6.47	32	34.5
Hall	13	98	1	0	7.54	78	98
Shaw	5	44	1	0	8.8	30	44
S. Hunter	1	4	0	0	4		
Best	1	11	0	0	11		
Marks	1	10	0	0	10		
McGrath	2	14	0	0	7		

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<http://bethanysch.play-cricket.com/home/home.asp>

UNDER 15 XI

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
3	0	2	1

The U15 team were only able to play three matches this season with poor weather calling a couple of games off. The team started the season with a winning draw against Cranbrook. This was to be their best performance of the season. Bethany scored 130 runs for 4 wickets with A. Marks scoring 36 and M. Dawson scoring 22. A strong bowling performance by our bowlers enabled us to take wickets throughout Cranbrook's innings. R. Trafford bowled superbly taking 4 wickets. The match was to be decided in the last over with Cranbrook needing 7 runs to win. They managed to score 6 runs, which meant a winning draw for Bethany. Unfortunately it seemed that the team were not able to bounce back from the disappointment of not winning the first match. In the second match St Bede's posted a score of 173, and while there was some resistance from C Perry scoring 50, no other batsmen could stay at the crease long enough to catch St Bede's score. The last match of the season saw a depleted U15 squad, with many players on a Duke of Edinburgh expedition. We travelled to Harvey Grammar who were able to score 106 for 5 wickets. This seemed a reasonable target to chase however the only batsman worthy of a mention was C. Cook with 42 not out. Bethany were eventually bowled out for 93.

SDB

SQUAD: L. Barrett, W. Barsley, C. Cook, R. Fry, S. Hunter, J. Langley-Hunt, R. Perry, L. Phillips, A. Sidwell, C. Trafford, J. West, N. Wilson, H. Withers (Captain), M. Dawson.

DP

UNDER 13 XI

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
3	3	0	0

The Under 13 Cricket Team have had a very successful season, and this has been mainly due to the hard work they have put in both during the season and before the season started in Winter training. Unfortunately, mainly due to the weather, the team has only had three games, against St Ronan's, Harvey Grammar School and Vinehall, but all three matches resulted in Bethany wins.

Against St Ronan's we batted first and score 142 all out, with the main contributors being Michael Churchill, Freddie Hulbert and Daniel Helesfay. We then produced a very good team bowling and fielding effort to reduce St Ronans to 45 all out. In our second match Harvey Grammar School batted first, and Freddie Hulbert claimed a wicket with the first ball of the match. Another good effort saw the opposition bowled out for 59, and then Bethany reached their target with only 2 wickets down and plenty of overs to spare. In their final game Bethany batted first, and reached 151-9 declared, with Michael Churchill scoring the season's only half-century. They then shared the bowling around well and reduced the opposition to 116-8 in their 30 overs.

Michael Churchill topped the batting averages with 109 runs at an average of 54.5, backed up well by Freddie Hulbert (54 runs @ 27) and Daniel Helesfay (24 runs @ 24). However, it was the bowlers who were most consistent with Daniel Helesfay picking up 8 wickets at 4.75 runs per wicket, Edward Davies with 5 wickets at 4.8 runs per wicket and Freddie Hulbert taking 4 wickets at 5.75 runs per wicket.

RJF

JUNIOR COLTS XI

Played	Lost
5	5

Although sadly, there have been no victories to report, flashes of individual brilliance do give cause for optimism. The side saved their best performance until the last match of the season against a strong Skinners Under 15 team. Fielding first in a twenty over match, the visitors were all out for 122, which included four wickets in one over for Rowan Trafford. Charlie Bush is on a hat trick with his first ball of next season as he took two wickets with consecutive balls to end the Skinners innings. Against a strong pace attack, Bethany did well to reach 95 for 8 at the close, Ed Davies hitting an impressive 47 not out against players at least two years older than him. Other highlights of the season have included consistently gutsy batting displays from Chris Hall, P Scott's 4 for 7 against Cranbrook, followed by 3 for 15 against Harvey Grammar School. I wish the squad well next year.

SQUAD: N. Burnham, C. Bush, E. Cooper, E. Davies, J. Farmer, E. Ford, C. Hall, F. Harrison, F. Hulbert, T. Hutchings, W. Lenanton, J. Milligan, L. Pritchard, A. Scott, A. Todd, H. Turpin.

PN

CURTISDEN STROLLERS REPORT 2004

Performances

Batting	Runs
Ferley, R.	288
Brown, S.	168
Winner, M.	86
Paine, D.	69
Crafter, P.	55
Marriott, C.	49
Khan, A.	47

Bowling	Wickets
Ferley, R.	6
Hollman, C.	6
Khan, A.	6
Crafter, P.	5
Winner, M.	4
Brown, S.	3
Hollman, M.	3

Fielder	Catches
Crafter, P.	4
Ferley, R.	2
Paine, D.	2

At time of writing there was one match to go against the touring Canbashers, where hopefully the Strollers will repeat last year's victory to make the season an even one in terms of wins against losses. Nets were well attended during the spring term, indeed on one evening some 10 players were present, surely a sign of the dedication, enthusiasm and commitment to the cause!

With such anticipation it was very disappointing to have the first two games cancelled due to rain. And so to East Sutton, our first opponents, who batted first and put on a challenging score of 144. With most of the Strollers having played no cricket since March, our batting was rusty and we struggled to 102 in our 20 over. Blantyre Prison Guards were next, and our very own Mickey Winner had reassured us that they weren't up to much. Unfortunately nor was the Strollers batting, Carnage top scoring with 19 and Tiff chipping in with a useful 15 not out late on. Though briefly the opposition faltered, they held on to inflict a second defeat against a shell-shocked Strollers outfit.

Going on tour without a win is always a bit of a worry, so when Chippenham won the toss and batted (for a long time) to reach 184, it looked as though the best outcome would be a draw. However, openers Brown and Ferley had other things on their mind, and two hours later the Strollers had secured a remarkable 9 wicket victory, Richard scoring a dominating 122 not out and Brown playing the supporting role with a dogged 48. Credit too, to Richard for taking 3 wickets and to Tiph for an excellent bowling spell where he took 2 wickets for only 10 runs. Cromwell Crafter will remember the match for taking four

catches, whilst all enjoyed the banter of former skipper Daniel, who made a guest appearance and kept wicket.

Our second tour match was also an eventful one, against Salle and Reephram. Batting first, at one point the Strollers were reduced to 4 for 4, before the opposition skipper made some generous bowling changes and before Steve Brown got to the wicket. An hour and a half later, Steve had 104 not out to his name (hitting a six off the last ball to get there) and the Strollers had scored an imposing 184. Special mention to Lindsay 'Aussie' Hermes, who contributed 1 (yes – one!) to a ninth wicket partnership of 31 to prevent an eager Claire from getting to the wicket. Many thanks to Jo Keenan who set up the accommodation for the tour at the Norwich Sports Village, and to Richard Ferley who organised both our tour and season's fixtures.

Returning from tour unbeaten, hopes were high against Conghurst. Batting first the Strollers scored 114, with Pete 'Noggers' Norgrove announcing his return to the team by scoring an unbeaten 37. Richard also chipped in with a quick fire 30. But for batsman Ditton, that may have been enough, for he scored a breezy 43 to see the visitors home with 3 overs to spare. Cromwell bowled especially well taking 3 wickets for only 14 runs in a four over burst.

At this point the Strollers had still not won a 20 over match, and captain Carnage was under pressure. Vice-captain Ferley eased this against the My Lords XI, with a scintillating 99 not out. David Paine mirrored part of this knock with a quick 20. A total of 150 proved too much for the visitors, who reached 95 in reply. Both the Hollman bowlers returned excellent figures; Tiph only giving away 1 run off his 2 overs, Mike only 9 runs off 3 overs.

Frustration followed as two matches were cancelled, so a hastily arranged match against the Bethany 1st XI was played out in the final week of term. Batting first, the boys found their form to score an imposing 174. All the bowlers suffered, but none more so than Carnage who was dealt with severely in the final over. Ray Richards, who played several times, found the ball followed him around the field and commented how stiff he was the day after. In reply Mickey Winner scored a hearty 86 and Chris Marriott 39, to leave the Strollers needing 'only' 10 to win off the last over. 5 balls later Carnage came to the crease needing to hit a six to draw, but could only manage to hit the ball skywards. The boys celebrated a victory in a really thrilling match.

Vice-captain Ferley will be sorely missed next year and I would like to thank him for many years of significant contribution to the team. Many thanks also to staff who played at least once; Chris Fisher, Mike Briggs, Fiona McDonald, Fiona Johnson and in particular Claire Lindsay who was always willing to step in at the last minute. The season had started with an intention to get as many staff as possible involved; seven games later, with 18 players having appeared, I believe it was mission accomplished. Stroll on!

Season Summary

East Sutton (H)	lost by 42 runs
Blantyre Guards (H)	lost by 5 wickets
Chippenham (Tour)	won by 9 wickets
Salle & Reepham (Tour)	won by 44 runs
Conghurst (H)	lost 5 wickets
My Lords XI (H)	won by 55 runs
Bethany 1st XI (H)	Lost by 4 runs

Appearances

Briggsy, Brown, Johnners, Fishy, Tiff, Welshman, Noggers, Macca, Claire, Aussie, Cromwell, Mirrorman, Mickey, Chris, Mike, Raymundo, Teddy, Carnage.

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BOYS HOCKEY

1ST XI

Unfortunately, due to call offs because of the weather and other teams letting us down at the last minute the 1st XI only played one fixture this season. This was an away game against a strong St Bedes side, who looked like they would dominate in the first half, scoring three early goals. To the team's credit however they fought hard in the second half and drew this half 1-1. It was a shame that on the back of this the team did not have more games to continue to develop their performance. The team was well led by Tom Cullen in the centre of midfield. Most of this seasons' squad will still be at School for next season, and if they continue to develop their play, the future looks bright.

SQUAD: Jamie Mackinnon, Hal Shaw, Hamish Startin, John-Henry Saxby, Chris Perry, Tom Cullen (Captain), Edward Ewer, Dominic Best, Max Prior, Harry Withers, Lee Barrett, Alexander Marks, Philip Scott, James Milligan.

RJF

UNDER 15 XI

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
4	2	1	1	14	9

This has been a relatively successful season for the Under 15's with a number of good performances. The midfield four of Chris Perry, Max Prior, Harry Withers and Lee Barrett showed a good deal of skill throughout and were particularly impressive in their attacking play. For the side to perform to their full potential however, they will need to develop their defensive awareness. A number of players in this squad have shown that they have the ability to do well, and they should all be pushing for First Team places next season. Jamie Milligan, Hamish McTrusty, Charles Bush and Philip Scott should also be congratulated on some excellent performances playing up a year group.

SQUAD: Craig Weir, Chris Perry, Max Prior, Harry Withers, Lee Barrett, Jamie Miligan, Philip Scott, Michael Fenton, Ben Townsend, Charles Bush, Alex Nelson, Oscar Mead, Hamish McTrusty.

RJF

UNDER 13 XI

Played	Won	Lost	For	Against
8	0	8	3	25

The Under 13 Squad packed a lot of games in to just half a term and this left little time for them to practise their skills and really develop their play. However, the experience they have gained from these matches will be invaluable in their development as they progress through the school. When the team worked hard together for each other and supported each other, they proved both to themselves and the opposition that they had the ability to do well. However, on too many occasions this teamwork was lacking. As most of this squad move through to the Under 14 squad next year they must remember to focus on the positive side of their play, as they have proved that they have a great deal of potential to do well.

SQUAD: Daniel Hellesfay, Josh Townsend, Harry Dainty, Edward Davies, Alex Pocock, Joseph Dougan, Alex MacGinty, Charlie MacGinty, Freddie Hulbert, Michael Churchill, Luke Jones, Sam Depeol-Wood.

RJF

GIRLS HOCKEY

1ST XI

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Against
14	4	9	1	10	36

With a few players from last season, the 1st XI have struggled to score goals. They have played well in defence and the skills of goalkeeper, Victoria Harmer, have prevented the opposition from scoring even more goals against us. Naomi Clark, the captain, and Gemma Blacker have worked tirelessly in midfield. One of these three have frequently been named player of our team, in the Weald of Kent League matches on a Wednesday. Claire Dawson has run fast in attack but has been unable to turn chances into goals. Despite all the losses their spirit has not been diminished and they must be congratulated on this.

FULL COLOURS: G. Blacker, N. Clark, V. Harmer.
HALF COLOURS: C. Dawson, O. Reeves.

SQUAD: E. Baldwin, S. Barkas, S. Barwick, G. Blacker, P. Blackman, N. Clarke, C. Dawson, V. Harmer, A-J. Hunt, O. Reeves, A Wilde.

FMJ

UNDER 16 XI

Played	Won	Lost	For	Against
8	2	6	4	14

The U16 team has been playing in the U18 League this term. They have found this quite challenging, however, and I have been impressed with their determination and improvements throughout the season. Most impressively they have managed to hold their own against older and stronger teams. The team

has a very strong defence and mid-field but lacked the ability to add the finishing touch after a break in attack, which has often meant that very close games have not been truly reflected in the result. Katie, Anna and Emily have been a strong influence in the team, and should be commended for their efforts in all matches. Nichola Hughes has been a reliable captain of the team who has organized members effectively both on and off the pitch. I have been proud to take a team which has shown so much commitment and enthusiasm throughout the season and it was particularly pleasing to see their efforts rewarded when they won their pool at the end of the League tournament.

SQUAD: E. Bishop, C. Engelhorn, N. Carson-Parker, N. Hughes, W. Tong, A. Saunders, K. Woodward, E. Grist, F. Newman, A. Wylde, G. Bishop, S. Nowne, J. Morrissey Crouch.

FMJ

UNDER 14

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Against
10	4	5	1	14	12

SQUAD: Natalie Batt, Natasha Fitzgerald, Bianca Green, Charlotte Hall, Abigail Jackson, Elfriede Kormawa, Abigail Lemar, Charlotte Pierce, Charlotte Sheldrake, Francesca Sheldrake Hester Smart.

As a new team this year it took a while for the girls to settle into the most effective positions. They have played with both commitment and enthusiasm this season and achieved some very creditable results. This is a team with real potential and I look forward to their progress during next season.

SAB

NETBALL

1ST VII

Played	Won	Lost	For	Against
13	4	9	159	249

With a few changes in position, the team took some time to settle into their routines of play and gain confidence in their own ability. The best play of this season came from the Saturday matches against opposition such as King's Canterbury, whilst they struggled to make an impact on the Weald of Kent league, on Wednesdays. When the shooters were on form the team was a joy to watch. Olivia Reeves must be congratulated on her deft change from attack to defence. Pippa Blackman, the Captain, and Claire Dawson were able to dominate the mid court, when they were both on form at the same time. The team enjoyed their netball as the season progressed and were able to compete targets set!

HALF COLOURS: P. Blackman, C. Dawson, O. Reeves.

