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My thanks, as ever, to all the staff and students who have contributed to this year's magazine, be it in the form of articles, sports reports, pictures, creative writing or design work. Particular thanks to all those members of staff who have kindly passed on photos (several thousand of them!) that they have taken on school trips and at school events. If you have any suggestions or ideas for future issues of 'The Bethanian', please do not hesitate to contact me on 01580 211273 or by email: ahoughton@bethanyschool.org.uk

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Welcome to the 2009 edition of The Bethanian magazine



When I arrived at Bethany School in January 1998, it was well run and well governed with some 270 pupils. The last twelve years have seen a great deal of growth and change at the School. I came full of ideas for taking the School forward, but for any Head, this can only be possible if they have the necessary support, wisdom and energy from a good Governing body and, especially a gifted Chairman.

On Speech Day, the Bethany School Chairman of Governors, Christopher Jackson, retired after ten years of inspired leadership of the Governing body. His passion for all the School stands for, his energy, his strategic acumen, his ability to lead an active and committed Board of Governors, his drive and determination and phenomenal work rate have all been key to the School's growth and success. We are all highly indebted to Christopher. I am delighted, and relieved, that Andrew Pengelly has been willing to take on the mantle of Chairman, ensuring that the School continues to move forward with confidence under the leadership of another able and dynamic Chairman.

There have been so many highlights in the last school year, many of which are recorded in this magazine. One of them was, of course, the razzmatazz and fun surrounding the opening of our new Science Centre on Speech Day. What a tremendous facility this is! It has been such a thrill to see staff, pupils and the technicians enjoying facilities of the highest standards which will, no doubt, inspire pupils to even more scientific excellence in the years to come.

As a passionate believer in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and a lover of the outdoors, I was delighted to see a party of over thirty staff and pupils spend much of the summer holidays on a demanding expedition in the Himalayas. I am sure you will enjoy reading their account of their experiences.

In the midst of so much going on beyond the classroom, teachers and pupils have certainly not taken their eye off the ball in academic areas. The 100% pass rate at 'A' Level secured by last year's Upper Sixth and their teachers, is a simply stunning result, particularly when you consider that well over half of the grades were at 'A' or 'B' level.

On a personal note, I have now reached the end of my year as Chairman of SHMIS (Society of Headteachers of Independent Schools). It has been wonderful to have the opportunity to act as spokesman for our group of one hundred Independent Schools and I will continue to have a significant involvement with the organization in the coming years. However, I will still have the opportunity to speak to promote the kind of education which is dear to all of our hearts in my role as a Director of the Independent Schools' Council and through my involvement on the Independent Schools' Council Education and Finance Committees. The present economical and political circumstances mean that we will have to fight ever harder to promote and protect the Independent Sector of education.

Thank you, as ever, to all members of the Bethany community for making the last year such a happy and successful one. My particular thanks go to Alicia Houghton, our Marketing Manager, and John Cullen, from the English Department, for compiling this wonderful summary of school life.

I hope you enjoy reading it.

N D B Dorey
Headmaster

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Old Poplars



Congratulations to everyone for all their efforts on the charity front this year. We raised £876 for Cancer Research from the sponsored walks on Charities Day. The girls donned some great fancy dress costumes on Red Nose Day and always enjoy and contribute generously to the various "own clothes days" throughout the year.

Old Pops would not be complete without the Sixth Form Monitors who help out in the House throughout the year. Thank you to them for their hard work and I'm sure the Housestaff would agree that their efforts are much appreciated. Many thanks to Mr and Mrs Healy who took us for a meal in Tunbridge Wells just before Christmas, which we all enjoyed. On behalf of the boarders I would like to thank Matron and Mrs Jean Relf, our cleaner, for their continuous hard work. Jean retired from Old Poplars at the end of the Spring Term after an amazing 34 years. She was honoured at the Boarders' Easter Dinner with a standing ovation and a leaving gift from everyone at Old Pops. Thank you Jean for your wonderful contribution to Bethany over many years. I would also like to thank all the tutors for their support as I know we would be lost without them. Last, but most certainly not least, a huge thank you to Mrs Healy, Old Pops really wouldn't be the same without you. You are so supportive and make our House the successful, friendly place it is.

On a personal note I would like to say how much I have enjoyed my three years in Old Poplars. I was delighted to be appointed Head of House, giving me the opportunity to really get to know the younger girls well. It has been a privilege and provided me with many great memories. As I head off to the Himalayas this summer I hope that everyone enjoys their summer break ... wherever it may take them!

Gemma Houghton
Head of House

The start of the new school year saw many new girls joining Old Poplars, as did three great new tutors; Miss Goldsworthy, Miss Berry and Mr Stubberfield. The House seemed larger than ever!!

One of the highlights of the year was without doubt the fantastic school production. It was lovely to see so many girls taking part in "Guy's & Doll's" (almost 50 in total!), either on stage, as part of the orchestra or helping out backstage. Everyone was so enthusiastic and dedicated throughout the rehearsal process, especially with the added pressure of the snow. I thoroughly enjoyed being part of it and know that I speak on behalf of everyone who took part to say we cannot wait for the 2010 production. Bring on the fishnets and the bright red lipstick!



This wasn't the only area of extra-curricular activities that the girls put 110% effort into. The re-launch of the competitive house system allowed us to flex our muscles in the tug-of-war competition one sunny September lunchtime. Well done too to the girls who represented their house in the Public Speaking competition; all spoke brilliantly, with some winning their category.

The Christmas party saw us running relay races in Santa costumes in the Upper Dining Room! What else can I say - that roughly sums up the madness! It was a great way to end the autumn term and also a good chance to thank Miss Lager, our Assistant Housemistress, for her loyal service over the past four years. Although she is moving off campus, (in preparation for her wedding this summer) she remains a Tutor in Old Poplars.

Mrs Hodges joined Bethany in the Spring term and quickly got to work helping out with Mr Stubberfield's Tutor Group. Miss Goldsworthy became Assistant Housemistress and Miss Willsher also joined us as an Assistant.

The final social event of another successful school year was the summer bbq. It was a lovely summer's evening and we had a giant inflatable assault course running the entire length of Mrs Healy's back garden. Some Sixth Form boys, ably assisted by Mr Healy, made up the bbq brigade. It was so lovely to see the girls, who I remember being so shy and nervous when they started back in September, bundling down the inflatable slide and having such fun together.



Todmans

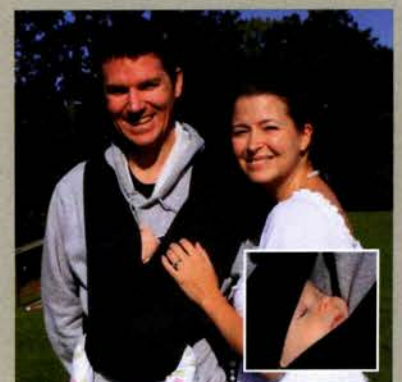


included Mr Bingham beating 11 students in gladiator combat and Miss King and Mr Cooper gasping and straining on the bungee run – they were certain that the elastic had been tightened to ensure the boys won! After the delectable delights of pudding we said goodbye to Mr Bingham, who had been Housemaster for three years. We hope that he, and his growing family, will be very happy at Old Swinford Hospital.



It has been a very eventful year; the boys certainly seem to have enjoyed themselves. We wish the Year 8 boys well for the rest of their time at Bethany, as they move to other Houses in September. The Year 7 boys are looking forward to being the oldest boys in the House – their time to impress and become House Captains has begun.

S. King and N. Nixon Todmans' Tutors



In August Mr and Mrs Cooper became the proud parents of Eve.

The start of the new academic year saw some significant changes in Todmans. Boarders in Years 7 and 8 would now board in The Mount but would still be tutored in Todmans with their peers.

The Year 7 boys arrived, bags in tow, looking relieved to see some familiar faces. They were soon with their Year 8 shadows being shown around the campus and enjoying the wide open spaces at Bethany.

Mr Cooper was also new to the school having been appointed as a Mathematics teacher and Todmans' tutor, although it wasn't quite clear who was more nervous, the new teacher or his tutees!

Mr Bingham and the Todmans' tutors had their first challenge of the year – to select five Year 8 boys as the Todmans' House Captains. A number of candidates emerged as having the necessary qualities to assist both staff and pupils in the house with various important day-to-day tasks. The boys were: Harry Gawler, Bud Hedges, Sam Hewes, Sebastian Hewitson and Finn Hulbert.

The first organised event of the school year was the Charity Walk; the boys were looking forward to their day in Bedgebury Forest – swinging on trees, rolling around in the mud, playing on the ropes and in the pirate ship – until Mr Bingham informed them that the Charity Walk was actually about walking! Nevertheless, they were still enthusiastic and behaved impeccably and in the process raised almost £500 for the Kent Air Ambulance.

As everyone looked forward to their half term break we wished Mr Cooper well for his marriage to Sarah.

It was a great shame that due to unforeseen circumstances the Christmas party had to be cancelled and it proved too difficult to find an alternative date in the School's busy calendar.

The Summer Term was soon upon us. We had all been impressed with the dedication of the House Captains and despite some challenging situations and demands by tutors, the boys carried out their duties without ever complaining; in fact, they wore their Captains' ties with pride.

Speech Day arrived and preparations were made for the Todmans' stalls; parents and families had generously donated items for the Tombola and Mr Bingham had travelled around the surrounding areas to take pictures of various pubs for the Name the Pub quiz. The Tombola was very popular and many of the boys were keen to win the cricket ball, willing to come back several times to try their luck!



The Hog roast was a great success and everyone seemed to enjoy their lunch. The House Captains were on duty, serving wine and drinks at the bar. The other boys enjoyed running off some energy in preparation for their calm afternoon in the Sports Hall for the Speeches and Prize giving.

During the penultimate week of term we celebrated in style with the Todmans' Summer Barbecue! Almost all the boys attended and they were certainly in high spirits. The sun shone and the barbecue was soon underway and with the boys famished after a hard day's work, the extra sausages and beef burgers were very welcome! They threw themselves into the activities and the highlights of the evening

The Mount



This year things have been quite different in The Mount compared with previous years because for the first time we had Year 7's in the House, but everything turned out fine, we soon got used to them and they soon got used to us and their new environment.

The first of many activities during the autumn term was the sponsored walk. I would like to thank everyone who sponsored us for our 13 mile walk around Bewl Water. Half the money raised was donated to Rainbow Kidz and with the remainder we bought an air hockey table for everyone in the House. It was a great hit straight away and proved to be very popular all year. At the end of the term we had our Christmas party to which everyone involved with the House was invited. We had a big get together in the Upper Dining Hall. To begin with everyone had to perform a sketch, either individually or in a group. This was followed by some great food and during the meal a magician kept us entertained with all kinds of tricks.



The second term was a little quieter and gave us the opportunity to really get together as a House and start acting as a real community, although some days were easier than others but I think that we have become a very tight bunch. We also slotted in a monitors' meal where Mr and Mrs Khan took all the monitors who help run the house out to dinner at a local curry house. It was a great evening though the food was too hot for some!

The summer term was the busiest by far for everyone, not just because there were exams but because so much was going on in the House. One of the highlights for the boarders was when we finally got a cooker and could test our cooking skills; in some cases more interesting than others! With the cooker in place and lots of people wanting to use it but lacking cooking skills beyond beans on toast, Mrs Khan very kindly decided that she would try and teach us how to cook. Seniors had a five week cooking course and we ended up producing some fantastic meals.



Another event for the juniors took place on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings when the Gappies would take them out and do activities with them like football or cricket. Mr Khan slotted in two more monitors' meals which was very kind of him and which we really enjoyed, though unforgivably banoffee pie was wasted on the carpet! However, the highlight of the year had to be the end of year party which began with a football match and ended up with races over a 45 foot inflatable assault course and a takeaway – kebabs for all! A great night was enjoyed by all.



As Head of House I would like to say that it has been a great year and I would like to thank all the staff. A special mention must, of course, go to Mr Marriott, who is leaving us after 23 years at Bethany. He is pictured above manning The Mount beer tent on Parents' Day for the final time. We would like to thank him very much for everything he has done and wish him a very happy and healthy retirement.

Gregory Tack
Head of House

Footnote by Housemaster

My special thanks to a wonderful team of monitors. With the Mount extending to the junior years it has taken much time to help supervise and assist the youngsters – the monitors have tirelessly given this, which has been much appreciated. Good luck to all the Lower Sixth as you move on to The Orchard.

Kendon



Kendon has had a refreshing year, with renovations in the form of new showers and refurbished rooms; we were purged of emasculating purples at last. The new batch of Year 9's settled in perhaps a little too quickly, or at least quicker than the new monitors could settle into their positions of responsibility. In the first term we had an additional member of the house, Yannick Billharz, a visiting student from Geneva who easily made friends and was always willing to help out by accepting duties in the House despite the overwhelming unfamiliarity of his surroundings.



Kendon had an "interesting" year of sport. For the Kendon-Pengelly rugby we were the clear favourites on paper yet as the fear of playing the imperious Kendonites was too great for Pengelly last year, and might be again in the year to come, we decided to give them a draw. Tom Martin, our hooker, received a deflating blow with gaspingly amusing consequences. Nevertheless, our rippling muscles, explosive speed and Herculean power could only be compared with the astonishing strength of a rhinoceros' charge mixed with the grace and pace of a flying cheetah. As the aggression we unleashed could only be likened to that of the Spartans it seemed appropriate that we bore their livery in the form of our striking red tunics.



Our two-year winning streak in the Kendon versus Pengelly football came to a controversial end this year. We took an early lead using our superior offensive powers, sensational agility, enthrallingly effortless control and merciless speed. Needless to say Pengelly collapsed under the pressure (like the walls of their House in a light breeze) and we rightfully earned an own goal. With one goal scored the team continued to dominate with masterful play. The referee mysteriously managed to find two goals to award Pengelly for reasons we have vowed to discover. The magnitude of our sportsmanship dwarfed theirs as grown men do newborn babes and the team felt we maintained our dignity, reputation, and moral high ground. Plus, at the end of the day, we were undoubtedly the best dressed team!

We were blessed with several snow days which we took full advantage of, taking any excuse to pelt non-Kendonites with a volley of snow missiles. The snow sculpture competition, which was obviously rigged as Pengelly won, gave us the opportunity to show our more creative side. We built a Kendon throne positioned "to the T" with views behind complete with a leather bound Bethanian made grand by its excess of years and a snow replica of King James' finest goblet.

Everyone had a good time at the Kendon Christmas dinner. Many of us made an effort in presenting ourselves and everyone was on their best behaviour, which is quite a feat for a house of 25 young men. With numerous mouths to feed Mrs Hollman, Matron and other contributors more than rose to the occasion, cooking every dish to the highest standard with enough for seconds and even a few thirds and fourths (Cem Osman!) After the meal, and a stream of gratitude, we all helped to clear away using the gadgets from the School kitchens. To celebrate the term's end we were off to Cosmos in Tunbridge Wells and the cinema afterwards.



The Boarders' meal was a chance for all Houses to dress to impress and, being Kendon, that's exactly what we did. Sporting a variety of stylish suits, cufflinks, and shirts so vibrant they may have been considered ahead of their time, it's fair to say we did ourselves proud. The formal mood was aptly set with chocolate fountains and performances by the School's band, The Lizards.



The general behaviour of the house this year was good right across the board. The Lower Sixth appreciated the blend of consideration and respect as they faced their most challenging exams yet and enjoyed their final year in Kendon.

Matthew Stockley
Head of House

Thane Campbell
House Monitor

Pengelly



The Autumn of 2008 saw the start of the new school year in Pengelly House. We welcomed some new Year 9's and as the term unfolded, they settled into the House and everybody got used to the fact they were a year older and a year nearer the big exams.

On 17th September the Year 9, 10 and 11's from Pengelly all did a sponsored walk around Cranbrook. This walk helped the House raise quite a bit of money, half of which went to charity and half which stayed in the House for improvements. As the days got shorter, the work pile got higher and the half term break could not have come soon enough. Towards the end of term event the House went Airsofting where we enjoyed a day of shooting each other. As the term ended and the Christmas holidays came we had a chance to relax and recuperate.



After the New Year we welcomed two new students into the house. One was a German exchange student, Julian, who was sorely missed when he left at the end of the spring term, and for a week we enjoyed the company of a Taiwanese exchange student, Peter.

At the Easter Dinner the normal quizzes and games took place hosted by the Housemasters of each Boarding House. The games this year included Guess the Cartoon Characters, Guess the Baby Teacher and What Car Logos are These? The night was thoroughly enjoyed by all but unfortunately no Pengelly quiz teams won any prizes on the night.

Later on in the summer term another German exchange student, Max, came to join our humble House and quickly became used to the routines. During the year Pengelly was fitted with new carpets and, as a result, a new rule soon came to pass - the NO SHOE rule, which was welcomed by all. Now everybody could enjoy taking their shoes off when entering the House and everybody obeyed the rule. Yeah right!

The big event of the year for all was, of course, the 10th Kendon Pengelly football match. With the kit not arriving in time, we had to wear the schools 3rd team kit. With Kendon having won for the last two years the Pengelly team knew they could not let this happen again. It was a tense match but Pengelly triumphed at last. The score was 2-1 with goals from Eddy Ephraim and Tom Dixon.



Sadly Pengelly will be losing one of its finest features, our Assistant Housemaster Mr Williams and his dog Casper. We can honestly say everybody will miss them both greatly. As well as Mr Williams leaving the House will be losing the best Lower Sixth it has possibly ever seen: Philip Semmens, Vasile Nagacevski, Bonaventure Touton, Ben Milan, Billy Yeung and, of course, James Ruddy.



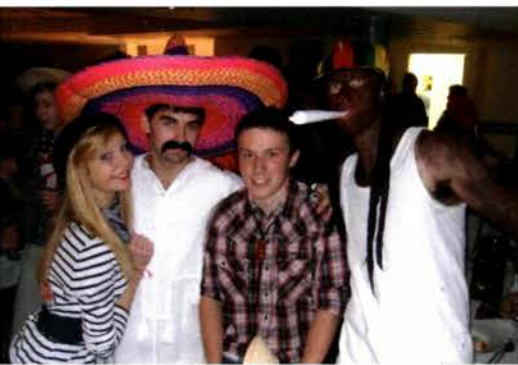
We would like to say a huge thank you to all the members of staff who have been part of Pengelly this year, from the cleaners right up to Mr. Macdonald. We would in particular like to thank Mr Bingham (and we wish him and his family well as he leaves to take up a new position at Old Swinford School) and Miss Wiltshire for giving up their Wednesday nights for Pengelly and Mr Williams for being the finest Deputy Housemaster of Pengelly for six years.

**Philip Semmens and James Ruddy
House Monitors**

The Orchard

We finally arrived in The Orchard! All we had to do now was to learn to live more independently, a preparation year for university, they told us. This posed some big challenges. Firstly, the washing machine. You wouldn't believe it but this "thing" actually has 16 different ways to do the laundry and matching soap boxes. After having overcome this challenge (mainly thanks to Mrs Gale's five minute washing machine lecture and even some private lessons from helpful peers) we had to handle the next threat, the iron! It is actually possible to end up with more creases than you started off with. Somehow, though, we managed to look fairly presentable. Many thanks to our most helpful house staff and eventually we got the hang of it.

This year, as all other years we had the night walk. After an amazing Indian organised by Katie Dougal we had to walk around Bedgebury, twice (!), only to get stuck at the entrance as one of the buses broke down while Mr Fisher kept us entertained (or scared) by telling his best ghost stories. Despite being scared witless, we didn't meet the axe-man and eventually got back to school alive and well.



This year lots of us were Prefects which meant quite a bit of stress and many duties, which is why the themed party was very welcome. This year the theme was; 'Around the World' and there were certainly some very interesting costumes.



At weekends the fun just continued with many outings organised by the Housestaff. In the evening we demonstrated our cooking skills and also prepared weekend meals for a group of full boarders mostly accompanied by Mr and Mrs Gale. They were obviously successful as no one actually suffered from food poisoning.

The exams period was, of course, stressful but after a year of work we were rewarded on Leavers' Day with an amazing champagne breakfast organised by our tutors and Housestaff. For once they worked for us. At the end of the day we all went to the Leavers' Ball which we loved. Mrs Gale and Mrs Presland worked hard to make it an unforgettable final evening for the Upper Sixth of 2009.

Finally thank you to all our teachers; thank you to our tutors for their help and support. Huge thanks to Angie, Beattie and Matron for keeping us presentable and cleaning up after us.

The final thanks must go to the Housestaff. To Mr. Payne for all his trips and quiz nights and to Mrs Presland for being a brilliant Housemistress, always keeping us in check, organising events, running trips and making the most amazing cakes and jellies. Many thanks to Mrs Gale (and of course Mr Gale) for having been my most amazing tutor for the last two years who has had to put up a lot with me, for the Saturday meals, for saving those in need of saving at the train station, for the very cheap DVD rates and last but not least for the most amazing brownies in the world.

And a big thanks to the Cat and Chui as it is always great fun to have them around.

Laurie Tack
Head of House



Enterprise at Bethany

Young Enterprise at Bethany remains as popular at Bethany as ever. Once again this year two companies, "Veni Vidi Vici" and "Inspired", took on the challenge. The teams' Managing Directors have put together the following reports.

Veni Vidi Vici



At the beginning of the year Veni Vidi Vici made extremely slow progress. Unlike our name, we came, we saw, but alas it took us a while to conquer!

Our initial ten members soon became seven. However, this galvanised the team, and with Guy Swan as Managing Director it was not long before we decided on our first product; an improved version of the Bethany umbrella.

It took around three months to get our umbrellas. This proved problematic as we did not have them for the Christmas market. When they came they were not as strong as we had expected but we were fairly satisfied and posted over 200 letters to old Bethanians. Having spent £70 on postage and envelopes we were disappointed to only receive seven orders; at £14.99 each we made £34.93 profit. Perhaps we could have done more market research!

With many left to sell we sent out flyers in the mailing. We were worried as by now it was the middle of the spring term and we had a good number still to sell. We sold a few at parents' evenings and open days and decided to try to sell the rest on Speech Day.

In the meantime we entered the Young Enterprise company competition and were delighted to finish runners up in the event held at Bethany. We amazed ourselves by working as a team to produce a report, trade stand and presentation in a short space of time. For most of us this was the highlight of the year; it was a great experience and was topped off by Guy, Swan and I performing a short dance to "Singing in the Rain", which received rapturous applause.

After the competition we held re-elections and I took over as MD. On Speech Day we finally sold the remaining umbrellas, even on a sunny day! After tax and other costs we made a net profit of £123 meaning a healthy 30% dividend for our loyal shareholders. We definitely pulled together towards the end and it has been an experience to remember. We certainly learnt much from our many mistakes but we did learn and eventually made a profit.

