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50% Weight Loss!

The Bethanian brings you the Bethany year in the words and pictures of staff and pupils as it always has done – but this year it is thinner! It is now lighter to post and quicker to read but continues to paint life in the Bethany community (in more colour than ever before).

The Old Bethanian has become a separate publication for former school pupils, see the Old Bethanian website for more information (www.oldbethanians.co.uk).

Don't forget that you can now find out what has been happening at Bethany on a weekly basis by visiting the news page on the school website which is updated every Friday afternoon in term time and includes photographs of activities that have taken place during the week. (www.bethanyschool.org.uk).

Tsunami Collection

The images of the Tsunami disaster on Boxing Day had a profound effect on everyone who saw them. What could not be predicted was the tremendous response from Bethany pupils and parents when a rather hopeful "chain" telephone call was sent out two days before the start of the Spring term.

A Bethany contact who runs an orphanage in Sri Lanka assured us that any items of clothing the School was able to collect would find their way to the worst hit areas and on 6th January 240 bags of clothes duly arrived and filled a large area of the Art School from floor to ceiling. Donations of over £700 also came in which comfortably paid the transportation costs.

A big thank you to everyone who helped in any capacity, but particularly the numerous pupils who sorted



through everything that came in and guaranteed it was ready for the day the ship sailed.

P. Norgrove

Comic Relief

When Hal and I first decided to organise the Red Nose Day events back in September we perceived it as an easy option for our Duke of Edinburgh Service section. How wrong we were! Initial discussion consisted of grand ideas incorporating the school into Red Nose Day, but we soon realised that the chance of Hal, Miss Bicheno and me being able to pull off such events were minute. This

realisation resulted in selected events being short listed. As the day drew closer, preparations combining with stress levels increased, climaxing on the day itself, which conveniently coincided with our Modular Chemistry results being published. Luckily both events were a success!

We were really pleased with the response of school, including many last minute contributions. The most

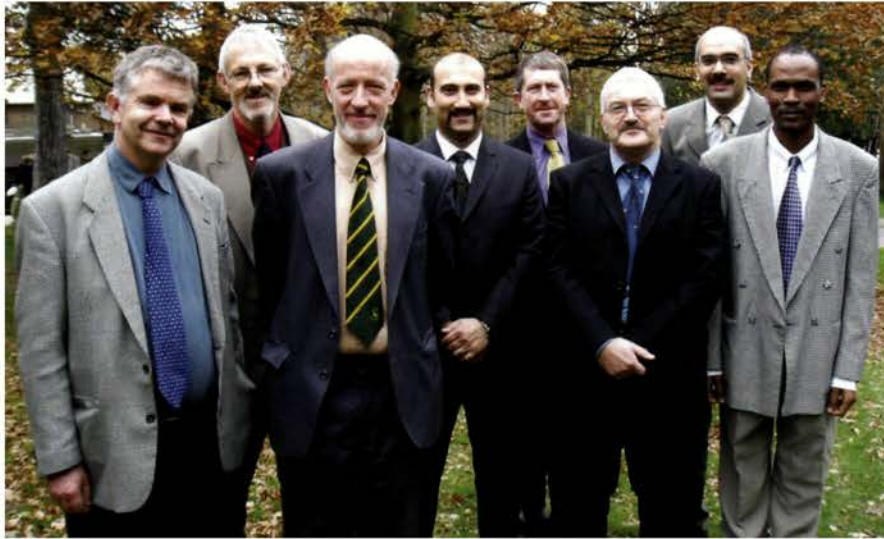
impressive spectacle of the day was the fancy dress, from the 'totally red' Miss Vince, to the cross dressing antics of Chris(tina) Durnford and Phil(ippa) Day! Tomato bobbing in the Marquee proved very messy, including some extremely competitive behaviour from Mr Thomas! The conclusion of the day was the Variety Show, with myself and Hal as comperes, featuring the Lizards, the comedy of Mr Cullen, Mr Norgrove and Mr Battersby and none other than the Pengelly Massive! In total we raised just over £1500, which made all the stress and work worthwhile, and the success of the events helped to prove that 'it'll be alright on the night!'

Adam Baldwin, Year 12



ABOVE: Tomato bobbing for Red Nose Day.

LEFT: Alex Marks, Adam Baldwin, Hal Shaw, Ms Bicheno and Mr Thomas



Curtisden Moustaches

Burt Reynolds. Graham Gooch. Merv Hughes. Tom Selleck. What on earth could they have in common?

Facial hair is of course the answer, in particular of the moustache variety. So it was that in November 2004, no less than 13 brave teachers from Bethany set about growing moustaches for the month.

The reason behind this unusual act was to raise money for 'everyman', a branch of the Institute for Cancer Research that focuses on raising awareness for men's cancers in particular. What better way than to do this than to grow a testosterone fuelled 'tache'!

A target of £1,000 was set and a website created to make donating relatively simple. It wasn't long before the participants were complaining of itchy upper lips and their spouses of 'moustache rash'! Pupils and other staff were quick to give their opinions on just how the lucky 13 looked and an

article (and picture!) even appeared in a local newspaper. Not to be deterred, the moustaches remained until the end of the month, some even longer!

The final sum raised of £1,673 exceeded all our expectations, and thanks are due to the staff, pupils, parents, families and friends who donated so generously to a worthy cause. To celebrate this achievement the 'Curtisden Moustaches' took themselves off to a local curry house for a meal and a few light ales, though goodness know what the waiters must have thought when their establishment was invaded by a large group moustache wearing gentlemen!

The 'Curtisden Moustaches' were; Mike Hollman, Dave Schooledge, John Cullen, Chris Fisher, Gordon Thorpe, Gary Simmons, Anthony Khan, Carl Bingham, Mike Day, Simon Battersby, Tim Hart-Dyke, Mike Thomas and Rupert Keeling.

A. Khan

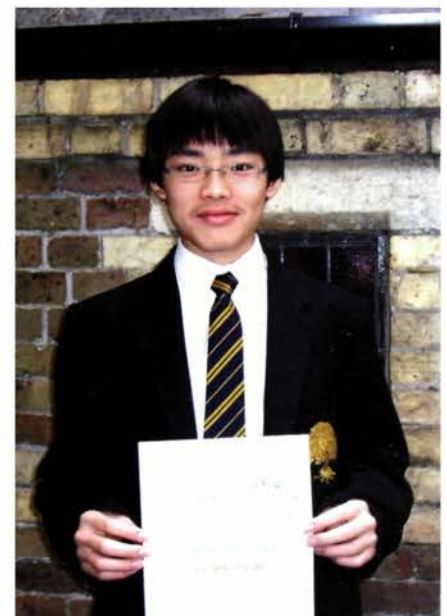
Support for Cheshire Home

Four Bethany Sixth Formers, Mike Biddulph, Tom Danby, Jamie McKinnon and Fergus Murray, who have been regularly visiting the local Leonard Cheshire home as part of the Service Section of their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award, decided to take their commitment to the centre one stage further. The students organised a non-uniform day in support of the Staplehurst centre, raising over £300.



Hobsons International Boarder of the Year Award 2005

Peter Wei, Year 8 pupil from Taiwan, was shortlisted for the Hobsons International Boarder of the Year Award 2005 for his essay on "Why I like Boarding in the UK".



Bethany

Sophie de Vries, a former Bethany student and sister of Tom de Vries in Year 12, visited the Sixth Form Textile students in June. She has just finished her degree in Printed Textiles at Middlesex University and following her degree show at the Old Trueman Brewery in London, brought her work in to school. Students were most impressed with Sophie's work and it was good for them to be able to see the 'next step'! Sophie also enjoyed seeing how the Textile course had progressed since her days at Bethany.

A.C. Kelly



Silver winner, Hester Smart



Matt Dawson



Work by David Copeland

Art Award Success

The work of four Bethany students was selected for exhibition at County Hall, Maidstone as part of the John Downton Art Awards. The exhibition featured the work of young artists from 42 schools, with Gold, Silver and Bronze awards being made in two age

groups. Year 10 Bethany pupil, Hester Smart, was presented with the silver award in her age group, 11-15 year olds, for a mixed media piece inspired by a close study of pomegranates. The work of Coei O, Matthew Dawson and David Copeland was also on display.



Work by Coei O



Waiting for school outside the teacher's house

Rainbow Kids

Rainbow Kids is a primary school project for disadvantaged children in Grahamstown, Cape Province, South Africa. Currently the 28 pupils are taught in their teacher's living room! A project is underway to purchase a small plot of land and build a teaching complex that will consist of two classrooms, toilets, a kitchen, teacher's office and outside play area.

The Mount chose this charity as the focus for their September fundraising activities and, together with a casual clothes day for the School late in the autumn term, a grand total of £1,100 was forwarded by cheque in early January 2005. In May Mr Khan's parents visited the site that has now been secured and met the children who will benefit from the project. Planning permission has now been granted and building work is due to start soon.

A. Khan

Millennium Volunteers

Twenty Sixth Form Students have been awarded certificates for their contribution as Millennium Volunteers. Each gave a minimum of 100 hours of time to qualify for the award, some giving 200 hours both inside and outside school.

Medals for Judo at Bethany

Judo is now well established having been re-introduced some three years ago. The Judo Club is now held on Monday evenings when ex-Olympic coach, Chris Bowles has a dedicated dozen to put through their paces. The Captain, Richard Marney, and Vice Captain, Philip Wells, led their team in two matches against Judd and went to the Independent Schools National Judo Championships at High Wycombe. Oscar Mead caused a stir when he beat the Southern Counties Silver Medallist. Bethany returned from the National Championships well-laden; Oscar Mead won a gold medal, Matthew Beattie, Samuel Elobeid and Callum Golds all won silver and Aaron Houghton-Glasier won bronze.

New Dining Hall

The new two-storey dining room complex is finished! After a year dining out in a marquee, Bethany students can now eat in luxury. The 179 seater lower dining hall allows students to eat lunch in two sittings, while the upper room can seat 200 theatre-style or double as a second dining area. The modern interior is impressive – the upstairs panoramic view from the front balcony spectacular.





Hidy Mok, Year 12



Harriet Smith, Year 12



Danielle Shephard, Year 7



Tom Wilkinson, Year 10



Nick Wilson, Year 11



Peter Liang, Year 11

The Todmans Year



We have a fun and enjoyable time in Todmans; there are always lots of activities going on. On Monday nights we have a pool and table tennis competition. Whoever wins gets a prize and then the next time we do it the aim is to beat the top dog. On Wednesday there is cricket for the people who like to play cricket. They will most probably be in the team. Friday is football night. In the winter we played in the Sports Hall and when it snowed we were allowed to go out and play which was good fun. In the summer we will be able to play tennis or have a splash about in the pool. On Saturday the full boarders have a later bedtime and also might be able to play some sport. On Sunday there is a special Sunday trip to places like paint balling, Thorpe Park, bowling, cinema, shopping, dry ski slope, Brighton and loads more. In the summer we will also go into the woods and have lots of games like "Capture the Hill" and hide and seek. Full boarders can also go to friends' houses and come back to Todmans in time for bedtime.

This year we had a sponsored walk around Bawl Water and the money we raised went to the Kent Air Ambulance. I enjoy Mrs Johnson cooking bacon for us on a Friday night and in the summer we all like Mr Johnson's barbeques.

James Ratty, Year 8

My Year in Todmans

Well, I've come a long way since I first started at Bethany School. I've played rugby and football for my school and have made many cool friends. When I first started I had many emotions. I was scared out of my mind for crying out loud! But I also felt confident and I had a will to succeed. As I entered the doors of Todmans, I knew my life was about to change, with my little bro and my Dad heaving and sweating, carrying my large, heavy trunk. I was greeted by the Headmaster, Mrs Johnson and Miss Saunders, who told me where to put my things. My family left me to fend and look after myself. I settled in nicely at Bethany. The Year 8s looked after us and showed us where to go. My first Year 7 friends were Kane Lucas, Spencer Garrett, Hussein Lamptey and George Palmer. They were then followed by Brandon Begg, George Raw, Josh Stanbridge and Owain Blunkett-Evans and many others. In the cold winter evenings we played football in the gym. In the summer we are going swimming in the swimming pool.

I have now been here for months. There are many activities going on in Todmans and there is never a dull moment.

George Tanton, Year 7

Kent Air Ambulance

Charlie Turner, Jon Rawlins, Guy Wilczek and David Peters visited the Kent Air Ambulance at Marden to present a cheque for £750 to the charity. The money had been raised by all the Todnam boys as a result of their sponsored walk. The paramedic crew gave the boys a tour of the helicopter

and explained their work, also pointing out that it was possible that they might be called out at any minute in response to an emergency. Just moments later they were and Charlie, Jon, Guy and David were able to watch the Kent Air Ambulance helicopter they had helped to support take to the air.



Old Poplars

In 2005 Old Poplars gained 15 new girls which put the total up to 62 fabulous young ladies, of whom 22 were boarders. We also gained two new members of staff to the Old Poplars family, Miss King and Miss Doyle. Miss King joined us as the assistant housemistress, while Miss Doyle joined us as a Tutor. Mrs Dorey, having been relief Tutor and Duty Assistant for one day a week, became a full tutor for Year 9 day girls'. They are very much appreciated by all the girls.

Our annual charity events took place at the beginning of the year. Years 7, 8 and 9 enjoyed a sponsored walk around Bewl Water. Years 10 and 11 walked a series of cross-country local walks and the Lower Sixth did some leadership training at Arena Pursuits, in preparation for their monitoring duties throughout the year. In total we raised over £1,000, which was divided equally between Breast Cancer Care, the charity of the girls' choice, and house funds. The money for the house went towards a new flat-screen computer, reconditioning the pool table as well as a bouncy castle for the annual summer barbecue.

The end of term production of "Joseph" was an enormous success and involved many of the Old Poplars girls. All of the girls excelled themselves and put on a truly fantastic performance. Some of the Lower Sixth girls involved in the young enterprise company "Echo", helped by selling photos of the production during the intervals. Other Sixth Form girls helped with the making of costumes and serving drinks during the interval.

Many of the girls gave amazing performances in the music concerts during the year and parents travelled



Old Pop's garden: fun in the snow

from far and near to support their children.

As a well earned treat for all of the sixth form monitors Mrs Healy invited us all to her house for an entertaining evening with Chinese food. Here we met our newest girl to join the house. She came in the form of Thomas Healy dressed as Little Red Riding Hood, and what a beautiful girl he made!

When Christmas came around this year the girls voted on how they would like to celebrate. They were given the choice of going to see "Stomp" or "Fame" in London. After a stressful ten minutes of voting it became clear that we all would be going to see "Fame". A favourite part of the show for all the girls was when Mrs Healy sang along, she almost put the performers on the stage to shame! We strongly recommend that she tries out for a part, as we would love to go and see her as part of the cast next year. Good luck, Miss.

After a refreshing chocolate-filled Christmas break all of the girls returned three stones heavier and raring for the term ahead. The first event was the celebration of Chinese New Year. Old Poplars lost some of their Chinese occupants to a restaurant

where they enjoyed a lovely meal. Do not fret because they returned after they had finished.

We unfortunately had to say goodbye to a group of sixth form girls as they moved to the Orchard. We are sure they are missing the Old Poplars way of life. However, at the same time we welcomed four equally beautiful and intelligent sixth formers from the Orchard to Old Poplars.

We must say a huge thank you to our Matron and to Jean who have, against all the odds, endeavoured to keep us smart throughout the year. Our tutors also, who do an amazing job with us all.

As we are writing this we are wishing all the girls luck with all of the different exams taking place throughout the year groups. We are looking forward to half term, the house barbecue and the traditional speech day picnics. We are all excited for the Old Poplars House barbecue as it is not only a chance to thank the sixth form monitors, it is also a chance for all of the girls to thank the house staff, especially Mr and Mrs Healy, for running the only girls' house so successfully, which only they could do.

Wendy Tong, Mel Reeves, Emily Nelson



ABOVE AND RIGHT: *Old Pop's summer barbecue*



Go Kendon

This year it was my honour to head Kendon House. Like many other Heads of House before me, I will look at my entire time in Kendon. Sorry Pengelly but I had to write this. It is the better of the two senior houses, and I feel that includes my one year stint as Head of House, and I feel that with an extreme passion. This passion, I'm sure is within all borders and indeed the day pupils that serve their four or maybe three years (as in my case) the house which once was the entire and only part of the School. It is so loved and cherished by all who pass through it. The passion I'm sure derives from the considerate and intuitive housemasters. Both Mr and Mrs Hollman and Mr and Mrs Thomas have shown respect for all the boarders and have helped everyone, including myself, out of some pretty sticky situations. So my thanks go out to them.

Right, now I've got the soppy and sentimental bit out of the way...The first term saw the influx of a whole new bunch of people arriving fresh from The Mount and Todmans. Also Benny Tung, Peter Yu and Jan Schlatman who all took up monitoring positions from the word go. Jan, from Germany, was only here for a term but he had a big impact on us all. He was, and still is, missed. Within the first term the House's 'family feeling' was established and lasted, for the most part, to the last day.

Kendon Barbecue



Daniel Helasfay in danger of getting wet on Parents' Day

The first term saw many sporting achievements, some of which stand out from others. For example, myself – Alex 'Vain' Marks, Jamie 'Ginger' McConnachie and Michael Blacker held three positions in the 1st XV Rugby Team. The end of a busy term saw the 'Kendon Feast' take on a new leap as there was not only Chinese food on the menu, oh no! but Indian as well. After the massacre of the 'feast', it was time for the presentation of awards in which 'the worst taste in music award' was deservedly won by Charles Newsam, 'the smelliest feet ever award' by Tom Wooding Jones and the 'worst fashion taste' went to Nick Wilson.

The second term saw more Kendonites into Senior teams, myself captaining the 2nd XI Football – see where vain comes from now? This

bodes well for us as the up and coming annual "grudge" Kendon vs. Pen'gay'ley football match is soon to follow this report. Throughout the autumn, spring and summer term the new dining hall facility has evolved and is now near completion. This has brought smiles to our faces as we will no longer have to eat in what is known in Kendon as 'the tent'.

Another novel and exciting experience that we had to endure was the lack of hot water and indeed lack of any water in the showers. This for a boarding house of 30 boarders, as you can imagine, was not pleasant by any means. Moving into the third and final term the abundance of water fights was an expression of high spirits and youthful vigour that strengthened the bond between all four year groups within the House. The barbecues, the sunshine, the swimming pool and endless games of wall ball made the summer term by far the best, especially after the wind-down from the pressures of the public exams.

Unfortunately this year Kendon lost the 'Grudge' match 3-1. Say for the first 15 minutes of the match we were dominant through the latter of the first half and the whole of the second, the game, as usual, witnessed some hardy tackling from both myself and Chris Lines and of course from the opposition. My hat goes off to Nick Wilson for scoring a wonderful goal and Jamie McConnachie for some brilliant saves in goal. Hopefully next year we will get one back on them!

GO KENDON.

Alex Marks – Head of House.

Kendon stall on Parents' Day



The Mount

A full and action packed year in the Mount. There were several new house staff including Mr 'Magician' Briggs (Assistant Housemaster) and Miss Morgan (part of the tutor team), who in the autumn term became Mrs Bingham to confuse us all! Congratulations. Both should be commended on the duties they have performed, in addition to 'old hands' Mr Allen and Mr Paine.

The year kicked off with a 'Welcome BBQ' for the new Year 8 and 9 boarders, who settled into school life well, some of them for the first time in England. We had two sets of twins in the house, the Cliffords we could tell apart, but the Tacks kept all of us guessing for a long time. Almost immediately there was an excellent atmosphere in the house, suggesting that the coming year would be a good one.

The annual Charities Day came in mid September and we were lucky enough to have sunshine. Most of the Mount went on the junior school walk around Bewl Water. We were delighted



ABOVE AND BELOW: *Best foot forward: walking for charity*



to send a cheque totalling £1,100 to the 'Rainbow Kids' School Project in Cape Town, South Africa. A large chunk of the money raised also went to having the pool table recovered and refurbished.

For Guy Fawkes night we visited the Loose Valley fireworks show locally, which actually turned out to be rather good. Boarders also had several weekend trips, and when there were none Mr Khan took us to Bluewater to the cinema, whilst Mrs Khan engaged in some retail therapy!

The end of the Autumn Term was rounded off with the monitor's Christmas trip to 'Mexxa Mexxa' in Maidstone, where despite a valiant attempt, four hungry sixth formers plus Mr Paine, Mr Khan and Mr Briggs could not finish the feast we were presented with. The last evening of term was a really memorable event, where the whole house sat down to a Chinese feast and sketches at our Christmas party. On a sadder note the event meant saying a farewell to Mrs Linaker. She had been Matron in the Mount for nigh on 10 years. In that time she had helped countless boarders settle in (including myself). She will be a much missed member of the house staff team. However a welcome, and a well done, should be given to Dawn Tomkinson, the new matron for being equal to the massive task she was faced with when coming from Kendon to the Mount.

Several snow days arrived in early March and we all enjoyed the activities put on, though the most popular was of course snowballing. However, after almost a week of snow days we were actually glad to return to school, something we never thought we would say!



The Mount Christmas party

Meanwhile, down the Mount path the skateboarding started in earnest as the weather brightened, with the daily task of jumping, grinding and generally making as much noise as possible, much to the delight of Mr Briggs in his nearby flat... The longer evenings were enjoyed by all and provided an opportunity to play football on the Firs and get in some extra cricket practice.

There have been many performing arts events over the last year, with pupils from the Mount involved in all of them. And then in the summer came the dreaded exams! Pupils throughout the house approached these with a diligent and serious nature. Indeed we hope that the results duly reflect the work we put in! But it does not stop with academics. On the sports pitches the Mount pupils have been involved in every aspect of the sports program, and we are pleased to say that pupils from the Mount have represented the school at all levels.

As many of you know, it is not easy to join a school halfway through a year and settle in, making friends. Well this is just what three boys have done. Well done to Andrew Fletcher, William Pearson-Wood and Thomas Warner. In addition Harry Withers joined the boarding community, bringing some individual 'Welsh' aspects to the house! What a year for Wales to do so well in Rugby...