SQUAD: S. Barkas, G. Blacker, P. Blackman, C. Dawson, M. Reeves, O. Reeves, H. Smith.

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1ST XI BOYS HOCKEY

BACK ROW: *Philip Scott, Hal Shaw, John-Henry Saxby, James MacKinnon, Harry Withers*
FRONT ROW: *Hamish Startin, Dominic Best, Thomas Cullen (Captain), Alex Marks, Jamie Milligan.*



1ST XI GIRLS HOCKEY

BACK ROW: *Nichola Hughes, Abbey-Jane Hunt, Olivia Reeves, Gemma Blacker.*
FRONT ROW: *Sally Barwick, Emma Baldwin, Victoria Harmer, Naomi Clark (Captain), Pippa Blackman.*



1ST VII NETBALL

BACK ROW: *Olivia Reeves, Carolin Englehorn, Harriet Smith, Melanie Reeves.*
 FRONT ROW: *Gemma Blacker, Pippa Blackman (Captain), Naomi Clark.*

2ND VII

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Against
10	2	6	2	81	204

The 2nd VII have had a mixed season against some very strong opponents. They have coped well with the team changes due to fixtures clashing with the first hockey matches and through University interviews.

The team has always been extremely committed and enthusiastic and they must all be commended for their efforts throughout the season. Their overall strategic play has improved and they have the ability to control the game effectively in centre court. However, they have lacked the ability at times to feed the ball to the shooters effectively. Carolin has been a strong influence in defence and Katie has been an asset to the team with her pace and intellectual play. The team has had a thoroughly enjoyable season and has always been high-spirited in all their matches. They have been a pleasure to coach and umpire.

SQUAD: C. Englehorn, N. Clark, G. Blacker, K. Woodward, A-J. Hunt, S. Barwick, S. Nowne, W. Tong, T. Wong, E. Bishop, T. Sonic.

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UNDER 15 & 16 VII

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
U15	3	1	0	2	44	49
U16	2	1	0	1	27	21

Both teams did well this season, and there was some excellent shooting by the

shooters. All of the matches were close and they were unfortunate not to win on more than one occasion. The teams showed great dedication on the court and have started to develop their tactical play. There was some superb centre court passing by all and the attackers became much quicker at passing the ball into their attacking circle. The defenders improved throughout the season and there was some great interceptional play by Carolin Englehorn and Anna Saunders. Katie Woodward showed great assertiveness for both teams and was a key player in all of the matches. Well done!

SQUAD: Georgie Bishop, Vanessa Ferdinands, Emily Grist, Alexandra Leipold, Julia Morrissey-Crouch, Francesca Newman, Anna Saunders, Katie Woodward, Carolin Englehorn, Nichola Hughes, Sophie Nowne, Melanie Reeves, Harriet Smith, Wendy Tong, Alex Wylde.

CL

UNDER 14 VII

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
4	1	0	3	25	75

With many new players it took a goodly part of last season to find the right and most effective combinations. The girls have played well but most of the opposition were well-established teams with some very 'slick' passing and shooting. Hopefully, the girls will build on this next year and achieve a few more victories.

SQUAD: Natalie Batt, Natasha Fitzgerald, Abigail Jackson, Elfride Kormawa, Abigail Lemar, Charlotte Pierce, Charlotte Sheldrake, Francesca Sheldrake, Hester Smart

SAB

UNDER 12/13

	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against
U12	1	1	-	16	2
U13	6	2	4	48	66

This junior netball squad worked hard to develop their skills over the season. This was seen on the court in the improvement in ball skills and team playing. The whole squad deserve praise for a good season.

CL

ROUNDERS

SENIOR TEAM

Played	Won	Lost	For	Against
4	1	3	60	88

The triangle of bowler – Liv Reeves, who captained the team well, back stop – Pippa Blackman and the 1st post – Mel Reeves, worked hard this season and were successful in getting countless batters out at first base. Gemma Blacker's quick stumping at 2nd base was also successful. Claire Dawson's mid-deep fielding and catching was superb, especially her one-handed catches high in the air. The deep



SENIOR GIRLS ROUNDERS

BACK ROW: Victoria Harmer, Gemma Blacker, Abby-Jane Hunt, Melanie Reeves, Nicola Hughes, Alex Wylde.
FRONT ROW: Sophie Nowne, Claire Dawson, Olivia Reeves, Emma Baldwin, Naomi Clark.

fielders struggled with their catching and the accuracy of their throwing and this is where opposition teams took advantage and scored rounders against us. Our batting skills were not consistent but Naomi and Claire tried hard in scoring rounders and Naomi won the trophy for scoring the highest number of rounders this season.

FULL COLOURS: N. Clark, C. Dawson, P. Blackman.

HALF COLOURS: V. Harmer, G. Blacker, O. Reeves.

SQUAD: E. Balwin, G. Blacker, P. Blackman, N. Clark, C. Dawson, V. Harmer, S. Nowne, N. Hughes, A-J. Hunt, M. Reeves, O. Reeves (Captain), A. Wylde.

FMJ

U15

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Against
3	0	3	0	21	66

The U15 team have had many fixtures cancelled this term due to poor weather, and were left playing their three strongest competitors. The team often kept the score down with their excellent fielding skills, particularly with the talents of Emily Grist and Fran Newman as the deeps who have a superb accurate throw. Georgie Bishop and Katie Woodward effectively backed this up on the posts. Anna Saunders also bowled effectively throughout the matches and started to outwit the opposition in her last match with her spin bowling. The team did struggle with their

batting in all of their matches and as a result could not compete against the strong batting sides from the other schools. If they had mastered this technique then the matches would have been a lot closer.

I have thoroughly enjoyed working with this team this term and they definitely made my last term of fixtures at Bethany an enjoyable and memorable one. I wish them every success in the senior squads next year.

SQUAD: Anna Saunders, Katie Woodward, Georgie Bishop, Alex Leipold, Siddy Golan, Amy Wei, Vanessa Ferdinands, Fran Newman, Emily Grist, Julia Morrissey-Crouch.

CL

U14

Played	Won	Lost
4	3	1

The team worked well to become a cohesive unit and raised the standard of their play with each game. There has been some excellent batting, great deep throws and some slick fielding around the posts. Although each game has been competitive, the girls have played with enjoyment and good spirit.

SQUAD: N. Batt, N. Fitzgerald, B. Green, C. Hall, A. Jackson, E. Kormawa, A. Lemar, C. Pierce, C. Sheldrake, F. Sheldrake, H. Smart.

SAB

TENNIS

During the year the Senior IV have played in the BSTA winter league and the Kent Schools' competition. They had a good run in the BSTA competition, beating King's Canterbury and Archers School in the Autumn Term, but were finally defeated by Judd in February, in appalling weather conditions, at the knock-out stage. In the Kent competition we were eliminated in the first round as Skinners proved just too strong. The Year 10s played in the BSTA summer league and although there were some good individual performances the team results were not so good and we did not make the knock-out stages.

The Year 7 boys played in the Kent Schools' competition where they got a walk over in their first round. In the second round they were eliminated when they came up against some very tough opposition from Russell House

The girls played one U14 friendly match against King's Canterbury. Despite the very hot weather there were some very enjoyable rallies and matches with King's eventually winning four rubbers to two.

SQUAD -

Senior Boys: Bertie Chambers, James Dobson, Chris Hall, Jamie Mackinnon, Jan Schonfeld.

Year 10: Alex Bishop, Ben Dudek,

Abdullah Lamptey, Karl Storey.

Year 7: Sebastian Bignell, Salam Lamptey, Joshua Owusu-Afriyie, Phillip Semmens.

Year 9 Girls: Emeline Croome, Charlotte Pierce, Harriet Proud, Charlotte Sheldrake, Francesca Sheldrake, Hester Smart.

ATHLETICS WINNERS

Boys Under 13

- 100m S. Lamptey (S) 14.4
- 200m J. Owusu-Afriyie (S) 29.1
- 400m A. Newell (R) 71.9
- 800m M. Thompson (S) 3.03.3
- 1500m M. Thompson (S) 6.15.0
- Long Jump S. Lamptey (K) 4.11m
- High Jump J. Owusu-Afriyie (S) 1.22m
- Triple Jump S. Lamptey (K) 8.36m
- Shot A. Golding (S) 6.80m
- Javelin M. Churchill (S) 20.00m
- Discus J. Owusu-Afriyie (S) 17.80m

Boys Under 14

- 100m D. Grist (K) 14.5
- 200m D. Grist (K) 30.5
- 400m O. Hindle (S) 69.1
- 800m S. Ho (S) 2.43.1
- 1500m O. Hindle (S) 6.13.0
- Long Jump J. Dougan (S) 4.41m
- High Jump S. Ho (S) 1.22m
- Triple Jump R. Wells (R) 9.05m
- Shot F. Hulbert (S) 7.50m
- Javelin H. Dainty (K) 18.64m
- Discus E. Davies (R) 18.00m
- 4 x 100m Relay Roberts 62.50

Boys Under 15

- 100m J. Farmer (K) 11.5 (NSR)
- 200m J. Farmer (K) 23.66 (NSR)
- 400m P. Scott (K) 61.6
- 800m P. Scott (K) 2.35.0
- 1500m N. Burnham (R) 5.58.0
- Long Jump J. Farmer (K) 5.60m (NSR)
- High Jump N. Burnham (R) 1.33m
- Triple Jump C. Brewster (R) 9.94m
- Shot C. Brewster (R) 9.39m
- Javelin T. Herman (S) 34.55m
- Discus T. Herman (S) 29.40m

Boys Under 16

- 100m M. Fenton (R) 12.4
- 200m M. Fenton (R) 23.8 (ESR)
- 400m M. Cato (R) 63.2
- 800m K. Storey (S) 2.19.7
- 1500m K. Storey (S) 4.57.0
- Long Jump R. Fry (K) 4.30m
- High Jump R. Trafford (S) 1.45m
- Triple Jump R. Fry (K) 10.16m

- Shot R. Jiskoot (S) 10.60m
- Javelin J. McConnochie (K) 21.93m
- Discus C. Weir (R) 19.77m
- 4 x 100m Relay Roberts 53.3

Senior Boys

- 100m T. Cawte (S) 12.2
- 200m T. Cawte (S) 24.6
- 400m J. Haydon (R) 60.3
- 800m M. Dawson (S) 2.16.3 (NSR)
- 1500m M. Dawson (S) 5.00.0
- 3000m M. Gibbs (R) 12.26.0
- Long Jump D. Best (K) 5.30m
- High Jump T. Cawte (S) 1.67m
- Triple Jump D. Best (K) 12.34m
- Shot J. Mackinnon (K) 9.40m
- Javelin H. Startin (R) 30.06m
- Discus H. Startin (R) 24.50m
- 4 x 100m Relay Speakers 52.4
- 4 x 400m Relay Speakers 4.10.06

Under 15 Girls

- 100m A. Lemar (S) 15.7
- 200m F. Sheldrake (R) 34.6
- 400m H. Proud (R) 83.3
- 800m B. O'Halloran (S) 3.13.2
- 1500m C. Hall (K) 7.33.0
- Long Jump N. Fitzgerald (K) 3.54m
- High Jump C. Pierce (R) 1.28m (ESR)
- Triple Jump A. Lemar (S) 7.34m
- Shot N. Batt (S) 6.32m
- Discus F. Odumoso (K) 12.20m
- Javelin F. Sheldrake (R) 24.12m
- 4 x 400m Roberts 64.7

Over 15 Girls

- 100m A. Saunders (R) 13.9
- 200m K. Woodward (S) 28.7
- 400m C. Dawson (S) 73.4
- 800m C. Dawson (S) 3.11.8
- 1500m K. Woodward (S) 7.35.0
- Long Jump A. Saunders (R) 4.36m
- High Jump A. Saunders (R) 1.24m
- Triple Jump A. Saunders (R) 8.96m
- Shot A. Saunders (R) 7.66m
- Discus E. Grist (K) 18.20m
- Javelin K. Woodward (S) 21.87m
- 4 x 400m Roberts 61.5



SWIMMING SPORTS RESULTS

Seniors

2L Fly J-H. Saxby (R) 39.3
 4L Back B. Blacker (R) 88.2
 4L Breast T. Cawte (S) 89.9
 4L Free J-H. Saxby (R) 70.6
 Plunge
 Individual Medley B. Leggatt (S) 84.6

Intermediates

2L Fly C. Perry (S) 38.9
 4L Back R. Jiskoot (S) 71.1 (NSR)
 4L Breast R. Jiskoot (S) 80.7
 4L Free C. Perry (S) 79.6
 Plunge R. Jiskoot (S) 12.50m
 Individual Medley R. Jiskoot (S) 74.9

Juniors

4L Back E. Davies (R) 109.5
 4L Breast G. Benfield (K) 90.7
 4L Free G. Benfield (K) 82.7
 Plunge R. Hammond (S)
 Individual Medley G. Benfield (K) 102.4



SWIMMING SPORTS DAY

Junior Girls 2L Free H. Proud (R) 38.1
 Junior Boys 2L Free G. Benfield (K) 32.5
 Intermediate Boys 2L Free R. Jiskoot (S) 25.8 (NSR)
 Senior Girls 2L Free N. Clark 29.9
 Senior Boys 2L Free J-H. Saxby 29.5

Junior Girls 1L Fly
 Junior Boys 1L Fly
 Intermediate Boys 1L Fly
 Senior Girls 1L Fly
 Senior Boys 1L Fly

E. Fenner (K) 20.6
 E. Davies (R) 20.1
 R. Jiskoot (S) 14.6
 S. Nowne (K) 18.7
 T. Cawte 16.8

Junior Girls 1L Back E. Fenner (K) 22.5
 Junior Boys 1L Back E. Davies (R) 22.4
 Intermediate Boys 1L Back R. Fry (R) 17.4
 Senior Girls 1L Back G. Bishop (K) 21.9
 Senior Boys 1L Back R. Grant (R) 18.7

Junior Girls 2L Breast E. Fenner (K) 52.2
 Junior Boys 2L Breast G. Benfield (K) 46.7
 Intermediate Boys 2L Breast R. Jiskoot (S) 37.2
 Senior Girls 2L Breast S. Nowne (K) 42.2
 Senior Boys 2L Breast B. Leggatt (S) 39.9

Junior Girls 1L Free
 Junior Boys 1L Free
 Intermediate Boys 1L Free
 Senior Girls 1L Free
 Senior Boys 1L Free

H. Proud (R) 16.0
 W. Campbell (R) 15.4
 R. Jiskoot (S) 12.1 (NSR)
 G. Blacker (R) 17.0
 B. Leggatt (S) 13.4

Junior Girls Medley Roberts 84.4
 Junior Boys Medley Kiplings 86.2
 Intermediate Boys Medley Speakers 71.1
 Senior Boys Medley Roberts 66.7

Junior Girls 2L Back N. Batt (S) 45.6
 Junior Boys 2L Back G. Morgan (R) 49.8
 Intermediate Boys 2L Back R. Fry (K) 38.5
 Senior Girls 2L Back G. Blacker (R) 48.4
 Senior Boys 2L Back B. Blacker (R) 36.2

Junior Girls 1L Breast
 Junior Boys 1L Breast
 Intermediate Boys 1L Breast
 Senior Girls 1L Breast
 Senior Boys 1L Breast

H. Smart (S) 23.5
 W. Campbell (R) 21.4
 R. Jiskoot (S) 17.6
 S. Nowne (K) 19.8
 B. Leggatt (S) 17.7

Junior Girls Free Relay Roberts 73.2
 Junior Boys Free Relay Roberts 68.9
 Intermediate Boys Free Relay Speakers 62.9
 Senior Girls Free Relay Roberts 70.3
 Senior Boys Free Relay Roberts 55.8

JUNIOR SPORTS LEADERS AWARDS

This was the third year that the Junior Sports Leaders Course has run, and with over 20 pupils passing the course and a residential trip to Norfolk, was one of the most successful years. The course began with pupils leading warm ups and learning how to organise groups and a coaching session. As we progressed through the course pupils developed their leadership, planning and organisational skills

until they were able to confidently lead a lesson for themselves. On the residential trip pupils devised their own games with only a random selection of equipment provided, and the centre staff commented not only on their excellent behaviour, but also their invention. The following pupils should be congratulated on successfully completing the course:

Simon Hunter, Ben Dudek, James Applegarth, Abdullah Lamptey, Milton Cato, Lee Barrett, Sam Eloheid, Nicholas Wilson, Ben Townsend, Sam Hodson, Katie Woodward, Anna Saunders, Francesca Newman, Emily Grist, Charles Chow, Chris Perry, Georgie Bishop, Alex Bishop, Lewis Phillips, Michael Blacker, Alex Leipold, and Harry Withers.