As MD I would like to give a big thank you to Mr Khan for running the YE scheme at Bethany and would advise future pupils to meet deadlines and keep records!

James Rutty
Managing Director

Inspired



It didn't take long to organise ourselves back in September and form a company. As Managing Director of 'Inspired' I looked at its overall efficiency and well-being and noticed that with 15 members, efficiency started to slip as too many members were doing too little. The company needed to change and we re-structured to allow for greater efficiency. We broke into three teams, each with its own project manager. This change proved inspired (pardon the pun), even adding a competitive element between the three teams.

One of the many projects that Inspired is known for are the Bethany School 'Guys & Dolls' t-shirts. When we embarked on this project we were dealing with a supplier in America, however we decided that it would be better to find a different supplier in the UK. This we did and we were able to sort payments and delivery details straight away with an assurance that we would get value for money.



We also took part in the Young Enterprise Company Competition which we unfortunately lost. However I was able to part-take in the Young Enterprise Public Speaking

Competition which I won, as a result, was invited to be a guest speaker at the Company Competition County Final in Canterbury. *Link teachers note – Winston spoke fantastically, winning not only the area final but also the County final! This is the second time in four years that a Bethany student has become the Young Enterprise Kent County Public Speaking Champion.*

The Young Enterprise scheme is a great learning curve for anyone who participates in it seriously and is prepared to put in the necessary time and effort. All of us in "Inspired" had a great time being involved in the business world as a functional company. The knowledge we have gained will certainly benefit our future endeavours. We were also delighted at the end of the year to declare a 68% dividend to our shareholders, particularly in this economic climate.

Winston Campbell, Managing Director

Entrepreneurship Masterclass



The Lower Sixth, along with students from visiting schools, took part in an "Entrepreneurship Masterclass" organised by Young Enterprise. The guest speakers were Jo Jawo, founder and director of "In Your Flow", an organisation which helps business and individuals achieve their dreams and Jason Porter, co-founder of "Friends Reunited" who is now a business angel. They are pictured here with the two finalists of our Apprentice Challenge.

Pengelly Society Report



Over the course of the School year, we have played host to a wide variety of people at the Pengelly Society. The first meeting saw the return of Mr Michael White, a former Bethany pupil. He completed a music degree with the intention of becoming a professional singer and he showed this to the Society with a performance of three very different, but equally captivating songs. Since leaving university however, he has developed other interests besides music such as outdoor pursuits.

Baroness Fookes was the next speaker on 2nd October and she gave her talk to the Society about Parliament and Politics. The Baroness has been the Deputy Speaker in the House of Lords since 2002 and gave the Society a fascinating talk about the Government today and an insight into what it is really like to be inside the House of Lords.



The next meeting was held on a Wednesday (a first for the Society!) 19th November and the guest speaker was Mr John Dunn, an Arctic explorer. This was the most visual

presentation we had had so far as Mr Dunn illustrated his amazing journey around Baffin Island with a series of pictures and videos, some of which were used in the National Geographic magazine.

On 26th February, speaker Tom Kelly gave us a spectacular insight into life in central and eastern Asia and what it is really like to learn to speak Chinese! Mr Kelly is studying in his fourth year at Oxford University and impressed the Society with his detailed knowledge of the tones and dialects of the Chinese language.



The final meeting of the school year was held in March when our guest was Paula Wilkins from the Hospice in the Weald. She gave a moving but inspiring talk on what we can do to help our community and support people during their palliative care process. Ms Wilkins proceeded to explain the importance of the Hospice and how we can all get involved in fund raising for this worthwhile cause.

I would like to thank the following people for giving the vote of thanks on these occasions; Jack Vaughan, Victoria Fields, Simon Perry, Winston Campbell and Sam Elobeid. I have enjoyed being secretary to the Pengelly Society and hope that the next secretary enjoys the position as much as I did.

Jenny Hookham
Secretary

Apprentice Challenge



All members of the Lower Sixth were invited to take part in the Bethany version of "The Apprentice". 24 students, most of whom are pictured, signed up and were split into two teams which they named "Spark" and "Instinct". Mr Khan agreed to take on the role of Sir Alan, ably assisted by Nick and Margaret, aka Mr and Mrs Thorpe.

The first challenge was to create a name and a slogan for a fragrance. The groups had to design the packaging and produce and record an advert which was played to Sir Alan in the boardroom. Team "Instinct" won this challenge with their fragrance "Natural". Several candidates were fired and the teams were re-shuffled for the next task.

For Task 2 the teams had from Friday to Tuesday to use £100 to raise as much money as possible. They had to keep receipts and produce financial records. This task was won convincingly by "Spark" who spent a whole day washing cars in free periods and also held a cake sale during morning break. Between them the teams raised an impressive sum of money and £300 was donated to the Hospice in the Weald. A further sum was donated to the teams travelling to the Himalayas in July to help buy equipment for their community projects in remote Indian schools.

Ten candidates went through to Task 3. The teams were re-shuffled once again and given ingredients to make and

decorate two cakes, one for a boy and one for a girl, and sell them for a profit. "Instinct" made the best cakes and the greatest profit so winning this task. Five candidates were fired by Sir Alan, leaving just five to go through.



Task 4 required the remaining candidates to face three interviews with interviewers from outside school. They all received feedback and two candidates, David Rider and Emily Saunders were selected to go through to the final task which took place during the Lower Sixth Entrepreneurship Day at the end of June. David and Emily each gave a five minute presentation to promote Bethany's Sixth Form. Speaking in front of their own year group as well as students from visiting schools was a daunting task but both students gave excellent presentations.

The final was judged by the guest speakers at the Entrepreneurship Day and Mr Khan, who had organised the day with Young Enterprise, resumed his role as Sir Alan to announce the winner:

David Rider - you're hired!

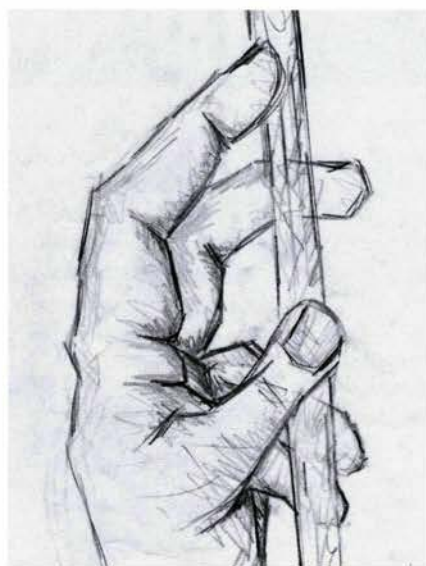
Many congratulations to David and to all those who took part in this year's 'Challenge'.

The Literary Section

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

Long Way to the Bottom

Patrick Jenkins – Year 10



The plane descended upon southern Pakistan at 5.25 local time. The fatigued passengers wandered across the terminal in a daze.

There was a particularly morose and depressed Pakistani warden at passport control at the time the British passengers arrived.

"Name?" she summoned from behind her desk in a subdued tone.

"Seth" said the first of a party of four.

"Hand your passport over," she said in a rushed and agitated voice.

"I didn't hear a please," said Seth. He was obviously trying to be funny in the company of his friends.

Time passed painfully slowly for Seth and his friends, from the time they arrived and stepped off the B77 from London to their arrival at the K2 mountain in the northern Himalayas.

"I can't believe we're finally here!" said Marie, the youngest of the group at 19 years of age. She was average height and very clumsy.

"We could get to base camp in 30 minutes," said Sarah, the oldest and most experienced climber.

"Nah, we'll get there in about an hour if we're lucky," said Richard. Richard had always been a pessimist and a good one too.

The group arrived at 9 o'clock local time. As soon as the tent was up the team was asleep.

The day broke with the sound of cattle trudging past the tent. The sound was amplified by the local sherpa and the tedious cow bells that hung from the goats' necks. Sarah's satellite predicted clear skies. Sarah led the team up the mountain at a nice, consistent pace and via a good route. The group set up camp half way up and stared triumphantly at the progress they had made. Richard and Seth pretended that the long walk hadn't fazed them but their beer bellies wouldn't lie. The mountaineers hit the pillow early as the team would attempt the north face which is famous for life taking.

Sarah woke the hikers nice and early to get a lead on the weather. A storm was brewing in the southern Himalayas and would hit the K2 mountain after nightfall.

"The next bit is tricky so we're going on the rope," Sarah commanded with authority.

"Why?" asked Seth.

"Because if you slip you'll slide over that edge." She pointed to a daunting slope leading to a sudden drop off.

"You have to be kidding!" screeched Marie as she had the worst balance of the group.

"No, this is serious and you have to concentrate or you'll be dangling!" Sarah was getting annoyed now as no one truly appreciated the danger of this part of the climb.

The crew started to tie themselves together and then they set out onto the slope.

"How are you doing back there?" called Sarah.

"Fine," Seth called back.

"Can we have a break?" Marie asked.

"When we get to the top you can stop for as long as you like, I promise."

"This is boring," complained Seth.

"Why can't we" He shrieked as he slipped to his knees.

"Seth!" screamed Marie.

"Are you okay?" asked Sarah.

"Yeah, should be fine," he replied.

Before he could return to his feet the snow beneath him gave way, sending a shoot of snow sliding towards the edge. Seth feebly tried digging in his heels and his snow axe but his attempts were futile. His tense body slid with a bone crunching thud into a series of boulders. His now lifeless body freely dropped over the overhang.

"No!" screamed Sarah, as she watched the rope go tight and tug Richard off his fee. Marie was the first to react, pulling firmly on Richard's collar and digging her heels deep into the snow. Sarah joined Marie and looped the rope around the nearest boulder and pulled it tight.

An hour passed as the climbers waited for a cry for help or movement on the end of the rope. Seth was out of sight. Obstructing the view was thick fog and snow. Another hour slipped through their numb fingers as they waited for a sign of his well-being. They feared the worst; that Seth was hanging, his lifeless body spinning in an eerie fashion.

"We have to cut him free," confessed Sarah.

"What?" squealed Marie.

"He's obviously dead!" replied Sarah.

"How can you say that?" Richard shouted angrily.

"You have to face the facts. He's too heavy to pull up and if we're still here when the storm hits, we're all dead!" Sarah said frantically.

"SETH!" Richard shouted desperately. He started crying as he knew what the silence that followed implied.

"You!" Marie whispered. "You did this."

"Are you delirious?" Sarah replied. "Why would I do such a thing?" Marie looked away guiltily.

"Let me do it," Sarah said. "You both know it has to be done but you don't want the blame on your hands!" Sarah pulled a knife from her rucksack and offered it to Richard. He turned away in disgust. Sarah knew it was up to her. She kneeled in the snow, crying as she did so. Her numb fingers found it hard to open the cold blade.

"Wait!" Richard yelled. "What if we leave him?" Richard found the coward's way out.

"Yeah, if he's dead he's dead and there's no changing that. If he's alive, however, he can cut himself free. But we shouldn't have to choose," Marie confessed. Sarah nodded and tied Seth's safety rope to the nearest boulder and cut themselves free. The group supported each other as they made the long walk home.

His bruised eyes slowly opened. He tried to scream but no words came to his mouth. He had a broken leg but Seth was alive, pen knife at hand.

Winner of the Hunter Essay Prize

The Lift

Jonathan Chin – Year 12

It was just another day. Five floors up, five floors down. Three floors up, three floors down. Then it happened! Two men walked into my lift and started fighting. My lift started to shake and so did my stomach! Luckily they got off at the tenth floor but one side of the lift was covered with scuffs, footprints and dirty marks. Quickly I went down to ground level and there was Mrs. Weight, my cleaner. It took her half an hour to clean the inside of the lift but at least it was done. Thanks, Mrs. Weight.

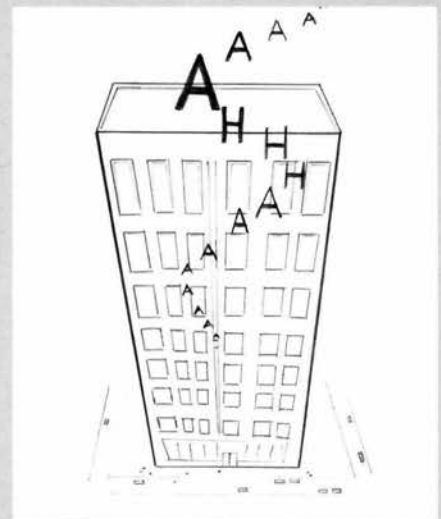
As soon as the lift was clean a beautiful young girl got in. Then, as she asked for floor number 18, I noticed she was pregnant. Several others joined us in the lift. It was quite full. I told them I was going to floor 18 first because I could see that the young woman was not happy.

Suddenly I couldn't go up. What is more I couldn't go down either. My cage had stuck between floors 15 and 16. What could I do? Those two men fighting

must have upset the mechanism. Before I could speak someone hit the alarm bell and it started to ring continuously. Others panicked. Someone was phoning 999, someone else burst into tears and others were just motionless. But what could I do?

Then all the annoying noises stopped and just one ear-splitting sound filled the lift. It's the pregnant woman wanting to give birth. No! Not in my lift! No! But what can I do? I'm just a lift man. Lucky for me one man inside my lift is a doctor. He keeps the woman in a comfortable position and tells her to take deep breaths. The sounds she creates generate a very emotional atmosphere which we can all feel. But when the baby is born the entire atmosphere changes. All the tears are gone and joy and happiness appears. Finally a fireman arrives but only after the baby is born. At last I can relax feeling like everything is over. The event is now history.

I was off work the next day but I kept my job. Five floors up, five floors down. Three floors up, three floors down. It was just another day.



(Jonathan joined Bethany in 2003 from Hong Kong. At that time he spoke very little English. However, he planned and produced this story completely unassisted in less than two hours. It is reproduced here in its near-original form. Ed.)

This year pupils were invited to write about something humorous, be it real or imaginary, make up a poem or even submit a joke they had found particularly amusing. Thanks to Freddie Raishbrook for the illustrations.

This homework was such a chore,
A comical poem she'd asked for.
Limericks are hard,
And I am no bard.
Oh, it's going to be such a bore.

I stared and I stared into space,
With a gormless look on my face.
Then words tumbled out,
Dispelling all doubt.
This poem was going to be ace!

I scribbled and scribbled some more,
I now had ideas galore.
I handed it in,
Mrs. Dorey did grin
And I collapsed in a heap on the floor.
Nicholas Brockwell – Year 7

There once was a boy named Fred
Who spent all his days in bed.
He ate like a pig,
But didn't give a fig
And, before you knew it, was dead.
Jack Wood – Year 7

There was a young lady from Kent,
Who had a peculiar bent
For fried eggs and ham
Which she smothered with jam
And gobbled them up in her tent.
Hannah Marsden – Year 7

There was a young girl called Ruth
Who, instead of a foot, had a hoof.
When she stamped it about,
It freaked people out,
So she disappeared with a 'Poof!'
Ruth Marsden – Year 7

It was so funny when me and my friend,
Ryan, went fishing. When I cast out it
caught his fishing line and he slipped on
the mud and fell in. I then laughed so
much that I fell back ... on his dog!
Jorge Hoad – Year 7



Last year my mum and my sister were in the supermarket. My sister was by the trolley and my mum was in another aisle. My sister was pulling on the handle. Suddenly the trolley went flying on top of her. My mum was laughing so much and my sister started to cry because no one was helping her. She was on the CCTV cameras and the shopping lady was laughing as well. It was really funny.
Joseph Holland – Year 7

Q. How do you stop moles from digging up your garden?

A. Hide the spade.

Harrison Jacques – Year 7

Once when I was in town with William and Ollie, William was on a small carousel. It was a little kiddies' one and he soon got bored with it and he got off but his lace was caught and it began to drag him along the ground. The ride stopped and a security guard came up asking if William was ok. It was so funny as we watched him limping away.

Jack Maynard – Year 7

Our team was in a holiday football tournament. The pitch was wet and the match went to penalties. We scored, then they scored. It went on like that for quite some time until our team missed. The other team was sure they'd won but when their guy ran up he slipped and missed. Everyone was laughing.

Christopher Threshie – Year 7

There was one day when I fell over from laughter. I was playing a game called 'Wall Ball' where you kick a ball at a wall and if you miss you're out. Well, my friend kicked it at the wall and he slipped and the ball bounced back at him and hit him in the face. It broke his glasses but it was very very funny.

Daniel Yussuf – Year 7



One Wednesday night in the boarding house we were all told to go to bed – but we didn't really. We all stood on our beds and started singing 'The Cell Block Tango' from 'Chicago'. Anyway, we all ended up really hyper and drinking Coke (which we shouldn't have upstairs!) Then we all got dressed up in colourful clothing and we were singing 'Fame' whilst jumping up and down on the beds. A few seconds later I did a 'Fame' jump off the bed just as Mrs. Healy came in! She was extremely cross with us but at the same time she couldn't help laughing.

Mia Hope – Year 7

There once was a boy called Jake Who loved to drink milk shake. He told his mum As she rubbed his tum That he'd been making a big mistake.

Natasha Brattle – Year 8

On 16th June, 1886 Mrs. Darwin said to her husband, Charles, "It's a fine day. Let's go to the zoo." They packed a picnic and arrived at feeding time for the chimpanzees. They sat and watched. As Mr. Darwin grabbed a sandwich, Mrs. Darwin said, "My, doesn't that chimp look just like you?"

William Marshall – Year 8

There once was a girl called Anna Chalk And, no matter what, she would always talk.

She could talk so much it hurt your ears. Some poor, sad folk were reduced to tears.

Her teachers told her to be quiet, But to no effect. She caused a riot.

Fabienne Valentine-Hosein – Year 8

There was a boy named Casper Who really loved tasty pasta.

He decided he would cook And the family would just look.

He'd chop the onions, add the oil Bring the water to the boil, Do the onions completely through Then put tomatoes in there too. Add the pasta to the water But don't cook longer than you ought'a. Check the seasoning, grate the cheese, Then call the family, "Quiet, please." They'd wolf it down – an amazing treat. Then all clear up and leave things neat.

Casper Gill – Year 8

Mike (A Couplet Poem)

There was a boy whose name was Mike And he got given a small trike. He rode it up and down so bold (And even when he was not told!) One day he rode it down the street And realised he had no feet. He could not pedal any more - He fell and landed on the floor. He cut his leg and grazed his arm. He caused himself a lot of harm. He had to find some special gel. So went to find his mum to tell. His mum said, "Oh, well. That's just tough." (She was annoyed. She'd had enough!) "You rode your trike too much, too long, And now it's all gone very wrong. Don't go away, Mike. Just you halt! Stop blaming me. It's your own fault."

Sam Hewes and Lauren Garrett – Year 8

Not Another

Not another family get-together Never mind the weather! We kids would rather be indoors, Not stuck out here doing chores At another BBQ When it's cold enough for stew.

Izzy Fatah – Year 8

Being Late for Class

"You are late again today, Fliss!" She replied, "It's not my fault, Miss." "So whose fault is it this time then?" "It was my mum's fiancé, Ben."

"How could he make you late today?" "'Coz his rules I didn't obey."

"And what was it you did so wrong?" "Nothing really. Just pinged Mum's thong!"

"No need to say the details, dear, Or all the class might faint with fear."

Thea Marshall – Year 8

There was a young man named Bob Who was part of an angry mob. He would smash and trash,



And nick all the cash, And make a perfectly wonderful job.

Harry Gawler – Year 8

Q. What would you call a computer nerd from Athens?

A. A Greek geek.

Q. What would you call a talkative taxi driver?

A. A gabby cabby.

Jake Sauvage – Year 9

A man and his friend were working high on a building site when the man drops his watch. The man starts to head off down the scaffolding. His friend says, "You'll never catch that."

"Yeah, I will," replies the man, "it's slow."

Laurence Prust – Year 9

Three men are discussing animal testing. The first says he agrees with it. So does the second. But the third disagrees. He says, "I think animal testing is wrong. They get nervous and give the wrong answers."

Ellie Porter – Year 9

There are two blondes in a car park. Having lost their keys, they are trying to get into their car using a coat hanger. "Oh no!" says one blonde to the other. "It's starting to rain and we've left the roof down."

Ed Dewing – Year 9

Late for School!

Mother: Come on, Victor. You have to get up or you'll be late for school.

Victor: Aw, mum. Do I have to? All the teachers pick on me and the kids hate me.

Mother: You have to go.

Victor: Give me a reason.

Mother: You're 34 and you're the Headmaster!

Max Foot – Year 9

He was not amused!

I was at Silverstone one week-end to watch my dad's friend race. They were racing 2CV's. They are not known for their speed or their cornering ability but they all have the same engines so it is always close.

We were sitting in the crowd overlooking Brooklands and Luffields which are the last two corners at Silverstone when we witnessed an amazing crash. The number 37 car was sent flying after being hit. First it spun sideways and then flipped into a most spectacular barrel roll. Bravely the driver got out and bowed to the spectators. At the end of the race I looked at his miserably disfigured car. Then I looked at him and said, "Don't worry, mate. That'll buff out!"

Freddie Raishbrook – Year 9

My little brother spends every evening sharing his jokes with us. At the dinner table when he announces, "I've got a new joke!" we all groan loudly. This doesn't put him off of course. The more we groan the faster the jokes follow each other, mostly of the "Knock, knock" variety. But now we have my step-grandfather staying with us and my brother is in heaven. Not only does he have a new audience but he has found someone who shares his sense of humour. They spend dinner time exchanging awful jokes and finding each other very funny. We enjoy the spectacle.

Philip Ryan – Year 9



Moments before a packed aeroplane is due to take off, two blind pilots appear. They are both wearing dark glasses. One has a guide dog and the other is tapping his way along the aisle with a cane.

Nervous laughter spreads through the cabin, but both men enter the cockpit, the door closes and the engines start up. The passengers glance around searching for some sign that this is just a practical joke. None is forthcoming.

The plane moves faster and faster down the runway and the people in the window seats realise that they are heading straight for the water at the edge of the airport. Panicked screams fill the cabin as the plane is about to plough into the water. At that moment, the plane lifts smoothly into the air. The passengers relax, laugh a little sheepishly and then return to their magazines secure in the knowledge that the plane is in good hands.

In the cockpit one of the blind pilots turns to the other and says, "Y'know, Bob, one of these days they're going to scream too late and we're all gonna die."

Felix Brown – Year 9

One day I went to my friend's house. She lives on a farm and she is really good at racing a quad bike. She could drive it at speed backwards over a mound and make it look easy. She asked me if I would like a go driving around one of the fields. I agreed.

I placed my hand on the gear thing and raced off – except the quad didn't go anywhere. It just reared up with the two front wheels high off the ground. I must have held one of the controls down for too long. We were having fits of laughter.