Towards the end of term the monitors enjoyed a farewell four course slap-up meal; thanks very much to Mrs Khan for the delicious fare and generous glasses of wine! But it was the Mount 'extravaganza evening' that was most looked forward to. The BBQ, inflatable assault course and football match (Jedi versus Sith!) left most on a high before the summer holidays. It symbolized not only the end of exams, but also the end of a good year and a long relaxing break ahead.

William Lester, Head of House

Pengelly Victorious

When the house received its new batch of Year 10s, Mr Norman, myself, and just about everyone involved in the house, were thankful not to receive another group like the previous Year 10s. To quote from my predecessor, Fergus Murray, last year's, Year 10s "were the most challenging Pengelly had ever seen!" Of course now they were Year 11s – older, yes – but wiser? Not necessarily. But by the Spring Term, thanks to Mr Norman's separate dorm strategy, things had settled down and the house was functioning smoothly

Towards the end of the winter term we decided to have a table tennis tournament followed by a house meal. Emotions ran high as we reached the final where Charles would face our resident pro Sion. The match was even and was in the end decided by sudden death, with Charles taking the spoils. To round the night off we ordered Indian and watched movies from Mr Norman's vast collection of DVDs.

Spring Term is always the most uneventful term, where time simply drags, between the freshness of the first term and the excitement of the summer. The highlight of the term, for all those in Pengelly and the school, was the Red Nose Day Variety show, organized by our own Adam Baldwin and Hal Shaw. Pengelly stole the show with their break dancin', rappin' and beat boxin' moves on stage to "Ice Ice Baby". This was performed in white jump suits inscribed with spray paints, on the back: P.E.N.G.E.L.L.Y

The exams crept up faster than ever and it seemed that they were over in a



Pengelly barbecue

heart beat. Of course, within the time spent revising, we had managed to find time to start preparing for the most important test of Pengelly life... the football match! Thanks to the number of events having to be squeezed into the tightest of schedules, every day we thought the match could take place was ruled out by senior members of staff and so the match was postponed until Wednesday 22nd June.

Thanks to some sweet talking from her son, Mrs Barrett was kind enough to provide the squad of 16 players with a kit to match any premiership side and, once again, I would like to thank her for all her efforts.

As the big day drew ever closer and closer nerves started to build. Training sessions intensified and we became a working, functioning unit. After liaising with Cyril, the groundsman, the goals were erected for a match – no a battle – that would be refereed by the infamous Mr Briggs.

The coin was tossed. As it spun through the air, it glinted in the dusking

summer sun. Tails. Pengelly wins and we opted to stay with the sun to our backs. The whistle blew and the match began with Kendon kicking off. We started sprightly, closing down Kendon quickly and passing the ball with confidence. Then in a flash of brilliance Lee, to Milton, Milton to Kyle, Kyle to Fenton, Fenton to Charlie... GOAL!!!

In the end Charles netted a brace and Lee using his famous 4head, well 5head skilfully headed home a third. The final score ending up at 3-1.

One more victory for Pengelly, one more defeat for Kendon.

On behalf of all of Pengelly I would like to thank Bess, Matron, Mr Williams and of course Mr and Mrs Norman. Without these four dedicated members of the house it would simply not function and there would be **total** anarchy!!!

I have certainly enjoyed my time in Pengelly, this year and all the years I have been here. It is certainly hard to walk away from such a place, even if it is made of cardboard!

Hal Shaw, Head of House

BELOW AND BELOW RIGHT: *The Pengelly football team*



The Orchard

How quickly a year goes by. So what have been the highlights of The Orchard year 2005? With The Orchard of course our residents are with us for a very short time, their sights already set on 'life after school'. To this end we try and help them on their way by introducing them to independent study periods and the joys of doing their own washing. There will always be those who think that private study means putting your feet up and drinking coffee and others who several months on have still not mastered the dials on the washing machine but on the whole the first few hesitant steps to independence have been taken.

So what do The Orchard students do when not studying, washing their clothes or drinking coffee? Back in September we walked through the night in the depths of Bedgebury Forest to raise money for both House funds and to help a small charitable organisation in Ecuador, which specialises in giving a basic education to working mothers and their children to help them improve their employment prospects and fight poverty.

Later that term all the boarders enjoyed a curry and quiz night and the approach of Christmas had us in festive mood with an excellent meal at a local restaurant followed by yet another quiz – what an intellectual crowd we are!

Many of the Upper Sixth are of course prefects and they have duties to do around the school from dawn till dusk and thus it is that in the week it is sometimes hard to tell who is a boarder and who is a day pupil. However at weekends numbers thin out



Lunchbreak in the Orchard garden

and the house is filled with the interesting aromas of haute cuisine from around the world usually after the weekly trip to empty the shelves of a local supermarket.

When not battling with the intricacies of A level courses, policing the draughty corners of the temporary dining hall or seeking glory on the playing fields our sixth formers like to play computer games in the common room, pool in the conservatory, cricket in the corridors although I actively discourage the latter and most recently five a side football using the new nets purchased with their sponsorship money.

We will be sorry to say good-bye to

Mr Lawrence when he leaves at the end of term. He has been a very valued member of the sixth form tutor team and we wish him every happiness in his new post. Equally I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Bingham for his year as third man and hope that he will enjoy his change of age group to the junior boys in Todmans.

On a final note I would like to take this opportunity to thank our long suffering cleaning ladies who work over and above the call of duty to keep the domestic side of the House running smoothly.

A Presland

Prefects' Supper



Fancy dress at Autumn Term Prefects' Evening



The Pengelly Society

The year began with the Headmaster gallantly standing in for the scheduled speaker. He traced his running life right back to his teenage years with old School and Club photographs up to 1990, when he retired from competitive racing to begin his mountain running hobby. He told us of his, once in a lifetime, challenge of running the Tour de Mont Blanc.

For the second meeting we had the very refined Patrick Coulcher. His subject was the natural history of the Severn Sisters. However, it turned out to be much broader than that. The former Wing Commander was very familiar with this stretch of coastline, as this played a large part in his junior life whilst he attended Eastbourne College. He described to us his deep regret at the big changes that have occurred over the last sixty years to the piece of land he knows so well and how plants that flourished in this area are becoming very rare.

George Spencely was up next and he didn't let us down on the quality of the speeches that we were used to. His talk was entitled 'To Follow a Star'. Mr Spencely had wanted to be an explorer from the age of 12 and started his passion in the Lake District, from there moving onto bigger challenges like the Scottish highlands and the Alps. In 1955 he tackled the harsh conditions of the South Atlantic Island of South Georgia for six months braving the snowfields and long blizzard storms lasting up to 8 days! One year on he found his real love, the Himalayan Mountain range, where he was to be greeted by the British Embassy before

taking on this ultimate mountain range. This expedition was met with triumphs but also with one awful tragedy, when a close climbing friend and a guide were swept away in an ice avalanche, but he still bravely continued the expedition until he completed the job of surveying the mountains. Amazingly he still returns to tackle it like an old nemesis, most recently taking it on at the age of 80!

The next meeting was a real 'Bobby Dazzler'. On this occasion we were in the company of Mr Collins of Collins Jewellers. Mr Collins grew up in the East End of London where he originally aspired to become a photographer. At the age of 15, he went for his first two interviews and was offered both jobs. His jewellery career stemmed from here. Mr Collins opened a small shop 20 years ago, specialising in antique jewellery. We were all flabbergasted by a few pieces he brought along, including a diamond signet ring worth £39,000.

Tony Cardwell was the next speaker and his subject was The River Rother. Mr Cardwell was formerly a teacher at Bethany, teaching English. He was also one member of staff who was keen on reviving Rugby at the school. His address spanned the history and the use of the River Rother from 1500BC to World War 2. The Rother was always a target for invasions, including the Romans, Napoleon and most recently the Nazis, who have all left their marks on the surrounding land, which are still visible today – including the military canal.

The 206th Pengelly meeting is one that will have to be marked down, as it

was the first one to be done by a pair of students still at the school, namely Tom Danby and Fergus Murray. They were aided, at first by the Headmaster, who gave a brief introduction of the Skene Catling Trust. The pair then explained in impressive detail their work at the Sedgeford Historical & Archaeological Research project where they were met by a number of challenging, time consuming and monotonous tasks. The duo gave us a good idea of day-to-day life, including the evening activities at the local pub.

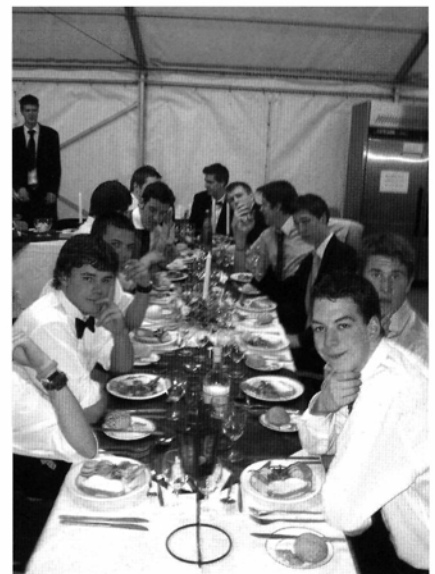
The 207th Pengelly Society started with drinks in the Upper Common Room. From there the party moved down to the marquee, where we were presented with a fine meal put on by the catering staff. Our speaker was a man who has put his heart and soul into the School and is the longest serving teacher at Bethany, Mr Priestley.

He started as he meant to go on with a very comical and amusing speech. It included one memorable occasion when the Headmaster at the time, Mr Kenneth Pengelly, fell into the pool during swimming sports. He explained how Bursars never change over time! When Mr Priestley joined he was put in a tin shack of a classroom, which lost its roof one blustery day and was completely useless for teaching on rainy days, due to the sheer noise that the roof made. The Heads of School proposed a joint vote of thanks to Mr Priestley and an enjoyable Annual Dinner came to an end.

Andrew Summers, Year 13

LEFT: Rachel Smythe, Abby-Jane Hunt and Nikki Ayres at the Annual Dinner

BELOW: The Pengelly Society Annual Dinner



Young Enterprise Scheme 2004-5

Echo: the staff perspective

For the ninth consecutive year a group of sixth formers took the plunge into the ruthless world of business through the Young Enterprise Scheme. Twelve pupils deliberated before naming themselves "Echo"; supposedly because their customers would always come back!

Directors were quickly appointed and the initial priority was selling shares to raise funds to pay the registration fee and invest in products for the Christmas market. Luke Debnam was elected to lead "Echo" until the company re-shuffle in January, when Nadia Sweeting would be elected to take over.

Brainstorms were used extensively to generate product ideas, and eventually three exciting ideas were finalised. Hot chocolate was sold in cold winter months, photos were taken of the cast at the school's production of Joseph and then reproduced, framed and sold; and a limited edition print, depicting Bethany scenes, was marketed.

Early on the company experienced difficulties in working as a team and it was some time before personal differences were put aside. The Managing Director did well to hold the company together and for all pupils it was a useful lesson. When they did start working as a unit the results were so much more positive.

Small profit margins on the hot chocolate meant that records had to be kept and large volumes sold. It was some time before pupils recognised the importance of these, consequently there was very little profit from this product. Similarly the cast photos were under-marketed and profits were minimal. However, positive lessons were learnt and the limited edition print and cards were a great success and indeed a very high quality product. Sincere thanks to Mr Holmes for allowing the use of the original, and to John Hanson, the artist, who arranged the printing.

Buoyed by this success "Echo" embarked upon a grand series of ventures, all to be quashed by external factors. Their Valentines flower delivery service was spoilt as 'snow days' kept most pupils at home, and their summer disco, despite being meticulously planned and marketed, did not attract interest from other schools and had to be cancelled to avoid a loss. However, thanks to earlier products the company's final financial position was



healthy and shareholders were rewarded with the initial value of their investment plus a 20% dividend.

The Young Enterprise National Competition, Ashford Area Heat took place in March. "Echo" were outstanding on the night, producing a comprehensive company report, an interesting presentation and a superbly illustrated trade stand. Those three elements of the competition impressed many at the event, but unfortunately not the judges who surprised one and all with their final choice.

In conclusion, all who participated found the experience a useful learning curve and most also used it to reinforce in a practical way their sixth form Business courses. My thanks to all the pupils who gave up their time voluntarily to make the scheme an enjoyable one, and congratulations to Harriet Smith, who won the achiever of the year for her tireless contribution.

Directors: Nadia Sweeting, Luke Debnam, Jack Liu, James Gambles, George Hammerton, Harriet Smith, Peter

Dawson, Alex Bely, Matthew Dawson, Wendy Tong, Tom De Vries and Hamish Startin.

A. Khan, Link Teacher

Echo: the student perspective

I found the Young Enterprise scheme very enjoyable; it gave me a real sense of what working for a real business will be like. I started as the Marketing Director producing posters and getting the "Echo" word out. Working in a team proved difficult at times but always enjoyable.

I then moved positions within the company to Sales Deputy. I now had a chance to get out and sell some products, which I enjoyed, as the money was going into the company.

At the Young Enterprise competition, the company really pulled together and deserved more in the event but unfortunately the judges saw differently and we went home empty handed. We were disappointed as probably for the first time in the year everyone had given 100% and come up with a really impressive presentation, trade stand and company report.

Overall the Young Enterprise Scheme proved more useful than I first anticipated and I gained a lot from it to use in later life. It also helped me understand some of my Business Studies AVCE syllabus from a practical perspective.

Matthew Dawson – Deputy Sales Director



Winner of the Hunter Essay Prize

Is Labour Right or Wrong to Ban Foxhunting?

Adam Baldwin - Year 12

Foxhunting is one of the most controversial topics of the day. A topic which I at first assumed to be a simple black or white argument. How wrong I was! The more I have researched this subject the deeper the arguments seem to get. My initial view on the topic was mixed. Whilst I don't promote the idea of killing foxes exactly, living rurally, I can see the benefits of the culture surrounding the hunt and my instinct, therefore, is to approve. So, what at first seemed such a simple argument suddenly became increasingly confusing.

As I investigated the issue more closely, I found that I could understand and sympathise with both groups. The unnecessary death of any animal is a sad tale but one which, through history, the human race has accepted. All over the world cruel acts on animals take place, many of which are, surprisingly, legal. Whether it be 'Bull Fighting' in Spain, or 'Bear Dancing' in Russia the resident populations accept these. So it begs the question why should an act which is much less extreme cause such commotion around Britain?

Anti-hunt protestors deem the act as cruel and unnecessary, which is totally understandable. The fox must obviously face much trauma and stress as it runs for its life. The brutal killing from a pack of dogs is a horrible way to die and, once again, unnecessary. People often say that hunting is a natural human condition, using the hunter-gatherer characteristics of cavemen to support their claim. But this overlooks the fact that cavemen actually ate their entire capture. Whereas foxes have no nutritional benefit for the hunter, nor the dogs for that matter, which once again highlights the fact that it seems unnecessary.

I have established that the hunting and killing itself seems unnecessary, but it's the culture surrounding the hunt that would persuade me to argue against the ban. Hunting is a traditional English event that is often the backbone to rural communities. In a day lacking TV and video games, hunting was entertainment, and who are we to criticise the pastimes of our ancestors? Maybe it is us interpreting fox hunting the wrong way. Furthermore the hunt has other purposes than simply the recreational value. For a start it plays an important role in controlling the numbers of foxes in the community. Without this control we are likely to be over run. The fox is factually a pest. Stating this fact we can see why, perhaps, some hunters show little remorse for the fox. Every day people lay mousetraps and rat poison to combat a vermin or pest. Surely hunting is just another method of controlling a pest, but with added recreational value. After all, poisons and chemicals create a slow and agonising death, and these are the suggested alternatives now that hunting is banned.

Winston Churchill, our greatest Briton, stated, "*Foxhunting makes a very important contribution to the control of foxes, and involves less cruelty than most other methods of controlling them. It should therefore be allowed to continue.*" If our greatest Briton can see the reasoning behind fox hunting why can't we see it as a population?

I initially stated that it seemed unnecessary and, at face value, it seems that way. It is only when the real reasons are exposed one can see the truth behind one of our oldest traditions, and the positive effects it has on a community. So, why then after being presented with these facts has labour decided to ban a huge part of rural heritage? For a government that is supposedly truthful and honest, they seem very hypocritical. The reason for banning, they claim, is because of it being a "cruel and barbaric act". I must add

that this is a "cruel and barbaric" act that over 70% of labour MP's have watched or partaken in! What is more, if cruelty is to be the standard, why are barbaric hobbies such as fishing allowed to go ahead? Surely the cruelty of a rusted hook through the brain is greater than a bite round the neck.

If such claims are to be the government's reasoning in banning foxhunting, then what is the sense in allowing other equally barbaric acts to continue? A person may still legally kill a fox, in whatever way they desire, except that of hunting with a pack of dogs. This law is ludicrous. The fox is as harmful as ever, all it means is that one of the humane methods of its death is now outlawed. Using Darwin's beliefs regarding the survival of the fittest, we can see the benefit of fox hunting as the strength of the breed increases. Only the fittest foxes will avoid capture, resulting in a fitter breeding population. If anything the ban will do more damage to the foxes, as with no predators the incentive to evolve is removed.

When labour came to power Tony Blair highlighted "... tolerance, diversity, inclusiveness and freedom from prejudice" as his major goals for a "New Britain". Prejudice is an attack on a minority group. However, the government chose to associate this with racial prejudice not British pastimes. The hunters are also a minority group; they therefore should qualify as victims of prejudice. The government has failed to 'tolerate' their rural culture, whether or not they agree with it or not is beside the point.

Labour wanted diversity. Hunting is diverse, but is chosen not to be included. Even ignoring the moral issues behind fox hunting there is no doubt that it shouldn't have been banned, based purely on the ideology stated above by the government. It seems there is no moral or ideological basis to this ban. Hunting may not be to everyone's taste, but then neither is Halal or Kosher slaughter methods used by the relevant religious groups. Halal involves the throat slitting of a lamb, allowing all the blood slowly to escape the body, resulting in a slow death. Set against this the fox's death is quick and relatively painless. So why is Halal legal? It seems Labour's ideology of tolerance and acceptance applies to this example but not to the hunters. This means the morals the government stand behind are very flawed. The reason for the ban is pointing more and more at political correctness, not to a moral basis as stated.

I started this research expecting a simple black and white discussion, but somehow the government's reasoning has twisted this topic far into the grey area. Their morals are confused; one group can kill viciously whilst another can't humanly. Why aren't there set rules? More alarmingly, why wasn't there a referendum? In a supposedly democratic state the government failed to hear the cries of the 500,000 on the Countryside Alliance march.

Whether foxhunting is right or wrong, the government have failed to give reason to this ban. They are hypocritical in every argument, morally, democratically, even ideologically. I can find no reason why foxhunting was targeted when similar activities continue unaffected. Why weren't we consulted and why were our people ignored? Why does the government continue to dodge questions about real issues, such as Iraq, but stand by its flawed foundations on foxhunting? It makes no sense. Democracy seems to have failed. A law is passed victimising a minority and promoting prejudice whilst the fox remains as vulnerable as ever. The ban has no benefits for foxes and surely this alone is enough basis to remove the ban.

It is obvious the ban on foxhunting is unjust, purely by the fact that there is no clear reasoning behind it. A long list of words and facts does not cover the hypocrisy of the government's position.

The question is, what English pastime is next on the banning list? Cricket!?!?

Winner of the C.A.R.E. Essay Prize

The War of Two Neighbours

Alex Nelson –Year 10

As Sam left his house for work one morning, he noticed some boxes stacked up against the house next door labelled "Pickfords". He realised he had new neighbours and wanted to make friends.

"Hi there!" he called. "I'm Sam." There was no answer. "Hi there!" he called again louder. He paused and waited for a response.

"Hello," came a soft reply.

Sam couldn't see the speaker and felt uncomfortable but still wanted to be friendly.

"Hi there," he said warmly. "I'm Sam."

"I see," said the voice and stopped.

Sam was puzzled. "What's your name?" he asked.

"Does it matter?" asked the voice.

"Of course it does!" said Sam. "I need to know your name."

"Why?"

"What do you mean 'Why'?" asked Sam.

"Why do you need to know my name?"

Sam paused. "Because I want to," he said uncertainly.

"Oh," said the voice and nothing more.

Sam had to get to work and couldn't waste more time but he was puzzled all day. When he returned home he saw his new neighbour for the first time and thought he'd try again.

"Hello!" he said in his loudest friendliest and happiest voice – only to watch in amazement as the neighbour bolted indoors.

The next morning was off to work again and saw his neighbour in the garden. "I hope I didn't frighten you yesterday..." he began.

"Not at all," he was interrupted. "I had urgent business to attend to, that's all."

Sam was even more puzzled but was determined not to give up. "I'm Sam," he said for the umpteenth time, "What's your name?"

"Charlie," said his neighbour.

Sam waited, but the neighbour said nothing else.

"Aren't you going to work?" Sam asked.

"I don't work," said Charlie.

"Don't work?" said Sam. "Then how do you live?"

"Very nicely, thank you," said Charlie, strolling back into his house.

Sam was enraged. A benefits cheat, living next door to him, the hardest working Sam there ever was! Sam thought about it all day and on his return home, seeing his neighbour lounging in the garden, sunbathing, he lost his temper.

"How dare you!" he roared. "I work all day to earn my keep and you lounge around doing nothing and having everything handed to you on a plate. Don't you feel ashamed?"

"Why should I feel ashamed? I'm clever," said Charlie. "There's no need to work. Only fools and horses work," he sneered.

"I'm NOT a fool and I'm NOT a horse! I'm just hard-working, that's all!" replied Sam.

"That makes you a bigger fool," said Charlie and went indoors for his supper.

Sam fumed all night and by the following morning he was furious. This time he didn't go out to make friends, he went out looking for a fight. Unfortunately Charlie was nowhere to be seen, so Sam had to go to work.

By the time he arrived home his blood was boiling. Again Charlie was sunning himself in the garden with not a care in the world. Sam, however, had rather lost the plot.

"Where were you this morning?" he shouted.

"Out," said Charlie.

"OUT!" screamed Sam. "Nobody gets up before I do."

"I hadn't come home," said Charlie softly.

"D-y-you mean," stammered Sam, "you were out all night?"

"Why not?" shrugged Charlie.

Sam went off in a huff again.