SPORTING AND HOUSE AWARDS

THE ROY FARQUHARSON TROPHY Senior Sportsman

Tom Danby

DAMIEN JONES CUP – **John-Henry Saxby**

THE POWELL CUP Junior Sportsman – **Michael Fenton**

SENIOR SPORTSWOMAN – **Naomi Clark**

THE CLAIRE LINDSEY TROPHY – **Victoria Harmer**

THE GREEN CUP Junior Sportswoman – **Katie Woodward**

CATCHPOLE TANKARD Contributions to minority sports –

Asa Lee

AMBROSE ROGERS CUP 1st XV Captain – **Tom Robinson**

SIMON HALFHIDE CUP Most improved 1st XV player –

David Smith

TREANOR CUP Greatest contribution to 2nd XV Rugby –

John-Henry Saxby

STUBBS TROPHY Greatest contribution to Junior Rugby –

Jamie McConnochie

EVANS CUP Junior Cross-Country Winner – **Oliver Hindle**

ROWAN TINN CUP Intermediate Boys Cross-Country

Winner – **Karl Storey**

JUNIOR GIRLS RACE WINNER – **Harriet Proud**

INTERMEDIATE GIRLS WINNER – **Anna Saunders**

SENIOR GIRLS WINNER – **Claire Dawson**

C.S.C. CUP Senior Boys Cross-Country Winner –

Chris Kenny

NIGEL KIMBER CRICKET CUP 1st XI – **Tom Danby**

RAY RICHARD CUP All-Round Achievement in

Junior Cricket – **Freddy Hulbert**

JACK WHITE TROPHY Bowling Averages – **Freddy Florry**

LAWRIE MANN TROPHY Greatest Contribution to Football –

Tom Danby

TOP GOAL SCORER – **Joseph Dougan**

CHIVERS CUP Individual House Tennis Winners –

Not Awarded

JOHNSON TROPHY for Rounders – **Naomi Clark**

SCHOOL COLOURS

Full

RUGBY Tom Robinson, Chris Charraudeau, Simon Dowland.

FOOTBALL None

BADMINTON None

NETBALL None

ROUNDERS Pippa Blackman, Naomi Clark, Claire Dawson

CRICKET None

HOCKEY Victoria Harmer, Naomi Clark, Gemma Blacker

Half

RUGBY Joseph Cheung, Tom Danby, Luke Debnam, Thomas Cullen, Ben Blacker, David Smith, John-Henry Saxby, Jamie MacKinnon, Chris Kenny.

FOOTBALL Tristian Cawte, Josh Steeples, Tom Danby

HOCKEY Claire Dawson, Pippa Blackman, John-Henry Saxby, Olivia Reeves.

NETBALL Claire Dawson, Pippa Blackman, Olivia Reeves, Gemma Blacker.

BADMINTON Asa Lee.

ROUNDERS Victoria Harmer, Olivia Reeves

CRICKET Chris Hall, David Booth, Tom Danby, Freddy Florry

TENNIS None

ATHLETICS Tristian Cawte

HOUSE TROPHIES

THE JESSEL SHIELD Best House of the Year – **Roberts**

RUSSELL SHIELD Rugby Winners – **Roberts**

DE WINTON CUP Cross-Country Winners – **Roberts**

CATLING CUP Squash Winners – **Roberts**

HOUSE TROPHY Cricket Winners – **Kiplings**

WARNER CUP Football Winners – **Speakers**

NETBALL **Roberts**

BASKETBALL **Kiplings**

BADMINTON **Speakers**

ROUNDERS **Roberts**

HOCKEY **Roberts**

Athletics Trophies

OLD BOYS SHIELD for House Winners – **Speakers**

BENJAMIN WHITE CUP for Senior Boys Victor Ludorum – **Tristian Cawte**

WING CUP for Intermediate Boys Victor Ludorum – **James Farmer**

GREENHILL CUP for Junior Boys Victor Ludorum – **Dominic Grist**

SENIOR GIRLS VICTRIX LUDORUM – **Anna Saunders**

Junior Girls Victrix Ludorum – **Harriet Proud**

Willoughby Cup for Senior 100m – **Tristian Cawte**

Ford Cup for Senior 200m – **Tristian Cawte**

Frost Trophy for Senior 400m – **Jack Haydon**

Anthony Cup for Senior 800m – **Matthew Dawson**

Newham Cup for Senior 1500m – **Matthew Dawson**

Wilson Cup for 3000m – **Michael Gibbs**

Naylor Shield for Senior Javelin – **Tristian Cawte**

Burnham Trophy for Senior Discus – **Hamish Startin**

Baldock Cup for Intermediate 1500m – **Karl Storey**

Kenyon-Slaney Cup for Junior 1500m – **Oliver Hindle**

Fornden Cup for Best Performance in

Inter-School Athletics – **James Farmer**

Swimming Cups

JUNIOR (DIV III)

COLIN FELLS RECORD CUP 1 length breaststroke –

Gregory Lusted

TOBY ANDERSON CUP Individual medley –

George Benfield

HILL CUP Victor Ludorum – **George Benfield**

INTERMEDIATES

GRAHAM MAISEY CUP 4 lengths crawl – **Simon Perry**

SCOVELL CUP 4 lengths breaststroke – **Ryan Jiskoot**

COLIN FELLS MEMORIAL CUP Victor Ludorum –

Ryan Jiskoot

DAVID TUDDENHAM TROPHY – **Ryan Jiskoot**

SENIORS

CORONATION SHIELD 4,2 and 1 lengths crawl.

(1) **Ben Leggatt**

(2) **John-Henry Saxby**

(4) **John-Henry Saxby**

CHARTER TROPHY 2 lengths butterfly – **John-Henry Saxby**

RAMSEY NESEYIF CUP 4 lengths breaststroke –

Tristian Cawte

PLUNGE CUP – **NOT AWARDED**

ROBERT MULLET CUP Medley relay - **Roberts**

SENIOR BOYS VICTOR LUDORUM – **Ben Leggatt**

SENIOR GIRLS VICTRIX LUDORUM – **Naomi Clark**

JUNIOR GIRLS VICTRIX LUDORUM – **Emily Fenner**

Open

Most Records – **Ryan Jiskoot**

House Shield – **Roberts**

HOUSE COLOURS

SWIMMING Andrew Hui(K), Ben Blacker(R), John-Henry Saxby(R), Ben Leggat(S), Tristian Cawte(S).

NETBALL Abbey-Jane Hunt(K), Caroline Englehorn(K), N.Clark(R), Melanie Reeves(R), Tatiana Sonic(S).

RUGBY Dominic Best(K), Chris Charraudeau(K), Thomas Cullen(K), Josh Steeples(R), Hamish Startin(R), John-Henry Saxby(R), David Smith(S).

CROSS COUNTRY Luke McGrath(K), Sophie Nowne(K), Michael Gibbs(R), Rachael Smyth(R), Michael Biddulph(R), Luke Wilkinson(S), Tatiana Sonic(S), Sam Stutchbury(S).

BADMINTON Andrew Hui(K), Philip Day(K), William Lester(K), Emma Baldwin(K), Nicola Hughes(R), Asa Lee(S), Wendy Tong(S), Tatiana Sonic(S).

SQUASH Victoria Harmer(K), Nicholas Ho(K), Chris Kenny(R), David Booth(R) Tees Wong(S).

FOOTBALL Freddy Florry(K), Ben Blacker(R), David Booth(R), Josh Steeples(R), Chris Kenny(R), Michael Gibbs(R), Bertie Chambers(R), Tristian Cawte(S).

HOCKEY Sally Barwick(K), Emma Baldwin(K), Abbey-Jane Hunt(K), Carolin Englehorn(K), Chris Hall(K), Jamie Mackinnon(K), Nicola Hughes(R), Ben Blacker(R), John-Henry Saxby(R), Wendy Tong(S).

BASKETBALL Andrew Hui(K), Ryan Chan(K), Simon Dowland(K), Andrew Gausepohl (S), David Smith(S), Albon Li(S).

TENNIS None

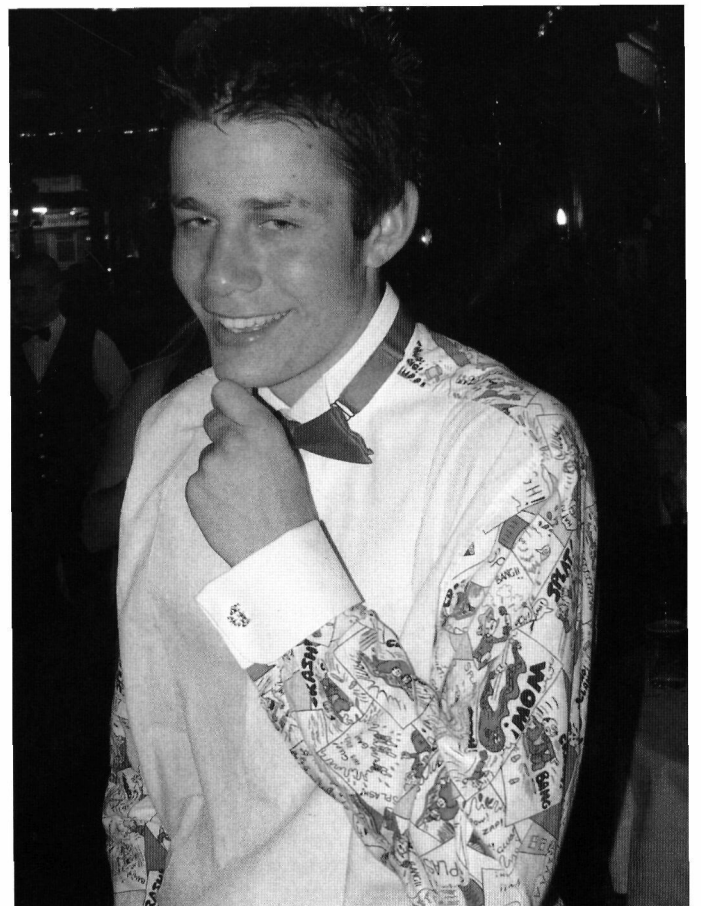
ATHLETICS Dominic Best(K), Sally Barwick(K), Michael Gibbs(R), Susie Barkas(R), Tom Robinson(S), Hal Shaw(S).