Megan Knapp – Year 9



It was a warm and sunny morning. The birds were singing and it was about nine o'clock as I rose from my bed. I stretched,

had a shower, brushed my teeth and all that malarkey and then went downstairs. Then, as I peered out of the window, I noticed a small squirrel up in the tree. I watched it as it jumped from branch to branch but then it went for one massive jump. It sailed through the air but missed the next tree completely. It fell a good thirty feet and landed on the ground. I was in hysterics even though I will always love squirrels.

Jamie Hagerty – Year 9

The boss went into the office one morning and found the new blonde girl painting the walls. She was wearing a new fur coat and a denim jacket. Thinking this was a little strange, he asked her why she didn't wear an overall.

She showed him the instructions on the tin –
"For best results, put on two coats".

Hamish Price – Year 9



A mushroom walks into the bar and says to the bartender, "Hey, could I get a beer, please?"

The bartender looks at him, shakes his head and says, "No, we don't serve food here."

"Why not?" says the mushroom. "I'm a Fun-gi!"

Chloe Houghton – Year 9

Ring!!! Alarm goes off! I moan and groan and stick my head under my pillow.

I can't bear it but I get up and search for socks, a shirt, trousers and a tie.

Half asleep I stumble downstairs. No one's there! I think for a moment ... Oh, no! It's Saturday!

Harry Street - Year 9

My Sister Sarah

My sister is stronger than me. She can pick me up quite easily. I can't lift her. I've tried and tried. She must have something big inside.

Ruth Semmens – Year 9

We were coming back from the The Firs after playing bulldog. Barney was more excitable than normal and he wanted to make people laugh (as he has a knack of doing). So, as we walked past a ditch with water in it, Barney pushed Rupert. Fortunately Rupert didn't fall in but he nearly did and, in the process, he pushed down some mesh fencing. It looked hilarious. Not very amusing for Barney, however, who was soon being hit for it!

Jack Greenhalgh – Year 10

There once was a man from St. Paul
Who went to a fancy dress ball.
He thought he would risk it
And go as a biscuit.
But a dog ate him up in the hall.

Dexter Hedges – Year 10

I wonder why the sun is hot.
I wonder why it rains a lot.

I wonder why the sky is blue.
I wonder why a cow goes moo.

I wonder why the clouds skip by.
I wonder why a bird can fly.

I wonder will the lesson end
Before I'm driven round the bend.

Drew Richards – Year 10

Recently my Royal Marines Cadet troop attended a survival exercise at Mereworth Camp in Paddock Wood. There were troops from all over the south east of England. There was, understandably, some inter-unit rivalry and when we were posted to the barracks, us Tunbridge Wells boys managed to cadge a place in the second barrack block. It was joined to the first by a connecting door and empty apart from the six of us.

A couple of us were running through the door and lobbing things at the other troops in the jam-packed first block. The other troops retaliated so we simply locked the door. There was an ominous silence from the other barracks. Then we heard three loud knocks at the door and a deep, booming voice, "Open the door!"

We assumed that they were winding us up and one lad shouted something which was, shall I say, far from polite! Grinning broadly we then opened the door to be confronted by the 6 foot 6 inch figure of Royal Marines Commando Sergeant Moore, an Afghanistan veteran! He was not amused.

Marine Cadet 2nd Class

Gareth Humphreys – Year 10

The Literary Section (cont)

Teacher: Billy, name two pronouns.

Billy: Who, me?

Teacher: Very good.

Warwick Bell – Year 10

Burglars

It was late and a man was about to climb into bed when his wife informed him that there was a light on in the garden shed. The man went to turn the light off but realised that there were some people in there busy stealing things.

The man ran inside, called the police and explained the circumstances. The police simply said that all their patrol cars were occupied and advised him that he should lock his doors.

The man hung up. Then, thirty seconds later, he called again and informed the police that there was no problem with the burglars anymore because he had shot them all. Then he hung up.

Five minutes later three patrol cars, a SWAT team and an ambulance arrived. All of the burglars were caught in the act.

One of the policemen snapped, "I thought you said you'd shot them all."

"I thought you said there were no patrol cars free," the man answered.

Patrick Thompson – Year 10



"I've just bought a new car, nice little runner, gets me from A to B. Shame I live in Kew.

George Roberts -Year 10

When I was in Year 8 one of the most embarrassing, yet quite amusing, events took place in the dining hall. It was a Friday and the usual beef or chicken burger with chips, beans and peas was on offer. Mmmm! Anyway, back to the point. I'd just sat down to eat my lunch with my friends when I began to swing on my chair as you do. There were several girls in our year on the table behind us. As I was swinging I noticed I was off balance. I tried to grab the table but missed and caught my tray of food instead. I hit the floor with some beans on my clean jumper and a burger bun on my face. I came out from under the table and everyone was in hysterics. This makes me laugh even to this day.

Dominic Gasson – Year 10

A woman got on a bus holding a baby. The bus driver said, "That's the ugliest baby I've ever seen."

When the woman sat down a man asked her what was wrong. "The bus driver insulted me," she fumed.

"He's a public servant," the man said. "He shouldn't say things to insult passengers."

"You're right," she said. "I think I'll go up there and give him a piece of my mind."

"That's a good idea," the man said. "Here, let me hold your monkey."

Kirsten Enticknap – Year 10

Q. On which side does a chicken have the most feathers?

A. The outside.

Becca Gentle – Year 10



A blonde lady called her boyfriend and said, "Please come over and help me. I have a killer jigsaw puzzle and I can't

figure out how to get it started."

Her boyfriend asked, "What's it supposed to be when it's finished?"

The blonde replied, "Well, according to the picture on the box, it's a tiger."

Her boyfriend decided to go over and help. She let him in and showed him where she had the puzzle spread all over the table. He studied the pieces for a moment, looked at the box, then turned to her and said, "First of all, no matter what we do, we're not going to be able to assemble these pieces into anything resembling a tiger." He took her hand and said, "Second, I want you to relax. Let's have a nice cup of hot chocolate and then..." he sighed, ... "let's put all these frosted flakes back into the box."

James Cameron – Year 10



The funniest thing I have ever seen was when Tom bought a chocolate milkshake. Someone walked past him, hit him and

then ran off round the corner. Tom was angry. He spun round and tried to throw the drink at the disappearing figure but missed and hit two sixth formers ... who had a short temper!

Barney Gould – Year 10

There was a young man called Andrew, Unaware that his shirt was askew. He collected his prize In front of our eyes. If only he'd known what we knew.

Andrew Lockwood – Year 10



Food Technology

Chef School continues to be one of the most popular activities for students in Years 7 – 9. Guest judges for this year's Bethany "Masterchef" competition have included Eleuterio Lizzi from the Green Cross Inn in Goudhurst, Alan Irwin from The Mulberry Tree in Boughton Monchelsea and Scott Smith from The Star and Eagle in Goudhurst. The final was judged by Tim Johnson from Apicius in Cranbrook and he is pictured here with the three finalists Jorge Hoad (Year 7), Joshua Gane (Year 8) and the winner, Georgia Jackson (Year 9). Their task was to create two cheese dishes to form part of a local delicatessen's annual cheese week festival.

The Sixth Formers have continued with their Uni Gourmet certificated course which they can include in their CV's. At the end of the course they are given a booklet of recipes that are manageable in a further education set-up.

In October seven students competed in the Cranbrook and Tenterden Food and Drink Festival Young Masterchef Competition. Jonathan Rawlins from Year 11 was the winner of the Key Stage 4 competition and won a signed copy of Jamie Oliver's new book.

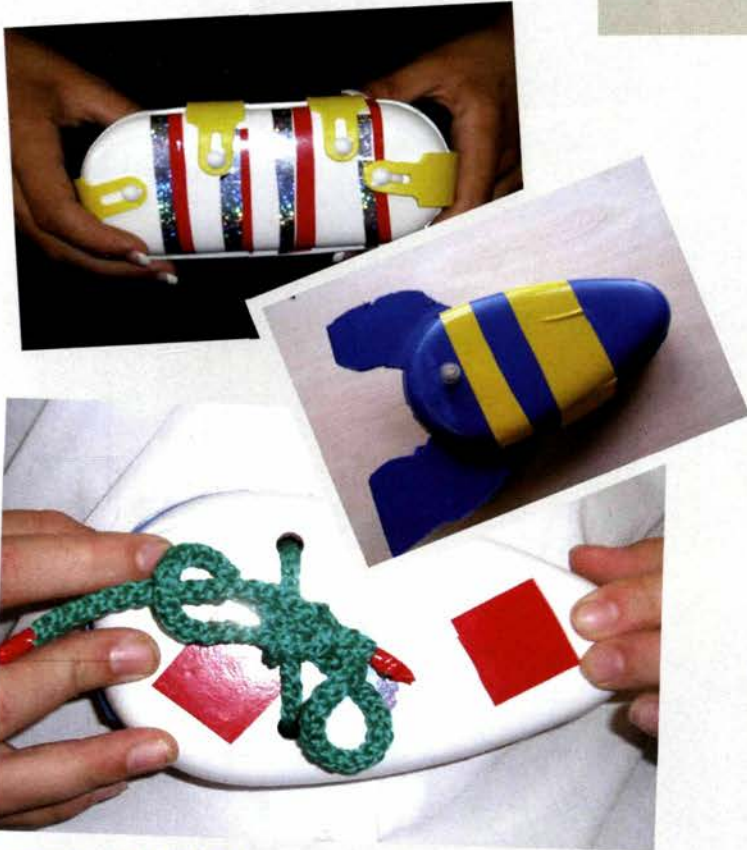
I was delighted with this year's public examination results with a 100% A-C pass rate at A level and 100% A*-C at GCSE.

Mrs A Wood

Design & Technology

This year's work shows a range of different group projects including a 'Pod' project where Year 7 students shaped and formed plastics using a variety of commercially based machines. A 'Floating Bath Soap Dish Holder' where the Year 9's experimented with the elastic properties of plastic. Year 10 worked on the production of a 'Metal Balance Toy' with involved the training and using of lathes, milling machines and welding equipment. As ever most of the GCSE and A Levels were excellent and a few examples are shown here.

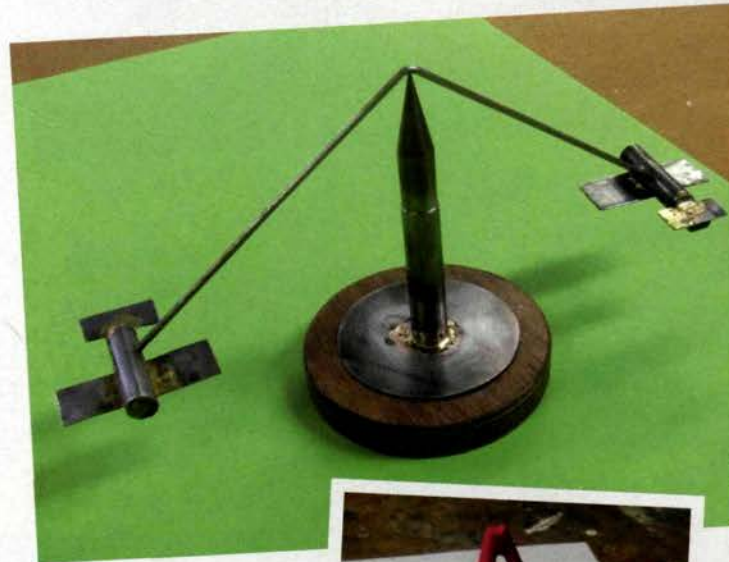
M. Norman



Year 7 - Pod project



Year 7 - Desk tidy



Year 10 -
Metal balancing toys



Year 9 -
Floating soap dish



Design & Technology (cont)

Year 11 -
Brandon Begg



Year 12 -
Sebastian Bignell

Year 12 -
Salam Lamptey



Year 11 - Joe Rathmell



Year 11 - George Raw



Year 13 - Matthew Beattie



Year 13 - Daniel Wright

Art & Design

This has been another very busy year for the Art Department. Visiting Textiles artist Cas Holmes and Photography Professional and Old Bethanian, Mark Turnbull, ran workshops for the Sixth Form. Visits to Kew Gardens, Alexandra Palace, the Natural History Museum, The V & A and The National Portrait Gallery provided inspirational starting points for other Year groups. A water colouring trip to Scotney Castle was enjoyed by a group of Year 7-9 pupils and a four day Sixth Form trip to Amsterdam helped increase the variety of their coursework. A talk by recent Bethany students Seb Rye and Vanessa Ferdinands about life at Art college helped inform those considering further Art education and our fourth Arts Day for Year 5 pupils again proved very popular.

Parents Day Exhibition



On the back of another excellent set of Public examination results from our biggest ever Art, Textiles and Photography group (107) we were delighted that three members of the Upper Sixth have gone on to study Art at Central St Martins in London. One of these, Christina Mikelis secured the highest mark possible for both her Art and Photography A level examinations.

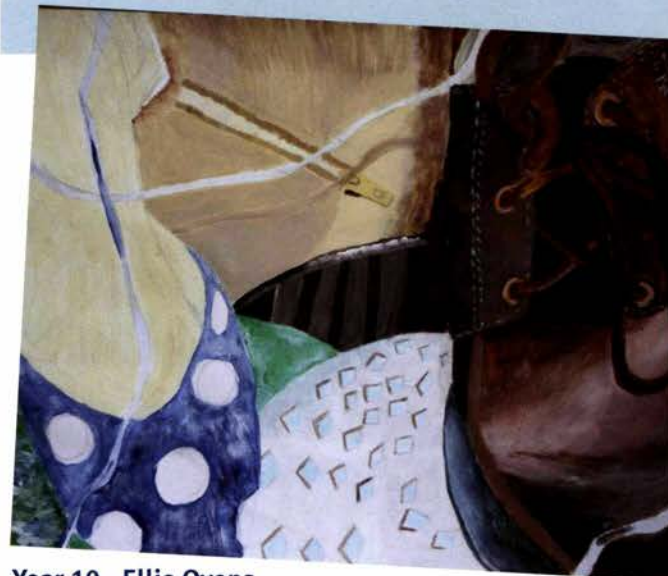
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Year 8 - Finn Hulbert



Year 13 - Beth Bowler



Year 10 - Ellie Ovens



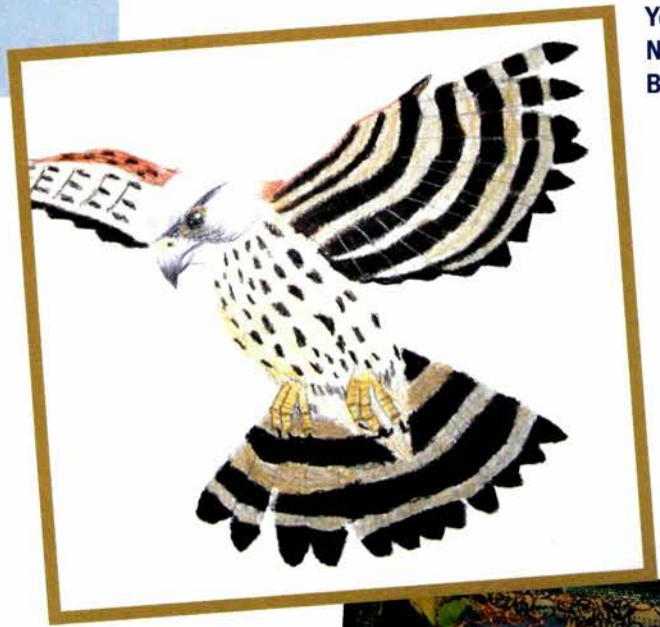
Year 11 - Xi Wen Zhang



Year 11 - Iain Fergusson

Art & Design (cont)

Year 7 -
Nicholas
Brockwell



Year 10 - Beth Perry

Year 11 - Tom Cox



Year 9 - Felix Brown

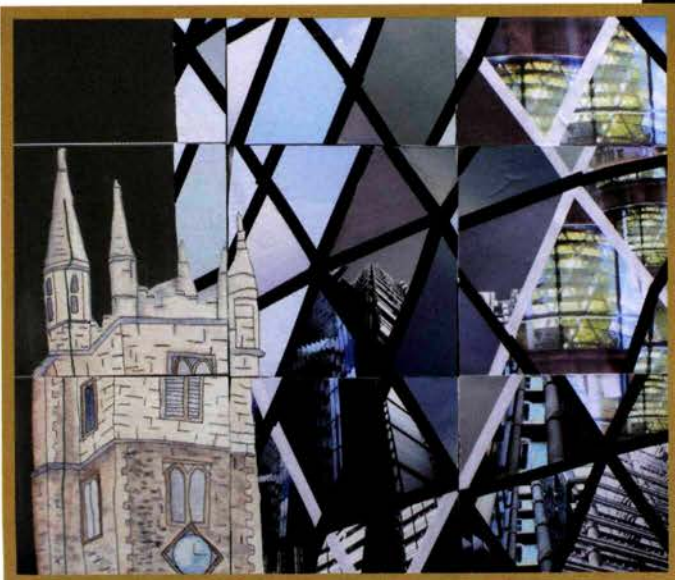


Year 12 - Louis Summers

Year 13 - Vicky Scott



Year 8 - Lana Gillah



Year 10 - Daniel Davidson





Year 10 - Rebecca Thorpe



Year 9 - project



Year 13 - George Morgan



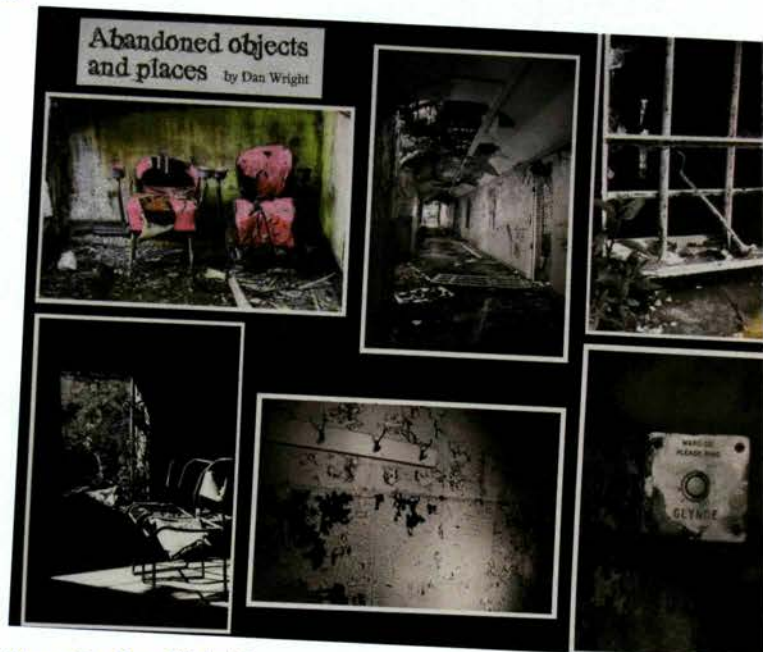
Year 8 - Jenny Nightingale



Year 10 - India Parry



Year 9 - Grace Pain



Year 13 - Dan Wright

Music

Curriculum

Our opening music curriculum day of the year centred on percussion workshops of various hews. Year 9 was treated to a workshop by expert percussionist and world music guru Robert Navratil on African drumming, complete with traditional Djembe, agogos and master drums, supplemented by Surdo and Boomwhackers! Whilst groups learnt to perform on these instruments with enthusiasm and energy, other students busily prepared film music scores of 'Jurassic Park' and 'Mission Impossible'.



Year 8's also focussed on percussion, with a Samba workshop interspersed with discoveries on the chromatic scale. This exciting session brought together students of all abilities, with a final workshop on the James Bond theme a highlight. Mr Keeping was able to join us for an additional session, leading an advanced group in a specially commissioned instrumental arrangement.

Instead of a workshop, Year 7 prepared for an inspiring concert by the London Symphony Orchestra at the Barbican. The theme of the concert was 'America' and students were invited to participate in the first performance of a work especially commissioned for the occasion. Rachel Leach, composer and animator, conducted 'The State of the States', complete with several thousand student participants. One of the highlights was listening to Gershwin's 'Rhapsody in Blue', complete with an overhead camera on the pianist's hands!

Years 7 and 8 furthered their experiences of singing styles through a massed performance of 'Captain Noah and his Floating Zoo' at the Summer concert. Preparation for this included the second



Music Curriculum afternoon for the Year 8's and explored the techniques needed for choral singing, particularly focussing on how to express these through the elements of music.

Year 10's were commissioned to write a series of fanfares for the life of the school, and the first three have now been performed in public. Will Baker's "Easter Bunny" song went down a storm at the Easter concert, complete with Maxim Azad and Eddie Ephraim singing and dancing. Miles Smith's Fanfare for the opening of the Science Building consisted of three contrasting sections representing each of the famous scientists that the labs are named after. Charlie Watson's Fanfare for Prize Day acted as a great accompaniment to the first guests entering the new facility.



The Symphony Orchestra

The Symphony Orchestra has entered new territory this year, by playing as a whole group for the School's two major productions.

The music for 'Guys & Dolls' presented a great challenge for our players, but they rose to it with determination and commitment. The end result was enthusiastic and professional, but never overpowering the action on stage. Players participated in the unique art of "pit work", learning to adapt quickly to repeats, segues, vamp bars and sudden changes of plan in the action! 'Do We Ever See Grace' presented a new challenge, introducing the art of underscore using well-known orchestral classics. Some students even had acting roles as well as playing with the band.

In its own right, Symphony Orchestra continued to delight audiences at the three major concerts of the year. 'Thunderbirds' made a stirring start to the Easter concert, whilst the sheer cheek of 'Ground Force', followed by the serenity of some romantic miniatures inspired the audience at 'Noah by Floodlights'.



The Lizards on tour

This year, the true quality and panache of the Lizards finally moved from Bethany out on tour! In February, the band found itself rubbing shoulders with members of the Menhuin School of Music, both groups performing at the Society of Independent Headteachers' conference in Scunthorpe. Many head teachers spoke to Mr Dorey about the band, particularly the three unique and strong lead voices. In addition, they have been a regular feature at school concerts, took a major set on Speech Day and have cut a CD. Many thanks to Mr Fisher, ably assisted by Mr Briggs, for the exciting direction in which the band has developed. We wish its departing members, Katie Dougal and Dan Wright, all the best in the future.

They have been the mainstay of the accompaniment at the annual Marden services, a regular feature at concerts, and supplier of an assortment of fanfares for many occasions in the life of the School. With Mr Briggs leading, ably assisted by Mr Bristow and reinforced by the Headmaster on Tuba, the group adds a feeling of gravitas to any situation.