Next morning Sam decided to sort things out once and for all.

"You're a good-for-nothing, lazy, layabout!" he screamed as he raced towards Charlie on his lawn.

Charlie turned and ran straight up a tree from where he looked down at Sam.

"Come by!" called Sam's owner. "We have sheep to herd today."

At the sound of his master's voice and with his tail between his legs, Sam slunk off and jumped into the back of the Land Rover, ready for another day's work.

Winner of the DLS Story Writing Competition

James Lees –Year 9

When you enter a room you don't think about the door you go through. But there's one door you do notice. People don't notice it until the end of their life, when it swallows them, when they fall through it. I was one to whom the door showed itself before it was my time to see it.

Darkness is an absence of light, so when you see something that turns this principle upside down, you know that it must be something very unnatural. Mine was such a door, radiating darkness from around its edges. I was foolish and I stepped up to this in amazement and wonder.

I twisted its non-material handle and pulled it lightly towards me. This was all the touch the door needed. It snapped open with a clap like thunder that was real enough. I stood before its gaping maw as the thing that had seemed a miracle quickly became twisted and no longer held amazement. Before me was

a nothingness that no film or book I had ever known had portrayed. When nothingness is presented in a book or film the reader or viewer is presented with white light stretching for ever, or a darkness that goes as far as the eye can see. This was neither. It was simply an empty space that was waiting to be filled, no words can describe it better than that.

Now the door tore free from the wall that it was supposedly attached to and surrounded me until there was no place to shrink to. At the same time it seemed to give me a sadistic grin of satisfaction as it sucked me in. I managed to grab hold of its edges and pull myself part-way back out, my legs and lower torso dangling into the nothingness. I forced my elbows out and against the door's frame, trying to give myself an edge against the powerful suction that was going to wrench my legs from my hips. It was hard to breathe. The door was trying to weaken me by denying that simple thing we all take for granted, air. I had no idea what the door or the force behind it wanted but that

didn't stop me from trying to avoid the place it led to. I knew nothing of this place and I didn't understand it but I would avoid it at all costs.

"This was something that couldn't be avoided."

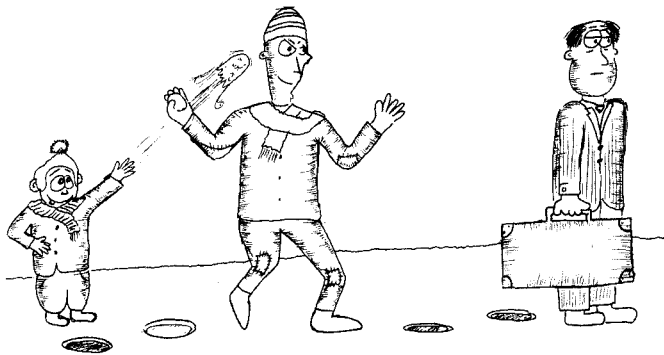
This was an alien thought. I knew that it had not come from me as I would have rather died (which would have been the natural order of things) than go willingly into a place like that – a place that held nothing but my own company for ever.

It then spoke to me not in a voice but in feelings and images. This door was something that had known nothing but the dead as it was death itself and it was tired of silence. It wanted more than the empty accusing eyes of the dead and their mouths with tongues that gave not a sound. Death wanted company. It wanted the living. I felt sorry for its purpose in the

grand scheme of things – but it wasn't getting me...

The door was slowly expanding, leaving no room for my elbows and, soon, my hands. I then thought about what I would be missing if I went with it and who in turn would miss me. It extracted these thoughts from me and finally accepted that it was selfish for it to want a life that hadn't been lived.

The howling wind died down and my breath returned. I awoke in a hospital bed covered in cold sweat. I had been in a coma for 48 hours my parents explained to me after running over and shouting thanks to God. I had been hit by a bus on my way home from school and, at one point, nearly died. Rushed to hospital by a speeding ambulance, my body had been saved but, as for my consciousness, they thought it would never return.



The Seasons of my Youth

Joe Richards –Year 7

Spring when the pheasants and rabbits start to venture out again.

Spring when the birds start to sing and tiny streaks of tiny fish return to stream waters clear again.

Spring when daily now I cycle round the fields again.

Summer when the blackberries, raspberries, apples and pears start to ripen again.

Summer when in the morning the pheasants strut around like lords.

Summer when the magpies begin their purge of anything shiny.

Summer when the tractors start to cut and make our long grass into hay.

Autumn when the leaves fall in the lakes of orange, red and yellow.

Autumn when rabbits eat even the nettles to fatten up for winter.

Autumn when I take long walks in the forest entranced by the beauty and magic of the leaves falling all around me.

Winter when the chill wind creeps up my neck.

Winter when the animals and insects are missing from the scene.

Winter the thrill of Christmas starts to fill the air.

Winter when one morning I wake up to find the ground and roofs are covered in snow.

The seasons circling round and round sunny Spring, warm Summer, beautiful Autumn and icy Winter.

Happiness

George Palmer –Year 7

Coming home and taking my dog for a walk in the woods.

Playing rugby at my local club with my friends.

Coming home to see my family.

Going paint-balling for the first time.

Coming home at the end of the summer term and packing to go on holiday.

Getting to the hotel feeling like home.

Getting your trunks on, then going to the beach.

Swimming through the sea with little fishes swimming by your ankles.

Hearing crabs scuttle along the sandy beaches.

Going water-skiing with new skis.

Jumping off the pier into crystal clear water.

Watching the sunset with my family after a long day at the beach.

Wonderful Memories

Rebekah Marshall –Year 7

Looking out of my clear window to see the sunrise on a fresh morning while the different birds sing to each other cheerfully.

When I get downstairs I smell bacon crackling and the eggs cooked by my dad.

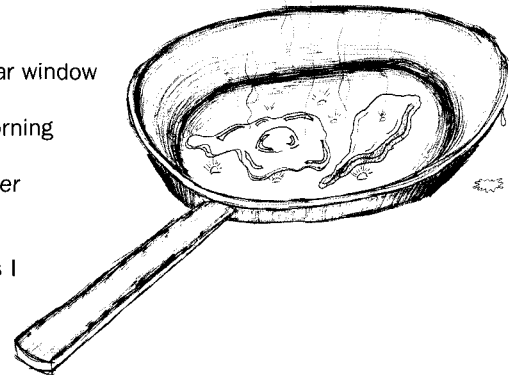
When everyone is awake we straddle to the fields to pick bright, red berries that are waiting to be eaten.

We make pies out of the berries for after a Sunday roast. Walking through the woods with my dog splashing my feet through the cold river.

First Memories of Bethany

Edward Nash –Year 9

My very first memory of Bethany was telling my mum what a great day I had just had. When I first arrived I was slightly nervous but lots of helpful people kept telling me where to go and what to do. I had an interesting experience in the lessons and enjoyed them a lot.



From the day I started the School suited me down to the ground and I just knew that I was going to do well here. The second day was even better. I met a lot of new people and discovered some very good friends.

My first memories of Bethany are all good memories and I am really enjoying my time here and hope to enjoy it for a long time to come.

Happy Days

Harriet Proud – Year 9

My happiest days at Bethany are whenever the sun is shining. All the pupils' spirits are lifted when the sun comes out because there is more to do on campus. You can go up to The Firs to play cricket or football, or just relax in the shade or soak up the sun whilst looking across the striking countryside. The views around mean that you can forget about School completely. Until, of course, you have to return to class!

How I would Spend £1 Million on Bethany

Brooke O'Halloran – Year 9

Well, I would start by building a new drama studio with all the best lights and sound systems. Next I would double the size of Old Pops, the girls' boarding house, so that all the rooms were en suite and each one with a T.V. I would also have a swimming pool in Old Pops garden for the use of the girls ONLY! Then I would buy tons of golf buggies so that the people in the further away houses would not have to carry their very heavy bags everywhere. Finally I think I would buy an astro pitch and more sports fields so that we would never have to go far for matches.

The Best Thing So Far

Simon Jenkins – Year 9

The best thing that has happened to me at Bethany is when the Headmaster announced that Saturday School would cease. That moment was one worth waiting three years for. The only people not as happy are those who will have left the School just before the new School week is introduced.

The Best Place

George Raw – Year 7

The best place at School is on The Mount grass because we all go there at break and hang out, talk and play ball games.



The Best Place

Alexander Smith – Year 7

The best place at Bethany is Todmans because of the nice, comfortable chairs and sofas. The Games Room is also very good. If you have a problem you can ask Mrs Johnson or Miss Saunders who can help you. If they can do anything to help you they will.

The Best Match

Alex Golding – Year 8

The best match I have ever played was a rugby match and I was in the 'B' Team. It was my second or third match, the opponents were Sevenoaks and I was playing prop. I remember running up the pitch to the opposite try line and seeing the towering rugby posts before me. People were grabbing onto me and trying to tackle me but failing. Before I knew it I had scored. I couldn't believe it! Then, for a second time, I ripped the ball off someone, ran down the wing and scored. Then it happened a third time. By the end of the match I couldn't believe it. I had scored three tries in just one match!

The Best Match

Guy Wilczek – Year 8

The best match this year was a Rugby match against Vine Hall. I scored the opening try in what proved to be a very one-sided game. In the end we beat them 77 – 0.

Tigers

David Peters – Year 7

Tropical rainforests where they hunt
their pray
Invisible amongst the leaves and
foliage.
Gallant fighters that destroy all in their
path
Enchanting hunters like the thief to the
gems.

Resting in the shade after the hunt is done.

Sleeping ready to hunt another day.

Snow Day

Kane Lucas – Year 7

When I woke up after a long, long sleep, I looked through my window and I saw white stuff ... snow! I called to my friends, "Come here. Look! There's snow!" We all gathered around the window in amazement. Then we rushed around getting changed and having a wash. When we were ready to go out we put our shoes on, opened the door and entered the cold world.



End of Term

Oliver Cooter – Year 7

End of term has come at last,
Summer fun approaching fast.
Eating ice-cream on the beach,
No more people here to teach.

No more early morning starts,
Instead it's playing in go-karts.
Splashing around in the sea,
Having picnics under a tree.
We're off on holiday far away,
No more prep, it's play, play, play!
So get your surfing gear,
School has finished, summer's here!

Silence

Spencer Garrett –Year 7

Silence. How beautiful!
Imagine a silent war.



Imagine a silent motorway.
Imagine a silent person.
Oh, just imagine!
That is all we can do, imagine.
There is no such thing as complete
silence.
Everywhere there is noise.
But sometimes noise can be nice.
Then you don't have to imagine
anything.
But silence is always somewhere.
It is always in death ... always.
So don't think you can avoid
silence.
It will find you and make you
silent forever.

Bethany is Fun

Alexander Smith –Year 7

Bethany School is fun,
If you get all the work done.
Lots of wonderful teachers,
And plenty of creepy creatures.
Sometimes people are very boring,
But the teachers here are very
assuring.
It all works out great,
Now that I've some good mates.
I like it here like my dad likes beer.
I like it here a lot!

A Memorable Event at Bethany

Spencer Garrett –Year 7

A particularly memorable event for me was when I was confirmed. My parents and sister were there. It was a very nice experience and a completely new experience.

My First Day at Bethany

Oliver Hamilton-Brown –Year 7

On my first day I remember mum driving around trying to find a place to park which, eventually, we did – in the wrong place! Finally we got to Todmans and I entered to discover the face of John Cockcroft. He told me that he was my shadow.

The Best Thing

Joshua Stanbridge –Year 7

The best thing that has happened at Bethany so far is when I got my first merit. I was really pleased because I had never had a merit before. It was for French.

The Best Lesson

Jonathan Rawlins –Year 7

The best lesson at Bethany is Science. This is because Mr Brown, who is my Science teacher, is always making us laugh. Maths is another good lesson. I enjoy Maths an awful lot. Miss Morrow, who is my Maths teacher, is always kind when she gives prep because she never gives us too much.



First Night at Bethany

Kane Lucas –Year 7

Immediately I arrived at Bethany School I knew it would be fun. As soon as I got through the door I saw lots of people with their big trunks. I went upstairs with my parents to do my bed-sheet and to unpack all my clothes. Then we had our first House meeting. Next we had to go to bed and then my parents left.

A Memorable Event

David Peters –Year 7

A very memorable event at Bethany was my School trip to the Battle of Hastings which was really good. We got to see the re-enactment.

Friends at Bethany

Oliver Cooter –Year 7

I already knew two people at Bethany when I arrived. They were Tom Spencer and Brandon Begg. But it seemed each day that I made new friends. The last people I made friends with were David Peters and Alex Smith. Tom, Alex and David are my best friends. I am with them and talking to them as much as I can. I feel that I can trust them.

Sport at Bethany

Michael Churchill –Year 8

I love the sport at Bethany. We do it nearly every day. I have learned some new sports and also improved a lot on old sports.

My First Day at Bethany

David Hutton –Year 8

My day started with my dad waking me up and throwing me into the car. When I arrived at School, I was met at the House. Then we were taken to stationery and given equipment. After this we were informed that we would have several lessons a day and then we were sent on a questionnaire which would help us to learn our way around. I got home happy about my new School.

Golfing Joke

Richard Marsh –Year 8

Why does a serious golfer always carry a spare pair of trousers?
In case he gets a hole in one.

Knock Knock Joke

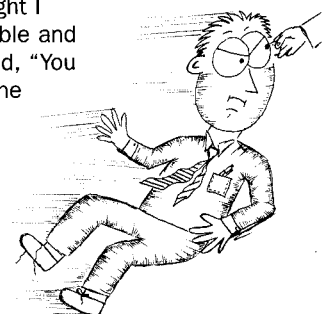
Benjamin Lewis-Donaldson –Year 8

Knock, knock.
Who's there?
A little man who can't reach the door bell.

An Early Memory

Sam Depoel-Wood –Year 8

An early memory was one day when I was lining up for lunch and Mr Norgrove pulled me out of the line. I thought I was in trouble and then he said, "You have won the prize for best junior artist."



Haunted House

Andrew Whittome – Year 8

Standing isolated on the thundery hill
Like a stationary shadow looking down
on you,
The haunted house guards its secret
Deep within its creaking walls.
A ghostly figure moves in and out
From room to room
Through door and floor.
Not ever stopping, not ever resting.
A timeless, empty existence
Waiting for revenge, waiting for an
elusive rest
Which is never certain, never near.



The Cat and the Bat

Michael Thompson – Year 8

One day there was a cat who met a
bat.
The cat gave the bat a hat
And the bat gave the cat a hat.

The cat and the bat were best friends
They always played with each other
Every night and every day.

But one day there was a lady cat
And the cat fell in love with her
So the bat did not like Lady Cat.

The cat did not play with the bat
And that, you might say, was that
Except that they both got fat.

So one day fat bat went to see fat cat
To claim back his hat.
They had a chat on a mat
And then fat bat sat on Lady Cat
And she died.

The next day they were friends again
So they both wore their hats and being
fat
Had long chats about cats, bats, hats
and that
And grew old together.

The Ghost

Duc Do – Year 8

He was as silent as the night
And he would give you a fright
As he moved quiet as can be
Beside you, beside me.
You better watch your back
And beware of the attack
Or you will be DEAD.

The Mushroom Joke

Jonathan Rawlins – Year 7

Q. Why did the mushroom go
to the party?
A. Because he was a fungi.

How I Would Spend £1,000,000 on Bethany School

Sam Butler – Year 9

If I had one million pounds to spend on
Bethany School, my first act would be to
put wheels on all of the kit bags so it is
easier to carry them around School.
Also I would construct a miniature train
track running around all the houses and
leading to different points around the
School, such as the Hayward block, the
music school, the sports hall, the
library and the new dining hall once its
construction is completed. This would
mean that the pupils and, on some
occasions, the teachers would not have
to make those back-breaking journeys
from a place such as Todmans or the
Mount with a heavy load on their
shoulders like a School bag *and* a kit
bag *and* a laptop bag.

My Best Moment

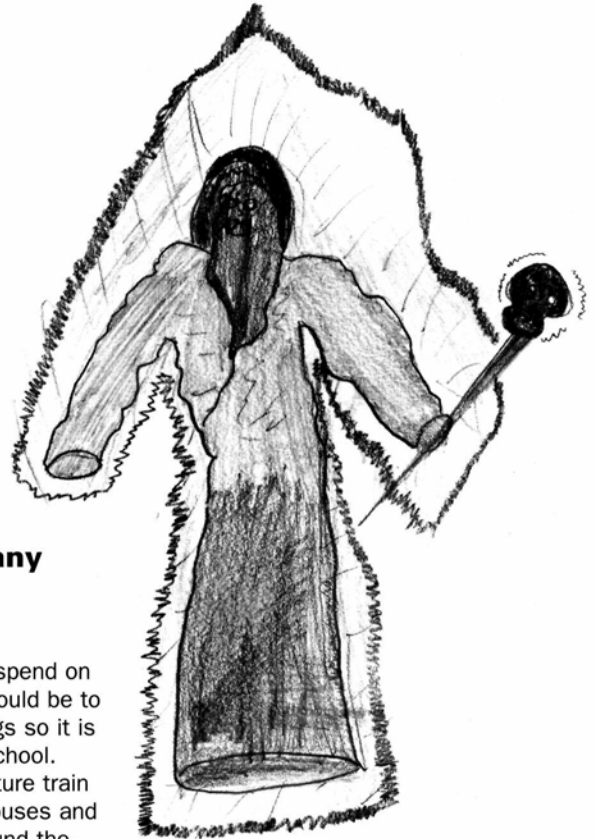
Andrew Vale-Taylor – Year 9

My best moment at Bethany was just a
few weeks ago when I managed to get
the School high jump record. It was
very hard and all I remember is the
relief that I felt as I cleared each
height. It was also a really warm day
so, once I had beaten the record, I was
glad to relax. The two people I was
against did really well though and they
were very unlucky to go out when they
did. Then I did a few more jumps which
I only just cleared and then I beat the
record. This was definitely one of my
best moments at Bethany so far.

A Memorable Moment

Tom Wright – Year 9

When I was told I had to play the
keyboard in a School concert I
immediately objected to the idea
because I was certain I would lose my



nerve and ruin my piece, but as it was I
had to do it. There was nothing I could
do except worry about it.
As the day approached I got more and
more nervous. I then found out that I
would be playing with two other people
which meant that we would be playing a
slightly easier piece because the other
two had started playing the keyboard
after me. In fact one of them only had
time for one lesson before the concert.
Throughout the concert we sat
nervously on the edge of our seats
waiting for our turn to play. Eventually it
was time and we walked up to the
stage with legs like jelly. It was over as
quickly as it started and we had played
almost perfectly and, after that, you
could almost have said we enjoyed it.

My First Memory

"Anonymous" (Tom Newell – Year 8...Ed)

My earliest memory is when Mrs.
Johnson first shouted at me about
coming into the House with shoes on
and when Mrs. Johnson shouts she
shouts alright. It was the first time I
had heard her shout and I never went
into Todmans with my shoes on again.