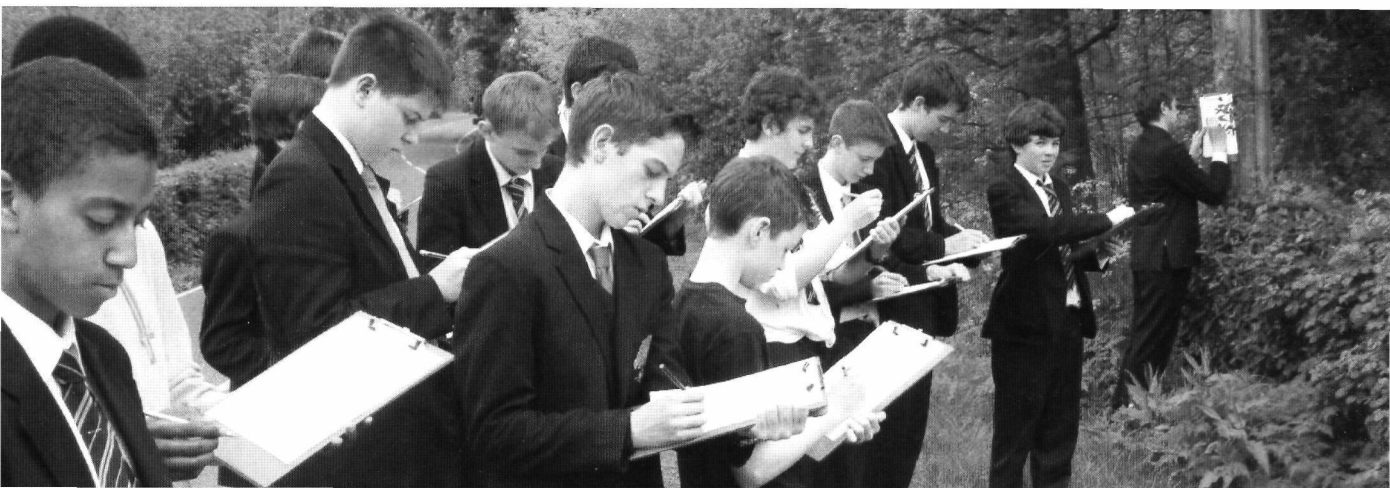
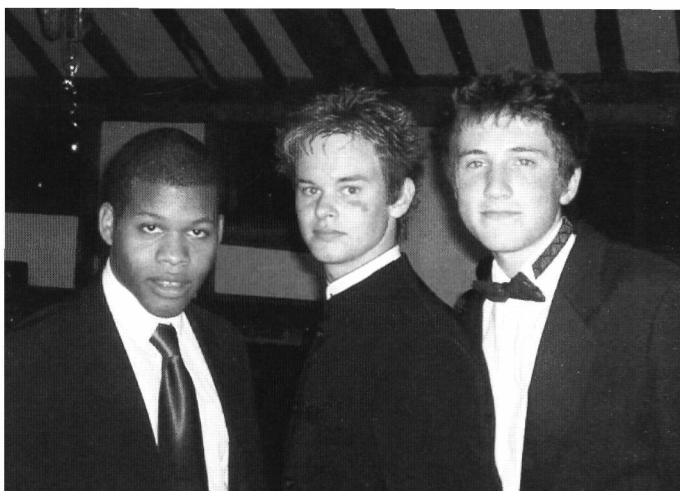
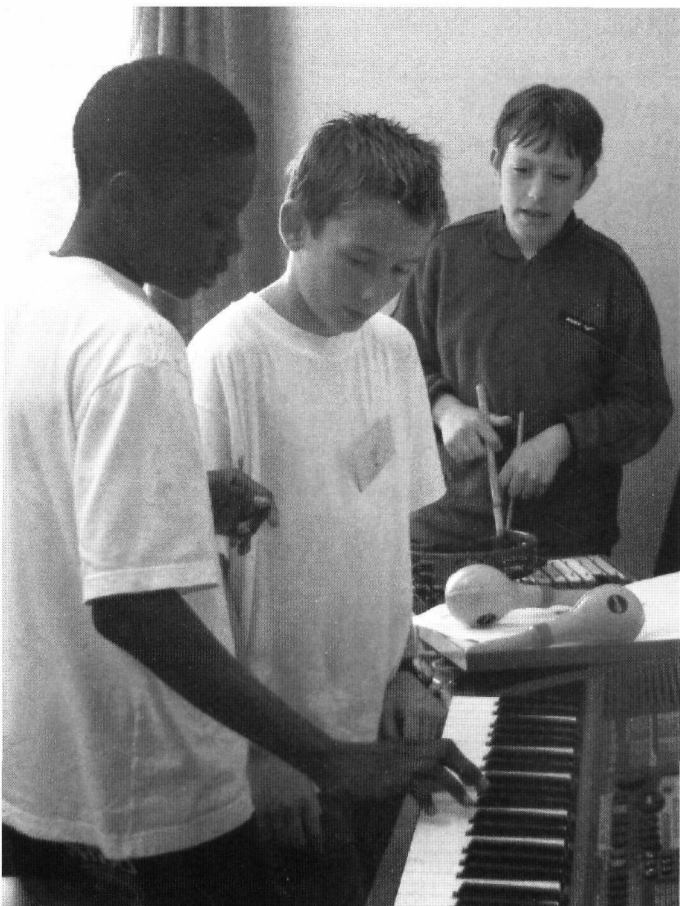
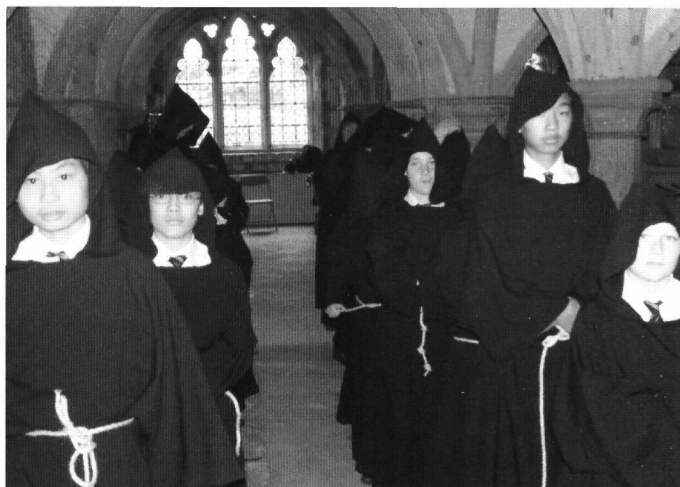
ROUNDERS Sally.Barwick(K), Melanie.Reeves(R)

CRICKET Freddy Florry(K), Luke McGrath(K), David Booth(R), Hamish Startin(R), Alex Marks(R), Luke Hunter(R),Fergus Murray(S), Hal Shaw(S), James Dobson(S).



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It may be a bit of a cliché but it was certainly the 'end of an era' in 2004. Paul Holmes has been such a permanent and reliable fixture in the Bethany landscape for so many years that it seems hard to believe he has finally retired. That so many people came to say 'goodbye' (on probably the best-ever attended Reunion Day for many years) was a testament to the high regard in which he was held by so many people across all age groups. It's nice to think that someone who has worked so tirelessly and selflessly for others in a long career, can now spend time doing the many things he really enjoys. At the recent 20 Club Dinner, chatting to the many people who wanted to know how he was coping with retirement, it was lovely to hear how excited he was about his new lifestyle. "I can do all the things I want to do... it's wonderful!" With a new soft-top sports car and nicely settled in his West Country home, he has the very best wishes from countless Bethanians who know he will have a happy - and extremely active retirement.

As we go to press, the dining situation at Bethany is Not Good. The long-overdue refurbishment of the kitchen and dining rooms at Bethany is well underway: the new kitchen is actually in use, while the pupils enjoy temporary dining facilities in a large marquee on the Headmaster's Lawn - until the splendid new dining area is completed. The plans for the new building were on display during Reunion Day and showed that the building is to be a superb multi-purpose facility. Headmaster Nick Dorey has

indicated that he'd be delighted for the OBS to hold events there in the future. With this in mind, the OBS Committee has been giving thought to the future of our main events in the year...

The President's Dinner is due a radical makeover. Those die-hard traditionalists may have been worried by the event's move from autumn to the spring a few years back. After much discussion and deliberation, the Committee, now boosted by some excellent younger blood, have decided that its major annual dinner should remain in its spring slot, but should be called the Annual Reunion Dinner. With less formality, the format of the Dinner will hopefully be more attractive to a greater age-range. And although this year's dinner is to be held at Finchcocks, there is much excitement at the prospect of holding future dinners at Bethany.

Tucked inside the mailing which brought you this magazine, you should have found the OBS Calendar Card. Take a look at it and you will see that, with the exception of August, there are OBS events in every month of the year - including a number of new activities. Several of these events are designed as fund-raising activities (to supplement the funds raised for a new all-weather pitch at Bethany), while others cater for families with young children. Before you lose the card or tuck it behind the clock on the mantelpiece (never to see it again), do take 5 minutes now to write a few of these events on your calendar and make a point of supporting the OBS and Bethany during 2005.

John Eastwood – President 2004-2005

John was at Bethany from September 1958 to September 1965.

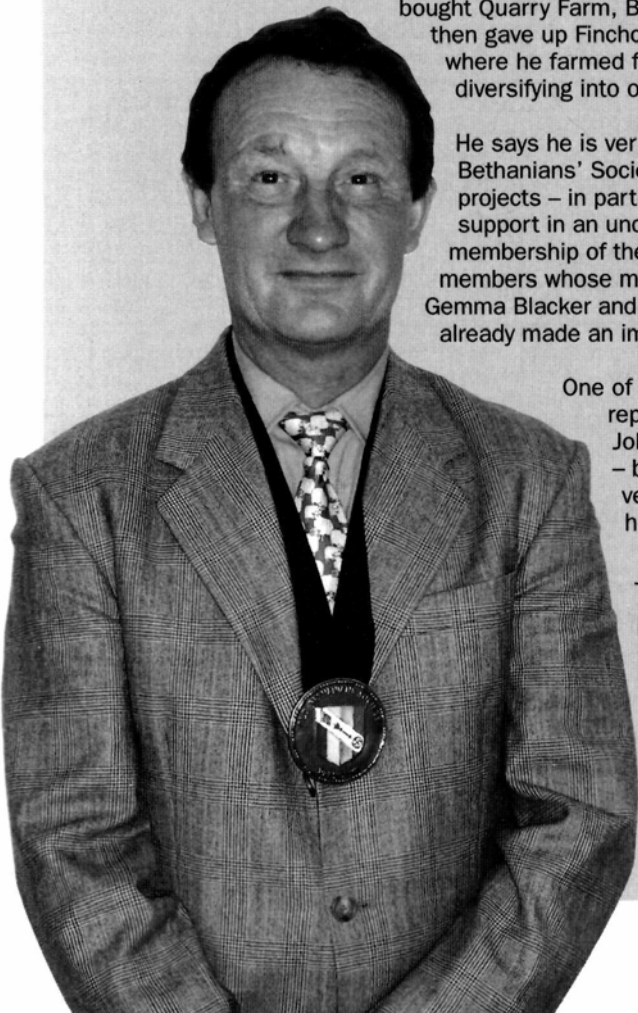
After leaving school he went straight into farming by working on his uncle's farm in Horsmonden. A couple of years later he tenanted a farm in Goudhurst at Finchcocks in 1969. It was a hop, cereals and grassland farm with mainly sheep. He stayed in Goudhurst until 1988 and during this time he bought a small farm in Langton Green hoping to open it to the public with a farm visitor's centre but planning laws made it impractical to go ahead. Over this period he then bought Quarry Farm, Bodiam in 1989 (his present home), over-looking Bodiam Castle. He then gave up Finchcocks and sold the Langton Green venture and concentrated on Bodiam where he farmed for a while before turning the grounds into small industrial units and diversifying into other areas.

He says he is very much enjoying the experience of being President of The Old Bethanians' Society and would like to thank all the Committee who have worked on many projects - in particular the Secretary, Robert Pilbeam, and Paul Holmes whose invaluable support in an understated way, make him realise that there is a very loyal and supportive membership of the OBS. He is delighted that the OBS features more and more younger members whose many innovative ideas have helped shape a new Society. He welcomes Gemma Blacker and Tor Harmer as the first real female Committee members who have already made an impact on the OBS meetings and started to arrange new activities.

One of the new events is next year's "Reunion Dinner" which will actually replace the President's Dinner and will be held (rather appropriately for John) at Finchcocks on 16th April ("Yes", he says, "I have come full circle - back to Finchcocks!") Richard and Katrina Burnett are making the OBS very welcome by letting us have a more informal dinner at Finchcocks - home of the living museum of music."

John adds, "details will be out later but we will have the opportunity to walk in the grounds of this splendid and imposing early Georgian House, nestling near Goudhurst. We will be able to amble round the rooms of Finchcocks with its unsurpassed collection of early Harpsichords and Pianos, some of which Richard will be playing for us."

He hopes that a more casual (not black tie) event will encourage both young and old members to view this superb building in a fabulous location, not far from Bethany.



“How it was...”

Continuing a series of articles begun by Skene Catling

RECOLLECTIONS 1939-1948

FROM O. A. BRADLEY (1939-41), W. A. E. BRAY (1946-49), & R. K. M. SANDERS (1937-41)

COMPILED BY ROBIN TOOP

In September 1939, the outbreak of World War 2, when children from London and the South East of England were being evacuated to, what was considered to be the safety of the rural areas of the West Country, my parents decided to send me in the opposite direction (from rural Gloucestershire) to Bethany. This was mainly due to the wish of my grandparents who had sent my father and uncle, Oswald and Armstrong, to Bethany at the turn of the century.

As boys we were, in some ways, to enjoy the Battle of Britain which was being fought - largely over our heads. We saw huge flotillas of German aircraft going overhead towards London and being attacked by a relatively small number of our fighter aircraft. A number were shot down, to our delight, because it meant that we could go out and collect pieces of them, as well as machine bullets, to take them home at the end of term to proudly show off to our parents. They did not appreciate them as we had done. Sometimes an aircraft would jettison its load of bombs and hurriedly return to Germany. Several oil bombs landed in the School fields.

The School at that time had about 100 pupils and a number of those were day boys. One morning the Thompsett brothers came to School (as heroes) because a German Dornier Flying Pencil had been shot down and had landed, almost complete, on top of Hop Poles in one of their fields. With their father they had gone out and captured the air crew. Further, as it was the first complete Dornier to be shot down it was available for close examination by our ‘boffins’.

We had no air raid shelters but the staff tried to bring us indoors if a lot of aerial activity was taking place. I remember, quite vividly, machine gun bullets ricocheting across the playground by the Oak Tree during one dog-fight. Unfortunately some of the aircraft shot down were British and one fighter ploughed straight into the three ponds area - with nothing to be seen above the ground. We rescued a belt of live machine gun bullets from the crash and had great joy in making our own fireworks from them.

The more senior boys, myself included (I was 13 when I went to Bethany), were made Air Raid Wardens. We were given a duty roster for the night times. This meant that we patrolled the school premises and grounds which meant that we were also able to raid the neighbouring cherry and apple orchards, apart from seeing to some of the junior boys who were both home sick and/or frightened.

We had no radios except for crystal sets which we made ourselves. We relied on these to give us news of the war.

During one night an aircraft was attacked over the school, and to my disgust, the following morning, we found that a row of cannon shells had become embedded in the cricket pitch. I was asked, as one of the main cricketers, to help the sports master

remove them and make good the damage. The empty cannon shells made good souvenirs - many were turned into cigarette lighters.

At Bethany there was a German boy, Henry Gross and a Czech, Emil Schmidt. We believe they were brought over to England by the Kendon family at the outbreak of the war. However, the morning after the largest number of aircraft were shot down, a German pilot had bailed out and was caught hanging by his parachute in a tree in Curtisden Green. Henry was used as an interpreter when questioning the pilot. This made him quite proud.

Three of us wanted to become pilots after leaving school and, to that end, we were allowed to cycle into Horsmonden on two evenings a week to attend the Air Training Corps. In my case this proved to be invaluable because I obtained my proficiency certificate which helped me to be accepted for the Fleet Air Arm when I was almost 18 (where I eventually became a Flight Deck Control Officer on the only Canadian Carrier - after doing my flying training in Canada - however, that is another story).

In 1939, girls were still attending the Ladies College in Goudhurst. They came down to Bethany each Sunday morning to attend Chapel. The lucky boys who had sisters at the College were able to escort them back and therefore meet other girls. The rest of us were not allowed to meet or speak to the girls. Not even me - who played the organ for some of the services. (How times have changed).

The College did have a ‘so called Air Raid Shelter’ where they spent every night when there was an Air Raid. This meant most nights.

We were told that this began to affect their health and in 1941 they were evacuated to Cheshire.

After September 1939 the plans to evacuate children from vulnerable locations were put in hand, as London was a maggot target, a few boys and I found ourselves back at Bethany nearly a month before the beginning of the Autumn term. Everything so quiet, but much to be done, boys and staff became partners as a term to prepare the old buildings against air raids. The biggest job to be done before school opened was to make adequate provision for ‘black out’. We worked our way through hundreds of yards of heavy brown paper, glued to wooden frames. How many shutters we made I forget, but it took the fifth formers on duty at sunset over half an hour.

THE EARLY PENGELLY YEARS

Recollections, experiences, and highlights of 1947 and 1948

The years 1946-50 saw the emergence of Bethany from the austerity and uncertainty of the war years; and the retirement of

Mr Hayward to make way for Mr Pengelly.

These years saw the re-introduction of activities and events denied to the boys during the war.