Junior Jazz

Some may feel that the Music School is often a place of improvisation, due to the sheer amount we try to fit in! In the case of Junior Jazz, that is the main intention. A brave group of Year 7 students have been learning the art from scratch this year, and by the time we reached the Summer concert, their interpretation of 'Marching Blues' had all the hallmarks of a Louis Armstrong band. It has also given me a chance to play on different instruments, variously appearing on bass, kit and keys.

Throughout the year, students have performed solos for the weekly school assembly, and have on occasions accompanied hymns in chapel. Hopefully this feature of the School's musical life can be better established next year. As ever, our instrumental staff have been extremely supportive and encouraging. We have been delighted to welcome two new singing teachers, Mr Mugridge and Miss Slowgrove. Our string teaching has been further strengthened by Mr Chapter teaching Cello, meaning all the Orchestral strings are now taught within school.



I would like to thank everyone who has supported the Music Department throughout my first year at the School.

The School Choir

The School Choir has continued to play an important part in the life of the school, with regular appearances at concerts and services. From the solemnity of the Remembrance service, through Christmas items including 'Cantar', and then the contemplative 'God So Loved the World' for Easter, finishing the year with a pivotal role in 'Captain Noah', the choir has expressed very many moods. A welcome return to the Bethany tradition was inviting friends and parents to join in the singing of Noah, with a special evening rehearsal in the week of the concert.

Events for soloists

Our two evening informal concerts, plus A-level and GCSE recital evenings, gave soloists the opportunity to shine in a friendly, supportive environment. The chapel makes an ideal intimate venue for these occasions, and highlights have included mesmerizing solos by Katie Dougal, Tim Ellis and Greg Lusted. Newcomers included solos by Emily Bristow, Mille Brett, Fred Carter and Talulah Mee. We were delighted to hear Matthew Beattie's A2 composition, 'The Day', sung by the composer, at the Summer informal concert. Its combination of Schubertian intent with Britten's more mysterious approach led to an unnerving and expressive through-composed piece.

G Stubberfield
Director of Music



Brass Ensemble

The Brass Ensemble has gone from strength to strength this year, with fanfares abounding at every turn.

As usual, our scholars took an active part in Scholars' evening, producing solos of a high quality to lighten an evening of celebration and achievement.



Drama & Theatre Studies

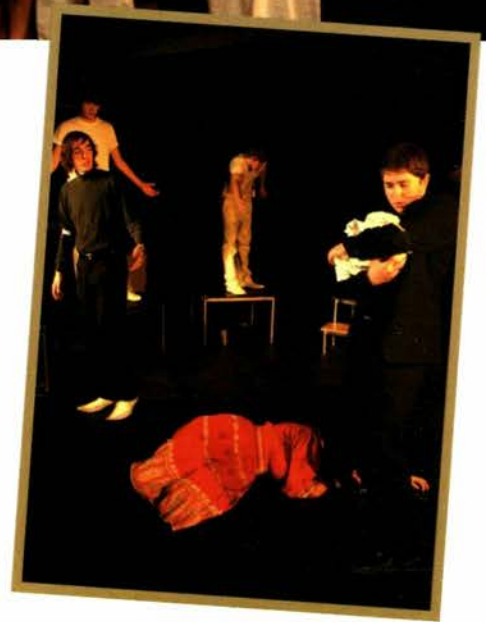


With a new Head of Music, Gareth Stubberfield, to initiate in the autumn term 2008 I decided what better way to introduce him to school productions at Bethany than to do something completely new and take our annual show out of school to a local theatre! Luckily this idea did not faze him at all and he was quick to suggest the Royal Victoria Hall in Southborough. Together we chose 'Guys and Dolls' as the musical that would take some 100 pupils and 30 staff to the venue. Mr Briggs also made a bold decision to involve the whole school orchestra who provided the musical accompaniment. It was certainly a challenge logistically and without the sponsorship of Hams coaches, staff mini bus drivers, maintenance staff and, of course, our parents, it would not have been the success it was. Even some of the worst snowfall seen in the south east for years did not deter us! The three night run was largely a sell out and we were stunned by the response we got from our audiences. A Year 11 parent commented afterwards: 'Well what a show, the school did a FANTASTIC job, what a showcase. The players, the music the set, the whole show was Top Drawer, and as always supplemented by that unique Bethany feeling of happiness and support for one another'. Mr Stubberfield, Mr Briggs and I were incredibly proud of the show and impressed by the talent on display and the professional atmosphere set by those on stage, backstage, in the orchestra and operating the technical equipment. Huge thanks once again to all involved.



It may appear that the school production is all that happens in the Autumn term but far from it. In December, ten Year 13 students devised and performed two incredibly moving and thought provoking pieces of Physical Theatre based on the themes of Greed and Mental Illness. They were rewarded for their hard work with some excellent marks for this practical assessment.

As the spring term began 23 Year 11 students began rehearsing for their scripted performance examination which took place in March. This is the largest cohort of GCSE Drama students we have ever had so it took a lot of hard work to get to the fantastic standard that they achieved. There were four pieces, 'The Caucasian Chalk Circle' by Bertolt Brecht, 'Missing Dan Nolan' by Mark Wheeler, 'Kindertransport' by Diane Samuels and 'Bouncers' by John Godber. All the students worked exceptionally hard and I was very pleased with the standard and the achievements of all involved. The results reflected this and three students were awarded full marks for this unit. Overall the GCSE results were fantastic this year 1 A*, 4 A's, 11 B's, 5 C's and 2 D's.



Whilst the GCSE exams were being prepared the eight AS students began working on a group performance of 'Oh! What a Lovely War' by Joan Littlewood as well as four duologues taken from the plays 'Our Country's Good' by Timberlake Wertenbaker and 'Blood Wedding' by Federico Lorca. The new syllabus presented many challenges for the students and they certainly worked hard to rise to the test and all of them should be congratulated.



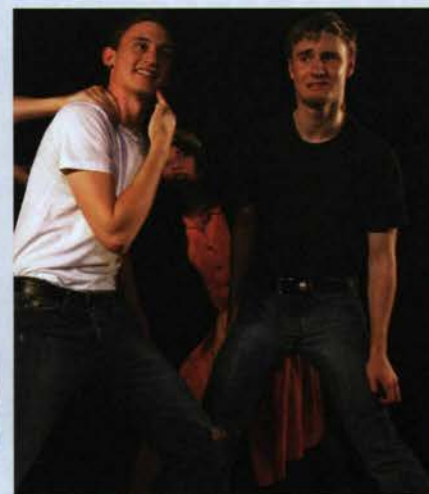
By the beginning of May there had been 11 examination performances and that was not the end. Year 13 were about to present their last practical examination pieces. The group of 10 split into girls and boys and performed their own interpretations of two plays, 'Top Girls' by Caryl Churchill and 'East' by Steven Berkoff. This final practical assessment sets very high standards and the students had to work to develop a high level of understanding of the plays and the work and style of the playwright. This hard work certainly paid off as four students gained full marks for this unit. The evening was a great showcase of the talent and ability in the Sixth Form and the progress they have made over the two year course.

Whilst examination preparation does dominate the year there is still time for other areas of Drama to develop outside of the curriculum. This year two Drama scholars have been successful in the auditions for the National Youth Theatre; a huge achievement as some 4000 youngsters from across Britain audition to be part of the highly acclaimed youth group. Catherine Snow and Sebastian Bignell will both take part in a two week training course in London with industry professionals before they can audition for NYT shows. On a similar line, one of our leavers has been successful in being offered places at the Central School of Speech and Drama and Mountview Academy. Edward Nash will start his three year acting degree at the highly regarded Mountview Academy in September. Competition is extremely fierce for these courses and I am very proud that one of our scholars has made the grade.

The summer term sees the start of preparation for the Lower School production and in May I decided to tackle a more serious and stylistic piece for this year's show. A cast of 40 Year 7 - 9 pupils rehearsed and rehearsed in the heat of the summer sun to perform a very poignant and satirical look at homelessness and rejection.

The play was called 'Do We Ever See Grace' and I was delighted with some of the debut performances from the likes of Ruth Semmens and Amelia Page. Altogether as a group of performers their professionalism and focus was what really impressed me and the performances showed what talent and commitment there is in Drama at Bethany. The Orchestra starred again under the excellent tutelage of Mr Briggs and it was a pleasure to bring Drama and Music together for another show.

Over the course of the year students visit the theatre frequently. This year students from Years 9 to 13 went on a total of 12 theatre visits. Highlights included, 'Billy Elliot', a firm favourite, 'Brief Encounter', an amazing piece of multi-



sensory physical theatre and a magical interpretation of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' at the Novello. These visits are crucial to students' development in Drama and underpin much of the work they do and, most importantly, they always have such a great time going to the various venues and seeing live theatre.

It was a hectic and rewarding year but in closing I would like to thank the staff and parents who continue to wholeheartedly support the work of the Drama department.

Helen Kirk
Head of Drama



Upper Sixth Leavers 2009

**John Arch (2004)**

Applied Business Studies, Drama, Music, Photography
Prefect
Film Production
University College for the Creative Arts

**Alexander Barrett (2007)**

Communication Studies, Geography, Music, Photography
1st XV Rugby, 1st XI Hockey
Diploma in Modern Music
Brighton Institute of Modern Music

**Beth Bowler (2005)**

Art, Photography, Textiles, Theatre Studies
Sports teams?
Art and Design Foundation course
Brighton

**Daniel Clifford (2004)**

Applied Business Studies, Design Technology
Prefect, Head of Pengelly
Tennis, Rugby, Football, Hockey
Gap Year, then University

**Emeline Croome (2002)**

Food Technology, BTEC PE, Photography
Prefect, Head of Speakers
Captain 1st XI Hockey, 1st VII Netball, 1st IX Rounders
Health and Fitness
Teeside

**Oliver Donkersley (2004)**

History, ICT, Photography
1st XV Rugby, 2nd XI Football, Tennis
Employment

**Joseph Dougan (2002)**

Applied Business Studies, Photography, Spanish
Prefect, Deputy Head of House
1st XV Rugby, 1st XI Hockey, 1st XI Football, Tennis, 2nd XI
Cricket
International Business
Sheffield Hallam

**Jessica Ferdinands (2002)**

Biology, Chemistry, French, Photography
Prefect
Agricultural Land Management
Royal Agricultural College

**Charlotte Forster (2002)**

Food Technology, Textiles, Theatre Studies
Head of Kiplings
Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award
Prosthetic Make-up and Costume Design
Worcester College

**Natasha Hamilton-Brown (2007)**

Art, French, Maths, Spanish
1st VII Netball, 1st XI Hockey, 1st IX Rounders
Business Management
Cardiff University

**Paige Ashton (2007)**

Business Studies, Chemistry, Food Technology, Geography
Prefect
1st VII Netball, Captain 1st IX Rounders
Gap Year, then University

**Matthew Beattie (2004)**

Art, Design Technology, Ethics & Philosophy, Music, Photography
Judo Team
Music
Oxford Brookes

**Daniel Brown (2002)**

Applied Business Studies, Food Technology, BTEC PE
1st XV Rugby, 1st XI Football
Business Studies
West of England

**Mark Clifford (2004)**

Business Studies, Design Technology, Photography
Prefect, Head of Mount
Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award
Captain 1st XI Hockey, Tennis, 2nd XV Rugby
Gap Year then Business Management

**George Curtis (2004)**

Applied Business Studies, Communication Studies, History
Head of School, Prefect
Captain 1st XI Football, 1st XV Rugby, 1st XI Cricket
Public Relations
Bournemouth University

**Katie Dougal (2007)**

English, Ethics & Philosophy, French, History
Prefect, Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award
1st XI Hockey, 1st IX Rounders
Gap Year, then University

**Samawal Elobeid (2004)**

Arabic, Biology, Business Studies, Communication Studies,
French
Deputy Head of School, Prefect
1st XV Rugby, 1st XI Football, Judo team
Economics with International Business
Loughborough

**Victoria Fields (2004)**

Biology, Communication Studies, Theatre Studies
Head of School, Prefect
Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award
Gap Year, then University

**Rory Gilbert (2003)**

Business Studies, Communication Studies, English, ICT
Journalism
Southampton Solent

**Christopher Hangartner (2002)**

Business Studies, Geography, History
Prefect, Deputy Head of Mount
Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award
2nd XV Rugby
Royal Navy Officer Selection

**Jennifer Heaysman (2005)**

Communication Studies, French, Photography
 Prefect
 1st IX Rounders, 2nd VII Netball
 Gap Year, then University

**Oliver Hindle (2003)**

Business Studies, Communication Studies, History, Theatre Studies
 Prefect, Head of Kendon
 Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award, 1st XV Rugby
 Gap Year, then University

**Jenny Hookham (2007)**

English, Food Technology, BTEC PE, Theatre Studies
 Pengelly Society Secretary
 Acting and Performance
 Dundee College

**Harry Huntington (2007)**

Communication Studies, Photography, Theatre Studies
 1st XI Football, 2nd XV Rugby
 Diploma in Bass Guitar
 Brighton Institute of Modern Music

**Christopher Kirkland (2007)**

Applied Business Studies, Communication Studies
 Politics
 University of Surrey

**Christopher Levett (2007)**

Art, Business Studies, Design Technology, ICT
 1st XV Rugby, 2nd XI Football
 Engineering Product Design
 London Southbank University

**Thomas Lloyd (2004)**

Applied Business Studies, Food Technology
 Prefect, Head of Orchard
 Captain 2nd XV Rugby, 1st XI Cricket
 Employment

**Christina Mikelis (2007)**

Art, Photography, Textiles
 Art and Design Foundation
 Central St Martin's

**Edward Nash (2004)**

History, BTEC PE, Theatre Studies
 Prefect
 1st XV Rugby, 1st XI Hockey, 1st XI Cricket
 Acting
 Mountview

**Simon Perry (2002)**

English, Geography, History
 1st XI Football
 History and Politics
 Edinburgh University

**Daniel Helesfay (2002)**

Biology, ICT, BTEC PE
 Prefect. Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award
 Captain 1st XV Rugby, 1st XI Hockey, 1st XI Cricket, 2nd XI Football
 Sports Science with Coaching
 St Mary's, Twickenham

**Jessica Hollingsworth (2004)**

Business Studies, English, Spanish, Textiles
 Prefect
 Gap Year, then Primary Teaching

**Freddie Hulbert (2002)**

Art, English, Ethics & Philosophy, Music
 Head of Speakers, 1st XI Cricket, 1st XI Hockey
 Psychology
 University of Kent

**Simon Jenkins (2002)**

Geography, Maths, Photography, Physics
 Gap Year then Landscape Architecture at Gloucester

**James Lees (2002)**

Communication Studies, English, Theatre Studies
 Captain 2nd XI Football
 Creative and Professional Writing
 Nottingham University

**Laurence Lidington – (2002)**

Art, English, History
 1st XV Rugby, 2nd XI Football
 History and Sociology
 Edinburgh

**Gregory Lusted (2002)**

Biology, Chemistry, Ethics & Philosophy, Music
 Prefect, Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award
 Cross country team
 Biomedical Science
 Manchester University

**George Morgan (2002)**

Art, Music, Photography, Textiles
 Art and Design Foundation
 Central St Martin's

**Nicholas Panfilov (2007)**

Applied Business Studies, Art, Photography
 2nd XV Rugby, 2nd XI Football, 2nd XI Cricket
 International Business
 Plymouth University

**Alexander Pocock (2002)**

English, Ethics & Philosophy, Geography, History
 1st XI Football, 1st XI Hockey
 History and American Studies
 University of Kent

**Harriet Proud (2002)**

Communication Studies, Photography, Theatre Studies
Deputy Head of School, Prefect, Head of Roberts
Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award
Captain 1st VII Netball, 1st XI Hockey, Tennis
Gap Year, then Fashion Academy London

**Harry Schofield (2002)**

Communication Studies, History, Photography, Textiles
Gap Year, then University

**Victoria Scott (2007)**

Art, Photography, Textiles
Gap Year then Business Studies
University of Sussex

**Wing Ki Siu (2007)**

Art, Chemistry, Chinese, Maths, Physics
Prefect
1st VII Netball, 1st IX Rounders
Chemical Engineering
University of Swansea

**Michael Spencer (2002)**

Communication Studies, English, Ethics and Philosophy
Moving overseas

**Thomas Streetley (2003)**

English, Geography, ICT, Spanish
1st XI Football, 1st XI Hockey
Sports Journalism
Southampton Solent

**Rafael Sutcliffe-Roberts (2004)**

Communication Studies, Ethics & Philosophy, Spanish
2nd XI Football, Tennis
Spanish
Portsmouth University

**Charlotte Swain (2007)**

Biology, English, Maths, Theatre Studies
Prefect
1st VII Netball, 1st IX Rounders
Gap Year, then University

**Laurie Tack (2005)**

Business Studies, Dutch, Maths, Physics, Spanish
Deputy Head of School, Prefect, Head of Orchard
Head of Kiplings
Economics and Accountancy
University of Kent

**Hugh Thomas (2004)**

Communication Studies, English, Geography, History
1st XI Hockey, 2nd XI Football
Gap Year, then University

**Jack Vaughan (2002)**

Art, Biology, Geography, Photography
Prefect, Head of Kiplings
Fine and Applied Arts
Canterbury Christ Church

**Katy Ward (2002)**

Business Studies, English, French, Textiles
Prefect
French and Modern Greek
King's College, London

**Patrick Watsham (2004)**

Applied Business Studies, Food Technology
Prefect
1st XI Hockey, 1st XI Cricket, 2nd XV Rugby, 3rd XI Football
Employment

**Matthew Webb (2004)**

Art, Design Technology
Art and Design Foundation
Central St Martin's

**Toby Weiss (2002)**

English, Ethics & Philosophy, Geography, ICT
Philosophy
West of England

**Richard Wells (2002)**

English, Ethics & Philosophy, History
1st XV Rugby, 1st XI Football, Tennis
Gap Year, then University

**Alexander Wilson (2004)**

Business Studies, English, BTEC PE, Spanish
1st XV Rugby, 1st XI Hockey, 2nd XI Football, Tennis
Sports Science and Management
Nottingham Trent

**Alexander Woodhouse (2004)**

Business Studies, Communication Studies, Music, Photography
1st XV Rugby, 2nd XI Football
Music
Academy of Contemporary Music Guildford

**Daniel Wright (2002)**

Design Technology, Geography, Photography
Prefect, Vice Captain Speakers
Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award
1st XV Rugby
Gap Year, then University

**Michele Yau (2007)**

Business Studies, Chinese, Food Technology, ICT, Maths
International Hospitality
University of Surrey

Mathematics

Happy Puzzles

On Tuesday, 23rd June the Happy Puzzle Company came to Bethany. We took part in our sports houses; Roberts, Kiplings and then Speakers. There were many puzzles to do and they all made us think, plan and work together as a team.

Harry Street

It was difficult but very worthwhile.

James Found

It was an excellent fun filled day. I loved the penguin balancing game and the tube puzzle. Go maths Puzzles.

Patrick Cooter



Maths Diary

Once again the weekday Maths Clinics have proved to be a great success. Anyone has been able to seek advice and encouragement with their mathematical problems.

Next year we look forward to running a gifted and talented session during activities time as well as supporting grade border line students through booster pack work on "MyMaths".

Magic Maths Day	22nd June 2010
Bridge Day	23rd April 2010
Intermediate Maths Challenge	4th February 2010
Junior Maths Challenge	29th April 2010



Bridge building

On 1st May Year 10 did a session of bridge building. This was a two hour session. At first we started working on our own where we had to make simple triangle based pyramids. We did this by using elastic bands and six 20 cm pieces of dowling. After some people struggled at first everyone completed their triangle based pyramid. After this we were split into groups of four or five with our pyramids and we had to make a bigger pyramid. We started to the make bridges. Some people tried the simple ones but others wanted to go for the challenge of a cantilever bridge. Again we had a limited amount of materials. To the surprise of some people they managed to make the cantilever bridge. Once everyone had made their bridges and the instructor had looked at them, our final task was to make a huge cantilever bridge by merging two or three groups together. We had a lot of fun and laughter and we would love to repeat this session.

Aur lie Tack and Oliver Beams

Mathematics Challenge

Top set students, plus a few extra willing students, took part in the two national Mathematics challenge competitions during the course of the year, giving them all an opportunity to shine. The top students in each year were as follows:

Year 7

Bronze certificate and best in year:

Ben Minchell

Bronze certificate:

Fred Carter, Ruth Marsden

Year 8

Bronze certificate and best in year:

Daanish Riaz

Bronze certificate:

Oliver Watson, Jemima Ellis, Casper Gill

Year 9

Bronze certificate: Alex Clayden-Spence,

Dominic Williamson

Year 10

Gold certificate and best in school:

Kiko Zhou

Silver certificate: Andrew Lockwood

Bronze certificate: Tom Hupje, Jack

Greenhalgh, Philip Woodhead

Year 11

Gold certificate: Nathan Taylor

Silver certificate: Xi Wen Zhang,

Oliver Hamilton-Brown

Bronze certificate: George Holker,

Michael Lees, Tom Spencer, Isobel Thomas



Geography

Department wins National Award

The Geography Department was delighted to learn that it had been awarded the Secondary Key Stage 3 Geography Quality Mark awarded by the Geographical Association as part of the Government's Action Plan for Geography. The Award recognises high levels of achievement and progress in the quality of teaching and styles of learning in a modern department. Garry Simmons, our Head of Geography, was particularly pleased with this Award as it came on the back of the Department's best ever examination results at both A Level and GCSE, which were considerably above the national average for the subject.

Chris Fisher, who is the School's Director of Teaching and Learning as well as a Geography Teacher, felt that the Award was well deserved as it recognises the high standards and innovation in the teaching and learning of Geography.

Bethany is one of 80 schools throughout the country to have received this Award, which is now in its fourth year and which is rapidly becoming embedded as the national standard for the teaching of geography in schools.

From Ashes to the Phoenix



Generations of Bethanians will remember with fondness those wooden huts they called the Science labs. You may remember smelly chemistry performed on heavy iroka furniture, which no doubt had many initials etched into them while students listened to the exciting process of electrolysis. The more mature Bethanians amongst you, may even remember using a rifle while learning the wonders of projectile motion in physics (you can imagine my surprise when I uncovered the rifle in the store room in my first year here as Head of Science!).

With the ever changing nature of Science it seemed appropriate to throw out the old and bring in the new. Fortunately the Headmaster and Governors thought so too. With members of the Science Department having experienced teaching classes under trees in Africa, we knew that of fundamental importance, is the quality of teaching, not the facilities. The teaching and learning is what ignites that spark of enthusiasm and promotes curiosity for the magic of science. However, the facilities do help. With my appointment, I started to research science lab design across the country including the fantastic facility at the University of York. I was keen for our facility to cause excitement to compliment the subject: to create that 'Wow-factor'.