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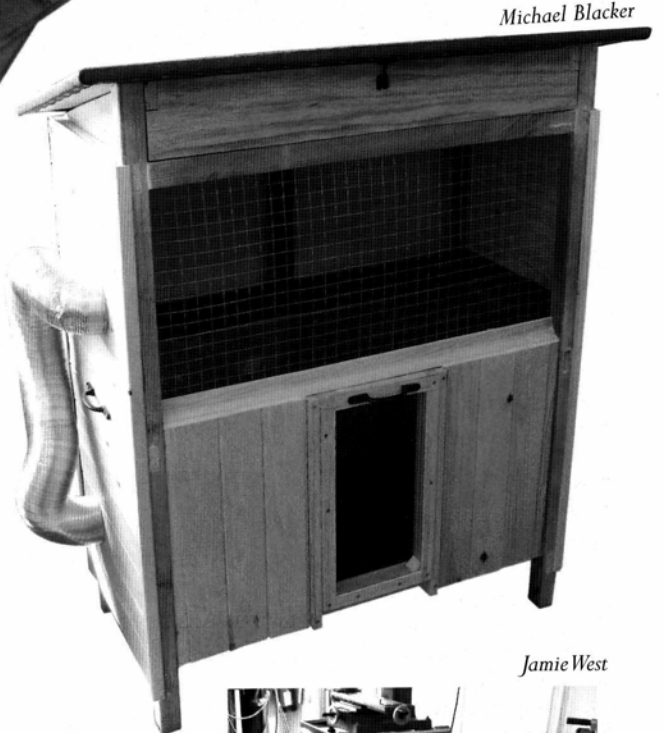
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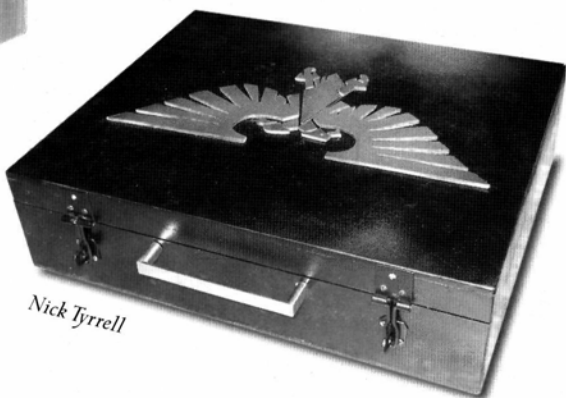
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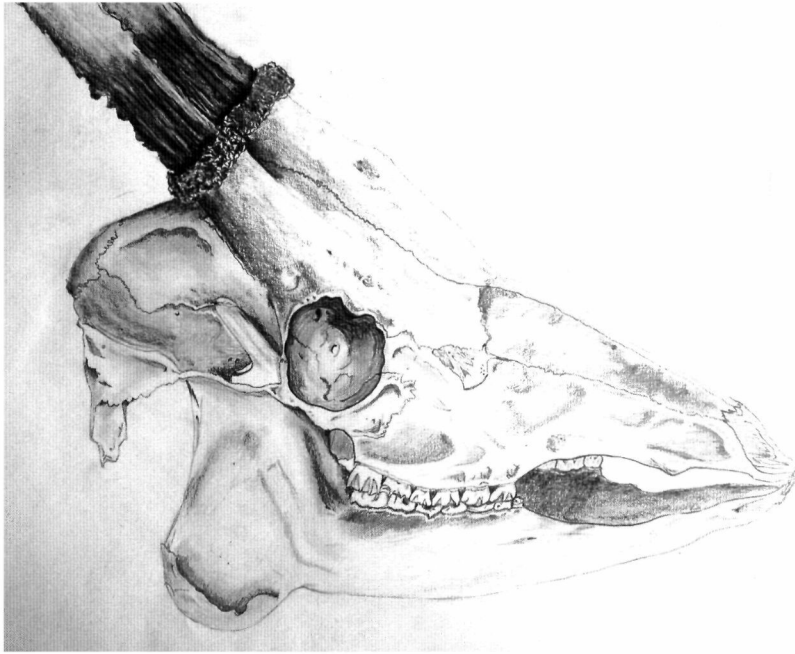
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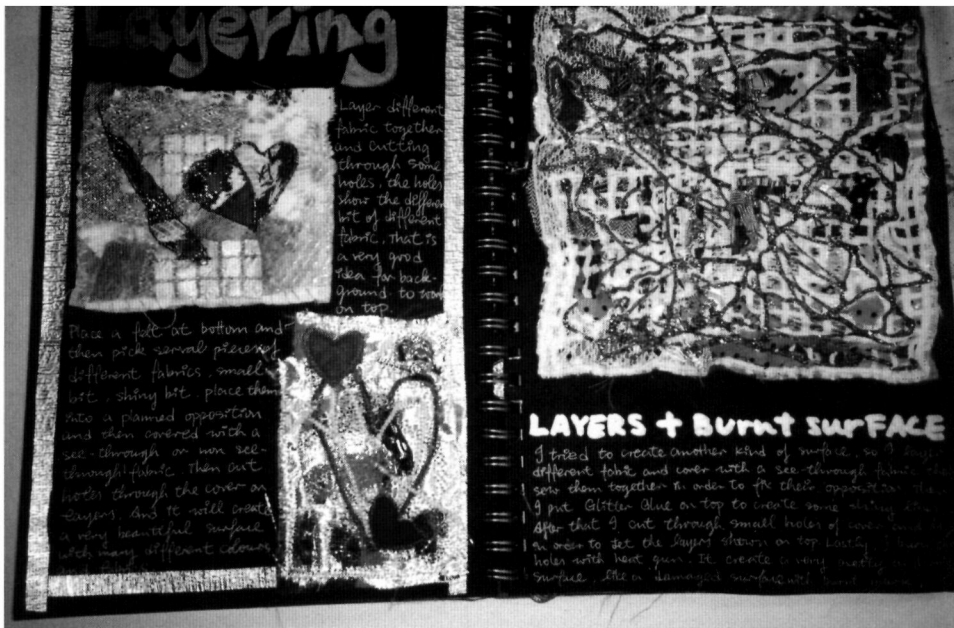
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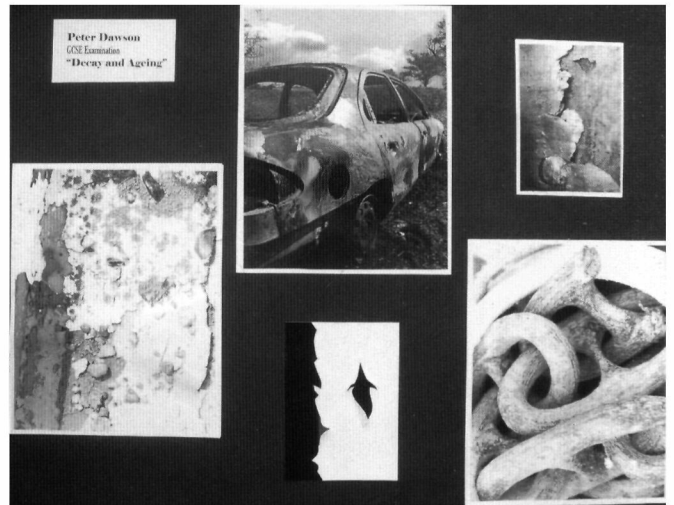


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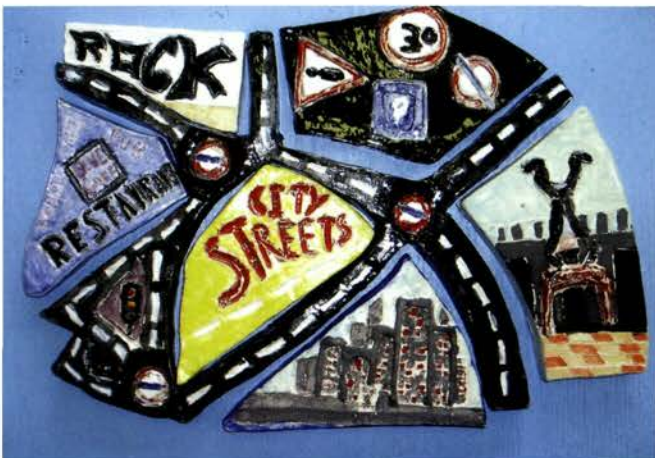
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Jonny Mahoney, Year 8



Seb Baker, Year 11



Juliet Alcaraz, Year 7

DRAMA & THEATRE STUDIES

When I arrived at Bethany in my first term I had to begin thinking about the School production immediately! 'Little Shop of Horrors' was the proposed show. However, not being familiar with the show and with only 10 weeks to produce it, Rupert Keeling and I decided to put on 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat' instead. This meant a busy schedule to audition the pupils and begin



Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat

rehearsals. Straight away I began to think about how to stage the show. I was determined to change things around and reverse the staging in the Assembly Hall. My idea of turning the performance area around and to have the audience sitting on the stage was only realised when a parent, Mr Sidwell, kindly offered us the use of scaffolding. So, with the design ideas well under way, the rehearsals became more frequent and pupils were in one night a week and at lunchtimes working hard. Costumes were also being made in the background and with the help of staff and parents they were fantastic.

The show ran for three nights and each night was a sell out, with outstanding performances from Aaron Sidwell playing Joseph, Georgie Bishop and Brooke O'Halloran as the Narrators, Nick Tyrrell playing Rueben and Rohan Fry playing the Pharaoh (Elvis).

The fabulous chorus of Dancers who worked tirelessly to learn 8 different Dance techniques and not forgetting the Choir and the Band, who made the whole show musically flawless. With over 60 pupils involved and 15 members of staff, it was truly a School Production, even down to the scenery, designed and painted by the Art

Department and pupils from AS Art. The sound and lighting was run and designed by Mr Gilbert, Mr Scholedge and Will Lester. Backstage was run by Mrs Startin and Miss King, which was no easy task considering the lack of space back there!

The show was a great success and some members of the audience came for two nights in a row, not wanting to miss out! Many commented on how professional the show was and the quality of the singing and acting and I would like to thank all of the staff, pupils and parents involved again for their hard work and commitment.

I was exceptionally pleased with how my first show at Bethany went and although we are not sure what show we will do next year I look forward to it!

The next term allowed me to focus on examination performances. The A2 group devised and performed their piece of Theatre to a live audience. The piece devised by the pupils themselves entitled 'Shameless, hopeless, faceless' was based on the plight of Asylum Seekers. The pupils involved, Bertie Chambers, Abby-Jane Hunt, Joyce Chan and Andrew Hui worked hard for 8 weeks responding to and developing ideas that came from watching a play called 'Hannah and

Hanna.' The piece was political, non-naturalistic and highly emotional and involved 12 characters and a sound track of 8 different songs. The audience was certainly left with many questions to answer and the standard of the work was very high.

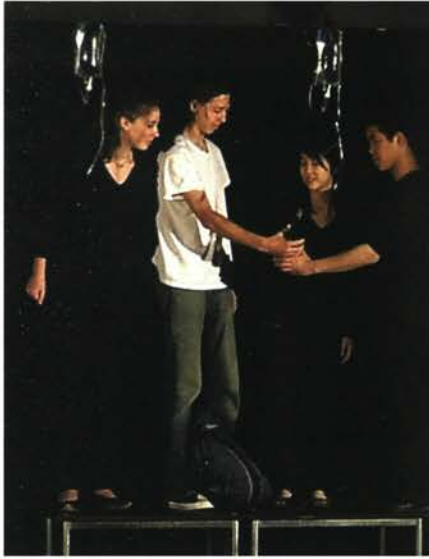
Meanwhile the GCSE pupils were busy preparing for the examination performances at the beginning of the summer term. There were three groups, all preparing challenging and interesting pieces. All pieces were performed in front of a visiting examiner. The first was a play called 'Beautiful Thing' by Jonathan Harvey, based on teenage pressures and sexuality. The second was a devised piece, written by the students themselves. It was based on football hooliganism. The third, a comic play called 'Teachers' By John Godber, was based on a group of pupils in their last year of school and their observations of school life. All three performances were excellent and really showed off the talent within the group and I fully expect high grades for the pupils.

As the GCSE pupils prepared and performed their work, the AS and A2 Theatre Studies groups began work on Units Two and Five of their respective courses. The AS group was directed by myself, in a production of Arthur Miller's 'The Crucible.' This was an ambitious piece with four acts and authentic sand and sawdust staging.

The A2 group's task was to use the experience gained throughout the course to edit and direct a play in order to draw out their own interpretation of its themes. The play they chose was 'The Inner Circle'. It was based on the

AS Theatre Studies students perform 'The Crucible'





The Upper Sixth's performance of 'The Inner Circle'

story of a young boy who discovers he has Aids.

Both pieces were performed on the same night in front of a visiting Examiner. It was a thrilling evening of quality Theatre and stands as a real testament to the hard work that all of the pupils put in. The evening would not have been possible without the help of Oscar Meade on sound and Richard Allen on lighting, to whom I am very grateful.

As if all of the above was not enough I decided to put on a Lower School Production. This was a real opportunity for Years 7-9 to have their own show and to take on some lead



Lower School Production: 'Rainbow's Ending'

roles, which often does not happen in the School Production. The play I chose was 'Rainbow's Ending' a story about two giants who eat the world. The story creates parallels between the giants' behaviour as they destroy the world and what is happening to our own environment today. Twenty two pupils were involved and with only a very short time to produce it, 6 weeks, I was very pleased with the end result. The pupils worked exceptionally hard in the heat and at the end of a frantic term to provide an excellent evening's entertainment. Yet again Oscar Meade and Richard Allen did sterling work with the sound and lighting. Miss Doyle, Miss Saunders, Miss King and Miss Morrow worked hard with a team of Sixth Form girls to

produce beautiful make up, costumes and scenery.

This year has also seen the Drama department venture out on seven Theatre trips for Years 9-13, including Year 9's trip to London to see 'Blood Brothers.' Other visits included 'Dracula' in Brighton, 'Beautiful Thing' in Croydon and 'Astronaut' in Tunbridge Wells. All trips were well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by the pupils.

My first year at Bethany has certainly not been dull or slow, it has been packed full of rehearsals and performances. The one thing that stands out from everything is the talent of the pupils here and the support of the staff and parents. I do hope, and am sure, that this will continue next year.

H. Kirk

The Gold of Lies

A Play by Members of Year 9

After the end-of-year examinations and the dreaded Key Stage 3 tests were over and the whole of Year 9 was breathing a collective sigh of relief, fifteen intrepid members of the year group decided that they would like to perform a play.

First a suitable play had to be chosen and two or three likely playscripts were read through and discussed. Then who should play which part was decided and the arduous process of word-learning began. All of this preparation work and the rehearsals which followed were done during English lesson time.

Ov Donkersley set an excellent example by mastering most of his vital part early on. Others, such as Charlie Potter, doubted if they could ever learn their words off by heart and then, as if by magic, they suddenly found that they



The cast of 'The Gold of Lies'

knew them! Vici Fields, Sam Elobeid and James Jarvis also deserve credit for tackling big parts. "JJ" Dougan transferred from a small to a large part half way through rehearsals and made an absolutely tremendous job of it. Jessica Ferdinands, Tom Lloyd and John Arch were also brave in agreeing to join the cast at a very late stage.

When the day of performance eventually arrived there was much excitement ... and trepidation! In the

event, however, all went well and the entire cast deserved to be congratulated. Nearly everyone remembered nearly all of their words! Ov discovered that he *could* whistle to order after all. Harry Dainty's enormous wig did *not* fall across his face. Charlie's and Daniel Clifford's market stall did *not* collapse. Richard Hammond did *not* speak his lines at top speed (on the contrary, he got them just right). Kerrie Halfyard *did*

remember her cues. James Jarvis *did* think to tuck his shirt in and, most surprisingly of all, the precarious safety pin which held together Luke Barrs' voluminous dress did *not* in fact, as everybody feared, spring apart!

Thanks must also be extended to those who made up the audience, mostly parents and friends, some of whom travelled a considerable distance to show their support.

J. Cullen

MUSIC

This has been a tremendously exciting and busy year for the Music Department.

In September, Mr Briggs joined us as Bethany's first Assistant Director of Music. Alongside his curriculum commitments, he has been teaching both trumpet and cornet. Brass tuition has really taken off and there are now ten pupils studying with Mr Briggs.

In January, ten computers were installed into the department, running cutting-edge music software, including *Sibelius* and *Cubase*. The current GCSE and A Level pupils have already been using ICT to create and produce their coursework compositions. In September, ICT will be introduced at KS3 and will be used for composition work.

'Joseph' Musical

In December, the Drama and Music departments collaborated and produced 'Joseph and the Technicolor Dream Coat'. From a musical perspective, this was very successful, with Year 7 and the Senior Choir providing an excellent and competent

Cast members from 'Joseph'



In January 10 new computers arrived in the Music Department

chorus section. The singing of the soloists and the chorus was outstanding and very professional. The 'Joseph' Band was also excellent and provided sensitive, rhythmic and highly polished accompaniments. It was a pleasure to conduct the three sell-out performances.

Assembly

Each week in the Headmaster's Assembly, a pupil has performed a solo item in front of the school. Performing in front of the whole school is a very nerve-racking experience: all of the soloists have risen to the challenge admirably and performed as true professionals.

Chapel

There have been a lot of exciting developments in Chapel this year. The Chaplain and I have established the Worship Group, recently named WB40,

comprising drum kit, guitars and vocals. They have an expanding repertoire, which includes the gospel song, 'O Happy Day': this has become their 'encore' number. Two events in the local community have already been planned for next term.

Carol Service

This was a special occasion held in Goudhurst parish church. Stirring and martial brass fanfares preceded two of the carols. These helped to capture the majesty and joy of the festive period. Somebody later quipped that the fanfares reminded them of the opening titles of 'Star Wars'!

Informal Concerts

This year witnessed the introduction of a termly Informal Concert. These were designed to give soloists the experience of performing in front of an audience in a relaxed and supportive

atmosphere. The high standard set in the autumn term concert was maintained and even exceeded in subsequent concerts. As I reflect on these events, I am amazed at both quality and variety of music presented. Pupils from all ages and abilities performed music from many different genres, both Popular and Classical.

Autumn, Spring and Summer Concerts

These concerts showcased the larger ensembles at Bethany.

The Autumn Concert was held in the Assembly Hall and the programme included highlights from 'Joseph'. The newly formed Concert Band, under Mr Briggs direction, gave its premiere performance with a lively arrangement of the Beatles classic, 'Penny Lane'.

The Spring Concert moved to the Music School Concert Hall, principally to take advantage of the sympathetic acoustic, but also to showcase the reconditioned Steinway and Sons grand piano. Amy Wei took the piano 'out for a spin' with an impressive and virtuosic performance of Chopin's Waltz in B Minor. The Senior Choir, for the first time since its formation, sang in three-part harmony and gave a moving, controlled and beautiful rendition of the classic song, 'Over the Rainbow'. The Lizards, under Mr Fisher's direction, gave a number of assured and confident performances. Mr Healy was the host for the evening and, as it was St. Patrick's day, provided humour with an Irish flavour.

The highlight of the year was the Summer Concert held in the Music School gardens. Pimms and strawberries preceded this event. The audience were treated to high quality performances from the larger ensembles including the Steel Band, String Orchestra, and Concert Band. The Senior Choir item – a medley of Abba songs – was performed with panache and was enriched by Mr Simmons 1970's floral shirt! Solo, curriculum and other smaller ensemble items were all performed to a high standard. The Lizards were on top form, performing – it has to be said – like a professional band. The finale item, 'Is this the way to Amarillo?' gave everybody the opportunity to 'let their hair down' and have some fun.

There is so much musical talent at Bethany and the standard of performance has risen considerably over the last year. It has been an



ABOVE: *Spring Concert: Ryan Jiskoot, Mr Briggs and Georgie Bishop in the Concert Band.*



ABOVE: *Natasha Fitzgerald, Jessica Ferdinands, Peter Wei and Matthew Simmons in the Concert Band.*

immense privilege to work with so many enthusiastic and dedicated young musicians. The overwhelming support from all sections of the school community has been much appreciated. Sir George Solti, former conductor of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, once said, "Nothing is more beautiful than good music." Without a shadow of a doubt, this is what we have been treated to over the last year at Bethany. To all performers – WELL DONE!

R. J. Keeling



ABOVE: *Summer Concert: the String Orchestra performs in the gardens.*

LEAVERS 2005



Rory Anderson 1998 – 2005

AVCE Business Studies, ICT
Todmans House Monitor,
Mount House Monitor
Gap Year



Nicola Ayres 1998 – 2005

Business Studies, Ethics and Philosophy,
 Textiles, AS English Literature
 Y9 and Y10 Effort Prizes, Stamper Prize,
 Textiles Prize
Old Poplars House Monitor, Prefect
 1st XI Hockey,
Foundation Course, Kent Institute of
Art and Design



Michael Biddulph 2003 – 2005

English, Geography, AS Biology,
 AS Ethics and Philosophy
 2nd in Hunter Essay
Deputy Head of School, Prefect
 Rugby 1st XV, Football 3rd XI
Christian Youth Worker



Emily Bishop 2000 – 2005

Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry,
 AS French
Head of School, Prefect
 Biology Prize, Hunter Essay Prize
 Hockey 1st XI, Netball 2nd VII
Biochemistry at Cardiff University



Tom Boatwright-Smith 1999 – 2005

Business Studies AVCE, AS Biology
 Ross Turnbull Prize
Chapel Clerk
Nursery Nursing, Norland College



Ben Blacker 1998 – 2005

Biology, Business Studies, History,
 AS Chemistry
Captain of Roberts House
 Rugby 1st XV, Football 1st XI
Business Management, East Anglia



David Booth 1998 – 2005

Business Studies, English Literature, Physical
 Education, AS ICT
 Physical Education Prize
Prefect
 Rugby 2nd XV, Football 1st XI, Cricket 1st XI
Sports Science, Brunel

Alex Cable 1999 – 2005

Biology, English, History
 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award
Management with Information Systems,
Royal Holloway



Bertie Chambers 1998 – 2005

English Literature, History, Theatre Studies
 Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award,
 Junior Sports Leader
Prefect
 Football 2nd XI, Cricket 1st XI, Tennis Senior Team
Sociology with Human Resources,
Bath University



Joyce Chan 2003 -2005

Business Studies, Mathematics,
 Ethics and Philosophy, Theatre Studies
 Christopher Money Prize, Music Prize
Psychology, Royal Holloway



Joseph Cheung 1999 – 2005

Business Studies, Mathematics, ICT
Todmans House Monitor
 Rugby 1st XV, Football 1st XI,
 Basketball Senior Team
Business and Management,
Brunel University



Martin Cheung 2003 -2005

Chemistry, Chinese, Mathematics, Physics
Mount House Monitor, Prefect
 Football
Mechanical Engineering with Aeronautics,
Brunel University



Phillip Cowdery 1998 -2005

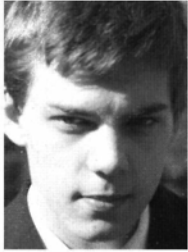
Business Studies Geography, ICT,
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Business and Management,
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Thomas Danby 1998 -2005

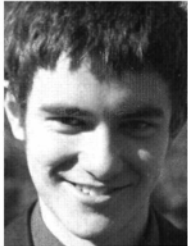
English Literature, Geography, History AS Geology
 English Prize, Senior Sportsman Prize,
 Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award
Prefect
 Rugby 1st XV Captain, Football 1st XI Captain,
 Cricket 1st XI
Gap year then Geography,
Loughborough University





James Digby 2000 – 2005

Business Studies, Geography, ICT,
AS Craft Design and Technology,
GCSE Photography
Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver Awards,
Millennium Volunteers, Young Enterprise
Monitor, Senior House Official, Prefect
Geography with Business Management at
Queen Mary University, London



James Dobson 2000 – 2005

AVCE Business Studies,
Physical Education
Football 3rd XI, Cricket 1st XI,
Tennis Senior Team
Sports Management at Sheffield Hallam
University



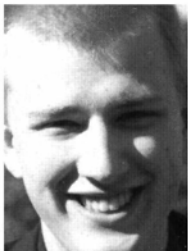
Toby Elliott-Poxon 1998 – 2005

Business Studies, Chemistry
AS Ethics and Philosophy
Football 3rd XI, Cricket 1st XI
Business and Management/Study of
Religions HND at Bath Spa University



Christopher Hall 1998 – 2005

Business Studies, ICT, Physical Education
Head of Kendon House, Prefect
Rugby 1st XV, Football 1st XI Captain, Cricket 1st
XI Captain
Sports Coaching,
Central Lancashire University



Simon Hughes 1999 – 2005

Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics
Rugby 2nd XV, Football 3rd XI
Electronic Engineering at
Reading University



Andrew Hui 2003 – 2005

Biology, Business Studies, Mathematics,
Theatre Studies
Todmans House Monitor,
Pengelly House Monitor
Rugby 2nd XV, Badminton Senior Team,
Basketball Senior Team
Law, Brunel University



Abby-Jane Hunt 1998 – 2005

English Literature, Ethics and Philosophy,
Theatre Studies, AS French
Netball Trophy, Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award,
Millennium Volunteer
Old Poplars House Monitor, Head of Kiplings house
Netball 1st VII, Hockey 1st XI Captain,
Rounders 1st Team
Drama, Lincoln University



Luke Hunter 2003 -2005

Business Studies, Geography, Mathematics
Pengelly House Monitor, Prefect
Rugby 1st XV, Football 3rd XI, Cricket 1st XI
Gap Year then Primary Education with
Mathematics, Hertfordshire