The calendars for 1947 and 1948 were crammed with a wide variety of activities and events seemingly as an attempt to 'catch up' on those missed during the war.

I have vivid recollections of happenings during those years at Bethany: some sad, some I'd rather forget but in the main mostly very happy. Taken as a whole they were very happy times.

We went through a plethora of 'crazes' among which were conkers (the Toop twins being the undisputed champions), spinning tops when the upper and lower playgrounds abounded with boys vying to establish new records; juniors with their dinky cars carving roads and refuges at the side of the pond adjacent to the lower playground. Roller skating was another pastime. There were about six pairs (metal wheels) in the school, the enthusiasts established an intricate obstacle course in the upper playground which weaved over and around the surface roots of the Oak Tree. Marbles also became a serious pastime taking up most of our lunchtime breaks in the spring.

There were also a wide range of little clubs and societies catering for the needs of all the boys; these involved stamp collecting, modelling, amateur dramatics, cubs, scouts, the choir, music etc.

Needless to say we didn't escape from the annual infections of the time. Outbreaks of 'pink eye' (conjunctivitis) when those (and there were many) affected were isolated to sick bay, bandaged up like war injured and left to convalesce for 2-3 weeks remote from the rest of the school.

Scarlet fever also reared its head and dormitories were set aside for isolation purposes. Those not affected were made to gargle some pink liquid every day for some weeks.

Also verucas quickly spread via the swimming pool. I suffered these and was taken by matron Lockyear to the Kent and Sussex Hospital in Tunbridge Wells to have an operation to remove six from my feet.

Like all school boys we were by no means 'Angels' we got into various scrapes and indulged in banned activities. In particular I recall midnight feasts where we stored up tuck in the eaves of South Wing then arranged midnight parties by torch light.

I well remember Guy Fawkes night of 1947 when well after the school firework display was over an unnamed senior boy led a procession of adventurous boys down to the pylon field and proceeded to conduct a rival free-for-all firework display. For this misdemeanour all those involved (some two thirds of the school) were severely censured by the head and gated for a week.

I recall another scrape where I was again personally involved. In South Wing before lights out often for a dare we would leave the dormitory by the fire escape and return via any means we could and chance being caught. Alas eventually I was spotted by 'Plum' Kendon. As a result the whole of South Wing was caned on the spot.

I suppose the main highlight of those years was the severe winter of 1947/48. It was so severe that the school was cut off and subsequently supplied from the air.

All the ponds froze solid and ice on the swimming pool was over 12 inches thick.

Skating and sliding became the favourite pastime during this period all competing to slide the furthest, skate the longest, build the largest snowballs. In South Wing before lights-out we modelled various shapes in wet towels, clothes and flannels, then left them overnight on the lead washing slabs to freeze solid by the morning. The snows and freezing temperatures went on for weeks during which the school suffered constant freezing up of the water pipes and loos.

Among other happenings ones which stick in my mind are:

- Excursions to Ashford Railway works and to Canterbury Cathedral.
- Playing cricket against Dulwich School on their pitch when the grass was nearly a foot high.
- Getting tuck parcels from home (in my case from Africa) which more often than not took weeks if not months to travel and frequently arrived with contents fetid.
- The Thomas's had a small parcel from their father serving in Egypt much surprised to see a locust.
- Receiving our sixpence weekly pocket money, a penny of which went to the chapel collection leaving five pence to spend at the tuck shop or Curtisden Green Post Office.
- Saturday mornings spent writing home followed by a review of our savings/bank balance etc.
- The appearance of Clacy's wind-up gramophone in form 2, and listening to the strains of 'only five minutes more', 'Music, Music, Music', and 'Sentimental Journey'.

Christmas at Bethany was also a particularly exciting and magical time. Happy hours were spent festooning the dormitories with home-made decorations; then the build up to Christmas with carol singing and chapel services.

How on earth we found the time to take part in all these things in between lessons, prep, choir practice, chapel, founders and O.B. days etc. I cannot now imagine, but we did certainly all these experiences combined to provide Bethany Boys with a unique education in all senses of the word.



The Catling Trust

The Catling Trust awards a cash sum for each successful applicant who requires funding for suitable Summer Holiday or Gap Year Projects, particularly those which are in sympathy with the interests of the late Skene Catling (including art, architecture, France, drama, wine, youth work, etc.)

This year, Tom Danby and Fergus Murray, from the Lower Sixth, spent a week on an archaeological dig as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award residential project.



SHARP ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG

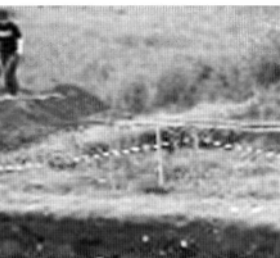
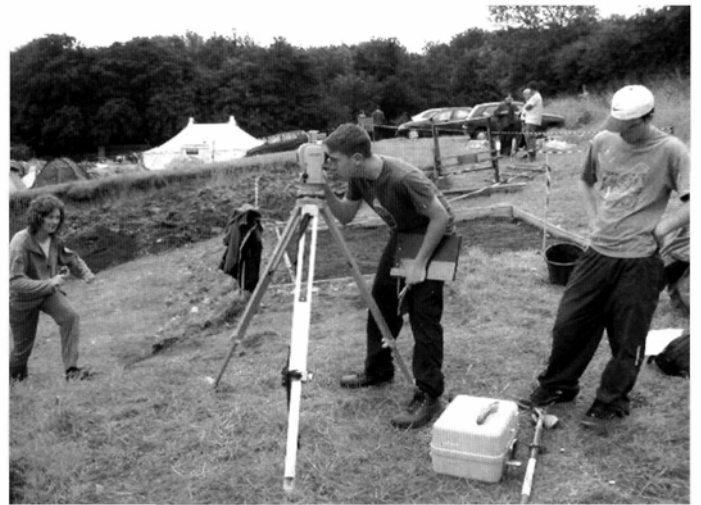
As part of our Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award for a residential project we attended the BERT (Basic Excavation and Recording Techniques) at the Segdeford Archaeological dig site, otherwise known as SHARP. This week-long course in Norfolk was partially funded by the Catling Trust of Bethany School.

The course that we did taught us the basics of archaeology. We were supervised by two professional archaeologists for the week, who guided us through the course which was partially seminars but predominantly practical work, (mainly in a ditch full of water).

The site was constructed of two main trenches, Old Trench and New Trench. The BERT people worked in the New Trench, where the skeletons were buried too far out of our reach to harm them. Our first task was to trowel the surface of New Trench in order to show up any colour changes in the soil to give an indication of previous disturbance, which could then be excavated further.

Throughout the week we discovered more and more about the site of this Saxon Age burial ground. One of the most important things about the site, apart from the mass burial, is the network of ditches and ditch inhabitants. In one of the ditches excavated with our heavy tools, we found a cow. Unlucky for us this was not that amazing as the previous year a hoard of gold coins was discovered in a leg bone.

At some points during the week we were allowed to work with the members of Old Trench in excavating some of the 200 skeletons that had been found there. The excavation of a



skeleton, of which we shared one body between us, took a painstakingly long time. At one point we just used an old toothbrush. Not only were we allowed this privilege but we were also taught the basics of human remains and biological remains. Not only this but Fergus found love in the EDM (Electric Distance Measurer), where he measured the entire site in his spare time.

It was not just the archaeology that kept us occupied. The evenings were filled with a quiz night, an archaeological debate (we left early) and also a games night, and, oh yes, there was also the pub... We learnt much and are grateful to the Catling Trust for the financial help in completing our Gold Award.

Tom Danby and Fergus Murray, Lower Sixth.

SKENE CATLING MEMORIAL TRUST – THE FIRST TEN YEARS

This year, 2004, marks the tenth anniversary of the Skene Catling Memorial Trust. The trust was created in 1994 in memory of the late Revd. Skene Catling who was Senior Housemaster and Head of the English Department between 1965 and 1987. Skene had been held in very high regard by both members of staff and pupils for his devotion to Bethany and, in particular, for the education and personal development of his pupils. After his retirement Skene became an active member of the Old Bethanians' Society as its archivist and regularly attended annual dinners and reunions. He died on 20th November 1993 and a Service of Thanksgiving was held in the School Chapel on 22nd January 1994.

Following the Service of Thanksgiving there was a wish amongst Old Bethanians for a permanent memorial of Skene's service to the School.

A memorial fund purchased two oak pews for the School Chapel and the surplus funds of £2,325 were used to set up the trust. The trust's objects are for the promotion and encouragement of the education of senior pupils of the School through the provision of an annual bursary. Those receiving the bursary are encouraged, under the terms of the trust, to pursue activities and interests closely associated with Skene and these include the assistance of young people in the wider community. Other activities may include the study of art and architecture, affection for the country of France and its culture, appreciation of dramatic art and the exploration of mountains and wide open spaces of Great Britain.

The Trustees are Paul Holmes and, in an *ex-officio* capacity, Robert Pilbeam (Hon. Secretary of the Old Bethanians' Society) and Nick Dorey (Headmaster). Applications from pupils are submitted once a year for the Trustees' consideration as to whether to award a bursary. To date a total of £880 has been awarded, principally for the assistance of young people in developing countries when pupils have undertaken "gap years" after leaving the School. For example, see the article by John Saxby in last year's Old Bethanian magazine about his visit to Oasis International in India.

At present, the trust's permanent endowment fund is £2,525 and donations are always welcome. Please contact me for details. The funds are invested with the COIF Charities Deposit Fund and as the trust is registered as a charity with the Charity Commissioners (Registration No. 1048595) all donations are eligible for tax relief under the gift aid scheme. The Trustees would wish to express their grateful thanks to the Old Bethanians Appeal Fund for their support of the trust and to Robert Coupland for his efficient auditing of the accounts each year. The recipients of the bursaries have all expressed their appreciation of the support they have

received and the Trustees look forward to continuing their support of the trust's objectives over the next ten years.

Gerald Thirkell

Administrator to the Skene Catling Memorial Trust

Record of Bursaries

1997	Andrew Bellamy	£80.00	to assist him teaching English to young people in Kenya and India.
1999	George Workman	£150.00	to assist him teaching English to village people in Nepal.
	Michael Rhodes	£200.00	to assist him teaching snowboarding to young people in North America
2000	Marcus Wootton	£200.00	to assist him teaching English to disadvantaged young people in Ho Chi Min City, Vietnam.
2001	Michael Thorne	£200.00	to assist him teaching English to disadvantaged young people in Nepal.
2003	Johh-Henry Saxby	£100.00	to assist him to help young people in India.

The Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2004

	Income Fund		Capital Endowment Fund	
	2003		2003	
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT				
Receipts				
COIF interest	97.00	102.00		
Total	97.00	102.00		
Payments				
Grants to beneficiaries	(100.00)			
Net receipts	(3.00)	102.00		
Cash funds as at 1 st April 2003	329.00	227.00	2525.00	2525.00
Cash funds as at 31 st March 2004	326.00	329.00	2525.00	2525.00
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES				
Monetary assets				
COIF deposit as at 31 st March 2004	326.00	329.00	2525.00	2525.00

REUNION DAY

OBS Reunion Day and School Parents' Day – 19th June, 2004

Thoughts of an occasional visitor

RICHARD ROBBINS

Despite keeping in touch with things through my role as Webmaster I thought the Reunion Day at which Paul Holmes' retirement (already?!) was to be marked was an ideal reason for me to pay a visit to Bethany after a number of years of not quite making it. I was horrified to realise, when I stopped to think, that I had last visited more than 10 years before and may even be as long as 15 years!

I set off from West Somerset early on the Saturday, coming via Fordingbridge to allow my younger brother Barry the privilege of driving me around for the weekend. By the time we were approaching Curtisdien Green later in the morning I was quite excited by the prospect of the unknowns: what buildings would still be there, who might I know, were any staff from my era (apart from Paul Holmes) still there?

The drive up past Old Poplars, The Mount, the Chapel and Pengelly and School Houses was very reassuring – familiar landmarks transporting me back not just the ten or so years since my last visit, but to the late 1970s when I last wore the uniform. Having parked above the arena, Barry and I had a leisurely walk around and more familiar scenes greeted us: the Assembly Hall, Swimming Pool, the Science Labs. It was obvious that much had changed but I was pleased to still be able to recognise the backbone of the school I remembered. That said, the new (some not so new now, I suppose) buildings and facilities were very, very impressive.

I regret that my intended walk around the whole campus, including a visit to The Mount where I spent many happy years, did not happen. We reached the lawns and the marquee, greeted by a lovely performance by the choir, and started to spot some familiar faces. There was not the hoped-for crowd of my contemporaries but I am pleased to say what was lacking in quantity was more than made up for by quality! I was particularly pleased to see Hans Dixon (who has been in touch with the website on a number of occasions) and Steve Ransome. We spent a good deal of time catching up and discussing absent friends – I would guess that the names of most of our contemporaries came up at some stage during the afternoon and some interesting news-bites surfaced. Many were at least third-hand and I dare say some were not too reliable as they went back many years!

Paul Holmes, retiring?

Our discussions were halted, temporarily, by the ceremony marking Paul Holmes' retirement. In front of a sizeable audience on the lawn the Headmaster paid tribute to Paul's dedication,

stamina and high standards of both teaching and pastoral care. His sentiments were echoed by those in the audience, many of whom were taught by Paul or, as boarders, lived under his wing. There was a surprise guest in the form of Professor Tony Binns, author of many of the geography text books from which Paul has taught. He reflected on the many good things he had heard from Paul's colleagues and also commented on the impressive facilities offered to geographers at Bethany. The irony of the new Geography block (sorry building) opening as Paul departs having taught for decades in his beloved "shacks"



RICHARDS LONG AND ROBBINS CHAT WITH STEVE RANSOME ON HIS MOTORBIKE

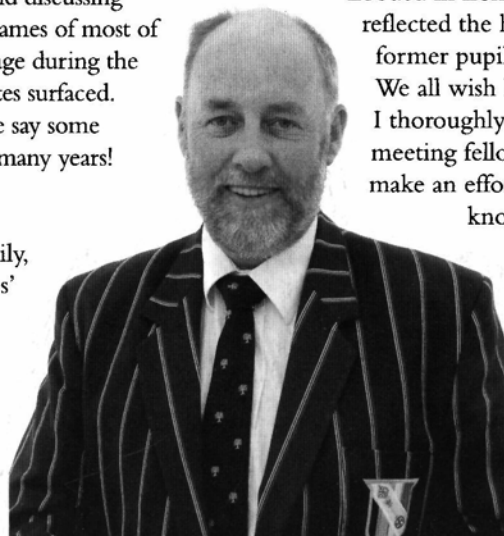
was not allowed to escape those present! As a fitting tribute to Paul's contribution to Bethany the new Geography centre was named in his honour and Paul was presented with the name plate for "The Holmes Building" (Paul had specifically requested that it was not called the Holmes Block!).