Designs were well underway when I received a call one midnight to say that the Science labs were on fire. The natural thought was to look for signs of arson, however the electricians were fraught and the fire department confirmed that this was the most likely cause. Luckily no one was harmed and coursework had already been sent away! The damage however was severe. Temporary accommodation had to be brought in over the holiday and 90% of our equipment had to be restocked. The Headmaster was determined to ensure that the students had good science teaching in September of 2007, regardless of the circumstances.



With incredible determination, enthusiasm and commitment from the staff and a team of governors, July 2008 saw the first module of the new building arrive on an enormous crane. Forty eight modules and four months later, staff and students stepped into the new Science Centre which includes a large multi purpose room for whole school use.

The reaction has been phenomenal. Students have been heard saying 'this makes me want to study science'. Parents have been amazed by the modern design compared to their memories of science labs and headmasters from local and international schools have been equally impressed by ergonomic design, standard and 'wow-factor' of the labs, prep room and chemical store.



From the moment you step inside the building you see fascinating images from the world of science which look like they belong in a gallery. A diagrammatic DNA molecule lines the inner foyer while a LCD screen keeps students up to date with notices, as well as interesting facts or video clips of pupil pursuits at the Herstmonceux Observatory, Eden Project, Howletts Zoo, the Natural History



Museum, Science Club or pond-dipping in the new pond behind the Science Centre. Never a dull moment!

Solar panels, solar tubes and green technology are in use to put into practice what we teach and the sixth form scientists have their own workroom with a massive fish tank built into the wall. When our sixth formers are not observing the baby fish in the mouth of the mouth breeders, they are discussing scientific ideas and drawing flow charts on the board, rather than gossiping over their weekend pursuits (surprising but true!).

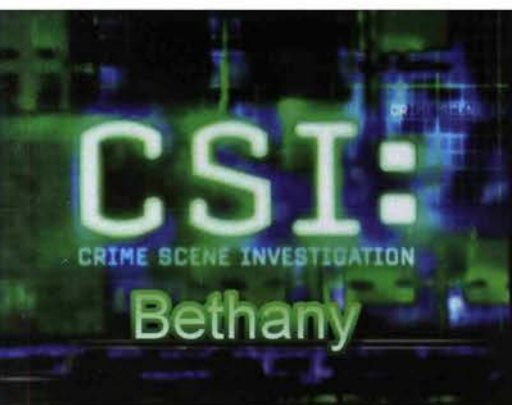
The labs are colour coded between the disciplines and after a lab-naming competition, the students themselves have named the labs after their favourite scientists: Hubble, Curie, Mendeleev, Haber, Pasteur and Jenner. Stepping inside the labs you will see four corian-topped pods designed for 24 students. This allows students to face the board or projector during theory and work around the other ends for practical work, with easy access to electrical and gas points. Around the perimeter is plenty of benching for larger investigations. What strikes most visitors is the size of the labs, allowing plenty of room for experiments, meeting Health and Safety regulations and with ample room for physical learning.

The Science staff employ a multisensory approach to learning which is made easier in the larger facility. Peeping through the door of the Jenner lab for example, you may spot students acting as red blood cells while walking through a meter long diagram of the heart embedded in the floor. In the Hubble lab students could be walking along the circuit on the floor explaining the flow of electrons in series and parallel circuits, while pupils dissect fish in the Pasteur lab. In the Mendeleev lab you will find students mixing chemicals and doing flame tests and in the Curie lab students are acting as particles in a solid, liquid or gas.

We believe that Science is a 'hands-on' subject and therefore we do as much practical work as time allows, in and out of the classroom. Year 7 scientists especially enjoyed pond-dipping in the fantastic new pond behind the Science Centre.



A highlight for the Year 9 scientists was the first edition of CSI Bethany. The students watched a video report by the Head of Science showing the crime scene in the Jenner lab, where Boris, our skeleton had been stolen. They observed the collection of evidence gathered by our

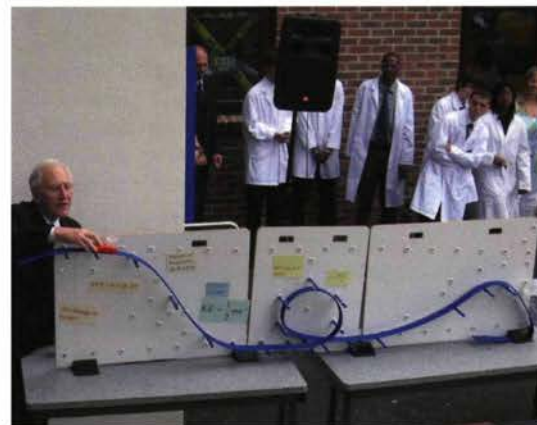


caretaker and ex-policeman, Mr Roberts. Supervised by the Heads of Anthropology (Miss Goldsworthy), Chromotography (Mr Vickerman), Microscopy (Mrs Macdonald) and Fingerprinting (Mr Thomas) the Year 9 scientists used forensic techniques to eliminate the suspects: Mr Williamson, Mr Hart-Dyke, Miss King, Mrs Vince and Mr Norgrove. Much to their surprise they discovered that Mrs Vince was guilty (she



was apparently looking for a man who didn't talk back!). To everyone's relief, Boris has been returned to the Jenner lab and Mrs Vince has been forgiven!

To put the cherry on the top, the science results in external exams have been pleasing too and once again, some of our students have gone on to study science related degrees at university.



It has been an exciting year. Staff and pupils have appreciated the generosity and vision of the School to allow, for what I believe, is one of the best facilities in the South East. The Science Centre was officially opened by our outgoing Chairman of Governors, Mr Christopher Jackson on Speech Day, with the help of our rollercoaster buggy setting off a series of whizzes and bangs set up by the A level scientists under the watchful eye of Mr Thomas and Mr Vickerman.

I would like to thank the Science lab committee consisting of Nick Dorey (Headmaster), Christopher Jackson (Chairman), Andrew Pengelly (Governor), Sue Fenn (Governor), Robert Harmer (Governor), Simon Douglas (Bursar), Brian Chapman (Estates Manager) and Richard Boother (Consultant). Their unwavering support, wisdom and enthusiasm to make this project future proof, economic and 'wow', never failed. A big thank you also goes to the team of Science staff, who put in many hours of work behind the scenes and worked in some very difficult circumstances for some time, always putting the students' best interests first.

From the ashes to the phoenix, we are all very proud to be part of a new generation of scientists at Bethany School.

Delaéhle Gale
Head of Science

Sports - Rugby

1st XV

The 1st XV had a very sound season. Commitment and passion were always the team's strength and on a number of occasions the opposition were simply overwhelmed by their determination to win. Although the season finished with a 4→7 win loss ratio, three matches went to the wire and Bethany ended up losing by a solitary score. Captain Helesfay was a leader of men all season, working tirelessly both on and off the field. Many players made impressive contributions as the season progressed and development of individual abilities alongside team cohesion was evident.

Although an unfavourable win loss ratio this season, the score card highlights the competitiveness of matches and paints a rather different picture. Many winnable games did slip away, but the team must be congratulated for their efforts against many larger schools. Alongside captain Helesfay, George Curtis had an impressive season at Fly Half. A good left boot was used well on many occasions, sending the opposition back into defensive corners and providing a platform to build from. His line breaks and coolness in many situations were also great assets. New boy Dulley converted from back row to inside centre and provided a direct running threat, a strong pivot to work around and a brick wall for opposition centres to try and run through. Many crunching tackles often set the tone for the game. Congratulations also go to Levett, Lamptey and Dougan who always ran with pace and power and scored a number of tries this season. The forwards provided a good platform and competed well in all games. The Kent College pack spent all day going backwards while a larger Richard Challoner front eight were out scrumaged and out played in the loose. Guy Wilczek was a constant threat and scored a fine hatrick against Duke of York's, while Dan Wright, Michael Churchill and Daniel Brown provided tenacity, power and pace respectively.

On a final note, many of the team move onto to pastures new and we wish them all the very best in the future, thank them for their efforts, and hope they continue to follow their sporting passions in the years to come.

M. Payne

Played 11, Won 4, Lost 7
For 138, Against 199



2nd XV

After a fairly disastrous start, this turned into a pretty good season, all told. Our performances in the first few games were, to be frank, terrible and I often wondered where our next point might come from. Watching our performances from the sidelines was a painful and sometimes embarrassing experience: King's Rochester, for example, when we attempted a clearance kick to touch from behind our try line, hit the posts and conceded a try. Our first four matches resulted in heavy defeats and despite signs of life, we hadn't really put much together at all.

The turning point was the St. Bede's match due to an improved team performance which finally brought us a couple of good tries. From then on, the season improved and Cranbrook were well beaten in the next game. We should have beaten Duke of York's, but just couldn't finish them off; it's a measure of our improvement that we were disappointed with the draw. Our last three performances were all excellent, against Notre Dame (an easy win), Sutton Valence (although mistakes cost us a possible victory) and finally the hugely enjoyable 64-0 rout of St. Lawrence, in which we more than doubled our whole season's tally of tries.

So, after a shocking first half of the season and a four match run of defeats, we finished with a run of only one defeat in five. It was great to see the development of players and the team as a whole and I sincerely hope that the majority of these players stay together for next season, when I'd expect them to be more than a match for anyone.

I'd like to thank the senior players who led the team so well, especially Dan Clifford and Tom Lloyd. Our awards were given to three players who've been hugely influential:

Most Improved Player: Oliver Donkersley

Players' Player of the Season: Matt Stockley

Player of the Season: Tom Lloyd

S Davies

Under 15

Junior Colts

The U15 squad have been absolutely immense this year. The commitment, effort and improvement have been phenomenal. The regime was tough with early morning fitness training, lunchtime technical and team strategy sessions and a demanding fixture list. All the hard work would eventually bear fruits and turn out to be a hugely successful season.

In total the team played 14 matches losing only four; to Sutton Valence, Skinners, Duke of York's and in the Kent Shield Final to Kemnal Technology College.

The team's run in the Kent Shield was particularly impressive. The first round match was against Priory School. Despite the physical nature of the opposition and some of the questionable conduct displayed, the team kept their discipline. It wasn't long before the Bethany forwards secured good possession enabling the backs to attack. Despite some physical defensive play from Priory, Eduard Adell opened the scoring to claim the first of his two tries. The forwards

secured clean ball from the restart and, not to be out done, Eddie Ephraim scored the first of his four tries shortly after. Strong running in the backs from Senna Osman, Joe Dowse and Charlie Watson constantly caused problems for the opposition. In the forwards Patrick Elliott, Drew Richards and Marcus Woodhouse were faultless. Again, the forwards dominated in the second half with Elliott and Woodhouse picking up tries. Tom Difford at 10 slotted in four conversions, one penalty and a fine drop kick. All of the players conducted themselves well and contributed significantly to the 54-0 win.

Bethany came into the next match against Wilmington Grammar in high spirits and put the opposition under immense pressure from kick off. Soon aggressive forward play and slick running from the backs paid off with Eddie Ephraim scoring the opening try. Tom Difford converted to take Bethany into a 7-0 lead. Wilmington dominated the scrum, their fly half making some Wilkinson-like breaks, but sheer doggedness from the Bethany team prevented them scoring. Drew Richards and Patrick Elliott were superb in the contact area for the forwards. The backs were slick in attack and eventually Tom Difford scored a superb individual try. Marcus Woodhouse who was immense at No 8 registered the third try for Bethany. It was a superb team performance winning 17-0.

In the quarter final match against Bexley Grammar, Bethany started positively and some great forward pressure led to the ball being turned over by Eddie Ephraim for the first try. Within minutes of the restart, Eduard Adell finished off a superb run to register his try. The forwards were also impressive with Marcus Woodhouse and Drew Richards always making ground. Callum McConnachie was causing problems at scrum half and was rewarded with a fantastic individual try.



Continued pressure led to Eddie Ephraim crashing over to secure the game with less than 10 minutes to go. Again, an excellent performance from all players to produce a 15-0 win.

The semi final against Bishop Justus School was, undoubtedly, the best game of the season and all the hard work paid off. The team was absolutely on song. Bethany applied pressure from the kick off with some aggressive defensive play. This led to a couple of early penalties giving Bethany a six point lead after 10 minutes. Further pressure and a kick and chase saw Tom Difford score under the post and extend the lead to 13 points. A lapse of concentration gave Bishop Justus a try to reduce lead to 13-7 at half time. In the second half fantastic pressure led to two more penalties. The continued pace and pressure by Bethany with Eduard Adell scoring two tries, took the game beyond the reach of Bishop Justus and Bethany won 31-7.

The final against Kemnal Technology College proved to be as difficult as we had anticipated. Kemnal started very strongly and applied pressure from the whistle. Consequently, it wasn't long before the mistakes piled up and Kemnal took the lead. Bethany showed character and raised the bar. Excellent forward pressure and some slick and aggressive running from the back line saw Bethany create some chances and put Kemnal under the cosh. The second half belonged to Kemnal and the points soon mounted up. Against a much stronger team Bethany never gave up and, considering what Kemnal have achieved this season, did extremely well to compete. The final score, 41-3, does not reflect the competitiveness of the match and all the Bethany players conducted themselves admirably.

All 26 squad members have shown huge dedication this year and it is very hard to single anyone out. However, special mentions should go to Eddie Ephraim and Eduard Adell who scored 18 tries each, to Callum McConnachie and Patrick Elliott for leading the team, to Tom Difford who was a rock at No 10 and to Joe Dowse who was undoubtedly the unsung hero.

I would like to thank all the staff and parents who have been involved with supporting the side this year. I would also like to offer huge gratitude to many of the squad who showed such devotion and commitment over the season and I hope that they will continue to develop over the ensuing years.

C. Bingham

Under 14

Junior Colts

With a few players absent, some changes had to be made for the first match of the season against Gravesend, but this did not affect the enthusiasm of the team. As Gravesend had brought so many players, it was decided to play the match in four quarters allowing more players to take part and for the coaches to assess the players in their squads.

The first quarter proved to be quite a surprise for the Bethany team, as the opposition was fast and moved the ball easily around the pitch. Once Bethany had recovered, they started to compete effectively and kept Gravesend to a fair score.

In the second quarter, Bethany played very well, with better tackles and any loose balls being secured and used to their advantage. This change in attitude put Gravesend on the back foot, allowing Bethany to get some points back.

The third quarter was similar to the first, although the Junior Colts were better motivated and worked harder, causing the opposition to become a little frustrated. The final quarter was quite even, with Gravesend only managing to score once so, despite the loss, the Junior Colts showed that they could play as an effective team that, when motivated, can play good rugby.

Having learnt from the mistakes against Gravesend, the team was keen to test themselves against Beth's Grammar, an opposition known to be quite strong. The match held some promise, with many of the players giving their all and putting in the best tackles they could against the larger opposition. Tristan Smith scored the team's only try, the final score was 37-5 to Beths.

Rugby (cont)

On 8 November, they played against Wilmington Grammar. It was a cold and wet match and, with the opposition only managing to bring 13 players, it allowed our reserves to keep warm by playing for the opposition. It was an evenly matched game, with both sides putting in some good runs and tackles. Eventually, Jamie Dougal scored in the last two minutes of the game; the Junior Colts winning 5-0.

The penultimate match was against Duke of York's. Bethany played a game of two distinct halves. In the first half, the defence could not exclude the opposition's fast runners, although Duncan Sunderland scored a try, taking us into half time 20-5 down. The second half was much better. Tristan Smith scrabbled a try, which George Allen converted. The final score of 46-12 to Duke of York's did not reflect the positive and determined attitude shown by the Junior Colts.

The last match of the season was against Chatham Grammar. The first half was difficult to settle into, as the back line struggled to keep their alignment. Tristan Smith scored, picking the ball up off the back of a great team move. The second half was much better and, although there were still some gaps in defence, the Junior Colts played more as a unit. Ed Dewing scored a try in the corner, although we gave away a silly penalty and Chatham replied. The final score of 41-10 was a bit of a disappointment but once again did not reflect the positive attitude of the team.

Overall it was a long and tiring season, with failures and successes. The team worked hard throughout and developed as a unit as the season progressed. Well done to everyone for their efforts and I hope that they enjoyed it as much as I did.

C D Macdonald

Under 13

The season started off very positively with wins over Notre Dame 48-0, Wilmington 14-0, Ashford 16-0, Chatham Grammar 27-0. Losses were against Duke of York's 37-5, King's Rochester 25-5, St. Lawrence College 10-0 and Vinehall 34-0 in the first term.

Due to the prolonged bad weather at the start of the New Year, four games were cancelled and the only game played in this part of the season was against

Dulwich Prep. Despite three tries by Oliver Watson, Dulwich drew ahead and won. Oliver was by far the major try scorer from No8 scoring 15 of the 18 scored. Joshua Novell, Finn Hulbert and Ben Golds each scored one try as well. John Pearson was very accurate with his conversions scoring four from six in one match and two of these were from quite wide out.

I have taken the Under 13's for a number of years now and this team has more potential than in many previous years. Ben Golds should be congratulated on his captaincy and play close to the ball. Luke Kavanagh is developing into a good Prop, James Locksley is becoming a very mobile and influential flanker and younger players Joshua Novell, Adam Ransom, James Lautch, Luke Shaw and Joseph Holland made a positive impact and should have gained invaluable experience for next year.

P Marriott

Harlequins Rugby Development Day

In December three Harlequins' players visited Bethany for a rugby development day sponsored by the Anthony Clarke memorial fund. The players, David Strettle, John Brooks and Alex Rogers worked with two Bethany squads and focused on targeted skills using practices experienced at professional level, they are pictured here with the junior squad. The boys responded with energy and enthusiasm and gained valuable understanding into some of the finer points of the game. There was also time for many stories to be shared regarding life as a professional player and tales from the England camp. A memorable day!



1st XI

The 1st XI football team had a fine season in 2009. They embarked on a tough fixture list with a resounding victory against Buckswood School 7-0. Sam Elobeid began his good form in front of goal with a couple of excellent finishes. Captain George Curtis led the team well and consistently raided down the left hand side.

An early season loss at Kings Canterbury galvanised the team and a resounding 6-1 victory against Ashford was followed by an excellent 2-2 draw at Brighton College. As games progressed the squad grew in confidence and developed a quick passing style of play that the opposition found difficult to cope with. Simon Perry developed into an automatic choice at centre back alongside Tom Gibson and became a difficult line to break. The line was further reinforced by some excellent defensive midfield performances from Tim Threshie. Tom Dixon began to produce performances that were matured and assured. An excellent range of passing often opened up defences while he was always breaking up play in the midfield and a threat at set plays. Sam Elobeid continued his fine form in front of goal while strike partner Harry Huntingdon constantly put defences on the back foot with his energy and pace.

Although losing 1-0 to Christ Hospital and 2-0 to Cranleigh School the team was never out played and may well have won on another day.

The season finished with a real flourish. Sam Elobeid continued to score a number of excellent goals and finished as top scorer, while Dan Brown and Joseph Dougan became a real threat, unlocking defences down the right hand side. Another well earned 1-1 draw against Hurstpierpoint School was followed by an excellent run. A 5-3 win against Colfes and a 4-0 victory over Sutton Valance completed the fixtures. Congratulations to the whole squad who contributed to a fine and successful season.

The team also finished with a goal difference of "PLUS 14". Well done to all involved!

Played 9, Won 4, Drew 2, Lost 3

M. Payne

2nd XI

2009 was a season of real progress and development for the Bethany 2nd XI. With a blend of seasoned veterans (i.e. Year 13's) and hungry newcomers (i.e. Year 11's) there was always going to be a bit of a settling in period; this proved to be the case as the team lost their first three games in a row, scoring a grand total of two goals whilst conceding fourteen! However, even during these defeats, there were signs of real potential which evolved into some great performances over the rest of the season during which the team remained undefeated.

The excellent four game run-in began with a 1-1 draw at home to Hurstpierpoint – a match we thoroughly deserved to win but, unfortunately, failed to after conceding a last minute equaliser. We then played away to Cranleigh which again yielded a goal apiece, however, Bethany created enough chances to have scored seven or eight whilst limiting Cranleigh to only occasional attacking forays – the first win was still proving to be elusive but was surely only just around the corner.

The penultimate game of the campaign saw a very strong Colfe's team arrive at Bethany on the back of four straight wins themselves. However, after a slow start (and an early goal for Colfe's directly from a corner), we started to impose our authority in what was certainly the hardest and most physical game of the year. We fashioned out a fantastic opportunity at the end of the first half only for Hussein Lamptey to be hacked down in the area. However, it was Hussein himself who scored the resulting penalty. The second half saw us put in an even better performance but the goal just wouldn't come . . . until Richard Mills made his way from his defensive midfield position to get on the end of a left sided corner and smash home the second goal. We held out for that vital first win of the season.

The final game was at home to rivals Sutton Valence. As it was, the team couldn't have ended the season any better – Sutton Valence weren't the strongest team we had played but you can only beat what is put in front of you! We finished the season with a thumping 7-1 victory in which Hussein Lamptey scored a hat-trick.

Indeed, Hussein scored with the last kick of the game to finish the season as top scorer with five goals, overtaking his brother, Salam, who finished with four. Other notable mentions must go to George Palmer, who got assists for eight out of the thirteen goals scored over the season (and got a couple himself); to Ov Donkersley who, as a Year 13 student, has had to hang up his gloves after a couple of fine seasons in goal; to James

Lees (also retiring) who captained the team magnificently and his performances in the centre of defence got better and better as the season progressed.

Most importantly, at the end of season awards ceremony, the Players' Young Player of the Year Award was presented to Harry Lindsley for his superb all action displays in the heart of midfield and the big prize – the Players' Player of the Year Trophy - went to Mikey Lees for some outstanding performances; he showed a tremendous level of consistency throughout the season and his passing ability created a host of opportunities for team mates. It was also great to see him get on the score sheet himself in the last game of the season.

All in all a fantastic season and one which augurs very well for the next few years.

J Vickerman

Under 14 & 15

The U14 and U15 football teams both had a limited season as fixtures proved difficult to come by. Nevertheless in the handful of games played, both teams were always competitive.

The U14 team made good progress and turned a 5-1 loss against Lingfield Notre Dame in their first game of the season into a 2-2 draw against the same opposition in their last game. The U15 squad always played with enthusiasm and determination but unfortunately failed to secure a win in any of their games.

M Payne

Under 13

The U13 team started the season in good form. A 3-0 victory against Buckswood saw debutant Ollie Watson hit a 30 yard screamer into the top corner. John Pearson split the defence on numerous occasions with his pace and scored a well taken goal while man of the match, Adam Ranson, dominated the midfield and capped his day with an excellent strike from outside the box.