Jon-Michael Jiskoot 1998 -2005

Biology, English Literature, History,
AS Business Studies
Head of The Orchard, Prefect
Judo Captain,
Gap year then Journalism,
Southampton Institute



Ben Kyte 1998 – 2005

Geography, ICT, AS Business Studies,
Ethics and Philosophy
Duke of Edinburgh Bronze, Silver and Gold
Awards
Head of House at The Mount, Prefect
Business with Human Resources,
Sheffield Hallam University



Asa Lee 2003 – 2005

Business Studies, Ethics and Philosophy,
Applied Mathematics
Minority Sports Cup
Mount House Monitor, Prefect
Badminton Senior Team
Psychology, Nottingham



James Mackinnon 2003 – 2005

Business Studies, Chemistry, Mathematics,
Physical Education
Duke of Edinburgh Award
Deputy of The Orchard House,
Head of Kiplings Games House,
Head of School
Rugby 1st XV, Hockey 1st XI, Tennis Senior Team
The Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst



Ben Leggatt 2000 – 2005

AVCE Business Studies,
Physical Education, AS ICT
Head of Todmans House, Prefect
Gap year then Land Management at the
Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester



Richard Marney 2003 – 2005

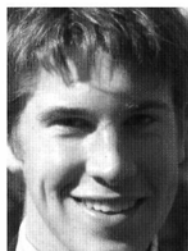
Business Studies, Ethics and Philosophy
Todmans House Monitor, Judo Captain
Senior Judo Team
BTEC National Diploma, Southend

LEAVERS 2005



Peter Michell 1998 – 2005

AVCE Business Studies, Biology
Prefect
 Rugby 2nd XV, Football 3rd XI
Business and Management,
Leeds Metropolitan



Fergus Murray 1998 – 2005

Business Studies, ICT, Physical Education
Deputy Head of School Prize
Head of Speakers Games House, Prefect,
Deputy Head of School
 Rugby 1st XV, Football 2nd XI, Cricket 1st XI,
 Tennis Senior Team
Business Administration and
Information Systems, Keele University



Russell Newman 2003 -2005

Business Studies, ICT, Physics,
 AS Mathematics
 Business Prize
Gap year working in ICT.
Information Technology in Organisations,
Southampton University



Hieu Nguyen 2003 -2005

Business Studies, Mathematics,
 Further Mathematics, Physics, ICT
 Mathematics Prize
 Football 4th XI
Business Studies, Greenwich



Coei O 2003 – 2005

Art, Mathematics, Textiles
 Senior Art Prize 2004 and 2005
Old Poplars House Monitor
Fashion Design at Central St. Martins College
of Art and Design, London



Stephanie Oriet 2001 – 2005

English Literature, Ethics and Philosophy,
 Textiles, AS Business Studies
Charity Representative, Head of Speakers
Games House
Psychology A Level, Mander Portman Woodward
College

James Raw 2000 – 2005

Business Studies, English Literature, Design
 Technology
 Rugby 2nd XV, Football 3rd XI
Foundation Course at Kent Institute of
Art and Design, Canterbury



Jonathan Sanders

English, Business Studies, CDT
English with Creative Writing,
Bangor University



Rachel Smyth 1998 – 2005

Business Studies, English Literature, Geography
 AS Ethics and Philosophy
 3rd in Hunter Essay Competition
Head of Roberts Games House, Prefect
 Hockey 2nd XI, Netball 2nd VII
Equine management at
the University of Greenwich



Andrew Summers 1999 – 2005

AVCE Business Studies, AS Music
Mount House Monitor,
Pengelly Society Secretary
Professional Chef Diploma,
Westminster Kingsway



Tom Sutton 2000 – 2005

AVCE Business Studies,
 Design Technology
 Design Technology Prize
Plumbing Course, Eastbourne College



Phillp Wells 1998 – 2005

Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics
 Y11 Chemistry Prize,
 Senior Chemistry Prize
House Monitor
 Senior Judo Team
Biochemistry at Essex University



The Globe

The whole of Year 9 and six brave staff went to The Tate Modern and the Globe Theatre on a very sunny if somewhat cold Thursday in May.

Apart from one boy fainting and a rather confusing but highly imaginative production of *The Tempest* (ALL the parts in the play were performed by three actors!), we all survived the experience. MUCH praise must go to the cast for carrying off this ambitious feat and to all Year 9, who sat through the whole performance very attentively. Thanks must also go to the complete stranger who congratulated a colleague on having such excellently behaved pupils.

T Hart Dyke



Year 9 go off to Cornwall

On the Friday before the Summer Half Term break, 24 Year 9 pupils expressing a desire to study the subject to GCSE level, left Bethany bound for Penzance. That night, the group enjoyed a lively, if somewhat windswept, performance of 'The Taming of the Shrew' at the Minack Theatre, the most amazing venue set into the cliffs at Porthcurno.

Using Penzance Youth Hostel as a base, the Saturday morning saw visits to the St Ives Tate to view the work of Paul Feiler and Richard Deacon and the Barbara Hepworth Museum. The afternoon was spent on the beach at Godrevy where thirteen hardy members of the group enjoyed a two and a half hour surfing lesson.

Mousehole was the venue for a water colouring trip on the Sunday morning followed by a visit to St Michael's Mount in the afternoon. The opportunity for the whole party to see the latest Star Wars film in the evening was not one we could turn down.

On Monday we headed home, but there was still time to spend two hours at the Eden Project where sketches and other resources were collected for use in the Art School back at Bethany.

The whole trip ran very smoothly and every pupil deserves credit for being excellent time-keepers, working hard and behaving impeccably.

P Norgrove.



Visit to the Eden Project



Sketching at the St Ives Tate

We Will Rock You

After a long journey from Bethany to Islington, there was an atmosphere of anticipation to start looking around the convention. Instantly through the doors we were bombarded with the career stalls, then on the next floor there was a sea of University stalls.

Hal Shaw and Adam Baldwin were quick to apply for their free (genuine) IDs, whilst others were quick to receive their free UCAS bags, which later proved to be deceptive in their ability to hold all of the prospectuses that some aspiring students were to take from the morning. It was noticeable that there was a keen interest in joining IBM, with the added incentive that all those who went to the stall received a free ball. Hertfordshire also proved to be quite popular as many people could be seen sucking on their free lollipops, which came with the university prospectus. After an informative and physically draining convention, we set off to Covent Garden.

We then made our way to the Dominion Theatre where we would watch the musical "We Will Rock You"

based on some of the band Queen's greatest hits. The show depicted a horrible future where music was dead, leaving only the heroines Galileo Figero and his "chick" to fight the evil company Global Soft. The sheer size of the theatre and of the audience's reaction to the events on stage made this a musical to remember. The musical was brilliant in all respects! Fashion gurus such as Sioban Morse and Chris Durnford were shocked by the effort that had gone into the various costumes. Artistic merit was given its due from Harriet Smith and Natasha



Carson Parker after witnessing the giant artwork that had gone into the backdrop of the show. Being based on Queen's greatest hits the show did indeed rock us and many gave standing ovations and cheered including George Hammerton and Luke Debnam and of course Mr Thorpe. When the night came to a close, despite it being a long and tiring day, "We Will Rock You" had revitalised everyone's energy and we left London singing to the lyrics of Freddy Mercury until we returned to school. Thanks on behalf of all of the Lower Sixth to Mr Hart Dyke, Mr Thorpe and Mrs Presland for taking us.

Jack Jones, Year 12

The Spanish Armada

9-15th February 2005

I am sitting on Torremolinos beach, listening to the crash of the surf on an almost endless stretch of golden sand. It is day seven of our Spanish trip and while I sit absorbing the last glimpses of Spain one thought goes into my mind, how have we been so lucky to have continuous sunshine and temperatures of 21 degrees C in February?

Our first official excursion was to Malaga where our first stop was El Corte Ingles, a huge Spanish department store. There we practised our Spanish and spent a fortune. At



regular intervals members of the group were sent to ask for directions, obtain street maps, purchase stamps and talk to locals. We had an open top bus tour of the city, had lunch on the beach and visited an imposing fort. We also travelled on public transport and local trains to get the full flavour of Malaga.

The group quickly gelled and relaxed into the slower pace of Spanish life. The next day involved a trip to Granada and the Alhambra Palace. This is a Moorish palace with picturesque gardens and fantastic views. It was truly memorable.

Each day began with an annoying phone call to our rooms from Mr

Thorpe, to wake us up. Breakfast, buffet style, appealed to most but the bacon left a lot to be desired. The other residents, mainly Spanish pensioners were far more adept at bargaining to the front than any Bethanians, no matter what year group!

Cordoba, our second excursion, involved visiting ornate gardens, heavily touristy, and a stunning Mosque which had a Roman Catholic cathedral inside. This is the only one of

its kind in the entire world and was awe-inspiring. Staff and pupils alike were stunned into silence – a rare occurrence.

Seville was a little disappointing because, being a Sunday, much was closed. Despite its beauty it did look similar to the places visited previously. However the boat cruise down the river was fun.

Our final major excursion was to Ronda, Marbella and Puerto Banus. Ronda was a quaint town, split in two by a massive gorge and linked by a modest bridge. Puerto Banus, dominated by large houses, expensive cars and the filthy rich, gave us all something to aspire to.

Our final day was spent chilling, eating a typical Spanish lunch and building sandcastles on the beach. In three hours' time we fly out of Malaga airport and return to an England that has suffered rain, wind and even snow for the whole time we have been away.

An enormous thanks must go to Miss Romero who has spent so much of her free time organising the trip. Thanks must also go to the other staff who had to endure the company of 29 year 9-11 pupils when they could have been on half term. I'm off to buy my last ice cream!

Nick Tyrrell, Year 11

Activities Week

Monday

While Year 7 start their week-long water-themed voyage of discovery with school-based activities; Year 8 take to the water in sailing dinghies and canoes, or to country tracks on mountain bikes. Year 9 set about the task of eco-mapping Bethany, while Years 10 and 11 set off for Dorset for Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions or to a wide variety of work placement destinations. For the Lower Sixth the focus is on UCAS forms – unfairly serious you may think – but don't worry they'll make up for later in the week!

"Monday morning we went to Bewl Water. We went sailing in the morning. Sailing was new to me but I enjoyed it a lot. It was me, Baz and Josh in a boat with an instructor. Sailing was great fun because it was a challenge to me and also it was different because I never really do sports on the water. Monday afternoon we went cycling. It was a big challenge because I had never cycled 13 and a half miles in one go before. It was tiring but very fun. Finished second."

Phillip Semmens, Year 8

Tuesday

Day 2 of Activity Week and Year 7 are off to the London Aquarium while Year 8 take to the dry ski slopes. For year 9 the day is more gruelling:

"A hard-hitting day, a definite strong one. We started off talking a little bit about how the holocaust had happened and then went straight into a very strong and powerful video. The video is called Schindler's List. It is a story

BELOW: Year 8 cycling at Bewl Water



Year 7: charity talk on water

about a man who creates a factory for Jews so they can get out of the concentration camps. A story which I will always remember and will always think about. The story was powerful all the way through. After the video I went to break and thought about the whole thing which hit me hard again.

We had lunch and then came back and had a once in a life time event. A survivor of the holocaust came in to talk to us which was a great opportunity to really find out what it was all about. It was upsetting but I think the bravest person of all was the nice lady at the front telling us her story. The lady had been through a really rough time and all her family had been killed. As a child she had been sent to a German work camp and was very young at the time and she became very ill. I expect it was very upsetting. She told us how Hitler had come to power and decided to discriminate against the Jews. The Nazis believed that the Jews or disabled people had ruined Germany so

they decided to kill them in camps and make them work for them in tough work places. This really hit me through the whole talk and it was scary to think about the amount of lives ruined because of just one religion. How could anyone be so sick? We then had sport which was good fun and I enjoyed myself. A day which will be with me for ever."

Edward Nash, Year 9

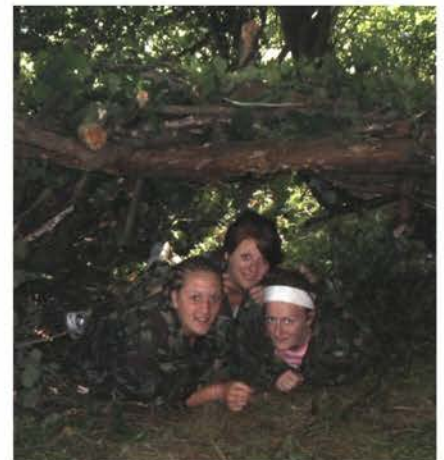
Wednesday

Year 7 learn about the water supply in the developing world thanks to a talk from a charity representative; Year 9 are dating Bethany's hedgerows while the Lower Sixth are in rather closer proximity to the hedgerows in the vicinity of Shorncliffe Barracks near Folkestone than perhaps they would like. (Maybe UCAS forms weren't such bad news after all!)

For the Lower Sixth this is the second day of an Army Training Course. The emphasis is on basic survival and patrol skills. Yesterday, fully kitted-up, with packs weighing some 40lbs, the group had set off for an overnight exercise. Fortunately the trek had been far shorter



ABOVE AND BELOW: The Lower Sixth learn about basic survival





...and camouflage

than originally indicated but the hills had proved no less steep than promised – and there had been the treats of cooking rations and sleeping in the open...

“We had to do a survival situation and sleep out in the open. You had to think how you would build a shelter if you had no equipment. We had sleeping bags – and lots of twigs and rocks underneath us! We actually did sleep – we were so tired.”

Phil Day

“At the beginning a few people said they might think about going into the army – at the end they weren't so sure!”

Alex Marks

All were convinced though that the challenge was not something they would



Year 7 investigate the water theme through art

have wanted to miss, despite the aches and pains which endured for several days after the experience was over.

Thursday

On Thursday cake-making and music are amongst the Year 7 menu of activities, while Year 8 are at the PGL Centre facing the challenges of abseiling, rafting and trapeze. The Lower Sixth have returned gratefully to the comforts of school and the Duke of Edinburgh group get ready to follow in their footsteps.

“Wednesday and Thursday we did raft building which was fun because we all ended up swimming. The zip wire was fun but a bit scary because I have a fear of heights. This is the same with the trapeze but nonetheless I did them both

and succeeded. Archery was fun because Mr Watt couldn't do it very well. Abseiling I had done before so it was easy and fun. Camp craft was hard but when I found out that the instructor was a Sheffield Wednesday fan it made my day!

Jack Burnham, Year 8

Friday

The Lower Sixth are now fully back in school mode – wearing suits for their mock interviews. For the Duke of Edinburgh crew tent-drying duties are the order of the day. Year 9 have turned to crime, Year 8 to climbing the wall (at Crowborough) and Year 7 to partying!

“We started off watching a video on human rights, which was interesting to find out what we can and can't do. We have so many rights and I think that is good because it gives us a lot of freedom... We learnt about different countries where with less human rights life becomes a lot different. The thing that shocked me the most was how so many people are suffering from famine and violence and that people are dying every day because of human rights.”

Edward Nash, Year 9

Year 7 verdict

Activity Week was great, we did lots of fun things like water sports and cake making. We also went to the London Aquarium, I really liked it, it was great and interesting. The stingrays in the touch tanks were funny. I liked the colourful fish and the sharks, I also liked the sand eels and deadly rock fishes.

LEFT: It's Thursday and Year 7 are making cakes



'Give it your best shot...'

"There are three major spectator events happening in the South of England this afternoon: Bethany School Speech Day, Live 8 and Wimbledon. May I applaud you for getting your priorities right and attending Speech Day here this afternoon!"

... so opened the Headmaster's speech on 2nd July to the assembled sports hall packed with pupils, parents and staff. The afternoon represented not only the culmination of the school year, celebrating the achievements of the 85 prizewinners, but the occasion for final farewells to pupils and staff who were moving on to pastures new.

Christopher Jackson, Chairman of Governors, opened the speeches, highlighting achievements of the school year and touching on plans for the future. "We have just come to the end of a sustained major programme of building works and the new dining rooms and function room will be ready shortly... Next comes a new tranche of cash for upgrading the science facilities... there will also be a new phase of upgrading Boarding Houses and improving the girls' facilities, plus other items such as the refurbishment of the Assembly Hall."

He spoke of ongoing development, "A new hard surface play area is emerging in the middle of the school campus. The Friends of Bethany School and the Old Bethanians Society have been engaged in generous fundraising which has been key to it and we thank them... To parents, I would emphasise how much we value their loyal support for the school..."

From Nicholas Dorey, the Head, came a sound bite for current and departing pupils to ponder on, "Whatever you choose to do in school or in life beyond, give it your best shot. If you commit yourself wholeheartedly to something you stand a very good chance of succeeding. Whatever the outcome you need have no regrets and need make no

Prize Winners: (below left) Katie Woodward, Georgie Bishop, Alex Bely, (below right) Adam Baldwin, Hal Shaw, Peter Dawson



Prize swimmers: Michael Churchill, Chris Perry, Ryan Jiskoot, Hal Shaw and Ben Leggatt.

excuses. This applies to your studies, to your sport, to your duties, to drama, to music – whatever area of school life you choose to participate in – or life beyond school. The pavements of life are littered with talented people who have not tried – and who have failed. The corridors of fame are full of people with less talent who have committed themselves and succeeded."

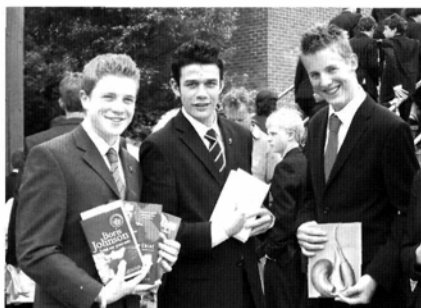
The speech ended with a tribute to each of the staff who were leaving, last but not least with extended applause for John Priestley, Bethany's retiring Deputy Head who had devoted his entire teaching career to the Bethany community. "John hates the limelight – so I do not want to embarrass him by saying too much. He is held in great respect – but also in great affection – by pupils, colleagues, parents, Old Bethanians, Governors. We cannot thank him enough for the loyal and unstinting service he has give to the school." Later in the proceedings Heads of School,

Emily Bishop and Jamie Mackinnon, made a presentation to John on behalf of the pupils.

Professor Vaughan Grylls, Director of the Kent Institute of Art and Design (KIAD), was Guest Speaker. Before talking about art and design and links between Bethany and KIAD, he told a tale not about his artistic past but about his business past, telling the story of his digression from his career as an artist and photographer when called upon to rescue a family business. Knowing nothing about business he met the Bank Manager with some trepidation, sure that the rescue mission was not for him.

"The Bank Manager told me I needed a business plan, I didn't know he meant so he explained that I need to take three pieces of paper. On the first I needed to write what the company was doing now and what it was doing wrong. On the second I needed to write what it should be doing and by when. On the third I needed to write how it was going to get there. Mr Dorey has been talking about 'giving it your best shot' and that is exactly what I decided to do. That advice from that Bank Manager was one of the most useful things I had learnt before or after. I did turn the company around. It was advice that is as pertinent to life as it is to business."

... and an approach to life as relevant to those returning to Bethany in September as to those facing new challenges in education and the workplace.



S. Field

PRIZES 2004-5

The JJ Kendon Prize for Effort

Year 7 Jonathan Rawlins
 Year 8 Andrew Vale-Taylor
 Year 9 George Benfield
 Year 10 Philip Scott

Special Mentions

Year 7 Rebekah Marshall, Juliet Alcaraz, Danielle Shepherd, Alexander Smith
 Year 8 Salam Lamptey, Joshua Owusu-Afriyie, Sebastian Bignell
 Year 9 Mark Clifford, Jessica Ferdinands, Harriet Proud, Aaron Houghton-Glasier
 Year 10 Natasha Fitzgerald, Charlotte Pierce, Niamh McElligott, Hien Tran

The Samuel Kendon Memorial Prize for Craft and Design

Thomas Sutton

The Timothy Sedgewick Cup

Joshua Owusu-Afriyie

The Robert Coupland Prize

Jessica Ferdinands

The Adler CARE Prize

Alexander Nelson

The Hunter Essay Prize

Adam Baldwin

The McLaren English Prize

Thomas Danby

The Junior Essay Prize

Freddie Hulbert

The Henry Howard Public Speaking Prize

Hal Shaw

The Stobart Prize for Business Studies

Russell Newman

Young Enterprise Achiever of the Year

Harriet Smith

The Humphrey Maxwell Memorial Prize for Senior Geography

Phillip Cowdery

The Michael Dalziel Geography Prize for Junior Geography

Jamie West

The Physics Prize for GCSE

Craig Weir

The Physics Prize for A Level

Martin Cheung

The Lord Stamp Memorial Prize for A Level Mathematics

Judy Mok

The Lord Stamp Memorial Prize for GCSE Mathematics

Craig Weir

The Biology Prize for GCSE

Christopher Perry

The Biology Prize for A Level

Emily Bishop

The Chemistry Prize for A Level

Philip Wells

The Chemistry Prize for GCSE

Nicholas Tyrrell

The Mason Prize for French

Nicholas Tyrrell

The Royal Society of St George Senior History Prize

Adam Baldwin

The Royal Society of St George Junior History Prize

Natasha Fitzgerald

The James Hall Memorial Prize for Religious Studies Year 11

Anna Saunders

The James Hall Memorial Prize for Religious Studies Year 10

Hien Tran

The James Hall Memorial Prize for Religious Studies Year 9

Christopher Hangartner

The Roche Prize for Drama

Georgie Bishop

The Kilby Prize for Junior Art

Sam Depoel-Wood

The Douglas Prize for Senior Art

Coei O

The Textile Prize

Nicola Ayres

The Michael Williams Photography Prize

Alexandra Bely

The Breach Prize for Innovation

Jamie Raw

The Stamper Prize

Peter Dawson

The Maynard Prize for the best GCSEs

Adam Baldwin

The Prize for Woodwind

Ryan Jiskoot

The Gardener Cup and Prize for Guitar

Tobias Baars

The Hall Prize for the Highest Music Grade

Joyce Chan

The Music Prize for Progress

Salam Lamptey

The Fincham Cup and Prize for Strings

Aaron Houghton-Glasier

The Christopher Money Chorister's Cup and Prize

Hien Tran

The Thornton Cup and Prize

Andrew Summers

The Helen Memorial Cup and Prize

Jamie McConnachie

The Chelmsford Hall Cup and Prize

George Morgan

The EFL Prize

Peter Liang

Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Winners

B Blacker,
 T Boatwright-Smith,
 M Biddulph, P Cowdery,
 T Danby, S Hughes, B Kyte,
 B Leggatt, J Mackinnon,
 P Michell, F Murray, P Wells

The Pippa Blackman Trophy for excellence in PE

David Booth

The Anthony Clarke Memorial Trophy

Christopher Hall

The Powell Cup for Junior Sportsman

James Farmer

The Junior Sportswoman

Francesca Sheldrake

The Roy Farquarson Trophy for Senior Sportsman

Thomas Danby

The Senior Sportswoman

Katie Woodward

The Jessel Shield awarded to the best House of the Year

Roberts House

The Ross Turnbull Prize

Thomas Boatwright-Smith

The William Ruzzak Memorial Prize

Michael Biddulph and
 Fergus Murray

The Edward Hayward Memorial Prize

Emily Bishop and
 James Mackinnon

A Career Devoted to Bethany

It is never easy to summarise the contribution made by long serving members of the Common Room and close to impossible to do justice to the one made by John Priestley during a Bethany career that spanned 36 years, but with the help of a couple of former colleagues and a few hazy memories I'll do what I can.