In another short ceremony before lunch Paul was presented with a gift for his retirement – a magnificent Lutyens-style garden bench (well over two metres in length!) made by OB Jay Gwynn-Williams.

Contributions to the collection made for Paul's retirement flooded in from far and wide in large numbers and reflected the high regard with which Paul is held by former pupils, parents and colleagues alike.

We all wish him well in his retirement.

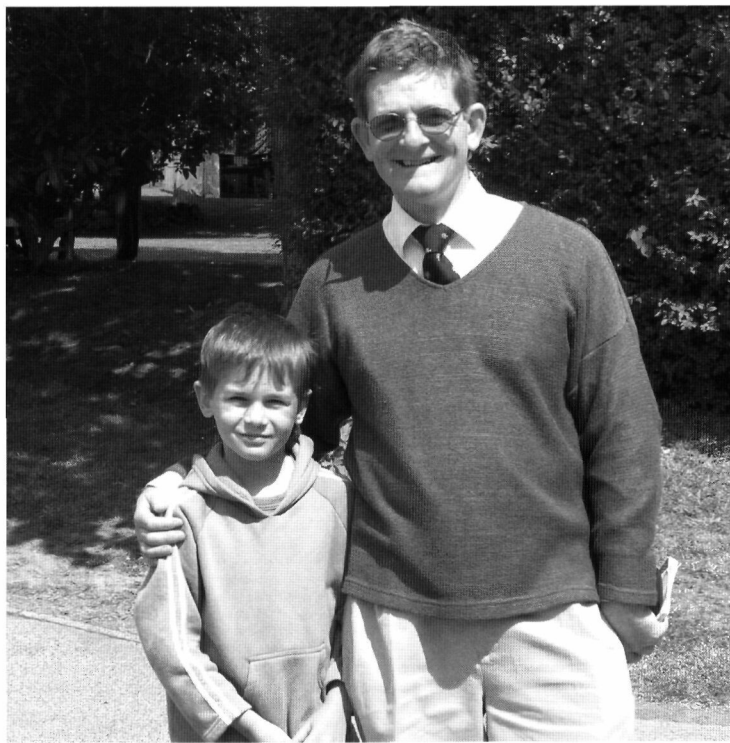
I thoroughly enjoyed the whole day and, particularly, meeting fellow OBS members of all generations. I must make an effort to attend Reunion more regularly. Who knows, perhaps Paul might offer me a lift now we are near neighbours!?



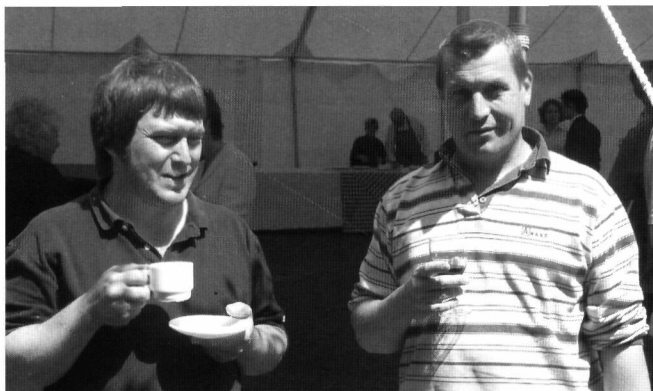
VICE PRESIDENT JOHN STAMMERS



ABOVE: BRENDAN PARKE WITH AN ORIGINAL PAINTING OF KENDON HOUSE PRESENTED BY THE GOVERNORS IN RECOGNITION OF HIS LONG AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ON THE BOARD OF BETHANY SCHOOL GOVERNORS.



ABOVE: MARTIN ROBERTS AND SON



BELOW: MICHAEL SHARVELL-MARTIN CHATS TO PAUL HOLMES

RIGHT: THE COOK BROTHERS





ABOVE: HANS DIXON AND COLIN WOODMAN REMINISCE WITH TONY CARDWELL



ABOVE: ROBERT PILBEAM IS 'PRESENTED WITH HIS PRIZE (A CAKE!) BY TWO OLD POPS GIRLS

RIGHT:
PAUL HOLMES
CHATS TO A GROUP
OF YOUNGER OLD
BETHANIANS



PSH's REUNION DAY COMMENTS in response to Richard Robbins

Reunion Day this year was as magical for me as it appears to have been for Richard Robbins, perhaps for some similar reasons but for many different ones too. I was much affected by meeting so many old friends and old pupils, some I had not seen since my schooldays, Stuart Twitchett, or their schooldays, Martin Roberts. Of course for me there was a unique spread of acquaintances from OBs who had been at Bethany well before me, John Anthony, John Steven and Armstrong Bradley, Ian and Tony Thomas but whom I have got to know well through the OBS, to my own contemporaries, Adrian Chapman, Michael Simmonds, Michael Martin, early rogues I tried to teach, Paul Grist, Robert Forsyth, Colin Woodman and Nigel Kimber and more recent rogues who reminisced happily about their

Geology, the Cook brothers and the Cogan family to mention only a few. Other members of the 'OB family' included Roger Vickers, still a local Goudhurst man, Tony Cardwell, who seemed to be always laughing, I suspect a nervous laugh because he still hasn't worked out the International Dateline, and Jean Cheal, who was the Headmaster's very youthful secretary in my schooldays, and looking as attractive as she did then! What a joy it was to see them all and they all seemed so busy catching up on everyone else's news too, it struck me that it was the best Reunion Day we have had for a while. Of course those present represented a tiny fraction of those who have been through the Bethany experience, but lots were prevented from attending by their circumstances, the Harveys in France, the Lanzers moving from Crowborough to

Wimbledon and the Keeps at a family reunion in the North, as well as lots away on holiday.

The emotion of meeting so many old and valued friends was something of a test for me, but luckily there was no time to give in to any such un-English feelings anyway! What an undeserved honour to have the new Geography and Business Studies Building named after me though and of course I had some feelings of pride between those of feeling rather a fraud. It seems undeserved to be rewarded for doing what one enjoys and what is only one's job and duty, but if it has to have a name why not that of a geographer! Because of its recent construction, I have been spared the huge embarrassment of having to call my classroom by my own name; that really would have smacked of one-upmanship! It is good to think however that our Department and all those long-suffering geologists in the early days of the 'garden-hut' have some kind of recognition and recompense for their primitive learning environment! I am very grateful to the Governors and Nick Dorey for this. This ought to be enough for any man but after lunch came a more personal kind of 'thank-you'.

Of course I wasn't taken by surprise with the Lutyens bench, having indicated that my new garden in Devon would need suitable furniture as it developed. Who could have seen anything so faithfully reproduced as Jay's interpretation of this Edwin Lutyens garden bench? It took other people's breath away as well as mine and having been a huge fan of the Jekyll-Lutyens garden design partnership for many years it couldn't have been a more valued gift. I am doubly fortunate that our current OBS secretary, Robert Pilbeam also knows about these things and so knew what he was doing as he secretly steered this 'surprise' along.

The image below these 'comments' shows that he seemed to enjoy the success of his huge efforts as much as everyone else. I felt very humbled by such a generous gift from so many friends, more than should be lavished on one mere Bethanian, when so many others work tirelessly for our community. I am thrilled now to see this handsome bench as I look down from my sitting room to the garden below, where shortly the restoration work will begin.

There seem to be so many people to thank for such a memorable Reunion Day, Robert for lots of advanced planning, Nick Dorey for such generous thinking, Chris Fisher, my Head of Department who 'nobbled' the Professor to name the building, Su Bicheno, the school's Pastoral Deputy for such detailed organisation of the day, the school's caterers who fed so many constantly throughout the day quite splendidly, as well as all those who travelled from near and far to be present and those who gave so generously to the PSH fund. I am immensely touched and grateful for such a wonderful 'send-off' even more so by an envelope that dropped through my Devon letter box a fortnight ago. Inside was a large cheque, some slight annoyance on my part that here seemed another mistake or task for me to deal with...but gradually it dawned on my small brain that this was the 'residue' of the PSH fund after the cost of the bench. And what a residue...enough to stock much of the garden with some very choice plants indeed, thank you. A little later came the magnificently inscribed and signed Reunion Day book, with all your individual good wishes, what a treasure to indulge in from time to time, thank you again so much.

PSH – 11th August 2004



THE PRESIDENT'S DINNER

Overseas House, St James, London
6th March

This year's President's Dinner was held on 6th March in the Hall of India Room at Overseas House in St James, the London home of the Overseas League. This was a very good location and being in London was a welcome change for many. It also resulted in a good turnout of members of all ages. Frederick Higgs, the President, had even organised a bus from Kent to transport many up to town, saving the effort of finding places to park for many. The rooms at Overseas House were very comfortable and members were able to chat, seeing many faces of people who had not been to a dinner for ages along with some new ones. It was a good, friendly atmosphere.

The menu was delicious and well presented: Tian of avocado and dressing, followed by Beef Tournedos (perfectly cooked, considering the numbers) and light chocolate steamed pudding with white chocolate sauce.

The guest speaker was Lord Steyn a senior circuit judge and a "thorn in Blunkett's side" over the Guantanamo Bay internees. He is often in the papers and, as father of Old Bethanian Deon, was an excellent choice for a speaker. Frederick introduced many to him and his excellent and witty speech included tales of judges falling asleep in cases and then debating whether being asleep meant they were present for the case or not at the time? The judges are still out on that one!

As his former Doctor, Frederick was also delighted that Lord Steyn was a testament to his professional judgement: in

the past he had given him a clean bill of health and he was delighted that his assessment had been good and that he was able to be welcomed to the OBS Reunion Dinner!

The Headmaster reported on another excellent year at Bethany, the Ofsted inspection passed with flying colours and the building plans for the summer with a new dining room complex.

Tributes were also made to Paul Holmes. He had celebrated a landmark birthday (*see coverage elsewhere*), and there was a toast to him and for his retirement, due in the summer.

The President spoke also of his regard for Bethany and the many old expressions now long gone, for example Tokes (buttered bread). Again, very witty and entertaining for all in the room, including the present Sixth form table, lead by Gemma Blacker (Head of School), which added elegance and sparkle to the evening. They toasted the OBS, their confidence at such an occasion showed that, as ever, Bethany had that warm friendly atmosphere. It was a joy to see them mingle amongst older and newer members.

Many who could not attend had sent their best wishes and we look forward to seeing them on another occasion.

The raffle added to OBSAF funds and then more conversation flowed before buses, cars and trains took us all home after a happy and enjoyable evening.

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THOMAS THE TANK ENGINE FUN DAY



JOHN EASTWOOD'S NEW ADDITION TO THE OBS CALENDAR – A DAY OUT FOR THE FAMILY ON HIS FARM AT BODIAM



THE 25 CLUB

LONDON DUNGEON
10th September 2004

This has been started by Gemma Blacker, recent Head of School, along with her crowd of recent leavers. They were encouraged by the committee to start an event for new leavers – in the ‘under 25’ age bracket. Those who wanted to meet up after their final term at Bethany and after the holidays and the rest from all those exams, before start at university. Catching up on all the news and exchanging those forgotten email addresses and mobile numbers.

The first event was well attended and members – girls and boys – gathered in London firstly at the London Dungeon on the afternoon of Friday September 10th and then after a gruesome but entertaining visit there, then adjourned to a small restaurant near Blackfriars Bridge where they whiled the evening away with gossip and stories and their future plans. Many have said they will be about for next year’s similar event and meal and will be pleased to help and encourage those who will have just left Bethany. If you are interested in joining the event, please get in touch with Gemma pictured below right at the Leavers’ Ball.



Turtle Burps

A Gurgling Purple Turtle
Once burped a gurgling turtle burp.
The burp so hurtled from the turtle
It singed a furbal gerbil.
The gerbil burbled: “Purple turtle-
Why do Turtle’s burples hurt?”
The Turtle turned and, unconcerned,
Professed, “I’m no expert

Now what you ask is quite a task
For Purple Turtle brains
But here’s a theory, gerbil dearie
Which partially explains.
A purple turtle burp’ll hurtle
Long and loud and clear
But since my home’s shaped like a dome
The echo’s what I fear.

A hearty belch will never squelch
But ring out proud like bells
But sound cannot escape from
 concave rooms
Like turtle shells.”
The Purple Turtle said “In here
The threat forever lurks
So from my shell I must expel
My gurgling turtle burps.”

OB James Howlett, May 2002

THE 20 CLUB

OVERSEAS LEAGUE, LONDON
17th October 2004

With the success of the Reunion Dinner, the Society returned to the Overseas League for this ever-popular gathering of Stag members of the OBS, for this year’s 20 Club Dinner – in its 21st year. The atmosphere was, once again, memorable with the pre-dinner drinks in the Wrench room where we were welcomed with a glass of sparkling wine and where we were able to gather an hour before-hand. Then a wander across to the Mountbatten room which overlooked the square in front of the club with the hubbub of London in the background.

Seated round a large square table we were greeted with an excellent four-course meal and the usual movement of guests round the table between each course so the we were all able to chat and mix with the various eras of Old Bethanians. Some who had not seen each other for ages and those who had not been before were able to find themselves sitting next to different ‘generations’. Many remarked afterwards how delighted they were to find out how fascinating other OB’s were and how these OB’s also appeared to be so interested in them.

The excellent wine helped the conviviality of the evening. It was such an excellent choice of location, such good value and with an excellent atmosphere and good fare, that we hope to go there again. Where does Robert find these places? Does he do nothing but eat out? Or is it that he nurtures excellent scouts to traipse around London in search of perfect venues?

It is a delight that so many enjoy these events: the effort associated with the organisation is much appreciated and extremely worthwhile. Thank you, Robert.

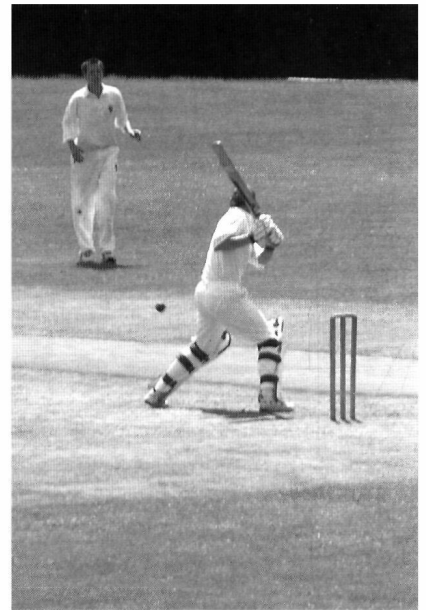
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OB SPORTS

OLD BETHANIANS V. THE SCHOOL CRICKET MATCH – SATURDAY 19th JUNE 2004



Scoreboard	
OBS XI	235 – 5
	Tim Golds – 66 n.o.
	George Bright – 81 n.o.
	Freddy Florrie – 4-48
School XI	180
	Chris Hall – 81



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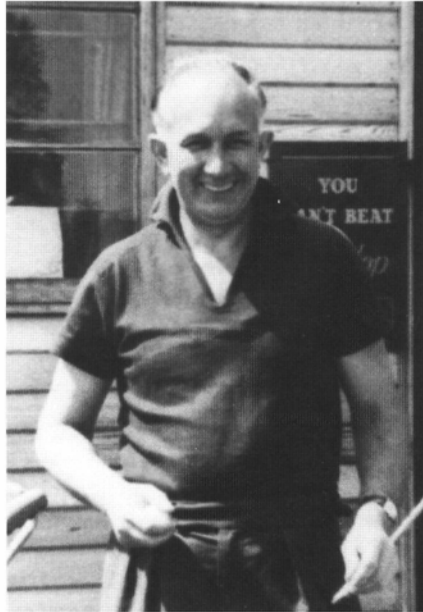
John Bailey, 1921-2004

We are sad to report the death of one of our Patrons - John Bailey. He was born on 31st January 1921 and was a pupil at Bethany from 1932 until 1938. He was in Roberts House. He was always a very keen sportsman and played cricket for the School. On leaving school he spent a year in France where he learned to speak French with some fluency. With the imminence of war he returned to this country and joined the RAF.