The team then travelled to the Prep School 5 a-side tournament at Dover College. An early loss to Dulwich did not dampen spirits and fine performances against Dover in particular resulted in a third place finish in the pool of six teams.

Against Battle Abbey, we dominated the game and achieved a 5-1 win. John Pearson added to his tally for the season with a very good goal, while Adam Ranson again scored from outside the box with a thunderous strike. However, goal of the game was a stunning curling effort from Luke Kavanagh. The strike from 30 yards left the goalkeeper rooted to the spot and everyone else, including the referee, applauding.

As the season drew to a close, a Year 7 team continued the winning streak against Beechwood with a 7-0 win. The final two games of the season proved to be the toughest test and although a narrow defeat to St Edmunds and Sevenoaks is recorded, the players were determined and competitive throughout.

A fine season and congratulations to all players.

M Payne



Cricket



1st XI

Lingfield Notre Dame were the first opponents to a talented Bethany side which was brimming with confidence. Hulbert scored an impressive 49, Churchill 50 and Dulley contributed with a quick fire 40. The total of 190 was too great for the opposition and bowling figures of Hulbert 5 for 7 and Haydon 2 for 10 saw us win comfortably.

St Bede's followed and another fine batting display from Churchill 54, and Dulley 37, helped build a total of 200. Excellent bowling by Churchill, Haydon and 4 wickets for Curtis restricted St Bede's to a limited total and a second victory for Bethany.

The Forty Club were next to visit and a very different match format faced the team. Churchill continued his good form, hitting 60 and a last wicket stand of 47 between Gibson and Nash took Bethany over the 200 mark. Another fine bowling display and sharp fielding ensured the Forty club would never reach the Bethany total in their allocated time. A total of 87 for 6 sent them home with plenty to think about. Match drawn!

King's Rochester, with a strong cricket reputation, were next to visit. We batted first scoring 153 and came out firing in field, delivering our best performance when it was needed most. Kings' openers were quickly dispatched to the pavilion and although the middle order put up a fight, the introduction of Curtis derailed any challenge. A breathtaking finish of 5 wickets for 7 runs, including a 4 for 4 from Curtis, left Rochester shell shocked and 91 all out!

Next up was a testing fixture against Cranbrook. Batting first again, we scored a sound 153, including 56 from Hulbert. Although fielding and bowling well, we fell short by 1 wicket as Cranbrook achieved the total set. The following day we travelled to Dover College for a 20/20 match and a tired display resulted in our second defeat. Despite this the team entered the eagerly anticipated game against the Curtisden Strollers in good spirits. The Strollers scored 138 in their innings and

the boys knew they had a game on their hands. Churchill and Bignell opened and although dropped right, left and centre by the Strollers, were finally removed for 50 each (when retired!) Helesfey and Curtis completed the run chase. A well earned victory.

During the final game of the season Bethany 1st XI recorded a handsome win against the "Old Boys" scoring 173 off 25 overs, Phil Semmens scoring a magnificent 103. The old boys fought valiantly and played some good attacking cricket with the bat but were all out in the 22nd over for 135.

M Payne

Under 15

The under 15's enjoyed a reasonably successful season, winning 4 of the 7 matches played. Everyone made huge contributions to the performances, ranging from the prolific scoring of Will Baker, Charlie Watson and Jamie Banks, to the bowling of Patrick Elliott and Patrick Jenkins and not forgetting match winning innings by Tom Difford, James Cameron and Callum McConnachie. To round the season off on a high, Bethany won the inaugural Granville U15 sixes at King's Rochester, winning all four matches, where Will Baker and Finn Hulbert scored some fantastic runs. Again all those involved were crucial in the success that day.

I would like to thank all the boys involved in cricket this year and would also like to thank all of the teams I have had involvement with over the last five years and will take away from Bethany many fond memories.

C. Bingham

Under 14

Season 2009: Win 1 Lost 4

Lingfield provided a tough start for the U14 team. James Found and Sam Helesfey bowled good line and length restricting the Lingfield team. Unfortunately the momentum could not be maintained and the Lingfield batsmen accumulated a tough total off the second bowling spell. We lost early wickets and although Frank and Hagerty tried to resist, the excellent Lingfield bowling saw Bethany collapse and all out in the 13th over.

Maidstone Grammar away was a fixture that would require far more resistance. We rose to the challenge and although the game was lost, Frank scored good runs as the team reached 78. Helesfey and

Found continued to bowl well and Townley, returning for his first game, added spice to the attack with his spin bowling.

The improvement continued against TWBGS. Good batting from a number of players, particularly Sutton and Townley, saw us play out their 20 overs and set a good total. Again we bowled well and took a number of good catches but it was not quite enough.

We secured our first win against Mascalls with the last ball of the game. An all round batting performance from players 1-11 set an innings total of 112. Helesfey, Found and Townley again bowled very well, forcing Mascalls to play shots at all times. Good fielding helped pressure the batsman and a fine win was secured.

For our final game we travelled to Battle and rather lost our way with the bat. A total of 68 runs was always going to be difficult to defend on a small pitch. However, accurate bowling from players of the season, Helesfey and Found, made Battle work hard and bat out most of their 20 overs before reaching the total.

M. Payne

Under 13

The Under 13's had a very successful season winning five of their seven matches. All five were wins by a large margin over Claremont, St. Lawrence Ramsgate, Lingfield Notre Dame and Buckswood. We also finished the season with an emphatic win against Dover College, scoring 212 in our 20 overs with five players being retired early and Finn Hulbert high scoring with 53 not out. Josh Novell scored 28 and John Pearson 23. The opposition were bowled out for 9, yes 9, with Ben Golds batting for them finishing joint top scorer on 2 not out. 8 of their team were out for 0!

The two defeats by Dulwich and Marlborough House were very competitive but on both occasions we failed to score enough runs to really challenge the opposition. The team did not perform to their potential in the Bethany Sixes, losing to Dulwich and Yardley Court but, despite losing early wickets due to careless mistakes, we were still competitive. Adam Ranson top scored with 90 runs in his three games and was the Bethany Player of the tournament.

Adam Ranson was excellent in the field, bringing off some remarkable catches. Finn Hulbert should be congratulated on leading the team so well. I hope he continues to prosper in his future cricketing career and I look forward to hearing of his success.

P Marriott

Boys' Hockey

Senior Boys Hockey

The Senior Boys started their season in January with a tough match against Cranbrook. Playing at home was to our advantage, with neither side able to dominate the match. Cranbrook squeezed past our defence to score, leaving us 1-0 down at half time. After a solid passage of play, we lost our structure a bit but fortunately, Cranbrook could not score again. The final score 1-0 to Cranbrook did not reflect the effort of the team, but left us with something to think about.

The second match was against King's Rochester. We started well and both maintained and absorbed pressure. Unfortunately we were missing two of our regular defensive players and King's scored twice before Alex Pocock could reply. We started the second half more positively, building several attacks and eventually, the pressure told and Alex Pocock scored again, this time at full stretch on the floor. King's scored two more from penalty corners, taking the final score to 5-2 in their favour.

The next match was away against Skinners. They made their intentions clear from the start, sending an overhead ball down the pitch but the defence restricted their momentum. The pressure told early on and Skinners scored despite our best defensive efforts. Fortunately some committed work and quick thinking enabled us to equalise by driving the ball into the D and pressurising the defence; Ed Nash eventually put the ball into the net. Skinners scored from two short corners that we gave away, while Mark Clifford scored from a short corner awarded to us. In the second half we gave little away and applied pressure. With 20 minutes to go, Skinners was awarded a short corner. Tenacious defence meant that it took Skinners five attempts at their short corner before they scored. After this our heads dropped and we adopted a very defensive pattern of play. Skinners scored again, winning the match fairly convincingly.

The return match against Cranbrook was played on their new surface. Playing on an unfamiliar, rather bouncy surface, it took a while for us to settle into any useful pattern of play. After 16 minutes, Phil Semmens managed to get himself on the end of a good cross to score and we retained the lead until half time. Cranbrook scored just after the break but we got ourselves together, allowing Mark Clifford to score and Daniel Clifford to score 5 minutes later. Cranbrook scored following an aggressive counter attack but we maintained the pressure and urgency, eventually giving Alex Pocock the chance to score an impressive goal. The final score of 4-2 to Bethany reflected our hard work and tenacious play and was a well deserved win.

The next match, against Battle Abbey, was always going to be a competitive match, with both teams having reputations to defend. The buoyant mood lasted until Battle scored an easy goal in the first few minutes of the second half. Mark Clifford equalised from a penalty corner and the game settled a little. Following a stoppage in play, Battle exploited our break in concentration and managed to work around the defence to score. With three minutes to go, we just could not break through Battle's defence, the match ending with the score 2-1 in Battle's favour. It was a frustrating match as we were dominant for most of the game, only making a few mistakes. Nevertheless, it gave us a lot to think about and allowed us to prepare thoroughly for the final two matches of the season.

The penultimate match was against King's Rochester at Marden. We expected a tough match, so it was quite surprising when Alex Wilson raced around the opposition to score in the opening minutes, with Alex Barrett scoring shortly afterwards for the first time this season. Our structure got a bit out of shape, allowing King's to break through our defence and they would have scored if it were not for Will Dulley taking the ball off the line (and knocking the whole goal over in the process!). After an earnest half time 'chat', Alex Pocock scored a skilfully worked goal and Alex Wilson scored a minute later. This seemed to be the motivation that we needed, as Alex Barrett then proved he could actually 'finish a packet of Cheddars' and scored again. Alex Pocock and Alex Wilson each scored again, taking the final score to 7-0.

The final match of the season was away against Rochester Maths. After the almost torrential rain and hail had blown over the match got underway. It took us a while to settle and Rochester exploited this and scored early on. This seemed to kick us into gear and we managed to hold the opposition back for much of the half but despite our best efforts, Rochester were 3-0 up at half time. The second half started with Rochester breaking through twice in the first ten minutes to score. We then picked up the tempo, playing to our plan as much as we could and got into the D a few times, but could just not finish. A very competitive and entertaining passage of play ensued, with neither side gaining any advantage. The final score of 5-0 to Rochester Maths was a disappointing end to the match, but was outweighed by the gutsy performance of the second half.

Overall it was a good season, characterised by a very positive atmosphere in the team. Every member of the squad gave of their best, both in training and matches. Their efforts paid dividends, with better results than we had last season.

Alex Pocock should be congratulated as the team's top scorer with five goals. He was closely followed by Alex Wilson and Mark Clifford with three each. The rest of the points were contributed by Dan Clifford, Phil Semmens, Alex Barrett and Ed Nash with one goal apiece.

The defence of Dan Helesfay, Dan Clifford, Will Dulley and Brandon Begg worked incredibly hard, with James Ruddy bravely playing in goal from time to time. The midfield was ably held together by Freddie Hulbert and Mark Clifford, allowing the tenacious forwards to do their thing.

Well done to all of you on a very pleasing season! I hope that you have enjoyed it as much as I did.

C. D. Macdonald



Under 13 Hockey Season

Won 1, Lost 4, Drawn 1, Goals For 6, Goals Against 11

The team shows some potential and being able to work on our own Astro has certainly helped the development of their skills. The season started with a 4-0 loss to the hands of King's Rochester who were already on their 11th game. We went 1-0 up against Ashford but again, Ashford, a more experienced side pulled ahead to finally win 4-2. Goals were scored by Finn Hulbert and Adam Ransom. Two 7 aside teams played against Claremont with the A's drawing 2-2 (goals from Hulbert and Ransom) and the B's drawing 1-1. The A's were to get their first victory over Dulwich 3rds 2-0 playing some skilful hockey with goals again from Hulbert and Ransom. The B's lost 1-0 but put up a great fight against Dulwich's 4th team. The final game of the short season saw the team concede a goal in the dying minutes of the game to lose 1-0 against Rochester Maths. A creditable performance. Finn Hulbert was the most influential and skilful player and Oliver Watson is developing into a good goal keeper. Ben Golds is a solid influence in the defence and midfield and Adam Ransom has taken his chances well as striker.

P Marriott

Netball



1st VII

The start of the season saw the formation of a new squad so it took some time for the girls to get to know one another's capabilities and to gel as a team, particularly as only two members of the previous season's 1st VII remained.

Throughout the season some excellent play down the court was shown by Natasha Hamilton-Brown and Charli Swain who both worked tirelessly in every match. There was also accurate shooting from Harriet Proud and Emily Saunders.

We had a convincing win against Ashford School 39-11, which was the highlight of the season, with all the girls putting in a great deal of effort and determination. Special mention to the defence: Paige Ashton, Emeline Croome, Charlotte Harkness and Wing Ki Siu, who marked well throughout the match. We ended the season with a 21-13 win against Combe Bank and yet again the girls gave their all.

Early in the season most of the 1st VII, with a few additional players, participated in the annual versatility Tournament at Kent College. The girls enjoyed the morning and learnt a good deal about playing in different positions. At the end of the competition, all the teams vote for the best player from the opposition. This is then calculated and a player of the tournament is announced. For the second successive year a Bethany student won this accolade. Emily Saunders won a netball and a certificate for her efforts.

I would like to thank and congratulate all the girls for their hard work and dedication. The most improved player was Wing Ki Siu and player of the season was Charli Swain. I hope that the leavers will pursue the sport and that the two remaining players will continue to support next year's team.

Squad: Harriet Proud (captain), Charli Swain, Natasha Hamilton-Brown, Charlotte Harkness, Wing Ki Siu, Paige Ashton, Emeline Croome, Emily Saunders.

E Cornell

2nd VII

With 6 wins and only 2 losses it has been a successful season for the U16's. They made great progress, not only as individuals, but also as a team. This team work enabled them to successfully beat teams that they may have lost against in the past and it has been a pleasure to see them develop and flourish as the season progressed.

Despite losing against Benenden, we kept our heads held high and narrowly lost to St. Lawrence 11-16. The team's six wins were thoroughly deserved through hard training and dedication. Memorable wins included: Ashford 26-8, King's Rochester 26-10 and Combe Bank 27-13.

Many players deserve mentions; Becky Marshall for leading the team by example and giving 100% throughout the season, Karen Emberson for her outstanding shooting and Ellie Hunter for her swift transition into the centre position. The most improved player was CJ Delieu and Player of the Season was Karen Emberson.

S King

Under 15

The team had a mixed season with players having to switch positions due to injuries. We lost the first match to Benenden but then went back to basics and worked more as a team. We then managed to win quite convincingly against Cobham Hall 15-7.

The next few matches were cancelled due to snow, so after missing a few important training sessions, we lost our next match against Combe Bank 7-15.

The rest of the season consisted of wins including a 12-7 victory against Ashford School, a very closely fought match against King's Rochester which we won 15-14 thanks to come accurate shooting by India Parry and Bethan Gadd, excellent defending by Holly Stevens and Charlotte Bainbridge and as in all the matches throughout the season the consistent and determined playing of Gelly Newby, Yasmin Gordine, Dani Golan and Kirsten Enticknap.

Well played girls throughout the season. It may not have been the most successful season on the score board but we did lay the foundations for the next few years.

E Cornell

Under 14

This team had a good season with more wins than losses, the most notable being a 23 - 6 win against Combe Bank. They were also dominant against Lingfield Notre Dame, Gad's Hill and Battle Abbey, but drew with Cobham Hall.

A very hard game was played against Kent College Pembury where we were evenly matched until half time, after which our opponents substituted two Australian sport scholars into the team resulting in us losing 7-17.

All in all it was a great season with some excellent play. Jess Peters, Lucy Paffard and Isabella Healey capitalised on their height in defence and the centre court players, Emma Callan, Lauren Clark, Catherine Snow and Georgia Jackson did well with their slick passing system. The accuracy of the shooters, Vanessa Lucas and Amanda Hill, contributed to the team's successes throughout the season. Next year we will aim to build on these positive strengths.

Results: Played 7, Won 4, Drew 1, Lost 2

Squad: Vanessa Lucas, Amanda Hill, Lauren Clark, Emma Callan, Jess Peters, Lucy Paffard, Isabella Healy, Georgia Jackson, Catherine Snow

E Cornell



Under 13

Played 12, Won 5, Drawn 0, Lost 7
Goals For 104, Goals Against 100

The season started slowly and it took time to get the blend of players and positions working in our favour. Once the team was established, confidence grew. The team was captained well by Rosie Wood, who led by example. In every match during the second part of term she was voted player of our team, by the opposition.

Girls' Hockey

The final netball match of the season against Cobham Hall was by far our best match this year. All the training and practice finally paid dividends. The passing was accurate and flowed smoothly, the shooting was also accurate and we completely outplayed the opposition winning 28-8.

The development of passing between Goal Defence, Lydia Homewood, Centre, Rosie Wood and Wing Attack, Emily Smith, advanced the play of the team. When on form, the shooting of Alice Healy and Natasha Brattle, was superb and they must aim to maintain their accuracy next season. Emma Penney played well as Goal Keeper and Fabienne Valentine-Hosein, Lauren Garrett, Izzy Dowse and Theresa Brattle also played their part.

Although they only won five matches, many of the losses were very close, as can be seen by the goals for and against – they have actually scored more goals than they conceded!

Well done to all the team for a very enjoyable season.

F Johnson

Under 12

The U12's had a difficult season, with various coaches and a new team. Playing mainly prep schools, meant that they were at a disadvantage from the start, as they were playing teams that had been together for a number of years. Nevertheless the team was strong-minded throughout the season and fought with grit and determination, never giving up, even in the face of defeat.

Although it will take a while for this team to gel and to work as a unit, there are without question, some real stars for the future. Special mentions should go to Toni Brattle for her fantastic interceptions and to Amelia Page, the U12 player of the season, for her on-going hard work in all matches, both in attack and defence.

S King

Senior Team

The first match of the season was against St Lawrence College at home. The two sides were very evenly matched, with neither scoring in the first half, although we should have been at least two goals up, but had been unable to convert their opportunities into points. The second half was better, and although we managed to exploit the defensive weaknesses of the opposition, these chances were not converted. The team worked well together and the flow of play improved as the match progressed. Unfortunately, St Lawrence scored after creating some pressure in the D winning the match 1-0.

A tough match against Ashford away was next. Despite the difficult start, Bethany came close to scoring although Ashford mounted steady pressure and eventually Bethany succumbed, once in the first half and twice in the second and the match ended with Bethany 3 – 0 down.

The third match was away against Lingfield Notre Dame and did not start well as we let in three early goals. The half time chat allowed many players to express their frustrations, which seemed to help. Harriet Proud eventually scored off a short corner but Notre Dame replied shortly after. The match ended 4-1 to Notre Dame.

The team next travelled to Combe Bank to play a 6-a-side indoor match. It was a huge change from the normal style of play and, with different rules, was quite frustrating. The team played well, communicated effectively, but failed to score. Combe Bank managed to score winning 3-0.

The next fixture was an 8-a-side match against St Greg's at home. With the very vocal support from teachers, parents and friends there was quite a festive atmosphere. Karen Emberson opened the scoring, followed by Emeline Croome. Harriet Proud scored before half time, taking us into the break 3 – 1 up. In the second half Karen scored again but our concentration slipped causing us to concede two goals. Fortunately, our defence held out for a 4 – 3 victory.

On an overcast day, the Seniors played against Gad's Hill at Marden. From the start we were on the offensive, driving forward and causing panic amongst the opposition. We scored four goals in 11 minutes, two from Karen Emberson and one each from Harriet Proud and

Emeline Croome, followed by another from C.J Delieu. The team continued to communicate well, creating and using the available space. Harriet scored again and set up another for Karen. With so many players working to get the ball, the structure got a bit chaotic but C.J managed to score another two goals and Ellie Hunter scored to finish off an outstanding team performance, winning 10-0.

On a cold, wet day, the girls travelled to Ramsgate to play St Lawrence. Both teams settled into some exciting hockey and Karen Emberson managed to score the only goal of the match. Some great interplay between defence and attack allowed a quick-paced, exciting match which was made even better by the fact that we won!

The penultimate match was against King's Rochester at home. King's scored twice early on. We could offer no reply, but started strongly after half time, building pressure until Amelia Birrell scored. The match ended 2-1 to King's, but the team played incredibly well, never giving up and working hard until the final whistle.

The final match of the season turned out to be a mixed match due to the commitments of the Battle team. This meant that four boys had to be drafted in. With no goals in the first half, a revised team plan worked well and C.J Delieu scored a great goal, closely followed by one from Freddie Hulbert. Six minutes from time, Daniel Helesfay finished a great individual run by scoring. A 3-0 win was a marvellous way to end an eventful season.

Overall, we won 4 matches and lost 5, with 20 points for and 16 against. The whole team worked hard to improve but Rebekah Marshall was the most improved player. The keenly fought for title of Player of the Season went to Ellie Hunter for her consistency and commitment. Our top goal scorers were: Karen Emberson (6), Harriet Proud (4), C.J Delieu (4), Emeline Croome (2).

Thank you to all who played this season, your hard work was much appreciated. Well done, I am very proud of you! Thank you also to Emeline Croome for her efforts as captain, as well as to Miss King and the boys who helped with training sessions and matches.

C D Macdonald

Girls' Hockey (cont)

Under 15

The Under 15's played their first match against St Lawrence at home. The first half consisted of end-to-end hockey, with the teams able to match each other for pace and skill. St Lawrence took the advantage early on after building up pressure on our defence. In the second half we looked dominant, showing that we had the necessary skills to compete well. Holly Stevens managed to finish off a scrabbled attack levelling the score. Just before full time, India Parry exploited the confusion in St Lawrence's defence to score the winning goal. The team deserved their 2-1 victory.

The second match was against Kent College. The match started well but we soon panicked and lost our structure. This allowed KC to score three goals in quick succession. Despite this, we kept our heads up and played as well as we could. In the second half, KC scored again, increasing their lead to 4. It seemed as if the match would end this way, until the forwards managed to get into the D and score. This gave us some hope and two minutes later, Hannah Kelly scored. The match ended on a very good note, with Bethany making progress in both attack and defence, the final score: 4 - 2 in Kent College's favour.

The next fixture was at home against Gad's Hill. After a worrying start, we settled into our game. After developing a bit of urgency, India Parry scored the opening goal to take us into half time 1-0 up. In the second half Holly Stevens scored early on. A well worked piece of defence allowed the midfield to break out and take advantage of Gad's Hill's poor defensive structure. Holly scored again, taking the score to a very comfortable 3 - 0, which is how the match ended.

A 6-a-side indoor match at Combe Bank was next. This was quite a change but we adapted well and, led by a vocal and enthusiastic Yasmin Gordine, did well. Towards the end of the first half, Coombe Bank was leading, but goals from Yasmin and India levelled the score to 2 all. Combe Bank scored early in the second half, but Yasmin, Holly Stevens and India replied - India scoring twice in the second half. The final score was a well deserved 6 - 3 victory.