JMP will be remembered as a consummate professional: running Todmans, teaching History, coaching rugby and tennis teams, fulfilling his duties as Deputy Headmaster and School Examination Secretary, he brought a cool efficiency to his numerous roles that always impressed.

Former Director of Sport, Tony Rolt, describes him as an "unflappable character who always saw the best in his pupils, particularly those he was responsible for in his Boarding House". When it came to coaching, "He was able to get a great deal out of his players by his manner, getting them to respond to him by asking them to do things on the pitch rather than telling them."

Tony Cardwell remembers John the sportsman. An outstanding footballer and tennis player, he found no problem transferring his natural ball skills to the rugby field. He was a key member of the staff soccer sides who played the Bethany leavers every summer - largely because he could actually play a bit while those around him were more than happy just to survive the full 90 minutes.

John's dry sense of humour, a prerequisite among all Barnsley FC fans, always proved useful when potentially tense situations required diffusing.

While a number of teachers were busy killing themselves on a mere 10 km "Running the World" for famine relief back in the mid eighties, John was getting to grips with the London Marathon. The strict training regime he set himself, pounding around the Arena night after night, is something else Tony Rolt remembers.

Never one to visibly lose his temper, we will all miss John the Schoolmaster tremendously. Respected by staff and pupils alike, he leaves us "at the top of his game" and I would personally like to wish him and Sarah all the very best for the future.

Just the one question: What was that tune he always whistled when he came into the staffroom to deliver the cover notes? 26 years I've been listening to it and I'm still none the wiser.

P. Norgrove



John Priestley on the right at the back with Bethany Staff in July 1969

John Priestley arrived at Bethany to take up his first teaching post in 1969 and, despite all his other responsibilities over the last 36 years, John was never prepared to let teaching take a back seat. He was tireless in his pursuit of excellence in the classroom. Generations of Bethany pupils have experienced his passion and enthusiasm for History and he has instilled a love of the subject in hundreds of pupils.

John fulfilled many onerous and vital roles, which often go un-noticed (unless something goes wrong - which it rarely ever did with John in charge!). Whether Exam Officer, ensuring school meetings ran smoothly, completing the timetable, or staffing requirements, John was painstaking in his pursuit of perfection. One needed to have a study next door to his to realise the extraordinary hours he worked to ensure that each job was completed to the highest standards.

John served under four very different Headteachers and acted as a wise Counsellor throughout the Pengelly, Lanzer, Harvey and Dorey eras. He was an invaluable source of wisdom and ideas. He was prepared to quietly and clearly state his opinions and those of the teaching staff but, at the same time, whatever his own opinion, could be relied on to loyally support and uphold any decision that was taken by the Head or the Governors - something which is wholly right but is, sadly, an increasingly rare quality in the modern world.

Much has changed in the educational scene over 36 years and John managed to maintain a youthful enthusiasm for education

by taking on board changes in teaching, curriculum, and technology. His youth and enthusiasm were accompanied by youthful looks and I am sure that many pupils were very surprised to hear that he was close to retirement age.

Pupils, as well as staff, will remember John as being a firm but fair disciplinarian. His ability to cut to the heart of disciplinary issues will, I am sure, become legendary and he was one of the shrewdest interviewers of pupils I have ever come across, getting details and truths out of pupils when others had met a brick wall.

It has been a privilege for me to work alongside such a dedicated, loyal and effective Deputy Head over the last 8 years and he will be an impossible act to follow. He has made a quite exceptional contribution to the life of the School and community. He will be sorely missed by staff, pupils, parents and Governors, as well as Old Bethanians but he certainly deserves a long, healthy, active retirement!

N. Dorey, Headmaster

John Priestley and his wife Sarah Davis on their last day at Bethany



STAFF MOVES



Florence Buet

It is with great regret that we say goodbye to Florence Buet. Four years ago she arrived to teach French to Years 7 and 8 and was gradually persuaded to

take on years 9 and 10. She has been a dedicated and lively member of the Department who has worked incredibly hard for her pupils. We will miss her and the unmistakable French chic she brought to the Modern Languages Department. We wish her every success with her Spanish studies.

M McCall-Smith

Sarah Davis

Sarah Davis came to Bethany 12 years ago as an NQT and Assistant in Old Poplars, then a junior boys' house. When I arrived ten years



ago, I was lucky enough to have Sarah as my Assistant when Todmans became the junior boys' house. After many years as a team, I was sad to lose her when promotion to Head of History and marriage to John Priestly were more beckoning.

As Head of History, Sarah has dedicated herself to developing the syllabus for pupils' laptops, encouraging pupils to take History for GCSE and A level. She has organised numerous field trips, really bringing the subject to life. Sarah has inspired countless pupils to play badminton for the school in local tournaments with the Senior Boys at one time being second in Kent. She has also coached the Under 13 Cricket Team. Her love of sailing led to her taking Sailing Club and supporting Year 8 activity weeks in England and France. She will be much missed in many areas of school life. I wish her all the best for her future as Head of History in Colchester.

F Johnson

Gemma Doyle

Gemma joined the staff in September 2004 and soon made her mark in the department. She came to us a top-performing student on her PGCE course at Christ Church College Canterbury. She settled in quickly and soon became popular with students and colleagues

alike. She took a leading role with the A level Biology course, proving herself to be more than capable across all age groups. In addition she has helped out with Drama productions and has worked as a tutor in Old Poplars.

She is moving from Kent to London with her partner and I would like to wish her every success in her new post at Moorehouse School in West London. Gemma will be missed, not just by us, but also by the plants in her lab, which have been kept so very well hydrated during her stay!

S Brown

Anthony Lawrence

Anthony Lawrence joined Bethany as Head of Chemistry and was later appointed Head of Science. He did a stint as Assistant Housemaster in Pengelly and helped out by taking cricket and hockey for a number of years. Children are often our fiercest critics and I for one never heard a single criticism about Anthony from his pupils. His enthusiasm for his subject, his meticulous preparation for his lessons, his determination to use as much variety of input as possible, all made him a highly successful classroom teacher. He was always prepared to go the extra mile to help his students and even got some out of bed when they inadvertently over-slept! His academic results speak for themselves.

As a Sixth Form Tutor, Anthony was similarly dedicated in his approach. He supported me by attending events and helping to organise parts of Activities Week. I am grateful for all his hard work in these areas and wish him the best of luck.

T Hart Dyke

Sharon Lawrence

Sharon joined Bethany in 2002 as a science graduate specialising in Biology, one of the staff to follow the Graduate Teacher Programme of initial teacher training. This involved a course of training to become a qualified teacher whilst also holding down a full time teaching post. Sharon achieved this qualification with ease, shortly afterwards becoming Head of Biology. Sharon has made many valued contributions to school life both within and beyond her department. She was an effective and considerate tutor and also took numerous Chapel services for the whole school. Sharon has been a valued member of staff at Bethany

and we wish her well as she moves on in her career to take her second teaching post at Chatham House Grammar School in East Kent.

C Fisher



Susan Linaker (left) We said farewell to Susan at the end of December 2004. Susan had been working at Bethany for just over 14 years, starting with the job of Sewing Matron based in Kendon House then moving to the Mount for 10 years as Matron. We did not add up how many items of clothing Susan would have washed for the boys in

this time, but the total is considerable. The pupils and staff in the Mount were sad to see Susan depart. We wish her well in her retirement.

A Khan

Christine Morrow

Christine arrived in Bethany in September 2003 from Belfast and the average age of the department took a much needed tumble. Despite this being her first teaching post and a different educational system, she adapted very quickly and pupils warmed to her enthusiasm for mathematics. She has been unstinting with her time, laying on extra lessons to help in particular her examination classes.

Her adaptability was put to good use within the pastoral system. She tutored students in The Orchard and worked in Pengelly and offered cover in Old Poplars. Games was not a major strength but, despite preferring social rather than physical activities, she dutifully supervised a variety of GA groups with her usual good cheer. A song by Joni Mitchell contains the words "you don't know what you've got till it's gone". However we do know what we have in Christine and Bethany will be very different with her departure. We will all miss her.

M Hollman



Gemma Doyle and Christine Morrow at their leaving party

RUGBY



1ST XV RUGBY

BACK ROW *Michael Biddulph, Tobias Baars, Michael Fenton, Philip Day, Ryan Jiskoot, Alex Marks, Chris Hall, Hamish Startin, Luke Debnam, Ben Blacker.*
FRONT ROW *Mike Blacker, Hal Shaw, Ben Leggatt, James Mackinnon (Captain), Fergus Murray, Jamie McConnochie*

The school fielded six teams over the rugby season and enjoyed a good share of results. The senior school produced some favourable results with consistent performances from the 1st XV and the Colts. Lower down the school the results may not have always gone Bethany's way, but the determination and continued improvement in the teams shows promise for the future

1st XV

Played	Won	Lost
12	5	7

Although the results didn't always go our way it was a very promising season against some formidable opponents. The season started with a string of narrow defeats but some excellent performances, notable ones were loosing narrowly to Colfes by seven points in the Daily Mail Cup as well as the local derby against Cranbrook, loosing in the end by five points but standing out as one of the most memorable games of the year. We seemed to follow this close pattern of narrow defeats against Rochester Maths and Kent College, loosing both these by two points. However there were also some excellent victories with Bethany scoring some memorable tries and beating St Bedes 45:0, St Lawrence College 15:13, Beth's Grammar School, 32:30.

C Bingham

2nd XV

In terms of results this was not one of the 2nd XV's better seasons. With only one win, against Cranbrook, this represented a steep learning curve for the newer

players to senior rugby at Bethany and it was pleasing to see the obvious development of these players, especially Tobias Baars, Seb Rye, Jamie West and Ben Townsend.

However, every member contributed to the excellent spirit that developed within the squad and the addition of David Booth, Simon Hughes, Peter Michell and Jon Sanders during the term certainly provided the team with more options, providing some much appreciated physical presence.

As coach, I have particularly appreciated the extremely positive contribution that both Jack Jones and Harry Withers have made. They have made my job much easier as a result. Thank you!

D Schooledge



The 1st XV in action

Colts

Played	Won	Lost
10	4	6

The Colts Rugby team had a mixed season. Although it was disappointing to lose by one point (22-21) to Darrick Wood in the Daily Mail Plate and to be out gunned by Sutton Valence, Sackville and Duke of Yorks, we had resounding victories in our other three matches. When the Colts were playing and competing to the best of their ability, they produced some fine wins. We beat St. Bedes 24-0, Notre Dame 65-0 and St Lawrence 55-5. The most influential members of the squad this season were James Falmer, Philip Scott, Nathan Burnham, Oscar Mead and Tom Hutchings as Captain.

D Paine

Junior Colts Rugby

Played	Won	Lost
8	1	7

With a record of played eight and won one, it would suggest that this team has not been successful. This is far from the truth. With the exception of Sevenoaks, we were very competitive in all the matches despite being out gunned physically. Our only win was against King's Rochester where for once we played a team of similar stature. We played some well-organised Rugby and the team shows promise for the future. Special mention should go to Daniel Helesfay, James Morrissey-Crouch and Daniel Wright for their tireless work in the forwards and to George Curtis and Harry Dainty for their promising play in the backs.

SQUAD: G. Curtis, A. Woodhouse, D. Grist, J. Dougan, R. Wells, H. Dainty, E. Nash, O. Donkersley, E. Davies, J. Jarvis, F. Hulbert, S. Ho, D. Helesfay, J. Morrissey-Crouch, J. Martinez-Perez, O. Hindle, D. Wright, L. Liddington, D. Brown, P. Watsham.

P Marriott

Under 13 "A" Rugby

Played	Won	Lost	For	Against
10	4	6	238	169

This team show promise with wins over St Lawrence College, Vine Hall "B", St Ronan's and Claremont, three of the scores being very substantial. Captain Sam Depoel-Wood has been outstanding; Michael Churchill is a force to be reckoned with if he ever decides which position he wants to play! George Palmer has been the most influential year 7 and Guy Wilczek, Joshua Owusu-Afriyie, Ben Lewis-Donaldson, Salam Lamptey, Andrew Vale-Taylor and Thane Campbell had notable performances.

SQUAD: M. Thompson, S. Lamptey, S. Bignell, P. Semmens, T. Jackson, T. Threshie, A. Vale-Taylor, J. Owusu-Afriyie, S. Depoel-Wood, M. Churchill, G. Wilczek, T. Campbell, B. Lewis-Donaldson, G. Palmer, J. Mahoney, D. Rider, H. Lamptey.

P Norgrove

Under 13 "B" Rugby

Played	Won	Lost
3	1	2

The season started with a promising performance against a very well organised and disciplined New Beacon team and we were to lose 5 tries to nil. This was followed by a very pleasing 24-12 win over Sevenoaks. Dulwich were too strong for us but we put up a good fight and only lost the second half 5-0. Tom Haydon was very influential as captain. His work rate and tackle count was tremendous. Alex Golding deserved his promotion to the "A" team for his hard straight running and try scoring.

SQUAD: T. Haydon, B. Begg, J. Burnham, O. Cooter, D. Do, P. Fisher, A. Golding, O. Harris, R. Marsh, A. Newell, T. Newell, J. Rathmell, G. Raw, J. Ruddy, G. Tack, M. Stockley, G. Tanton.

P Marriott

Senior Rugby Tour To South Africa

In the chaos of a British Airways strike, the tour party met at Heathrow and were grateful to be flying with South African Airways. After a short delay, we were airborne and settled down to the 11 hour flight to Cape Town. On arrival, we were quickly transferred to our hotel and, after a short break, started to explore the Victoria and Alfred waterfront complex and its excellent restaurants. An excursion to Cape Point Nature Reserve gave us our first encounter with the local wildlife – baboons and penguins!

Our first match was against Langa RFC and, before the game, we were given an informative tour of the township. The game provided us with a good opportunity to gain some valuable match practice with all of the tour party taking part. Our forwards proved too powerful for the opposition and, despite some good play by their backs, we eventually won comfortably 32 – 10.

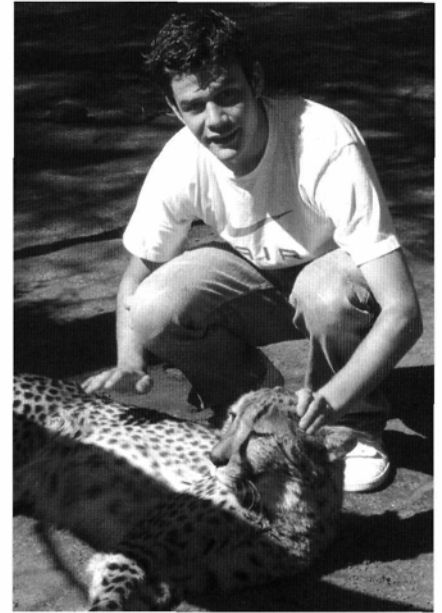
The following day was taken up with excursions to Robben Island, where we were shown around by a former inmate, and Newlands rugby ground. Unfortunately, although Table Mountain was finally clear of cloud, the cablecar had closed by the time we got there.

Bethany and Langa RFC





LEFT: *Chris Perry, Nick Tyrrell, Mrs Scholedge and Ryan Jiskoot meet an elephant*

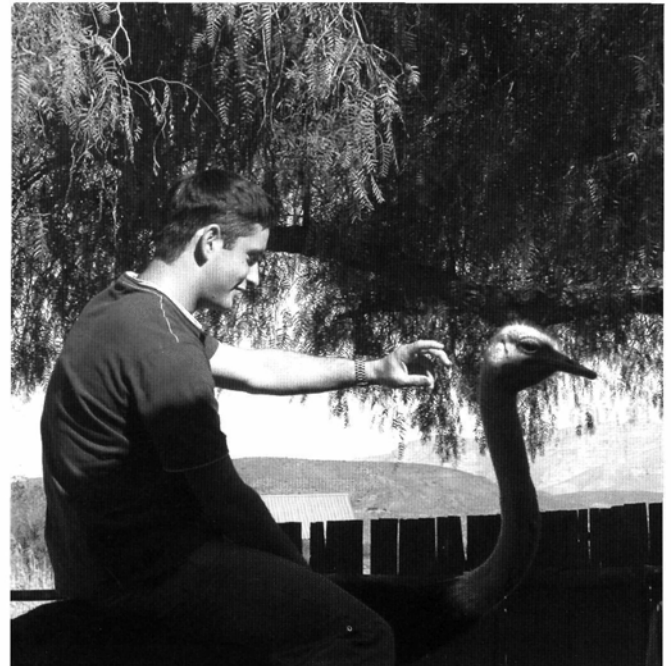


RIGHT: *Hal Shaw stroking a cheetah.*



BELOW LEFT: *The match against Wittedrift.*

BELOW RIGHT: *Jamie Mackinnon riding an ostrich.*



The following day greeted us with torrential rain and, although the school pitch was flooded, the local police provided a playable pitch for our second match against Pinelands School. Once again, our forwards dominated and allowed us to gain our second win of the tour.

The next day, we left Cape Town through incredible scenery to Oudsthoorn. During the morning, our Upper Sixth tourists received their A level results and, thankfully, all concerned achieved places at their chosen universities. Oudsthoorn offered excursions to the impressive Congo cave system, a wildlife ranch and an ostrich farm. The last two offering the opportunity to get really close to cheetahs and ostriches!

Our next stop was Plettenberg Bay, where we had the opportunity to see whales and fur seals.

Wittedrift High School provided the opposition for our third game and were a much more physical side. Despite a determined effort, some untypical errors resulted in a narrow defeat.

Our final stop was the Pilaansberg Game reserve, northwest of Johannesburg. Evening and morning game drives gave us the opportunity to see a wide range of animals, including elephant, rhinoceros, lions and giraffe. Our final game was against a combined Rustenberg Technical High and Grenville High team. In temperatures of 25 – 30 degrees, this proved to be the match of the tour. Against a skilful and physical opposition, our players rose to the occasion and led 10-0 at half time. In the second half, our hosts played some fine rugby and scored a well worked try. With the score at 10-7, the Bethany players dug in and matched their opponents to finally win an excellent game of rugby that was enjoyed by all the spectators.

Our final excursion of the tour was to Sun City's Valley of the Waves before the long flight back to England. In summary, a tour that very few wanted to come home from and that will be remembered for many years by all that took part.

D. Scholedge

FOOTBALL



1ST XI FOOTBALL

BACK ROW: Sam Hodson, Lewis Phillips, Tom de Vries, Michael Fenton, Ben Blacker, Christopher Lines.
FRONT ROW: Philip Day, David Booth, Hal Shaw, Chris Hall (Captain), Tom Danby (Vice Captain)

1st XI

This year's senior football season was affected by the adverse weather conditions, which resulted in fewer matches being played than hoped for and fewer productive training sessions available. However there was a good team spirit shown throughout the season.

The 1st XI team struggled all season with a weakened squad due to key players leaving last year. However a special mention should go to David Booth and the captain Chris Hall for holding the defence together as best they could. Tom Danby also showed his resilience, working hard in midfield throughout the season. The year 11 players such as Lewis Philips, and Sam Hodson have shown some talent and promise for next year.

D Paine

2nd XI

Played	Lost	Drew
6	5	1

The team always played exceptionally well, they were extremely unlucky with a couple of results but these don't reflect how consistently well the players performed throughout the season. The season started with a well-deserved draw with Brighton in which Bethany were leading 1:0 until the final five minutes of the game when Brighton equalised. Bethany were always chasing the illusive victory with some courageous performances. Probably the best performance of the year was

against Eastbourne College, where Bethany dominated most of the game but found themselves trailing 2-0 at half time. Undeterred the team pulled together and scored two goals, including an excellent 20 yarder from Jack Jones. Unfortunately, despite this, Bethany lost 4-2.

C Bingham

SQUAD: S. Hunter, C. Chow, R. Fry, J. McConnachie, N. Wilson, H. Startin, L. Wilkinson, J. Jones, F. Murray, B. Chambers, A. Marks (Captain), M. Dawson, S. Wry, P. Rogers, C. Lines, A. King

3rd XI

Played	Won	Lost
4	1	3

Unfortunately the 3rds have only won once this season a good 2-0 win away at Box Hill. The goals scored by the ever willing Toby Elliot-Poxon. We were however on the end of some big defeats as we came across some very strong sides. I was very impressed with the way the team conducted themselves in the face of these, never letting their heads go down and playing in a sporting manner. Special mentions should go to Michael Bidulph who captained the team with great enthusiasm, also to James Applegarth our goalkeeper who may need to see a chiropractor after having to get the ball out of the net so many times. It has been a pleasure to coach the 3rds this season and I am proud of the effort the put in by all.

P Crafter

Colts XI

Played	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Against
5	2	1	2	18	14

One of the more enjoyable seasons I've had, mainly due to the team's willingness and enthusiasm to listen to new ideas in training and then implement those ideas in matches. This was best highlighted by the work put into corners in our first training session, followed by two set piece successes against Sutton Valence in the following match.