After the war he returned to the family business Bailey Brothers and Swinfen. He imported technology which revolutionised the library and book publishing business in the UK and set the business on an expansive curve making him indispensable.

John was always a bit of a "human dynamo" and joined the committee of the Society in 1946. He was the librarian of the Society for many years. He served with Lewis Burt and Henry Howard on the sub-committee for the Rev'd E. E. Hayward Memorial Library set up in 1953. He was a regular player of cricket for the OBS cricket team and skippered it for five years up until 1962. He played his last game for the Society in 1967. He was a keen and regular supporter of Kent and had a box at Canterbury Cricket Ground. His generous spirit to the Society was indicated by his gift of a Scrapbook for the Society and of an Addressograph machine long before the advent of computers that were affordable. He was a very competent golfer and supported all the OBS Golfing days. He normally attended OBS functions with a group of friends. He was President of the Society in 1964. His support for the School and the Society was always enthusiastic, generous and unobtrusive. (He even named his racehorse "Bethany Boy"). He was made a Patron of the Society in 2001.

Proud of his English heritage, he was an enthusiastic member of the Royal Society of St George. The Junior History Prize at Bethany bears its name. The offices of Bailey Brothers & Swinfen were initially in London at Hatton Garden and Highbury to which he travelled from his home in Staplehurst. However, with the expansion of the firm under his direction he bought new premises in Folkestone many years ago and moved



JOHN BAILEY, DURING THE 1961 OB GOLF MATCH AT LAMBERHURST GOLF CLUB

the businesses there. He moved his own home to Folkestone where he lived in retirement with his wife Gwen at their home near the Leas. They enjoyed a wide circle of friends which was illustrated by the number of people who attended his funeral including the local MP and leader of the opposition Michael Howard who gave an address at the funeral.

He was invited to join the Board of Bethany in about 1970 and served on the Board for 25 years retiring in March 1995. He was always keen to try new things and was a fund of good ideas. He was always concerned that the school library was adequately stocked and personally made numerous gifts of books to it. He encouraged younger members of the Board.

After his retirement from the Board he kept in regular contact with the School inviting the Head and other friends made over the years to social events at

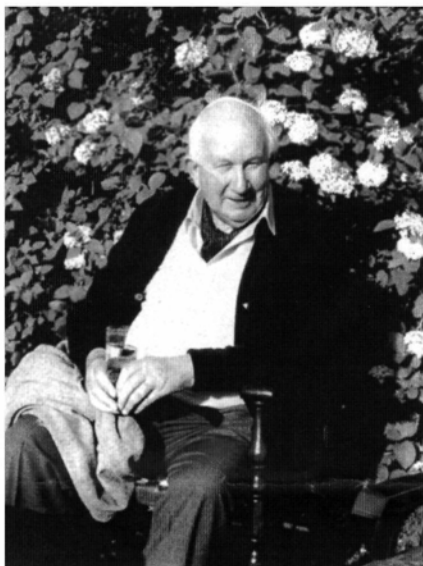
Folkestone or Canterbury. His support for the Society never waned and he regularly attended President's Dinners.

He died on 3rd July 2004 in the afternoon at the William Harvey Hospital Ashford. It was Speech Day and the end of term at Bethany. The "Royal Society of St George" Junior History Prize was presented that afternoon. Did he ever leave the School that he loved?

Brendan Parke

John Bailey:

*Address given by
the Rt. Hon. Michael Howard*



JOHN RELAXING WITH A DRINK IN HIS GARDEN

Fortunately John lived to reap the rewards of his entrepreneurial spirit and hard work, unlike his great grandfather who, in 1839, left England never to return - an adventurer emigrating to Tasmania and then racing off to the California gold rush, he became a 'forty niner' and formed his own mining company. However, he is believed to have been murdered on a visit to the mine and his fortune squandered by a dishonest solicitor.

John's family moved to from Highgate to Staplehurst when he was seven. He went to Bethany School where he excelled and nurtured his love of sport. Bethany has been a very important part of his life and he was on the board of governors for many years.

At the end of his years at Bethany he went to a French school where his first task was to explain Pythagorus' Theorum to a class - in French. This could be the reason why, apart from visiting the war cemeteries in recent years, he never went back.

Like so many other young men of his generation his education was cut spectacularly short due to the Second World War. John joined the RAF and spent four years in Egypt and took part in the battle of El Alamein.

On his return, he joined the family firm of Bailey Brothers and Swinfen. Their premises had been bombed but, as John would say, 'nothing succeeds without enthusiasm'. And after several moves around London, the firm moved to Folkestone in 1967. The Company grew and expanded into all aspects of the book trade including Imports, Exports, a Subscription Agency, Specialists in Foreign Language Dictionaries and, of course, Publishing. I know that John has always valued the loyalty of his staff and was eternally grateful to them for the success of the business.

Above all, he loved his support and made many life-long friends playing tennis and golf. Horse racing also became a passion and he was lucky enough to buy Western Dancer who rewarded him by winning the Cheltenham Gold Cup and the Ebor Handicap.

On Saturday 3rd July he sat on his bed with his wife Gwen and daughters Hazel and Anne by his side. He died laughing, celebrating the new Ladies Wimbledon Champion.

John Bailey was a lion of a man. His good humour, enthusiasm, generosity and love of life are the things I will remember about him.

Joan Gartly

Joan Gartly, who died suddenly in hospital on 15th December, 2003, was Mr Lanzer's secretary at Bethany, inhabiting, and sharing for a while, a tiny office off the front hall of the old school building, now part of the Housemaster's accommodation in Kendon House. She worked a full six-day week and even came in on Sunday mornings in her early days to sort the boarders' Sunday letters home! Having been a boarder herself and having lived as a young person in India, where her father was the secretary to a Provincial Governor, she related better to Bethany life than people might have expected. When she retired the Headmaster gave fulsome praise to her service at Bethany and we reprint this in full in tribute to her memory.

'On Speech Day I expressed my thanks to Miss Joan Gartly for her eighteen years at Bethany. She arrived on the Bethany scene just before me after an interesting and varied career with the Foreign Office, working in Switzerland, Holland and Spain. What a change it must have been after treading the corridors of power in the bustling, continental embassies to arrive on our delightfully sleepy little Green. Joan Gartly had to accustom herself to a different sort of community - no

doubt she found schoolmasters less diplomatic than her former bosses but just as demanding, just as varied in their personalities and in their views. With considerable determination she set about making the School Office her own, bringing in changes and modernising this or that system. She knew what she wanted and she ordered things according to her wishes within a short time. Quite rightly it had become her office and anyone who was brazen enough to attempt to usurp her sovereignty was left in doubt that this was not the best way to gain her cooperation. She was at her happiest when the chance came to sort out a government department regarding a passport or a visa, or using her diplomatic language with a foreign embassy - she never failed to get an answer! No wonder, that many boys from abroad recognised her helpfulness!

Outside her office she was a most welcoming inhabitant at Providence Cottage, entertaining generously, making beautiful flower arrangements, creating lovely decorations for the Carol Services which will be seen year by year, engraving on glass - all showing her many-sided artistic skill and her exquisite taste. And who will there be to follow her in her care and championing of the cats on the Green, often defending them from the Headmaster?

On a purely personal note I enjoyed working with her, I valued many things, but especially her discretion, and her ability to defend and guard me when she felt it necessary. And surely somewhere there must still be lying a note in her inimical handwriting which has defied decoding for seventeen years? The regard and respect in which Joan Gartly is held at Bethany was demonstrated to the full at the end of term when members of every department of our community assembled to present her with leaving gifts. For once we almost rendered her speechless - but not quite! May she have the happiest of retirements in her lovely cottage in Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochant in beautiful Clwyd.'

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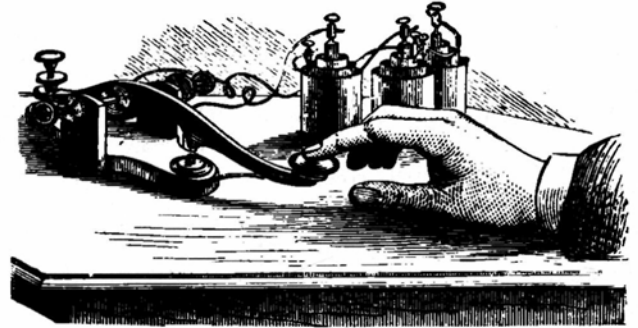


JOAN GARTLY

Joan did indeed have a very happy retirement in North Wales where she bought a small, 'one up and one down' cottage, with enough of a garden for her to indulge her love of growing seeds and taking cuttings. It seemed always open so that her cats could wander in and out at will. It was this unusual behaviour for a 'southerner' as well as her very warm friendliness that endeared her very quickly to the local villagers who took her very much to their hearts, without encroaching on her independence. She made an especial friendship with Barbara Kendon, the last Headmistress of the Ladies College, who lived nearby, providing an extra link with Bethany. At her funeral in the local Presbyterian Chapel, the Malvern hills of her childhood schooling, could be seen rather appropriately in the distance.

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NEWS of OLD BETHANIANS



Since returning from Vietnam, **MARCUS WOOTTON** has spent three years in the land of the scouser at Liverpool University. He finished his degree in Nursing in the summer of 2003 and is now living in south west London. He is doing a further qualification in Childrens' nursing and also working in the very busy Accident and Emergency department of a big London hospital, where he bumps into **PHILIP DAY** who is also training there. Marcus travelled back to Vietnam in the summer to revisit the scene of his Gap Year and received tempting offers of work there. **GARETH WILLIAMS** has moved to Danehill in Sussex, his wife is called Kelly, three children Nicholas 4, Sophie 3, Jonallian 1, (think that is the right spelling), Gareth has his own software company Equisys plc, Kelly is a consultant cardiologist at Worthing Hospital. **ADAM BARBER**, who spent nine months travelling the world and sampling the delights of Australia, New Zealand and the USA, quickly settled into student life at Warwick. He completed his degree in Theatre and Performance Studies three years later after which he escaped to the exciting city life. He currently lives in South West London, working for a Public Relations firm during almost every waking hour! **NICK KING** will be in the Isle of Man for TT week. He operates a courier service in the South of England, after having run what sounds like a Health & Beauty gym type business for years. Not with his wife any more but obviously gets on famously with son Mike. **TONY WILSON-SPRATT**, who came over from the Isle of Man to race at Goodwood last September to race several cars, which are his fathers that he designed and built between 1962 and 1966. He always had design ideas, beginning with a 4? Bentley and they really came to fruition with a garage business he owned in Leighton Buzzard in the late 1950's. Based on Austin Healey Sprite's, two were lightweights ie fibreglass construction and known as WSM Sprint's, and the others aluminium with fibreglass bonnets, known as WSM GT's. Mum christened them 'Wuzzums' and they are officially known as WSM Sprite's. As soon as he started racing them, customers wanted them and a few ended up exported to the USA. **TIM LUTHE** should be finished his Master's in May, and might be able to make it over there. It all depends on work because a lot of Oil sands projects have been approved which means that there may be a lot of work for them at kemex. He had an unfortunate accident last June, working in Grande Prarire refitting a water treatment plant. He fell into a open sewage tank and, whilst pulled out, he got a severe septic infection and was laid up for about six weeks. **MILES PROBERT**, who left Bethany in 2000 to do a National Diploma course at West Kent College, is now reading Management and Media at London South Bank University and living in one of their accommodation blocks. He has made lots of friends and even manages to look after himself domestically. **SIMON CHATTERTON** married Iona Nelson, a fellow graduate from university, and they have already managed to get onto the property ladder. **NEIL**

SAMUELL, who graduated from Keele last summer, works for The Caudwell Group in Stoke and hopes to make this his career. He managed time off for the Twenty Club last year. **JOHN STEVEN**, who returned to his accountancy profession after some years off sick, had a small heart attack last June. After six weeks recuperation, he seems to have made a good recovery. **PETER SILLIBOURNE**, who left Bethany in 1962, was awarded an MBE for his work with the Ruckinge and Ham Street Scouts. His wife, Mary, had also been nominated for the MBE for similar services to the local Guide movement over the past forty years, but received hers in the preceding Investiture. It provided the family with two exciting trips to the Palace and corresponding days out in London. They continue to enjoy annual camps at Easter and in the summer, work with the Parish Council, and have two daughters and one son, two of whom have now fled the nest. **ROBERT WEATHERLY**, who ran in last year's London Marathon, wrote to say that he completed the gruelling 26.2 miles in 3 hours, 12 minutes and 33 seconds, finishing 1,829 out of 32,270 runners. Robert says that he found the first eighteen miles relatively straightforward, but after that it was as if someone had attached weights to his ankles and was stabbing pins into his thighs. The £8000 that the sponsorship for his run raised for Macmillan Cancer Relief undoubtedly made the pain worthwhile. **SU ROPER**, who taught in the DLS Department a few years ago, nears the end of her time in Brunei, and returns to a school where she teaches 'O' level English after some time contending with the attention-deficit-unteachable lower forms. She seems much at home in semi-jungle locations. **CHRISTIAN and JULIET LANZER** had a busy year with trips to the Albert Hall and Covent Garden as well as to Felsted, Eastbourne and Birmingham. They have moved from Saffrons in Crowborough up to Wimbledon where they have found a good church and a flat without the huge garden they have battled with though enjoyed over the past sixteen years. **TONY ROLT**, Head of Games before Phil Marriott, is still Head of Games at Trent College and Housemaster of the Sixth Form House there. This keeps him very busy with usual problems and demands of lively eighteen year olds, but he still coaches Derby Rugby Club. He and Pat appreciate the half terms and holidays when they are

allowed to escape to their cottage in Cornwall. **DAVID McINTOSH**, previously Chaplain at Bethany, continues to enjoy his music enormously with his church group who have made a CD of Christmas music, as well as practising hard at organ playing. He and Valerie continue to live at Oakwood, near Warrington. **BILL and GWEN HARVEY** have now moved down to their farmhouse near Toulouse as Bill retired from his job with the Woodard Schools last April. They have maintained a small flat in Cheltenham as some of their family are working in the area and it affords them a base when they return periodically to the UK. Gwen retired in the summer and she and Bill are now building



GWEN AND BILL HARVEY

a swimming pool in their garden, though Bill wonders whether his limited DIY skills will be sufficient! **ROGER GROSE**, a Director of Music just prior to Alan Morris, lives in South East Devon where he commutes to Lyme Regis as Head of the local Primary School. He survived an OFSTED inspection this Autumn and as relaxation plays in the local band with his son, Daniel, as well as singing in an Exeter choir. **ROGER VICKERS**, Bethany Bursar during Kenneth Pengelly and Christian Lanzer's Headmasterships, has just celebrated his diamond wedding anniversary. Although his wife Muriel lives in a nursing home in Staplehurst following a stroke, Roger visits every day. This doesn't prevent him from continuing to enjoy his golf and daily walks with the dog as well as various OB functions, he was seen in excellent form at this year's Reunion. The **REVD COLIN ROOKWOOD** has enjoyed his first year of retirement, busier than perhaps he might have expected due to an interregnum at Horsmonden. He is joined now in retirement by his wife, Carol and they rejoiced in August at the birth of their first grandson, Samuel, to Emma and John.