The penultimate match was against King's Rochester away. The match started slowly, with both teams attacking and defending equally well. After 17 minutes, King's broke away from our defence and scored. This spurred us into action, with India Parry soon scoring an equaliser. King's then scored again just before the break. We started the second half with more enthusiasm and drive, but King's

aggressive goal keeping kept us from scoring, despite several opportunities. Our defence slackened as the second half drew to a close, allowing King's to score twice. The final score was 4-1 in King's Rochester's favour.

The final match was against Lingfield Notre Dame at home. Due to transport difficulties, Notre Dame could only field 6 players so 2 of our team offered to play for the opposition and a 7-a-side match got underway. From the start, it was clear that one of the opposition players would cause us problems as she was quite skilful. Fortunately, our defence was up to the challenge and only let two goals in amongst the many shots taken at goal. Just before half time, Yasmin Gordine drove into the D and scored a great goal. Our tackling was very effective and Notre Dame could not score despite their best efforts. In the dying seconds of the match, a free hit put us into an advantageous position. A well timed hit allowed India Parry to break free and score, moments before the final whistle. A great team performance ended in a 2-2 draw, a very satisfactory result.

The entire squad worked hard during the season to improve their skills and developed into a competitive team. The most improved player was Aurelie Tack and player of the season was Yasmin Gordine. Top goal scorers were India Parry (7), Holly Stevens (5) and Yasmin Gordine (3).

The final tally of played six, lost two, drawn one and won three (16 points for and 14 against) is something to be proud of. Well done to the whole team for a great season, your efforts paid off. Thank you to Mrs Roberts for her brilliant coaching and to Miss King for her help and support.

C D Macdonald

Under 14

All of the Year 9 girls played really well in their Games sessions and this meant that there was a large squad to choose from and that there was good competition for the team places. It also made picking two 7-a-side teams much easier and it gave us plenty of subs when we played 11 aside.

There was a limited fixture list but we recorded wins against Lingfield Notre Dame and Battle, a draw against Buckswood and a loss against Kent College, Pembury. The match against Kent College was very memorable as not only was it our first match but the astro also turned from green to pure white in about 3 minutes flat - we were playing in a really heavy hailstone storm!



There is plenty of talent in the team and they should go from strength to strength as U15's. A fearless goalie, solid backs with good tackling skills, a couple of useful left-handers - giving an extra dimension to both defensive and attacking play - and some very good forward players who were keen to score.

S. Bicheno

Under 13

Played 5, Won 3, Lost 2, Goals for 7, Goals against 8

A very good season from the U13's who improved with every match. Our term started and ended against Beechwood and we turned our loss at the beginning into a win at the end. The highlights were our hard fought wins against Kent College and Lingfield Notre Dame.

The team was ably captained by Lauren Garrett, who led from midfield and also slotted in several goals. The goal of the season has to be from Amelia Page against Lingfield, where she nipped the ball into goal from her position on the post.

Natasha Brattle grew in confidence as Goal Keeper, as did Anna Burnham and Jenny Nightingale in defence. The most improved player of the team has to be Rosie Wood, whose stick skill, running and goal scoring ability put fear into the opposition in every match.

Well done to all who played in a most enjoyable season.

F Johnson

Under 12

Played 2, Won 0, Lost 2, Goals for 0, Goals against 6

Good effort was given by all who played and although they did not win either of their matches, several of the U12's played in the U13 team as well this year. The girls were also praised for their play when they entered the Indoor Hockey Tournament. Toni Brattle had a special mention for her goal keeping efforts.

F Johnson

Tennis

Tennis at the moment seems to be all about numbers. At Wimbledon - 11.8 million viewers for Murray's match against Stan 'the man' on Monday - under the £100 million roof in 30+ degrees of heat! At Bethany more than 50 people have represented the school in one or more matches of the 19 different competitions we have entered or the three friendlies. About another 40 have also taken advantage of the five lunchtime sessions and / or three activities sessions. That's getting on for a quarter of the school playing tennis!

Improvers and beginners alike have all benefited from Oli's help and coaching, but it is the team players who show, in their matches, the results of his work with them - for example more topspin on their groundstrokes, a kick serve, or better volleying and positioning in doubles.

So, there has been success as well, the highlights being - the girls taking games and sets off Benenden and winning 4 - 2 against Maidstone Girls' Grammar. The senior boys winning their friendly 7 - 1 against King's Rochester, the junior lads winning their friendly against Sutton Valence and the inter boys achieving a



6 - 0 whitewash against Ashford and also achieving quarter final places in both the plate and the main draw of the recent Kent one day tournament.

Of course there have been losses - and in true Bethany style we have managed, as ever, to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory - we must learn to close out those important points!

The players would also like to thank Miss Rayner, Mr Briggs and Mr Payne for their help and support during the season. There have been other opportunities for the tennis players as well. The two senior boys' squads went to the Royal Albert Hall

just before Christmas for the Black Rock Masters and had the pleasure of watching McEnroe play Sampras for the first time ever. The UVI had the chance to play Real Tennis at Petworth House in March and now realise why I play with so much slice! And finally, a group of us had the opportunity to go to Wimbledon.

At the time of writing I am hoping that Andy Murray can become the first Brit to reach a Wimbledon men's final since 1938 - or even win it after 73 years - what chances that Bethany will have their share of even greater success next year?

S Bicheno

Sporting and House Awards 2008 - 2009

The Roy Farquharson Trophy:
Senior Sportsman - George Curtis

The Powell Cup:
Junior Sportsman - Callum McConnachie
Anthony Clarke Trophy - Thomas Lloyd
Senior Sportswoman - Emeline Croome & Harriet Proud

The Green Cup:
Junior Sportswoman - Yasmin Gordine
Pippa Blackman Trophy For Academic Excellence in P.E. - Daniel Helesfay

Catchpole Tankard:
Contributions to minority sports -

Rugby

Ambrose Rogers Cup:
Greatest Contribution to 1st XV - Daniel Helesfay

The Halfhide Cup:
Most improved 1st XV player - Joseph Dougan

Treanor Cup:
Greatest contribution to 2nd XV Rugby - Daniel Clifford

Stubbs Trophy:
Greatest contribution to junior Rugby - Callum McConnachie

Football

Lawrie Mann Trophy:
Greatest Contribution to Football - George Curtis
Top Goal Scorer - Sam Elobeid

Cricket

Nigel Kimber Cricket Cup:
1st XI - Michael Churchill
Ray Richard Cup:
All-Round Achievement in Junior Cricket - William Baker
Jack White Trophy:
Bowling Averages - Freddie Hulbert

Netball

Pippa Blackman Trophy:
Greatest Contribution to Netball - Harriet Proud
Junior Netball - India Parry

Girls' Hockey

Hockey Most Improved Player - Becky Marshall
Hockey Player of the Season - Ellie Hunter
Greatest Contribution to Junior Hockey - Yasmin Gordine

Rounders

Senior Rounders Award - Paige Ashton
Junior Rounders Award - Yasmin Gordine

Johnson Trophy:
Most Rounders - Emily Saunders

Tennis

Senior Tennis Player - Daniel Clifford, Mark Clifford, Rafael Sutcliffe-Roberts
Junior Tennis Player - Oliver Donovan
Most Improved Tennis Player - James Found

Athletics

Wing Cup for Intermediate Boys Victor Ludorum - Eddie Ephraim
Greenhill Cup for Junior Boys Victor Ludorum - Oliver Watson
Intermediate Girls Victrix Ludorum - Pia Hitchcox
Junior Girls Victrix Ludorum - Rosie Wood

Swimming

Hill Cup: Victor Ludorum - Dominic Gasson
Junior Girls: Victrix Ludorum - Holly Stevens

Junior Awards

Marriott Junior Boy Performance & Commitment Award - Finn Hulbert
Marriott Junior Girl Performance & Commitment Award - Rosie Wood
Best performance in Bethany Sixes award - Adam Ranson

Sporting and House Awards 2008-2009 (cont)



Athletics Sports Results

Event	1st	Time
100m U13 B	L Y Man (K)	13.16
100m U13 G	F Valentine-Hosein (S)	14.66
100m U14 B	G Allen (K)	13.16
100m U14 G	M Knapp (S)	15.81
100m U15 B	E Ephraim (K)	11.91
100m U15 G	P Hitchcox (S)	15.06
200m U13 B	O Watson (S)	28.37
200m U13 G	A Brattle (S)	37.69
200m U14 B	M Kipping (S)	28.53
200m U14 G	J Leaper (S)	35.93
200m U15 B	J Dowse (S)	26.78
200m U15 G	I Parry (K)	34.41
400m U13 B	J Holland (S)	1.14.78
300m U13 G	R Wood (R)	54.84
400m U14 B	F Raishbrook (R)	1.05.38
300m U14 G	A Robinson (S)	54.25
400m U15 B	J Cameron (R)	1.06.59
300m U15 G	P Hitchcox (S)	38.34
4 x 100m U13 B	Speakers	1.01.00
4 x 100m U13 G	Speakers	1.05.88
4 x 100m U14 B	Roberts & Speakers	58.72
4 x 100m U14 G	Speakers	1.06.78
4 x 100m U15 B	Kiplings	53.50
4 x 100m U15 G	Speakers	1.09.22
1500m U13 B	J Novell (K)	5.59.68
1500m U13 G	A Clark (R)	8.01.94
1500m U14 B	A Clayden-Spence (R)	5.35.09
1500m U14 G	V Lucas (K)	7.12.48
1500m U15 B	G Roberts (K)	5.06.30
1500m U15 G	C Bainbridge (S)	7.04.72
Shot U13 B	C Gill (R)	8.66 m
Shot U13 G	R Wood (R)	6.03 m
Shot U14 B	M Kipping (S)	9.27 m
Shot U14 G	M Knapp (S)	5.63 m
Shot U15 B	M Azad (R)	10.06 m
Shot U15 G	Y Gordine (S)	7.14 m

Throw U13 B	F Hulbert (S)	55.9 m
Throw U13 G	J Nightingale (S)	30.9 m
Javelin U14 B	M Townley (K)	22.5 m
Javelin U14 G	E Callan (S)	13.3 m
Javelin U15 B	B Smith (R)	25.0 m
Javelin U15 G	J Newby (R)	16.3 m
Discus U13 B	J Monks (K)	15.60 m
Discus U13 G	R Wood (R)	15.69 m
Discus U14 B	J Dougal (R)	21.75 m
Discus U14 G	M Knapp (S)	17.30 m
Discus U15 B	S Osman (S)	22.86 m
Discus U15 G	D Golan (K)	16.15 m

Long Jump U13	B O Watson (S)	4.20 m
Long Jump U13	G F Valentine-Hosein (S)	3.75 m
Long Jump U14	B A Clayden-Spence (R)	3.85 m
Long Jump U14	G A Robinson (S)	3.60 m
Long Jump U15	B E Ephraim (K)	4.95 m
Long Jump U15	G C Bainbridge (S)	3.34 m

Swimming Sports Results

Event	1st	Time
1L Free U13 B	S Hewes (S)	15.88
1L Free U13 G	I Dowse (S)	14.85
2L Free U15 B	C Griffiths (R)	32.40
2L Free U15 G	H Stevens (R)	31.78
1L Breast U13 B	J Smith (S)	24.75
1L Breast U13 G	A Brattle (S)	22.16
2L Breast U15 B	D Gasson (S)	43.28
2L Breast U15 G	B Gadd (R)	45.55
1L Back U13 B	C Gill (R)	22.19
1L Back U13 G	T Brattle (S)	19.72
2L Back U15 B	A Watson (S)	39.34
2L Back U15 G	E Daniels (R)	42.28
1L Fly U15 B	D Gasson (S)	16.28
1L Fly U15 G	H Stevens (R)	17.38
4 x 1 Free U13 B	Speakers	1.15.44
4 x 1 Free U13 G	Speakers	1.07.62
4 x 1 Free U15 B	Roberts	1.01.07
4 x 1 Free U15 G	Roberts	1.05.25

School Colours

Full Colours

Rugby

Daniel Helesfay, George Curtis

Football

George Curtis, Sam Elobeid

Cricket

Freddie Hulbert, Michael Churchill, Daniel Helesfay

Hockey

Daniel Clifford, Mark Clifford, Freddie Hulbert, Daniel Helesfay

Netball

Paige Ashton, Emeline Croome, Natasha Hamilton-Brown, Harriet Proud, Wing Ki Siu, Charlotte Swain

Hockey

Katie Dougal, Emeline Croome, Natasha Hamilton-Brown

Rounders

Emeline Croome, Natasha Hamilton-Brown, Jenny Heaysman, Harriet Proud

Tennis

Rafael Sutcliffe-Roberts

Half Colours

Rugby

Joseph Dougan, Chris Levett, Daniel Brown, William Dulle, Guy Wilczek

Football

Harry Huntingdon, Simon Perry, Daniel Brown

Cricket

Sebastian Bignell, Tom Gibson, William Dulle

Hockey

Alex Wilson, Alex Pocock, Alex Barrett

Netball

Karen Emberson, Ellie Hunter, Becky Marshall, Kayleigh Gowen-Smith

Hockey

Harriet Proud, Amelia Birrell, Becky Marshall, Ellie Hunter, Emily Saunders

Rounders

Kayleigh Gowen-Smith, Paige Ashton, Beth Bowler, Katie Dougal, Charlotte Swain

Tennis

Cem Osman, Richard Mills, Lucy Van-Doren

Staff Moves

House Colours

Rugby

H Lamptey (K), O Donkersley (K),
R Mills (R), B Begg (R),
T Campbell (R), T Lloyd (R),
C Reid (S), M Thompson (S),
W Dulley (S), A Newman (S)

Football

T Dixon (K), H Lamptey (K),
T Threshie (K), M Lees (R),
R Mills (R), H Lindsley (R),
C Osman (S), T Gibson (S)

Hockey

E Nash (K), D Helesfay (R),
A Pocock (R), A Wilson (S),
F Hulbert (S), J Dougan (S),
G Curtis (S)

Netball

L Tack (K), Y Shearer (K), E Hunter (K),
J Hookham (K), K Dougal (R),
P Ashton (R), H Proud (R),
K Emberson (R), A Birrell (S),
V Scott (S), C Swain (S),
N Hamilton-Brown (S)

Hockey

R Marshall (K), E Hunter (K),
K Dougal (R), H Proud (R),
C Delieu (S), A Murch (S),
I Thomas (S), E Croome (S),
A Birrell (S), J Newton (S),
E Saunders (S)

House Trophies

The Jessel Shield –
Best House of the Year – SPEAKERS

Russell Shield:
Rugby – ROBERTS

House Trophy:
Cricket – SPEAKERS

Warner Cup:
Football – SPEAKERS

Hockey - SPEAKERS

Netball - SPEAKERS

Rounders – SPEAKERS

Athletic Sports - SPEAKERS

Swimming Sports – SPEAKERS

Phil Marriott



Phil Marriott has retired as Director of Sport after 23 years service to Bethany School.

He arrived when the School was boys only and the administration

was from Kendon House. His first office was in the infamous Railway Block, above the swimming pool. At this time the dank changing rooms were where the present Library is situated today.

Phil has always striven to improve the games facilities for the Bethany pupils and worked hard to ensure that after the Sports Hall was built, squash courts soon followed and fields were drained. The most welcome addition of all was the changing room block with offices, fitness room and classroom. The culmination of his work was the Astro, built in 2008.

Pupil numbers began to increase, as did the number of PE staff. Girls were admitted and the reputation of Bethany as a sporting school led to an influx of excellent individuals and team players. The curriculum was broadened under his leadership and examinations in A Level PE were supported by a one year GCSE in the lower sixth. Eventually GCSE PE became a Year 10 option and has flourished, often requiring two teaching groups.

It is Phil's love of rugby that most will remember him by. His dedication to teaching the basics and encouraging all who tried, will be ingrained in many past pupils. His efforts, primarily with 1st XV's, but also with the younger teams, enabled the boys to reach their full potential and many went on to gain county and national honours.

His other love was athletics and in the summer term, the arena resounded to his voice. Talented athletes passed through Bethany and were able to hold their own in the time when we had athletics matches against much larger schools. (The same also applied to swimming). Phil was District Athletics and Cross Country manager and encouraged scores of pupils over the years to represent Tunbridge Wells in the Kent County Championships.

Phil will also be remembered as a Housemaster, firstly of Old Poplars with the junior boys, followed by Pengelly with the older boys and finally as a tutor in The Mount. His BBQ's were legendary, as was his hospitality to all and his care of the Gap Year Students.

Phil's motto was always that if you were going to do something – do it well, to the best of your ability, no half measures – this even included the chapel services he took, which were always memorable. His presence will be missed by many. We wish him all the best in his retirement.

Fiona Johnson

Carl Bingham



Carl joined Bethany School as a PE teacher in September 2004. He quickly established himself as an enthusiastic, experienced and very much valued member of the Games Department.

Carl took on particular responsibility for rugby, overseeing a highly comprehensive and successful fixture programme. Perhaps his most notable success was coaching the U15 rugby squad to the final of the Daily Mail shield competition earlier this year. However, he also dedicated himself to coaching teams in other sports such as cricket.

Carl was also passionately enthusiastic about his classroom teaching and he was the driving force and inspiration behind the introduction of the very successful BTEC in sport as part of our Sixth Form programme. Carl also oversaw the introduction of our Sixth Form "Body for Life" fitness programme.

During his first year Carl was a Sixth Form tutor assistant at The Orchard and in 2005 he was invited to take over as Housemaster in Todmans, a position he filled until his departure. Carl's House BBQs and pig-roasts on Speech Day became legendary with tickets always sold out well in advance of the day itself!

Carl enjoyed the life and community at Bethany and was keen to contribute to many aspects of school life. He re-launched the inter-house competitive programme at Bethany to include a wider variety of activities, took on the organisation of the Y11 work placements and also ran two very successful ski trips to the USA. He was also the driving force behind a very successful and hugely enjoyable sports tour of New Zealand in 2007. Last but not least, Carl was manager of our legendary staff cricket team, the Curtisden Strollers.

We would like to wish Carl, Anna and Louise good luck as they move to Stourbridge so that Carl can take up his new position as a housemaster at Old Swinford Hospital School.

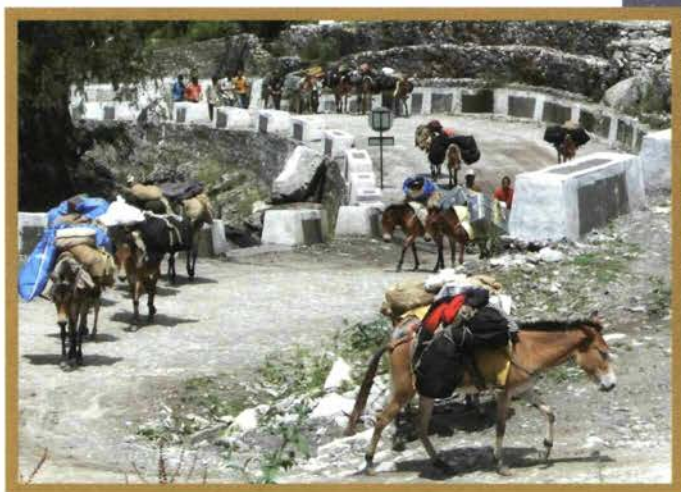
Sam King

Himalayas

On 10th July, after almost 18 months in the planning, 28 students from Years 11 to 13, set off for their month long expedition to the Indian Himalayas. With them were Mr Scholedge and Mrs Digby accompanying Group 1 and Mr Macdonald and Miss King with Group 2, as well as two leaders, Ollie and Zoe from True Adventure, the company through which the expedition had been arranged.

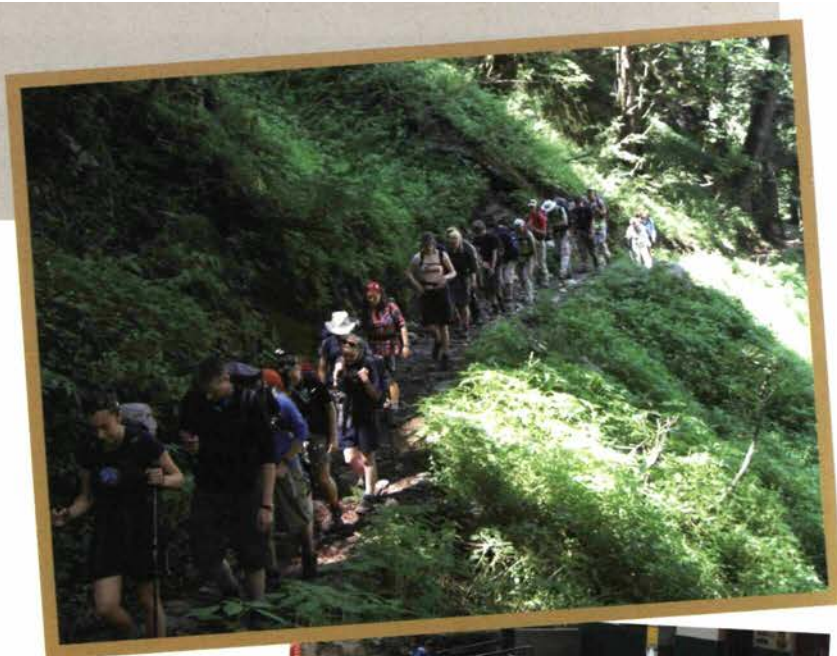
Each group undertook two six day treks in the Himachal Pradesh region, climbing to altitudes of over 4200m. The groups were accompanied by local guides, cooks as well as pony-men who looked after the ponies and donkeys that bore the weight of the kit. Twelve students in Group 1 successfully completed the expedition element of their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award during the trip. Both groups also undertook a week-long community service project in remote village schools which everyone found highly rewarding. The trip ended with a memorable visit to the Taj Mahal and sightseeing in Agra and Delhi.

Choosing a few photographs for these pages from the hundreds that were taken has been quite a task and particular thanks go to Mr Scholedge and Mr Macdonald for making their photos available. Hopefully these and the quotes will give a flavour of this once in a lifetime adventure!



What I loved most about India was the people. They were more open and friendly than most people in England. We were treated like celebrities; everyone wanted photos with us and chatted to us about family back home. It was almost surreal!

Barney Toynbee



Incredible, amazing, fantastic – these words do not accurately describe the expedition, it was that great! A once in a lifetime opportunity to give to people less fortunate than we are; to tour and trek in a wonderful country; to make good friends. It was a superb experience.