It was just a shame that several games were lost to inclement weather, which the Colts might reasonably have expected to get a positive result from. The highlight of the season was undoubtedly an 8-0 demolition of Worth, with the team playing to their potential from numbers 1 to 11. Goals came from all quarters and the football played in that match was incisive and lethal.

Also worth a mention was the final game of the season; a thrilling 4-4 draw away to Christ's Hospital, where the lead changed no less than four times and between them the teams also hit the post five times. Earlier in the season there was also an exciting and satisfying 5-3 win away to Sutton Valence.

Congratulations to Tom Heath; top scorer with 6 goals, and Tom Hutchings who led the team with great enthusiasm and energy. No doubt many of the squad will be representing the school to good effect at senior level next season.

A Khan

Junior Colts XI

Played	Won	Lost	For	Against
4	2	2	9	12

There have not been many fixtures to report on this season but there have been some promising performances from a number of individuals, particularly in the 3-2 victory against Worth. George Curtis led the side by example all term. Charlie Potter and Freddie Hulbert have developed a good rapport as centre backs, Harry Dainty and Daniel Helesfay are committed mid fielders and Joseph Dougan was always a threat up front. To improve results next season, the squad must work harder at their teamwork, but they undoubtedly have the potential to develop into a useful side.

P Norgrove

Under 13 "A" Football

Played	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Against
7	2	1	4	13	20

Although the side did not always perform at their best, some good results were achieved, particularly a thrilling 6-5 win over St Edmunds Canterbury. Josh Owusu-Afriyie's eight goals in seven matches was another highlight and suggests tremendous potential for the future.

D Paine

CRICKET**1ST XI CRICKET**

BACK ROW: *Hamish Startin, Tom Danby (Vice Captain), David Booth, Alex Marks, Bertie Chambers, Luke Hunter.*
 FRONT ROW: *Harry Withers, Fergus Murray, Chris Hall (Captain), Hal Shaw, James Dobson*

1st XI

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
10	2	1	7

The figures above might have some coaches scratching their heads in despair but statistics rarely tell the whole story. The 2005 first team may not have been the strongest in the last five years in terms of their playing ability but they are one of the best bunch of lads I have worked with to date. They have been a real credit to the school on every occasion that they have played both on the field and off.

I have been surprised each time the boys have played this year; they have usually played at a level beyond my expectations. The lower end of the batting order has at times shown real courage and grit when they have had to bat against hostile and accurate bowling. The three champagne moments for me this year were; the victory against the Duke of Yorks Military School, the high quality innings of 90 not out Tom Danby hit against the Forty Club and an aggressively struck 52 by Hamish Startin against the MCC. I am sure that if we had played fewer overs matches the results would have read very differently. The captain Chris Hall has led by example again and has been ably supported by our 'senior' players David Booth, Tom Danby.

S Brown

Junior Cricket

There are some very promising players emerging in the junior end of school. The bowling in the junior school is looking good with Dominic Grist getting 14 wickets and Daniel Helesfay and Freddie Hulbert getting ten a piece. In the youngest age groups demand meant that we have for the first time in living memory put out a second U13 team. We have another budding player or two in this age group; Michael Churchill who hits



Mr Dorey presents Freddie Hulbert with a cricket bat in recognition of his batting performance

the ball very hard for his age and Sam Depoel-Wood for his excellent fielding.

Statistics for all Bethany School teams and players can be viewed at our cricket website supplied by the English Cricket Board:

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

Under 15 XI

Played	Won	Lost
6	2	4

A very positive season with two well deserved victories against Battle Abbey and William Parker. Apart from the one slip up against Skinners (best not mentioned!) we held our own, narrowly loosing to Harvey Grammar and St Bedes. An excellent team performance throughout.

C Bingham

Under 13 XI

The first game on the first day of the summer term against St Edmunds Prep proved to be a wake up call. Bethany were just a little slow in the field and in scoring runs.

A much improved performance against Marlborough House saw Bethany bat first and make 142 runs. Michael Churchill scoring 62. Our bowling was improving and Leo Johnson managed to take a wicket with his first ball. However our fielding still needed work, and too many runs were conceded with fielding errors. Marlborough house managed to win with 2 overs spare.

A low scoring game from both sides saw Claremont pip a victory. Good bowling performances were produced by J.O.Afrie and George Palmer. When it came to St Ronans, Bethany were put into bat, another outstanding batting performance of 66 from Michael Churchill and a steady 11 from Guy Wilcek helped lead Bethany to 100 runs. Strong bowling performances from Bethany made it difficult for St Ronans to score runs and this again was going to be a close game. However St Ronans managed to win with 2 overs spare.

The U13 team travelled over to Duke of Yorks and were bowled out for 40 runs. The closest match of the season against William Parker came down to the last ball bowled. Bethany managed to score 107 runs with good batting performances from Philip Semmens with 32 not out and Sam Depoel Wood 39. George Palmer bowled well and Tom Haydon took 3 wickets.

Against Harvey Grammar school, Bethany minus Michael Churchill's scoring ability were able to post a score of 77 runs. A thank you goes to Andrew Vale Taylor, Philip Fisher and

James Ruddy who moved up from the 'B' team and performed admirably against a strong Harvey Grammar school who went on to win the match

Bethany batted first against Rose Hill scoring 87. Although this was not a great total we always thought we had a chance due to the strong performance of our bowlers throughout the season. Good bowling performances from G.Palmer, M.Churchill and P.Semmens meant that this game again would go to the wire. Rose Hill managed to reach our score but only in their last over of batting.

D Paine

Junior Colts XI

Played	Won	Lost
8	4	4

The season has seen many highlights; Freddie Hulbert's six shot 30 to win the match at Newlands followed by 116 not out at Harvey Grammar School; George Curtis's 76 not out in the same game and bowling figures of 3 for 17 against Cranbrook; Patrick Watsham's 3 wickets for 3 runs against Newlands and Harvey respectively and a single Laurence Lidington that had everything including a wicket with his fourteenth ball!

The single most heart stopping moment however, did not arrive until the very end of the last match of the season. Set 124 to win in a 25 over match and with only one ball remaining, Skinners' required just two runs to win. George Curtis bowled, the batsman top edged it into the air. A catch that would have won the game for Bethany was dropped, Skinners' ran the two they needed and the match finished in the narrowest of defeats.

There is a great deal of potential in this squad and I wish them well as they move up to the Colts next year.

P Norgrove

Curtisden Strollers

Played	Won	Lost
10	6	4

In the early May match vs. a 'Boarders XI', the Strollers looked rusty and scored an under-par 120; SWAT getting a quick fire 50. Startin and Hall enjoyed the buffet bowling, Paine's figures being particularly expensive.

Sandhurst were next, batting first and scoring 132. Tiph and Mickey bowled economically, though Raymundo went where Paine had gone the week before... The Strollers reply faltered in the failing light, was there panic in the air?

A thriller was to follow, East Sutton batting first, scoring 135, SWAT and Bling



The Curtisden Strollers

taking 3 wickets apiece. The Strollers reply was initially slow, but SWAT, Carnage, Cromwell and Brownly scored well to win the match off the final ball. The noise from the hundreds of spectators was deafening.

No stopping the Strollers now. Conghurst were demolished, with Marriott, 'Sir' Fergus and SWAT helping themselves to 171. The Strollers bowling

was merciless, Cromwell and SWAT taking 2 wickets apiece and Carnage an unlikely 3! Similarly the Strollers scored 176 against a Lord Raglan XI, before Raymundo and Carnage took 3 wickets apiece, bowling the opposition out for 113.

Against Benenden the Strollers got off to a slow start, totalling 125. Mickey played superbly, almost batting through

for 67. Benenden managed 103, with Mickey taking 2 for 22 and Cromwell bowling very economically.

In the return match against East Sutton we restricted the home side to 101, Cromwell and Carnage taking 3 wickets apiece. Winner and Watt bowled superbly and Painey's season finally started as he took 4 wickets. Our batting failed to deliver, only Carnage and Winner

in double figures. All out for 88, the winning run had ended.

The all-important result is against the 1st XI, who were restricted to 133, due to a 4-wicket haul by Brownly. The Strollers reply was emphatic, Brownly and Mickey scored 40's and Carnage crashed 23 to complete a 7-wicket win. Bragging rights for next year secured!

Batting first against Benenden the Strollers posted 140, Noggers scoring a rapid 28. Bling bowled well to remove the Benenden openers and help the team to a 20 run victory. Tiph Hollman returned, after two months out injured.

In the final match of the season the touring Canbashers batted first, posting 194. SWAT took 2 wickets and Mickey bowled superbly. In reply the Strollers posted just 117; only Tiph and Mickey getting to double figures. Disappointing to end the season with a lacklustre batting performance but perhaps explained by the match being played the day after term ended.

A Khan

HOCKEY



SENIOR GIRLS HOCKEY

BACK ROW: *Wendy Tong, Francesca Newman, Emily Grist, Georgie Bishop, Anna Saunders, Laura Dixon, Katie Woodward, Nicola Ayres.*
FRONT ROW: *Alex Wyld, Abby-Jane Hunt (Captain), Emily Bishop, Natasha Carson-Parker, Nichola Hughes*

1st XI Hockey

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
11	2	4	5

Many matches were cancelled in the

Spring Term and the team never really reached their potential. Emily Bishop has developed into a good goal keeper and Nichola Hughes continues to do well in defence. Anna Saunders runs the

midfield in attack and Alex Wyld has improved her stick work and now need to start scoring goals.

F Johnson

Under 15

A team of great potential! Everyone in the squad has worked hard, with enthusiasm and determination. Huge improvements have been made not only with their personal stick skills but also with their tactical awareness. Each game has seen more development but our opposition has

been tough. We have defended well and been creative in mid field but we have somehow lacked the killer punch when it comes to scoring goals.

S King

Under 14

This talented squad worked hard all season and produced some very pleasing

performances against some tough opposition. Throughout the season the girls have all developed and improved their individual stick skills as well as their game awareness and team play. This augurs really well for next season, with a strong defence and determined strikers they will be a force to be reckoned with.

S Bicheno

NETBALL



SENIOR GIRLS NETBALL

BACK ROW:: Alex Wylde, Georgie Bishop, Harriet Smith, Abby-Jane Hunt, Laura Dixon.
FRONT ROW: Katie Woodward, Nichola Hughes, Melanie Reeves (Captain), Emily Grist, Anna Saunders

1st VII Netball

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
12	6	0	6

7th in Weald of Kent Tournament.

One of the most successful teams for years who were still capable of even more if every player had put 100% into every match. The defence developed with Anna Saunders playing well in the League against many county players. Mid-court was dominated by Katie Woodward in the Autumn Term but Abby-Jane Hunt and Nichola Hughes have made excellent progress and have become far more effective in the Spring Term. The shooters, Captain Melanie Reeves and Harriet Smith had matches when they

were faultless but at other times they were frustrated with their efforts. Laura Dixon has been the most versatile player, able in mid-court, accurate in shooting and of late, an excellent goal keeper.

F Johnson

Under 15

Played	Won	Lost
6	4	2

The Under 15 netball team has been very successful this season. They work well together and are a unified team. A significant win against King's Canterbury of 45-3 sums up the calibre and ability of the team. The girls' technical enthusiasm towards their games has been outstanding along with their excellent conduct and professionalism

both on and off the court. The shooters, Hester Smart and Abby Jackson, scored 89 goals, being rarely off target and getting some fantastic goals from long distances. Special mention must go to Frankie Sheldrake for her great leadership as Captain and Charlotte Pierce as Vice Captain. The most improved player of the season is Abby Lemar. The joker of the season goes to Natalie Batt, who always manages to put a smile on the players' faces, even when they are losing. Well done to the whole team for a superb season.

S King

Under 14

In September there were a number of new players joining the squad and therefore it took a while before people's

best positions were established and they began to gel as a cohesive unit. There were some pleasing performances against a number of sides where we held our own in mid-court and, when our shooters were 'on song', the team was quite successful. Next season the team needs to work on their defence in the

circle and also to keep practising their shooting skills.

S Bicheno

Under 12

The girls had to contend with some tough weather conditions this season – torrential rain, thunder and lightning,

bitterly cold east winds – and some equally tough opposition. The girls have played well, with great enthusiasm and have shown much spirit even when we have found it difficult to score goals and the opposition just seem to be popping them in.

S Bicheno

ROUNDERS



SENIOR GIRLS ROUNDERS

BACK ROW: Wendy Tong, Abby-Jane Hunt, Harriet Smith, Anna Saunders, Emily Grist, Laura Dixon, Francesca Newman.
FRONT ROW Alex Wyld, Natasha Carson-Parker, Melanie Reeves (Captain), Nichola Hughes (Captain), Katie Woodward, Georgie Bishop

Senior Team

Won	Draw	Lost	for	against
0	0	4	55	91

Apart from being whitewashed by King's Canterbury, the other three matches were only lost by one rounder and could have gone their way. Melanie and Nicky were joint captains and played with Melanie scoring the highest number of rounders for the "Johnson Trophy"! The squad fielded and batted well at times but were not consistent, they did enjoy themselves though!

F Johnson

U15

Won	Lost	Draw
6	0	0

All girls have put 100% effort and commitment to this years season. Coming off the back of a good Netball

season the girls were confident in their own sporting ability. With extra practises and excellent basic skills, the girls made great improvement in both their batting and fielding skills as well as their individual tactical awareness.

Over the season the team has totalled 144 rounders for and 87 against. This is an amazing total which has defiantly been assisted by the fantastic batting skills of 4 particular players Charlotte Pierce and Charlotte Sheldrake with 19 rounders each, Hester Smart with 211/2 and the top scorer of the session with an outstanding 37 rounders, Frankie Sheldrake.

On the fielding side, the team are competent in all areas, however special

mentions must go to Charlotte Hall, Frankie Sheldrake and Charlotte Sheldrake for their great deep fielding and catching. Also to Abby Jackson and Elfriede Kormawa who are the most improved players of the season.



The U15 Rounders Team unbeaten this season

SPORTS

Two members of the team have captained the side. These are Charlotte Sheldrake and Charlotte Pierce. Joint captaincy can be difficult, however both girls have made great leaders and bring different qualities to the team.

The team recently entered a local rounders tournament where they finish joint first with two other teams. Here they had great wins against Sutton Valance, Cranbrook A and B.

In closing the girls have all made an outstanding contribution to this year's rounders season and their unbeaten record of six wins is well deserved.

S King

U14

Won	Drew	Lost	for	against
1	0	4	65.5	153.5

All but one of the year 9 girls played in the team supporting each other. Kung

Hua made an excellent captain, giving 110% and being everywhere and motivating everyone. There were excellent founders from Harriet Proud, Kung, Brook and Em also scored and when Lauren Such made contact with the ball it flew! The field needs working on but they must all be commended for their commitment.

F Johnson

U12

The first game of the season was against an extremely strong prep school team, this made the girls realise how much work they needed to do on their individual skills as well as their team work. The girls have worked hard at all of the skills and have gelled into a very useful team. They have had some very pleasing results and have gone from strength to strength during the season.

S Bicheno

ATHLETIC SPORTS WINNERS 2005

	Boys Under 13	Boys Under 14	Boys Under 15
100m	J.Rawlins(S) 14.6	S.Lamprey (S) 13.2	M.Beattie (K) 13.8
200m	G.Palmer(R) 31.0	S.Lamprey(K) 28.8	M.Beattie (K) 27.7
400m	J.Rawlins(S) 73.0	A.Golding(S) 66.0	J.Martinez-Perez(S) 61.4
800m	G.Wood(S) 2.50.0	R.Marsh(R) 3.03.3	O.Hindle(S) 2.27.0
1500m	T.Jackson(K) 6.17.0	M.Thompson(S) 5.34.0	O.Hindle (S) 5.16.0
Long Jump	J.Rawlins(S) 4.19m	S.Lamprey (K) 4.30m	W.Campbell(R) 4.70m
High Jump	G.Palmer(R) 1.20m	A.Vale-Taylor(R) 1.42m(NSR)	A.Woodhouse(K) 1.43m
Triple jump	T.Jackson(K)7.90m	S.Lamprey (K) 8.90m	R.Wells (R) 9.36m
Shot	H.Lamprey(K)6.38m	P.We (K) 8.42m	H.Dainty(K) 9.90m
Javelin	J.Richards(R)18.80m	M.Churchill (S)21.30m	H.Dainty (K) 18.64m
Discus	H.Lamprey(K)17.10m	T.Campbell(R) 19.85m	H.Dainty(R) 22.00m
4x100m Relay		Kiplings 58.2	

	Boys Under 16	Senior Boys
100m	J.Farmer (K) 11.3(NSR)	M.Cato(R) 12.8
200m	J.Farmer (K) 23.7(NSR)	M.Fenton (R) 24.8
400m	P.Scott (K) 59.1	M.Fenton (R) 57.2
800m	P.Scott (K)2.24.	0 M.Dawson(S) 2.10.0(NSR)
1500m	C.Hall(K) 5.58.0	M.Dawson(S)4.43.0(NSR)
Long Jump	C.Golds (K) 4.69m	B.Leggatt(S) 4.96m
High Jump	J.Newell(R) 1.40m	R.Fry (S) 1.45m
Triple jump	J.Farmer (R) 11.22m	B.Leggatt(S) 10.24m
Shot	O.Mead(R) 10.85m	R.Jiskoot (S)11.04m
Javelin	J.Newell(R) 30.90	H.Startin(R) 30.30m
Discus	O.Mead(R) 23.17m	R.Jiskoot(S) 23.50m
4x100m Relay	Kiplings 51.0	Roberts 49.8
4x400m Relay		Roberts4.21.0

	Under 15 Girls	Over 15 Girls
100m	H.Proud (R) 14.5	N.Sweeting (K) 14.3
200m	J.Ferdinands(S) 32.1	A.Lemar (S) 31.1
800m	H.Proud(R) 3.01.0	B.O'Halloran (S) 3.08.0
Long Jump	H.Proud (R) 3.54m	K.Woodward (R) 4.44m
High Jump	R.Marshall(K) 1.18m	A.Saunders (R) 1.31m
Triple Jump	H.Parsons(R) 7.01m	K.Woodward (R) 8.90m
Shot	E.Croome (S) 6.60m	N.Batt (S) 7.66m(NSR)
Discus	H.Proud (R) 15.50m	C.Sheldrake (R) 23.06(NSR)
Javelin	D.Shephard(R)18.02m(NSR)	F.Sheldrake(R) 24.40m(NSR)
4x100m	Speakers 63.0	Speakers 64.0

SWIMMING WINNERS 2005

SENIOR BOYS

2L Fly	S.Perry(S)	34.4
4L Back	R.Jiskoot(S)	84.7
4L Breast	B.Leggatt(S)	92.4
4L Free	B.Leggatt(S)	67.9
PLUNGE		
IND. Medley	R.Jiskoot(S)	75.5

INTERMEDIATES BOYS

2L Fly	E.Nash(K)	37.4
4L Back	R.Allen(K)	100.3
4L Breast	G.Benfield(K)	93.8
4L Free	G.Benfield(K)	72.3
PLUNGE	A.Woodhouse(K)	
IND. Medley	E.Nash (K)	86.3

JUNIOR BOYS

4L Back	J.Gibbs(R)	113.6
4L Breast	T.Threshie(K)	106.9
4L Free	G.Wiczek(R)	89.9
PLUNGE	S.Depol-Wood(K)	
IND. Medley	T.Threshie(K)	103.2

SWIMMING SPORTS DAY

Junior Girls	2L Free	C.Forster(K)	39.2
Junior Boys	2L Free	G.Wilczek(R)	38.4
Intermediate Boys	2L Free	G.Benfield(K)	30.3
Senior Boys	2L Free	R.Jiskoot(S)	26.0
Junior Girls	2L Breast	L.Such(K)	60.03
Junior Boys	2L Breast	M.Churchill(S)	47.2
Intermediate Boys	2L Breast	J.Farmer(K)	42.8
Senior Boys	2L Breast	B.Leggatt(S)	37.2
Junior Girls	2L Back	R.Marshall(K)	46.8
Junior Boys	2L Back	A.Golding(S)	42.2
Intermediate Boys	2L Back	R.Allen(K)	41.1
Senior Boys	2L Back	R.Jiskoot(S)	31.4
Junior Girls	1L Fly	H.Proud(R)	18.9
Junior Boys	1L Fly	T.Threshie(K)	21.6
Intermediate Boys	1L Fly	E.Nash(K)	15.1
Senior Boys	1L Fly	C.Perry(S)	14.9
Junior Girls	1L Free	H.Proud(R)	15.7
Junior Boys	1L. Free	G.Wood(S)	16.9
Intermediate Boys	1L Free	E.Nash(K)	13.7
Senior Boys	1L Free	R.Jiskoot(S)	12.1
Junior Girls	1L Breast	H.Proud(R)	19.7
Junior Boys	1L Breast	M.Churchill(S)	21.8
Intermediate Boys	1L Breast	J.Farmer(K)	18.9
Senior Boys	1L. Breast	B.Leggatt(S)	16.5
Junior Girls	1L. Back	H.Proud(R)	20.1
Junior Boys	1L Back	A.Golding(S)	18.8
Intermediate Boys	1L Back	R.Allen(R)	18.6
Senior Boys	1L Back	R.Jiskoot(S)	14.0 NSR
Junior Girls	Medley	Roberts	89.5
Junior Boys	Medley	Speakers	87.7
Intermediate Boys	Medley	Kiplings	71.7
Senior Boys	Medley	Speakers	61.6
Junior Girls Free	Relay	Roberts	74.9
Junior Boys Free	Relay	Roberts	74.6
Intermediate Boys	Free Relay	Speakers	61.5
Senior Boys	Free Relay	Speakers	55.4

SPORTING AND HOUSE AWARDS

THE ROY FARQUHARSON TROPHY *Senior Sportsman* –
Thomas Danby

DAMIEN JONES CUP **Fergus Murray**

THE POWELL CUP *Junior Sportsman* – **James Farmer**

SENIOR SPORTSWOMAN **Katie Woodward**

THE CLAIRE LINDSEY TROPHY – **Abby Jane Hunt**

THE GREEN CUP *Junior Sportswoman*

Frankie Sheldrake

PIPPA BLACKMAN TROPHY FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN
P.E. – **David Booth**

CATCHPOLE TANKARD *Contributions to Minority Sports* –
Richard Marney (Judo)

AMBROSE ROGERS CUP *Greatest Contribution to 1st XV* –

Ben Blacker/Tom Danby

SIMON HALLIDIE CUP *Most improved 1st XV Player* –

Nick Tyrrell

TREANOR CUP *Greatest Contribution to 2nd XV Rugby* –

Jack Jones

STUBBS TROPHY *Greatest Contribution to Junior Rugby* –

Tom Hutchings

EVANS CUP *Junior Cross-Country Winner* –

Michael Thompson

ROWAN TINN CUP *Intermediate Boys Cross-Country Winner* –

Phillip Scott

JUNIOR GIRLS RACE WINNER – **Danielle Shephard**

INTERMEDIATE GIRLS WINNER – **Frankie Sheldrake**

SENIOR GIRLS WINNER – **Vanessa Ferdinands**

C.S.C. CUP *Senior Boys Cross-Country Winner* –

Matthew Dawson

NIGEL KIMBLER CRICKET CUP *1st XI* – **Chris Hall**

RAY RICHARD CUP *All-Round Achievement In Junior Cricket* –

George Curtis

JACK WHITE TROPHY *Bowling Averages* – **David Booth**

LAWRIE MANN TROPHY *Greatest Contribution to Football*

Tom Danby

TOP GOAL SCORER – **Joshua Owusu-Afriyie**

JOHNSON TROPHY *for Rounders* – **Mel Reeves**

PIPPA BLACKMAN TROPHY *Greatest Contribution to Netball* –

Abby-Jane Hunt

School Colours

Full

RUGBY	Joseph Cheung, Tom Danby, Luke Debnam, Jamie Mackinnon, Ben Blacker.
FOOTBALL	Tom Danby
BADMINTON	None
NETBALL	None
ROUNDERS	None
CRICKET	Chris Hall, Tom Danby, David Booth.
HOCKEY	None

Half

RUGBY	Michael Biddulph, Chris Hall, Fergus Murray, Ben Leggatt, Michael Fenton.
FOOTBALL	Chris Hall, David Booth, Ben Blacker, Philip Day, Alex Marks, Hamish Startin
HOCKEY	Anna Saunders, Nicola Hughes, Alex Wylde, Emily Bishop
NETBALL	Anna Saunders, Abby-Jane Hunt, Katie Woodward, Laura Dixon, Nicola Hughes.
JUDO	Richard Marney

ROUNDERS Abby-Jane Hunt, Mel Reeves, Nicola Hughes, Laura Dixon, Katie Woodward, Emily Grist.