MICKY BELL no longer plays rugby, though he is a keen watcher of the sport on the television. In stead he now plays golf, is Head of a Tunbridge Wells school and hopes shortly to retire. **RUTH and JIM KENDON** enjoyed an eventful year with lots of grandchildren produced and a visit to son Philip and his family in New Zealand. Both Ruth and Jim celebrated a 'big' birthday last year and were treated to a week's holiday in Italy by their sons. **STEWART TWITCHET**, who was the school's best goalkeeper during the late 1950s and early 60s, has spent most of his life running a successful business in the East End. He retired last year to Lincoln but keeps his holiday flat down on the South coast so was able to attend the summer Reunion. **JOHN COUZENS**, a contemporary of Adrian Chapman, was for many years a journalist with the Kent Messenger. About eight years ago he moved to Western Ireland to a house overlooking the sea, where he has been in public relations for BMW, for a Munich firm and for corporate business. **JAMES HOWLETT**, a very keen athlete at school who after university seemed sidetracked by 'sales', has now embarked on his second degree at Winchester. Here he is following Tom Masters in doing an MA in creative and critical writing, a one year course. He seems much happier with this, though whether it will lead to a 'third' degree as it has for Tom remains to be seen! **TOM MASTERS** was understandably 'chuffed' when his MA result came through in the Autumn. Normally only a pass or distinction (70% and over) is indicated but Tom scored so highly that Winchester released the details of his 93% mark! He is now well into his three year PhD research, for which he was awarded one of the two

'studentships'. **ALEX HOLMES**, a contemporary of Paul Holmes, has lived on the Isle of Wight with his wife, Christine, and their three boys for the last fourteen years. Here he has been pig farming in an increasingly difficult market and is now calling it a day. The winter farm mud is something that he feels he won't miss. **MATTHEW ROUSE** went to Sixth Form College on leaving Bethany and has done well enough to begin an Art Foundation

course at Wimbledon College of Art and Design. **PHILIP HART**, who was OBS Treasurer for quite a few years back in the 1950s and 60s, has retired to North Devon after a career in the aviation industry. He enjoys an old house in the centre of Hartland and has walked most of the South West coastal path. He reckons Devon to be so good a place to live that it even prevents him returning to Bethany! **JOHN ANTHONY**, another previous OBS Treasurer who was a pupil at Bethany under three Headmasters, Revd Hayward, Revd Sheldrick and Kenneth Pengelly, was diagnosed with cancer last Christmas. His operation seemed completely

successful and, after a course of chemotherapy, he is beginning to feel very fit again. He still gains much enjoyment from acting as a steward at the Fairfield Halls in Croydon, whilst he and Julie are often flying 'down-under' to visit their daughter. **ADAM BARNES**, who left the UK in search of the opportunity to fly planes anywhere is now based in Tanzania on the shores of Lake Victoria. Here he flies for a small company servicing the local mines and who are about to expand into scheduled routes to the local capitals. His long-term relationship with Juliet seems to give him as much happiness as his flying. **MICHAEL BUSBY**, who was one of the early pupils responsible for the ten year enthusiasm for windsurfing at Bethany, is married to Rebecca and they have three children, Harry, Alice and Isabelle. Michael graduated from Manchester and spent seven years in the electro-mechanical procurement industry in France and California, enabling him to



STUART TWITCHET TALKING WITH JOHN ANTHONY



L TO R: PAUL HOLMES, ROBERT HICKMOTT, TIM HICKMOTT, JOHN STARKEY, BARRY ROBBINS, ERIC HICKMOTT AND ROSS PATTERSON AT TIM HICKMOTT'S 40TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS ON BRIGHTON PIER

enjoy local rugby and skiing. The family now live in Tenterden where Michael now manages the family business. Another keen windsurfer at Bethany, was **CHRISTOPHER GRUNDY**. He now works at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, where he runs the computing mapping group, all about how geography and location impacts on health. Apart from his teaching at the university, he travels all over the world helping people from departments of health and health centres carry out research. He is now Godfather to **GREG MATANLE'S** first little girl. Gregory now has a second, lives in Tunbridge Wells and is a driving instructor for the Village Driving School in Goudhurst! **HAMISH FELL**, who planned to join the Army on leaving school, in stead started his own Web Consultancy business in Sheffield and then took his degree at the university there. Whilst studying he joined the TA which enabled him to gain a commission, since when he has served with the local Signals regiment. This took him to Iraq in March where he reports the experience is like nothing he has experienced before! **TIM HICKMOTT**, who is a captain with British Airways, was forty this year. His wife, Yvonne, organised a surprise birthday party for him, where sixty of his friends assembled at a secret rendezvous in Horsham, boarded a double-

decker bus and collected Tim and family from home. They proceeded to Shoreham airfield for a champagne reception and then continued to Brighton Pier, where the pier-end restaurant had a 'fish and chip' supper organised for the whole party. Tim's parents and brother's Robert and Eric, with their wives and children, were all present with OBs Barry Robbins, Ross Patterson, John Starkey and Paul Holmes. **TIM PLAYFOOT**, who lives in Brenchley, has just graduated from Greenwich University, with a degree in garden design. This involved study at Hadlow College and work at Kibblewhite gardens, Sandhurst and he now works full time as a designer for Wealden Country Landcraft in Brenchley. **GRAHAM MAISEY**, who moved to Cornwall a few years ago, has had rather poor health ever since. Last New Year he was rushed to Plymouth Hospital with pneumonia, spending three weeks there and two months off work. He is now much better but feels far less strong than before. His son-in-law is the Launceston postmaster so the family are running the business there whilst Graham works for Kelsey Foods. **AIDEN DONEGAN**, who left Bethany in 1977, now lives in Hampshire with his wife and two young children. Since leaving school Aiden worked in engineering, estate agency, commercial refurbishment, before starting his own company Signs Direct in 1995. He now employs twenty five people and building work has begun on a purpose-built 10 000sq.ft.headquarters, a success generated, he says, by working a sixteen hour day and some luck! **DOUGLAS BRUCE**, who was at Bethany between 1930 and 1934, now lives in Scotland, on the Isle of Bute. He remembers fondly Miss Olive Kendon, who introduced him to good music and literature, the Wind in the Willows for instance, as well as guiding him spiritually. He was later to be most moved by a Billy Graham crusade at Haringey. John Eastwood's younger son **NICK EASTWOOD**, was married to



SUE AND ROGER KIMBER

Anna on Saturday 18th September at St Giles, Bodiam. There was a marquee reception and dancing till late back at John's farm, Quarry Farm, afterwards and the couple enjoyed their honeymoon in Prague. His elder brother, Tim, was an usher. Another OB wedding occurred for **ROB JONES**, from Ashford, who was married to Claire on 28th August at St Augustine's Priory, near Woodchurch. The reception was also held at the Priory and also present were Obs Jon Billing, James Knowlden and John Hampton. **ATILLA SAROL**, 1980-1984, left Bethany to study at Stanford University, in the States, after which he returned to Turkey. Here he now has his own company producing yarns, blankets, and recycled fibres. **RICHARD LEE**, 1975-1979, also moved to the States after Bethany and he now works at Merrill Lynch as a financial advisor. He is married with two children. **RAY RICHARDS**, seems to be thoroughly enjoying his changed lifestyle as chef of the Rose and Crown, Old Romney, where he says he has introduced old Bethany favourites like steak and kidney pudding and spotted dick. He seemed in very good form back at Bethany organising the OBS cricket team at the Reunion. **MARTIN KING** continues his training for the ministry at Oak Hill. He hopes to be appointed to a Curacy next June, meanwhile he and Sharon

have their hands full with three children, the two boys are either at nursery or junior school now. **STEPHEN and JO GROVE** are now back in the UK from Zambia, on leave until January, as Jo is expecting a baby in November. They both teach PE at Amano Christian School and are involved in much youth work in Musenga, which is where they live and so can be involved all through the week when not teaching at school. Much of it is bible study and improving their English and the children have a real desire to learn. They are looking forward to having the help of Tor Harmer in January for part of her Gap Year. **ROGER KIMBER**, who has lived with his wife Sue and two children, for the last few years in the Eastern suburbs of Paris, where his children have coped with French schooling, has been relocated by his firm, Total, to Bangkok. They arrived at the end of the summer and were impressed with the climate and scenery. They have made no comment yet about the traffic queues! **JAY GWYN-WILLIAMS**, who made the outstanding Lutyens bench presented at Reunion Day, has a small joinery business just off the A21 at Forstal Farm, Goudhurst. He specialises in original design staircases and windows for old Wealden properties being restored, though he enjoys the challenge of something different and is currently restoring an old property himself. **JOHN FENECH**, the youngest of three brothers who went to Bethany, the others being Richard and Robert, has finished at PPP in Tunbridge Wells for the second time and departed, with his lovely partner, for semi-permanent residence in Australia. Also now settled down under, in Melbourne, **MARK KATES** works in the steel industry and is married to Fiona, a human and animal chiropractor. He has two young children and asks if anyone has news of Hamid SAFAVI, Raj RAO or Simon PIGEON, also contemporaries of his in the late 70s at Bethany.

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'Round the Island',

MEMORIES OF SCHOOLDAYS IN THE 1930s.

By Arthur Douglas Bruce

The arrival last year of the list of Old Bethanians, set Douglas checking how many of his contemporaries appeared and then sending them some of his memories. What follows is an abridged version of his 'letter'.

At the age of ten, I was sent to Bethany from a lovely home in East London's Walthamstow. My parents, God-fearing folk, wished me to be protected from the dangers of being too 'street-wise' in the days of the great depression. Although I did not recognise it at the time, of course, those days in the Garden of England were the most wonderful days to experience, even though time has further enhanced those years.

Bethany tamed this rebellious young villain from Walthamstow, especially Miss Olive Kendon, who befriended me with her unending patience. She introduced me to good music and literature, this latter especially through her dramatic readings of 'Wind in the Willows'. She taught me an appreciation of 'spiritual matters', an understanding of the Arts and some etiquette and social behaviour.

My many memories tumble out rather haphazardly – huge passenger-carrying by-planes flying low over the Oak, which they used for navigation, Scout camps in Kendon woods, where we built tree walks from one tree to another, the Whit Monday cricket match against the Old Boys, swimming in the school pool, where we swallowed mouthfuls of green algae and even the odd newt, heat waves when we were allowed five 'free-swims' a day, watching the lady teachers when they swam in the pool, and the 'chug, chug' of the petrol driven generator puffing bouts of blue smoke.

Staff also hold strong memories for me – 'Plum' Kendon, our scoutmaster and Housemaster, a real good fellow, Mr Hayward, the Headmaster and Mr Samuel Kendon, the Principal, who was a devout Baptist and a very wonderful man, as well as the matron 'Maid Marion' and our Cub Mistress, Miss Cedar.

Routines that remain in the memory include Sunday afternoon compulsory walks, TOKES for tea, with jam only on Sundays, the girls from the Ladies College walking the three miles to join their brothers for Chapel services on occasional Sundays, gymnastics in the building with a concrete floor, where we chased each other swinging happily from rope to rope, and scout camps next to the cherry orchard and being able to distract the bird-scarer whilst others filled their caps with cherries.

Special events which we treasured include Bonfire nights and holding a mock trial of Guy Fawkes and carrying him out to the bonfire on the playing fields, the Old Boy who flew his small biplane onto the playing fields but crashed it as he attempted to take Plum Kendon up for a flight over the school estate, Prize-giving in the village hall up in Goudhurst, and the end of term departure for the holidays by a hired horse and cart, loaded with all our trunks and ourselves for the two mile clopping down Winchet Hill and thence to Marden station (pictured in the 1998-1999 Bethanian, page 69, with me on far left-hand side, three and a half boys up!)

After four years at Bethany my parents sent me to the Mercers School in Holburn as Bethany had no real Sixth Form in those days, but then the War intervened and I spent an interesting six years in the Navy. After the war, with a wife and two young children, I settled into marketing and sales management in metal and high-tech cable furniture, eventually reaching the positions of Manager and Director. I have been blessed with a long and happy retirement with my wife, Isobel.

I have to thank so many at Bethany for making all this possible, for not only educating me, but for guiding me into the straight and narrow pathway, which led eventually in 1995 to my embracing the strongest of Christian beliefs, setting me free and giving me the opportunity of obeying, trusting, witnessing and serving the Lord Jesus Christ, as one of His most unlikely but most ardent disciples.

THE OLD BETHANIANS' SOCIETY APPEAL FUND

REPORT ON THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MAY 2004

OBSAF closed its 28th year with a surplus of £805.46 (the adjacent accounts give details) and has had one of its quietest years. A lack of activity is always linked to small funds being available, and our only outgoing was a payment of £200.00 to the Catling Trust (administered by Paul Holmes) representing sums of £200.00 each for the year ended '03 and '04.

OBSAF, as readers may know, funds gifts to Bethany, thus releasing identical sums made available for the education of its pupils.

If and when monies come in as gifts and/or the OBS raffle, then your committee plans for any future presentations to our school. So... we hope for good things in our 29th year.

Eric Adler, Treasurer, OBSAF

Accounts for the year end 31st May 2004

Cash at HSBC on 1st June 2003

£772.54

OBS Raffle

£232.00

Interest

£ 00.82

£1005.36

Payment to the Catling Trust

£200.00

31st May 2004

Letter to the Editor

36 Baxendale
Whetstone
London

1st September, 2004

Dear Barry

I should like your readers to know how pleased and proud I am to have been made a Patron of our Society

Yours Sincerely

Eric Adler