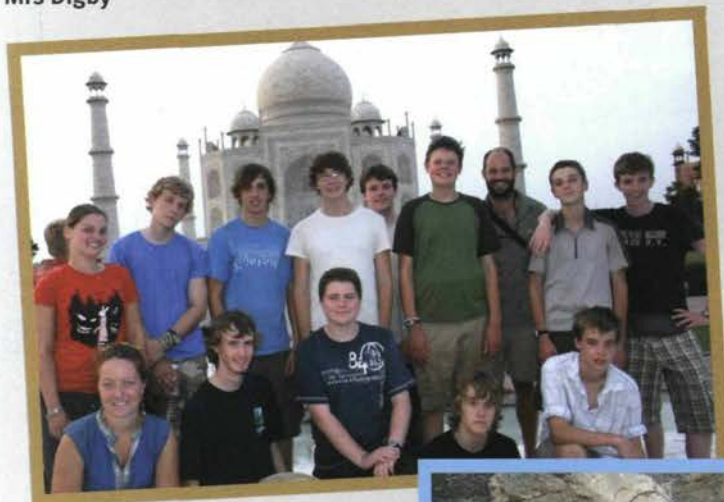
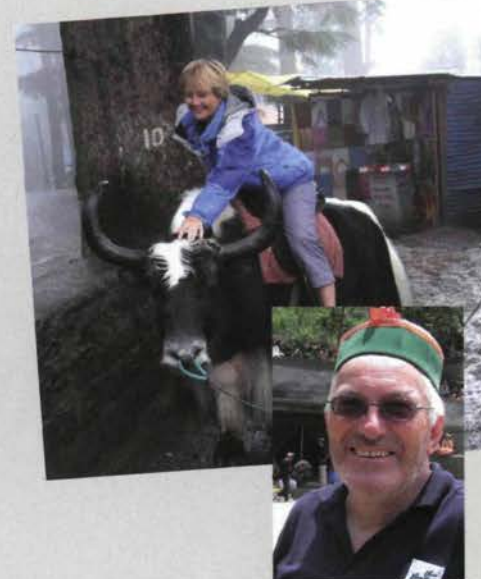
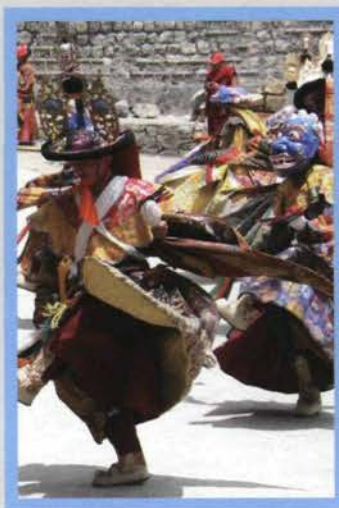
Mr Macdonald





My personal highlights were the positive attitude and team spirit within Group 1, the beautiful and dramatic scenery, as well as a sense of accomplishment of trekking to over 4000m.

Mrs Digby



The trip was incredible! My favourite memories were reaching such a high altitude, the amazing views and walking and camping with close friends.

Kayleigh Gowen-Smith



For me the highlight of the trip was the community project. It was certainly hard work but the reaction and the gratitude of the children and teachers when they saw what we had achieved and how we had transformed their school was incredibly rewarding and I will always remember our final day there.

Gemma Houghton



The trekking was excellent and lived up to my expectations, but the local people's reaction to the success of our project work was very emotional and was a reminder of what our students, and young people in general, are capable of when they are given the opportunity.

Mr Scholedge



Himalayas (cont)



The trip was amazing, a once in a lifetime experience, although I would do it again if I could. I got on well with everyone in my team and learned new skills. Working on the project was fulfilling, the trekking was challenging and the R&R was fun and a real cultural experience.

Patrick Culliney



Duke of Edinburgh's Award



This year was another excellent one for D of E at Bethany starting off with 51 enthusiastic Year 10's participating in the Bronze award. Their training involved a combination of skills, including learning how to pack a rucksack, first aid, camp craft and teamwork games, which everyone seemed to enjoy. Later in the year the group took part in an expedition on the North Downs.

A good number of the same pupils carried on to take part in the Silver award with expeditions in Dorset and the Peak District.

31 Sixth Form Gold participants travelled to the Lakes where some took part in a practice expedition while others successfully completed their assessed expedition.

As you will have gathered from the previous article a number of our students also completed their Gold Award expedition in the Indian Himalayas.

Here's what some of this year's participants have been involved in.

Volunteering:

Leonard Cheshire Disability provided the opportunity for some to help with their activities programme for residents throughout the year. Other students were involved in charity work for the Hospice in the Weald.

Skill:

These activities have varied from care of animals to music, cookery or creative arts.

Physical:

Included a full range of sports from sailing to mountain biking, horse riding, swimming and Pilates.

Residential for Gold:

Football coaching course in Spain, School classroom project in India or exchange programme in Taipei.

On a personal level I was honoured to be invited to act as a Marshal at a Gold award presentation ceremony in the Throne Room at St James Palace in November 2008.

There were approximately 21 Gold Award recipients on one side of the room and their guests on the other. My role was to supervise the assembly of recipients and to note any absentees. Marshals are responsible for ensuring the young people know when and how to stand to meet the royal party and to get them into position to receive their certificate. A key part of the role is a warm, personal greeting to each one and to introduce them to each other. Prompts to remember what they did to achieve their Award and a reminder that it's a good thing to speak up when asked, is also useful advice in advance of questions from the royal party.

My thanks as ever for the fantastic help from everyone involved in the running of the Scheme, and in particular the many expeditions, throughout the year.

Phil Johnson
D of E Co-ordinator



In Brief

Each year the school calendar grows and grows. Unfortunately there are far too many events and trips each year for us to cover in the magazine so we've only been able to select a few here. To keep up to date with all that's happening at Bethany, don't forget to keep your eye on the Latest News section of the website.



New York

The Sixth Form Business Studies students packed in a huge variety of visits during their four day stay in New York in February. A highlight was the sight of over 100 billion dollars worth of gold bars in the Federal Reserve Bank.



Lille

A group of ten senior students spent almost a week in Lille each staying with a different French family. They went to their hosts' school and had some intensive French lessons ahead of their exams.



Spain

35 students from Years 9 to 11 brushed up their Spanish, learnt to Salsa and visited the Alhambra Palace, Porta Banus and Marbella during a six day trip to Malaga in February.



Red Nose Day

Students and staff entered wholeheartedly into the spirit of Red Nose Day in March with an inter-house fancy dress competition. £1,300 was raised in aid of Comic Relief. Throughout the year in excess of £8000 has been raised for numerous charities both at home and abroad.



Camp Pepperoni

A group of younger pupils enjoyed the fun and games, not to mention Mrs Wood's excellent cooking, at the annual Camp Pepperoni at Carroty Wood, all interspersed with some light hearted study of the Bible.

Parents' Day, Speech Day, Leavers' Day

Speech Day at Bethany is always an extremely busy day and this year was no exception. The Houses ran a wide variety of stalls as well as a barbecue, a crepe stall and a beer tent and musical entertainment was provided by the "Lizards" and many soloists.



The annual fashion show, showcasing senior work, took place in the Textiles Room which had been beautifully decorated with an Indian theme to match the theme of the dresses and skirts designed and made by the AS students. There were many examples of exam work from other year groups on display and in keeping with the theme, Indian refreshments were served in the Food Technology room. The event raised just over £350 for the Hospice in the Weald.



At 11.00 am everyone assembled by the magnificent new Science Centre for its official opening by Christopher Jackson, our retiring Chairman of Governors. Mr Jackson has a degree in physics and had been fully involved with the development of the new Centre. Staff and pupils had devised an elaborate experiment - based on Heath Robinson - for the occasion and although the wind did its best to blow everything off course, a little help from a blow torch saved the day!

Following the Leavers' Service in the Chapel to which the Upper Sixth had invited Mr Jackson to be their guest speaker, the Leavers and their families lunched in the Upper Dining Hall, while the remainder of the school picnicked in the various Houses.

Mr Jackson had also been invited to be the Chief Guest at Speech Day. He welcomed everyone for the final time as Chairman of Governors, reflecting on another year of progress for the School. He said that the completion of the Science Centre, perhaps the finest in the South East, marked the end of the current run of major developments. He also touched on the recession, commenting that Bethany is well placed to face this, with optimal pupil numbers and only modest plans for expansion to some facilities.



Maintaining Bethany in the upper quartile of schools for quality, but in the lower quartile for cost, is the task facing Dr Andrew Pengelly, incoming Chairman of Governors. Dr Pengelly, a former Bethany pupil whose father was Headmaster, became a distinguished surgeon. Mr Jackson thanked him for taking on the Chairmanship, commenting that he has an incisive mind, imbued with the spirit of the School. He also thanked the parents for their on-going support and the staff for their tremendous efforts.

During his ten years as Chairman, Mr Jackson has seen the School grow over 50% in size and become financially more secure than most schools. Achieving this has been a team effort for which he thanked the first rate staff, a gifted Senior Management Team and the Governors, who have made superb contributions to the problems and challenges the School has faced. He said that it had been a delight to work with such a dedicated team. During the year the governance of the School had been externally assessed - with flying colours!

Reflecting on the twists and turns of his own long and successful career, through Unilever, voluntary social work, the formation of the Ludgate Group, his election as an MEP for Kent East, chairing several businesses and finally Bethany, he asked the Leavers if they could guess where they would be in ten years time.

Before closing, Mr Jackson paid tribute to his wife, Carlie, thanking her for putting up with business, politics and Bethany for 38 years. He concluded by wishing our pupils and leavers success and the strength and perseverance to deal with whatever comes their way. "Of one thing I am sure: Bethany has given you a firm foundation for the future".

The Headmaster opened his address by apologising that this year Speech Day clashed with the first Lions Rugby Test. There can be few Bethany parents who are unaware of the Headmaster's passion for cycling and this was the theme of his speech. More importantly for him, Speech Day clashed with Stage 8 of the Cycling Tour of Switzerland and of course, the real reason we no longer hold Speech Day on the final weekend of term is that the date always clashes with the start of the Tour de France, for him the most important date of the global sporting calendar!

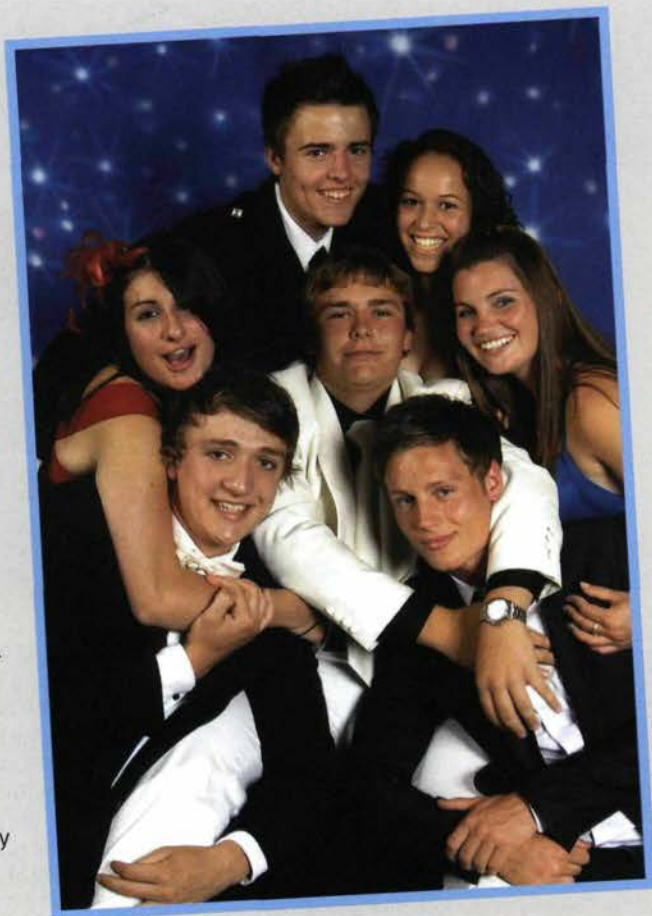
Mr Dorey asked everyone to consider the sight of the peleton or pack of 100 or more cyclists in the Tour de France. A team in the peleton has to act as an amazing unit if it is to succeed. He highlighted the many similarities between the peleton and the Bethany community, saying there were six lessons to learn from the peleton: efficiency, trust, sharing the load, caring for others, unselfishness and using your talents. To summarise, like the peleton, when we all work together we can achieve amazing things.

The Headmaster thanked Phil Marriott, as he retires after 23 years of loyal service at Bethany, and Carl Bingham as he leaves to take up his new post at Old Swinford School. He gave heartfelt thanks to Christopher Jackson and the dedicated governing body; to the

hard-working staff in all areas of the School; to the pupils and their parents. "You have all, each one of you, kept the Bethany peleton racing smoothly".

Andrew Pengelly, the incoming Chairman of Governors, had been asked to introduce Christopher Jackson, who as Chief Guest would be presenting this year's prizes and awards. However, as he doubted Mr Jackson needed any introduction, he felt he would rather take the opportunity to formally and publicly thank him for "Captaining the ship" for ten excellent years. He told him, "You are a man for all seasons, of many talents, all of which you have devoted energetically and unstintingly to Bethany for ten years. Thank you very much indeed". Dr Pengelly went on to say that he was honoured and flattered to have been asked to take over. "Although there will be a change of captain, the Board remains unchanged and the ship is in good shape. The rudder will not be moved much and we are well placed to sail through whatever rough waters may, or may not, lie ahead".

Following the presentation of the prizes the Heads of School, George Curtis and Victoria Fields, gave the vote of thanks and presented gifts to Mr and Mrs Jackson, including an original watercolour painting of the School,



as pictured below. The formal proceedings drew to a close and tea was served on the Headmaster's lawn where staff, pupils and parents were joined by members of The Bethanians' Society who had been holding their AGM during the afternoon.

The Leavers set off to don their glad-rags for the Ball at High Rocks, for what was reputedly one of the best Leavers' Balls for many years.

Alicia Houghton



The Bethanians' Society



All former students automatically become members of The Bethanians' Society once they leave the School. Membership is free and the Society's Committee organises various events throughout the year.

During the first half of 2009 two sporting events were successfully organised. In March, a rugby and hockey match took place and the beautiful weather brought spectators out in force. The hockey teams, aptly named 'Vintage', and 'The Young Ones', gave impressive performances and the final score was 6-4 to 'Vintage'. Following the hockey everyone made their way to The Firs to watch the rugby, which was a testimonial match for Phil Marriott, the School's Director of Sport who retired at the end of the summer term.



In the evening a buffet meal was laid on at the Star and Eagle in Goudhurst, which was attended by almost 70 Bethanians. Alex Dale, who had organised the rugby, presented Phil Marriott with one of the rugby shirts he had organised for the match with the number 23 on the back – just in case Phil needed reminding of the number of years he had been at Bethany.

Phil was also presented with the match ball which all the players had signed. Particular thanks to Alex Dale and Tor Harmer for their part in organising the day.

On a sunny Sunday at the end of June there was a summer sports day with cricket and rounders matches. The TBS cricket team mainly comprised players who had left between 1999 and 2001 who played the School's 1st XI. Despite some great individual performances the TBS was defeated by 41 runs. As is tradition, a Salix bat was presented to the school player with the most runs, Phil Semmens, and a cricket ball to the highest wicket taker, Mike Churchill, who also won the man of the match award.

Numbers for the rounders match were helped along by a few boarders and some staff children and, perhaps unsurprisingly, the TBS team won convincingly but everyone had a good time. The day finished with a barbeque in The Orchard and the chance to catch up with old friends. Thanks again go to Tor Harmer, Ed Streeton-Smith and Baz Bignell.

It was a pleasure to see so many Bethanians at this year's Reunion Day in June. Several were visiting the School for the first time since they had left, some having travelled a considerable distance, and many were familiar faces who have loyally attended many such days. It was a particular pleasure that former Headmaster, Christian Lanzer, was able to travel from London for the day.



Everyone enjoyed lunch in the dining hall before attending the Society's AGM in the afternoon. Following the AGM, John Anthony made a short speech to commemorate the fact that Eric Adler, who was at Bethany from 1946-49, was attending his 60th consecutive Annual Reunion and presented him with a cricketing cake '60 not out'. During the course of the day, Eric also kindly donated his collection of Bethany memorabilia which will be displayed in the School's archives.



Former students are encouraged to keep the School up-to-date with their email address (please send to ahoughton@bethanyschool.org.uk) and should keep an eye on the Alumni area of the School's website for future events.

Alicia Houghton



Prizes & Awards 2009

THE J. J. KENDON PRIZE for Effort

Year 7 Ruth Marsden
Year 8 Alice Healy
Year 9 Lydia Healy and Chloe Houghton
Year 10 Andrew Lockwood and Philip Woodhead
Year 11 Jonathan Rawlins

Special Mentions

Year 7 Nicholas Brockwell, Isabelle Carpenter-Calcutt, Frederick Carter, Amelia Page
Year 8 Isabel Enticknap, Finnegan Hulbert, Jess Humphreys, Rosie Wood
Year 9 Francesca Kenney, Jessica Leaper, Frederick Raishbrook
Year 10 Oliver Beams, Charlotte Bainbridge, Alice Marland, Elena Ovens
Year 11 Amelia Birrell, CJ Delieu, Rebekah Marshall, Jennifer Newton

THE KILBY PRIZE for Junior Art

Ruth Marsden

THE DOUGLAS PRIZE for Senior Art

Christina Mikelis

THE TEXTILES PRIZE

Victoria Scott

THE MICHAEL WILLIAMS PHOTOGRAPHY CUP & PRIZE

Daniel Wright

THE STOBART PRIZE for Business Studies

Mark Clifford

THE HOOPER'S APPLIED BUSINESS STUDIES PRIZE

Daniel Clifford

THE YOUNG ENTERPRISE ACHIEVER OF THE YEAR

Inspired Winston Campbell

THE NOTLEY PRIZE for Craft

Hannah Marsden

THE SAMUEL KENDON PRIZE for Craft & Design

Daniel Wright

THE BREACH PRIZE for Innovation

Matthew Webb

THE JUNIOR FOOD TECHNOLOGY PRIZE

Jenny Nightingale

THE SENIOR FOOD TECHNOLOGY PRIZE

Oliver Cooter & Jonathan Rawlins

THE MASTER CHEF WINNER

Georgia Jackson

THE ROCHE PRIZE for Drama

Edward Nash

THE JUNIOR DRAMA PRIZE

Patrick Cotter

THE CHELMSFORD HALL CUP & PRIZE

Jonathan Whittome

THE HELEN MEMORIAL CUP & PRIZE

Rebecca Knight

THE McLAREN ENGLISH PRIZE

Katie Dougal

THE JUNIOR ESSAY PRIZE

Ruth Semmens

THE HUNTER ESSAY PRIZE

Jonathan Chin

THE ADLER C.A.R.E. PRIZE

Patrick Jenkins

THE HENRY HOWARD PUBLIC SPEAKING PRIZE

Oliver Hindle

THE COMMUNICATIONS PRIZE

Harriet Proud

THE E.F.L. PRIZE

Laurie Tack

THE MICHAEL DALZIEL GEOGRAPHY PRIZE

for Junior Geography Georgina Dicken

THE HUMPHREY MAXWELL MEMORIAL PRIZE

for Senior Geography Paige Ashton

THE ROGER KIMBER PRIZE

for effort in A level Geography
Alexander Pocock

THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF St GEORGE

Junior History Prize Hussein Lamptey
Senior History Prize Laurence Lidington

THE LORD STAMP MEMORIAL PRIZE

for GCSE Mathematics Michael Lees
for A level Mathematics Matthew Stockley

THE MASON PRIZE for French

Thomas Hupje

THE SPANISH PRIZE

Jennifer Newton

THE FINCHAM CUP & PRIZE for Strings

Jessica Ferdinands & Jack Vaughan

THE GARDNER CUP & PRIZE for Guitar

Thomas Wright

THE HALL PRIZE for the highest music grade

Amanda Hill & Rebecca Thorpe

THE CHRISTOPHER MONEY CHORISTERS CUP & PRIZE

Lydia Homewood

THE MUSIC PRIZE for progress

Philip Woodhead

THE JAMES MORRISEY-CROUCH MUSIC AWARD

Patrick Thompson

THE PRIZE for Brass

Patrick Jenkins

THE THORNTON CUP & PRIZE

Gregory Lusted

THE JAMES HALL MEMORIAL PRIZE for Religious Studies

for Juniors Francesca Kenny
for GCSE Rebekah Marshall
for A Level Katie Dougal

THE BIOLOGY PRIZE for GCSE

John Cockcroft

THE BIOLOGY PRIZE for A level

Gregory Lusted

THE CHEMISTRY PRIZE for GCSE

Jonathan Rawlins

THE CHEMISTRY PRIZE for A level

Paige Ashton

THE PHYSICS PRIZE for GCSE

Adam Newman

THE PHYSICS PRIZE for A level

Wing Ki Siu

THE STAMPER PRIZE

Andrew Whittome

THE MAYNARD PRIZE for the best GCSEs

Matthew Stockley & Thomas Wright

THE POWELL CUP for Junior Sportsman

Callum McConnachie

THE JUNIOR SPORTSWOMAN

Yasmine Gordine

THE ROY FARQUARSON TROPHY for Senior Sportsman

George Curtis

THE SENIOR SPORTSWOMAN

Emeline Croome & Harriet Proud

THE PIPPA BLACKMAN TROPHY for excellence in Academic PE

Daniel Helesfay

THE ANTHONY CLARKE MEMORIAL TROPHY

Thomas Lloyd

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S GOLD AWARD WINNERS

Mark Clifford, Katie Dougal, Victoria Fields, Charlotte Forster, Christopher Hangartner, Daniel Helesfay, Oliver Hindle, Gregory Lusted, Harriet Proud, Daniel Wright

THE AMY AWARD

Georgina Dicken

THE RICHARD ASHLIN PRIZE

Alice Marland

THE CHALLENGE CUP FOR GOOD CITIZENSHIP

Peter Wei

THE ROBERT COUPLAND PRIZE

Luke Kavanagh

THE FENECH CUP

Jack Vaughan

THE ALEX MARKS TROPHY for Endeavour

Thomas Lloyd

THE TIMOTHY SEDGEWICK PRIZE

Lucy Paffard

THE ROSS TURNBULL PRIZE

Daniel Helesfay & Daniel Wright

THE JESSEL SHIELD for the winning House

Speakers

THE WILLIAM RUZZAK MEMORIAL PRIZE

The Deputy Heads of School
Samawal Elobeid, Harriet Proud,
Laurie Tack

THE EDWARD HAYWARD MEMORIAL PRIZE

The Heads of School
George Curtis, Victoria Fields



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