CRICKET Fergus Murray, James Dobson, Hamish Startin, Hal Shaw, Luke Hunter.

TENNIS Bertie Chambers, Jamie Mackinnon, James Dobson, Chris Hall,

ATHLETICS Matthew Dawson

House Trophies

THE JESSEL SHIELD *Best House of the Year* – **Roberts**

RUSSELL SHIELD *Rugby Winners* **Roberts**

DE WINTON CUP *Cross-Country Winners* – **Kiplings**

CATLING CUP *Squash Winners* – **Roberts**

HOUSE TROPHY *Cricket Winners* – **Speakers**

WARNER CUP *Football Winners* – **Roberts**

Netball **Kiplings**

Basketball Not Completed

Badminton **Speakers**

Rounders **Roberts**

Hockey **Speakers**

Athletics Trophies

OLD BOYS SHIELD *for House Winners* **Roberts**

BENJAMIN WHITE CUP *for Senior Boys Victor Ludorum* –

Ben Leggatt

WING CUP *for Intermediate Boys Victor Ludorum* –

James Farmer

GREENHILL CUP *for Junior Boys Victor Ludorum* –

Salam Lamptey

SENIOR GIRLS VICTOR LUDORUM – **Nadia Sweeting**

JUNIOR GIRLS VICTOR LUDORUM – **Harriet Proud**

WILLOUGHBY CUP *for Senior 100m* – **Milton Cato**

FORD CUP *for Senior 200m* – **Michael Fenton**

FROST TROPHY *for Senior 400m* – **Michael Fenton**

ANTHONY CUP *for Senior 800m* – **Matthew Dawson**

NEWHAM CUP *for Senior 1500m* – **Matthew Dawson**

WILSON CUP *for 3000m* – Not Done

NAYLOR SHIELD *for Senior Javelin* – **Hamish Startin**

BURNHAM TROPHY *for Senior Discus* – **Ryan Jiskoot**

BALDOCK CUP *for Intermediate 1500m* –

Oliver Hindle

KENYON-SLANEY CUP *for Junior 1500m* –

Michael Thompson

FORDEN CUP *for Best Performance In Inter-School Athletics* –

Matthew Dawson

Swimming Cups

Junior (Div Iii) -

COLIN FELS RECORD CUP 1 Length Breaststroke –

Michael Churchill

TOBY ANDERSON CUP Individual Medley –

Tim Threshie

HILL CUP Victor Ludorum **Tim Threshie**

Intermediates

GRAHAM MANSIE CUP 4 Lengths Crawl

George Benfield

SCOWELL CUP 4 Lengths Breaststroke

George Benfield

COLIN FELS MEMORIAL CUP Victor Ludorum –

Edward Nash

DAVID TUDDENHAM TROPHY - **Edward Nash**

Seniors

CORONATION SHIELD 1, 2 and 4 Lengths Crawl.

(1) **Ryan Jiskoot**

(2) **Ryan Jiskoot**

(4) **Ben Leggatt**

CHARTER TROPHY 2 Lengths Butterfly – **Chris Perry**

RAMSEY NESEYIF CUP 4 Lengths Breaststroke –

Ben Leggatt

PLUNGE CUP Not Awarded

ROBERT MULLET CUP *Medley Relay Speakers*

SENIOR BOYS VICTOR LUDORUM – **Ryan Jiskoot**

JUNIOR GIRLS VICTRIX LUDORUM – **Harriet Proud**

Open

MOST RECORDS **Ryan Jiskoot**

HOUSE SHIELD **Kiplings**

House Colours

SWIMMING	James Applegarth(K), P.Wells(K), David Booth(R), R.Jiskoot(S), Chris Perry(S)
NETBALL	E.Grist(K), N.Sweeting(K), A.Wylde(K), G.Bishop(K), A.Ayres(K), R.Smyth(R), N.Hughes(R), N.Carson-Parker(R), A.Bely(R), A.Meurer(R), H.Startin(S), W.Tong(S), K.Woodward(S).
RUGBY	J.Raw(K), J.Sanders(K), C.Hall(K), J.Mcconnochie(K), P.Day(K), J.West(K), B.Townsend(K), M.Biddulph(R), D.Booth(R), P.Michell(R), M.Blacker(R), M.Fenton(R), Alex Marks(R), F.Murray(S), B.Leggatt(S), S.Hughes(S), L.Debnam(S), Hal Shaw(S).
CROSS COUNTRY	A.J.Hunt(K), J.West(K), A.Baldwin(K), R.Fry(K), M.Fenton(R), V.Ferdinands(S), M.Dawson(S), C.Perry(S), J.Jones(S), H.Startin(R), J.Liu(S), C.Ashley(S).
BADMINTON	None.
SQUASH	None.
FOOTBALL	J.Cheung(K), C.Hall(K), B.Kyte(K), M.Biddulph(R), L.Hunter(R), P.Michell(R), T.Danby(S), J.Dobson(S), B.Leggatt(S), F.Murray(S).
HOCKEY	None
BASKETBALL	None
TENNIS	None
ATHLETICS	A.Hui(K), J.Mackinnon(K), P.Cowdery(K), N.Sweeting(K), A.Marks(R), B.Blacker(R), M.Fento(R), B.Chambers(R), B.Leggatt(S), M.Dawson(S), R.Jiskoot(S), K.Woodward(S).
ROUNDERS	A.Wylde(K), G.Bishop(K), E.Bishop(K), E.Bishop(K), L.Dixon(K), N.Carson-Parker(R), N.Hughes(R), H.Smith(S), W.Tong(S), S.Oriet(S).
CRICKET	J.West(K), B.Chambers(R), S.Hunter(R).

Meeting the Challenge

Report compiled by Ryan Jiskoot



The Silver qualifying expedition in the Peak District

Nationally 7% of all young people in England aged 14-17 embrace the challenge of the Duke of Edinburgh Award. At Bethany just over 38% of students take up this opportunity and succeed. This year has been a very memorable year for Bethany students going all over the country from the Lake District to the South Downs and even travelling to Chamonix in the Alps. The scheme has challenged them, bringing them closer together and giving them a chance to experience success. Often the students surprise themselves at their achievements on D of E. This year 38 students have taken on Bronze, 18 Silver and 20 Gold. The Award Scheme has seen pupils raising funds for Red Nose Day; visiting a Leonard Cheshire home on a weekly basis; working in a local charity shop; counting birds on Bardsey Island; embarking on activities from cooking to cycle maintenance for the Skills Section and from judo to squash for physical recreation. One of the major award challenges, however, is always the expedition and training begins as soon as pupils sign up for the Bronze Award.

Bronze

Training began in November with a basic first aid course in school with Sister Natalie Stevens, followed by a weekend hike on the North Downs with an overnight stay at Kemsing Youth Hostel where students got to grips with campcraft and map work.

"At the beginning, the weather was very cold but the worst thing was the

jacket on but it was a little bit small for me because I had been wearing quite a lot of layers!"

Kitty Li

After training came practice, this time with an overnight stay at Blackboys Youth Hostel in East Sussex.

"I woke up just before Rohan. We worked out the rough time and waited for the others to wake up. When we were all up we had breakfast. I cooked the eggs and Chris cooked the bacon. That went well.... We then set off for the South Downs walk. It started off with a very steep climb up to the top. This took all our energy out of us. The top was very cold and rainy but fun. I was with Dave, Chris, Sam, Simon and Will. I think we were the best group. 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, which we found great fun. I am really looking forward to tomorrow."

James Applegarth

... and then came the real thing in June on the North Downs in Surrey

"We were dropped at 10 o'clock a little way off from our starting point. But we soon got our bearings and were heading off in the right direction to our first checkpoint. On the way to the checkpoint we walked along the top of a disused quarry and saw an old tower. Not much happened up until our first checkpoint where we met Mr Johnson and he made us wait for a while because we had caught up with the other group. The second leg to the next

ground, it was so muddy and sticky. Before we started the walk, Mr Fisher took a picture of our group, and here we go! We started at 11:30 walking up the hill, and later on, we arrived in cow land. We stopped there for a rest but suddenly the cows were walking closer to us, and Mrs Johnson was telling the cow to go away and I found it quite funny, so we took a picture of the cow land. Afterwards we started the walk again. We had been walking up hill and down all day, I was so tired and the ground was very muddy so I fell over and my trousers went all muddy. We had been walking lots and chatting for 2 or 3 hours and then we saw the minibus and that was the place where we had our packed lunch. I was so hungry when I arrived and after I had finished the food, I tried to put my water proof

Students taking part in the Bronze Award Expedition on the North Downs





Gold expedition training in Snowdonia.

checkpoint was interesting and we walked along a shallow river with another group on the other side. At our second checkpoint we stopped to have lunch and we saw Michael Blacker's group just leaving. Here we met Mr Johnson again and he told us about checking where you are by time. Then after half an hour we headed out again and we passed about five war bunkers and a vineyard, which was incredible. Once we got lost and went off the map because the tracks seemed all the same but went in different directions. An hour or two later we were back on track though after asking some people and we got to the hostel at about 5 o'clock. We set up our tents and had our tea, played tree ball and now I am writing up our day."

Chris Perry

Silver

One of the most loved expeditions that occur every year is Dorset Silver practice, which happens over activities week.

"At three o'clock we started walking and immediately started uphill. The hill seemed to go on forever but it eventually levelled off and went straight east across the map. After a while we saw the ruins of Corfe Castle and went down under a steam train railway (complete with the steam train!) into the village. We walked around the centre of the village and the back down past the castle and then up another hill, but what comes up then went down, but then back up again. We reached a big path crossing where there were signs and went back down the hill



Practice Gold expedition in the Lake District.

straight to the campsite where we found we'd averaged 6k an hour for the walk! We pitched our tents, cooked dinner and worked on our routes for tomorrow. Now we have an hour of free time before bed. "

Alex Swain

This year's qualifying Silver expedition took place in the Peak District in Derbyshire in September, many of those completing their Silver Award at the beginning of the school year moving on to go for gold.

Gold

Gold expedition training began in October half term in the mountains of North Wales. The conditions were very challenging and the groups had the opportunity to hone their navigation

and camp craft skills. Training continued in January with cold and wet weather on the North Downs in preparation for the final practice in the Lake District at Easter.

"The first day was mainly flat which was easy on the feet. We turned up to the campsite, which was very open. There was only one other group there and the place had very basic facilities. It rained very hard over the night and it nearly flooded Nick and Sam's tent. In the morning the water levels had risen from the rain during the night. We woke up at 6.30 and ate our breakfast and packed up our tents and equipment. We then started walking at 8.30 very slowly. We hit a problem when a bridge that appeared on the map was not where it was meant to be anymore but it was ok because we had seen a bridge further down the



A well-earned rest in the Lake District.



A view of Passy from the Day 2 campsite

mountain. We stopped for lunch and met the other group consisting of Mike, Ryan, Chris and that lot, but they decided to wait as we took the long and tiring trek up the mountain. Later though they overtook us when we were walking down. We were then really tired and hoped to find our campsite at the next village. After walking through farms and puddles we found our campsite for the next night. It was a much higher standard compared to the last. We then saw a dead lamb in the stream next to us so we decided to cook our dinner and got into bed for an early night."

David Garsed-Bennet.

The Gold D of E Expedition took place in Chamonix in the French Alps.

Twenty boys and several Bethany teachers, left on June 18, travelling overnight by train for a life time experience of hiking, white water rafting, and exploring areas of outstanding beauty.

We initially stayed in a chalet in Les Bossions, next to Chamonix, relaxing and preparing ourselves for the week ahead. For the entire week we worked in our D of E groups or teams, cooking, cleaning, and looking after our areas in the chalets. We learned to compromise and communicate with each other. The expedition itself lasted for 4 days. We had to climb up and down the mountains themselves, walk across parts of glaciers and up scree slopes, to get to the tops. We had to navigate and hike

The last day of the Chamonix expedition



through driving rain, strong winds and at one point, snow. We were grateful we had undergone various practice expeditions to prepare us for this difficult terrain. The weather at one point became so treacherous and powerful that we were forced to spend the night in a chalet in one of the campsites. A guide that we had to help us over the glaciers and assess our abilities, reported that these were the worst conditions he had seen in many years!

This final Duke of Edinburgh expedition enriched all of our characters, developed our self-esteems and bonded us together with our other team members and all in one of the most spectacular and breath taking parts of the world.

Gold Awards:

M. Biddulph	B. Leggatt
P. Cowdery	J. Mackinnon
T. Danby	P. Michell
S. Hughes	F. Murray
B. Kyte	



Chris Perry's group at the base of Col de Solenton

This year the Duke of Edinburgh Award has helped pupils all over Bethany to develop personally. It has given them an enjoyable, challenging and rewarding year, through expeditions and services, skills and physical recreation. It has helped the pupils strengthen mentally and physically, and has given most a better understanding of working as a team, and understanding how to get the most enjoyment out of life. The pupils of Bethany have been able to travel all over the UK, hiking over its most beautiful areas and seeing some of the most astonishing views possible. Some have even been able to go to France and admire all that it has to offer in the Alps and through Duke of Edinburgh they have been able to help others, and learn how to help themselves.

Ryan Jiskoot, Year 11

Congratulations to all the pupils who have taken up the D of E challenge this year and especially to those who have achieved Gold. A huge thank you to all the staff who have given up their free time to make the scheme happen.

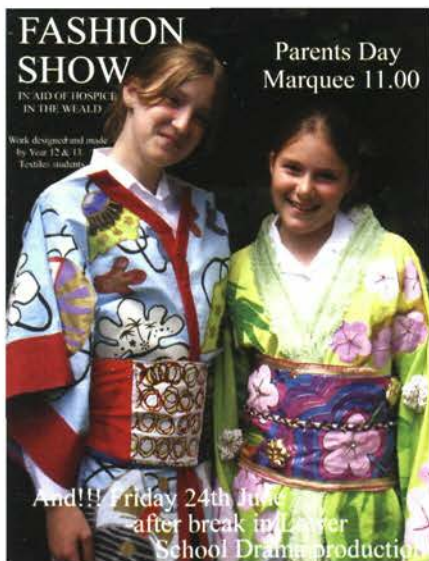
Goodbye Bethany

From champagne breakfast beginning to glittering, Leavers' Ball end, Saturday 18th June was not lacking in action, emotion, exuberance or sunshine.

For Sixth Form Leavers the day began appropriately in The Orchard where breakfast with bubbles was served by Sixth Form Tutors striving to set new standards in Bethany pastoral care. Parents' breakfast followed, with time to visit the pupil-run stalls



The Old Poplars Parents' Day Stall



Junior girls modelled Sixth Form Textile creations

clustered around the heart of the campus, before junior girls took to the catwalk to model the colourful creations of Sixth Form Textile Students. Some impressive strutting displayed collections ranging from Kimonos to 60s chic (complete with matching handbags), raising funds for the charity Hospice in the Weald.

The focus then moved to Bethany band, The Lizards, whose relaxed, contemporary renditions provided the perfect soundtrack to the refreshment-sampling scene as parents, pupils, staff and Old Bethanians relaxed under the welcome shade of the beech tree on the Headmaster's lawn.

Then it was time for leavers and their parents to adjourn to the school chapel for the Leavers' and Old Bethanians' Service. Following school tradition, Yvonne Shearer and Kane



ABOVE: *The Lizards entertain.*

BELOW: *Abby-Jane Hunt, Jon Jiskoot, Nikki Ayres, James Digby and Emily Bishop*



LEAVERS' AND PARENTS' DAY



Michael Biddulph and Chris Hall with their Prefects' Tankards

Lucas, the youngest girl and boy in the school, laid flowers at the school memorial and leavers sang the school hymn for a poignant final time. It was an occasion to ponder on all that had been gained at Bethany and for key staff to wish Bethany leavers well for the future beyond the school gates. Prefects were presented with tankards and goblets in recognition of their contribution to the school.

Leavers' and Old Bethanians' lunch followed on the Headmaster's lawn, the marquee that had served as a dining room during the construction of the hall proving ideal for the purpose.

With the school versus Old Bethanians' cricket match to follow and the Leavers' Ball to round off the day (and bring in the next one) it was a day of celebration, tinged with the sadness of goodbyes.

S Field

The Leavers' Ball

After a perfect Parents' and Old

BELOW: Emily Bishop, Emily Nelson, Nikki Ayres, Nicky Hughes and Rachel Smythe



Bethanians' Day, the leavers found a few minutes (or hours) to dress in their finest for the ball at High Rocks. Their garb was equalled by their parents, guests and staff, who were all gathered to mark the end of an era. They were joined by a party of last year's leavers who thought one leaving 'do' was just not enough. They had such a good time they'll probably be back next year as well! This year's theme was 'Princes and Princesses' which certainly produced a glittering array of tiaras and debonair DJs.

"I've been here seven years and changed so much and grown in confidence – I'll be really sad to go."

Nicola Ayres

"The best memories? Wednesday evenings when the bar was open – and Mr Holmes always coming back even though he left a year ago!"

James Digby

(Parents of future leavers be assured that Claire's Accessories did a roaring trade. All that glisters....)

Drinks on the terrace in the evening sunshine started proceedings before dinner was served in the Great Barn. Between each course the Headmaster, Ms Bicheno, and the Heads of School, Emily Bishop and Jamie Mackinnon assisted by their Deputies, Fergus Murray and Michael Biddulph, presented prizes to each of the Sixth Form leavers. These prizes included a hamster ladder for Fergus Murray, a fairy wand for Nikki Ayres and a can of whipped cream for Ben Blacker among many others in a similar vein. To quote Ms B. 'Just don't ask!'

As the evening wore on, things 'hotted' up in more ways than one. On the hottest night of the year so far, breaks into the relative cool of the night air were essential but that did not deter the dancers, both young and not so young, from gyrating with energy into the small hours. Finally, with tiaras a little awry and bow ties dangling and many a sentimental thank you to the Headmaster, the leavers departed... but we hope we'll see them all again next year.

H Dorey

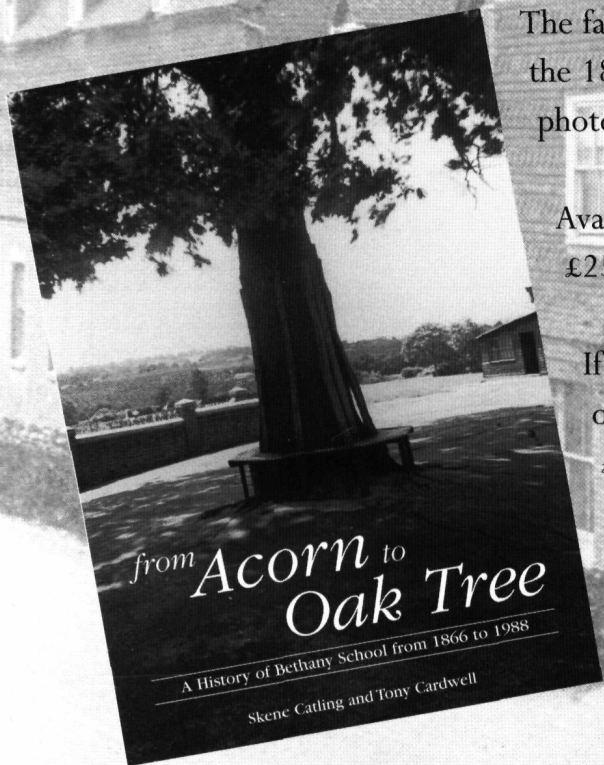
BELOW: Coei O and Joyce Chan



BELOW: Chris Hall, Tom Danby, Fergus Murray and Luke Hunter



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